

NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS		DUKE BLUE DEVILS	
24-6 • 12-5 ACC • L10 8-2		28-2 • 16-1 ACC • L10 9-1	
HEAD COACH HUBERT DAVIS		HEAD COACH JON SCHEYER	
CAREER	VS. DUKE	CAREER	VS. NORTH CAROLINA
125-51	5-6	117-24	5-3

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GAME THESIS

THE ONLY ACC BLEMISH. When Duke hosts North Carolina to close the ACC regular season, the hook is singular: the top-ranked Blue Devils' only conference loss is the one the Tar Heels hung on them in Chapel Hill, and Cameron Indoor is where they answer it. Duke (28-2) has ripped off seven straight since that February night, its lone other defeat a December stumble against Texas Tech. North Carolina (24-6) rides the 71-68 upset into a finale that decides whether it sweeps its rival and firms up its NCAA tournament seeding. All of it funnels to the matchup that defines the night: Cameron Boozier's interior dominance against Caleb Wilson and a Carolina defense built to survive it.

TONIGHT'S GAME

- 1 ACC REGULAR-SEASON FINALE:** North Carolina is 4th in the ACC at 12-5, a game behind Miami (FL) (3rd) and a game ahead of Clemson (5th); Duke is 1st in the ACC at 16-1, 2 games ahead of Virginia (2nd).
- 2 THE MATCHUP:** North Carolina's top-50 defense meets Duke's top-10 defense. Duke is 18.2 points per 100 possessions better by adjusted NetRtg: 45.3 (1st of 365) to 27.1 (26th of 365).
- 3 REMATCH OF THE FEBRUARY 7 MEETING:** North Carolina won 71-68 at North Carolina (3-point margin); Caleb Wilson led North Carolina with 23 and Cameron Boozer led Duke with 24. Since then, North Carolina is 5-2 and Duke is 7-0.
- 4 CURRENT FORM:** North Carolina has won 4 straight and is 8-2 in its last 10; Duke has won 7 straight and is 9-1 in its last 10.
- 5 SPREAD AND TOTAL:** Duke -18.5, total 147.5.
- 6 PROJECTED STARTERS:** UNC Derek Dixon, Jarin Stevenson, Seth Trimble, Henri Veesaar, Luka Bogavac - DUKE Caleb Foster, Cameron Boozer, Dame Sarr, Isaiah Evans, Patrick Ngonba.

MATCHUP NOTES

- 1 HOW NORTH CAROLINA WINS: OFFENSIVE EFFICIENCY AND DEFENSIVE EFFICIENCY:** North Carolina's offense leans on overall efficiency (123.1 adjusted ORtg, 31st of 365), and its defense leans on overall efficiency (96.0 adjusted DRtg, 26th of 365); the offense runs through Caleb Wilson (28.3% usage, 17.3% assist rate).
- 2 HOW DUKE WINS: OFFENSIVE EFFICIENCY AND DEFENSIVE EFFICIENCY:** Duke's offense leans on overall efficiency (130.8 adjusted ORtg, 4th of 365), and its defense leans on overall efficiency (85.5 adjusted DRtg, 1st of 365); the offense runs through Cameron Boozer (29.8% usage, 26.7% assist rate).
- 3 TEMPO FIGHT: 2.2-POSSESSION GAP:** North Carolina plays at 70.7 possessions per 40 (125th of 365) and Duke at 68.5 (227th of 365). The February 7 meeting ran at 65.8, closer to Duke's pace.
- 4 KEY INDIVIDUAL MATCHUPS:** Derek Dixon vs. Caleb Foster at point guard (2.3 vs. 2.6 assist-to-turnover ratio); Henri Veesaar vs. Patrick Ngonnga in the post (16.7% vs. 17.0% rebound rate); Seth Trimble vs. Cameron Boozer as the top remaining scorers (14.2 vs. 22.6 points per game).
- 5 WHAT DECIDED THE FEBRUARY 7 MEETING:** North Carolina won the four-factor battle on eFG% (.545 vs. .508) and FT rate (20.0% vs. 8.1%).

GAME KEYS

- 1 THE GLASS:** North Carolina is 19-2 (5-4 otherwise) and Duke is 23-1 (5-1 otherwise) when each wins the rebounding battle.
- 2 TRANSTION:** North Carolina is 16-2 (8-4 otherwise) and Duke is 15-1 (13-1 otherwise) when each wins fast-break points.
- 3 WHO CARRIES THE SCORING:** North Carolina is 16-1 when Caleb Wilson scores 19 or more (3-4 otherwise); North Carolina is 3-4 when Caleb Wilson scores under 19 (16-1 otherwise).
- 4 THE PAINT:** North Carolina is 13-2 (11-4 otherwise) and Duke is 23-1 (5-1 otherwise) when each wins the paint.
- 5 THE THREE-POINT LINE:** North Carolina is 22-3 when it makes 7 or more threes (2-3 otherwise); Duke is 8-0 when it makes 11 or more threes (20-2 otherwise).

HEAD TO HEAD LEDGER



105

NORTH CAROLINA
 105 WINS · 70-46 AT HOME

HEAD TO HEAD · ALL TIME
197 MEETINGS
 Tonight: meeting No. 198

DUKE
 92 WINS · 46-35 AT HOME



92

ALL-TIME 197 meetings 105-92 NORTH CAROLINA 105-92	AT NORTH CAROLINA 116 meetings 70-46 NORTH CAROLINA 70-46	AT DUKE 81 meetings 35-46 DUKE 46-35	LAST 5 since 03/09/24 2-3 DUKE 3-2
STREAK entering tonight W1 NORTH CAROLINA	FIRST MEETING Dec. 29, 1949 1949 SERIES: NORTH CAROLINA 105-92	LARGEST MARGIN Feb. 29, 1964 +35 DUKE 104-69	CLOSE GAMES VS. BLOWOUTS last 5 meetings 3-1 3 DECIDED BY 7 OR FEWER, 1 BY 15 OR MORE

LAST 5 NEWEST →

UNC	DUKE	DUKE	DUKE	UNC
71-68	74-71	82-69	87-70	84-79
02/07/26 · at UNC	03/14/25 · at DUKE	03/08/25 · at UNC	02/01/25 · at DUKE	03/09/24 · at DUKE

UNC 71
DUKE 68
FINAL

PREVIOUS MEETING • FEB. 7, 2026 • AT NORTH CAROLINA (DEAN E. SMITH CENTER)

Duke took a 41-29 lead into halftime and was up by as many as 13. Seth Trimble put North Carolina ahead for good at 71-68 with 0:01 left, and North Carolina won the second half 42-27. Duke won the glass 34-25 (7-3 offensive) and the paint 36-22. Caleb Wilson had 23 points for North Carolina. Cameron Boozer (24 points, 11 rebounds) and Dame Sarr (13 points) led Duke.

ON THIS DAY

NORTH CAROLINA

Mar 7, 1987: North Carolina (28-2) outlasted Virginia (21-9) 84-82 in double overtime in the postseason. It was North Carolina's 2nd postseason win of the season.

Mar 7, 1982: North Carolina (27-2) edged Virginia (26-3) 47-45 in the postseason; North Carolina went on to win the national title. It was North Carolina's 3rd postseason win of the season.

Mar 7, 1981: North Carolina (25-7) edged Maryland (19-9) 61-60 in the postseason. It was North Carolina's 3rd postseason win of the season.

DUKE

Mar 7, 1998: Duke (29-2) edged Clemson (18-13) 66-64 in the postseason. It was Duke's 2nd postseason win of the season.

Mar 7, 1968: Duke (21-4) edged Clemson (4-20) 43-40 in the postseason. It was Duke's 1st postseason win of the season and ended Clemson's season.

Mar 7, 1952: Duke (24-5) edged West Virginia (23-4) 90-88 in the postseason. It was Duke's 2nd postseason win of the season and ended West Virginia's season.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Mar 7, 2025: James Dent (team-high 36 points) hit the go-ahead basket with 0:01 left in overtime to lift Northern Illinois (6-25) past Central Michigan (14-17) 83-81 behind James Dent's 36 points on 9-of-20 shooting (6-of-15 from three); Jakobi Heady led Central Michigan with 20.

Mar 7, 2020: Oklahoma (19-12) rallied from 20 down to beat Texas Christian (16-15) 78-76 behind Austin Reaves's 41 points on 12-of-23 shooting (2-of-7 from three); Desmond Bane led Texas Christian with 24.

Mar 7, 1970: Austin Carr scored 61 on 25-of-44 shooting with 6 rebounds as Notre Dame (20-6) beat Ohio (17-5) 112-82 in the postseason; John Canine led Ohio with 24.

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RECENT FORM RECAPS

LAST 5 GAMES



4-1 IN LAST 5

FORM

FOUR STRAIGHT – BUT NOT BY MUCH

UNC has ripped off four straight since a **58-82** thumping at NC State on Feb. **17**, but the margins are thin: three of those wins came by seven points or fewer, including a **67-63** rock fight with Clemson to close the regular season.

STAR

TRIMBLE'S 30-POINT TAKEOVER

Seth Trimble's season-high **30** – **11-of-16** from the floor, **7-of-11** at the line – powered UNC's **77-74** win over Louisville on Feb. **23**; no Tar Heel has scored more in the last five games, and the senior guard is who UNC rides in the half-court.

KEY GAME

THE CLEMSON SLOG THAT SEALED IT

UNC sealed a **4-1** finish by grinding out a **67-63** win over Clemson, holding the Tigers to **7-of-20** from deep; Luka Bogavac's season-high **20** points – **6-of-10** from three – supplied nearly a third of the Tar Heels' offense in a true half-court slugfest.

SUPPORT

VEESAAR INSIDE, POWELL OFF THE BENCH

Henri Veesaar has been the interior anchor, pouring in a season-high **26** in the **89-82** win over Virginia Tech, while Jonathan Powell torched the Hokies for **15** off the bench on **4-of-5** from three – the secondary punch UNC must find against Duke's length.

DEFENSE

THE DEFENSE HAS TIGHTENED SINCE STATE

After surrendering a **125.6** defensive efficiency in the NC State loss, UNC has clamped three of its last four foes to **74** points or fewer, capped by holding Clemson to **63** and a **7-of-20** night from beyond the arc.

REMATCH

THEY ALREADY BEAT DUKE – NOW GO TO CAMERON

UNC took the season's first meeting **71-68** in Chapel Hill on Feb. **7**, but the rematch flips to Cameron Indoor, where the Heels must solve a Duke defense surrendering just **93.5** points per **100** possessions and riding a five-game win streak.

DATE	RESULT	SCORE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY
Feb. 17	L	58-82	 NC State	Away
Feb. 21	W	77-64	 Syracuse	Away
Feb. 23	W	77-74	 Louisville	Home
Feb. 28	W	89-82	 Virginia Tech	Home
March 3	W	67-63	 Clemson	Home

MARK

VALUE

Last game

UNC W 67-63 vs CLEM.

ORtg/DRtg/Pace

113.7 / 104.2 / 70.7

Last game lineup

Seth Trimble, Jarin Stevenson, Derek Dixon, Henri Veesaar, Elijah Davis

WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN THE LAST 5

TEAM UNC ROTATION LOSES LEADING SCORER

Leading scorer Caleb Wilson (19.8 ppg, 31.4 mpg over 24 games before the window) did not appear in any of these five; UNC shifted its rotation and its offensive rating slid from 114.9 to 107.7 while the team still went 4-1.

PLAYER ZAYDEN HIGH'S MINUTES SURGE

Zayden High averaged 2.2 points and 6.6 minutes across 21 games before the window, then jumped to 8.4 points and 20.0 minutes over the last five, posting 13, 9 and 12 in an expanded role.

HISTORY TRIMBLE'S CAREER-HIGH 30

Seth Trimble dropped a career-high 30 points against Louisville on Feb 23, the only 30-point game in his 123 career appearances; his prior best was 27 in 2024-25.

LAST 5 GAMES



5-0 IN LAST 5

FORM

A 5-0 TEAR, BY NEARLY 30 A NIGHT

Duke rolls in **5-0**, outscoring opponents by **141** points across the window – a **28.2**-point average margin – with the five-point Michigan win the lone single-digit game. It's the kind of closing kick that turns a rivalry finale into a statement.

KEY GAME

THE MICHIGAN GRIND THAT PROVES THE FLOOR

The **68-63** survival of Michigan on Feb. **21** is the outlier worth trusting: Duke never led by more than **8**, shot just **.509** effective, and leaned on Cameron Boozer's **18-10-7** to win the only tight one in the run.

STAR

BOOZER, THE CONSTANT

Cameron Boozer has been the anchor: **21.6** points and **10.6** boards across the last five, including **26-9-6** in the road rout at NC State and **24-13** at Notre Dame – plus a heavyweight **34** minutes against Michigan.

SUPPORT

EVANS TURNS THE SPIGOT

Isaiah Evans is the spacing engine – **16** threes over the five, capped by **5-of-9** from deep in the **77-51** Virginia rout and **4-of-8** in the NC State blowout. When he's hunting, Duke's offense flips to a different gear.

OFFENSE

EFFICIENCY AT A DIFFERENT ALTITUDE

The offensive spike is real: a **152.7** rating and **.721** effective field-goal clip in the Syracuse win, with turnover rates under **14%** in every game of the run. Duke hung **100**-plus in two of the five.

REMATCH

THE THREE-POINT DEBT FROM CHAPEL HILL

Rewind to Feb. **7**: UNC edged Duke **71-68** in Chapel Hill, the last time these rivals met. Tonight's Cameron Indoor rematch is the chance to avenge a three-point loss and close the regular season on a six-game tear.

DATE	RESULT	SCORE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY
Feb. 16	W	101-64	 Syracuse	Home
Feb. 21	W	68-63	 Michigan	Home
Feb. 24	W	100-56	 Notre Dame	Away
Feb. 28	W	77-51	 Virginia	Home
March 2	W	93-64	 NC State	Away

MARK

VALUE

Last game

DUKE W 93-64 at NCSU.

ORtg/DRtg/Pace

121.3 / 93.5 / 68.5

Last game lineup

Cameron Boozer, Isaiah Evans, Caleb Foster, Dame Sarr, Patrick Ngongba

WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN THE LAST 5

TEAM DUKE'S 3-POINT SHOOTING SURGE

Duke went 5-0 while shooting 42.7% from three in the window, up from 34.1% across the prior 25 games, lifting its offensive rating from 118.8 to 133.8 and averaging 87.8 points.

PLAYER DARREN HARRIS'S SCORING LEAP

Darren Harris averaged 7.8 points and 12.8 minutes in the four window games he played, up from 3.3 points and 9.6 minutes across the previous 24 – the largest scoring jump on the roster.

HISTORY HARRIS'S CAREER-HIGH 16 POINTS

Harris's 16 points at Notre Dame on Feb. 24 were a career high – his only 16-point game in 49 career appearances – the standout individual line of Duke's 5-0 window.

TEAM IDENTITIES & OFFICIALS

PROGRAM'S DNA

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina is a blue blood built on coaching continuity — Dean Smith to Roy Williams to Hubert Davis — and relentless winning: 20-plus victories in 8 of the last 10 seasons. Right now Davis's Tar Heels sit 24-6 (12-5 ACC), fourth in the league, unbeaten at home at 18-0 and trending up at 8-2 over their last 10. The shine is a top-40 net rating (14.7, 40th nationally, 5th in the ACC); the shortfall is defense, a 103.3 rating at 84th nationally and 6th in the ACC.

SEASON IDENTITY

SEASON 24-6 | ACC 12-5 | L10 8-2

HOME 18-0 ROAD 4-5 NEUTRAL 2-1 HEAD COACH Hubert Davis (125-51 career)

After a 12-1 non-conference run — topped by a road win at Kentucky — Carolina opened ACC play 2-3 with road losses at SMU, Stanford and Cal. A five-game league win streak (including a home win over Duke) steadied them, and a closing 8-2 stretch produced 24-6 (12-5 ACC).

IDENTITY	A CLEAN, TURNOVER-PROOF TEAM THAT TURNS HOME INTO A FORTRESS Carolina wins by refusing to beat itself — an 11.7% turnover rate (30th nationally) is its cleanest profile mark — and by burying opponents at home, where it is 18-0 . The scoring is spread thin: leading scorer Caleb Wilson (19.8 ppg) is one of seven Heels at 5.0 points or better, so there is no single star to key on.
PROFILE	TOP-40 NET TEAM WITH AN OFFENSE-FIRST TILT AND NEUTRAL TEMPO Profile-wise this is a top- 40 net team rather than a juggernaut: a 14.7 net rating (40th of 365) with the offense carrying a narrow edge over the defense — 117.9 offensive (51st) against 103.3 defensive (84th). The Heels also run at a near-median pace (70.7 , 125th), winning on efficiency instead of breakneck speed or a lockdown shell.
STAKES	FOURTH IN THE ACC WITH A ROAD SEAM RUNNING THROUGH THE FINALE Carolina sits at 24-6 and 12-5 in the ACC entering the finale — fourth in the league, a game behind Miami and two back of Virginia — and the road has been the seam all year: 18-0 at home, just 4-5 away from Chapel Hill. A win at Cameron would shore up both its ACC tournament position and its NCAA résumé.
COACH	HUBERT DAVIS: 125-51 AND A 20-WIN FLOOR THAT NEVER BENDS Hubert Davis is 125-51 across five seasons, and a win tonight delivers his third 25 -win campaign in that span, after 29-10 in 2021-22 and 29-8 in 2023-24 . His teams have never finished below 20 wins, a floor that speaks to the program's consistency as much as its ceiling.
TONIGHT	A ROAD VERSION OF A HOME BULLY STARING DOWN THE NO. 1 DEFENSE When the ball goes up at Cameron, this is a road version of a home bully: 4-5 away from Chapel Hill, now staring down the nation's No. 1 defense (93.5). The one live thread is tempo — UNC's 70.7 pace outruns Duke's 68.5 — so Carolina's path runs through speeding the game up and protecting the ball.

