



Duke Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. South Dakota



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Duke senior guard Grayson Allen:

"We played pretty well defensively in the first half. We tried to take away their three's, especially from the big guy [Tyler Hagedorn] and [Matt] Mooney, because we know they're very good shooters and we couldn't leave them. We didn't do as good of a job of taking away three's in the second half but overall still played pretty well defensively. That's just where we're trying to build right now is on the defensive end - continuing to play defense as a team instead of trying to play one-on-one with guys and everyone coming over and being in the right spots."

On his shooting performance in the game:

"I got an open one to start the game with Trey [Trevon Duval] pushing the ball up to me. From then, it was just trying to get easy ones - different floaters around the paint, stuff at the rim, and just trying to be patient. I just continued to get openings that I saw where I could attack and they continued to go down. For me it helps when I get an easy one, so having a point guard really helps with that."

On how a game like today's game can be beneficial to the team with so many Duke players getting in the game:

"It helps with developing guys coming off the bench, help continue getting them minutes, getting them comfortable in the game, and just continuing defensively. As a young team, getting our good habits on defense down and continuing to talk."

Duke freshman guard Trevon Duval:

"The first half, that was probably the best first half that we've played since like our first couple of games. Some positives to take from [the game today] - we played really good defense, we talked a lot, we got active, we anticipated plays. We played really well, and if we take that same attitude that we had in the first half and bring it over to the game on Tuesday [vs. Saint Francis (PA.)], then we should be good."

On how hitting a three-point shot early in the game helped give him confidence throughout the game:

"As soon as I got back [from the recent road trip], I got right into the gym, started working on my free throws, my shots from all around the perimeter. It's really a confidence thing. I had the confidence to shoot it, to take it, and I knew I was going to make it. The coaches are all telling me to keep shooting. Since they're telling me that, I've got to keep working on my shot, just keep getting into the gym, keep being consistent, and it should come along."

"We're off tomorrow, so that gives us some time to recuperate, get our bodies together. Monday we have a practice, and Tuesday [vs. Saint Francis (PA.)] we have to come out the same way we did today."

Duke freshman forward Marvin Bagley III:

When asked how Duke stays focused in the second half of a game like this:

"We've just got to make sure we lock in. We came out strong in the first half, had a lot of energy. We talked a lot in the first half and had great defensive energy. We just have to continue in the second half and I think we'll get better at that. We made progress. We didn't start off slow like we did in the last few games. We came out hard and we can only get better from here."

On Duke's experiences from the recent road trips:

"It's been great. It's been amazing to travel around, just going on these road trips and playing these competitive games. It's been great experience for us, and I think, down the road in the season, we'll already be used to it because we did it so early. We'll be used to playing like this and we'll have a lot of energy and be ready to play again when the time comes again for us to do it."

"I'm just playing basketball. I'm just trying to go and play basketball. Whatever play is the right play, I'm going to try and make it. I had some turnovers tonight, where if I'd kept the ball and brought it back out, we probably would've had less turnovers. But I'm just trying to play the game the right way. We had fumbled balls and it just didn't go right today. I'm going to keep playing the way I've been playing and try to get better."