



# Duke Postgame Quotes

## Duke vs. Texas // PK80 Semifinals



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**Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski:**

***Opening Statement:***

"That was a great game. They're really good. Two different halves. They played hard and well both times. We really played as bad as we've played in the first half, I don't know why. We haven't been playing that well. We've been winning, but not playing well and I thought it just caught up to us in one moment like that. At halftime, we had a very calm halftime. We just talked about things and how we wanted to progress in the second half and our guys responded. We gave them a great punch to cut the lead and they punched right back to lead by 16. I thought our kids, it could have gone that's it, it's done. Instead we hit on the trio, with Grayson (Allen) on the ball-handling spot and with Marvin (Bagley III) and Wendell (Carter, Jr.) down low, there were some magical plays there. Just the connecting of talent and instinct, really was beautiful for us. I'd like to say it was something we called, you two guys go together, put Wendell low, and we just started playing. When Grayson fouled out, you had five freshmen on the floor and it was our seventh game, so we have a lot of freshman so that could have turned. We took the last shot, he took a really good shot, and we had two really good chances to knock it in on the rebound. In my experience, when a team comes back like that, if they don't win in regulation, the overtimes not going to be very good. But then Trevon (Duval) came back and a couple of lobs to him and we won. It was really an unbelievable win for us and a great learning experience."

***On not calling a timeout at the end of regulation:***

"I just wanted Marvin to have the ball. I don't think we had a timeout at the end of regulation. We had a timeout when we called the play for Gary (Trent Jr.) and then Gary got the lead on the three-point play. But then we were out of timeouts and we wanted to just go right to Marvin. I think that was a good choice."

***On shifting from zone to man-to-man in the second half:***

"We're not this well-oiled machine, we're trying to figure out who we are while we're on the road. We want to be on Broadway, but we're off Broadway right now trying to figure out who can dance, who can sing, what songs to put in. We don't play zone because we can't stop somebody, we play zone because we think we can be good at it. We weren't good at anything in the first half, so we said look, we're going to go back to 21, our man-to-man defense and our normal coverage on the ball screen. It put them in more of a familiar spot. They kept scoring so it was not like it was this amazing strategy move, but it made our guys more comfortable."

***On Marvin Bagley III***

"I believe ultimately in this kid. I knew he was going to be good, but coaching him every day, he is a treasure. He wants to be really good and he comes to work every day. All of his teammates love him because he's as hard of a worker as we have. I coached the US team for a long time and he's of that ilk. He has it and he just has to keep developing it. We'll see where it goes. I believe in him and so do his teammates. "

**Freshman forward Marvin Bagley III:**

***On Mohamed Bamba:***

"He's still a great player. He does a lot of things well for his team, not only on the offensive end, but defensively getting blocks. He affects the game in many different ways. Being able to be on the court with someone like that, it's always a great experience to go learn and just compete. That was my mindset coming into the game, people were trying to make it me against him, but I was just trying to get the win. We just wanted to come in and compete and we came out on top."

***On the sense of urgency after Grayson Allen fouled out:***

"The game kind of slowed down and my teammates found me in the right spots. Coaches called plays for me and they believed in me to keep attacking and going to the rim. Just trying to create something. I just try to attack and be in attack mode during the second half. Once he fouled out, I just tried to attack and get my teammates involved and they look for me too. It all worked out, we all came together and I definitely think we got closer after this win."