



# Duke Postgame Quotes

## Duke vs. Virginia Tech



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### **Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski**

#### ***Opening Statement:***

"It was a tough loss for us. I thought we played really tired tonight. It's been a long stretch for us and knew we were going to face a very energetic, outstanding Virginia Tech team. For most of the game, we had a chance to maintain a little bit of a lead and were in control. Our turnovers killed us. 18 turnovers and it's not a high possession game. Both teams shot low 50s in shots. They got 24 points off our turnovers. Our defense is good when you don't give up live ball turnovers. That's when they're really good. When they're in transition. To their credit, they made a big play at the end and we had our opportunities. Tough baseline loose ball there where we almost had the offensive rebound. A couple of the losses we've had we've missed one-and-ones. I'm not blaming Trevon (Duval) but we've got to hit them. Those are winning plays. Tough loss for us. We're a tired basketball team. We've got to get rejuvenated and moved forward because we've been playing really good ball."

#### ***On adjustments Virginia Tech made defensively:***

"We didn't shoot well. I thought we shot real tired. Gary (Trent, Jr.) and Grayson (Allen) were five for whatever. Gary was 1-7 and Grayson was 6-18, so we're 7-25 for guys the game before were 12-24. They packed the lane really well so it's tough to get the ball in for really good post moves. You have to be able to hit a little bit better percentage from there. They worked hard. They're a good basketball team and they've got winners. They stuck in there and they made a big play at the end."

#### ***On the difference between the win over Virginia Tech and the loss:***

"Starting at Clemson a Sunday ago and we played Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday and Monday. At this time of the year, you're already a little bit worn down and we didn't play with the energy. They played well. But that's the thing I was most worried about today, the energy and we didn't have it. You could tell because we were irritable. On calls, we're asking for calls and stuff like that. These kids have played 30 games and they've won a lot of games. We didn't play like we have been playing, acting like we normally act."

#### ***On keeping Virginia Tech out of transition:***

"Part of it is making them a half court team. We did, unless we turned the ball over. I thought they had to take a lot of time to score unless we turned it over. That's one of their strengths. They can really move it down the court because Justin (Robinson) can take it down as fast as possible and then (Chris) Clarke is such a unique player where he can also do that. Then they've got shooters. When they get going in transition like that, it's why they've won 20 something games. They're a good team."

#### ***On adjustments the team needs to make:***

"Just fix stuff. It doesn't go game to game. We've just got to get rejuvenated. We're a good basketball team, we didn't play well tonight. The main thing to fix is getting rejuvenated. This isn't something that now we've got this problem and we've got that problem. It's part of the season. It's a long season."