



Duke Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. Portland State



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Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski

On switching to a zone defense:

"I have no problem figuring out what's good for the current team that I coach. The other thing is that, for years, we played man-to-man, I also had older guys. Man defense takes a lot of time to perfect and as you're playing, even with younger guys, if you have older guys with them, it helps the process. Here we have a lot of minutes. We have played man very well at times. Not today. So zone is something we'll play because these guys have really great lateral movements. I think we can be good at it and I think we will continue to improve in man."

On rebounding:

"I thought we rebounded well in the second half. They do an interesting thing -- they send four or five guys to the offensive boards. They do a few unconventional things, I'm not saying that's bad, it's what they do. They'll have at least four guys on the boards and so a lot of times the guards aren't accustomed to blocking out another guard because they have defensive balance. These guys sometimes just go and their defensive balance is getting the offensive rebound. It's a different way, but it's a good way. There's a lot of different ways to do this game, he does it well. I like what he's done with his team. I told our guys, this will be a very tough game. They believe in what they're doing. It was a good win for us."

Freshman forward Marvin Bagley III

On motivation coming out of halftime:

"Obviously we weren't playing like we normally do. We weren't doing the things that we do well, going to our strengths and we kind of came out sluggish. Going into the second half, it was we have to wake up. These are the type of games that are going to be like that if we don't come out to play. We just had to come out and play better. It's as simple as that, come out and play team basketball, play together. We felt the energy start to change and we ran with it and we got the win at the end."

On what he is working on:

"I'm working on everything. I want to be an all-around player; I can't focus on just one thing. I go into practice every day, just trying to get better at everything, inside out. I can't put my finger on one thing because I want to be an all-around player."