

2025 DUKE BASEBALL PRESEASON PREVIEW GUIDE





BLUE COLLAR

11

NCAA Tournament Appearances

1952, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1961, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024

5

ACC Championships

1956, 1957, 1961, 2021, 2024

3

College World Series Appearances

1952, 1953, 1961

101

Major League Baseball Draft Picks

The Blue Devils eclipsed the century mark during the 2024 draft as five pitchers were selected by Major League clubs. That mark ties the 2015 squad, who had five hurlers selected in the MLB Draft.

48

Major League Baseball Players

Duke baseball has produced 48 Major League Players in program history, including five in the previous two seasons.

18

All-America Selections

Duke added a pair of All-America selections in 2024, pushing the program total to 18. Since 2018, the Blue Devils have produced seven All-Americans and right-hander Charlie Beilenson was honored as the first consensus All-American in program history in 2024.

45

Most Wins in Program History

The program record of 45 wins was set by the 2018 club. Only two teams in the history of Duke baseball have accomplished the 40-plus win mark (2018 & 2024).

113

All-ACC Recipients

The Blue Devils have tallied 113 All-ACC recipients since joining the league. In 2024, Duke produced a program high seven recipients and landed four on the first team.

19

Freshman All-America Selections

Duke added a pair of freshman All-American selections in 2024, moving the tally to five in the past two seasons. The Blue Devils also produced the first freshman All-America utility player last season, as Kyle Johnson joined Marcus Stroman.

2025 PRESEASON NOTES

PRESEASON ACCOLADES

- Duke baseball begins the 2025 season with 10 different Blue Devils earning honors and recognition, headlined by sophomores **AJ Gracia** and **Kyle Johnson** being named to the 2025 Golden Spikes Preseason Watch List. Johnson also added preseason All-American honors by Perfect Game and Baseball America, while Gracia was placed by Perfect Game, D1Baseball and the NCBWA. Graduate **Ben Miller** added honors from D1Baseball and the NCBWA, while **David Boisvert** earned his first collegiate honor in the form of preseason All-America by NCBWA.

- D1Baseball once again announced their preseason position rankings placing 11 different Blue Devils on their lists. Johnson was named the 44th-best starting pitcher, joining **Andrew Healy** (64) and **James Tallon** (112). Gracia was tabbed the 10th-best Outfielder, joining **Ben Rounds** who was tabbed 50th. In the infield, **Wallace Clark** was the 22nd-best short-stop, while Miller was the 3rd-best third baseman. Transfer **Jake Hyde** was the 11th-ranked first baseman, while **Macon Winslow** was named the 37th-best catcher in the country. In the backend of the bullpen, Boisvert (27) and **Gabe Nard** (73) rounded out the player awards for the Blue Devils.

FRESHMAN IMPACT

- Headlined by three D1Baseball impact freshman players, the Blue Devils 2025 freshman class was rated the No. 24 class by D1Baseball earlier this preseason. Blue-chip freshmen **Henry Zatkowski** and **Max Stammel** are big pieces of the program's future who should also pitch plenty of meaningful innings as freshmen.

- In addition to the two lefty arms on the mound, **Jeff Lougee** is a strong candidate for the starting second base job, as a quick-twitch 6-foot, 185-pound athlete with an advanced all-fields approach from the left side as well as emerging pop.

2025 SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

- The 2024 ACC Champions open the season at newly renovated Jack Coombs Field, welcoming in Big 12 conference member Cincinnati to the diamond. Duke begins the 2025 campaign with 19 of the first 20 games being played at Jack Coombs Field, while not leaving the state of North Carolina until March 14-16 when Duke travels to new ACC member Stanford for the first time. The Blue Devils return home to face 2024 Norman Regional opponent UConn before traveling to the site of the 2023 Super Regional to face Virginia.

- The Blue Devils round out the month of March with a home meeting with East Carolina and a weekend series against NC State, before traveling to Boshamer Stadium to face off against North Carolina, fresh off a trip to Omaha. Duke also travels to Miami and Clemson in ACC play, while hosting California, Pittsburgh, Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech. The 2025 ACC Championship is scheduled to be played in Durham, N.C., at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park from May 20-25.

THE JACK GETS AN UPGRADE

- Duke Athletics, in collaboration with LeChase Construction and EwingCole Architecture, has announced a phased enhancement plan for Jack Coombs Field, home of the Blue Devils. The plan aims to celebrate the school's historic baseball program with facility upgrades that better support its competitive future and player development, while dramatically enhancing the spectator experience.

