



Duke University

Men's Basketball Quotes

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Opening Statement:

"I thought the first half was pretty well played by both teams, and the result was a 38-38 tie. I thought we got out of character in the second half. We were taking way too many difficult shots, no assists, everything off the bounce, and I think that led to really good defense by Duke's team and some blocked shots. I don't know what Jeremy Roach's toe situation is, but I wish we had played them last week."

On how Miami tried to handle Duke's size and home court advantage

"We have a problem every night with that, so we tried to take away some space around the basket. But, a guy like Dereck Lively, who is 7'1", he ends up mostly with dunks and layups. He ended up three-for-nine, so we didn't do a bad job on him. It is just that the baskets he does get, he just dunks it on us. I think the game really came down to Jeremy Roach coming in and going six-for-10 and taking over the team. When he was hurt, Tyrese Proctor is very good, but he needs help: we all do. My guards needed a lot of help today, sharing the ball and moving the ball, getting your big guys involved. They did a better job of doing that than we did."

On the play of Norchad Omier

"He did not have a great game for him. Fourteen rebounds is almost normal. You can count on that. He ended up three-for-nine. He's top five in the league in field goal percentage because he makes a lot of those interior shots. So, was it their size or was it the Duke name that bothered us? Was it the crowd? Was it the energy level that was in the gym, sometimes your adrenaline is what creates the problem for you because you can't calm down and just make a shot."

On Isaiah Wong playing ill today

"I don't know if he even should have played today. He's got a sinus infection. He's on a lot of meds and his fatigue factor. He just didn't have you know his normal energy level."