



Duke Player Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. Elon



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Senior Grayson Allen:

"Coach [Mike Krzyzewski] always wants me to shoot the ball and have my shots, and I was able to get it going early with a few good looks. I saw they were going under balls screens to start the game, so I took advantage of that and knocked those down."

"I think it was [a fun game] and we were playing together. That's what makes it so fun - when we move the ball around well. Everyone's getting involved in the game and everyone's making big plays for us. When you're looking around and everyone's playing well, it's always fun."

On Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski seeking his 1,000th win as Duke's head coach in the game tomorrow night against Utah Valley:

"He didn't mention that to us, so I think he's trying to downplay it. That's a huge accomplishment for him, and that's just another thing on his resume to just add to being the greatest coach of all time."

When asked if he felt like Duke played like the No. 1 team tonight:

"We're not worried about [being ranked No. 1]. We just need to win and let that take care of itself. That's what we try to do - come out here and win and make a statement."

On the play of the Duke freshmen in their first official game:

"I think they did well. I know Wendell [Carter, Jr.] was frustrated he couldn't be out there in the first half [due to foul trouble], but I thought he did a good job of staying in the game. When he came in in the second half, he was aggressive, and I thought that was good for him to experience that early. All in all, I thought they did really well. Trey [Duval] did a great job at point, Gary [Trent, Jr] scored the ball with confidence like he always does, and Marvin [Bagley III] was an animal."

Freshman Marvin Bagley III:

"I wouldn't say [the win tonight] was easy. We just had fun doing it. If you have fun, the game comes naturally. We made the simple pass, the easy plays, and we made simple look beautiful. And I think that's going to be a big part of our game moving forward - not try to force everything and try to play together, be together and be one, and get wins."

On how much this Duke team likes to run and push the tempo:

"That's a part of our game. This year we've got a lot of big guys who can do that. We've got a lot of guys who can get up and down the floor, especially for our size. So we've just got to use that to the best of our abilities and go out and keep continuing to run and get easy buckets, get in transition, and get easy fast break points."

"Everybody's playing the right way, playing basketball not being selfish. Everybody's looking for everybody. When I get it, if I see a double-team, I'm going to look for the opposite three. Anything that's open, we've just got to make the right basketball play, and I think we're doing a good job at that."

Freshman Gary Trent, Jr.:

On his strong shooting in the game tonight:

"I felt great. It's a simple testament to my hard work. I shoot that shot constantly and constantly, so it was really just me continuing to do what I do repetitiously."

"When you have that much talent on the floor and everybody's sharing the basketball, and everybody's playing together, it can't bring anything but smiles to your face and it's a beautiful way to play the game."

"Coach [Mike Krzyzewski] always harps on, 'Just be mature. Don't be a freshman.' So if we go out there and play our game how we know how to play, we should be just fine."