- The first phase began on Aug. 12, 2024, and includes new dugouts, an updated playing field with new dimensions, new bullpen, outdoor hitting facility, and group hospitality areas behind the outfield fence, upgraded tiered lawn seating on the first base line, a new player development lab/indoor training facility, and upgraded facility lighting and player development technology.

THE NEW BOYS ON THE BLOCK

- Graduate transfer pitchers **Mark Hindy** and **Reid Easterly** were named to *D1Baseball's* top 85 impact transfer pitcher list this Fall. Hindy checked into the list at No. 24, while Easterly was tabbed No. 55. Hindy, a left-handed pitcher from William & Mary, made 19 appearances during the 2024 campaign, recording five wins and one save. He struck out 73 batters in 60 innings of work, posting the fifth-best mark in a single season with 10.95 strikeouts per nine innings. Easterly, a left-handed pitcher from Yale, joins the Blue Devils after posting a 3.54 ERA across 47 appearances for the Bulldogs. The Katy, Texas, native started 21 contests across three seasons, working 185.1 innings and tallied 162 strikeouts. He held opponents to a .246 batting average and collected 10 wins and five saves.

- Graduate **Jake Hyde** transferred to Durham from Georgetown, following a successful four year career with the Hoyas. The 6-4 left-handed bat, posted a .314 average in four years, appearing in 186 games with 181 starts. He scored 175 runs, tallied 231 hits, including a career-high 84 in 2022. Additionally, Hyde posted 52 career doubles and blasted 48 home runs at Georgetown. The Darien, Connecticut, native was tabbed to *D1Baseball's* top impact transfer hitters as the No. 31 in the class.

RECRUITING RANKINGS

- The 2024 Duke baseball signing class begins their freshman season in Durham, after *Baseball America* named the class the No. 20 recruiting class in the country. With that mark, it was the fifth-straight top-25 class for the Blue Devils under head coach **Chris Pollard**. The class was also rated at No. 33 by *Perfect Game*.

- Duke's 2024 signing class was highlighted by four top 500 prospects as **Jeff Lougee** (259), **Trevor Johnson** (363), **Jay Slater** (383), and **Kael Gahan** (419) all found their names in the top 500 prospects. The class is comprised of four infielders, four outfielders, one catcher and six pitchers.

- The freshmen class was also awarded as the No. 24 impact class by *D1Baseball* earlier this preseason, headlined by **Max Stammel**, **Henry Zatkowski**, and **Jeff Lougee**.

SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

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|----|--------------|-----------|------|
| 14 | Cincinnati | ACCNX | 4 PM |
| 15 | Cincinnati | ACCNX | 3 PM |
| 16 | Cincinnati | ACCNX | 1 PM |
| 18 | UNCW | ACCNX | 4 PM |
| 21 | Cornell | ACCNX | 4 PM |
| 22 | Cornell | ACCNX | 3 PM |
| 23 | Cornell | ACCNX | 1 PM |
| 25 | at Campbell | FloSports | 5 PM |
| 23 | Liberty | ACCNX | 4 PM |
| 28 | Northwestern | ACCNX | 4 PM |

MARCH

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|----|--------------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Northwestern | ACCNX | 3 PM |
| 2 | Northwestern | ACCNX | 1 PM |
| 4 | North Carolina A&T | ACCNX | 4 PM |
| 7 | California * | ACCNX | 4 PM |
| 8 | California * | ACCNX | 3 PM |
| 9 | California * | ACCNX | 1 PM |
| 11 | George Mason | ACCNX | 3 PM |
| 12 | George Mason | ACCNX | 11 AM |
| 14 | at Stanford * | ACCNX | 9 PM |
| 15 | at Stanford * | ACCNX | 5 PM |
| 16 | at Stanford * | ACCNX | 4 PM |
| 18 | UConn | ACCNX | 4 PM |
| 21 | at Virginia * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 22 | at Virginia * | ACCNX | 4 PM |
| 23 | at Virginia * | ACCNX | 1 PM |
| 25 | East Carolina | ACCN | 7 PM |
| 28 | NC State * | ACCN | 8 PM |
| 29 | NC State * | ACCNX | 3 PM |
| 30 | NC State * | ACCNX | 1 PM |