EFFICIENCY	VALUE	NATIONAL (OF 365)	ACC (OF 18)
Net rating	14.7	40th	5th
Offensive rating	117.9	51st	7th
Defensive rating	103.3	84th	6th
Pace	70.7	125th of 349	7th of 17
Effective FG%	54.5%	68th	6th
True shooting %	57.9%	83rd	7th

DUKE

Duke's identity under Jon Scheyer, the hand-picked successor to Mike Krzyzewski, is suffocating defense: the Blue Devils rank first nationally in defensive rating (93.1) and first in the ACC. The current storyline is a 28-2 juggernaut atop the ACC at 16-1, riding a seven-game win streak into tonight's rivalry game with North Carolina. The strength is that defense, No. 1 of 365 nationally and No. 1 of 18 in the ACC. The shortfall is tempo, a 68.5 pace ranked 227th of 349 nationally and 12th of 17 in the ACC.

SEASON IDENTITY

SEASON 28-2 | ACC 16-1 | L10 9-1

HOME 14-0 ROAD 10-1 NEUTRAL 4-1 HEAD COACH Jon Scheyer (117-24 career)

Duke went 12-1 outside the ACC, its best win a 78-66 home decision over Kansas and its lone loss a Dec. 20 neutral-site setback to Texas Tech. A 10-0 ACC start ended with a Feb. 7 loss at North Carolina; Duke won its final seven to finish 28-2, 16-1.

IDENTITY	DEFENSE FIRST, PACE LAST Defense first, pace last. Duke wins by strangling possessions rather than sprinting through them — the nation's No. 1 defensive rating (93.1) anchors everything, paired with a 68.5 pace that ranks 227th of 349 . Scheyer's group treats every half-court trip as a grind it expects to win, and this team's separation starts on that end of the floor.
PROFILE	THE TWO-WAY SQUEEZE The efficiency profile is a two-way squeeze: a 124.1 offensive rating (9th nationally, 1st in the ACC) layered onto the country's best defense, for a 31.0 net rating that laps all 365 teams. Duke shoots it efficiently — 57.8 eFG% (13th) and 61.4 TS% (13th) — without needing extra possessions, so the deliberate tempo never costs them margin.
STAKES	FORTRESS CAMERON, ONE SEED ON THE LINE Duke rolls in at 28-2 and 16-1 in the ACC, winners of nine of ten, and a perfect 14-0 at Cameron Indoor — the spine of a season that is also 10-1 on the road and 4-1 on neutral floors. The Blue Devils are playing for the ACC's top seed and a No. 1 NCAA seed. Their lone rivalry misstep was a 71-68 loss in Chapel Hill on Feb. 7.
COACH	SCHEYER'S NO-DOWN-YEAR STANDARD Jon Scheyer is in his fourth season and has never had a rebuilding year: 27, 27, 35 and now 28 wins — a 117-24 career mark that has cleared 20 victories and a winning ACC record in each of them. That baseline steadiness, with no dips and no transition tax, is the quiet engine behind a program that defends first and shares the ball.
TONIGHT	A DIFFERENT PROBLEM THAN FEBRUARY When the ball goes up at Cameron, Duke is a different problem than the one UNC beat in February: same slow-burn, defense-first script, now on a floor where the Blue Devils have not lost all season. The question is not whether the defense shows up — it is whether the home crowd and the rivalry stakes turn a three-point Chapel Hill loss into a regular-season-closing statement.

EFFICIENCY	VALUE	NATIONAL (OF 365)	ACC (OF 18)
Net rating	31.0	1st	1st
Offensive rating	124.1	9th	1st
Defensive rating	93.1	1st	1st
Pace	68.5	227th of 349	12th of 17
Effective FG%	57.8%	13th	1st
True shooting %	61.4%	13th	1st

OFFICIALS

Tonight's officials are Roger Ayers, A.J. Desai and Clarence Armstrong, a veteran ACC crew that has worked 3,661 combined games since 2010-11. Ayers leads every official with 1,540 career games (rank 1 of 2,882) and the most ACC games (379, first of 159), plus 44 postseason assignments. Desai has 868 career games and 20 postseason games; Armstrong 1,253 and 13.

ROGER AYERS

104 games this season

1,540 CAREER GAMES since 2010-11	379 ACC GAMES 1st of 159	30.8 FOULS / GAME D-1 34.8
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| UNC 7-1, DUKE 6-0

Ayers' eight UNC games (7-1) swung from a 77-74 win over Louisville to a 79-65 rout of Pittsburgh, FT rates 16-25% and pace 65-71. Duke went 6-0, capped by 83-52 over Louisville and a 67-66 escape vs Florida.

A.J. DESAI

88 games this season

868 CAREER GAMES since 2010-11	167 ACC GAMES 12th of 159	34.7 FOULS / GAME D-1 34.8
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| UNC 2-1, DUKE 2-0

UNC split three Desai games, beating Georgia Tech 91-75 and Central Arkansas 94-54 but falling 66-75 at Miami with just 10 free throws (12.7% FT rate). Duke won 101-64 over Syracuse and 91-87 at Florida State.

CLARENCE ARMSTRONG

91 games this season

1,253 CAREER GAMES since 2010-11	193 ACC GAMES 11th of 159	34.7 FOULS / GAME D-1 34.8
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| UNC 3-0, DUKE 3-0

Armstrong saw UNC go 3-0, edging Louisville 77-74, Notre Dame 91-69 and Radford 89-74 (49 free throws). Duke also went 3-0, winning 70-54 at Pittsburgh, 93-56 over Howard and 100-62 over Indiana State.

WHISTLE

- 01

YOUNG, BROWN DRAW THE WHISTLE
Under this crew Jaydon Young fouls 5.65 per 40 minutes in 12 games versus 2.67 in his other 16; Duke's Maliq Brown leaps to 7.09 per 40 in 10 crew games from 4.49 across 20 others, adding two foul-outs.
- 02

LIGHT WHISTLE, STANDARD FOUL MIX
The trio calls 33.4 fouls and 38.8 free throws a game versus Division I's 34.8 and 40.5, with Roger Ayers the extreme at 30.8 and 33.9 (340th and 344th of 355). Offensive-foul share (14.0 vs 13.8) and second-half share (57.7 vs 57.1) mirror DI.
- 03

LOW FREE THROWS, ROAD-HEAVY WHISTLE
Free throws run dry under this crew: 38.8 a game versus Division I's 40.5, and Duke's attempts dip to 20.4 from 23.3 while UNC's fall to 20.9 from 24.5. The road team also draws 1.75 more fouls than the home side, above DI's 1.47.

EXPECT

- 01

LIGHT WHISTLE, FEWER FREE THROWS
The trio calls 33.4 fouls and 38.8 free throws a game, under Division I's 34.8 and 40.5. UNC (14.5 fouls, 22.9 FTA) and Duke (15.7, 22.3) both run below that combined team volume, pointing to a lower-whistle game with free throws at a premium.
- 02

YOUNG, BROWN DRAW THE WHISTLE
Jaydon Young fouls 5.65 per 40 minutes in 12 games under this crew versus 2.67 in his other 16. Duke's Maliq Brown leaps to 7.09 per 40 in 10 crew games from 4.49 across 20, adding two foul-outs. Frontcourt foul watch.
- 03

ROAD WHISTLE EDGES THE VISITOR
This crew's road-minus-home foul gap is 1.75 a game, above Division I's 1.47, with Roger Ayers the lowest of the three at 30.8 fouls and 33.9 free throws (340th and 344th of 355). With UNC away, the tendencies favor a road-friendly whistle.

OFFENSIVE APPROACH

PAINT & LINE VS. RIM & ARC

CAROLINA'S FOUL-DRAWING IS THE ACC'S BEST, BUT DUKE DARES TEAMS TO THE THREE-POINT LINE.

Carolina scores by living at the rim and the line: 42.6% of its points come in the paint and 19.5% from the stripe, driven by a 38.6% free-throw rate that ranks 1st of 18 in the ACC. It's a clean, 80.4-points-a-night attack that rarely coughs it up. The defining number is that ACC-best foul-drawing — and tonight it collides with Duke's No. 1 defense, which sends opponents to the line at the nation's 2nd-lowest rate (23.2%).



NORTH CAROLINA OFFENSE

OFFENSIVE RATING 117.9 51st of 365 nationally · 7th in the ACC

FOUR FACTORS	VALUE	NATIONAL (OF 365)	ACC (OF 18)
Effective FG%	54.5%	68th	6th
Turnover %	13.7%	39th	3rd
Offensive rebound %	29.7%	167th	11th
Free-throw rate	38.6%	82nd	1st
3-pt attempt rate	41.9%	135th	13th

POINTS SCORED BY SOURCE 80.4 per game

Paint 42.6% 3PT 31.8% FT 19.5% Non-paint 2s 6.1%

11.6 fast-break points per game

11.9 points off turnovers per game

SHOT DIET	SHARE	FG%	ASSISTED	DUKE ALLOWS
At the rim	36.6%	66.0%	47.4%	52.6%
2-pt jumpers	21.5%	41.6%	28.9%	37.5%
3-pt jumpers	41.9%	35.0%	84.8%	29.9%

THE READ

Carolina's edge is its ACC-best 38.6% free-throw rate, but Duke allows just a 23.2% opponent FT rate; its risk is a 34.3% three-point FG% against Duke's 29.9% three-point FG% allowed.

SHOT DIET

THREE-HEAVY, BUT NOT ACCURATE

Carolina hoists 41.9% of its shots from three — 135th nationally — yet connects on only 34.3%, the ACC's 12th-best mark, so 31.8% of its points arrive from deep at a below-average clip. It's high volume, low reward.

CREATOR

WILSON DRIVES A BALANCED DISTRIBUTION

Caleb Wilson is the engine — 28.7% usage, 19.8 points — but the ball moves: Kyan Evans (82 assists) and Derek Dixon (79) share playmaking, while Henri Veesaar scores 16.5 a night on 67.0% true shooting inside.

GLASS

SECOND CHANCES ARE THE SOFT SPOT

Carolina's 29.7% offensive-rebound rate ranks just 11th in the ACC, and Duke's 77.7% defensive-rebound rate — 1st in the conference — compounds it. In Chapel Hill on Feb. 7, the Heels mustered only 3 offensive boards.

TRANSITION

THE BREAK HAS STALLED LATE

Carolina averages 11.6 fast-break and 11.9 points off turnovers a game, but the run-out has cooled — just 6 fast-break points in the first Duke meeting, and a 10.0 average across the last five games.

HALVES

A SECOND-HALF TEAM, AGAIN

Scoring climbs after the break: 38.9 first-half points vs 41.5 in the second. The first Duke meeting showed the pattern — down 41-29 at halftime in Chapel Hill, Carolina flipped it with a 42-27 second half.

TONIGHT

DUKE DARES YOU TO SHOOT THREES

Duke's three-point defense is the trap: opponents take 45.6% of their shots from deep against the Blue Devils — most in the ACC — yet make only 29.9%. A Carolina team that leans on the arc must convert volume into accuracy it hasn't shown.

DUKE'S PAINT-FIRST EFFICIENCY MEETS A UNC DEFENSE THAT SURRENDERS ALMOST NO FREE THROWS.

Duke scores 83.2 points a night with the ACC's deadliest shot quality: a 57.8% effective field-goal rate (1st of 18 in the ACC, 13th of 365 nationally). The identity is paint-first and three-heavy, and Cameron Boozer is the engine at 30.0% usage and 22.6 points a game. Tonight it meets a UNC defense ranked 6th in the ACC and 84th nationally (103.3).



DUKE OFFENSE

OFFENSIVE RATING 124.1 9th of 365 nationally · 1st in the ACC

FOUR FACTORS	VALUE	NATIONAL (OF 365)	ACC (OF 18)
Effective FG%	57.8%	13th	1st
Turnover %	15.2%	134th	11th
Offensive rebound %	35.5%	20th	2nd
Free-throw rate	38.6%	85th	2nd
3-pt attempt rate	44.1%	90th	6th

POINTS SCORED BY SOURCE 83.2 per game

Paint 45.5% 3PT 32.7% FT 19.5% Non-paint 2s 2.2%

10.4 fast-break points per game

14.2 points off turnovers per game

SHOT DIET	SHARE	FG%	ASSISTED	NORTH CAROLINA ALLOWS
At the rim	45.3%	65.7%	46.9%	55.8%
2-pt jumpers	10.6%	42.9%	22.8%	33.5%
3-pt jumpers	44.1%	35.5%	89.0%	34.4%

THE READ

Duke's edge is a 57.8% eFG% (1st in ACC) built on 65.7% rim shooting, but UNC's 23.4% opponent FT rate allowed (3rd nationally) threatens to neutralize the foul-line piece that fuels it.

IDENTITY

WINS FROM THE PAINT OUT

Duke's offense wins from the paint out: 45.5% of its points come inside, 32.7% from three and 19.5% at the line. There is no third way — non-paint twos supply just 2.2%.

SHOT DIET

RIM AND THREE, NOTHING BETWEEN

Duke's shot chart is two zones: 45.3% of attempts at the rim (65.7% FG) and 44.1% from deep. Just 10.6% are 2-point jumpers — the exact shot UNC's defense tries to force.

CREATOR

CREATION RUNS THREE DEEP

Duke's 17.3 assists per game run through Cameron Boozer (121), Caleb Foster (86) and Cayden Boozer (85) — 292 of the team's 520. The creation is not a one-man show, which matters against a set defense.

GLASS

SECOND CHANCES OFF THE GLASS

Duke crashes the offensive glass hard — a 35.5% offensive-rebound rate, 2nd in the ACC and 20th nationally, about 10.4 boards a night. Against a UNC defense that cleans up 75.5% of misses, putbacks are Duke's path to extra possessions.

HALVES

FRONT-LOADED OVER THE LAST 10

Over its last 10 games Duke has scored 40.6 first-half points against 37.7 after the break — the opposite of its 41.2 / 41.9 season split. A slow start tonight would let the Heels hang around at Cameron.

TONIGHT

CAN DUKE GET TO THE LINE?

Duke's 38.6% free-throw rate meets a UNC defense that concedes the 3rd-lowest opponent FT rate nationally (23.4%) — and held Duke to just six free throws in the Feb. 7 loss. Getting downhill matters.

DEFENSIVE APPROACH

SHOT QUALITY VS. D SHOT SUPPRESSION



CAROLINA CONTESTS SHOTS, NOT POSSESSIONS, BUT DUKE'S RIM-FIRST DIET TESTS EVERY INCH OF THAT BARGAIN.

North Carolina defends the shot, not the ball. The Heels rank 52nd nationally in opponent eFG% (47.9%, third in the ACC), leaning on Caleb Wilson's rim protection and Henri Veesaar's interior size, and they win in the half court rather than by forcing mistakes. That identity meets Duke's rim-first attack tonight — 45.3% of its attempts come at the rim, and the Blue Devils convert 65.7%.



NORTH CAROLINA DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE RATING **103.3** 84th of 365 nationally · 6th in the ACC

FOUR FACTORS	VALUE	NATIONAL (OF 365)	ACC (OF 18)
Opponent eFG%	47.9%	52nd	3rd
Turnovers forced %	13.2%	348th	18th
Defensive rebound %	75.5%	53rd	6th
Opponent FT rate	23.4%	3rd	2nd
Opponent 3-pt rate	36.7%	87th	3rd

POINTS ALLOWED BY SOURCE 70.9 per game

Paint **43.8%** 3PT **33.6%** FT **14.7%** Non-paint 2s **7.9%**

7.7 fast-break points per game

9.6 points off turnovers per game

SHOT DIET	SHARE ALLOWED	FG% ALLOWED	ASSISTED	DUKE SHOOT
At the rim	33.4%	55.8%	37.3%	65.7%
2-pt jumpers	29.1%	33.5%	24.3%	42.9%
3-pt jumpers	37.5%	34.4%	75.5%	35.5%

THE READ

Carolina's edge is holding opponents to a **23.4% free-throw rate allowed (3rd nationally)**, but its risk is Duke's rim attack — opponents convert **65.7% at the rim** against a defense ranked **348th** in turnovers forced.

DISRUPTOR	WILSON WALLS OFF THE RIM Caleb Wilson is Carolina's defensive engine: 36 steals, 33 blocks and 158 defensive rebounds (6.6 per game) in 24 games, with a minutes-weighted 97.2 defensive rating that leads the rotation. His 4.35 block rate contests Duke's rim-heavy 45.3% shot diet, while his steals and boards ignite Carolina's own transition.
RIM	THE INTERIOR HAS CRACKED Over the last eight games the interior has cracked: Miami scored 46 paint points and NC State 40, both well above Carolina's 31.1 season average — and Duke's offense is built to punish exactly that.
PERIMETER	VOLUME OVER ACCURACY North Carolina concedes three-point volume — opponents fire 36.7% of their shots from deep (87th nationally) — yet hold them to 34.2% (218th). Duke, which takes 44.1% of its attempts from three, will test that trade all night.
TURNOVERS	NO TAKEAWAYS, JUST CONTESTS Carolina hardly takes the ball away — 13.2% of opponent possessions end in turnovers (348th), and the last eight foes averaged just 8.5 giveaways. Duke's 15.2% rate won't be punished; the pressure comes at the rim, where Caleb Wilson blocks 1.4 shots.
GLASS	SECOND CHANCES ON THE GLASS Carolina cleans the defensive glass at 75.5%, 53rd nationally, but Duke crashes at a 35.5% offensive-rebound rate — 20th nationally — so second chances become tonight's quiet swing, and could decide the game's hidden margin.
FOULS	KEEPING DUKE OFF THE LINE Carolina keeps opponents off the line — a 23.4% free-throw-allow rate ranks second in the ACC — and in the first meeting Duke attempted just six free throws. That discipline is the firewall against Duke's 38.6% free-throw rate.
TONIGHT	THE FEB. 7 BLUEPRINT The blueprint exists: in Chapel Hill on Feb. 7, Carolina limited Duke to 68 points on 64 possessions and 7-of-19 from three, a 106.3 defensive rating. Replicating that in Durham, where the Blue Devils are unbeaten, is the whole test.



