



# Duke University

## Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski Quotes

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### **HEAD COACH MIKE KRZYZEWSKI**

#### **Opening Statement**

"The ACC has begun. Typical terrific ACC game - physical, hard, really good. I'm proud of my guys for them coming off this break, but also to start off against a really good team, but an old, well-coached team that has experienced a high level of success. Buckets were hard to come by. We had a couple of spurts in the first half that put us up by seven and then the start of the second half was the turning point of the game. We put a little thing in to get us a little bit of movement and it got us a little bit of movement; then our defense got us offense. We had that fourteen-to-nothing run and boom - you get something like that in this game, it's really good. Proud of my guys. Excellent defense. Zion (Williamson)'s stats, especially in the second half, were terrific. I thought RJ (Barrett) played a great floor game - nine rebounds and put the ball in good positions. Tre (Jones) - nine assists and no turnovers. Jack White has been the unsung hero of our team - four threes, defense. We got to get rejuvenated tomorrow... practice a little bit and get ready for our first road game. Proud of my guys. This is a tough start for us against an outstanding team. Brad (Brownell) is one of the best coaches in the country - they're lucky to have him."

#### **On team's aggression:**

"I think [Zion] has been aggressive the whole year. People are still going to have to adjust to how he plays. As many free-throws as he gets, he probably gets twice as many. Same thing with RJ (Barrett). They're guys that are different. They're just different. You can get caught up with their body movement and not look at their arms when they're making their play. Zion played through a lot of stuff tonight. Very, very strong. He has to keep attacking like that. We have to keep him on the court, he can't commit these fouls 70 feet from the bucket. Just like Cam (Reddish) - Cam had a tough game... a big part of it was silly fouls. But overall, good... our guys are good... we're young, good, getting better. I'm pleased."

#### **On defense:**

"We're playing good defense... we forced 19 turnovers. Until the end, they had seven points in the second half... for a long period of time. We're playing really good defensively. Just the way the game started out for both teams where Tre (Jones) was all over the place... back tapping, diving for balls. Our guys are playing hard. If you play hard and with the athletic ability we have, we're going to play good defense and we are playing good defense."