APRIL

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|----|---------------------|-------|------|
| 1 | Davidson | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 3 | at North Carolina * | ACCN | 7 PM |
| 4 | at North Carolina * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 5 | at North Carolina * | ACCNX | 2 PM |
| 8 | William & Mary | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 9 | Campbell | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 11 | at Miami * | ACCNX | 7 PM |
| 12 | at Miami * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 13 | at Miami * | ACCNX | 1 PM |
| 15 | Appalachian State | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 17 | Pittsburgh * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 18 | Pittsburgh * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 19 | Pittsburgh * | ACCNX | 1 PM |
| 22 | Gardner-Webb | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 25 | Virginia Tech * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 26 | Virginia Tech * | ACCNX | 3 PM |
| 27 | Virginia Tech * | ACCNX | 1 PM |

MAY

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| 4 | Radford (DH) | ACCNX | 1 PM |
| 4 | Radford (DH) | ACCNX | TBA |
| 6 | Queens | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 9 | at Clemson * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 10 | at Clemson * | ACCNX | 2 PM |
| 11 | at Clemson * | ACCNX | 1 PM |
| 13 | at Liberty | FloSports | 6 PM |
| 15 | Georgia Tech * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 16 | Georgia Tech * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 17 | Georgia Tech * | ACCNX | 6 PM |
| 20-20 | ACC Tournament ! | | TBA |

* ACC contest / **Bold** denotes home contest
! Durham Bulls Athletic Park (Durham, N.C.)

2025 MEDIA GUIDE
2025 SCHEDULE
2025 MEDIA HUB

2024 SEASON IN REVIEW

ACC CHAMPS... AGAIN

- Duke baseball captured its second ACC title, three years after the Blue Devils made history in Charlotte, N.C., in 2021. The Blue Devils improved to a perfect 8-0 record at Truist Field, winning two of the three ACC Championships held in the Queen City. Duke claimed its second ACC title with a 16-4 victory over Florida State, after racing through pool play against NC State and Virginia Tech.
- Three Duke baseball members were named to the ACC All-Tournament Team following the Championship game, as catcher **Alex Stone**, pitcher **Charlie Beilenson**, and outfielder **Devin Obee** were selected. Obee was also named the tournament MVP, the first for Duke since **Joey Loperfido** in 2021.

RECORD YEAR

- For the second time in program history and second under head coach **Chris Pollard**, Duke notched 40 wins during the 2024 campaign. The program record for wins in a single season was set by the 2018 squad who fell in the Lubbock Super Regional.
- After completing the 2023 season with a program record 109 home runs, Duke set a single game record with 11 home runs against George Mason the second game of the season and broke the program record in home runs with 115. Additionally, Duke scored a new program-best 501 runs and tallied 1,138 total bases on the year.
- Freshman **AJ Gracia** broke two rookie records at Duke during the 2024 campaign, crushing 14 home runs to take the crown as the freshman home run leader, while also breaking **Joey Loperfido**'s freshman RBI record with 58. Gracia passed Loperfido on the same day that Joey was called up to the major leagues with the Houston Astros.

DRAFT RECAP & MLB CALL UPS

- Five Blue Devils heard their names called during the 2024 MLB Draft moving Duke's total number of selections to 101 all-time and 46 under head coach **Chris Pollard**. The five selections were the most for the Blue Devils since 2022 and the three selections in the first 10 rounds are the most since 2021.
- **Jonathan Santucci** (2nd Round; New York Mets), **Charlie Beilenson** (5th Round; Seattle Mariners), **Nick Conte** (8th Round; Kansas City Royals), **Fran Oschell III** (12th Round; Los Angeles Angels) and **Jimmy Romano** (16th Round; Cincinnati Reds) were the five Blue Devils selected.
- Three Blue Devils made their MLB debuts during the 2024 campaign, as **Graham Pauley**, **Joey Loperfido** and **Griffin Conine** had their contracts selected by MLB clubs. Pauley began the season in Seoul, South Korea, with the San Diego Padres, before being dealt to the Miami Marlins at the trade deadline. Loperfido was called up a few months after Pauley to the Houston Astros, before being sent to the Toronto Blue Jays in a trade.
- **Griffin Conine** made his MLB debut on August 26, in Denver, Colorado, pinch-hitting in the bottom of the ninth. Conine joins his father Jeff Conine as only the second father/son duo to play for the Marlins in team history. "Mr. Marlin" played for the organization from 1993-97 and 2003-05 (winning the 1997 and 2003 World Series). The duo joins Ryan Weathers (2023) and David Weathers (1993-96 and 2004) after Ryan made his debut on August 5, 2023 at Texas.