DUKE DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE RATING **93.1** 1st of 365 nationally · 1st in the ACC

FOUR FACTORS	VALUE	NATIONAL (OF 365)	ACC (OF 18)
Opponent eFG%	45.5%	12th	2nd
Turnovers forced %	17.4%	103rd	6th
Defensive rebound %	77.7%	9th	1st
Opponent FT rate	23.2%	2nd	1st
Opponent 3-pt rate	45.6%	340th	15th

POINTS ALLOWED BY SOURCE 62.5 per game

Paint **38.3%** 3PT **38.1%** FT **15.2%** Non-paint 2s **8.4%**

7.4 fast-break points per game

10.4 points off turnovers per game

SHOT DIET	SHARE ALLOWED	FG% ALLOWED	ASSISTED	NORTH CAROLINA SHOOT
At the rim	32.1%	52.6%	37.3%	66.0%
2-pt jumpers	22.9%	37.5%	24.0%	41.6%
3-pt jumpers	45.1%	29.9%	81.4%	35.0%

THE READ

Duke's edge is an opponent FT rate allowed of **23.2% — 2nd nationally** — but its risk is a **45.6% opponent 3-pt rate, 340th nationally**, where Carolina thrives.

DISRUPTOR	BROWN'S STEALS POWER DUKE'S NO. 1 DEFENSE Maliq Brown is Duke's defensive engine: a team-high 55 steals and 70 steals-plus-blocks, with the best minutes-weighted defensive rating in the rotation (84.9). His 89 defensive rebounds end possessions and feed Duke's break, but Carolina's ball security caps his steals, so his swing factor is hounding jump-shooters.
RIM	THE RIM IS THE SOFT SEAM Duke concedes 52.6% at the basket, and Syracuse feasted for 52 paint points on Feb. 16 with NC State adding 42 on Mar. 2. UNC finishes 66.0% at the rim on 36.6% of its shots — the sharpest interior test this defense has faced.
PERIMETER	THREE-POINTERS CARRY THE RISK Three-pointers supply 38.1% of the points Duke allows, and 81.4% of the opponent's made threes are assisted — clean kickout looks, not isolations. The arc is precisely where this defense is most willing to bend, and Carolina leans on it hardest.
TURNOVERS	PRESSURE IS THE ONE SOFT SPOT Duke forces turnovers on only 17.4% of possessions — 103rd nationally — and UNC protects the ball at 13.7%, third in the ACC. Notre Dame rang up 23 points off turnovers and 19 fast-break points against Duke on Feb. 24.
GLASS	EVERY REBOUND ENDS THE POSSESSION Duke secures 77.7% of available defensive rebounds — 9th nationally, 1st in the ACC — and UNC managed just 3 offensive boards in Chapel Hill. Carolina's 29.7% offensive-rebound rate, 11th in the ACC, offers little obvious counter.
FOULS	CLEAN HANDS, NO FREE POINTS Duke's discipline is elite: opponents post a 23.2% free-throw rate, 2nd nationally and 1st in the ACC. UNC draws at the ACC's highest clip — a 38.6% free-throw rate — so every reach and late closeout is live in a one-possession finish.
TONIGHT	THE CHAPEL HILL RUNBACK Duke's roughest defensive night was Feb. 7 — a 110.9 rating and 71 points allowed in a three-point Chapel Hill loss, with 36 coming in the paint. The rematch lands at Cameron, where this unit is 14-0.

CLUTCH & LATE CLOCK

🏀 ARC SECURITY VS. 🏀 JUMPER DROUGHT

🏀 CAROLINA CLOSES ON THREES AND BALL SECURITY

Carolina is a composed, arc-first closer that rarely beats itself late. The Heels are 8-3 in clutch games and a perfect 5-0 in games decided by three or fewer, with ball security as the backbone: one turnover across the last five clutch games, third-fewest in the ACC at 0.545 per game. Seth Trimble owns the finisher role with a team-high 25 clutch points, and the preferred weapon is the catch-and-shoot triple, which supplied five of nine makes over the last five clutch games.

CLUTCH PROFILE



8-3 IN CLUTCH GAMES

3-PT GAMES 5-0 AHEAD AT HALF 18-1 BEHIND AT HALF 4-4 10+ PT GAMES 16-3 OVERTIME 0-0

LAST 5	CLUTCH OPPONENT	RESULT	WINDOW	FG
March 3	Clemson	W 67-63	9-8	2/6
Feb. 28	Virginia Tech	W 89-82	0-1	0/0
Feb. 23	Louisville	W 77-74	3-10	0/2
Feb. 10	Miami (FL)	L 66-75	6-1	2/6
Feb. 7	Duke	W 71-68	13-0	5/6

CLUTCH WINDOW	LAST 5	SEASON (11 G)	RANK
FG	9/20 (45.0%)	26/53 (49.1%)	
3PT	5/9 (55.6%)	8/21 (38.1%)	
PTS	31	91 (8.3/g)	
TOV	1	6 (0.5/g)	3rd ACC
Fouls / Drawn	7 · 10	25 · 29	

CLUTCH SHOT TYPE	LAST 5	SEASON
Catch-and-shoot 3	5/8	8/20 (40.0%)
2PT jumper	2/8	6/14 (42.9%)
Layup	0/0	5/7 (71.4%)
Dunk	0/0	4/4 (100.0%)
Pull-up 2PT	1/1	1/3 (33.3%)
Floater	0/0	1/2 (50.0%)
Hook	1/1	1/1 (100.0%)
At rim	0/1	0/1 (0.0%)
Pull-up 3PT	0/1	0/1 (0.0%)

CLUTCH SCORER	PTS	FG	SEASON PTS
Seth Trimble	8	2/3	25
Derek Dixon	7	2/4	13
Henri Veesaar	5	2/4	16
Luka Bogavac	5	1/4	9

THE READ

Carolina's edge is a 5-0 record in three-point games and 0.545 clutch turnovers per game (3rd in the ACC); its risk is a 4-4 record when trailing at halftime.

LEDGER	CLUTCH RECORD RESTS ON THE RAZOR EDGE Carolina is 8-3 in the 11 games that reached a within-5 window in the final five minutes. The broader close-game ledger is just as sharp: 5-0 in games decided by three or fewer and 16-3 in games decided by 10-plus. With no overtime games yet, the tightest finishes have tilted Carolina's way rather than slipping through its hands.
HALFTIME	LEAD AT THE BREAK AND IT HOLDS The halftime split is the tell: 18-1 when ahead at the break, 4-4 when trailing. Carolina's late-clock security starts with the first 20 minutes, because protecting a lead into the locker room has been nearly automatic while playing from behind turns these games into coin flips.
SHOOTING	LATE OFFENSE IS ARC-FIRST The clutch shot diet is three-heavy: 9-of-20 over the last five clutch games, with 5-of-9 from deep and catch-and-shoot triples supplying 5-of-8 of the makes. Season clutch shooting sits at 26-of-53 (49.1%) and 8-of-21 from three, top-five in the ACC on both. Lately the Heels have survived wobbles, winning four of five while outscoring the opponent in only two.
BALL CARE	THE BALL BARELY LEAVES THEM LATE Turnovers all but vanish in the window: one across the last five clutch games and six for the season. 0.545 per clutch game and the third-fewest in the ACC. Carolina's overall ball security is already third-best in the conference, and the late-game version is the stingiest slice of a close-game profile that rarely beats itself.
WHISTLE	WINNING THE LATE FOUL EXCHANGE Carolina draws more than it commits late: 10 fouls drawn to 7 committed across the last five clutch games, and 29 to 25 over the season's 11. Keeping the opponent in foul trouble while limiting its own is part of how these games stay tight and then tilt, a quiet edge when every late trip matters.
CLOSER	TRIMBLE OWNS THE FINAL FIVE Seth Trimble is the closer, with a team-high 25 clutch points on 7-of-13, including 8 across the last five clutch games. Derek Dixon (7) and Henri Veesaar (5) chip in late, but in a one-possession game the ball runs through Trimble, the designated shot-taker on a team that spreads scoring the rest of the night.
MATCHUP	THE FEB. 7 TEMPLATE RETURNS Carolina already wrote the ideal late script against Duke: a 13-0 clutch window on 5-of-6 shooting in a 71-68 win on Feb. 7. If the Heels carry that same closing efficiency, three-heavy, turnover-free and foul-positive, into the rematch, this one again figures to be decided inside the final five minutes.

🏀 DUKE'S LATE JUMPERS AREN'T FALLING

Duke is 8-2 in clutch games, but the fine print cuts differently: 1-2 in games decided by three or fewer, with a 21-0 blowout ledger doing the heavy lifting. Late shooting is the structural problem — 39.5% for the season and 5-of-16, 0-of-4 from three over the last five clutch games — and the shot diet offers no counter, almost entirely jumpers with just three layups in 10 clutch games. Cameron Boozer leads with 24 clutch points, but the Feb. 7 blank — a 0-13 clutch window against Carolina — remains the season's starkest exhibit.

CLUTCH PROFILE



8-2 IN CLUTCH GAMES

3-PT GAMES 1-2 AHEAD AT HALF 23-2 BEHIND AT HALF 4-0 10+ PT GAMES 21-0 OVERTIME 0-0

LAST 5	CLUTCH OPPONENT	RESULT	WINDOW	FG
Feb. 21	Michigan	W 68-63	8-12	2/4
Feb. 7	North Carolina	L 68-71	0-13	0/5
Jan. 10	Southern Methodist	W 82-75	4-9	1/2
Jan. 3	Florida State	W 91-87	7-14	1/2
Dec. 31	Georgia Tech	W 85-79	8-9	1/3

CLUTCH WINDOW	LAST 5	SEASON (10 G)
FG	5/16 (31.2%)	15/38 (39.5%)
3PT	0/4 (0.0%)	5/14 (35.7%)
PTS	27	61 (6.1/g)
TOV	4	7 (0.7/g)
Fouls / Drawn	7 · 14	14 · 23

CLUTCH SHOT TYPE	LAST 5	SEASON
2PT jumper	0/4	4/14 (28.6%)
Catch-and-shoot 3	0/4	5/13 (38.5%)
Layup	2/3	3/5 (60.0%)
Pull-up 2PT	1/3	1/3 (33.3%)
Floater	1/1	1/1 (100.0%)
Dunk	1/1	1/1 (100.0%)
Stepback 3PT	0/0	0/1 (0.0%)

CLUTCH SCORER	PTS	FG	SEASON PTS
Cameron Boozer	11	2/6	24
Isaiah Evans	9	2/4	18
Patrick Ngongba	4	0/1	4
Cayden Boozer	2	1/2	7

THE READ

Duke's foul-drawing edge — 23 drawn against 14 committed across 10 clutch games — is its steadiest late currency, but a 1-2 record in one-possession games exposes how fragile that margin truly is.

LEDGER	DUKE'S CLUTCH RECORD HIDES A ONE-POSSESSION PROBLEM Duke is 8-2 across its 10 clutch games, but the ledger underneath is shakier than that record reads: in games decided by three points or fewer, the Blue Devils are 1-2. The separation comes from blowouts — 21-0 in games decided by 10 or more. When the final five minutes genuinely stay tight, Duke has been losing the one-possession coin flips, and that is the number worth watching tonight.
HALFTIME	UNBEATEN WHEN CHASING AT THE BREAK Duke's halftime positioning says plenty about its late-game identity: 23-2 when leading at the break and a perfect 4-0 when trailing. The 4-0 mark is the encouraging tell — this group does not fold when it chases — but 25 of its games were spent in front at the half, so the true late-clock reps are scarce. Fewer tight finishes means fewer chances to harden the closing habits.
SHOOTING	A JUMPER-HEAVY, COLD CLUTCH DIET Inside the clutch window Duke is shooting 15-of-38 (39.5%) overall and 5-of-14 (35.7%) from three, and the recent sample is shakier still: 5-of-16 and 0-of-4 from deep over the last five. The shot selection is almost entirely jumpers — 4-of-14 on 2-point jumpers and 5-of-13 on catch-and-shoot threes for the season — with only three layups in 10 clutch games. There is no late rim pressure to lean on.
BALL CARE	THE BALL STAYS HOME LATE Ball security is not Duke's late-clock leak: seven turnovers across 10 clutch games, 0.70 a night, and just four in the last five. That low giveaway rate denies opposing closers extra possessions and forces close games to be decided at the rim or the line. For a team whose late offense runs through jumpers, protecting the ball is the one thing keeping its clutch possessions from bleeding empty.
WHISTLE	A WHISTLE EDGE THAT MEETS A NO-FOUL DEFENSE The whistle tilts Duke's way in the window: 23 fouls drawn against 14 committed across 10 clutch games, a +9 margin, with the last five at 14 drawn to seven committed. That free-throw leverage is the one late currency Duke manufactures without a made jumper. The problem tonight is that Carolina concedes the ACC's second-lowest opponent free-throw rate (23.4%), so the trips may not come.
CLOSER	BOOZER TAKES IT, EVANS SPACES IT When it tightens, the ball belongs to Cameron Boozer — a team-high 24 clutch points on 6-of-16 for the season and 11 more over the last five. Isaiah Evans is the clear second option (18 season, 9 in the last five) and shoots it well late at 4-of-6. If Duke needs a late bucket that isn't Boozer at the elbow, it is Evans off movement.
TONIGHT	THE FIVE MINUTES DUKE MUST RECLAIM The Feb. 7 meeting is the cautionary exhibit: Duke reached the clutch window and scored nothing in it, a 0-13 window on 0-of-5 shooting, in a 68-71 loss. The season clutch line (39.5% shooting, 6.1 points per clutch game) is already below the national middle, and that five-minute blank is why. Tonight's rematch is where the late-clock brittleness either gets fixed or becomes the story.

COACHING & ATO

🌀 LATE WHISTLES VS. 🏠 BOOZER'S TOUCH

🌀 DAVIS SAVES HIS WHISTLE FOR LATE

Hubert Davis brings a 24-6 record into Cameron and a 125-51 career mark, every game of it at North Carolina. His timeout profile is built for the closing stretch: 33 of his 54 team stops land inside the final seven minutes, with only three in the 7:00-to-14:00 window. Those late whistles produce 40 first looks that run through Veesaar (5-of-12, 41.7%) and Dixon (3-of-4, 75.0%). The foul tell: Veesaar logs 28 of his team-high 73 whistles before the 12-minute mark, forcing early rotations ahead of Davis's preferred order.



HUBERT DAVIS

SEASON 24-6 AT SCHOOL 125-51 CAREER 125-51 (71.0%)

TIMEOUT CLOCK		SEASON
Team-called timeouts		54
1H / 2H / OT		18 / 36 / 0
Half clock ≥14:00 / 7-14 / <7:00		18 / 3 / 33

ATO FIRST SHOT (40 LOOKS)		FG	FG%
Henri Veesaar		5/12	41.7%
Luka Bogavac		3/10	30.0%
Caleb Wilson		3/5	60.0%
Derek Dixon		3/4	75.0%

THE READ

Davis leans on 33 of 54 team timeouts inside the final seven minutes, but UNC's 40 ATO first looks convert at just 45.0%, making every late whistle a bet Carolina must win.

SIDELINE

DAVIS'S OWN RÉSUMÉ: 24-6, 125-51, 71.0%
Hubert Davis is the confirmed Tar Heel head coach, carrying a **24-6** record into tonight and a **125-51** mark both at North Carolina and for his career — a **71.0%** clip. The sideline identity is continuity: the at-school and career win-loss lines are identical, meaning essentially every game of his tenure has come in Chapel Hill. No postseason or title lines are listed for this window.

TIMEOUTS

A LATE-HALF STOP BUTTON
Carolina has burned **54** team timeouts before tip — **18** in the first half, **36** in the second, none in overtime. The clock distribution is telling: **18** come with **14:00** or more left in a half, just three between **7:00** and **14:00**, and **33** inside the final seven minutes. Davis saves the whistle for the closing stretch of each half.

ATO

THE FIRST LOOK GOES TO VEESAAR
On Carolina's **40** after-timeout first looks, Henri Veesaar is the primary target — **12** attempts, five makes (**41.7%**). Luka Bogavac is next with **10** tries (**3-of-10, 30.0%**), while Derek Dixon (**3-of-4, 75.0%**) and Caleb Wilson (**3-of-5, 60.0%**) are the efficient secondary options. The set feeds the big first.

MATCHUP

DUKE PUNISHES THE TRIP CAROLINA SQUANDERS
The after-timeout divide is stark: Duke converts its **40** first looks at **65.0%** and **1.55** points per possession against Carolina's **45.0%** and **1.07**. A whistle that stops play is a weapon for Jon Scheyer's bench and merely a reset for Davis's. Against a Blue Devil defense that has been the ACC's stingiest, empty ATO trips are a tax Carolina cannot happily pay.

ROTATION

THE PROJECTED FIVE AND THE ATO OVERLAP
Carolina is expected to open with Derek Dixon, Jarin Stevenson, Seth Trimble, Henri Veesaar and Luka Bogavac. Three of those five — Veesaar, Bogavac and Dixon — rank among the after-timeout first-look leaders, so the timeout sets run through the starting group rather than the reserves. Caleb Wilson, third on the ATO list, gives Davis a different-angle option outside the listed five.

FOULS

VEESAAR'S EARLY HAND SHAPES THE ROTATION
Henri Veesaar owns the heaviest early-half foul load on the roster — **28** of his team-high **73** whistles arrive with **12:00** or more left before halftime. Kyan Evans and Jarin Stevenson are next with **26** early fouls apiece, running at **2.6** and **1.9** a game. That early contact forces Davis into check-ins ahead of his preferred points.

TONIGHT

AT CAMERON, THE EDGE LIVES IN THE STOPPAGES
In Durham the swing hides in dead balls: Carolina must survive Veesaar's early foul pressure and convert after-timeout looks closer to Duke's **1.55** PPP than its own **1.07**. If Davis's late-half timeouts produce points, the Heels hang around; if they mirror the season's **45.0%** ATO clip against the **28-2** Blue Devils, the gap widens. The bench battle is the quiet decider.

