



Duke University

Postgame Quotes

February 19, 2022 - vs. Florida State

DUKE HEAD COACH MIKE KRZYZEWSKI

Opening Statement:

"I just want to say I'm glad I made it to the end of the game. It's about time. They pay me to do the whole game, not portions of it. Thank goodness, we've got a good staff. Overall, we were ready to play. What a crowd today. What a tremendous crowd we had. It was such a great Cameron day. We found out today about the injury to [RayQuan] Evans and my feeling is we were ready to play and in the first half we felt that we could steal the ball, pressure, and get on them. They're strong with the ball. Their kids played very well. They were strong. Joey [Baker] saved us in the first half. Joey was spectacular. In the second half, we were playing hard. It had nothing to do with taking anyone for granted. We just thought we could win quicker and that wasn't going to happen and they didn't contribute to that. They said, 'No, no, you're not going to win that way.' But in the second half, they scored in the paint late, but they didn't get in the paint in the second half. They got in the paint at will in the first half. I thought we assisted well. 25 assists. Some of the passes with Trevor [Keels] were spectacular and I really thought Paolo [Banchemo] had a different gear in the second half. We outrebounded them 41 to 23, but the thing we didn't do well was keep them out of our paint the first half, but I understand why we didn't do it and we could correct that, which is what we did in the second half. So, good win. We got to just keep moving."

On forcing turnovers:

"It's really what I was basically talking about. When you try to steal, you're not going to get turnovers. You might get one steal, but they're going to go by you. When you control the ball, you have a chance to do stuff off the ball and that's what happened in the second half. By controlling the dribble, we were able to keep them out and then we had good hands. We thought we could do that in the first half by over-pressuring and that didn't work. So, that was a big part of the game - the points off turnovers - 16, but most of them in the second half."

On Joey Baker's play:

"Joey has helped us this year. We just put a highlight tape together for them Friday night to have them see themselves do a lot of good things. One of the things was a big three he hit against Gonzaga... and he's done that. I thought he had two really good days of practice and he was prepared. It was a big-time performance by him. Hopefully we can get that. That would be great coming off the bench from him."

On Trevor Keels:

"Keels has been a starter pretty much the whole year until he got hurt. Trevor is one of our best players. To me, he's gotten back from the injury he had and is in a condition now that he wasn't in coming off that injury when he missed some games. So, Trevor is one of our best players. He'll be in the starting lineup."

On his last game coming up:

"We have a one game lead. We have Virginia coming up. That's all I'm thinking of. There's plenty of time for that. I'm sure... I know it will be emotional the last game here. Some of these games have been a little bit emotional for me in one way and another. Even today with all the crowd, you want to savor that feeling because you're only going to be able to walk out on that court one more time and have that feeling, but it makes me understand how lucky I've been to do it hundreds of times. Not a dozen... Like 600 times or... I don't know how many games I've coached, but a lot. And how lucky I've been to have a moment like that to savor, but I've had those moments hundreds of times. It's been a blessing to be the coach here and with this crowd and our culture. Lucky guy... I've been a very, very lucky guy."