



# Duke Postgame Quotes

## Duke vs. Miami



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### Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski

#### Opening statement:

"This is a big-time win for us because they're really good. Jim's team is always really good. I thought the game was pretty even in the first half and in the first nine minutes of the second half they completely dominated us and they had a 13-point lead. They made us look bad and we made us look bad. It was a combination, and then our kids turned it around. The last 11 minutes, we were so good.

"(Gary) Trent got us started, Gary's two threes were big-time statements and we kept them out of our paint with the zone. I thought we played it well. They missed a few shots and we didn't give them second shots. We turned some of the loose balls and rebounds into fast breaks. Trent was spectacular and the two big guys getting 26 rebounds and protecting our basket. Now Trayvon started the game really well, then he started turning the ball over like crazy and in the last 11 minutes, he was terrific. It reminded me of a couple wins we had in Portland when we were down double digits against Texas and Florida, two other really outstanding teams, and we reminded our guys that once we got it going, we said 'let's make this just like Portland, we can come back and do this' and they did. The kid (Dewan) Huell really was spectacular tonight and we beat an outstanding team. We had to play almost perfect basketball, which we did in the last 11 minutes."

#### On last timeout before change of momentum:

"We played zone throughout at different times. So much of what a human being does is about his or her attitude or how they feel about something at a certain time and I thought during those nine minutes we were into ourselves, I thought we were trying to do things only by ourselves and when you do that especially in a team effort, you get tight because you are out there alone. I thought we were tight and once we started playing together, which we have been, that's what happens. It's not just with a young team, it also happens with human beings, it changes and thank goodness they were able to change while it was going on. That's the beauty of it - if you can lose and then say 'boy we should have done this' and try to correct it, but if you can correct it while stuff is going on then that's really good and that's what happened tonight."

#### On Miami's ability to do well against Duke:

"They have good players and a good coach. Everyone in our conference is really good. I don't keep track of my record against anybody. We are here to try and get better. Jim (Larranaga) is an outstanding coach, one of the best. They have really good guys, and we have really good guys. We are going to win some; they are going to win some. If they win one or two more, that doesn't mean the world is flat even if Kyrie (Irving) says it. I don't get caught up in all that, what my record is on Monday or Tuesday or the first day after leap year. You get caught up in the development of your team and understand that you are going to get beaten by good people and hopefully you beat good people more than they beat you and overall we have been able to do that. My goal is to beat good people, whoever they are, not any one individual person."