



2026 Spring Practice Schedule

MARCH

19, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31

APRIL

2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17

SPRING GAME

April 18

Duke Football Coaching Staff

Manny Diaz	Head Coach
Alma Mater	Florida State, 1995
Jonathan Brewer	Hall Family Offensive Coordinator (QB)
Jonathan Patke	Defensive Coordinator (LB)
Gabe Infante	Baxter Family Assistant Head Coach (DT)/Special Teams Coordinator
V'Angelo Bentley	Assistant Coach (CB)
Zohn Burden	Assistant Coach (WR)
Rodney Freeman II	Assistant Coach (RB)
Trent Harris	Assistant Coach (DE)
Rick Lyster	Assistant Coach (S)
Jeff Norrid	Assistant Coach (OL)
Justin Watts	Assistant Coach (TE)
Alex Devine	Associate Defensive Line Coach
Austin Shepherd	Associate Offensive Line Coach
Rob Ambrose	Senior Analyst (Defense)
Scott Benzel	Senior Analyst (Offense)
Reece Barlow	Analyst (Defense)
Scott Boone	Analyst (Special Teams)
Colin Diaz	Analyst (Defense)
Hadley Gregg	Analyst (Offense)
Gator Lamascus	Analyst (Offense)
Max Norton	Analyst (Offense)
David Stuckman	Analyst (Defense)

QUICK FACTS

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Location	Durham, N.C.
Founded	1838
Undergraduate Enrollment	6,523
Nickname	Blue Devils
School Colors	Duke Blue & White
Stadium	Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium
Capacity	35,018
Surface	Natural grass
Conference	ACC
Affiliation	NCAA FBS
President	Vincent Price
Vice President & Director of Athletics	Nina King
Official Website	GoDuke.com
Twitter/Instagram	@DukeFOOTBALL

2026 DUKE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Offense	Spread
Defense	Multiple
2025 Overall Record	9-5
2025 ACC Record (Finish)	6-2 (T2nd) ACC Champions
Lettermen Returning	32
	(11 Offense; 19 Defense; 2 Special Teams)
Lettermen Lost	36
	(17 Offense; 16 Defense; 3 Special Teams)
Starters Returning	10
	(4 Offense; 4 Defense; 2 Special Teams)
Starters Lost	17
	(7 Offense; 8 Defense; 2 Special Teams)

DUKE FOOTBALL HISTORY

First Season	1888
All-Time Record/Seasons	556-565-31 (.496)/113
All-Time Bowl Record	9-9
Last Bowl Game/Year	Sun Bowl/2025
Result	42-39 win against Arizona State

2026 Duke Football Schedule (2025 Record; Bowl game)

Home Games BOLD CAPS

SEPTEMBER

- 5 - TULANE (11-3; lost to Ole Miss, 41-10, in a College Football Playoff First Round Game)
- 12 - at Illinois (9-4; defeated Tennessee, 30-28, in the Liberty Mutual Music City Bowl)
- 19 - STANFORD (4-8)
- 26 - WILLIAM & MARY (7-5)

OCTOBER

- 3 - OPEN DATE
- 10 - at Georgia Tech (9-4; lost to BYU, 25-21, in the Pop-Tarts Bowl)
- 17 - NORTH CAROLINA (4-8)
- 24 - at Virginia (11-3; defeated Missouri, 13-7, in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl)
- 31 - BOSTON COLLEGE (2-10)

NOVEMBER

- 7 - at NC State (8-5; defeated Memphis, 31-7, in the Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl)
- 14 - at Miami (13-3; lost to Indiana, 27-21, in the College Football Playoff National Championship Presented by AT&T)
- 21 - CLEMSON (7-6; lost to Penn State, 22-10, in the Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl)
- 28 - at Wake Forest (9-4; defeated Mississippi State, 43-29, in the Duke's Mayo Bowl)

2026 TEAM ANALYSIS

LETTERMEN RETURNING (32)

Offense (11): OL Gemyel Allen, TE Tony Boggs, C Matt Craycraft, OL Caleb Dorris, TE Jeremiah Hasley, OL Jordan Larsen, WR Jayden Moore, OL Micah Sahakian²⁰²⁴, RB Nate Sheppard, OL Bradley Smith, TE Jake Taylor

Defense (19): DT David Anderson, CB Landan Callahan, DE Bryce Davis, LB Will Felder Jr., LB Bradley Gompers, S Leon Griffin III, LB Kendall Johnson, CB Kaleb Lanier, LB Luke Mergott, LB Nick Morris Jr., DE Kevin O'Connor, S Andrew Pellicciotta, DE Tyshon Reed, CB Kimari Robinson, LB Elliott Schaper, DE Kobe Smith, S DaShawn Stone, DE Semaj Turner, DT Preston Watson

Special Teams (2): P Kade Reynoldson, K Cosme Salas

LETTERMEN LOST (36)

Offense (17): WR Andrei Anthony, QB Michael Appel Jr., WR Cooper Barkate, RB Travis Bates, QB Henry Belin IV, TE Vance Bolyard, WR Que'Sean Brown, RB Anderson Castle, OL Bruno Fina, WR Sahmir Hagans, RB Peyton Jones, TE Landen King, QB Darian Mensah, RB Jaquez Moore, OL Brian Parker II, OL Justin Pickett, WR Chase Tyler

Defense (16): LB Dawson Andrew, DE Vincent Anthony Jr., CB Kyren Condoll, LB Memorable Factor, LB Jaiden Francois, LB Tre Freeman, DT Josiah Green, DT Aaron Hall, S Ma'khi Jones, CB Moussa Kane, S Kenzy Paul, CB Chandler Rivers, DT Terry Simmons Jr., S Caleb Weaver, DE Wesley Williams, LB George Wright

Special Teams (3): LS Curtis Cooper, K/P Ryan Degyansky, K Todd Pelino

STARTERS RETURNING (10)

Offense (4): OL Matt Craycraft, TE Jeremiah Hasley, OL Jordan Larsen, RB Nate Sheppard

