



# Duke University

## Men's Basketball Quotes

*November 10, 2023 (vs. Arizona)*

### **DUKE HEAD COACH JON SCHEYER**

#### **Opening Statement:**

"First of all, congrats to Arizona. They're very talented. They're gonna have a great season. They're really good, well coached, and you gotta give them credit. They're a very good team. I thought they were more aggressive in the first half, and I didn't think we played our best. Despite that, we're right there. At the end of the game, it comes down to one or two plays. I think the biggest thing for me - we didn't play together, and that's hard for me to swallow. That's not okay for us. We didn't play Duke basketball and I take full responsibility for that. There's too many plays where we just, zero-pass, one-pass possessions. We're just giving the ball up and that's on me, and that's something we're going to get back to working on tomorrow, Sunday, Monday, as we prepare for Michigan State and move forward. I think the thing about this game though, you learn so much more about yourself playing in it. And it's a great reality check. I'm sure even if we won this game, there's a lot that we have to clean up and do better. So for me, never going to enjoy losing. For me, as long as I'm coaching and as long as I'm competing, I will always hate losing. That's me as a competitor. But I also know that I'm thankful for this opportunity. Playing a team like Arizona, playing them this early in the year, I think it's a great thing for our program. I would hope or would think Tommy [Lloyd] would say the same, and for us, it's back to it, just like if the outcome was any different."

#### **On lack of ball movement and whether it impacted shooting:**

"No question. The difference of, we made them work on defense and the shot quality that we got, versus when we just came down right away and tried to make it happen. And I don't know - I have to take some time to watch the film and think about our group, and I don't know what went into that. I would hope it's coming from the right place of wanting it so badly. But it's not winning basketball. That's the bottom line. That's not how we're gonna win games and we have too good of players, we have too much firepower that we can have on the court, just to go one-on-one, and you're just not gonna be able to do it against really good teams, and they are a really good team. They have guards that can defend the ball. They have rim protection inside. And too many wasted possessions, bad shots, turnovers. I thought not only do you not score, but it leads to early run outs for them. So the swings, just starting the first half were so drastic, and it really started with our offense."

#### **On playing three guards and doing better on the board:**

"Rebounding, if you're smaller, bigger, whatever, it's still about effort, still about blocking out and pursuing the ball. We're gonna find a few times tonight where we stood and watched, and it's just a mindset. That's something our guards tonight, now I need them to rebound more, no question, but also, there wasn't every play where five guys were blocking out. Again, we have three guards. It's not like we're small either. Mark [Mitchell]'s 6'8", Flip [Kyle Filipowski] is 6'11". Our guards are bigger. It's all about effort. It's all about mindset. And again, I think it shows that we're thinking about offense. And we have to flip that."

#### **On preparing for Tuesday's matchup with Michigan State:**

"We have to move on quickly. We knew, no matter what, with this schedule we have win or lose, you have to move on quickly. And Michigan State, I haven't had a chance to watch them yet but I know for them, they're hungry coming off a loss as well. So you're going to see a hungry team and I felt going into the year, they could be as good as anybody and I still feel that way. I haven't studied them, of course, but we're going to get after it, is what we're going to do. We're going to get ready for the next game and then, look, it's a long season, a long way to go, but there's a lot we have to correct; a lot we have to improve on."