



Duke Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. St. Francis (Pa.)



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Duke senior guard Grayson Allen:

When asked how Duke was able to post 17 assists and only one turnover in the first half:

"We can really take care of the ball, and it really makes it extremely easy on the guards when we don't have to make precise passes to these big guys. I mean, half the time I'm just like, 'Oh, there's Marvin [Bagley III]. I'm going to throw it up and let him go make a play and make me look good.' It's really easy with our team but that's how we should play. Trey [Trevon Duval] can handle the ball and no one's going to take it from him, so we really shouldn't have that many turnovers."

"I think we fit together really well. Everyone does different things and that makes it really easy. No one really has to force or take over the game or anything. We just move it around and play as one, and it's really beautiful basketball. It helps when we play good defense like we have because when we get out in transition, that's when we really just kind of play. There's nothing that Coach [Mike Krzyzewski] says - he's like, 'We just want you all to play and trust your instincts.' It's a really beautiful thing with how we're naturally gelling, and I think it's only going to get better as we actually learn how to play with each other."

On the play of Duke freshman guard Gary Trent, Jr.:

"We have a lot of talented guys, so I can't say we need to talk more or less about a certain guy, but he's definitely a guy that's a really good player for us and there's a reason that he's out there. He's a really streaky guy so we know when he gets one or two going like he did tonight - I think he knocked off three straight maybe to start the game pretty quickly - we know when he gets going to get him the ball. And he's really creative in the mid-range too. He didn't get too much today, but it's another scoring package that he has."

On the play of Duke sophomore center Marques Bolden:

"Our strength this year is Marvin [Bagley III] and Wendell [Carter, Jr.] down low, so when Marques comes into the game, we feel like he's another starter, so we want to play the same way and we're not going to change anything up. If he's open on the block, we're going to feed him and play through him. I think part of that is him gaining a lot of confidence, coming back for his sophomore year and then also everyone on the court just telling him to go to work if he doesn't have a double-team."

Duke freshman guard Gary Trent, Jr.:

When asked what allowed him to heat up and hit some shots early in the game tonight:

"Just being shot-ready. I would say in the last couple of games, I wasn't shot-ready. I was standing around a lot and I was waiting a lot. Really just being locked in and ready to go and ready to shoot - it's helped a lot."

"We were sharing the ball. I think Coach [Mike Krzyzewski] said we made a school record today in assists, so everybody was touching the ball and everybody was sharing it. It was fun to play out there like that."

When asked about his thoughts on entering his first ACC regular season on Saturday at Boston College:

"I don't know what it's like to be in the ACC [season], but I've heard it's like a whole different season in itself. All the teams know everybody, every player, and they know all our offenses and we all know theirs. It's just really hard. It's really just [about] being ready to play, simply just keep playing my game, and keep getting these W's."

On the ups and downs of being a freshman at this level and how he feels about his progress and development so far:

"Gary Trent, Jr. is playing basketball and he's having fun out there. Right now I'm enjoying myself. I'm going to continue to learn, I'm going to continue to showcase what I can do within this team, and just help us win, whatever I can do to contribute. A lot of it is just me trying to adjust to a new role on my team. All these freshmen, on every high school team we played on, we've been the main focus and everything's going around us but here it's not the case. We have so much talent so everybody's still trying to pick and choose what they do. For example, in high school, I used to post up. But here, I would never post up because we have two dynamic forces down there. It's just a lot of things that we all can't showcase or do just because of the way our team is set up."