

Throatybeard's DBR Manifesto/Pocket Reference

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1) Koaching Koncerns

- a) Krzyzewski's management of the rotation will bite us/has bitten us in the ass.
- b) We have no bench.
- c) [Player X who transferred away] sure would help us right now. (Related to a.)
- d) I'm worried that [player] will transfer. (Related to a.)
- e) Krzyzewski's management of the clock (AKA *stall ball*) will bite us/has bitten us in the ass.
- f) Krzyzewski loves guards too much; we need a real big man coach besides Wojo, of at least '6-10" himself. (AKA *small ball*)
- g) Why can't we rebound? (related to f.)
- h) Why won't Krzyzewski schedule [any true road games/better opponents/games close to my house/team we used to play]
- i) Who will Krzyzewski start next year? (*ad nauseam* for 7 months)
- j) Ohmigod, what will we do when Krzyzewski retires?!?! (AKA *next coach speculation*)
- k) Kwit complaining about K. He has won three more national championships than you have. His strategies succeed in infinitely more complex ways than your minuscule brain can comprehend.
- l) Why doesn't [Duke big man] assert himself more, and does/how does Krzyzewski's coaching style contribute to [big man's perceived] wussyness?
- m) I think we shoot way too many damn threes!
- n) We don't take enough mid-range shots.
- o) Our shot selection sucks in general; we take too many contested/long/off balance shots.
- p) Our point guard is too turn-over prone; why doesn't Koach do anything about that?
- q) Why doesn't Krzyzewski save his timeouts like Dean did?
- r) Why doesn't Krzyzewski call a timeout to set up the game-final possession?
- s) Why doesn't Krzyzewski make us practice foul shots more; FTs are really biting us in the ass.
- t) Hey, I think we should play some zone--why don't we ever do that?

2) They are all against me! They all must die!

- a) Some yahoo columnist at [Publication] said something nasty about us. Let's teach him a lesson by bombing his inbox!
- b) Jay Bilas is a traitor for not talking us up enough. His whole discourse is a secret code of cracks on our players and program.
- c) Dick Vitale talks us up too much and makes everyone hate us even more.
- d) [Announcer, usually Elmore or Packer] has a vendetta against us and talks us down.
- e) "[Insert name of writer or commentator or internet poster] [misspelled/mispronounced] [insert Duke player's name] and needs to be set straight. It's just [sloppy/lazy/unprofessional] for a so-called "journalist" [or fan] to make such a basic mistake, after all." (AKA, "Who is Sheldon?")
- f) UNC owns the North Carolina media and they're all [Charlotte writers especially] against us.
- g) Those damn Carolina refs.
- h) Billy Packer/Len Elmore/ESPN are complicit in the refs disfavoring us in a reactive manner.
- i) Here's why those Maryland hosers are wrong about the refs favoring us

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- j) Man, the ACC refs sure are inconsistent this year. (Recycle indefinitely).
- k) Duke's best player, usu. a guard] gets rough-housed every year, and the refs never call anything.
- l) I'm worried that we're too soft for loose NCAAT officiating.
- m) I'm worried ticky-tack calls/tight officiating on our bigs will doom us in the NCAAT.
- n) he NCAAT Committee screwed Duke.
- o) The NCAAT Committee purposely massages the brackets to set up potential "interesting" matchups involving Duke.

3) Visual Media Concerns

- a) [Network]'s production values suck.
- b) [Network]'s announcers suck; (no they don't—I like that guy!)
- c) Do you know of a Duke bar in [locale]?
- d) Why isn't our game on in my market? Let's have a really, really long discussion about that.

4) Event Attendance

- a) How do I get men's basketball tickets?
- b) How do I get tickets to those Christmas games? (3 months after they went on sale)
- c) Someone please sell me tickets.
- d) My grandmother has 9 kinds of cancer and a parasitic eel living in her brain, and her last wish is to go to the Duke men's game on [specific weekend].
- e) Let me tell you about how much my parking (all sports) or restroom (Wade) experience sucked.
- f) Let's have an incredibly long discussion about who's going to [neutral site men's game] and where to eat.
- g) When does the men's basketball schedule come out? (Third Friday in August; stop asking!!!!)
- h) How do I get the basketball schedule into my expensive electronic handheld scheduling toy?

5) Aesthetics

- a) Our uniforms are/are not ugly.
- b) Our [color] uniforms cause X result because the players get more/less confident in them.
- c) I just saw this year's new unis, and man, we really are Nike's 75 cent whore, aren't we?
- d) Something in my vicinity is Carolina blue and this offends me.
- e) Our football field has a freaking track around it.
- f) The Devil mascot needs to look exactly like it did 30, 50, or 70 years ago.
- g) We need to wear our school color more, especially at events.
- h) That's not our school color!
- i) One time Matt Doherty said our cheerleaders are ugly, so we hate him.
- j) [Kid on Duke team, usually most prominent white player] makes me hot.
- k) [Female player] is hot; (no she's not—you're a sexist pig!)
- l) Let me tell you about this really hot cheerleader we had in 19XX; (you're a sexist pig!)
- m) Ugliest male players in ACC history.

