

SPORTSCENTURY PROFILES MIKE KRZYZEWSKI

ONE-HOUR PROGRAM DEBUTS ON ESPN AND ESPN CLASSIC WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

ESPN Classic's award-winning *SportsCentury* series examines Duke head basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski's life when it premieres *SportsCentury: Mike Krzyzewski* on Wednesday, March 23 at 8 and 11 p.m. ET on ESPN Classic. The program will premiere earlier in the day (1 p.m. ET) on ESPN.

Krzyzewski has been one of the most dominant college basketball coaches over the past two decades. He has led Duke to three NCAA National Championships (1991, 1992, 2001) and to 10 Final Fours. His three championships tie him for third all-time (with Bob Knight) behind John Wooden (11) and Adolph Rupp (4). The one-hour program includes interviews with Knight, as well as former Duke players and coaches including Jay Bilas, Elton Brand, Jay Williams, Mike Brey, Krzyzewski's wife (Mickie) and more.

SportsCentury: Mike Krzyzewski looks at the Hall-Of-Fame coach, his upbringing, the influence Bob Knight has had on his career in basketball, his early struggles with Duke and his commitment to winning no matter the external circumstances. In addition it examines his championship runs, his possible defection to the NBA and what "Coach K" means to Duke University.

From *SportsCentury: Mike Krzyzewski*

Mike is a modern day John Wooden, because what he's accomplished in the game is what John Wooden was accomplishing.

Rick Pitino, on how Coach K compares to the greatest college coaches of all-time:

He was a guy who was scared of Bobby Knight. Knight was such an enormous authority, in a setting which was all authority, I mean it was West Point.

Mickie Krzyzewski, on her husband's experience with Bobby Knight at West Point

In the past 15 years I don't think any basketball program in the country has rivaled Duke's. They've probably had as good a stretch as anybody has ever had over that period of time.

Bob Knight, on Duke basketball under Krzyzewski

It was very difficult during those first couple years. I don't have any credibility. You know, I've just been the Army coach for five years, these kids have been playing at Duke.

Krzyzewski, on the pressure to win right away at Duke

Before you diagram a play you gotta know who they are as people, at that moment. Not that Jason Williams is this guy, or Shane Battier is this guy, who are they right now?

Krzyzewski, on coaching

When he would speak about, you know, winning or what he went to accomplish, he would get goose bumps on his arms and legs. I've heard a lot of what I've considered to be phony speeches in my time playing. You know, you can't fake goose bumps.

Jay Bilas, on Krzyzewski's genuine intensity and passion

Perception and image they say is everything. Well, not in my mind. In my mind, truth and reality is everything. What you don't know about him from watching him on TV is that behind closed doors he's, you know, a little more like Bobby Knight.

Christian Laettner, on Krzyzewski

The total involvement of my husband in this world of college basketball, has to mean more than winning a game. The hope is that we're teaching them something now that they can apply to something that really is important.

Mickie Krzyzewski, on her husband and college basketball coaching

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