Defense (4): CB Landan Callahan (6 starts), LB Luke Mergott, CB Kamari Robinson (9 starts), S DaShawn Stone

Special Teams (2): P Kade Reynoldson, K Cosme Salas (kickoffs)

STARTERS LOST (17)

Offense (7): WR Cooper Barkate, WR Que'Sean Brown, OL Bruno Fina, WR Sahmir Hagans, QB Darian Mensah, OL Brian Parker II, OL Justin Pickett

Defense (8): DE Vincent Anthony Jr., LB Jaiden Francois, LB Tre Freeman, DT Josiah Green, DT Aaron Hall, DE Wesley Williams, CB Chandler Rivers, S Caleb Weaver

Special Teams (2): LS Curtis Cooper, K Todd Pelino

CLASS BREAKDOWN (Scholarship only)

FRESHMEN (11)*: OL Ayden Cain, WR Chadwicke Cannon Jr., WR Kavon Conciauro, S KD Cotton, RB CJ Givers, WR Brody Keefe, TE Benjamin Moseley, CB Tyson Sanford, OL Sean Stover, RB Jayvian Tanelus, QB Terry Walker III

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (20): OL Cole Allen, OL Jamin Brown, OL Daniel Boyd, DT Julius Columbus, LB Will Felder Jr., OL Roman Fina, CB Kolbe Harmon, OL Kai Jacobowitz, WR Qeanu Johnson, DT Bariate Kara, OL Nathan Kutufaris, CB Kaleb Lanier, WR Jamien Little, QB Dan Mahan, DE Sampson Onuoha, DE Tommy Rupley, OL Evan Scott, WR Kavon Simmons, WR Jaivon Solomon, LB Asher Wasserman

SOPHOMORES (5): DE Bryce Davis, LB Bradley Gompers, RB Nate Sheppard, S Andrew Pellicciotta, LB Elliott Schaper

REDSHIRT SOPHOMORES (13): OL Gemyel Allen, LB Derrick Brown Jr., CB Landan Callahan, DE Jaylen Carl, OL Ryan Daly, TE Brett Elliott, CB Kyon Loud, WR Jayden Moore, LB Jon Morris, OL Bradley Smith, DE Kobe Smith, DE Semaj Turner, DT Owen Wafle

JUNIORS (3): DE Tyshon Reed, P Kade Reynoldson, DT Preston Watson

REDSHIRT JUNIORS (10): DT David Anderson, TE Tony Boggs, OL Caleb Dorris, S Leon Griffin III, LB Kendall Johnson, OL Reagan McCranie, LB Luke Mergott, DE Kevin O'Connor, CB Kimari Robinson, S DaShawn Stone

REDSHIRT SENIORS (4): C Matt Craycraft, TE Jeremiah Hasley, OL Jordan Larsen, TE Jake Tylor

GRADUATE STUDENTS (2): LB Nick Morris Jr., OL Micah Sahakian

POST BACCALAUREATE (10): RB CJ Campbell Jr., OL Nick Del Grande, QB Walker Eget, CB Dylan Flowers, TE Nate Kurisky, OL Braden Miller, WR Javen Nicholas, QB Ari Petu, DT Dakota Quiñonez, CB Evan Smith

NON-SCHOLARSHIP (9)

REDSHIRT SENIORS (1): LB Jack Yates

REDSHIRT JUNIORS (1): LS Jack Ronilo

REDSHIRT SOPHOMORES (3): RB Cole Denson, WR Paxon Kettering, K Cosme Salas

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (4): QB Lawrence Gardner, K Mika Levy, S Brady Winter, K Ashton Zamani

* Enrolled at Duke in January 2026



2026 Spring Practice Roster

(Numerical; Class indicates Fall, 2026 eligibility)

