



Florida State 78, Duke 80  
Saturday, January 12, 2019  
Donald L. Tucker Center  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Duke Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski**

***Opening Statement***

"We just got to be a part of an amazing basketball game. Both teams played so darn hard, the crowd was unbelievable. I mean, we were fortunate to win, and therefore it is a great win. If your unfortunate to lose then it's a really tough loss and that's what makes great games. Again, my hats off to them, they played great. (Terance) Mann and (Phil) Cofer are such good leaders for them, (Mfiondu) Kabengele was big time today. He was big time. I thought they played their butts off, and we did too. When we lost Zion (Williamson), obviously that a huge loss for us. I'm proud of our team, our young team. They fought that whole second half, RJ (Barrett) and Cam (Reddish) made big plays. I thought finally we stopped letting them dunk on us. We started switching and that helped, and then we came up with a couple big defensive rebounds. We made one more play than they did. Ultimate respect for Leonard and his kids, and I know we feel very fortunate to win. I think we earned it and if they would've won, they would've earned it. So, it's not a game that somebody lost, it's a game that somebody won. Those are the great games."

***On Cam Reddish's Perseverance To Make The Final Shot***

"He's a freshman and he played aggressively the whole game. In the second we wanted to get him the ball. I think they kind of fixated on RJ (Barrett) and made it possible for him to get open; then he knocked it down. He was fighting cramps at least half of the second half, and so it's a huge game for him. Whenever any kid hits a game winner like that, its storybook. For our guys, it's our 15<sup>th</sup> game, a number of those guys have never been in an experience like this. With this atmosphere against that level of talent and expertise and to come up; it wasn't that he just hit that shot but he hit a couple other big ones. He and RJ kind of kept us in it. With Tre (Jones) making sure we were getting the ball to those two guys. Huge, huge for Cam."

***On The Opportunity For The ACC To Have An Undefeated Team***

"It'd be very difficult, I think. I was just telling my staff, in our first game against Clemson, we're playing a team that returns four starters from the Sweet Sixteen (of the NCAA Tournament). We play this team (Florida State) and they were in the Elite Eight and they have most of their guys back. Monday we'll play Syracuse, they're a Sweet Sixteen team. So, we're playing old, veteran teams. When you have a league that has that, it'd be pretty difficult. For us, that's not our goal. Our goal is to try to keep getting better and get in there. Somebody else may set goals like that for us. The team that is probably most equipped for it, is the team that was 17-1 last year because they return just about everybody. They're really good, Virginia. The league is so good. This team could beat anybody, that we've played. If they have the crowd like that for their home games, that'll help them. That'll help them because they played at a really high level this afternoon."

***On The Changes Made During The Final Time Outs***

"I'm looking and changing things. There're three different things we were going to do after each. One before the time-out, one after and then one after that. Then you have to lucky and something like that. Hope that somebody gets open."

***On Zion Williamson Getting Poked In The Eye***

“He had double vision. He came out in the second half, they told me with three minutes to go. I wasn’t out on the court yet and he ran back and said Zion has double vision. I said, ‘Well let’s see’; he can’t play obviously if he has that. Then we waited, and it didn’t clear up. The good thing was that he didn’t have headaches, no intent, but he got poked right in the eye. He’s better now so hopefully he’ll be able to play on Monday. It’s a big loss, for this game are you kidding. Especially with the athleticism we were facing.”

***On His Takeaways From RJ Barrett’s Performance***

“RJ’s a great player, a lot is said about Zion (Williamson) and should be said, but RJ’s as good of a player and competitor. He and Zion are like brothers; I think he even put it up a notch with Zion being out. There are so many cool things when you’re around young people, when you get old like me, but Zion’s reaction in the locker room after the game he almost crying. He said ‘I’ve never been involved in anything like that’ in other words, he was so happy for his guys that he was that emotional. Our guys are good guys and he and RJ are really close. RJ was unbelievable today, he kept us in it.”

***On Florida State Coach Leonard Hamilton’s Impact On The Florida State Program***

“Well the fact that you say program is the very first compliment. They have a program here. They don’t have a team. The program is built on values, and Leonard’s one of the top coaches in America. His teams are always together, they play hard defense, they are unselfish, and they’re talented. We’ve had hellacious games with him and they’re going to be a factor in this, in our conference and nationally. They’re too good and that’s the type of teams he produces. He and I are really good friends and I admire what he’s done here and the manner in which he does it. They’re good kids. Again, I wish him the best.”

***On What Duke Showed Against Florida State and in the Maui Invitational***

“There aren’t games like this (in Maui). Maui is like playing in a high school gym for three days, you can’t judge much off of Maui. You just get the experience of playing against talent and you hope that you can win. If you make any concrete judgements based on Maui or anything in November, I think it’s a big mistake. Now you have a body of work, both teams have body of work based on 13 or 14 games. Now you’re putting it on the line and it’s a whole different thing. Our guys are tough; their kids are tough. You saw a hell of a game today. That was a great basketball game and you’re going to see more in our conference. You may have seen more; I haven’t seen scores yet today. There are just too many good teams, not too many but we could have double digit teams in the NCAA. This is a heck of a conference, it always has been and this year it’s exceptional.”

***On Cam Reddish And RJ Barrett Having To Prove Themselves After Zion Williamson Left The Game***

“Not to prove, I don’t think they had anything to prove. They had to win and they’re both really good. They don’t have to prove to anybody that they’re good. They have to beat that team that is playing great. Prove is not the word, they rose to a different occasion. An occasion that we haven’t been in yet this year.”