AWARD SEASON

- Graduate **Charlie Beilenson** became the first player in program history to be named a consensus first team All-American in 2024, earning nods from all four major publications. Beilenson also added a Stopper of the Year finalist and was honored as a College Sports Communicators Second Team Academic All-American.
- In addition to Beilenson, graduate **Zac Morris** was tabbed a NCBWA Third Team All-American and DIBaseball Second Team All-American.
- Freshman **AJ Gracia** earned All-America honors by NCBWA (1st), Perfect Game (1st), DIBaseball (1st) and Baseball America (2nd). Fellow freshman **Kyle Johnson** also was named an All-American, earning the nod from NCBWA (1st), Perfect Game (1st), DIBaseball (2nd) and Baseball America (2nd). He became the first freshman since **Marcus Stroman** in 2010 to be honored as a utility player.
- A program record seven Blue Devils were recognized by the Atlantic Coast Conference on the All-ACC Team in 2024, highlighted by a program tying four on the first team. **Charlie Beilenson**, **Ben Miller**, **Zac Morris** and **Jonathan Santucci** were named to the first team, while **Alex Stone** was tabbed to the second team, **AJ Gracia** was named to the third team and freshman squad, and **Kyle Johnson** joined Gracia on the freshman squad.

PLAYING FOR THE COUNTRY

- Senior **Wallace Clark** was one of three Blue Devils to represent their country this summer. Clark earned a spot on the U-23 Great Britain roster for the WBSC Baseball World Cup, hosting in Shaoxing, China. The Tulsa, Oklahoma, native posted a .280 average at the plate, scoring four runs and tallying three doubles and driving in four RBI. He added five walks and was third on the roster with a .800 OPS.
- A pair of Blue Devils had the honor of wearing the Stars & Stripes this summer, as rising sophomore's **AJ Gracia** and **Kyle Johnson** appeared with the USA Collegiate National Team in Cary. Gracia produced a .300 average in four games with the USA Collegiate National Team, finishing with a team-high .533 OBP. Johnson joined the National Team, posting a 1-0 record on the mound in two innings of work. He punched out four batters and limited the Coastal Plain East All-Stars to no hits in his appearance.
- Duke's new Recruiting Coordinator and Infielders coach, **Derek Simmons**, spent the summer on the USA U-15 National Team's coaching staff, as the Stars and Stripes swept Australia in a six-game International Friendly Series spanning Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama.

SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

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|----|----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 16 | vs. Indiana ^ | ESPN+ | W, 6-3 |
| 17 | vs. George Mason ^ | ESPN+ | W, 23-5 |
| 18 | vs. #18 Coastal Carolina ^ | ESPN+ | W, 5-3 |
| 21 | Liberty | ACCNX | W, 4-2 |
| 23 | Northwestern | ACCNX | W, 2-0 |
| 24 | Northwestern | ACCNX | W, 8-2 |
| 25 | Northwestern | ACCNX | W, 20-9 |
| 27 | Davidson | ACCNX | W, 17-0 (7) |

MARCH

| | | | |
|----|---------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1 | Akron | ACCNX | W, 6-0 |
| 2 | Akron | ACCNX | L, 3-4 |
| 3 | Akron | ACCNX | W, 7-2 |
| 5 | Appalachian State | ACCNX | W, 28-2 |
| 6 | Georgetown | ACCNX | CANCELED |
| 8 | at #1 Wake Forest * | ACCN | W, 8-5 |
| 9 | at #1 Wake Forest * | ACCN | L, 3-6 |
| 10 | at #1 Wake Forest * | ACCN | W, 10-8 |
| 12 | Rider | ACCNX | L, 2-6 |
| 13 | Rider | ACCNX | W, 18-4 |
| 15 | #10 Clemson * | ACCNX | W, 5-2 |
| 16 | #10 Clemson * | ACCNX | W, 7-8 |
| 17 | #10 Clemson * | ACCNX | L, 6-8 (10) |
| 19 | Towson | ACCNX | W, 12-2 (8) |
| 22 | at NC State * | ACCNX | L, 3-4 |
| 23 | at NC State * | ACCNX | L, 8-9 |
| 24 | at NC State * | ACCNX | W, 13-2 (7) |
| 26 | Campbell | ACCNX | W, 11-1 |
| 29 | #9 Virginia * | ACCN | W, 9-4 |
| 30 | #9 Virginia * | ACCN | L, 3-7 |
| 31 | #9 Virginia * | ACCN | W, 7-4 |

