



Duke University

Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski Quotes

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HEAD COACH MIKE KRZYZEWSKI

Opening Statement

"[Virginia Union] did a good job. They're well coached. They do a lot of nice things. We thought they would play zone. They played zone most of the season last year. It was good for us to face a zone and to face athletic ability. I thought in the first half, they really pushed it on us and we were trying to press too much. That's me. We gambled a lot. Every time we gambled, we didn't get it most of the time. It produced a numerical advantage for them and they took advantage of it. Because we are pressing, and we are trying to change presses, when we scored, they got it in quickly. Guys who would normally be back, were up. We were caught in that transition. They did a really nice job of that. In the second half, we just played half court man. I thought we played really well on defense. We had 33 assists, so we shared the ball really well. Playing against the zone was beneficial for us. I liked our effort on the defensive end. We didn't gamble in the second half, Tre (Jones) put really good pressure on the ball and our bench did a good job. Alex (O'Connell), that's the best he's played since he got hurt in Canada. Marques (Bolden) rebounded outside of his area. The second half was good. We got to see some good things."

On problems with communication on defense

"It's not a problem, just a habit we haven't gotten yet. The first half, by trying to press and change some presses, we made our guys have to talk more than we should have. We should put them in a defense right now where they are more comfortable in doing it. We talked well in the second half. We were just a little all over the place in the first half. Our guys were excited. For five of them, it's their first game. We tend to forget, even though it's an exhibition, it's their first game in Cameron. Let them get over that. We have a lot of growing up to do. But overall, it was a good night for us."

On Tre Jones' play

"He needs to take that shot on top because he can hit it. He gambled a little bit in the first half too, trying to get steals. We haven't had that disciplined ball pressure like that for a while, that he puts on. And when he's out, RJ (Barrett) can put it on and even Cam (Reddish). I'm really proud of Cam. A week ago, he broke his rib. It's a non-displace fracture. For him, he hasn't missed a practice. I'm really proud of him. The same thing happened to Justise (Winslow) his freshman year and it took him a couple of weeks and then he was really good."

On Cam Reddish having nine assists as a forward

"I don't think [Cam Reddish] is a forward. I think he's a player. When Tre is out, you can be really big, all over. You can have Cam, Zion (Williamson), Jack (White), RJ and even Joey (Baker) or Alex. Or a big like Javin (DeLaurier). Those guys are big and they can switch. We've been working like crazy on our man to man defense. It's good to see in the second half, we did a good job."

On Joey Baker

"[Joey Baker] has had a great week. He's been tough and really made a jump this past week. He's a good shooter too. He's a tough kid and he's going to be a really good player. He can help us. We have a lot of those 6-6 guys. He and Jack are decent ball handlers. The other guys are really good ball handlers. But they can move their feet on defense and we can switch like that."

On Jack White's increased confidence

"I think you saw that in Canada. [Jack White] averaged 28 minutes per game. We saw it in Canada. He had his opportunity and he's now been consistent. He expects it and his teammates expect it. We have to get [DeLaurier] back to where he was. He missed about two and a half weeks with his injury. They are going to hopefully keep improving. We just have to keep working at it."