



# Duke University

## Postgame Quotes

*Tuesday 21, 2023 (vs. La Salle)*

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

#### **Opening Statement:**

"I was really happy with the game tonight. I thought we played a well-rounded game. It's probably the closest we've had to a 40-minute game that we've put together so far. I thought that Tyrese [Proctor] was terrific tonight. Tyrese, it was his best game he's played this year, maybe, period. The last three games he's had 14 assists and no turnovers, which is not an easy thing to do, especially with how much the ball is in his hands. He was still aggressive to score at the same time, and then he's defending like crazy on the other end. I thought Mark [Mitchell] had his best game. Mark was just really efficient, attacking the basket, three offensive rebounds. He had three assists and no turnovers. The thing that I like seeing, we've talked about gang rebounding or collective rebounding, and we had five guys with five or more rebounds. Sean [Stewart], of course, has 10, six offensive rebounds. But I thought Tyrese and Mark, and the job that Flip [Kyle Filipowski] did in the second half, he wasn't quite himself in that first half. And to respond mid-game, that's a big deal what he did in the second half. So, proud of the effort. I thought La Salle, they have a couple of those guards, man. [Jhamir] Brickus and [Khalil] Brantley are talented. Brantley's coming off a 30-point game. Brickus, I've seen him have 22 and 6. They're really good guards, so proud of the effort and really great to get that win tonight."

#### **On what Sean Stewart brought to the game:**

"Well, for me, it just starts with his energy. He brings in great energy. And look, we're still figuring out lineups and who plays well together and who compliments one another. But when you have six offensive rebounds, 10 total rebounds, and he did a good job finishing, and the exciting part for me with Sean is he's got so much room to grow. He's at such an early stage of his development as a player. But he can do something right now that translates with his ability to rebound, his ability to protect the rim, his versatility guarding the ball. That's something we didn't do as well overall tonight; he did though. And so, I'm just proud of his effort, not just tonight, but the way that he's grown really since he got here in July to now."

#### **On why Kyle Filipowski was struggling in the first half and how he responded well in the second half:**

"Yeah, I'm not sure. He just didn't have that same look that he normally has. He's coming off a game - look his ankle's swollen and he's playing through that, and he's got some stuff going on. But to his credit, like last year, he had some games where it happened for an entire game, and look, to come out and do it - I don't know how many points he had at half. I have no idea. Okay, 14 and 4 in the second half or whatever it is, the rebounds, the blocks, and then he started the half with the foul, and so look, we're keeping him in there. Let it be known. That's part of it. But the maturity to play through the foul trouble, the rough first half, I'm really proud of him. I thought it was just a big-time performance because he did not have his best stuff, which is gonna happen. That's part of the game."

#### **On his team's three-point shooting ability:**

"For me, TJ [Power], he always has had the green light. He'll continue to have the green light. With Ryan [Young] though, if you saw him in practice, he can shoot. And so, when guys play off of you, it can mess with you a little bit. So, I told him, take a free one, you're open, shoot it. And I feel with him, if he continues to do that and work through it, he'll hit a couple of those, but I want him to shoot it. I want all of our guys to shoot open threes. That doesn't mean that's the main thing that Ryan's gonna be doing for us. But when you're left open and it's in rhythm, take it."

#### **On how Duke's defense interrupted La Salle's offense:**

"Yeah, I just thought collectively our defense was really good. It wasn't just one guy. I found in the Bucknell game, we got to spread out, and in this game, we were still impacting the ball while still playing the right positions on defense, coming over to help. We had a better awareness for protecting our paint. So, again, there's still a lot to clean up, a long way to go. But the collective effort was really good, especially that initial group that was in there."