No.	Name	Season at Duke	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown / High School / Previous School
5	Kimari Robinson	4th	CB	5-10	180	R-Jr.	Miramar, Fla. / St. Thomas Aquinas School
6	Leon Griffin III	4th	S	5-11	195	R-Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va. / Bayside
6	Jamien Little	2nd	WR	6-2	180	R-Fr.	Hickory, N.C. / Hickory
8	Jayden Moore	3rd	WR	5-8	190	R-So.	Sykesville, Md. / Loyola Blakefield
8	DaShawn Stone	4th	S	6-3	200	R-Jr.	Asheville, N.C. / A.C. Reynolds
10	Tyshon Reed	3rd	DE	6-3	245	Jr.	Moultrie, Ga. / Colquitt County
11	Derrick Brown Jr.	3rd	LB	6-2	225	R-So.	Waxhaw, N.C. / Avon Old Farms School [Conn.]
12	Dan Mahan	2nd	QB	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Burlington, N.C. / Walter M. Williams
14	Bryce Davis	2nd	DE	6-3	260	So.	Greensboro, N.C. / Grimsley
15	Kevin O'Connor	4th	DE	6-4	245	R-Jr.	Easton, Md. / Easton
15	Jake Taylor	5th	TE	6-5	235	R-Sr.	Apex, N.C. / Cardinal Gibbons
16	Lawrence Gardner	2nd	QB	6-0	200	R-Fr.	Dallas, Texas / St. Mark's School of Texas
17	Jaivon Solomon	2nd	WR	6-1	170	R-Fr.	Gray, Ga. / Jones County
18	Kobe Smith	3rd	DE	6-3	220	R-So.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Red Bank
19	Kavon Simmons	2nd	WR	6-1	175	R-Fr.	Wake Forest, N.C. / Wake Forest
20	Nate Sheppard	2nd	RB	5-10	200	So.	Mandeville, La. / Mandeville
21	Landan Callahan	3rd	CB	5-11	185	R-So.	Rural Hall, N.C. / Ronald Reagan
21	Qeanu Johnson	2nd	WR	5-11	190	R-Fr.	Hamden, Conn. / Hamden Hall Country Day
23	Kolbe Harmon	2nd	CB	5-10	180	R-Fr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
24	Bradley Gompers	2nd	LB	6-5	225	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Central Catholic
27	Jack Yates	5th	LS	6-0	215	R-Sr.	Hudson, Mass. / Cheshire Academy
28	Cole Denson	3rd	RB	6-0	200	R-So.	Rye, N.Y. / Rye Country Day School
28	Kaleb Lanier	2nd	CB	6-0	185	R-Fr.	Decatur, Ga. / Decatur
30	Will Felder Jr.	2nd	LB	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Willingboro, N.J. / Roman Catholic [Pa.]
31	Elliott Schaper	2nd	LB	6-3	210	So.	Austin, Texas / Westlake
34	Luke Mergott	4th	LB	6-3	225	R-Jr.	Berlin, Md. / Stephen Decatur
35	Andrew Pellicciotta	2nd	S	5-11	200	So.	Malvern, Pa. / Malvern Prep
36	Nick Morris Jr.	6th	LB	6-3	235	Gr.	Fairfield, Conn. / Westlake [Texas]
37	Brady Winter	2nd	S	5-11	195	R-Fr.	New York, N.Y. / Taft School
38	Ashton Zamani	2nd	K	5-11	165	R-Fr.	Hidden Hills, Calif. / Sierra Canyon
39	Cosme Salas	3rd	K	5-7	185	R-So.	Palmetto Bay, Fla. / Gulliver Prep
40	Asher Wasserman	2nd	LB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Hamden, Conn. / Hamden Hall Country Day
41	Kade Reynoldson	3rd	P	6-2	195	Jr.	Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia / Somerset College
42	Kendall Johnson	4th	LB	6-3	225	R-Jr.	Gaithersburg, Md. / Quince Orchard
43	Semaj Turner	4th	DE	6-3	250	R-So.	Winston-Salem, N.C. / Ronald Wilson Reagan
44	David Anderson	4th	DT	6-4	290	R-Jr.	Hampton, Va. / Kecoughtan
46	Tony Boggs	4th	TE	6-4	295	R-Jr.	Wartrace, Tenn. / Baylor School
49	Jack Ronilo	4th	LS	6-1	215	R-Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Oak Mountain
52	Micah Sahakian	3rd	OL	6-5	325	Gr.	Mount Prospect, Ill. / Prospect / Cornell
54	Daniel Boyd	2nd	OL	6-2	305	R-Fr.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Arbor View
55	Julius Columbus	2nd	DT	6-1	285	R-Fr.	Gainesville, Ga. / Gainesville
55	Ryan Daly	3rd	OL	6-0	290	R-So.	Venice, Fla. / Venice
62	Cole Allen	2nd	OL	6-5	265	R-Fr.	Jackson, Miss. / Jackson Prep
63	Bradley Smith	3rd	OL	6-2	305	R-So.	Newnan, Ga. / Woodward Academy
64	Jordan Larsen	2nd	OL	6-3	310	R-Sr.	Harrisburg, S.D. / Harrisburg / South Dakota
65	Kai Jacobowitz	2nd	OL	6-7	320	R-Fr.	Carlsbad, Calif. / Carlsbad
66	Caleb Dorris	4th	OL	6-6	305	R-Jr.	White House, Tenn. / Ensworth
71	Jamin Brown	2nd	OL	6-3	300	R-Fr.	Gadsden, Ala. / Southside
72	Matt Craycraft	5th	OL	6-3	300	R-Sr.	Dallas, Texas / Jesuit Dallas Prep
73	Evan Scott	2nd	OL	6-4	295	R-Fr.	Augusta, Ga. / Lakeside
74	Reagan McCranie	4th	OL	6-2	320	R-Jr.	Rutherfordton, N.C. / Chase

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76	Gemyel Allen	3rd	OL	6-3	320	R-So.	Buford, Ga. / Mountain View
78	Nathan Kutufaris	2nd	OL	6-5	280	R-Fr.	Springfield, Pa. / Cardinal O'Hara
79	Roman Fina	2nd	OL	6-4	270	R-Fr.	Tucson, Ariz. / Salpointe Catholic
81	Brett Elliott	3rd	TE	6-3	240	R-So.	Holliston, Mass. / Buckingham Browne & Nichols School
85	Jeremiah Hasley	5th	TE	6-3	245	R-Sr.	Gibsonia, Pa. / Pine-Richland
87	Bariate Kara	2nd	DT	6-5	280	R-Fr.	Loganville, Ga. / Loganville Christian Academy
88	Paxon Kettering	3rd	WR	6-4	200	R-So.	Bend, Ore. / Summit
90	Tommy Rupley	2nd	DE	6-4	240	R-Fr.	Acton, Mass. / Belmont Hill
93	Sampson Onuoha	2nd	DE	6-3	230	R-Fr.	London, England / Belmont Hill [Mass.]
95	Preston Watson	3rd	DT	6-1	295	Jr.	Lake Mary, Fla. / Seminole
98	Jaylen Carl	3rd	DE	6-4	240	R-So.	High Point, N.C. / Southwest Guilford
	Ayden Cain	1st	DT	6-1	270	Fr.	Gainesville, Ga. / Gainesville
	CJ Campbell Jr.	1st	RB	5-10	210	Post-Bacc	Kaplan, La. / Bay [Fla.] / Rutgers/FAU/Florida State
	Chadwicke Cannon Jr.	1st	DT	6-1	275	Fr.	Port Orange, Fla. / Spruce Creek
	Kavon Conciauro	1st	WR	6-4	200	Fr.	Reidsville, Ga. / Houston County
	KD Cotton	1st	S	5-9	190	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Weddington
	Nick Del Grande	1st	OL	6-4	300	Post-Bacc	Lancaster, Pa. / Lampeter-Strasburg / Coastal Carolina
	Walker Eget	1st	QB	6-3	225	Post-Bacc	Santa Clarita, Calif. / West Ranch / San Jose State
	Dylan Flowers	1st	CB	5-10	180	Post-Bacc	Playa Del Rey, Calif. / St. Bernard / Western Kentucky/College of the Canyons/BYU/Southern Utah
	CJ Givers	1st	RB	5-11	195	Fr.	Roswell, Ga. / Fellowship Christian
	Brody Keefe	1st	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Myers Park
	Nate Kurisky	1st	TE	6-3	240	Post-Bacc	Leesburg, Va. / Gonzaga High School / Louisville
	Mika Levy	1st	K	6-3	240	R-Fr.	McLean, Va. / The Out-of-Door Academy [Fla.] (Howard)
	Kyon Loud	1st	CB	6-2	175	R-So.	Richmond, Calif. / Junipero Serra / Montana
	Braden Miller	1st	OL	6-6	315	Post-Bacc	Aurora, Colo. / Eaglecrest / California/Michigan State
	Jon Morris	1st	LB	6-2	200	R-So.	Fairfield, Conn. / Fairfield Prep / Connecticut
	Benjamin Moseley	1st	TE	6-4	205	Fr.	Centre, Ala. / Cherokee County
	Javen Nicholas	1st	WR	5-9	190	Post-Bacc	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine / Charlotte/LSU
	Ari Patu	1st	QB	6-4	220	Post-Bacc	Folsom, Calif. / Folsom / North Alabama/Stanford
	Dakota Quiñonez	1st	DT	6-1	285	Post-Bacc	Moore, S.C. / James F. Byrnes / Dartmouth
	Tyson Sanford	1st	CB	5-11	180	Fr.	Suwannee, Ga. / Peachtree Ridge
	Evan Smith	1st	CB	5-10	185	Post-Bacc	Birmingham, Ala. / Oak Mountain / Northwestern
	Sean Stover	1st	OL	6-4	315	Fr.	Propser, Texas / Prosper
	Jayvian Tanelus	1st	RB	5-10	195	Fr.	Naples, Fla. / Community School of Naples
	Owen Wafle	1st	DT	6-2	295	R-So.	Middletown, N.J. / The Hun School / Penn State/Michigan
	Terry Walker III	1st	QB	6-4	190	Fr.	Fishers, Ind. / Hamilton Southeastern

