



Duke University

Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski Quotes

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HEAD COACH MIKE KRZYZEWSKI

Opening Statement

"Good win for us. Obviously, we beat a really good team, a good defensive team. I thought we played an outstanding first half. The second half was, for both teams, very disjointed ... Thank goodness our bench came through. Zion [Williamson] had some cramp issues so we had to have him out of the game. Tre [Jones]'s only practiced one day. He has a little bit of a hip problem. That started to flare up a little bit in the game so we're subbing. Thank goodness we did a great job on their two really good players. [Juwon] Morgan came in so hot and such a good player and [Romeo] Langford obviously is really good. Holding the two of them to 21 points - the defense on them was very good. The defense overall was good. Our free throw shooting is just so bad, so bad. There's no nice way to say it. The first half, we were playing so much better. And we're not increasing the score until end of half or we've got a good two-for-one. But overall, good game. It's really taken us a long time to get over that trip. We didn't have a good practice until yesterday and you can't go too long. It's not like they're not trying. But overall good and we'll try to keep getting better. We scored 90 points and left so many points on the floor."

On the late tip:

"It's a long day. I don't think it benefits either team - a team that's going to class or has structure during the day. I'm sure for them it's long - sitting in a hotel and waiting. I think that had an impact on both teams in the second half. We try to have breakfast for the team, 9 to 10, before they go to class. After they go to class, shoot around - spirited - at about 1:45. Have some sandwiches for training meal at 5:30. The game doesn't start until 9:30. It's long for these kids, for both teams. I don't know if there is an improved solution for it."

On what Jack White is doing well to earn minutes:

"He's playing great. He's such a glue guy. His two threes in the first half kind of gave us separation but he's doing everything right, playing defense, rebounding, doesn't need the ball for a long time. But he's done that in every game. So he's going to play a lot. Really, he's like a starter. We have like seven starters because Javin [DeLaurier] and Marques [Bolden] - Jack can take any of those guys' positions except Tre's. Tonight, Alex [O'Connell] gave us good minutes in the second half. Jordan Goldwire has been getting some minutes and doing a good job. So getting a little bit deeper in that regard."

On what he wanted the team to work on defensively:

"We really played fairly good defense in Maui except the first half against Gonzaga. I don't think that that was so much we don't know how to play defense as I don't think we were as fresh. And they're really good. The last 16 minutes of the game we played great defense. So our defense has been pretty good. If we can limit the one or two best players on the other team, that's got to be our goal. Today we were able to do that. So we've got to keep doing that because every team's got one or two guys that are maybe a little bit better than others. We have to make it harder on them."

On Williamson's talent:

"After the trip, we've done some things to get him the ball more. That's just the evolution of your team. So we were able to do that tonight, including at the end of the half, to do a four-five ball screen. He'll keep getting the ball. When Cam [Reddish] will play like he can play, then we become better. Tre's done a heck of a job. So solid."