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6) Recruiting

- a) We need an athletic wing in the '6-6" to '6-9" range. (AKA *Where have you gone, Mr. Hill?*)
- b) Duke always outreruits [school A], or [school B] always outreruits us. What's up with that?
- c) [New commit, age 17] will lead us to the national championship/be one of Duke's all-time greats.
- d) When will [HS player] decide? I am nervous since he visited and we didn't get an immediate commitment.
- e) When will we get our next commitment?
- f) [Recruit] reminds me of [previous Duke player, usu. of same race and somatype, but not necessarily game].
- g) I saw [Carolina commit], and he's not as good as they say he is.
- h) Hey, shouldn't we be recruiting [younger sibling] of [current Duke player]?
- i) Krzyzewski has lost his touch and we are missing out on too many top recruits.
- j) Krzyzewski needs to stop recruiting "one-and-done" players like [best current big man].
- k) Krzyzewski doesn't recruit enough elite ["one-and-done"] players.
- l) Krzyzewski doesn't recruit enough "athletic" players.

7) Football

- a) Our coach sucks/our coach needs more time before determining degree of suckage.
- b) Why can Stanford and Northwestern do it, but we can't?
- c) Let's drop to I-AA or make a private school conference.
- d) I'm completely obsessed with BB year round, and these FB threads annoy me. It's the Duke Basketball Report, people.
- e) Hey, is Greg Paulus gonna play football?
- f) I have a great idea. Let's install a trick offense like the option this week. What's to lose?
- g) The only way we'll ever succeed in football is to pay a name coach an amount equal to the GDP of Poland.
- h) Can we get Halliburton to clean up the men's restrooms in Wallace Wade?
- i) The Duke administration gives athletics [read: basketball] too much attention or gives athletics [read: football] too little attention.
- j) We need to schedule all the other small I-A private schools.

8) Repetitive Reminiscing

- a) Your favorite Duke dunk.
- b) Your favorite Duke comeback.
- c) Indianapolis/Minneapolis/East Rutherford/Greensboro is great!
- d) Tropicana/Rupp/Carrier Dome sucks!
- e) The crazies did this thing one time--it was great! (Usually the same five things mentioned, leading off with Speedo Guy).
- f) I have this superstitious thing I do/wear during games; what's yours?
- g) I didn't do my superstitious thing this time, precipitating a negative result.
- h) Remember all the awful things that happened to the winner of our season terminal loss? (AKA *The Duke Curse*, usu. followed by long discussion of whether the Duke Curse is (1) real or not and (2) funny or not.)

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- i) Your all-time Duke all-star team.
- j) Your ranking of top all-time Duke men's teams.
- k) Let me tell you about this letter Terry Sanford wrote one time. (Usu. stated in a manner as though no one has ever heard of it).
- l) This one time, against Wake Forest, Patrick Davidson did something.

9) Rivals

- a) Check out how not obsessed we are with Carolina.
- b) Check out how not obsessed we are with Maryland.
- c) Check out how not obsessed we are with Kentucky.
- d) Check out how not obsessed we are with Connecticut.
- e) Check out how not obsessed we are with Stanford.
- f) Go to hell Carolina. (Repeated *ad nauseam*).
- g) I sure hate Carolina/Maryland/Kentucky/UConn/Stanford; here's why.
- h) Check it out--[school's] player got in trouble. Nyah nyah nyah.
- i) Check it out--[school's] students got in a riot. Nyah nyah nyah.
- j) I never read IC, but did you see what those hosers said about us?
- k) We're so superior to every other online community; here's why.
- l) Dean Smith is a mean old man; here's why.
- m) Your most hated Carolina (or opposing) player.
- n) Your favorite Carolina (or opposing) player.

10) The National Basketball [sic] Association

- a) Duke pros do NOT suck!
- b) I think [Duke player] will achieve [unreasonable expectation] in the NBA. (Usually sanely shot down by Jumbo.)
- c) My favorite Duke pro doesn't get enough PT or isn't being used correctly by his franchise.
- d) Why the NBA does/does not suck.
- e) Seemingly interminable draft speculation.
- f) [Player X] [should/should not] OR [will/will not, so I've heard] declare for the draft, and if they [do/do not] then they're [stupid/smart]. If [Player X] is a Duke player, then we [wish him well/wish him dead] and don't understand why folks don't understand the value of [cash money/a Duke education].
- g) Analysis of Krzyzewski's national team.