Pronunciation Guide

GEMYEL Allen..... ja-MILE
JAMIN Brown..... JAY-min
KAVON CONCIAURO..... kay-VON CON-see-are-oh
Walker EGET EE-get
BARIATE Kara BARE-ee-ah-tay CAR-uh
Nate KURISKY..... ker-RISS-kee
KYON Loud..... KEY-on
Dan MAHAN muh-HAN
Luke MERGOTT..... mur-GOTT
JAVEN Nicholas JAY-vin
ARI PATU ARE-ee PA-too
Dakota QUIÑONEZ kin-YO-nez
TYSHON Reed ty-SHAWN

KIMARI Robinson ki-MAR-ee
Micah SAHAKIAN su-HA-key-in
Elliott SCHAPER..... shopper
DASHAWN Stone DAY-shawn
Jayvian TANELUS..... TUH-nell-us
SEMAJ Turner sih-MAHJ
Owen WAFLE..... WAY-full

COACHES

Jonathan PATKE PAT-key
Gabe INFANTE..... in-FAWN-tay
Rick LYSTER..... LIST-er

2026 SPRING POSITIONAL BREAKDOWN (Listed Alphabetically)

QUARTERBACK (5 - 2 return, 2 portal & 1 signee)

<i>Walker Eget</i>	6-3, 225	PB	TRF
Lawrence Gardner	6-0, 200	R-Fr.	SQ
Dan Mahan	6-2, 195	R-Fr.	SQ
<i>Ari Patu</i>	6-4, 200	PB	TRF
Terry Walker III	6-4, 190	Fr.	HS

RUNNING BACK (5 - 2 return, 1 portal & 2 signees)

<i>CJ Campbell Jr.</i>	5-10, 210	PB	TRF
Cole Denson	6-0, 200	R-So.	SQ
CJ Givers	5-11, 195	Fr.	HS
Nate Sheppard	5-10, 200	So.	1V
Jayvian Tanelus	5-10, 195	Fr.	HS

WIDE RECEIVER (9 - 6 return, 1 portal & 2 signees)

Kavon Conciauro	6-4, 200	Fr.	HS
Qeanu Johnson	5-11, 190	R-Fr.	SQ
Brody Keefe	6-3, 200	Fr.	HS
Paxon Kettering	6-4, 200	R-So.	SQ
Jamien Little	6-2, 180	R-Fr.	SQ
Jayden Moore	5-8, 190	R-So.	1V
<i>Javen Nicholas</i>	5-9, 190	PB	TRF
Kavon Simmons	6-1, 175	R-Fr.	SQ
Jaivon Solomon	6-1, 170	R-Fr.	SQ

TIGHT END (6 - 4 return, 1 portal & 1 signee)

Tony Boggs	6-4, 295	R-Jr.	2V
Brett Elliott	6-3, 240	R-So.	SQ
Jeremiah Hasley	6-3, 245	R-Sr.	3V
<i>Nate Kurisky</i>	6-3, 240	PB	TRF
Benjamin Moseley	6-4, 205	Fr.	HS
Jake Taylor	6-5, 235	R-Sr.	2V

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (18 - 15 return, 2 portal & 1 signee)

Cole Allen	6-5, 325	R-Fr.	SQ
Gemyel Allen	6-3, 320	R-So.	1V
Daniel Boyd	6-2, 305	R-Fr.	SQ
Jamin Brown	6-3, 300	R-Fr.	SQ
Matt Craycraft	6-3, 300	R-Sr.	3V
Ryan Daly	6-0, 290	R-So.	SQ
<i>Nick Del Grande</i>	6-4, 300	PB	TRF
Caleb Dorris	6-6, 305	R-Jr.	1V
Roman Fina	6-4, 270	R-Fr.	SQ
Kai Jacobowitz	6-7, 320	R-Fr.	SQ
Nathan Kutufaris	6-5, 280	R-Fr.	SQ
Jordan Larsen	6-3, 310	R-Sr.	1V
Reagan McCranie	6-2, 320	R-Jr.	SQ
<i>Braden Miller</i>	6-6, 315	PB	TRF
Micah Sahakian	6-5, 325	Gr.	1V
Evan Scott	6-4, 295	R-Fr.	SQ
Bradley Smith	6-2, 305	R-So.	1V
Sean Stover	6-4, 315	Fr.	HS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE (8 - 4 return, 2 portal & 2 signees)

