UAB Head Coach Robert Ehsan

Opening Statement
“It was a disappointing performance tonight. I was very disappointed with the outcome and the way the game unfolded. ODU shot the ball extremely well, it was probably close to season high if I had to guess, and they made a lot of timely shots and had a lot of guys play very well. Unfortunately, our defense wasn’t good enough in the second half when we were coming back, and we were not able to get enough stops.”

On what the team didn’t do well in the second half defensively...
“We gave up way too many points in the paint. They had 18 in the paint and they were getting to the rim. It is unbelievable that their bench players only missed one shot for the entire game. For a stretch in the second half they did make a couple of tough mid-range shots, but they got many easy drives and to many easy baskets when we needed some stops.”

On Old Dominion hitting a lot of shots with hands in the face...
“In the first half they for sure did. Their first shot of the game – I thought it was an unbelievable defensive possession that Caver shot a 25-footer over Tosin’s head and it goes in – that gave him a lot of confidence and he went on to hit about six 3-pointers. Aaron Carver is a really good player but tonight has to be close to a season high. They made a lot of contested shots in the second half, Trey Porter made one or two, and Carver made one or two difficult shots.”

On what Old Dominion did to stop Lee late in the game...
“He made a couple of 3-pointers and I thought they did a good job of recognizing that and trying to close out to him quicker. We needed more guys than HaHa offensively tonight to play well, because Old Dominion is so good defensively. I give them credit for not allowing to have another guy to get going offensively.”

Junior forward William Lee

On the game...
“Old Dominion just made tough shots. They made tough shots with a hand in their face – direct drives, layups, they just came ready to play and they wanted it more than us tonight. We got outplayed and they hit tough shots.”

On counteracting them hitting shot after shot...
“Tonight it was their night. They made tough shots. It seemed like everything they threw up was going in the basket.”
On if the team defended Old Dominion as well as they could have...
“We could have done a better job defending. All of their shots were contested with a hand up but they made some tough ones.”

On how this loss compares to the FIU loss...
“ODU had multiple people making shots while FIU had one or two guys making shots. We have to have a better mind set in the next game against Marshall and come out ready to play with an edge and get after it.”