



Duke University

Men's Basketball Quotes

February 12, 2024 (vs. Wake Forest)

DUKE HEAD COACH JON SCHEYER

Opening Statement:

"Well, look, I think that's a really good win for us. I'll just tell you guys this. I think Wake Forest is a big-time team. I don't think they get the respect, nationally. They've had three different teams all year, to be honest with you guys. This is really, at least, the second different team. They started off 4-3. Since then, they've only lost four games when [Efton] Reid is playing. You add a guy like [Damari] Monsanto, later in the year. We know him well. Monsanto, he's a dangerous player. For them, even with that, if you look statistically, analytically, all that stuff, they're really like a top-25 team. I don't know how you don't think that's a tournament team. That's the first thing. But the second thing is, they're really good. They kept answering us. For us to have the lead, the whole game - it was tied, too - but for us not to give them the lead for 40 minutes, I think that's a big-time thing. I thought Mark [Mitchell] and [Kyle Filipowski] were men. I thought they were really tough tonight. And these guys, anybody who doubts their toughness, what they're about, they don't know Mark Mitchell, they don't know Kyle Filipowski. Those guys were just men tonight. And I could go down the list, Jared [McCain], it's four out of five games he's had double-digit rebounds. He's a warrior. We were kind of banged up. Tyrese [Proctor] was a little banged up, but he was battling through. I thought Jeremy [Roach] stepped up to hit some big-time shots."

On how Kyle Filipowski has responded to a rough stretch of games:

"He's a different guy. Kyle's very thoughtful. And he takes the pressure, the responsibility, that he has for our team. And when he's not playing as well, he takes that on his shoulders. Basketball is not a sport that you're supposed to be perfect in. For him, it's just embracing that. He's doubled down on the work that he's put in. If you saw him earlier today, he got a great workout with Coach [Chris] Carrawell, on the court, to really just simulate what he's going to do in the game. I thought the main thing he did, he just had a different burst to him tonight. I'm proud of him for that because it's not supposed to be smooth sailing all the time. Even when you come back as a sophomore, you think it's supposed to be better. Well, it's only better if you make it better, and he's made it better, especially tonight."

On getting the crowd involved in the second half:

"I [think] this group - and look, that's on us to prove it - we'll be right there at the end of this thing. I'm just telling you guys. I believe in these guys so much. We've been through a lot in the first two years. This is my first two years. The support of the crowd has been incredible. And this was a key game for us. It was a key moment. And I was fired up because Mark Mitchell made a heck of a play on the sideline. He had great hands. And just like I don't expect our guys to be perfect, officiating is never going to be perfect. That has nothing to do with it. The ball came my way and I just wanted to shoot it at first, but I knew I couldn't do that. It was just how I felt in that moment. And Cameron, they're great. They always respond to you. The fans, the students, they always respond. And that, to me, is what makes this place different and special."

On how Jared McCain continues to grow as a player:

"Jared, you know, his defense has just come such a long way too. And for freshmen, that's the hardest adjustment. How to be physical without fouling. How to move as the ball moves, different rotations, different things. It's just different. And it's at a faster speed. He's embraced all of that. Not that he ever was, a liability or anything like that, but he can really guard. It's an advantage for us, when he's guarding the ball or he does, you know, some people call it dirty work, we call it winning plays - when you crack in on the weak side to block out a big, he does all that stuff. He's really grown. The other thing, you can coach Jared hard, without hurting his confidence. I think it's a key thing, for a lot of young players, you can get on them and it can hurt their confidence. But Jared, he can take coaching hard. He's still going to shoot the next shot the same way. That's what you want. It allows him to really grow as a player. That's a key thing."