



# Duke University

## Men's Basketball Quotes

*February 24, 2024 (at Wake Forest)*

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

#### **Opening Statement:**

"Hats off to Wake Forest. They're a really good team. I don't think they're respected - just like I said after the first time - they're not respected the way they should be nationally. On one hand, we care about metrics to put teams in. And on the other hand, we don't. They're top-25, no matter how you slice it up metric-wise. We knew it was going to be a big-time game. Disappointed we lost. But for me, I'm more concerned about the well-being of our guys. [Kyle Filipowski] sprains his ankle. When are we going to ban court-storming? When are we going to ban that? How many times does a player have to get into something where they get punched or they get pushed or they get taunted right in their face. It's a dangerous thing. I don't want that to take away from the game that Wake played, because Wake played a big-time game. [Hunter] Sallis was as good as could be today and hats off to them. But you look around the country and Caitlin Clark, something happens. Now with Flip, I don't know what his status will be. It's one thing, when I played, at least it was 10 seconds, and you were storming the court. Now, the buzzer doesn't even go off and they're running on the floor. This has happened a bunch to us this year. It's part of it. I don't want this to take away at all from Wake. They earned it. They deserve the win. Steve [Forbes] is a hell of a coach. I respect the heck out of him and his team. They're really good. If this is the example they need to be in the tournament, what are we even talking about? Hats off to them. We need to be better. We need to learn from this. But that needs to stop."

#### **On what Wake Forest did so well on offense in the second half:**

"I think on some of those [shots], you have to tip your hat. They came out right away and went inside on us and we didn't have an answer. We've doubled the post at times, other times we've played one-on-one. When we went one-on-one, they scored. When we doubled, they kicked it out for 3's. It's a little bit of a chess game. Maybe more checkers, it was pretty simple. We were trying to protect our paint and also take away the 3. They don't miss. They didn't miss. They shoot 70-percent from the field. For me, the fact that they shoot 70-percent from the field in the second half, and we put ourselves in a position to win, I think that says a lot about us. I think that says a lot about our team. We've come off a stretch where we've played three road games in a row. We have four more games to go in the season and we're right there. We're right there. A lot to play for. For me, I told the team in the locker room, when you play a really high-level team like this, it's not about who wants it more. They want it just as bad as you do and vice versa. It comes down to not just playing hard, but execution. We call it winning the details. You have to win the details. So, if it's one block out, it's not fouling at the end of the half, it's taking care of the ball and getting a shot up, that's the difference. I know our team; I love our team. We're going to learn from this and bounce back, but the first thing we've got to do is get healthy and see where we're at."

### **SENIOR GUARD JEREMY ROACH**

#### **On what he saw during the court storm and what it was like for the players:**

"I didn't really see it. I was the first one off [the court]. I knew it was coming. I saw them lined up. Obviously, it's uncalled for, for somebody to run into a player."

#### **On the back-and-forth second half:**

"Give credit to Wake Forest, they played a [heck] of a game. They play outstanding at home. They've got an incredible home record. I think we just made too many careless mistakes. Scouting report mistakes, knowing your personnel mistakes, leaving wide-open shooters, jumping off people who don't shoot the ball. Just careless mistakes and I put it on myself, as well."

#### **On Wake Forest shooting so well in the second half:**

"They play [well] at home. You see the percentages, how they play at home and how they play away. Just have to give credit to them."

### **SOPHOMORE FORWARD KYLE FILIPOWSKI**

#### **On what happened during the court storm:**

"That's the type of environment it's going to be like in every game we play. Just because everyone wants to see us lose so badly. Playing for Duke, it's even more of a challenge with every road game. Luckily, we've been doing well on the road or else we'd probably be seeing it more. But I definitely feel like there should be some regulations and fines and how the situation is handled with the amount of security guards - everyone knew it was coming. They were up four with two seconds left. Everyone was just waiting for the moment, and they didn't do anything to stop it."