🏠 SCHEYER'S ATO EDGE RUNS THROUGH BOOZER

Jon Scheyer enters at 28-2 this season and 117-24 for his career in Durham, an 83.0% clip and the only program he has ever coached. His timeout hand spreads across the half — 31 stops with 14:00 or more left, 22 inside the final seven — and the ATO payoff is the sharpest distinction in this matchup: 40 first looks converted at 65.0% and 1.55 points per possession, anchored by Cameron Boozer at 12-of-16 (75.0%). The rotation tell is Ngongba: 80 season fouls at 2.8 per game, with 34 arriving before the 12-minute mark.



JON SCHEYER

SEASON 28-2 AT SCHOOL 117-24 CAREER 117-24 (83.0%)

TIMEOUT CLOCK		SEASON
Team-called timeouts		63
1H / 2H / OT		26 / 37 / 0
Half clock ≥14:00 / 7-14 / <7:00		31 / 10 / 22

ATO FIRST SHOT (40 LOOKS)		FG	FG%
Cameron Boozer		12/16	75.0%
Caleb Foster		3/5	60.0%
Cayden Boozer		4/5	80.0%
Isaiah Evans		2/4	50.0%

THE READ

Cameron Boozer converts 75.0% on 16 ATO first looks this season, but Ngongba's 80 season fouls make early foul trouble Duke's sharpest edge and clearest risk tonight.

SIDELINE

SCHEYER OWNS DURHAM AT 83 PERCENT
Jon Scheyer owns the Duke sideline at **28-2** this season, a **.933** clip, and **117-24** across his entire tenure in Durham. The at-school and career marks are identical (**83.0%**) — a clean, unblemished ledger with no asterisks. No postseason runs or banners surface in this campaign's phase, so the résumé card stops at the regular-season record.

TIMEOUTS

DUKE'S TIMEOUTS SPIKE INSIDE FINAL SEVEN
Scheyer's bench has burned **63** team timeouts before tip — **26** in the first half, **37** after the break, none in overtime. The clock distribution leans early: **31** stops with **14:00** or more left in a half, then just **10** through the **7:00-14:00** middle window, before a late spike of **22** inside the final seven minutes. That late pocket is where his game-management shows.

ATO

BOOZER GETS FIRST LOOK AFTER EVERY TIMEOUT
After his own timeout, Duke's first look is almost always Cameron Boozer's — **16** of the club's **40** after-timeout first shots, and he buries them at **75.0%** (**12-of-16**). That accuracy anchors a group converting **40** ATO field-goal attempts into **65.0%** shooting, **62.5%** from three and **1.55** points per possession. The bench diagram reads: Boozer touch first.

ROTATION

NGONGBA'S FOUL RATE THREATENS EARLY PLAYING TIME
The projected five — Caleb Foster, Cameron Boozer, Dame Sarr, Isaiah Evans, Patrick Ngongba — sets the baseline, but Ngongba is the early-sit risk: **34** fouls with **12:00** or more left in the first half and **80** for the season (**2.8** per game). Maliq Brown's **36** early-half fouls make him the roster's most reliable whistle magnet off a check-in.

FOULS

FRONTCOURT CARRIES DUKE'S HEAVIEST FOUL LOAD
Duke's foul load front-loads risk in the frontcourt. Patrick Ngongba and Maliq Brown carry **80** and **77** season fouls, with Ngongba's **2.8** per game the highest on the roster. Dame Sarr (**58**) and Caleb Foster (**53**) add secondary load, while Cameron Boozer's **49** are the fewest among the regulars — the staff can afford to keep him on the floor.

MATCHUP

CAROLINA'S DEFENSE MEETS DUKE'S LATE-STOP HABIT
UNC arrives on a tightened defensive run, holding three of its last four opponents to **74** or fewer, and its late-game discipline meets Duke's **22**-timeout late-half tendency head-on. When Scheyer stops play inside the final seven minutes, the Carolina shell — which surrendered just **68** points in the Feb. **7** meeting — is exactly what the after-timeout Boozer look must crack.

TONIGHT

TIMEOUT EDGE AND ATO SCORING DECIDE REMATCH
Tonight's bridge is the timeout math at Cameron: Duke's **63** team stops against Carolina's **54**, and a Blue Devil after-timeout attack scoring **1.55** points per possession versus a Tar Heel first-look group at **1.07**. If the game tightens under seven minutes, Scheyer's late-stop tendency and Boozer's ATO accuracy are the levers that swing the rematch.

LINEUPS & ROTATIONS

⚙️ BENCH HINGE VS. 🔒 LOCKED FIVE

⚙️ WILSON OFF THE BENCH RUNS THIS ROTATION

Carolina's rotation is built around a projected five of Dixon, Stevenson, Trimble, Veesaar and Bogavac — but the real engine runs off the bench. Caleb Wilson leads the team at 32.0 MPG and 19.8 PPG yet comes off the bench, making him the rotation's hinge. The best two-way group by volume and efficiency is Stevenson-Veesaar-Evans-Bogavac-Wilson: 88 shared minutes, a 27.2 net, 111.4 ORtg and 84.2 DRtg. Wilson's workload and the bench depth behind him will likely decide whether the starters stay fresh late.

ROTATION PROFILE



MOST-USED FIVE: +27.2 NET

MINUTES 88 GAMES 10 ORTG 111.4 DRTG 84.2

PROJECTED FIVE	MPG	PPG	STARTS
Derek Dixon	27.0	5.7	12
Jarin Stevenson	26.8	7.8	8
Seth Trimble	31.4	14.2	12
Henri Veesaar	30.3	16.5	10
Luka Bogavac	24.1	10.1	5

BENCH WINDOW	MPG	PPG
Caleb Wilson	32.0	19.8
Jonathan Powell	16.4	5.1
Zayden High	13.5	3.4
Kyan Evans	12.5	4.4
Jaydon Young	7.8	1.9

FIVE-MAN NETS	GP	MIN	NET	ORTG	DRTG
Stevenson · Veesaar · Evans · Bogavac · Wilson	10	88	+27.2	111.4	84.2
Stevenson · Trimble · Veesaar · Bogavac · Dixon	10	70	+14.9	116.5	101.7
Trimble · Veesaar · Evans · Bogavac · Wilson	13	55	+11.9	100.0	88.1
Trimble · Veesaar · Bogavac · Dixon · Wilson	12	42	+8.1	146.8	138.7
Trimble · Veesaar · Young · Dixon · Wilson	8	41	+47.1	144.3	97.1
Stevenson · Trimble · Veesaar · Dixon · Wilson	8	41	-11.3	130.6	141.9

THE READ

Carolina's edge is the Stevenson-Veesaar-Evans-Bogavac-Wilson unit's 27.2 net over 88 minutes; the risk is Wilson's bench role leaving starters thin if that group's 19.8-PPG engine is mismanaged.

STARTERS	THE PROJECTED FIVE, AND WHY IT CHECKS IN Carolina's five has settled on Derek Dixon, Jarin Stevenson, Seth Trimble, Henri Veesaar and Luka Bogavac — the group that has taken most of the recent starts. Trimble (31.4 MPG, 14.2 PPG) and Veesaar (30.3 MPG, 61.1% FG) carry the scoring load while Bogavac's five starts backfill the wing. That exact unit owns a 14.9 net over 70 shared minutes.
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TOP UNIT	THE BEST FIVE ISN'T THE STARTING FIVE The most-used five is Stevenson, Veesaar, Evans, Bogavac and Wilson — a team-high 88 shared minutes at a 27.2 net (111.4 ORtg / 84.2 DRtg) across 10 games. It is Carolina's best two-way group by both volume and efficiency. That is the lineup the staff leans on when it clears the bench.
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SWAP	WILSON IN, DIXON OUT — THE ROTATION HINGE Caleb Wilson is the roster's leading scorer and minute-eater (32.0 MPG, 19.8 PPG) yet comes off the bench — the true hinge of this rotation. The Trimble-Veesaar-Bogavac-Dixon-Wilson group sits at an 8.1 net; swap Veesaar for Stevenson (Stevenson-Trimble-Bogavac-Dixon-Wilson) and it leaps to 43.2 — on just 28 minutes.
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BENCH	THE SECOND UNIT RUNS THROUGH WILSON The bench window is led by Wilson's 32.0 MPG, then a steep drop: Jonathan Powell (16.4 MPG, 38.9% from three), Zayden High (13.5), Kyan Evans (12.5) and Jaydon Young (7.8). Evans is the connective backup playmaker — he surfaces in two of the three highest-minute units. Powell is the designated spacer off the bench.
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CLOSING	CLOSING FIVES LEANED SMALL AND SPACED Late-game groups have trended toward Wilson plus shooters. The Trimble-Veesaar-Young-Dixon-Wilson quintet owns a 47.1 net and the Stevenson-Veesaar-Powell-Bogavac-Dixon unit a 63.9 — but both rest on small samples (41 and 35 minutes). Expect the staff to ride whichever spacing combo is hitting.
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MATCHUP	BIGGER LOOKS TEST DUKE'S PAINT MATH Veesaar's 61.1% finishing and 30.3 minutes anchor the interior against a Duke defense conceding 52.6% at the rim. The two-big looks matter because Duke's offense wins inside. Stevenson (4.2 RPG) and Veesaar (8.4 RPG) form the frontcourt that has to hold the paint.
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TONIGHT	THE ROTATION TEST AT CAMERON The rematch flips to Cameron Indoor, where rotation discipline gets stress-tested by Duke's efficiency. Carolina's four straight wins came by thin margins; bench minutes — Wilson's workload plus Evans and Powell — decide whether the starters stay fresh late. Whoever wins the non-starter minutes likely swings this one.
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🏠 ONE DOMINANT BASE FIVE, ONE PROVEN LEVER

Duke's rotation is anchored by a locked starting five and a bench window that grades down predictably beyond it. The base group — Foster, Evans, Ngongba, Cameron Boozer and Sarr — has logged 190 shared minutes across 28 games at a +37.5 net (118.9 ORtg / 81.4 DRtg). Swapping Sarr for Khamenia pushes that net to +41.2 over 71 minutes — a real lever, though the sample warrants caution. Closing minutes revert to the base five, with Boozer's 33.0-MPG ceiling and the Boozer-Ngongba frontcourt as the interior trust group.

ROTATION PROFILE



MOST-USED FIVE: +37.5 NET

MINUTES 190 GAMES 28 ORTG 118.9 DRTG 81.4

PROJECTED FIVE	MPG	PPG	STARTS
Caleb Foster	26.8	8.6	11
Cameron Boozer	33.0	22.6	12
Dame Sarr	23.6	6.1	11
Isaiah Evans	27.1	14.6	12
Patrick Ngongba	20.9	10.7	11

BENCH WINDOW	MPG	PPG
Maliq Brown	21.3	4.6
Cayden Boozer	20.1	6.4
Nikolas Khamenia	18.2	5.5
Darren Harris	9.7	4.0
Cameron Sheffield	2.7	0.6

FIVE-MAN NETS	GP	MIN	NET	ORTG	DRTG
Foster · Evans · Ngongba · Boozer · Sarr	28	190	+37.5	118.9	81.4
Foster · Brown · Evans · Boozer · Sarr	23	102	+13.2	122.6	109.4
Foster · Evans · Ngongba · Boozer · Khamenia	13	71	+41.2	123.5	82.4
Foster · Evans · Ngongba · Boozer · Boozer	13	61	+17.6	150.5	133.0
Foster · Brown · Evans · Boozer · Khamenia	15	52	+31.0	113.1	82.1
Brown · Evans · Boozer · Boozer · Sarr	15	43	+35.1	114.3	79.2

THE READ

Duke's edge is the base five's +37.5 net over 190 minutes, built around Cameron Boozer's 22.6 points per game; the risk is that the Brown-in unit drops to +13.2 when depth is tested.

STARTERS	THE FIVE THAT OPENS Duke's first five has been locked across the last dozen: Cameron Boozer (33.0 MPG, 22.6 PPG, 12 starts), Isaiah Evans (27.1 , 14.6 , 12), Caleb Foster (26.8 , 8.6 , 11), Dame Sarr (23.6 , 6.1 , 11) and Patrick Ngongba (20.9 , 10.7 , 11). That group checks in first and carries the heaviest load, with Boozer's 33 minutes the clear ceiling on the rotation.
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TOP UNIT	THE BASE GROUP Foster-Evans-Ngongba-Cameron Boozer-Sarr is the most-used five by a wide margin — 190 shared minutes across 28 games — and posts a +37.5 net on a 118.9 offensive and 81.4 defensive split. It is the group the rotation is built around, on the floor together for nearly nine minutes a night.
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SWAP	KHAMENIA IN FOR SARR Swap Sarr out for Nikolas Khamenia and the unit climbs to the roster's best net — +41.2 over 71 minutes in 13 games on a 123.5 / 82.4 split. It is a genuine lever with Khamenia at 18.2 MPG, but 71 shared minutes is a small sample; read the number as signal, not proof.
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BENCH	SECOND-UNIT MINUTES The bench window runs through Maliq Brown (21.3 MPG, 4.6 PPG), Cayden Boozer (20.1 , 6.4) and Khamenia (18.2 , 5.5), with Darren Harris (9.7) the fourth option. When Brown replaces Sarr beside the starters, the net slides to +13.2 across 102 minutes — productive, but a clear step down from the base five.
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PAIRS	BOOZER-EVANS, THE CONNECTIVE TISSUE Cameron Boozer and Isaiah Evans share 721 minutes over 30 games — the most of any Duke pair — with Foster-Boozer next at 707 . That Boozer-Evans-Foster triangle is the rotation's spine; pull any leg and the second unit loses its connective tissue.
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CLOSING	THE TRUST CLOSING FIVE Late-game, Duke reverts to its base five rather than the higher-net small-sample groups. The Cameron Boozer-Ngongba frontcourt pairing (525 shared minutes over 29 games) is the interior trust group down the stretch, and Ngongba at the five is how the closing lineup matches up on the block.
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TONIGHT	BRIDGE TO CAMERON Tonight tests whether the base five's +37.5 net travels against a UNC club that already beat Duke 71-68 on Feb. 7 in Chapel Hill. Duke runs five deep off the bench, but the closing minutes figure to run through the starters and Ngongba's size inside.
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UNC PROJECTED FIVE



#3 DEREK DIXON G

UNC · FR · 6'5" · 200 LBS

SEASON	5.7/2.3/2.6 · 34.0% FG · 36.2% 3P · 21.1 MPG · usg 18.1%
LAST GAME	2026-03-03: 9/1/2 in 31.0 min (3/7 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 6.0/2.0/2.4 · 25.0 MPG

THE STORY A freshman out of Vienna, Virginia, Dixon grew from a bench guard into Carolina's starting two, a low-mistake secondary creator and spot-up shooter. Tonight he matters as a steady hand and one of the Heels' better deep threats against Duke.

FORM	FINDING IT FROM DEEP Last time out he hit 3-of-4 from three for 9 points with 2 steals against Clemson, snapping a 1-of-15 deep slump across Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 .
SEASON	BENCH GUARD TO STARTER After 17 games as a reserve averaging 16.4 minutes, he took over the starting two on Jan. 17 and has not looked back, with 13 straight starts at 27.2 minutes a night.
HISTORY	ONE DUKE MEETING He has faced Duke once, the Feb. 7 win in Chapel Hill, starting and logging a season-high 34 minutes for 8 points, 3 rebounds and 4 assists.
MATCHUP	ARC IS THE SWING In a building where Duke dares opponents to fire from deep, Dixon's 36.2% stroke beyond the arc, 38 makes on 105 tries, is a swing factor if Carolina is to steal one in Durham.
STORY	VIENNA, VIRGINIA ROOTS A freshman from Vienna, Virginia, he announced himself on Jan. 17 with 14 points on 4-of-8 from three at California, matching his season and career high.



#7 SETH TRIMBLE G

UNC · SR · 6'3" · 192 LBS

SEASON	14.2/3.7/2.4 · 46.9% FG · 31.5% 3P · 31.8 MPG · usg 21.7%
LAST GAME	2026-03-03: 9/4/1 in 38.0 min (2/10 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 15.2/3.6/2.4 · 33.4 MPG

THE STORY Four-year Carolina senior Seth Trimble has grown from a 1.8-point freshman into a 14.2-point starter and the Heels' No. 3 scorer. Beating Duke at Cameron means the Wisconsin native attacking the rim and living at the free-throw line.

FORM	SCORING ON THE RISE Carolina's third-leading scorer at 14.2 points, Trimble has warmed to 15.2 across his last five and lives at the line (83-of-122 this season, a career-best 5.8 attempts a night).
HISTORY	EIGHT GAMES, RISING CURVE Across eight career Duke meetings he averages 7.9 points, climbing from scoreless freshman cameos to 10 and 6 as a sophomore and 14 in last season's ACC tournament loss.
CAREER	A FOUR-YEAR CLIMB The path is patience: 1.8 points and two starts as a 2022-23 freshman, 5.2 as a sophomore, then 11.6 points and 18 starts as a junior, all at Carolina.
MATCHUP	THE CAMERON REMATCH He torched Duke for 16 on 5-of-7 in the Feb. 7 home win, his best rivalry night. Repeating it at Cameron, in his final regular-season meeting, is Carolina's swing factor.
STORY	WISCONSIN TO CAROLINA Menomonee Falls, Wis. product finishing a fourth Carolina season, a rarity in the portal era, and a final trip to Cameron, where he logged four minutes as a freshman.



#44 LUKA BOGAVAC G

UNC · JR · 6'6" · 215 LBS

SEASON	10.1/2.6/2.3 · 41.1% FG · 35.8% 3P · 24.0 MPG · usg 24.4%
LAST GAME	2026-03-03: 20/1/3 in 23.0 min (6/14 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 11.8/3.2/1.4 · 25.8 MPG

THE STORY A Montenegro-born junior in his first Division I season, Bogavac has become a 10.1-point scorer and North Carolina's third-leading option. UNC needs his three-point volume — and a better night than 1-of-7 in Chapel Hill — to win at Cameron.

