



Duke University

Postgame Quotes

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Opening Statement:

"This has been an incredible 48 hours for our team. I got good guys, I got really good kids. We beat a heck of a team tonight after beating a heck of a team in an epic game 48 hours before. I don't know where they got the energy the whole game to do this, but they did, they listened, they fought. We really played good defense. You could tell they will tire you out anyway because they play such good defense and they have depth, but at the end of the first half, you could tell we were tired, rightfully so. And in the second half, we were kind of holding our own, but when they went ahead 52-50, instead of waiting for the eight minute [timeout], we were ready to get knocked out and so we called a timeout, Alex (O'Connell) came in and Alex gave us five quick points, and that last 8:29 we were terrific. We were not tired, they talked, they made plays, Javin (DeLaurier) was spectacular, Matt Hurt, obviously the rebound and the free throws and then inbound the ball, no mistakes. Wendell (Moore), who, I don't think any of you in the audience have had a winning shot in front of 21,000 people against your archrival, but if you're 18, how you handle that can be pretty tough, and he had a game like a kid 18 until the second half, and then that play he made in the full court just was spectacular. Switching (Jordan) Goldwire to (Trent) Forrest was a key because Forrest is a big-time player. They have big-time, but this kid, he's a pro-guard, he can defend and get by you and he's a veteran, and he and Tre (Jones) were going back and forth and that's wearing Tre out, we needed him on offense and so the switch to put Goldwire on him helped. We did that with Cole Anthony in the last part of the game in Chapel Hill and that helped us there, so having those two guys being able to have each other's backs is big, but they forced a lot of turnovers, I thought we weren't as strong as we needed to be, but overall we were pretty damn strong."

On the play from Tre Jones to Wendell Moore Jr. to Matt Hurt:

"Those are like making plays that you don't diagram. A real player doesn't run plays, a real player makes plays. You run plays for people who aren't players. That doesn't mean you don't run them for players too, but players make plays, and our guys are making plays, they're making really good plays."

On Javin DeLaurier's contributions off the bench:

"Yeah, I said him, didn't I? I mean, Javin was terrific. His two-handed rebounds, blocked shots, free throws, and he's been playing well, but you know, we could hardly do anything yesterday at practice with most of the guys, so we did with a couple of the guys who didn't play as much really intense individual work, and I stay and I watch all of that stuff and Javin had an amazing workout. I brought him over after and said 'Man, you're going to a whole other level.' In our game we have a thing called trust your work and in other words, if you're working hard and whatever, when you get out there, trust it and he worked really hard and he trusted it. We needed a full day off. This is a nine-day period with three road games and this game, and our kids won all four of them. It's a lot of travel, a lot of stuff. They're really developing into a good team. I really love these guys, because it's different guys. We don't have a starting lineup, we have a team. Sometimes when you have a starting lineup you put a ceiling on the other guys in ego, in opportunity, in all that, and it hasn't happened here with this group."