David Anderson	6-4, 290	R-Jr.	2V
Ayden Cain	6-1, 270	Fr.	HS
Chadwicke Cannon Jr.	6-1, 275	Fr.	HS
Julius Columbus	6-1, 285	R-Fr.	SQ
Bariate Kara	6-5, 280	R-Fr.	SQ
<i>Dakota Quiñonez</i>	6-1, 285	PB	TRF
<i>Owen Waffle</i>	6-2, 295	R-So.	TRF
Preston Watson	6-1, 295	Jr.	2V

DEFENSIVE END (8 - 8 return)

Jaylen Carl	6-4, 240	R-So.	SQ
Bryce Davis	6-3, 260	So.	1V
Kevin O'Connor	6-4, 245	R-Jr.	2V
Sampson Onuoha	6-3, 230	R-Fr.	SQ
Tyshon Reed	6-3, 245	Jr.	2V
Tommy Rupley	6-4, 240	R-Fr.	SQ
Kobe Smith	6-3, 220	R-So.	1V
Semaj Turner	6-3, 250	R-So.	1V

LINEBACKER (9 - 8 return & 1 portal)

Derrick Brown Jr.	6-1, 225	R-So.	SQ
Will Felder Jr.	6-0, 195	R-Fr.	1V
Bradley Gompers	6-5, 225	So.	1V
Kendall Johnson	6-3, 225	R-Jr.	2V
Luke Mergott	6-3, 225	R-Jr.	2V
<i>Jon Morris</i>	6-2, 200	R-So.	TRF
Nick Morris Jr.	6-3, 235	Gr.	2V
Elliott Schaper	6-3, 210	So.	1V
Asher Wasserman	6-2, 220	R-Fr.	SQ

CORNERBACK (8 - 4 return, 3 portal & 1 signee)

Landan Callahan	5-11, 185	R-So.	1V
<i>Dylan Flowers</i>	5-10, 180	PB	TRF
Kolbe Harmon	5-10, 180	R-Fr.	SQ
Kaleb Lanier	6-0, 185	R-Fr.	1V
<i>Kyon Loud</i>	6-2, 175	R-So.	TRF
Kimari Robinson	5-10, 180	R-Jr.	2V
Tyson Sanford	5-11, 180	Fr.	HS
<i>Evan Smith</i>	5-10, 185	PB	TRF

SAFETY (5 - 4 return & 1 signee)

KD Cotton	5-9, 190	Fr.	HS
Leon Griffin III	5-11, 195	R-Jr.	2V
Andrew Pellicciotta	5-11, 200	So.	1V
DaShawn Stone	6-3, 200	R-Jr.	2V
Brady Winter	5-11, 195	R-Fr.	SQ

KICKER (3 - 2 return)

<i>Mika Levy</i>	6-3, 240	R-Fr.	TRF
Cosme Salas	5-7, 185	R-So.	1V
Ashton Zamani	5-11, 165	R-Fr.	SQ

& joined as a walk-on prior to spring practice

LONG SNAPPER (2 - 2 return)

Jack Ronilo	6-1, 215	R-Jr.	SQ
Jack Yates	6-0, 215	R-Sr.	SQ

PUNTER (1 - 1 return)

Kade Reynoldson	6-0, 195	Jr.	2V
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*denotes number of letters earned while at Duke only

PORTAL ADDITIONS BY PROGRAM

P4 (5)

CJ Campbell Jr., RB - Rutgers
Nate Kurisky, TE - Louisville
Braden Miller, OL - California
Evan Smith, CB - Northwestern
Owen Waffle, DT - Penn State

G5 (4)

Nick Del Grande, OL - Coastal Carolina
Walker Eget, QB - San Jose State
Dylan Flowers, CB - Western Kentucky
Javen Nicholas, WR - Charlotte

Independent (1)

Jon Morris, LB - Connecticut

FCS (3)

Kyon Loud, CB - Montana
Ari Patu, QB - North Alabama
Dakota Quiñonez, DT - Dartmouth

QUARTERBACK

Lettermen returning (0): None
Lettermen lost (3): Michael Appel Jr., Henry Belin IV, Darian Mensah
Starters returning (0): None
Starters lost (1): Darian Mensah
2025 Returning QBs (listed alphabetically): Lawrence Gardner, Dan Mahan

QB NOTES

**** 2025 starting QB Darian Mensah** transferred from Duke to Miami ... Mensah, the MVP of the ACC Championship Game and Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl, completed 334-of-500 (.668) passes for 3,973 yards with 34 TDs and six INTs while rushing 58 times for minus-22 yards (-0.38) and a TD. He set Duke single-season records for passing yards, pass completions, pass attempts, passing TDs, pass efficiency (153.59) and touchdown-to-interception ratio (5.67-1) while setting or matching Blue Devil single-season standards for games with 1+ TD passes (14), games with 2+ TD passes (12), games with 3+ TD passes (6), most consecutive games with 2+ TD passes (14), completion-to-INT ratio (55.67-1), attempt-to-INT ratio (83.33-1), games with 20+ pass attempts without an INT (8), games with 30+ pass attempts without an INT (6), consecutive pass attempts without an INT (211), games with 100+ passing yards (14), games with 200+ passing yards (12) and wins by a starting QB (9)
**** Walker Eget** had his NCAA waiver for an additional year of eligibility approved in February and joined the Blue Devils from San Jose State University. In 27 games with 18 starts for the Spartans, Eget completed 421-of-730 passes (.577) for 5,563 yards with 30 TDs against 19 INTs. He added 64 rushes for 181 yards (2.83). He was an Honorable Mention All-Mountain West honoree in 2025, his second season as a starter at SJSU
**** Ari Patu** arrived in January after appearing in 20 games the last five seasons with North Alabama (12) and Stanford (eight) with four starts. In his career, Patu has completed 113-of-212 (.533) passes for 1,202 yards with nine TDs along with 87 carries for 260 yards (2.99) and three scores for 1,578 yards of total offense
**** Dan Mahan** did not appear in any games in 2025 after enrolling at Duke in January 2025 as a consensus three-star prospect from Burlington, N.C.
**** Terry Walker III** joined the Blue Devils in January 2026 as a consensus three-star prospect from Hamilton Southeastern High School in Fishers, Ind. At the time of his signing, he was ranked as the No. 14 dual threat quarterback nationally by ESPN.com