FORM	SURGE INTO MARCH Averaging 11.8 points over his last five, Bogavac has reached double figures four times, including a career-high 20 -point night in the March 3 win over Clemson.	HISTORY	QUIET IN CHAPEL HILL His only game against Duke came Feb. 7 in Chapel Hill — 3 points on 1-of-7 shooting in 13 minutes. The rematch in Durham gives him a shot at atonement.
SEASON	THIRD OPTION, 18 STARTS He has started 18 of 30 games but ranks third on the team in scoring (304 points) and assists (68), at 10.1 points and 2.3 assists in 24 minutes.	MATCHUP	THE PRESSURE VALVE With Duke's defense keyed on Caleb Wilson and Henri Veesaar, Bogavac — 24.4% usage and a 10.1 -point average off the bench — is Carolina's pressure valve if the stars stall.
		STORY	FROM MOJKOVAC TO CHAPEL HILL A 6-foot-6 guard from Mojkovac, Montenegro, he is playing his first Division I season as a junior — a path that lands him at the center of the Duke rivalry.



#15 JARIN STEVENSON F

UNC · JR · 6'11" · 210 LBS

SEASON	7.8/4.2/1.0 · 48.1% FG · 30.3% 3P · 25.1 MPG · usg 16.7%
LAST GAME	2026-03-03: 9/10/3 in 35.0 min (2/3 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 8.4/6.8/1.2 · 31.8 MPG

THE STORY A Chapel Hill native who spent two years at Alabama before coming home, Stevenson is a 6-11 junior forward averaging 7.8 points and 4.2 rebounds in 22 starts. Against Duke's defense tonight, his size and rebounding are Carolina's swing factor.

FORM	REBOUNDING SURGE Stevenson has started 22 of 30 games and is third on the Tar Heels with 125 rebounds; his last five average 8.4 points and 6.8 boards, up from 4.2 .
HISTORY	TWO DUKE MEETINGS In two meetings with Duke, Stevenson has averaged 2.5 points on 25% shooting — scoreless in 15 minutes in Alabama's 2025 Elite Eight loss, then 5 in Carolina's Feb. 7 win.
CAREER	ALABAMA BEFORE CAROLINA Before Carolina, Stevenson logged 74 games across two Alabama seasons, averaging 5.3 and 5.4 points, and set his career high with 22 points at Texas on Feb. 11 , 2025.
MATCHUP	REMATCH AT CAMERON Carolina edged Duke 71-68 in Chapel Hill on Feb. 7 ; tonight's rematch moves to Cameron Indoor, where Stevenson's 6-11 length and rebounding must steady the Heels in a hostile setting.
STORY	CHAPEL HILL HOMECOMING A Chapel Hill native, Stevenson returned home after two seasons at Alabama — a full-circle path that has made him a 22 -game starter for the Tar Heels this year.



#13 HENRI VEESAAR F

UNC · SR · 7'0" · 200 LBS

SEASON	16.5/8.4/2.0 · 61.1% FG · 41.3% 3P · 30.8 MPG · usg 23.9%
LAST GAME	2026-03-03: 13/6/4 in 29.0 min (6/9 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 16.2/4.8/1.8 · 30.2 MPG

THE STORY Veesaar is the Estonian stretch five who reinvented himself — a bit player at Arizona, now Carolina's second-leading scorer and top rebounder at 16.5 and 8.4. Tonight he is the Heels' best hope of matching Duke's interior muscle at Cameron Indoor.

FORM	HOT HAND, COLD GLASS Over his last five he is averaging 16.2 points but just 4.8 rebounds — two and a half boards under his season rate, a dip worth watching against Duke's glass-crashing front.
SEASON	CAROLINA'S INTERIOR ANCHOR The 7 -footer posts 16.5 points and a team-best 8.4 rebounds on 61.1 percent shooting, ranking sixth in the ACC on the glass and 12th in scoring among qualified players.
HISTORY	THREE DUKE MEETINGS In three career meetings with Duke — the first as a Wildcat in 2024 — he has climbed from 2 points to 13 and 13 , adding 11 rebounds in the Feb. 7 meeting.
MATCHUP	HIS TOUGHEST ASSIGNMENT His biggest test comes on defense: he is Carolina's primary body against Cameron Boozer, a 22.6 -point, 10 -rebound force, while remaining a 16.5 -point counter at the other end.
STORY	FROM TALLINN TO CAROLINA The Estonian from Tallinn spent two seasons at Arizona, going from a 2.4 -point reserve to a 9.4 -point starter, before transferring to Carolina and doubling his output.

DUKE STARTERS

DUKE PROJECTED FIVE



#1 CALEB FOSTER G

DUKE · JR · 6'5" · 197 LBS

SEASON	8.6/3.7/2.9 · 44.5% FG · 40.4% 3P · 25.9 MPG · usg 16.4%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 6/4/7 in 25.0 min (2/8 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 7.8/3.8/4.6 · 23.6 MPG

THE STORY Duke's third-year junior from Sherman Oaks has grown from reserve into a full-time starter — now a 40% three-point shooter and the Blue Devils' secondary creator. Tonight's Cameron rematch with Carolina is his chance to steady a rivalry game.

FORM	THE DISTRIBUTOR'S TURN Over his last five, Foster has averaged 4.6 assists against 7.8 points — seven dimes at NC State, six in the Virginia rout — his playmaking outpacing his scoring.
SEASON	THE THREE-POINT FLOOR Foster is connecting on 40.4% of his threes (38 of 94), matching his freshman-year touch and well above last season's 34.2% , as Duke's low-usage tertiary creator.
HISTORY	QUIET AGAINST CAROLINA In five career meetings with the Tar Heels, Foster averages 4.2 points; his nine points and 34 minutes in the Feb. 7 loss were by far his busiest against North Carolina.
MATCHUP	THE CAMERON REMATCH Duke fell 71-68 in Chapel Hill on Feb. 7 , the only meeting this season; the rematch lands at Cameron Indoor, and Foster is again ticketed for major minutes.
STORY	SHERMAN OAKS TO DURHAM The Sherman Oaks, California native is in his third Duke season, scoring 7.7 a night as a freshman, 4.9 as a sophomore and 8.6 now as a full-time starter.



#7 DAME SARR G

DUKE · FR · 6'8" · 190 LBS

SEASON	6.1/3.7/1.0 · 40.3% FG · 33.0% 3P · 21.5 MPG · usg 17.0%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 16/9/1 in 22.0 min (5/10 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 7.6/5.0/1.0 · 24.4 MPG

THE STORY An Italian freshman from Oderzo who came straight to Durham, Dame Sarr has grown into a 22-start wing for the Blue Devils, a long 6'8" defender and connective rebounder. His length and motor matter tonight against Carolina's perimeter attack.

FORM	LAST-FIVE LIFT Across the last five he is at 7.6 points and 5.0 rebounds in 24.4 minutes, capped by a 16 -point, 9 -rebound night in Duke's 93-64 rout at NC State on March 2 .
SEASON	SIXTH SCORER, STARTER Duke's sixth-leading scorer at 6.1 points and 3.7 rebounds, he has started 22 of 30 games and plays 21.5 minutes at 17.0 percent usage, a connective wing role.
HISTORY	SHINED IN CHAPEL HILL In the Feb. 7 loss at Carolina he scored 13 on 5-of-6 shooting with six rebounds in a season-high 33 minutes, his cleanest high-major performance of the year.
STORY	ODERZO TO DURHAM Born in Oderzo, Italy, he is in his lone Division I season; his career high is 19 points on 6-of-8 shooting with three threes in the Nov. 11 win at Army.
MATCHUP	ARC AND GLASS Against a Carolina side that concedes three-point volume and second chances, his 33 percent stroke and 3.7 rebounds give Duke a quiet swing piece in the Cameron rematch.



#12 CAMERON BOOZER F

DUKE · FR · 6'9" · 250 LBS

SEASON	22.6/10.0/4.0 · 58.3% FG · 40.4% 3P · 32.5 MPG · usg 29.8%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 26/9/6 in 32.0 min (8/10 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 21.6/10.6/4.2 · 29.6 MPG

THE STORY Duke's freshman centerpiece, Cameron Boozer averages **22.6** points and **10.0** rebounds, second in the ACC in scoring and first on the glass. Tonight he is the paint force Carolina must contain to avoid a sweep.

FORM	LIVING AT THE LINE Across his last three games Boozer has attempted 14 , 12 and 11 free throws, turning contact into points down the stretch rather than settling for jumpers.
SEASON	ACC'S BEST BIG The 6-foot-9 freshman ranks second in the ACC at 22.6 points a game and first in the conference at 10.0 rebounds, an underclassman powering a title contender inside.
HISTORY	CHAPEL HILL TRIP In his lone meeting with the Tar Heels, on Feb. 7 , Boozer logged 24 points, 11 rebounds and three assists in 38 minutes, though Duke fell 71-68 .
MATCHUP	FRONTCOURT DUEL The ACC's two best frontcourt scorers collide: Boozer (second, 22.6) against Carolina's Caleb Wilson (fourth, 19.8), with both also among the league's top rebounders.
STORY	MIAMI TO DURHAM Miami native Cameron Boozer has started all 30 games in his first Duke season, headlined by a 35 -point night against Arkansas on Nov. 27 in a neutral-site win.



#3 ISAIAH EVANS G

DUKE · SO · 6'6" · 175 LBS

SEASON	14.6/2.9/1.3 · 43.2% FG · 36.8% 3P · 27.4 MPG · usg 25.9%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 12/2/1 in 26.0 min (4/8 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 15.2/1.8/1.4 · 25.2 MPG

THE STORY Isaiah Evans, a Fayetteville native and Duke's second-year starting guard, has grown from a freshman bench piece into the Blue Devils' primary three-point volume shooter. His stroke from deep is the spacing key in tonight's Cameron rematch with Carolina.

FORM	EIGHTEEN STRAIGHT IN DOUBLES Since Dec. 31 he has scored in double figures in 18 consecutive games, lifting his season average to 14.6 and 15.2 over the last five on 25.2 minutes a night.
HISTORY	COLD AGAINST CAROLINA Four career meetings with the Tar Heels have produced just 4.8 points on 25 percent shooting and 2-of-9 from three; the Feb. 7 loss yielded 11 points on 4-of-14 .
CAREER	BENCH TO STARTER He started only 3 of 36 games as a freshman, averaging 6.8 points, then started all 30 this winter; his career high is 28 at Florida State on Jan. 3 .
MATCHUP	VOLUME FROM DEEP He has hoisted 212 threes and made 78 of them, eighth-most in the ACC; Duke fires 44.1 percent of its shots from deep against a Carolina defense that concedes volume.
STORY	FAYETTEVILLE ROOTS The sophomore guard is a Fayetteville, N.C., product who stayed in-state for college, growing up inside the Duke-Carolina footprint and now starting in the rivalry.



#21 PATRICK NGONGBA C

DUKE · SO · 6'11" · 250 LBS

SEASON	10.7/6.0/1.9 · 60.2% FG · 27.6% 3P · 22.4 MPG · usg 24.9%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 11/5/1 in 19.0 min (4/6 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 11.6/5.2/1.6 · 22.2 MPG

THE STORY Manassas, Virginia product Patrick Ngongba has climbed from a freshman bench piece to Duke's starting center, a 60% interior finisher and the Blue Devils' leading shot-blocker. His rim presence is the counter to Carolina's paint-heavy attack tonight.

FORM	FIVE STRAIGHT IN DOUBLE FIGURES Ngongba has scored at least 10 in five straight games, averaging 11.6 points and 5.2 rebounds, capped by 11 on 4-of-6 shooting in Monday's 93-64 rout at NC State.	STORY	MANASSAS TO THE MIDDLE A Manassas, Virginia native, Ngongba played 30 games as a freshman without a start, averaging 3.9 points; he now ranks third on Duke in scoring and first in blocks.
SEASON	HOT FALL, COLD SNAP His best run came Nov. 11-23 , a five-game stretch averaging 14.2 points with 16 against Army and 17 versus Niagara; his roughest, Dec. 16 -Jan. 6 , yielded just 7.8 a night.	MATCHUP	THE INTERIOR SWING Duke's 6.0 -rebound, 60.2% -shooting center meets a Carolina frontcourt that has leaked paint points for a month; his rolls and second-chance finishes are the interior swing tonight.
HISTORY	HIS BEST CAME IN MARCH Across four career meetings with Carolina, Ngongba's best was the 2025 ACC Tournament, 12 points on 6-of-6 shooting, though the Tar Heels held him to 4 points on Feb. 7 .		



CALEB WILSON BENCH

UNC

SEASON	19.8/9.4/2.7 · 57.8% FG · 25.9% 3P · 31.4 MPG · usg 27.5%
LAST GAME	2026-02-10: 12/6/0 in 26.0 min (4/10 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 19.8/5.8/2.0 · 32.4 MPG

THE STORY Carolina's leading scorer has sat six straight games — but if Caleb Wilson is back at Cameron, even off the bench, he changes Duke's night.

BENCH RETURN

Sidelined since Feb. 10, Wilson is listed off the bench in tonight's pregame lineup — a potential return after six straight DNP's and a ready-made second-unit spark.

STILL THE LEADING SCORER

Despite missing six games, Wilson tops the Tar Heels with **476** points — **13** more than Henri Veesaar, who has played four extra games.

RIM PRESSURE

Wilson lives inside — **163** of his **170** made baskets came inside the arc, and his **181** free-throw attempts lead the team by **59** over Seth Trimble.

DUKE MATCHUP VALUE

He torched the Blue Devils for **23** points on **8-of-12** shooting in the Feb. 7 win, logging a full **40** minutes — a blueprint to reprise at Cameron.

FRESHMAN CARRYING A BLUE BLOOD

A true freshman, Wilson still leads Carolina in points and steals (**36**) — upperclassman production — and tonight is his first trip to Cameron Indoor.



JONATHAN POWELL BENCH

UNC

SEASON	5.1/2.4/0.8 · 40.5% FG · 38.9% 3P · 16.5 MPG · usg 13.2%
LAST GAME	2026-03-03: 3/5/0 in 19.0 min (1/5 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 6.6/3.4/0.2 · 19.2 MPG

THE STORY Powell plays one note — volume threes — and it's exactly the note Duke's defense dares Carolina to play.

BENCH SPARK PLUG

Zero starts in **30** games, **16.5** minutes and **5.1** points a night — Carolina's first wing off the pine.

CATCH-AND-SHOOT DNA

76.3% of his tracked attempts are threes, and **88.6%** of his made threes were assisted — a pure spot-up spacer.

MATCHUP VS DUKE'S ARC

Duke surrenders the ACC's highest three-point volume (**45.6%** of opponent shots) yet holds foes to **29.9%** — Powell's exact battleground.

ROAD SHOOTING DIP

40.0% from three at home (**30-of-75**) versus **35.0%** on the road (**7-of-20**) — and this one lands at Cameron.

DAYTON TO CHAPEL HILL

The **6-6** Dayton (Centerville HS) native started **23** games and hit **64** threes at West Virginia in **2024-25** before transferring to UNC.



ZAYDEN HIGH BENCH

UNC

SEASON	3.4/2.8/0.5 · 46.4% FG · 13.3% 3P · 9.2 MPG · usg 24.3%
LAST GAME	2026-03-03: 4/5/0 in 14.0 min (2/7 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 8.4/7.4/1.0 · 20.0 MPG

THE STORY Carolina's quietest Heel has become its loudest bench jolt — Zayden High found his footing just in time for Cameron Indoor, where his glass work and paint-only scoring meet a Duke defense that leaks at the rim.

FORM TRENDING

Zayden High has flipped a switch — **8.4** points, **7.4** rebounds and **1.0** assists over the last five, more than doubling his **3.4/2.8/0.5** season line, with minutes jumping from **9.2** to **20.0** a night.

GLASS CRASHER

In that run he ripped down double-digit boards twice — **10** in the **30**-minute effort at NC State and **11** at Syracuse — turning a quiet **2.8**-rebound season into real second-unit muscle.

INTERIOR ONLY

Thirty of High's **32** made field goals have come inside the arc; he is just **2-of-15** from three (**13.3%**), making him a paint-only big the sagging Duke defense can dare to shoot.

FOUL MAGNET

High has earned **34** free-throw attempts in only **238** minutes, converting **23** — a contact-seeking bench big whose trips to the stripe can nick a Duke defense built to avoid fouling.

LATE BLOOMER

A forgettable freshman year — **18** points across **23** games — has given way to a genuine role, with High's best basketball arriving in February and March.



KYAN EVANS BENCH

UNC

SEASON	4.4/1.2/2.7 · 33.3% FG · 31.1% 3P · 18.8 MPG · usg 15.2%
LAST GAME	2026-03-03: 0/0/0 in 9.0 min (0/3 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 2.2/1.0/1.8 · 14.6 MPG · 2025 All-Mountain West Conference Tournament

THE STORY North Carolina's quietest rotation piece may be its surest — a Mountain West transfer whose value hides in the box score but can swing a single Cameron possession.

STEADY HAND

Leads North Carolina in total assists and protects the ball at a **2.41** assist-to-turnover clip — a low-mistake ball-handler for the second unit.

ARC SPARK

32 of his **45** made field goals are threes; his points come in bursts — **15 (5-of-12)** deep) vs Florida State, **15 (4-of-7)** vs Central Arkansas.

FIRST-MEETING BLANK

He logged six scoreless minutes in the Feb. 7 win over Duke, so his change-of-pace spark at Cameron is far from guaranteed.

MOUNTAIN WEST TRANSFER

Arrived from Colorado State, where he started all **36** games of a **26-10** team (**10.6** points, **3.1** assists) before sliding into a UNC reserve role.

MARCH RÉSUMÉ

At Colorado State he was an All-Mountain West Tournament pick and played the 2025 NCAA Tournament, beating Memphis before a one-point loss to Maryland.



JAYDON YOUNG BENCH

UNC

SEASON	1.9/1.0/0.4 · 30.9% FG · 30.2% 3P · 7.3 MPG · usg 19.4%
LAST GAME	2026-03-03: 0/0/0 in 2.0 min (0/0 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 1.0/0.6/0.4 · 6.4 MPG

THE STORY A one-trick gunner in a rotation squeezing him toward zero minutes — but against Duke's arc-inviting defense, Jaydon Young's lone skill is exactly the button Carolina might press.

ONE-ZONE SPECIALIST

43 of Young's **55** shot attempts (**78%**) and **13** of his **17** makes this season are three-pointers — a one-note stretch guard whose entire offensive value lives behind the arc.

