



Opponent Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. Ohio State



November 30, 2017 // Cameron Indoor Stadium // Durham, N.C.

Ohio State head coach Kevin McGuff

Opening Statement:

"Tonight, we allowed our offense to dictate our defense. When we were making shots, we were very energetic and playing with great toughness on defense. But when we weren't making shots, we weren't very interested in playing defense. In that stretch, we really got hot offensively and closed the gap, but then we missed a couple shots, and weren't getting back, and we kind of let the game get away from us again. Overall, they for the most part played harder than we did and with more toughness."

On Duke's defense and rebounding:

"I thought we got some good looks around the basket but couldn't finish. Overall, their defense was good. They played harder and tougher for closer to 40 minutes than we did, and I think ultimately that was the difference. They out-rebounded us 49-30, so if that's not an indication of who played harder than I don't know what is."

On Kelsey Mitchell's shooting:

"For the most part, she was getting shots she normally takes. She's a great player and she got a lot of good looks, but they all didn't go in. Partly, she missed them, and certainly Duke's defense was very good."

On Ohio State's prospects for a Big Ten Championship:

"I think we have a chance. This is a great year for the Big Ten. We have a lot of parity and it's going to be a really tough game night-in and night-out. We're going to have to continue to improve and be better than we were tonight once the Big Ten play rolls around if we want to compete for a championship."

On the biggest positive of tonight's game:

"I think we fought back after getting down. We certainly could have went away at that point. But, overall it's disappointing. I give Duke credit—they deserved to win the game. It just felt like we didn't play hard enough or consistently enough to give us a chance to win on the road like this and in a tough place like this."

Ohio State Senior Kelsey Mitchell

On shot selection:

"We rushed the ball a bit, settled down when we needed to, but overall it just wasn't a good shooting night."

On playing in Cameron Indoor:

"I'm a basketball fanatic and I've been watching basketball for as long as I can remember. Being able to play here at Cameron, I wanted to remember, but at the end of the day we lost, so everything else goes out the window."

On defense and effort:

"In order to be a big-time team and get to the Final Four this year, we have got to play defense, and we didn't do that. That's going to continue to be our downfall if we don't get it together. Overall, tonight had to do with heart, 50-50 balls, and stuff that we could control. We got out hustled and outworked. They definitely played harder than us."