



Opponent Postgame Quotes

Duke vs. Georgia Tech



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Georgia Tech head coach Josh Pastner

Opening statement:

"I felt over the last 15 minutes, we really competed and showed great energy, which was shown by how the crowd was appreciative of the effort. I've told our guys all along that Georgia Tech fans and Yellow Jacket Nation want to see blue-collar, hard-working guys putting their working boots on and hardhat on and getting after it and having great competitive excellence. I want that to be a part of our mentality. We've just been a little snake-bitten this year with injuries and everything else, but we got down and then those young guys [Evan Cole and Moses Wright] came in and gave us a great lift. Part of the reason those guys were able to give us a lift and get better was because we've been treating them as 'redshirts.' They've been getting extra workouts in, both lifting and individual work on the court. And it's made them better."

On Jose Alvarado's status:

"He sustained a dislocated elbow. When will he be back? It's to-be-determined but there's probably a high probability that he'll be finished for the season."

On what the plan is moving forward with the point-guard position:

"I thought Josh [Okogie] did a really good job today handling the point-guard spot but going forward, we'll figure it out as a staff."

On whether or not Evan Cole and Moses Wright earned more minutes:

"Yes. Absolutely. Both Evan and Moses earned more playing time and we're still going to treat them as 'redshirts' in terms of the work mentality. That won't change. ... I also thought Evan and Moses really moved their feet well, defensively."

On Georgia Tech's ability to come back from big deficits:

"There's two things: 1) our guys always fight, even when they get down, they always find a way to come back. They scrap and claw and fight and kick to find a way to give ourselves a chance to get back into the game. The issue is, why are we getting down to get to that point? Part of that, I would say, is because it's a major rebuild job and year two is the hardest."

On Duke:

"Duke's good enough to win the national championship. As much as anyone says about their defense or anything else, they are extremely, extremely talented. They've got a lot good players and, obviously, [Marvin] Bagley [III] didn't even play. They are really good. They've got a legit chance and I wouldn't count them out of winning the whole thing."

On Ben Lammers:

"Bless his heart, the guy is fighting through being banged up. He's practicing every day, now that he's been able to practice, and he just fights through it. He just hasn't been the same since the injury, unfortunately. ... First play of the game, we tried to get it to him just to get him going and we want Ben to be aggressive. And I told him, 'Be as aggressive as you can and don't think about it, don't overanalyze it. If you're open, shoot it. If you miss 20, shoot 21. We just need you to play with great confidence and energy.'"