MATCHUP FIT

Duke concedes more three-point volume than anyone in the ACC, daring opponents to shoot over it — and Young is Carolina's purest three-or-nothing bench option, so his one skill maps onto Duke's scheme.

TRENDING COLD

Young has gone scoreless in four straight games on shrinking minutes, bottoming out at **2.0** minutes against Clemson on Mar. 3 — L5 shows just **1.0** point in **6.4** minutes a night.

SPARK CEILING

His best game was Jan. 10 versus Wake Forest — **12** points in **20** minutes on **3-of-5** from three — proof he can catch fire inside a single short bench burst.

HOKIE DETOUR

Before Chapel Hill, Young logged two seasons at Virginia Tech, starting **10** games in **2024-25** and scoring **258** points there — a portal add supplying veteran guard depth off the bench.

DUKE BENCH



#6 MALIQ BROWN BENCH

DUKE · SR · 6'8" · 213 LBS

SEASON	4.6/4.6/1.8 · 60.0% FG · 15.4% 3P · 19.5 MPG · usg 12.9%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 4/4/3 in 20.0 min (2/2 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 3.8/5.0/2.2 · 20.0 MPG · 2024 Atlantic Coast Conference All-Defensive

THE STORY Brown won't win a scoring title, but Duke's second unit turns defense into offense when he's on the floor — 55 steals off the bench say the spark is real.

STEAL-RATE SPARK

55 steals in 30 games (1.83 a night) and 15 blocks off the bench — his 5.4% steal rate turns second-unit minutes into live-ball turnovers, and he's swiped three steals in each of the last three games.

BUILT FOR THE HEELS

At 6-8 with that 5.4% steal rate, Brown fits Duke's switch-heavy scheme against Carolina's perimeter creators; in the Feb. 7 meeting he logged 26 minutes, five boards and a steal.

GLASS OFF THE BENCH

Brown owns 137 rebounds (48 offensive) in 30 games — 4.6 a night at a 17.1% defensive-rebound rate — including a 10-board effort at Notre Dame that kept the second unit afloat.

LATE-SEASON RHYTHM

Across his last five he's at 3.8 points, 5.0 boards and 2.2 assists in 20 minutes a night, highlighted by 7 points on 3-of-5 versus Virginia and a 4-4-3 line with two blocks at NC State.

CULPEPER TO CAMERON

The 6-8 Virginia native (Culpeper; Blue Ridge HS) opened his career at Syracuse, averaging 9.5 points and 7.2 rebounds as a 2023-24 sophomore before transferring to Duke.



#2 CAYDEN BOOZER BENCH

DUKE · FR · 6'4" · 205 LBS

SEASON	6.4/1.9/2.8 · 50.0% FG · 29.2% 3P · 20.4 MPG · usg 15.7%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 4/0/3 in 19.0 min (2/3 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 6.4/1.0/3.0 · 20.0 MPG

THE STORY Not the headline Boozer, but Duke rides a quiet current: the Blue Devils are 8-1 this season when freshman reserve Cayden Boozer reaches double figures.

SIXTH-MAN SWING

A 6-4, 205-pound freshman guard who has started four games (Dec. 31, Jan. 3, Jan. 6, Jan. 31) but lives at 20.4 minutes — a piece the staff slots into either unit.

DOUBLE-FIGURE SPARK

He has reached double digits nine times, and Duke is 8-1 in those games — the lone loss an 82-81 Dec. 20 home stumble against Texas Tech, when he scored 13.

INSIDE THE ARC, NOT OUTSIDE

He is a 61.4% finisher on two-pointers (54-of-88) but only 29.2% from three — a slasher whose value lives at the rim, not on the arc Duke leans on.

BENCH BALL-HAWK

25 steals in 611 minutes, with a 4-steal night in the Dec. 31 win over Georgia Tech and 3 in the Feb. 16 rout of Syracuse — an active second-unit disruptor.

MIAMI MADE

The freshman guard hails from Miami and prepped at Columbus High School in Florida; he also converts 78.2% at the line (43-of-55), a tidy floor game for a rookie reserve.



#14 NIKOLAS KHAMENIA BENCH

DUKE · FR · 6'8" · 215 LBS

SEASON	5.5/3.3/1.1 · 46.3% FG · 34.2% 3P · 18.3 MPG · usg 14.2%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 7/4/2 in 18.0 min (3/7 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 6.6/5.2/1.2 · 19.6 MPG

THE STORY Duke's 6-8 bench connector — low-usage, glass-hungry, and still hunting a real role in the rivalry; the Cameron rematch is his chance to be more than a cameo.

SIZE OFF THE PINE

At 6-8, 215, Khamenia is a jumbo second-unit guard — 3.3 boards a night and 5.2 over the last five, including a 9-rebound game against Michigan.

QUIET ENGINE

Just 14.2% usage in 18.3 minutes — he rarely forces it, shooting 46.3% from the floor and 34.2% from deep. A connector Duke trusts not to break the offense.

SPURT SCORER

Twice he's erupted for 14 off the bench — 5-of-7 with three threes versus Syracuse and 5-of-6 versus Louisville. Both detonations came at Cameron Indoor.

RIVALRY GHOST

In the Feb. 7 loss at Chapel Hill he logged just 4 minutes, 0 points and 0 boards. The Durham rematch is his shot to actually matter in the series.

WEST COAST PEDIGREE

A Los Angeles native and Harvard-Westlake (Calif.) product, he's a freshman wing-bodied guard still growing into ACC physicality — one of Duke's least-heralded rotation pieces.



#8 DARREN HARRIS BENCH

DUKE · SO · 6'6" · 203 LBS

SEASON	4.0/0.8/0.5 · 40.3% FG · 36.7% 3P · 10.1 MPG · usg 21.0%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 5/3/0 in 14.0 min (1/3 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 6.2/1.2/0.4 · 10.6 MPG

THE STORY A 6'5" catch-and-shoot junior who takes almost nothing but threes — and never saw the floor in the one Carolina chapter that already happened. Now the rematch lands at Cameron.

SHOT DIET

60 of his 77 field-goal tries (77.9%) come from three, converted at 36.7% — a pure catch-and-shoot spacer whose job is stretching the floor for Duke's second unit.

CAREER NIGHT

His career-high 16 points came at Notre Dame on Feb. 24 — 17 minutes, 6-of-6 from the line, two steals, a 37.5% usage share and the loudest bench spark of his season.

FORM TRENDING

Over the last five he's at 6.2 points and 6-of-14 from deep in 10.6 minutes, with his minutes climbing across the last three outings (11, 17, 14).

CHAPEL HILL SCRATCH

He was a DNP (listed inactive) in the Feb. 7 loss at North Carolina, so tonight is his first rivalry taste — and in five one-possession games he has averaged just 7.0 minutes.

FAREWELL FRAME

A 6'5", 205-pound junior wearing No. 1, he is listed among Duke's not-returning players for 2026-27 — making these final Cameron minutes a likely last chapter.



#13 CAMERON SHEFFIELD BENCH

DUKE · SR · 6'6" · 180 LBS

SEASON	0.6/0.5/0.1 · 25.0% FG · 28.6% 3P · 3.1 MPG · usg 10.8%
LAST GAME	2026-03-02: 0/0/0 in 3.0 min (0/1 FG)
WINDOW	L5: 0.6/0.4/0.0 · 2.8 MPG

THE STORY The human victory cigar: when Cameron Sheffield checks in, the game is already over.

BLOWOUT BAROMETER

In a rivalry UNC lost by three in Chapel Hill, his minutes ride on a Duke rout — all 13 of his appearances this season came in Blue Devil wins of 15 points or more.

ALL EIGHT IN ROUT

His entire season scoring (8 points) landed in three home blowouts — 3 vs Howard, 3 vs Syracuse, 2 vs Niagara — and he has scored in just 3 of 13 games.

THREE-OR-NOTHING

Seven of his 12 field-goal tries are threes (58%), he is 2-of-7 from deep, and he has not attempted a free throw all year — a pure catch-and-shoot bench guard.

ALPHARETTA TO DURHAM

The Alpharetta, GA product spent three seasons at Rice, averaging 7.6 points and 6.1 rebounds as a 2022-23 junior, before transferring to Duke.

SEVENTY MINUTES, TOTAL

A former 6.1-rebound rotation wing for the Owls, he is now a 6'6", 180-pound senior with only 70 career minutes at Duke — 40 this season, 30 last.

MATCHUP MISC INFORMATION

ACC REGULAR SEASON

UNC scores 2.6 PPG more in the 2nd half vs 1st.

HALF SPLITS (UNC / DUKE)

HALF	PTS (A/H)	OPP PTS (A/H)
1H	38.9 / 41.2	35.0 / 30.4
2H	41.5 / 41.9	35.9 / 32.1

MILESTONE WATCH

PLAYER	TM	GAP	MARK	NOW
Luka Bogavac	UNC	1 from 50	season REG 3PM	49
Cameron Boozer	DUKE	2 from 50	season REG stl	48
Caleb Wilson	UNC	4 from 40	season REG stl	36
Maliq Brown	DUKE	5 from 60	season REG stl	55
Cameron Boozer	DUKE	6 from 50	season REG 3PM	44
Henri Veesaar	UNC	6 from 40	season REG blk	34
Caleb Wilson	UNC	7 from 40	season REG blk	33
Patrick Ngongba	DUKE	8 from 40	season REG blk	32
Caleb Foster	DUKE	14 from 100	season REG ast	86
Cayden Boozer	DUKE	15 from 100	season REG ast	85

STREAKS

TM	WHO	MARK	TYPE
UNC	Team	W4	active
DUKE	Team	W7	active
DUKE	Boozer	15 straight 10+ PTS	active
DUKE	Boozer	15 straight 15+ PTS	active
DUKE	Boozer	6/10 10+ REB	form
DUKE	Evans	15 straight 10+ PTS	active
DUKE	Ngongba	5 straight 10+ PTS	active
UNC	Wilson	15 straight 10+ PTS	active
UNC	Wilson	8/10 15+ PTS	form
UNC	Wilson	7/10 20+ PTS	form
UNC	Veesaar	8 straight 10+ PTS	active
UNC	Bogavac	6/10 10+ PTS	form
UNC	Trimble	6/10 10+ PTS	form

STREAK FORM VS SEASON

TM	SPAN	PPG	OPP	ORTG	DRTG	NET
UNC	Streak W4	77.5	70.8	112.5	102.7	6.8
UNC	Season	80.4	70.9	113.7	97.3	9.6
DUKE	Streak W7	82.3	58.0	127.1	90.1	24.3
DUKE	Season	83.2	62.5	121.3	91.4	20.6

AFTER TURNOVER (OPP FIRST SHOT + FINISHERS)

TM	WHO	N	FG	FG%
UNC	TEAM	285	125/284	44.0%
DUKE	TEAM	315	119/312	38.1%
DUKE	Conwell	9	4/9	44.4%

HOT / COLD – L5

TM	PLAYER	FLAG	SEAS	L5	L5 TS	Δ
DUKE	Boozer		22.6	21.6	76.3%	-1.0
DUKE	Evans		14.6	15.2	66.9%	+0.6
DUKE	Ngongba		10.7	11.6	64.3%	+0.9
DUKE	Foster		8.6	7.8	51.8%	-0.8
DUKE	Boozer		6.4	6.4	57.7%	-0.0
DUKE	Sarr		6.1	7.6	54.4%	+1.5
UNC	Wilson		19.8	19.8	62.6%	-0.0
UNC	Veesaar		16.5	16.2	58.6%	-0.3
UNC	Bogavac		10.1	11.8	55.4%	+1.7
UNC	Trimble		14.2	15.2	50.1%	+1.0
UNC	Stevenson		7.8	8.4	62.4%	+0.6
UNC	Dixon		5.7	6.0	45.0%	+0.3

MONTHLY FORM

TM	MO	W-L	MARG	PPG
UNC	Jan	4-3	3.0	86.4
UNC	Feb	6-2	2.1	75.5
UNC	Mar	1-0	4.0	67.0
DUKE	Jan	8-0	16.6	81.6
DUKE	Feb	7-1	19.5	77.2
DUKE	Mar	1-0	29.0	93.0

RECORD WHEN...

SITUATION	UNC	DUKE
Overall	24-6	28-2
Conference	12-5	16-1
Home	20-1	17-1
Road	4-5	11-1
Last 10	8-2	9-1
Scored 80+	14-2	17-1
Opponent 80+	3-4	1-1
Scored 70+	22-3	23-1
Held ≤65	11-0	19-0
Won rebound	19-2	23-1
Fewer T0	10-2	16-0
Won eFG%	22-1	25-1
10+ threes	7-1	11-1
One-poss ≤5	7-1	3-2
vs Ranked	6-4	11-2
Ahead at half	18-1	23-2
Behind at half	4-4	4-0

TEAM STAT RANKING

TM	STAT	VALUE	LEAGUE RK
DUKE	DRTg	93.5	#1/365
DUKE	Net	27.8	#1/365
DUKE	Opp paint	23.9	#5/365

AWARDS (PRIOR SEASONS)

YR	TM	HONOREE
2025	DUKE	Cooper Flagg – All-Atlantic Coast Conference
2025	DUKE	Kon Knueppel – All-Atlantic Coast Conference
2025	DUKE	Tyrese Proctor – All-Atlantic Coast Conference
2025	UNC	RJ Davis – All-Atlantic Coast Conference
2025	DUKE	Tyrese Proctor – All-Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament
2025	UNC	Ven Allen Lubin – All-Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament
2025	DUKE	Kon Knueppel – All-Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament
2025	DUKE	Khaman Maluach – All-Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament
2025	DUKE	Cooper Flagg – AP POY
2025	DUKE	Cooper Flagg – AP Preseason All-American Players
2025	UNC	RJ Davis – AP Preseason All-American Players
2025	DUKE	Cooper Flagg – Atlantic Coast Conference All-Defense
2025	DUKE	Sion James – Atlantic Coast Conference All-Defense
2025	DUKE	Khaman Maluach – Atlantic Coast Conference All-Freshman
2025	DUKE	Cooper Flagg – Atlantic Coast Conference All-Freshman
2025	DUKE	Kon Knueppel – Atlantic Coast Conference All-Freshman

WITH / WITHOUT

PLAYER	ABS	SPLIT	G	W-L	PPG	MARG
UNC Brown	miss~17	With	9	8-1	83.6	21.7
		W/O	21	16-5	79.1	4.4
UNC Holbrook	miss~11	With	5	5-0	91.6	34.6
		W/O	25	19-6	78.2	4.6
DUKE Ufochukwu	miss~23	With	5	5-0	100.4	45.8
		W/O	25	23-2	79.7	15.6
DUKE Scott	miss~10	With	12	12-0	93.8	37.2
		W/O	18	16-2	76.1	9.6

VS RANKED (AP TOP-25)

TM	W-L	AVG MARG	GP
UNC	6-4	-3.2	10
DUKE	11-2	11.2	13

Availability						
TM	PLAYER	MISS	MISS%	MPG	PPG	TONIGHT
UNC	Trimble	9	30%	31.8	14.2	
UNC	Veesaar	2	7%	30.8	16.5	
UNC	Wilson	6	20%	31.4	19.8	

Transfer From		
TM	PLAYER	SCHOOL
DUKE	Scott	Princeton Tigers
UNC	Veesaar	Arizona Wildcats
UNC	Matlekovic	High Point Panthers
UNC	Stevenson	Alabama Crimson Tide
UNC	Young	Virginia Tech Hokies
UNC	Powell	West Virginia Mountaineers
UNC	Evans	Colorado State Rams

Rest & Last Game			
TM	REST	WL	PRIOR
UNC	3d rest	W	CLEM 63 @ UNC 67
DUKE	4d rest	W	DUKE 93 @ NCSU 64

Key Metrics (ACC Edge /18)		
Metric	UNC	DUKE
AdjO	123.1 (#5)	130.8 (#1)
AdjD	96.0 (#5)	85.5 (#1)
AdjNet	27.1 (#4)	45.3 (#1)
SRS	19.3 (#4)	32.2 (#1)
SOS	9.7 (#6)	11.6 (#1)
ORtg	113.7 (#6)	121.3 (#1)
DRtg	100.6 (#7)	91.4 (#1)
eFG%	54.8% (#6)	57.8% (#1)
TS%	58.0% (#7)	61.3% (#1)
TOV%	11.7% (#2)	12.9% (#10)
Opp 2P%	46.3% (#3)	46.0% (#2)
ORB/G	9.1 (#11)	10.4 (#3)
DRB/G	25.8 (#3)	26.9 (#1)

Shot Diet (Share · Attempts/G)				
Zone	UNC %	UNC ATT	DUKE %	DUKE ATT
Rim / dunks	8.4%	0.1	8.6%	0.1
Layups	25.5%	0.3	33.8%	0.3
Tip-ins	2.7%	0.0	2.7%	0.0
2PT jumpers	21.6%	0.2	10.8%	0.1
3PT jumpers	41.9%	0.4	44.1%	0.4

Last 5:00 of Each Half (Score-Agnostic)				
Team	Half	FGA	FG%	PPP
UNC	2H	206	43.2%	0.98
DUKE	2H	190	50.5%	1.20

Possession Length (1-8 / 9-20 / 21-30 / 30+)					
TM	1-8S	9-20S	21-30S	30+	N
UNC	39.4%	19.5%	17.1%	24.0%	3629
DUKE	39.0%	18.0%	15.7%	27.3%	3495

Timeout Triggers + ATO (2P / 3P)			
TM	PRECEDING	ATO 2P	ATO 3P
UNC	—	0/0 (—)	0/0 (—)
DUKE	other 37, one-poss 23, after foul 2	16/24 (66.7%)	10/16 (62.5%)

BETTING LINES & MARKET

CHALK VS. D RANK-ONE DEFENSE

AN 18.5-POINT UNDERDOG ON PAPER

The market has UNC as an 18.5-point underdog at -110, with a +1348 moneyline that treats a straight-up win as a distant outcome. A 9.5 net rating (55th nationally) prices the talent gap more than the 24-6 record, and the team total leans under at -120. Henri Veesaar's 14.5-point line distills the tension: a 16.5 average and 54% season over rate argue one way, but his last five games say 40%, and Duke's rank-one defense walls off the paint where he earns most of it.