RUNNING BACK

Lettermen returning (1): Nate Sheppard
Lettermen lost (4): Travis Bates, Anderson Castle, Peyton Jones, Jaquez Moore
Starters returning (1): Nate Sheppard
Starters lost (0): None
2025 Returning RBs (listed alphabetically): Cole Denson, Nate Sheppard

RB NOTES

**** One of two position coach changes on the Duke staff from 2025 to 2026 is the leader of the running backs, Rodney Freeman II**
**** Freeman** comes to Duke after a two-year stint (2024-25) at East Carolina University serving as the running backs coach. During his time in Greenville, Freeman II helped the Pirates to a 17-9 record and two bowl victories
**** The Blue Devils return starter Nate Sheppard**, who rewrote the Duke freshman record book, established the school single-season rookie record for rushing yards with 1,132 as well as the rushing TDs by a freshman mark with 11
**** Sheppard** helped Duke claim the ACC Championship Game and Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl crown with a combined 267 rushing yards and two TDs

**** The Athletic Freshman All-America Second Team honoree, Sheppard** earned Second Team All-ACC accolades by the league as well as the Associated Press
**** Duke** added experience through the transfer portal with **CJ Campbell Jr.**, who played in 31 games with Florida State (16), Florida Atlantic (12) and Rutgers (three) with 12 starts in the past five seasons. During his career, he has totaled 212 carries for 1,144 yards (5.40) and 14 TDs with an additional 41 receptions for 469 yards (11.44) and three scores
**** Four-star prospect CJ Givers** joined the Blue Devils in January after four seasons at Fellowship Christian in Georgia. Upon his signing, Givers, who set school records in career rushing yards, carries and rushing touchdowns, was listed as the No. 32 running back prospect nationally by Rivals.com
**** Three-star prospect Jayvian Tanelus** joined the Blue Devils in January after a standout final season with the Community School of Naples as he rushed for more than 2,000 yards and 30 touchdowns en route to becoming a finalist for the Florida Gatorade Player of the Year award

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Nate Sheppard (5-10, 200, So.)
**** Played** in all 14 games and started the final 10
**** Led Duke** in rushing with 1,132 yards on 200 attempts (5.66) with 11 scores
**** Rushing yardage total** is the sixth most in a year in program history and made Sheppard the only 1,000-yard rookie rusher in Blue Devil history
**** Added 37 receptions** for 286 yards (7.73) and one score
**** Recorded a season-high 170 rushing yards** in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl with 168 at Syracuse
**** Added a third 100-yard performance (100)** at Connecticut
**** Rushed for 2+ TDs** in four games, including each of first two career starts
**** Caught 3+ passes** in seven games and finished tied for the fifth most receptions by a Duke rookie in program history
**** In the ACC Championship Game**, ran for a touchdown and caught five passes to become just the second individual to accomplish both in the league's title tilt, joining Florida State's Dalvin Cook in the 2014 game versus Georgia Tech
**** Became a starter** in game five and during the final 10 contests, averaged 94.40 yards per game and 1.10 touchdowns per tilt
**** On the field** for 611 snaps

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg
2025	14/10	200	1,132	5.66	11	60
Total	14/10	200	1,132	5.66	11	60

Year	G/GS	Rec	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg
2025	14/10	37	286	7.73	1	20
Total	14/10	37	286	7.73	1	20

TIGHT END

Lettermen returning (3): Tony Boggs, Jeremiah Hasley, Jake Taylor
Lettermen lost (2): Vance Bolyard, Landen King
Starters returning (1): Jeremiah Hasley
Starters lost (0): None
2025 Returning TEs (listed alphabetically): Tony Boggs, Brett Elliott, Jeremiah Hasley, Jake Taylor

TE NOTES

**** Duke's tight end group** was riddled by injuries in 2024 and returned to health in 2025
**** Jeremiah Hasley** earned Honorable Mention All-ACC accolades after a breakout year of 40 receptions for 454 yards (11.35) and six TDs
**** Redshirt senior Jake Taylor** and redshirt junior **Tony Boggs** continue to add depth to the unit

** Duke added **Nate Kurisky** from Louisville out of the transfer portal to replace the departed **Landen King**, who was with the Duke program for the 2025 campaign following his transfer from Utah

** Kurisky played in 38 games for Louisville in the past four seasons. He arrives in Durham with 50 career receptions for 410 yards (8.20) and seven TDs with an additional three kickoff returns for 37 yards (12.33)

** Freshman **Benjamin Moseley** also joined Duke in January after lettering three seasons at Cherokee County High School in Alabama. He was a consensus three-star prospect and was ranked as the No. 24 Y tight end nationally by *ESPN.com*

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Tony Boggs (6-4, 295, R-Jr.)

** Played in 11 games, missing just the Tulane, Georgia Tech and Connecticut contests

** Served primarily as a blocking tight end

** Did not record any offensive statistics

** On the field for 59 snaps

Year	G/GS	Rec	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg
2024	10/2	0	0	0.00	0	-
2025	11/0	0	0	0.00	0	-
Total	21/2	0	0	0.00	0	-

Jeremiah Hasley (6-3, 245, R-Sr.)