APRIL

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|----|------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 2 | at Liberty | ESPN+ | W, 9-4 |
| 5 | Miami * | ACCNX | W, 4-3 |
| 6 | Miami * | ACCNX | W, 5-4 |
| 7 | Miami * | ACCNX | W, 11-10 (11) |
| 9 | William & Mary | ACCNX | L, 2-4 |
| 13 | at Pitt * | ACCNX | W, 14-4 (7) |
| 13 | at Pitt * | ACCNX | W, 4-3 |
| 14 | at Pitt * | ACCNX | L, 10-11 |
| 16 | Gardner-Webb | ACCNX | W, 2-1 |
| 19 | at #23 Virginia Tech * | ACCNX | W, 9-8 (11) |
| 20 | at #23 Virginia Tech * | ACCNX | L, 1-2 (11) |
| 21 | at #23 Virginia Tech * | ACCNX | W, 13-10 |
| 23 | at Campbell | ACCNX | L, 4-28 (7) |
| 26 | #10 Florida State * | ACCNX | L, 2-4 |
| 27 | #10 Florida State * | ACCNX | L, 6-7 |
| 28 | #10 Florida State * | ACCNX | W, 16-4 (7) |

MAY

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|----|--------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 5 | Longwood (DH) | ACCNX | W, 23-3 (7) |
| 5 | Longwood (DH) | ACCNX | W, 11-1 (7) |
| 7 | at #6 ECU | ESPN+ | W, 5-2 |
| 10 | at Georgia Tech * | ACCNX | L, 8-11 |
| 11 | at Georgia Tech * | ACCNX | W, 14-10 |
| 12 | at Georgia Tech * | ACCNX | L, 6-8 |
| 14 | College of Charleston | ACCNX | CANCELED |
| 16 | #7 North Carolina * | ACCN | W, 5-3 |
| 17 | #7 North Carolina * | ACCNX | L, 4-6 |
| 18 | #7 North Carolina * | ACCNX | L, 4-16 |
| 21 | vs. (10) Virginia Tech ! | ACCN | W, 11-8 |
| 23 | vs. (3) NC State ! | ACCN | W, 8-1 |
| 25 | vs. (11) Miami ! | ACCN | W, 8-2 |
| 26 | vs. (5) Florida State ! | ESPN2 | W, 16-4 |
| 31 | vs. UConn @ | ESPN+ | L, 1-4 |

JUNE

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|---|--------------------|------|--------|
| 1 | vs. Oral Roberts @ | ESPN | W, 6-2 |
| 2 | vs. Oklahoma @ | ESPN | L, 3-4 |

* ACC contest / **Bold** denotes home contest

^ Baseball at the Beach Game (Conway, S.C.)

! ACC Championship (Truist Field - Charlotte, N.C.)

@ Norman Regional (L. Dale Mitchell Park - Norman, Okla.)

BIG LEAGUE DEBUT SEASON

Graham Pauley, Joey Loperfido & Griffin Conine made their MLB Debut's in 2024

Duke has now produced 48 major league players and five in the last two seasons, as the trio joined Bryce Jarvis and Matt Mervis in 2023.



- **Graham Pauley** had his contract selected by the San Diego Padres and made his MLB debut during the Seoul Series in Korea. Upon returning stateside, Pauley marked his home debut on March 30 with a three-run home run in the 9th inning against the San Francisco Giants, securing his first major league hit. In his first 13 games with the Padres, Pauley tallied two home runs and five RBI. Pauley was later dealt at the trade deadline to the Miami Marlins, alongside **Jay Beshears**, bringing the total count of Blue Devils in the Marlins organization to four, joining Conine, Beshears, and recently aquired **Matt Mervis**.

- **Joey Loperfido** made his MLB debut, becoming the second Blue Devil in 2024 to appear in the bigs. On July 17, 2024, he went 2-for-4 driving in a run. Loperfido appeared for both the Houston Astros and Toronto Blue Jays in his first big league season. With the Astros, he appeared in 38 games, hitting .236 with five doubles, two home runs, and 16 RBI. With Toronto, Loperfido has appeared in 43 games, batting .197, with eight doubles, three triples, two home runs, and nine RBI. For his MLB career, the Philadelphia, Pa., native has appeared in 81 games, with a .214 average. He has collected 52 hits, 13 doubles, four triples, and four home runs.



- **Griffin Conine** had his contract selected by the Miami Marlins on August 25, 2024, and made his MLB Debut on August 26, 2024, in a pinch-hit situation at Coors Field in Denver, Colorado, against the Colorado Rockies. In his first career start the following day, Conine tallied a 2-for-3 day, drawing a walk in his first at bat of the night. In his second at bat, the rookie nearly hit a home run, before crushing a triple off the wall in right center field for his first MLB hit. To lead off the top of the ninth inning, Conine laced a double to left center field for his second big league hit. Conine also recorded an outfield assist, throwing out a base runner at the plate.



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