



# Joanne P. McCallie Postgame Quotes

## Duke vs. NC State



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**Duke head coach Joanne P. McCallie:**

***Opening Statement:***

“Obviously just a great battle. In the ACC, these teams are all very good. Very athletic, tough competition all the way around. I did really like our first quarter. I thought that was great execution and kind of special to hold a team down in the first quarter like that, but it’s a long game and I know that NC State’s had this habit of being down and coming back as they did against Louisville and that type of thing, so we were just trying to focus on each quarter getting better. I don’t think we got better in the second quarter, we struggled there, they hit some nice shots and we didn’t defend as well, and then we picked it up a little bit in the second half. I love our shooting percentages, it shows some patience and poise there. Obviously, Lexie (Brown) was absolutely huge and led our team, of course, in points and rebounds, but most importantly with poise and making right choices and slowing down and doing a lot of the intangibles, plus playing very, very good defense. Haley (Gorecki) was strong for us, getting assists for Haley is really important, so I was glad to see that. Very disappointed that we were out-rebounded by them, and turnovers too many. I think we can do a lot better job there, but very proud of our team, because we’re obviously dealing with adversity without Becca (Rebecca Greenwell), and we also had foul adversity with Erin (Mathias) fouling out and Na (Leoanna Odom) had four, and so I just really like how we showed guts and smarts at critical times to make plays and to separate down the stretch.”

***On Jade Williams starting:***

“She really came on at Louisville and I want to say in the past 10 days, she’s just been better at practice and more aggressive and it showed against Louisville, it showed again today and taking that three as well, she’s going to stretch her range out a little bit, but no, I just thought she was super. I thought she did a great job, and those rebounds are very important, obviously.”

***On how Jade Williams has grown throughout the season:***

“Well she does have a lot of confidence, but it’s the physicality that got her sort of off to the side a bit. I don’t know if you saw her uniform, it was all bloody, so she got in some sort of mess today, she was very proud of her bloody uniform, but she really mixed it up more and I think she’s accepted the fact that the next level is a lot about contact and a lot about physicality and trying to manage that, so I give her a lot of credit for that and I’m excited to see her welcoming that.”

***On keeping the same level of intensity even when the team is ahead:***

“Really what you do is focus on execution, and we started to be a little spoiled, we took quick shots, the second quarter I mean, so we had that nice start. We took quick shots and we stepped outside ourselves a little bit, which provided them some opportunity I think, so that was a great lesson for us. But I love it because you don’t have to be behind to play hard. One of my messages to the team is you don’t have to be down to come back and be aggressive, like we were against Louisville. Our fourth quarter against Louisville was by far the best quarter and I challenge the team to have four quarters of that kind of attack. We started with it, got interrupted a little bit, but then had to play through it at the end, so it is hard. It’s a long game and you can’t get worried too much about the scoreboard because you just have to stay in the moment and keep executing.”

***On how the team manages without Rebecca Greenwell on the floor, with Haley Gorecki as a secondary star:***

“Well I don’t call her that though, that’s what I’m trying to say, she’s a real live player on her own right, she’s not secondary to anybody. But I think you can see 69, 70 points, our overall point total has gone down since Becca has been out and I don’t know if we are going to make that up, I don’t think that’s coming out of anywhere. I think if Becca were able to full, I think she would do her thing and also Haley would too. We almost have five people in double figures, we’re just shy of that, very close to that with Erin and Na going to have to push that a little bit, but we don’t like having Becca out, that’s for sure.”

***On pulling Leoanna Odom early from the game:***

“I thought she was injured. No big deal. She hit her face on the first play into the body of the NC State player and you know in this day and age with concussions and everything else. She was walking down the floor and looking affected, but when I took her out she said she was okay.”

***On Leoanna Odom finding her shot:***

“Yeah, she has to learn to do that. You know, I think consistency is a really hard thing to get at this level and you know, yes, we need her with free throw attempts, she had none, and things of that nature. I thought it’s gone back and forth in games with her productivity, so we need to work on our consistency with her.”

***On Lexie Brown’s career high in points without forcing it:***

“Yes, it was very timely. She timed her cuts, she slowed down on the floor, she played with the ball, she played off ball, and she just really took advantage of opportunities, and it was great to see. She’s an incredible player and has a great deal of confidence, but when she changes her speed, she’s very difficult to handle, and she plays so well defensively, I think sometimes her speed defensively gets going so much that sometimes it

translates into the offensive side of the ball, and I just like when it doesn't because the tempos are so different. I thought her defensive tempo was great and I thought her offensive tempo was great."