



Duke University

Men's Basketball Quotes

February 21, 2024 (at Miami)

DUKE HEAD COACH JON SCHEYER

Opening Statement:

"That was a great win for us. Clearly Miami is not 100%, they're far from it, they're banged up. You still have to come ready to play. You still have to play for 40 minutes. I thought our guys did that. I love sharing on offense. I thought it was one of [Kyle] Filipowski's best games. It's not going to show in the box score, but he played with great poise. He was really strong. He played great defense. He makes the game so much easier for everybody else on the floor. I was really happy with Tyrese [Proctor]. We didn't know how many minutes he could play tonight. He's done about 10 minutes of contact since the last game he played against Wake Forest. I thought he had great minutes, played with a great pace. And really, I could go down the line - it was a great team effort. It was a great team win. Ton of respect for Miami, I don't care who's playing for them, they have a talented team. And they're more than dangerous at home, so, proud of this win."

On what worked so well on defense:

"With them, you have to guard the ball. I know it sounds simple, but it starts with guarding the ball. You have to have great communication. We switched a lot tonight. You can switch when you have five guys who can defend and stay in front of the ball. I thought we had great communication. The one thing that I thought hurt us with some of the switching was the offensive rebounds that they got. We need to do a better job with that. But overall, you have to guard the ball and we did that."

On what is clicking with the team right now:

"Just embracing the lessons we've learned along the way this season. I think so quickly, in general, people can draw early conclusions on who people are, who teams are. Just as with teams, all along we've talked about getting better. The whole season. We want to be at our best in February and March, and I think we're on an upswing. I think we've continued to get better. I think these guys have shown incredible toughness. With things not going their way, you find out about people with the way they respond. And all these guys man, they've responded. At different times throughout the season - whether it be setbacks, whether it be losses, they've just kept working, kept believing, and we need to continue to do that. To me, it's just about their character. It's about the makeup of the guys that we have in that locker room."

SENIOR GUARD JEREMY ROACH

On the first-half run and what it felt like:

I don't even know how much we're up, but we just kind of wanted to extend the lead a little bit more, get a more comfortable lead. Coach [Scheyer] is always talking about finishing our media [timeouts] and finishing at the end a half. I think we did a good job today."

On what Duke did so well on defense:

"We switched a lot. Did a lot of different matchups. Mark [Mitchell] matching up on [Norchad] Omier. Just switching, making them play one-on-one, making them take tough shots."

SOPHOMORE FORWARD KYLE FILIPOWSKI

On his thought process with possession in the post:

"I'm just trying to read the defense, to be honest. Coach [Scheyer] has been saying and showing me a little bit with my turnovers the last few games, how teams have been game-planning for me passing out the post and in the short roll and stuff. I was just trying to be a lot more patient tonight. I think I did a good job of that. And like I said, it's really just about what I see in the defense. Read and react."

On what have been the key factors in Duke's current stretch of winning:

"I think just not giving up on each other. Staying the course with our big goal at the end of the season. We know we've been in a position like this before, but we know there's still a lot more to accomplish. We've still got to set ourselves up for March."