MARKET PROFILE

 UNC +18.5 UNDERDOG SPREAD PRICE -110 MONEYLINE +1348 TEAM TOTAL 64.5 GAME TOTAL 147.5 RECORD 24-6					
SEASON PROFILE		VALUE		RANK OF 349	
Net rating		+9.5		55	
Off. rating		113.7		66	
Def. rating		104.2		100	
Pace		70.7		125	
eFG%		54.8%		62	
3P%		34.9%		135	
PLAYER PROPS		LINE	O / U	AVG	SEASON O % L5 O %
Henri Veesaar PTS		14.5	-121 / -114	16.5	54% 40%
Seth Trimble PTS		13.5	-105 / -130	14.2	48% 40%
Luka Bogavac PTS		9.5	-134 / -102	10.1	60% 60%
Jarin Stevenson PTS		7.5	-109 / -125	7.8	37% 60%
Derek Dixon PTS		6.5	-135 / +105	5.7	50% 60%
Henri Veesaar REB		6.5	-149 / +108	8.4	68% 20%
Jarin Stevenson REB		5.5	-109 / -122	4.2	27% 60%
Seth Trimble REB		3.5	-118 / -110	3.7	48% 60%
Derek Dixon REB		2.5	+130 / -175	2.3	40% 40%
Luka Bogavac REB		2.5	-175 / +130	2.6	50% 80%

THE READ

Road underdog UNC faces an 18.5-point ask at Cameron, where its 9.5 net rating meets Duke's No. 1 defense — and a 35% three-point clip against a unit holding foes to 29.9% is tonight's hinge.

SPREAD	AN 18.5-POINT ASK IN CAMERON Carolina enters as an 18.5 -point underdog at -110 , with a +1348 moneyline pricing a straight-up win as a long shot. The number frames a 24-6 team that just ground out a 4-1 finish (three wins by seven or fewer) against a Duke side owning the nation's No. 1 net rating (27.8). It reads less as a knock on UNC than a price on the gap.
TOTAL	147.5, AND THE TEMPO BEHIND IT The game total sits at 147.5 (over -110 / under -110), a near-coin-flip shaped by two modest-tempo offenses — UNC 70.7 (125th nationally), Duke 68.5 (227th). Their Feb. 7 meeting produced 139 points on 64 possessions, short of this number. The team total leans the other way: Carolina 64.5 , with the under at -120 .
PROFILE	A TOP-55 PROFILE FACING NO. 1 UNC's 9.5 net rating (55th), 113.7 offensive rating (66th) and 104.2 defensive rating (100th) sit a tier below Duke's résumé, and 18.5 points prices that chasm rather than the 24-6 mark. The Heels shoot 55% effective and 35% from three; against Duke's top-ranked defense (93.5), every clean look is a negotiation.
PROP	VEESAAR'S 14.5: TRUST THE LINE OR THE TAPE? Henri Veesaar's 14.5 -point line (over -121) rides a 16.5 average across 28 games and a 54% season over rate — but the last five say 40% . Duke walls off the paint and rebounds 77.7% of defensive boards, squeezing the big man's second chances. The price banks on the season; recent tape argues under.
PROP	BOGAVAC'S GLASS LINE PRICED TO THE OVER Luka Bogavac's 2.5 -rebound line is juiced to the over (-175), and the profile agrees — a 2.6 average, over in 50% of games and 80% of his last five. Duke's glass-cleaning (77.7% defensive rebounds) caps extra chances, but Bogavac's wing role keeps him around the action. The number stays live every night.
PAIRING	DIXON AND BOGAVAC, ONE CREATOR Derek Dixon (6.5 pts, over -135) and Luka Bogavac (9.5 pts, over -134) draw from the same Caleb Wilson-led creation — Dixon's 79 assists and Bogavac's spot-up duty move in tandem. Each sits a make above his line, and both cleared in 60% of their last five. When Carolina's guards get downhill, the pair rises together.
MATCHUP	THREE-POINT VOLUME INTO DUKE'S TRAP The number's spine is UNC's three-point reliance against Duke's arc: Carolina takes 41.9% of its shots from deep, while Duke concedes the ACC's most three-point volume (45.6%) yet holds foes to 29.9% . If the Heels' 35% clip holds, 18.5 tightens; if it sags, the under is the story.

D RANK-ONE PROFILE UNDERWRITES THE NUMBER

Duke lays 18.5 at -110 with a -3549 moneyline that has essentially written off the outright. The number is underwritten by a rank-one profile — first nationally in net rating (27.8) and defensive rating (93.5), seventh in offense (121.3) — while the team total at 83.5 puts the scoring burden squarely on the Blue Devils. Patrick Ngongba's 10.5-point line carries the sharpest recent signal: a 10.7 average, 55% season over rate, and over in all five of his last five at -111.

MARKET PROFILE

 DUKE -18.5 FAVORITE SPREAD PRICE -110 MONEYLINE -3549 TEAM TOTAL 83.5 GAME TOTAL 147.5 RECORD 28-2					
SEASON PROFILE		VALUE		RANK OF 349	
Net rating		+27.8		1	
Off. rating		121.3		7	
Def. rating		93.5		1	
Pace		68.5		227	
eFG%		57.8%		13	
3P%		35.6%		96	
PLAYER PROPS		LINE	O / U	AVG	SEASON O % L5 O %
Cameron Boozer PTS		22.5	-130 / -104	22.6	50% 40%
Isaiah Evans PTS		14.5	-111 / -105	14.6	50% 40%
Patrick Ngongba PTS		10.5	-111 / -122	10.7	55% 100%
Caleb Foster PTS		8.5	-105 / -125	8.6	43% 40%
Dame Sarr PTS		6.5	-115 / -115	6.1	27% 40%
Cameron Boozer REB		10.5	-115 / -117	10.0	43% 40%
Patrick Ngongba REB		5.5	-115 / -118	6.0	55% 40%
Dame Sarr REB		4.5	-155 / +115	3.7	33% 60%
Caleb Foster REB		3.5	-125 / -105	3.7	57% 60%
Isaiah Evans REB		2.5	-113 / -115	2.9	53% 20%

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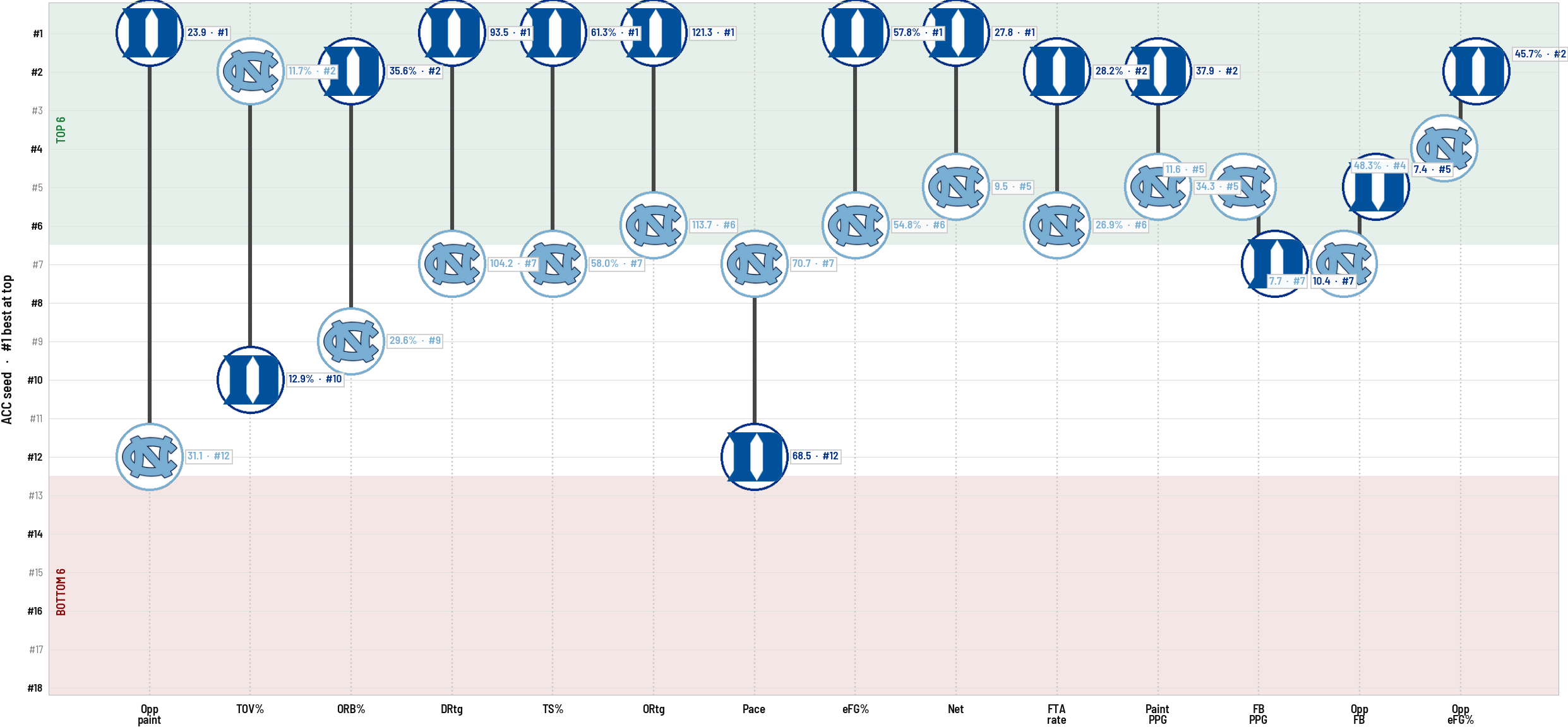
Duke's rank-1 net rating (27.8) underwrites the -18.5 home line, but Boozer's 22.5 points line — just a tenth above his average and cooling at 40% over his last five — is the pivot risk.

SPREAD	DUKE LAYS 18.5 ON ITS OWN FLOOR Duke lays 18.5 at -110 , with a moneyline at -3549 that has essentially written off the outright. It is the steepest number on the ticket, landing on the Blue Devils' own floor, where a 28-2 team ranked first nationally in net rating (27.8) is priced to flip a three-point Chapel Hill loss into a rout. The market is buying separation, not a coin flip.
TOTAL	147.5, WITH DUKE DOING THE LIFTING The game total sits at 147.5 , flat -110 both ways, while Duke's team total alone is 83.5 (over -108). That math needs the Blue Devils near 84 and Carolina in the low 60s to clear. The tempo supports a middling count — Duke at 68.5 possessions (227th nationally), UNC a touch faster at 70.7 — so the number is built on Duke's 93.5 defensive rating squeezing the Heels, not on pace.
PROFILE	A RANK-1 PROFILE UNDERWRITING 18.5 The number is defensible because the profile is rank-one: Duke is first nationally in net rating (27.8) and defensive rating (93.5), and seventh in offense (121.3). UNC arrives at a net of 9.5 (55th) — a two-way gap wide enough to justify an 18.5 line. Whether a rivalry game ever plays to the paper is the only open question.
PROP	BOOZER'S 22.5 SITS ON THE NUMBER Cameron Boozer's points line is 22.5 , priced -130 to the over, and his 22.6 average lands a tenth above it. The season is a coin flip — 50% over — but the recent form has cooled to 40% across his last five. He is the constant this offense runs through, so the line hinges on how hard Carolina loads up on him.
PROP	NGONGBA'S QUIET 100% RUN Patrick Ngongba carries a 10.5 points line (over -111) against a 10.7 average, cleared in 55% of his games this season. The live signal is louder: he has gone over in every one of his last five. With UNC's interior leaking 40 -plus paint points to both Miami and NC State in its last eight, the rim is the softest seam on the board.
PAIRING	EVANS AND SARR, OFF THE SAME FEEDER Isaiah Evans (14.5 points, over -111) and Dame Sarr (6.5 , -115) both live off the creation of Cameron Boozer and Caleb Foster, yet they sit on opposite sides of their averages — Evans at 14.6 , Sarr at 6.1 . Evans has cleared his line in 50% of games; Sarr in just 27% , and 40% across his last five. Same feeder, very different floors.
MATCHUP	THE NUMBER IS A VENUE-AND-MEMORY TAX The 18.5 reads as a venue-and-memory tax more than a pure talent gap: UNC won the first meeting 71-68 in Chapel Hill on Feb. 7 , and this rematch shifts to Cameron, where Duke's top-ranked defense has buried opponents all year. The Heels held Duke to 68 points on 64 possessions that night — the blueprint exists, but so does the home-floor correction.

KEY METRICS

ACC REGULAR SEASON

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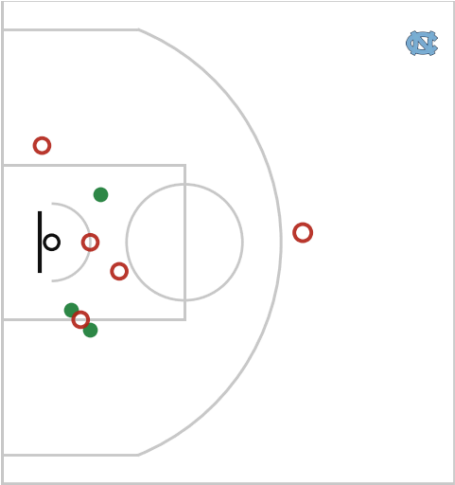
BROADCAST READ

Duke's interior defense is the ACC's stingiest — **23.9** paint points allowed, **No. 1** in the league and 8th in Division I — and it meets UNC's **No. 5** paint attack, which averages **34.3**.

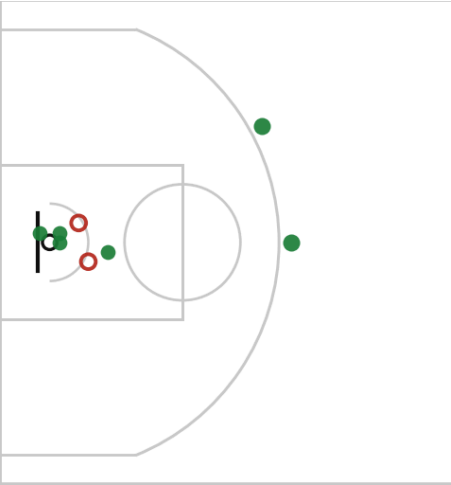
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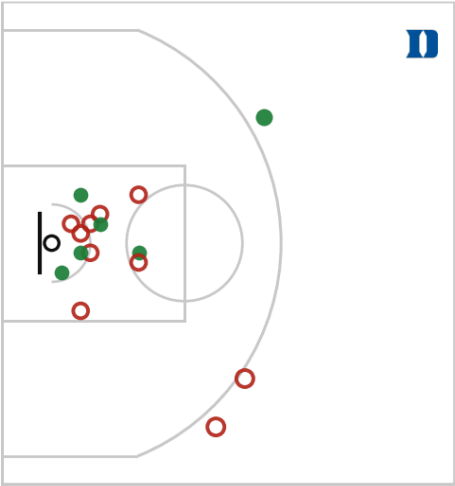
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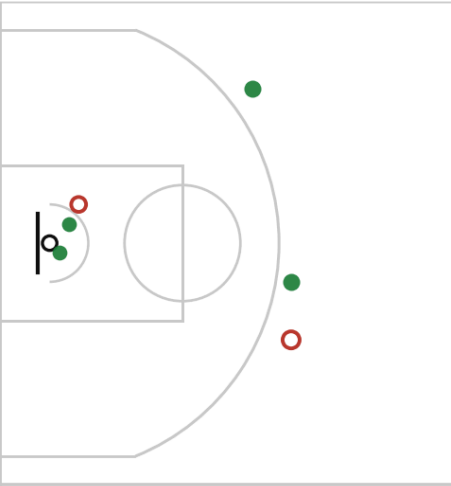
UNC · Wilson · 3/8 (37.5%)



UNC · Veesaar · 6/8 (75.0%)



DUKE · Boozer · 6/16 (37.5%)



DUKE · Evans · 4/6 (66.7%)

PLAYER	FG	FG%	3PT	RIM	MID	3S	SHOT TYPES (ATTEMPTS)
 Caleb Wilson UNC · 19.8 PPG	3/8	37.5%	0/1	1	6	1	4× 2PT jumper 1× Layup
 Henri Veesaar UNC · 16.5 PPG	6/8	75.0%	2/2	4	2	2	3× Dunk 2× Catch-and-shoot 3
 Cameron Boozer DUKE · 22.6 PPG	6/16	37.5%	1/3	4	9	3	7× 2PT jumper 4× Layup
 Isaiah Evans DUKE · 14.6 PPG	4/6	66.7%	2/3	2	1	3	3× Catch-and-shoot 3 1× Layup

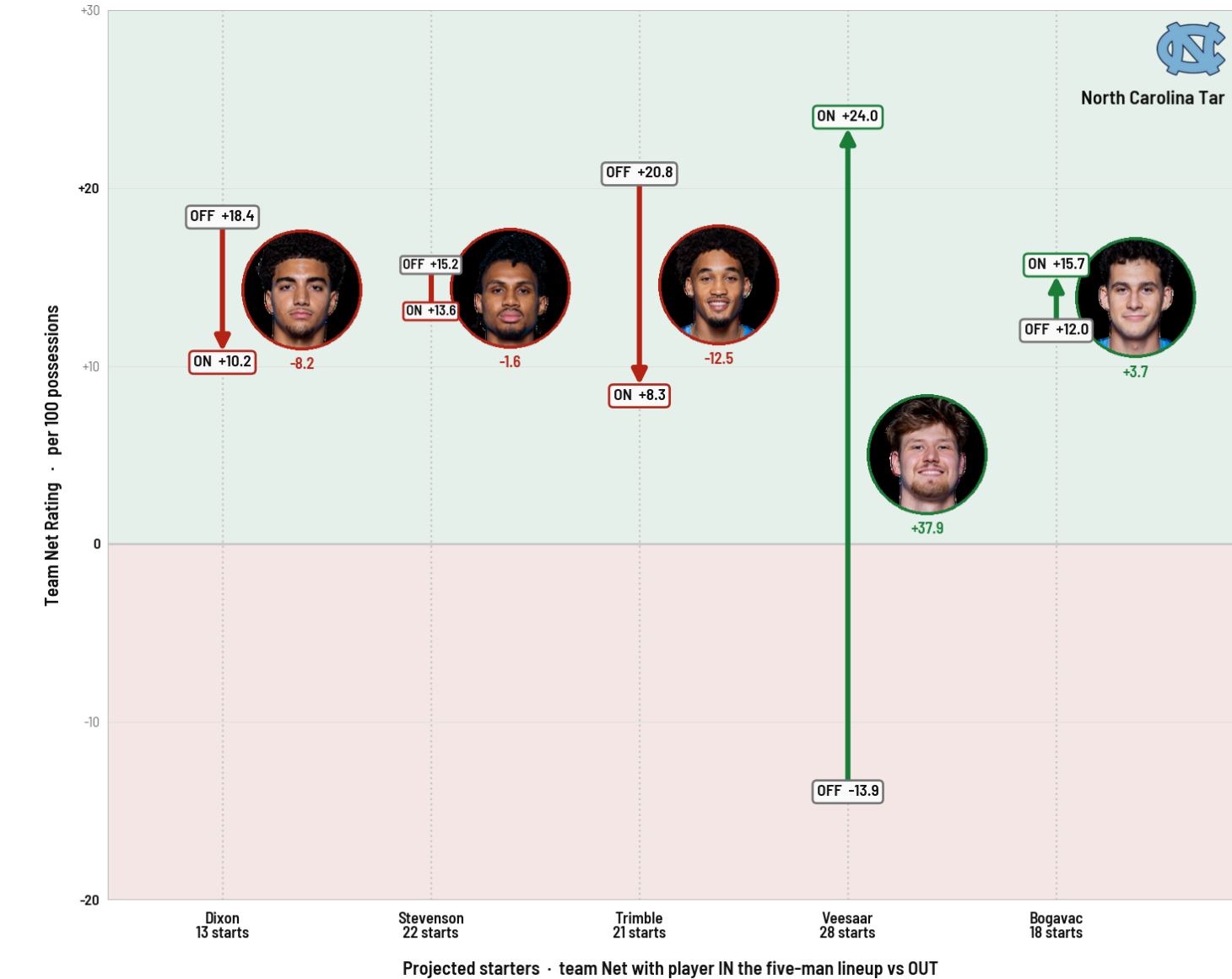
BROADCAST READ

Duke's Cameron Boozer, the ACC's second-leading scorer at **22.6** a game, has the biggest clutch workload here — **16** attempts in the last five minutes, within five — but is converting just **37.5%**. Watch that late efficiency tonight.

