



Duke Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. Wake Forest



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Duke associate head coach Jeff Capel

Opening Statement:

"First of all, a quick update on Coach (Krzyszewski). He's doing better. He woke up this morning with a virus and wasn't feeling well and made the decision that he didn't want to get our guys sick and didn't want to put any else in jeopardy, so he made the decision to not coach. But he's better. Great win for our guys in the midst of this adversity with Coach being out. Gary (Trent Jr.) was very sick. We weren't sure really up until tip if he was going to be able to play. But a big time win for us. Our guys played terrific. We thought our zone was very active. I thought slowing down a little bit took way their penetration, but the main thing was that our guys played hard and we were very active and we rebounded well and we were able to get in transition to get some easy baskets. I thought our defense, once again, helped our offense. Today was another good step for us. Now we have to go on the road and play a good Miami team. But really proud of our guys for the effort. I thought our bench was terrific. Alex (O'Connell) came in and really did a good job for us. I thought Grayson (Allen) had one of his best all-around games. He never let not being able to make a shot affect him. He had 12 rebounds and eight assists and just as important, he was as happy for everyone else as anyone. Sometimes when things aren't going well for you, you have a hard time doing that. But I thought he showed great leadership and great maturity in that he was all about our team. Really proud of our guys and look forward to moving ahead."

On whether expanding bench minutes came as a response to the NC State loss:

"I don't think it's a reaction just to the (NC) State game, I think it's something that we realized that we need. We need guys to be able to step up and give us quality minutes and to come in and fulfill a role, not thinking about a lot of things, but doing what they do best at an incredibly high level. Those guys have done that. I thought Jack White was really good today, especially on the wing of the zone. He was very active, he got a deflection on a lob, he made a great read on that. I thought Antonio Vrankovic gave us good minutes. Jordan Goldwire did as well, as did J-Rob (Justin Robinson). I don't think it was just in reaction from the NC State game, it was something we know as a coaching staff that we need. We need guys able to step up and help us."

On filling in to coach on short notice today:

"It was different, but it was good. We were prepared as a coaching staff, as a team. Obviously, all of us would've wanted Coach out there and we wish that he could've been, but we respect his decision and always looking out for us and that won't hurt the team. He felt that he couldn't be his best and so, again, everyone stepped up: Jon (Scheyer), Nate (James), Nolan (Smith), our staff, our trainers, everyone did, and it equated to a really good win for us."

On status of Javin DeLaurier and Marques Bolden injuries:

"I'm not sure exactly ... I'm not really sure exactly how close they are. I do think they're improving, but what that means as far as when they'll be back, we're not really sure."

On Grayson's energy on defense:

"First of all, him getting in and rebounding. In the first half, we went through a stretch there where Wake (Forest) got a bunch of offensive rebounds, and those rebounds weren't really right there at the rim, they were these long rebounds and we talked about if we get those, we could turn those into fast break points. And he did it. And then the way he passed the ball. Grayson is a scorer. He has been as good of a scorer as anyone in this league for the past few years and that's what he does, and he's struggling with that right now. Sometimes when you struggle with it, you can get into you. I think it shows tremendous growth in him as a young man that he is into the team and he understands that he can do other things to really help this team. And he's doing that and he's not jealous, he's not any of those things. We know he's going to score. We know he is going to make shots. He is one made shot away from exploding and we that that's coming. But the other things that he's doing, and especially the leadership, have been tremendous."

On importance of making shots from the perimeter:

"Well anytime we make shots from the perimeter, that's big for us because we have two guys inside that are really good, very efficient, and can get a whole team in foul trouble. When we're making shots, it makes you have to go out there and guard them. And because of those guys, those guys on the perimeter get shots. Again, Gary, it's an understatement saying how good he was today, especially if you saw him right before the game, how he was in the locker room. For him, first and foremost, to be able to go out there and give it a try and then to play how he did was pretty incredible. And Alex, once again, what he's done for us this season, especially at the end of that first half when he got in, he was terrific. His energy, he got some loose balls, made some shots, he made the right plays. When both of those guys are making shots for us, it helps our team a lot."