



Duke University

Opponent Quotes

November 29, 2019 - vs. Winthrop

WINTHROP HEAD COACH PAT KELSEY

Opening Statement:

"The first thing I'd like to say is that my heart goes out to Cassius Stanley. I just talked with Coach K in the handshake line and it didn't sound great. I wish him the best and hopefully he'll be able to bounce back. He seems like an extraordinary kid. RJ [Russell Jones] seems to be okay. Both of those kids are tough as nails.

"I told our guys after the game that we would be neck and neck rebounding. We only turned the ball over 13 times which is outstanding. You tip your cap to the Duke kids for making a few more big plays and knocking down shots than we did in the last few minutes. We left a couple of opportunities out there and need to do a better job of stepping up and hitting some free throws. Credit those kids from Duke for making plays and finding a way to get it done."

On if the game is a moral victory:

"No, I'm not really a guy that counts moral victories. That team the other day, Stephen F. Austin proved that you can come in here and win. It's hard to come here. I told Coach K that I get to one day tell my great, great grandkids that I coached against him. For a kid that grew up on the west side of Cincinnati, that's pretty cool."

On mentality in locker room after game:

"Disappointing. The mentality that we came here with was to win. We break the game down into 10 four-minute segments. I talked to our guys all week about coming in here with a fearlessness. We talked all week about the B's, if we have our B game we'd be right in the game. An A-game would be knocking down 16 3s, which would be great, but all week we talked about playing our B-game."

On Duke's Vernon Carey Jr.:

"[Vernon] Carey down in the post is just a beast. He's a great talent. He has great handles, great hands and he can finish. You have to force him to miss free throws and tonight he didn't. Sometimes, that's the way it goes."