



Duke University

Men's Basketball Quotes

February 10, 2024 (vs. Boston College)

DUKE HEAD COACH JON SCHEYER

Opening Statement:

"Thought it was just a really good win for us. I thought our defense was terrific throughout. 19 assists for our team. I thought we really had some great sharing today, where guys are making the right play and it turned into points. We talked about as a team, Boston College has been down double digits in many games. And so, every time we got a lead in the second half, we kept referencing that. Our guys did a great job of just playing every possession. And Mark [Mitchell] came through big-time in the second half. I thought [Kyle Filipowski] had a different bounce to his step today. All the guys that played. I thought Sean Stewart's minutes were key today. He had some key minutes at the end of the first half when we got the lead, coming back in the second half, he's just growing every single game. Great effort, great win. And we have a quick turnaround for Monday now."

On how he liked the response of the team after the first half:

"Well, we finished the first half well. And that's different than what we've done recently. And actually, we practiced it yesterday. Typically, this quick of a turnaround, you're not doing as much scrimmaging. And yesterday we put four minutes on the clock, end of the half. And said 'all right, we have to win.' And the guys won the segment yesterday. And I thought that they had a great carryover today in that situation. We outscored them by five. You go up, into half-time, by four, then you have the ball coming out. I thought that was a big step for us to close the first half that way."

On what changed to shoot 13 free throws in the second half after not shooting any in the first:

"Just the way we're attacking the basket. Sometimes it goes that way though. We've been at our best when we're not just settling for jump shots. I thought in the second half we did a better job. I think they had four fouls right away, just because we were more persistent in fighting for the rim and attacking the paint."

On Mark Mitchell being a connector:

"Man, Mark is special. He's guarding [Quinten] Post on one end. We cross-matched a little bit. We did something a little bit different in some of Mark's posts, switching on the guards. On offense, a lot of our offense runs through him. And I don't even know if he scored, it might have been just a couple in the first half. But the burst that he came out with right away in the second half, he's the one that got us separation. And we're at our best when he's attacking. I just love how assertive he was. And then he's a guy that is always trying to make the right play. He's always playing to win. And tonight is another great example of that."

On Sean Stewart's expanding role on the team:

"He did a terrific job. Sean has just continued - you guys don't get to see every day in practice the way that he works. You always have to change your game for college. And he's done a great job. I mean, he works and he has worked, as hard as anybody on the team. And he shows up as consistent as anybody. I think just his feel, and he's so competitive. You can even see after he missed the first free throw, because he shoots free throws all the time. Like he's always in here. And just to relax and make the second, and he did. End of the day, you play guys that, when they're on the court, do they help you win? And Sean, it's a great example tonight. Look, Mark Mitchell's still going to play. Like Sean, I could have kept him in there. It's a great problem to have, when you have a couple of guys that are playing that way. And Sean, his roles continue to grow. It's because of the work that he's put in and how it's translated on the court for us."