



# Mike Krzyzewski Postgame Quotes

## Duke vs. Bowie State



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### **Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski:**

#### ***Opening Statement:***

“Our guys really played hard, and a neat thing is to see how well our big guys are running. We’ve never really had that, where three big guys can really run the court and that puts a lot of pressure on a team defensively when you can look at that early post. We shared the ball really well with 27 assists. We didn’t have three kids play today and it’s all due to academics; tardiness and missing some classes and that’ll be corrected right away, but that’s why they’re out. Don’t look at any other reasons or whatever, that’s the reason and we’re taking care of that and they’ll be back a practice on Monday and getting ready. That’s why they were not playing: (Trevon) Duval, (Jordan) Goldwire, and (Alex) O’Connell. I thought Marques (Bolden) did a really good job and then Gary (Trent Jr.) took advantage of the fact that we had a lot of ball handlers not there today and we haven’t seen Gary in that role and he was even more athletic and poised and he and Grayson (Allen) did great jobs. The one thing they are small, we are more talented obviously than they are, but they could put pressure on you and I thought those two guys really handled the ball well. They (Allen and Trent Jr.) had 15 assists and four turnovers. Overall, good. We will have tomorrow off, get back on Monday morning and lift at 7:30 and meet at 8:30 before class and then the games begin. We have a rough road with nine games in 20 days and we are traveling a lot. You’re in Chicago, you’re in Portland, you’re in Indiana, and then you’re at Boston College, and that’s a lot. We’ll see how these young guys do in that type of schedule.”

#### ***On dominant runs during the start of halves:***

“Especially when you have big leads, you can get real sloppy or start getting out of character. You don’t want to be out of character when you don’t know your character yet. You’re trying to develop a character so that’s what we talked about, stay in what we do, no matter what the score, no matter what line up we have, so you can develop those habits. Don’t play to score, and I thought they did that today.”

#### ***On team chemistry:***

“They weren’t physically able to knock us out of spots, so it’s a little bit easier then. But the main thing is that they share the ball and that’s a really good thing.”

#### ***On playing the zone this year:***

“It’s different because it’s so wide. It gives us an opportunity at times to play three bigs because Marvin (Bagley III) can be on the perimeter and actually Wendell (Carter Jr.) is a really good basketball player. He is a basketball player who happens to be big. It gives us an opportunity to look at that and with Javin (DeLaurier) in there we have a big front line that can take up a lot of the court. And then the guys on top are pretty big, Grayson and Trevon, so we’ll use it no question about it. We used it a lot today, more than we would use it.”

#### ***On Marvin Bagley III’s progress:***

“He had made a lot of progress. The kid, he really loves to play. He is just unique and you have to let unique happen. Today he was really comfortable with letting that happen with still being part of the team, where it’s not just about you. He’s got to be able to go. He’s got that quick second jump, quicker than almost anybody and hit or miss, he’s boom, boom, boom. I don’t see that, and I’ve been with as many great players as anybody. He’s got a chance, he just has some unique stuff and the guys want him to do that. He is such a team player, he had learned that it is okay and the guys want you to do that.”