



# Duke Postgame Quotes

## Duke vs. Notre Dame



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### Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski

#### Opening Statement

"We beat a really good team tonight. You know, look, I hope they get in, because I think they can beat anybody. That was a big-time game tonight. Mike has that team together the whole year, forget it; they could be -- I'm telling you, if they get in, they'll be -- they're going to beat people, and they'll have a chance. Veteran, you've got a kid, Farrell, 12 assists, one turnover, Colson, keep getting in shape. I don't know how that bubble works and that, but they're very good. And we were very good in order to beat them.

I thought Grayson's leadership has continued to get better and better, and tonight was a great example of him being at his best. He came out as hot as a player could come out hitting shots, and then the nature of the game changed, and he didn't force anything. He was 7 for 10, 5 for 6 from threes, and no turnovers, but he was leading us throughout. And then obviously Marvin had a great game, and there were some things that -- where we could go to him and he was taking advantage of it.

When you see Grayson, these guys say, okay, he's got it right now and go to him, you know, that's terrific. And I know it makes Marvin feel great in that regard. And Marvin is telling Grayson to shoot. And then Tre getting 11 assists was big.

Carter has got an injury problem with his foot that he didn't practice this week, and he was -- he played gingerly tonight, and we'll see about tomorrow.

We just have to be really careful. But he did not play at the level because he's not physically at that level.

Marques came in and did a really good job, especially in the second half. It was a big team win for us.

#### On keeping balls in play above the rim around the net:

"Yeah, Marvin (Bagley) gets 17 rebounds, but 13 of them are defensive, yeah, they're one of the best offensive rebounding teams in the country, and he's getting rebounds rim high or above and being strong, you limit them to one shot, that's big. I mean, we out-rebounded them. But the defensive boards like that were critical."

#### On forcing Notre Dame into poor three-point looks and not fouling:

"Yeah, you know, we haven't been fouling. I think in the seven games previous to this, we've given up maybe about nine free throws a game. The zone gives us an opportunity not to foul.

Today I thought the way our perimeter was playing, they extended their three-point shots a little bit, and so they were taking them -- Farrell can take them from anywhere and hit them, but they were extended a little bit more. And we were giving up twos, and sometimes that can get really frustrating, but we weren't giving up threes. That was one of our goals going in is no threes. They could get 10, 12; they're that good. But our perimeter did a good job in staying high."

#### On comparing first half to second half:

"No, it's about practice and finding out about our team. You know, when you start a book, do you already know the ending? You know, no. Or else you wouldn't read the book. The season is different, and it's really different when you have all the freshmen that we have. And so part of it is getting to know them, not just individually but how collectively they make each other better.

You know, we found that zone was better for us like the second week of February, but we played a lot of zone before then. But if we didn't do all the man-to-man stuff before that, we wouldn't be as good in zone, and we've been able to practice. In December we didn't practice that much because of breaks.

We're just growing. Like Marvin said, Marvin's comment was really good. We're still learning and we're still trying to get better."