



# Duke Pregame Quotes

## Duke vs. NC State



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### Duke freshman guard Trevon Duval (Jan. 4, 2018)

#### ***On what the team learned from first ACC road game:***

"It's going to be a war. Each road game is going to be a little tougher than a home game here at Cameron. So we have to go in there with the attitude to win and be ready for a fight."

#### ***On getting revenge from last year's loss to NC State:***

"I know that we lost last year to them in Cameron so they probably have some confidence ... We have to come back and play strong and get some revenge on them."

#### ***On expectations for ACC play:***

"It's definitely what I expected. It's tough. Every team is really good, every team is going to play hard and they're going to give us their best shot. Especially when they're playing Duke."

#### ***On how he deals with tough road environments:***

"I love the environments like that. I feed off the energy of the crowd no matter where we're at. When we're here at Cameron, I feed off of it definitely. Even if we're away and the crowd is against us, that just gives me more energy and more enthusiasm to play harder and play better."

#### ***On focus in practice this week:***

"[The focus is] stopping NC State. They have a couple shooters, a couple guys that can get to the basket. Just really focusing on their key players and figuring out how we can stop them."

### Duke freshman forward Wendell Carter, Jr. (Jan. 4, 2018)

#### ***On mindset to get offensive rebounds:***

"It's just attack. Don't take any plays off. Anytime the ball goes up, assume it's a miss. Attack the offensive boards. It's almost like second nature. It's just a knack for me and Marvin (Bagley III) of course. Just attack every time."

#### ***On whether post play is the team's identity:***

"I think it's just a component. I wouldn't say it's our team's complete identity. It's just a part of our identity, something we are capable of doing. I wouldn't say it's our complete identity."

#### ***On playing in ACC games:***

"It's definitely exciting. Something we've talked about a while now, to be into the season. Playing NC State on the road, ACC game, so there's going to be a lot of people there so we want to feed off the energy and play hard."

#### ***On advice from older teammates about playing on the road:***

"They say, just communicate. Have each other's back. Don't try to beat the team by yourself. Just have fun with it. That's mainly what they've preached to us."

#### ***On dealing with the press as a big man:***

"Always be available. They trap so always being available is going to be key."

#### ***On what's going well for the team:***

"Our freshmen learning the game, that's going well for us. Developing a higher IQ for the game, knowing where each other likes to get the ball. I think that's what's going well for us."