** Returned from an injury in 2024 that held him to only two games and started all 14 in 2025 in earning Honorable Mention All-ACC honors

** Finished with 40 receptions for 454 yards (11.35) and six TDs

** Reception total was tied for the 10th most by a Duke tight end in a season

** Six TD grabs tied for the third most by a Blue Devil tight end during a campaign

** Enters 2026 with eight career TD catches, four shy of the Duke record by a tight end

** Turned in a strong final seven games of the season, catching 30 passes for 372 yards and six scores

** Caught two TDs in the ACC Championship Game, including the game-winning score on fourth-and-one in Duke's overtime possession

** College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honoree

** On the field for 816 snaps

Year	G/GS	Rec	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg
2022	4/0	0	0	0.00	0	0
2023	12/5	5	52	10.40	1	21
2024	2/2	3	11	3.67	1	7
2025	14/14	40	454	11.35	6	56
Total	32/21	48	517	10.77	8	56

Jake Taylor (6-5, 235, R-Sr.)

** Played in 13 games, missing just the NC State contest

** Served primarily as a blocking tight end

** Caught two passes for 20 yards (10.00) with a long of 16 at California

** On the field for 146 snaps

Year	G/GS	Rec	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg
2023	6/0	1	14	14.00	0	14
2024	13/6	11	74	6.73	0	14
2025	13/0	2	20	10.00	0	16
Total	32/6	14	108	7.71	0	16

WIDE RECEIVER

Lettermen returning (1): Jayden Moore

Lettermen lost (5): Andre! Anthony, Cooper Barkate, Que'Sean Brown, Sahmir Hagans, Chase Tyler

Starters returning (0): None

Starters lost (3): Cooper Barkate, Que'Sean Brown, Sahmir Hagans

2025 Returning WRs (listed alphabetically): Qeanu Johnson, Paxton Kettering, Jamien Little, Jayden Moore, Kavon Simmons, Jaivon Solomon

WR NOTES

** Duke's receiving corps looks to reload after the loss of all three 2025 starters with the graduation of **Sahmir Hagans** and the transfers of **Cooper Barkate** and **Que'Sean Brown**. Barkate led Duke with 1,106 receiving yards, 72 catches and seven TDs while Brown was just behind with 846 yards, 64 receptions and five scores. Hagans closed his career with 43 receptions for 508 yards and six TDs

** Barkate was a Second Team All-ACC honoree in 2025

** The Blue Devils' returning letterman is **Jayden Moore**, who caught seven passes for 42 yards (6.00)

** Duke brings back multiple redshirt freshmen receivers who gained experience in 2025 with **Qeanu Johnson**, **Jamien Little**, **Kavon Simmons** and **Jaivon Solomon**. All four were consensus three-star prospects upon their signings

** The Blue Devils added one transfer in **Javen Nicholas**, who played in 38 games for LSU (26) and Charlotte (12) with 11 starts over the past four years. He has totaled 64 receptions for 766 yards (11.97) and five TDs and added 10 punt returns for 126 yards (12.60), seven kickoff returns for 122 yards (17.43) and seven rushes for 36 yards (5.14)

** **Kavon Conciauro** and **Brody Keefe** joined the Blue Devils in January after finishing their high school careers. Conciauro, from Reidsville, Ga., lettered two seasons at Houston County and was a consensus three-star prospect

** Keefe lettered three seasons at Myers Park in Charlotte and represented North Carolina in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas. The consensus three-star prospect tallied 25 receptions for 474 yards and eight TDs as a senior

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Jayden Moore (5-8, 190, R-So.)

** Saw action in all 14 games

** Caught seven passes for 42 yards (6.00) and returned three kickoffs for 76 yards (25.33)

** Tallied three receptions against Elon in the season opener, two against Illinois in week two and two at North Carolina

** Registered 20+ receiving yards versus Elon (22) and Illinois (25)

** Served as a backup kickoff returner, running back two for 39 yards (19.50) at California and one for 37 yards at Connecticut

** On the field for 208 snaps

Year	G/GS	Rec	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg
2025	14/0	7	42	6.00	0	15
Total	14/0	7	42	6.00	0	15

Year	G/GS	KOR	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg
2024	14/0	3	76	25.33	0	37
Total	14/0	3	76	25.33	0	37

OFFENSIVE LINE

Lettermen returning (6): Gemyel Allen, Matt Craycraft, Caleb Dorris, Jordan Larsen, Micah Sahakian²⁰²⁴, Bradley Smith

Lettermen lost (3): Bruno Fina, Brian Parker II, Justin Pickett

Starters returning (2): Matt Craycraft, Jordan Larsen

Starters lost (3): Bruno Fina, Brian Parker II, Justin Pickett

2025 Returning OL (listed alphabetically): Cole Allen, Gemyel Allen, Daniel Boyd, Jamin Brown, Matt Craycraft, Ryan Daly, Caleb Dorris, Roman Fina, Kai Jacobowitz, Nathan Kutufaris, Jordan Larsen, Reagan McCranie, Micah Sahakian, Evan Scott, Bradley Smith

OL NOTES

** Duke returns a pair of starters in **Matt Craycraft** and **Jordan Larsen**. Craycraft will enter his third year as the starting center while Larsen served as the Blue Devils' left guard in the fall

** As a whole, Duke's 2025 offensive line was a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award, presented annually to the best offensive line in college football

** Departed are All-America pick **Brian Parker II**, who entered the 2026 NFL Draft, two-time team captain **Justin Pickett** and Academic All-America **Bruno Fina**

** Last year's unit helped Duke rewrite the record book as the Blue Devils set the program record for total touchdowns scored (63), points scored (484) and pass efficiency (152.53) and became the first in school history to have a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard receiver and 1,000-yard rusher

** Duke adds two midyear transfer enrollees in **Nick Del Grande** and **Braden Miller**, who joined the Blue Devils in January. Del Grande played in 35 games, starting all 35, for Coastal Carolina the past four years and earned a pair of All-Sun Belt honors. Miller played in 22 games, starting seven, for Michigan State (three) and California (19) the past three years

** The Blue Devils also added *Rivals* National All-America honoree **Sean Stover**, who was rated a four-star prospect by *247Sports.com* and *ESPN.com* and a three-star prospect by *Rivals*. At the time of his December signing, he was listed as the No. 2 offensive guard nationally by *ESPN.com* and the No. 19 interior offensive guard nationally by *247Sports.com*

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Gemyel Allen (6-3, 320, R-So.)

