



Opponent Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. St. Francis (Pa.)



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St. Francis head coach Rob Krimmel:

Opening Statement:

"First of all, I'd like to thank Coach (Mike) Krzyzewski and the entire Duke athletic department for allowing our guys to come down and experience what I feel is the mecca of college basketball against the greatest college basketball coach of all-time and the No. 1 team in the country. This is something our guys will remember for the rest of their lives. Certainly not the outcome or the score differential that we had hoped. I'm proud of the way our guys came in here and competed. You know, certainly it was a daunting task to be able to keep their post players and their size away from the rim and they certainly willed their style early in the game and then combined with some very good outside shooting a team like that becomes very, very, very, very difficult to guard when they are clicking on all cylinders like they were tonight. Offensively I thought we did some good things, we got some looks that you know, maybe against some shorter teams or some teams that aren't as long and close the gap so quickly, once we get into our peer group, we'll make some of those shots, but great experience, you know the opportunity to come into Cameron Indoor Stadium and play against the number one team in the country was something I know our guys will remember forever."

On what Duke's strongest asset is:

"I think their inside play. You know, when you have guys like that that can score around the basket and then the ability to step out and shoot, that versatility, it was really hard to guard because you could say take away their ability to score around the basket but then when they can step out and shoot it, so I think their size and their length especially at the four and the five, and then you combine that with the leadership and the experience of a kid like Grayson Allen, you know, who's got that ability to score and attack the rim and you know when a team gets rattled that experience I think certainly will kick in in sometimes so they've got a lot of really, really good pieces of point guard that's hard to contain, but I think their size and their depth at that position you know they just keep coming at you in waves of size and their ability to finish around the rim I think that's what they do best right now."

On how Scott Meredith will continue to progress throughout the season:

"You know, Scott (Meredith)'s one of our captains, and if he's not the toughest kid on our team, he's one of the toughest kids, and he's a gym rat, he's a 4.0 student, he's the type of kid that you want to coach, and his big thing is just seeing that ball go through the net a couple times. He struggled early and you know, he's been really good off the ball, doing the things that maybe don't show up on a box score but to see the ball go in, especially with a lot of family close by, was neat, I'm sure he'll remember that, but as the season progresses, his ability to score, and he's such a smart player, he can defend on the ball, he's really good off the ball and he's a tough kid, so I'm anxious to see how he continues to grow this year."