



Duke Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. St. Francis (Pa.)



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Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski:

Opening Statement:

"We played really hard and well tonight and we're bigger and more talented than they are, although they're a good team. I just think we played so darn hard tonight. They've had a hell of a schedule. They've been at St. Mary's, lost by 15 or 16, they were at Louisville about a week and a half or two weeks ago and had it down to eight late in the game so they're a good team. We just played very well. We're better and we should have won, but I thought we played well for 40 minutes and played really hard for 40 minutes."

On Mike Buckmire's contribution to the team:

"Every team has walk-ons, I think, but we don't give them a name or nickname or anything like that. Mike is actually a great student. Both of his parents are doctors. He comes from the same league as (Cameron) Reddish, Mo Bamba, and Amile (Jefferson). He was a good player, probably a low Division I and we don't usually get a walk-on like that, who is that good. He has done a great job for us. He was not able to go to Indiana because of an academic thing that he had to take care of. The classes he is in are pretty good. The guys love him and he has done a really good job for us. That's a thrill for a kid to score. The students gave him a great ovation when he came in, but then when he hit and then when he hit the free throw too, which, that was really something, because usually they're not going to make the free throw. The thrill is gone, but he kept the thrill going a little bit longer."

On Duke's turnover to assist ratio:

"We have had, except for a couple games, over 20 assists usually in a game. We have shared the ball well. They look for one another, so that was good. No one got into their own game, they were into our game. I thought we tried to do a few things early in the second half that were uncharacteristic and then they got out of that, where we were a little bit sloppy. But, they shared the ball, even the group at the end. The last eight minutes we played a group that usually runs the other team's offense. I don't want to call them a scout team because they're our team, but they usually work as a unit. We had them in and they played well together. J Rob (Justin Robinson) continues to play real well."

On Wendell Carter Jr.'s addition to the team:

"Well, he is one of the best rebounders. He and Marvin (Bagley III) really play well together. Wendell, when he is running, like he was most of tonight, he's a different player. I thought he really wanted the ball and when he plays like that, well tonight he was 15 and nine (total points and total rebounds), but he only played 20 minutes, he is a double-double guy. And anytime you can get a double-double guy, two of them in a game, he and Bagley, then that means we have a good combination there."

On what Marques Bolden can take away from his performance tonight:

"Well I don't know, you have to ask him, I'm not a mind reader. I thought he had a better second half than a first half. But he played well, he played more demonstrative in the second half. He played okay in the first half, but in the second half he played with a good fire, which is what we need."

On takeaways from Marques Bolden's performance in practice and tonight:

"I can see good and bad in practice. We're going to get too minute here in what I see and what I don't see. No, it's not a breakout, he's a good player, he should play well every game. I wouldn't call a 50-point win over this team as a breakout for anybody. But did he play well? He played well. Marques has helped us, we wouldn't have won the Indiana game without Marques diving for the damn ball. To me, that was more of a breakout. And I have not seen him do that in practice and those are the type of things that we're looking for, guys trying to do whatever they can to help us win."

On whether Marvin Bagley III and Wendell Carter Jr.'s performance is overshadowing Gary Trent Jr.'s performance:

"I don't know, why don't you report that, then it wouldn't be taken away. I don't read all the stuff that is out about our team, so I don't know what's been taken away from a guy. Gary has played well, he's hit unbelievable pressure shots. A steal and four free throws against Florida. Look, he's started 11 games, he is a good player, he is a really good player. There shouldn't be individual spotlights on each player. There should be one on all of us and then I can sneak in there, too, when they're doing it. I don't judge our team by that or being overshadowed or whatever. They should all feel happy that they're on a team that has good talent, great athleticism and a will to win and then figure out what they have to do on a specific night in order to come out where Duke has more points than the other team. That's the primary goal of a good player, that his team wins."