ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH JON SCHEYER
On the initial reaction when earning the overall No. 1-seed:
“We were really excited. Obviously anytime you are in the tournament you don’t take that for granted but being the one-seed and the No. 1 overall, it means a lot. Coach (Mike Krzyzewski) made it very clear afterwards that we are 0-0 but it was obviously very exciting to see our name called.”

On team’s rest after three games in three days in Charlotte:
“It’s not bad, and honestly, in the tournament you never complain about where you play or when because you’re in it, you’ve got a chance and you have to focus on whoever we play. Obviously there’s one game to figure out who we play on Friday but we are excited and to get a little extra preparation is always a good thing.”

On practice this week with Zion Williamson healthy:
“We really need to continue to improve our offense and continue to play with each other. Obviously Zion looked great and getting him back was huge, but now we need to continue to work on our offensive execution. Once you get into the tournament, there is a lot of half-court offense you have to play, so continuing to improve on that and defensively continue to build. We did a great job in that last game against Florida State but we need to continue to keep getting better and obviously in the tournament you need to get stops when it matters.”

On the difficulty of locking in on one team rather than looking at the bracket as a whole:
“It’s hard because you want to hear what everyone is saying and there is so much attention around it which is exciting. One advantage we have is that there has been a lot of attention on us the entire year. For us, it is one game at a time. Any time you look ahead, there is enough situations I have been through as a player or as a coach where you look ahead and you can get beat by anybody. We always look at it as a two-game tournament, Friday you have to win and then you play Sunday, then you get your rest and preparation and get ready for the next week and that’s the way we are going to approach it.”

On what characteristics does this team have to go the distance:
“First of all we have guys who have amazing chemistry, who love playing with each other and are tough. I think anytime you have that you have a chance and versatility makes us very unique and special. We have a lot of guys who can guard multiple positions, we can switch a lot of things offensively and we can hurt you from a lot of different areas, but I think the thing that has stood out the most is our will to win. We have an incredible will to win and that is something we can’t forget as we get into the tournament.”

FRESHMAN FORWARD RJ BARRETT
On if he is ready to get to work in the postseason:
“Definitely ready to get to work and it’s going to be fun especially for our first time.”

On what it’s going to take to get fresh before the first game on Friday:
“Just come in, take care of our bodies, listen to the coaches and get mentally prepared.”

On having Zion back and what it’s like for the team to be whole again for this postseason run:
“We have been very good as a team when everybody’s together. We are missing one more piece in Marques (Bolden), but when everybody gets together it’s going to be great.”

On what it’s going to be like being a part of the NCAA Tournament:
“It’s March Madness. There will be a lot of crazy times and I just can’t wait to be a part of it.”

FRESHMAN FORWARD ZION WILLIAMSON
On what it’s like being in the NCAA Tournament as the overall No. 1-seed:
“It feels great. It shows that all of our hard work is paying off so, let’s dance.”

On coming back after three weeks and if the team is back as a whole:
“Of course. I think towards the end of the season is where teams feel like they are at their best and I think we are at our best right now so we got to go out there and compete.”

On what he is looking forward to in the NCAA Tournament:
“Just trying to win a National Championship and playing in all these tough games because that is why you come to Duke, to compete and hopefully hang a banner.”