11) And Bill Werber Served the Beer (AKA, the older we get, the better we was; AKA, workhardplayhard)

- a) Duke students were cool when I was 20; now they're all nerds.
- b) Nan Keohane ruined Duke by making token concessions to law enforcement re: open distribution to minors.
- c) Nan Keohane ruined Duke by putting all the freshmen on East.
- d) Douglas Knight ruined Duke by de-emphasizing football.
- e) The Cameron Crazies suck now; we were so much cleverer/wilder/more dedicated when I was 20.

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- f) I have a [usually lame] idea for a cheer for the Crazies! Check it!
- g) Why won't these 20 year olds learn the words to our fight songs? (A: Because the words are lame 1920s clap-trap, that's why).
- h) We didn't have tents when I was 20, so the kids today shouldn't have tents.
- i) I don't understand cheer X. Please explain it to me. (Multiple times for same cheer).
- j) That retarded "O" thing is great/an abomination. (BTW, everybody, check the Wikipedia [article on the Star Spangled Banner](#) and look for Duke).
- k) The damn kids don't support the team any more. Let me explain how much more effective I would be in those stands despite my varicose veins and my mortgage debt.
- l) The reason the damn kids don't support the team anymore is that tenting/bracelet rules are intimidating.

12) Jersey Retirement

- a) [Best Duke men's senior this year, no matter how under qualified] should have his jersey retired. (No he shouldn't; yes he should!).
- b) What are the Jersey Retirement Criteria?
- c) I happen to know THE Jersey Retirement Criteria and I will tell you!
- d) Dude, are we gonna run out of jersey numbers at some point?
- e) Why does Krzyzewski [allegedly] not like 0/00?

13) Self-congratulation/pity

- a) Duke just won something. We're awesome.
- b) Duke just lost or barely won something. We suck.
- c) Duke just lost something. We're still awesome, but not quite as awesome as we would have been had Duke won.
- d) Duke just got killed. Boy do we ever suck.
- e) Remember when we beat/didn't beat [opponent] back in [year]? Man, was that ever awesome/not awesome/sucky. (Also can be filed under #8, Reminisces)
- f) Let's re-live all our colossal blown leads in the last decade.
- g) Here are my Duke fan credentials. What are yours?
- h) Can we go undefeated this year?
- i) We're not snobs; we're just better than everyone else. Ugrad admission rejection %ages are the best metric of divine salvation. *US News* should rank us even higher. We're dead sexy.

14) Meta-DBR Board discussion

- a) There's violence inherent within the system. Help help, I'm being oppressed.
- b) Censorship, schmensorship. It's JBJ's board and they can do what they want with it.
- c) The DBR Board used to be better in [insert year]. (Could also be filed under *Bill Werber served the beer*).
- d) Even though we just lost, I'm more annoyed by the sudden emergence of the Screaming Howler Panic Monkeys (SHPaM).
- e) Damn you, I'm not a SHPaM!
- f) I think the SBBS is the greatest BBS ever. James is God.
- g) I think the SBBS is too hard to use what with those crazy codes.

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- h) What are all of these odd number/letter combos people keep throwing out?
- i) Damn, throaty, that pocket reference is the best thing since the *Iliad*.
- j) I think the pocket reference is mean; it reinforces an insider/outsider dynamic. You suck, throaty.

15) Women's Basketball

- a) Goestenkors can't coach big games.
- b) Our team is soft compared to [UNC/UConn/SEC team]
- c) [UNC's toughest player] is the biggest bitch in the history of Western Civilization.
- d) Sweet tap-dancing Moses, did you see what Sylvia Hatchell was wearing?
- e) How do I get tickets to the sold-out [UNC/UTK/UConn] women's game (1 month after they were sold). I really want to go; it's the only women's game I've ever been interested in, after all
- f) I've only seen the two nationally televised games all season, but being an experienced basketball fan I have to say, [player] is simply a liability to this team.
- g) My rec-league team of five fortysomething guys could beat a team of five Alana Beards.
- h) Wooden says the women's game is purer, Ha, take that!
- i) Women's BB players shouldn't have their numbers retired or be considered to have school-wide records because it's a different sport.
- j) Chris Moreland gets no respect, what up?

16) Comestibles

- a) Barbecue.
- b) New York Delis.
- c) Concessions at Wade and Cameron.

Appendix) [Mercifully] Extinct Topics

- a) ACC Expansion.
- b) Whether or not to bi/tri/quart/quint-furcate the DBR boards.
- c) A/C in Cameron.
- d) I saw Nick Horvath in summer pick-up, and he's hitting threes blinfolded in a dark gym with 45-degree slanted rims, he's put on 50 pounds of muscle, he schooled Boozer/SWilliams, and Angelina Jolie was seen waiting for him after practice, idling in a cherry-colored convertible.
- e) JJ Redick and dorsal dermatology. (AKA *The T-shirt Discussion*).
- f) Minute gradations of vocal support needed/not needed by Chris Burgess at the foul line.
- g) Daniel Ewing's flurry of technical fouls.
- h) Amateur analysis of Shavlik Randolph's psyche.