



Duke Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. Boston College



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Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski:

Opening Statement:

"They played a fantastic game. Offensively, to go 15 out of 26 from three, and really executed well. They got 10 offensive rebounds that led to probably four or five of those threes. (Jerome) Robinson hit two really big threes, they weren't easy shots. But he's a terrific player. We knew coming in that they had as good a backcourt as there is in the league and Chapman is the wild card because he can play off. (Jordan) Chatman goes five for nine and hits every one of the free throws. They played better than we did. We had a chance. We had a four-point lead and the ball with three minutes to go and we've got to get a bucket at that time. It's a dagger to go from a four-point lead to a one-point lead with that shot. You have to get a bucket on that offensive exchange, you have to get something and we missed a three. Give Robinson credit, those are two huge shots, two big time shots by Robinson."

On what went wrong:

"We didn't play well defensively, especially in the first half. We were in a different world and they were too. That can stun you and I think it did for our team. Everyone's hitting shots and we're matching them until the last minute and a half when we go down by seven. In the second half we played a lot better and put ourselves in a position to win. Our kids want to win. In conference games, there are one or two possessions that you have to win. That 10 second, 15 second period where we had a four-point lead and needed to score and we didn't and they hit a three. That gave them life again. Now you're one point down. Then Robinson hit another one. To his credit, those six points are big time. We've got big time players in our league, they can do these things. The games we came back and won, there were big time players but they didn't execute. This team executed in the end and they were deserving of the win."

On learning from the loss:

"We've said before this game and while we were winning those 11 games, there's a lot of work to do. This is a young group, being in game situations, we have a lot to learn. It was just that we won and we played our butts off in order to win those 11 games, but it doesn't mean we're some finished product. We're a young team that needs to keep learning, keep working and that's what we'll do."

Senior guard Grayson Allen

On second half adjustments:

"We felt like in the second half we needed to come out and get some stops and then push it off defensive rebounds, but they kept hitting tough shot after tough shot. A lot of pull-ups, a lot of tough twos. Really their guards are what controlled the game."

On giving up late lead:

"We turned the ball over a few times at the end, didn't get great shots. We were a little careless at the end when we should have controlled the ball, controlled the lead, and controlled the clock when there's that little time and you have that lead. That's something we can learn from and be better at next time we're in that position."

On the loss being a learning experience:

"It's a big one. It's their first conference game so now they know what it's like. They know it's no joke, that it's a fight. If we show up like we did and don't play defense, that's what's going to happen, we're going to get beat."

On team defense:

"We put up 80 something points and I don't think we played well on offense at all. The thing is we can't give up 80. We have to have some games where we win in like 70 to 60, 60 to 50, something like that. It's got to be a commitment on the defensive end from everybody. Their guards were hot and that's our perimeter's fault, me included. It's just something we have to figure out."