UNC STARTER ON/OFF

ACC REGULAR SEASON

NORTH CAROLINA TAR PROJECTED STARTERS · 2025-26 REGULAR SEASON TO DATE · TEAM NET RATING PER 100 POSSESSIONS WITH THE STARTER IN THE FIVE (ON) VS OUT (OFF) · GREEN = BETTER ON · RED = BETTER OFF



Starter	St	ON	OFF	ΔNet
 Dixon	13	+10.2	+18.4	v-8.2
 Stevenson	22	+13.6	+15.2	v-1.6
 Trimble	21	+8.3	+20.8	v-12.5
 Veesaar	28	+24.0	-13.9	^+37.9
 Bogavac	18	+15.7	+12.0	^+3.7

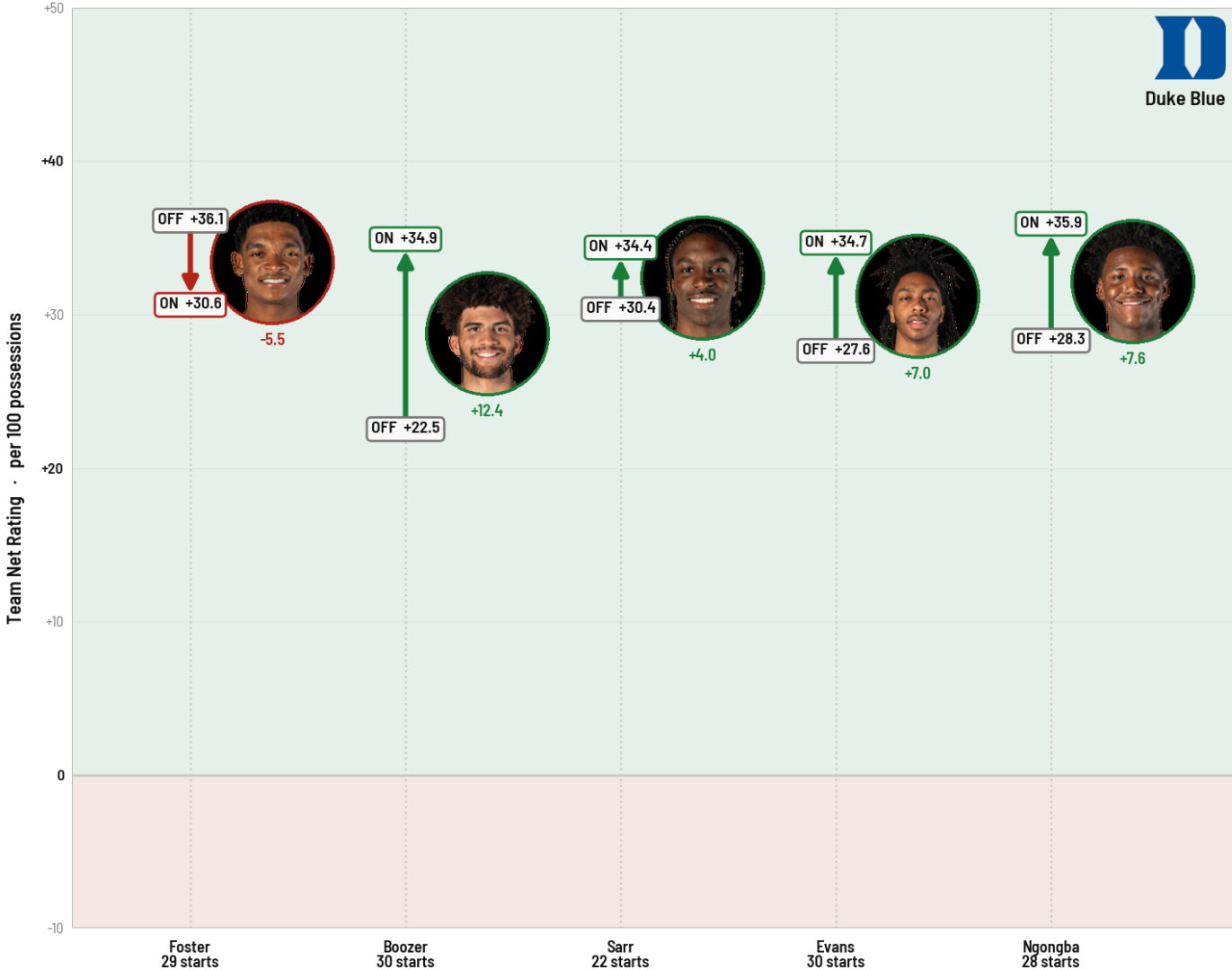
BROADCAST READ

North Carolina's margin lives with Henri Veesaar: the Heels play at **+24.0** net per **100** with him on the floor but **-13.9** without, a **+37.9** swing — the board's largest — and he meets the nation's **No. 1** defense (Duke) tonight.

DUKE STARTER ON/OFF

ACC REGULAR SEASON

DUKE BLUE PROJECTED STARTERS · 2025-26 REGULAR SEASON TO DATE · TEAM NET RATING PER 100 POSSESSIONS WITH THE STARTER IN THE FIVE (ON) VS OUT (OFF) · GREEN = BETTER ON · RED = BETTER OFF



Projected starters · team Net with player IN the five-man lineup vs OUT

Starter	St	ON	OFF	ΔNet
 Foster	29	+30.6	+36.1	v-5.5
 Boozer	30	+34.9	+22.5	^+12.4
 Sarr	22	+34.4	+30.4	^+4.0
 Evans	30	+34.7	+27.6	^+7.0
 Ngongba	28	+35.9	+28.3	^+7.6

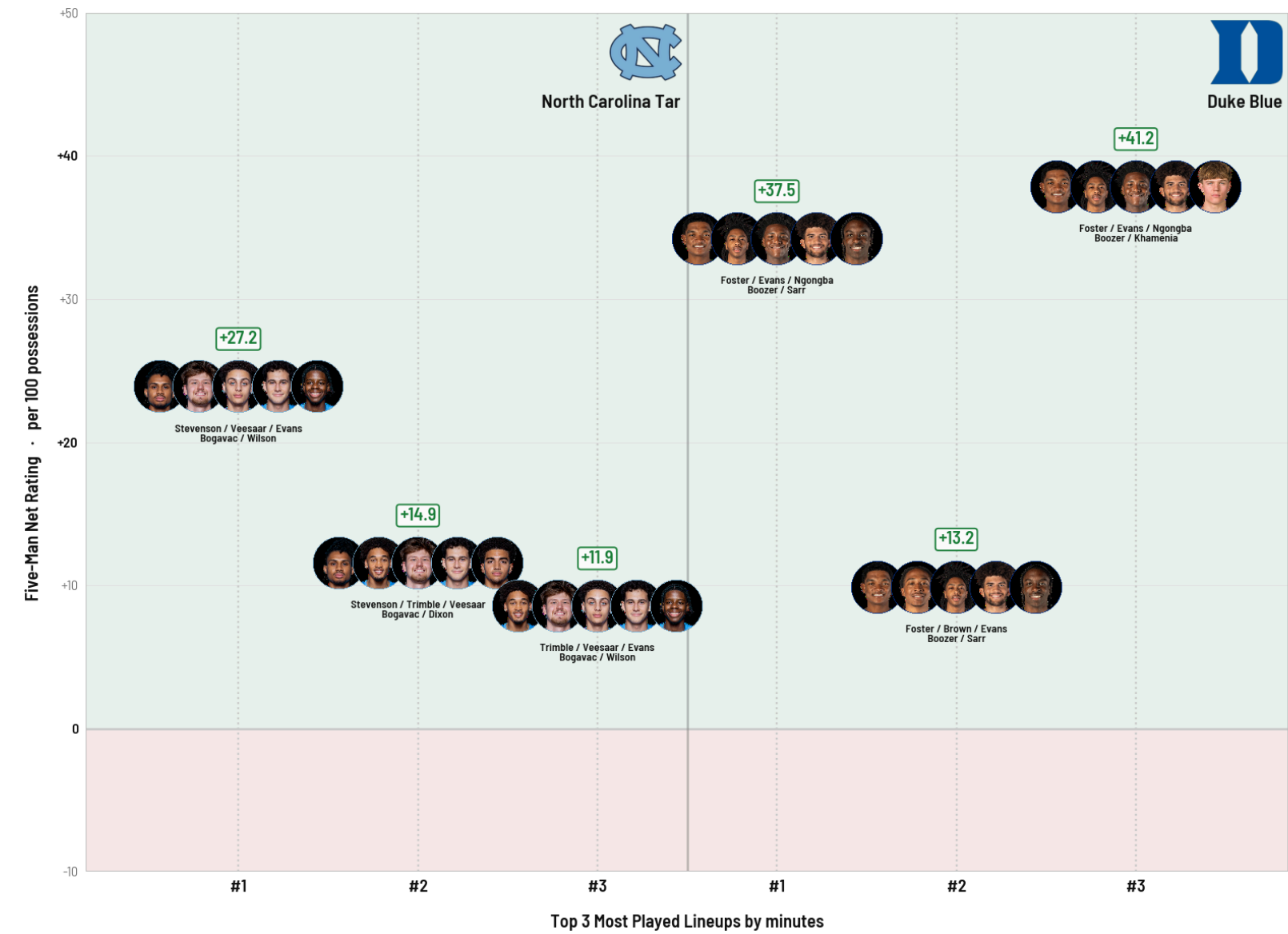
BROADCAST READ

Caleb Foster is the lone red mark on Duke's board: the Blue Devils' net rating dips **5.5** points per **100** with him on the floor (**30.6** ON vs **36.1** OFF) – the one starter they're better without, even as Duke's ACC-best plus-**45.3** adjusted net rating dwarfs UNC's plus-**27.2**.

FIVE-MAN LINEUPS

ACC REGULAR SEASON

TOP THREE UNITS PER CLUB BY MINUTES · 2025-26 REGULAR SEASON TO DATE · NET RATING PER 100 POSSESSIONS · GREEN = +NET · RED = -NET



Unit	GP	Min	ORtg	DRtg	Net
North Carolina Tar					
Stevenson / Veesaar / Evans Bogavac / Wilson	10	88	111.4	84.2	+27.2
Stevenson / Trimble / Veesaar Bogavac / Dixon	10	70	116.5	101.7	+14.9
Trimble / Veesaar / Evans Bogavac / Wilson	13	55	100.0	88.1	+11.9
Duke Blue					
Foster / Evans / Ngongba Boozer / Sarr	28	190	118.9	81.4	+37.5
Foster / Brown / Evans Boozer / Sarr	23	102	122.6	109.4	+13.2
Foster / Evans / Ngongba Boozer / Khamenia	13	71	123.5	82.4	+41.2

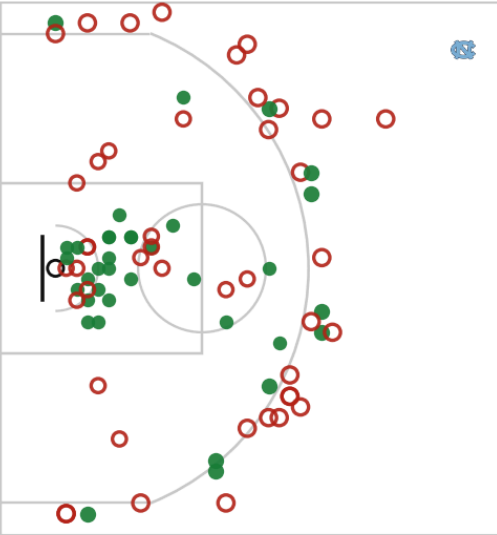
BROADCAST READ

Duke's starting five — Foster, Evans, Ngongba, Boozer, Sarr — is the ACC's most dominant unit: **+37.5** net per **100** over **190** minutes, best in the conference and sixth-best nationally. UNC's top five checks in well behind at **+27.2**.

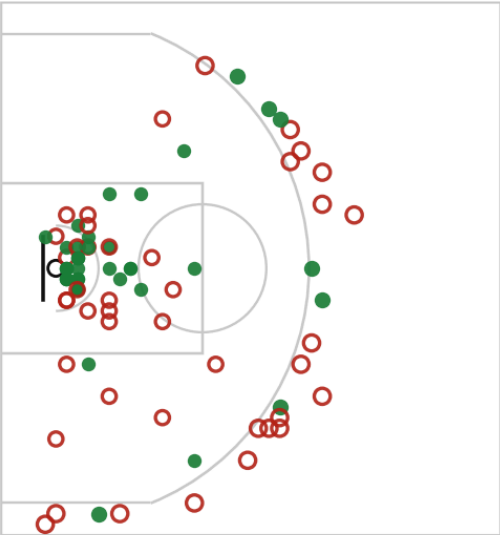
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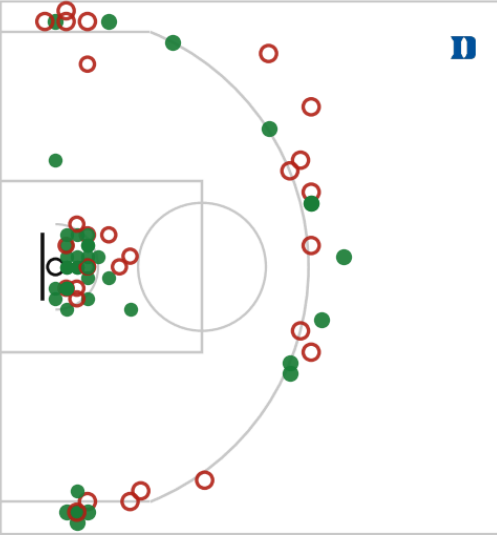
OPENING FIVE MINUTES OF EACH HALF · 2025-26 REGULAR SEASON TO DATE · EACH CLUB'S LAST 10 GAMES · FILLED = MAKE · OPEN = MISS



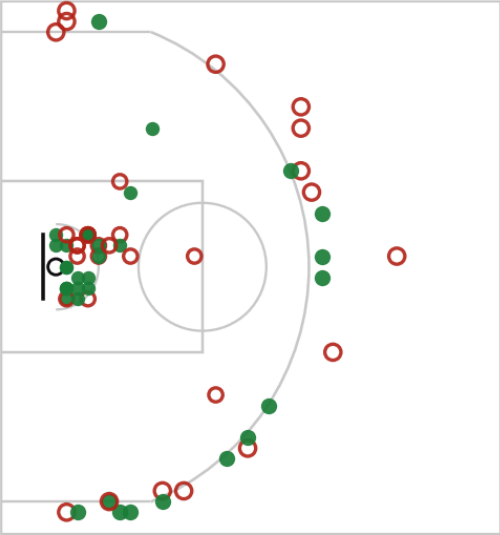
UNC H1 · 36/80 (45.0%)



UNC H2 · 39/82 (47.6%)



DUKE H1 · 43/72 (59.7%)



DUKE H2 · 34/66 (51.5%)

TEAM COMPARE		
Metric	UNC	DUKE
Open FG%	46.3%	55.8%
H1 FG%	45.0%	59.7%
H2 FG%	47.6%	51.5%
3PT att	64	60
At rim	37	45

EARLY CREATORS	
Player	FG
UNC	
Henri Veesaar	19/35
Derek Dixon	7/32
Seth Trimble	14/27
DUKE	
Isaiah Evans	19/38
Cameron Boozer	18/27
Caleb Foster	9/23

BROADCAST READ

Duke's opening-five-minute execution is the story: over the last 10 games the Blue Devils are shooting 55.8% to start halves versus UNC's 46.3%, and their 50.9% season mark in that window ranks third in the ACC.