



Duke Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. Indiana



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Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski

Opening Statement:

"That was a heck of a game. I thought Indiana played great. You could see in watching their tapes how they just have gotten better every game. How they are buying into Archie's foundation work defensively and offensively. You can see how they are getting better and we knew that. I thought they played really well. I think their coach can talk about their team better than I can, but I thought they played really now, shared the ball, they were a tough team to defend for us."

"For us, I can't tell you how proud I am of my team. We are exhausted. They have such a will to win. This is our ninth game in 20 days. Ten of those days we've been on the road and five road games and they're dead right now. They certainly played those five minutes at the end with an incredible will to win. I got a special group, but I also know they need tomorrow off to get going. Marquis made the play of the game, getting that loose ball, I just thought it was similar to Grayson's loose ball in the national championship in 2015. He just lit a spark into the whole team. Ironically, we said it at halftime if we dive for a loose ball at halftime we'll win. I wouldn't have bet on Marques being the guy to do it but he did. You could just see the energy that was there."

"We executed really well at the end. We tried to get Grayson and Marvin working together. Those are two pretty good guys to work together. Grayson's 3 that step-back was the biggest shot of the game. That was something that he's done for four years and hopefully he'll continue to do that."

On Indiana's hot start to the second half:

"Our defense in the last 10 minutes of games or eight minutes has been better than before. We have four freshmen out there all the time. They are just learning how to manage a game as far as the effort, the intensity. And when they learn how to play in four minute stretches, we will improve. We kind of pace because they know they are going to play minutes. And they have played a lot of games. So they are a little bit tired, but at the end, they know there is not another four minutes. Those are the last four minutes. In our games, we've been the better team in the last for minutes of our games and it's a good four minutes to be the better team in."

"Like Gary Trent, he could not hit a shot. Then he got that steal, then he got fouled and hit two free throws. And then when we were going to Marvin and Grayson, Marvin had the ball in the low post, opposite of our bench, they were not watching. Gary just flashed into the middle and got a big three-point play. I'm proud of him because freshman if they not hitting right, they can go that's it, it's not a good day. That's not him. We have a really good group."

Freshman Marvin Bagley III

On Indiana sending double teams:

"No, I'm used to it. They doubled a lot. I had to make the right passes outside the post and just play basketball."

On working to get position in the post:

"Every possession, you're not going to get it the first play. You just have to be patient with it. Just have to keep playing, can't get out of the game. I had post ups and they weren't able to get it in, but you just have to work around it and keep fighting."

On late game hustle plays by Marques Bolden and Gary Trent, Jr.:

"We just play hard. Somebody had to do it and those guys got stops when we needed them. We ended up winning off of that. We picked up the energy after those big plays and we got the win."

Senior Grayson Allen

On expectations for the game:

"We expected this. For one we're coming into their place and this is really our first true road game. We've played on the road but it's been in neutral sites, so this was the first time we've been tested by a purely away crowd so we knew it was going to be a very tough game. It's the end of a very rough stretch for us, nine games in 20 days and so we knew it was going to take a lot to come in here and win this game. They played really well together. They used a lot of the momentum they got from their crowd to energize them. A lot of times it knocked us back when they were on those runs."

On playing in Assembly Hall:

"It's amazing that I got to come here and play in Assembly Hall in my senior year. I've always wanted to play here, it's an amazing, historic place. The crowd was incredible. They really brought it, they were loud from start to finish. They were loud when we went on runs and they were loud when their team went on runs. It was an amazing experience to play here."

On comebacks:

"This team, we have a lot of heart and we tend to, when it becomes game time at the end there, we tend to turn it up. It's just that will to win that gets us through. I'd prefer us to play like that from the beginning and for 40 minutes, but I think you can see, when you're watching out there that our intensity picks up in those final few minutes."