



Duke University

Men's Basketball Quotes

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Opening Statement:

"Southern Indiana came out really ready to play, well prepared, and they played harder than we did in the beginning. I think that is pretty clear. You don't need me to tell you that. That is disappointing. That is not acceptable. We did make some plays and made a run in the second half. I thought that with the group that was in at the end of the first half was a key moment. Jaylen Blakes, Caleb [Foster], Tyrese [Proctor], Sean [Stewart] and Ryan [Young]. They got us close. I think it was four at the half. It easily could have been 10 or more. For that group and our bench, you never know when your number is going to be called. They picked up the energy and they picked up the fight on defense. Then, we had that run at the start of second half. We have to know we have a lot of things we have to do better. That has been my message to the team. We are not close to where we want to be. It's good to win, but it is not just about winning; it is about playing to the best of your ability. Flip [Kyle Filipowski] and Jeremy [Roach] did some big-time things in the second half. Look, we need those guys to be that way both halves. But, a great learning lesson for us in playing these three games, and the challenge has been really good. It's been different - being at home for Thanksgiving for this week - we are so used to be in other places. But for this year, the way the schedule worked out, this was a really good thing. I do not anticipate us being in this position going forward."

On what led to the slow start:

"For me, it was just our defense. We just were giving up layups like crazy. Up until this point, we have held every team below their scoring average, and that is something we take a lot of pride in; we have been good defensively. Clearly, we are still not where we need to be by the end of the year, but we're making strides. I thought that showed where our heads were at just giving up layups in transition and letting guys get behind us. That is not how we've played. Really it's earlier than I'd like to call timeout, but I thought we needed it that time."

On use of the full court press:

"We needed a jolt. We needed some energy and we've had that in. We weren't anticipating using it. I thought in the second half we started gambling too much out of it. But in the first half, the ball pressure we put on was really good. We just needed something different and the coaches called it out. I thought it was a great idea. It's our 2-2-1. I'll tell you though, it wouldn't work if you didn't pressure the ball and you didn't play with energy. It happened at the same time when Jaylen [Blakes] and Caleb [Foster] were pressuring the ball and we went to that three-quarter court."

On the Kyle Filipowski and Tyrese Proctor 2-man game and overall takeaways from the game:

"Down the stretch we got to it a bunch and it was good for us. But when you're not coming out the right way, it does not matter what you're running. You have to play defense. You have to get stops. I thought anytime you don't come out the right way on defense, it can affect your offense. Tyrese and Flip are always going to be focal points of what we do, and those two together is even better. But for me, it came down to our defense in the beginning and not being at the same level. But I am glad we responded. Thought the end of the [first] half was key and we must move on quickly now, and we're going on the road next two games."