



Duke University

Postgame Quotes

January 8, 2022 - vs. Miami

DUKE JUNIOR FORWARD WENDELL MOORE JR.

"[Miami] definitely played a good game defensively tonight, but at the same time, I think we helped them out a lot. A lot of our turnovers were kind of unforced errors, just lazy passes, dribbling the ball of our legs, dribbling into double-teams ... just things that we know we really can't do. It's stuff that we went over in the scouting report. I feel like if we clean up some of that, the outcome is definitely a little different tonight."

"[Miami's] offense is definitely unconventional, but it's something that we've seen before. We've played against backdoor cuts all year. So we just fell asleep a couple times but those three guards that they have a really good, when you add those three guards and you have their role players playing really well. Jordan Miller played a great game. Anthony Walker also played a great game. So when you have their role players play good along with their stars playing good, they're a very good team. [Charlie Moore] was a big feature in the scouting report. He's their starting guard and we knew what he was doing, but I feel like we didn't follow the scouting report as well as we could've tonight."

"I kind of feel like our Achilles heel this year has been how young we are. I really think that all starts with me. Tonight, I didn't lead the guys the way I'm supposed to. Up three with 30 seconds left, I feel like, as a leader, I can't let our team lose that game. So really I kind of put this one on me as a leader. Yeah, [Miami] is a veteran team but, at the same time they're kind of a new team, so it's kind of both sides of the spectrum. But at the end of the day, I feel like if we follow our scouting report and I lead our team better, I feel like the outcome is different."

DUKE FRESHMAN FORWARD PAOLO BANCHERO

"Tough game. We knew they were a good team. They stuck with it the whole game. We had the lead with 30 seconds [left in the game], and they made some big plays. Their point guard, [Charlie] Moore, he led them the whole game and made big play after big play, big shot after big shot. They weren't really phased by being on the road or being in Cameron [Indoor Stadium]. They're really experienced so they came in and played their game and executed. So it's just a lesson for us - we've got to be sharp because whenever teams play us, they're going to be sharp as can be and always giving us their best shot. We've got to match that and give every team our best shot and be sharp."

On what made Miami so difficult to defend tonight:

"We wanted to kind of be able to bluff when they drove and then recover, but they were really good shooters as well so it's kind of hard - you kind of have to decide. It was just hard for us - either you're hugged up on your man or you're over-helping. Credit to them. They spread us out the whole game and kept good spacing and made shots."

When asked what makes Miami so tough defensively:

"They do a good job of plugging the lane when you drive, forcing you to kick out, so they had a lot of steals off that. I think some of it was on us too. I think we were sloppy, especially in the first half, just the turnovers. It's something we've got to clean up. They definitely accepted the challenge defensively."