** Played in all 14 games primarily as a member of the special teams kicking units

** On the field for 95 snaps

Matt Craycraft (6-3, 300, R-Sr.)

** Started all 14 games at center for the second consecutive season

** Graded by *Pro Football Focus* as having the ninth-highest total offense grade among ACC centers (68.4)

** College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honoree

** Member of the Duke Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester

** On the field for 975 snaps

Caleb Dorris (6-6, 305, R-Jr.)

** Played in all 14 games primarily as a member of the special teams kicking units

** On the field for 103 snaps

Jordan Larsen (6-3, 310, R-Sr.)

** Started all 14 games at left guard in first season at Duke following transfer from South Dakota

** On the field for 784 snaps

Micah Sahakian (6-5, 325, Gr.)

** Reserve offensive lineman in 2024 who played in the final five games

** Missed the entire 2025 campaign due to injury

** Missed the first portion of the 2024 season recovering from injury and was cleared to play during the final month of the campaign

** Earned a letter in 2024

Bradley Smith (6-2, 305, R-So.)

** Played in all 14 games and started the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl at right guard

** Valuable member of Duke's special teams units who moved into the starting role for the season finale

** On the field for 393 snaps

DEFENSIVE LINE

Lettermen returning (7): David Anderson, Bryce Davis, Kevin O'Connor, Tyshon Reed, Kobe Smith, Semaj Turner, Preston Watson

Lettermen lost (5): Vincent Anthony Jr., Josiah Green, Aaron Hall, Terry Simmons Jr., Wesley Williams

Starters returning (0): None

Starters lost (4): Vincent Anthony Jr., Josiah Green, Aaron Hall, Wesley Williams

2025 Returning DE (listed alphabetically): Jaylen Carl, Bryce Davis, Kevin O'Connor, Sampson Onuoha, Tyshon Reed, Tommy Rupley, Kobe Smith, Semaj Turner

2025 Returning DT (listed alphabetically): David Anderson, Julius Columbus, Bariate Kara, Preston Watson

DL NOTES

** One of two position coach changes on the Duke staff from 2025 to 2026 is the leader of the defensive ends, **Trent Harris**

** A former defensive end under Manny Diaz at the University of Miami, Harris has coached outside linebackers at Illinois the last two years, helping the Fighting Illini to 19 wins, the program's most in a two-year span, and six ranked wins, including victories against No. 14 South Carolina in the 2024 Cheez-It Citrus Bowl and No. 23 Tennessee in the 2025 Music City Bowl

** The Blue Devils lose all four starters in ends **Vincent Anthony Jr.** and **Wesley Williams** and tackles **Josiah Green** and **Aaron Hall**. Anthony Jr., Hall and Williams were All-ACC selections last fall

** Tackles **David Anderson** and **Preston Watson** are primed for larger roles this fall. The two combined for 23 tackles, 3.5 TFL, two PBUs, three QB pressures and one fumble recovery last fall

** On the end, Duke brings back true sophomore **Bryce Davis** as well as junior **Tyshon Reed**. Reed started the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl in place of Anthony Jr., who had declared for the 2026 NFL Draft. Davis played in the first 12 games of his true freshman season before missing the two postseason contests due to injury

** The end unit did not take any transfer portal additions but brings back all eight to its position room

** Blue Devils added depth at tackle through the portal with **Dakota Quiñonez**, who played in 23 games with 10 starts for Dartmouth over the past four years and was a First Team All-Ivy selection in 2025

** Tackle **Owen Waffle** also joined the Blue Devils in January. He played in nine games for Penn State in 2025 after not appearing in any contests at Michigan in the fall of 2024. With Penn State this past fall, Waffle carded four tackles

** Duke added freshmen **Ayden Cain** and **Chadwicke Cannon Jr.**, who were consensus three-star prospects and joined the Blue Devils in January. Cain was charted as the No. 46 defensive tackle prospect by *ESPN.com* while Cannon Jr. was ranked at No. 53

RETURNING LETTERMEN

David Anderson (6-4, 290, R-Jr.)

- ** A reserve defensive tackle who appeared in all 14 games
- ** Booked nine tackles, 0.5 TFL, one PBU, one fumble recovery and one QB pressure
- ** Registered a year-high three tackles versus Virginia in the regular season
- ** Against Wake Forest, tallied a fumble recovery, pass breakup and QB pressure
- ** On the field for 233 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2023	3/0	0	4	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	13/0	4	9	13	2.0-11	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	1
2025	14/0	3	6	9	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	1	1
Total	30/0	7	19	26	2.5-11	1.0-8	0	1	0	1	2

Bryce Davis (6-3, 260, So.)

- ** Played in 12 games, missing just the postseason contests with Virginia and Arizona State
- ** One of just five true freshmen to earn a letter in 2025
- ** Booked 10 tackles, 2.0 TFL, one PBU and two QB pressures
- ** Carded two tackles at California and versus Virginia in the regular season
- ** Booked 1.0 TFL at California and versus Virginia
- ** On the field for 226 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2025	12/0	6	4	10	2.0-7	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	2
Total	12/0	6	4	10	2.0-7	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	2

Kevin O'Connor (6-4, 245, R-Jr.)

- ** Had first fully healthy season and played in all 14 games as a reserve end
- ** Registered 11 tackles, 1.0 TFL and four QB pressures
- ** Booked a year-high five tackles, 1.0 TFL and a QB pressure against Arizona State in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl in helping Duke to victory
- ** Tallied a QB pressure in the season opener versus Elon and in each of the final three games against Wake Forest, Virginia and the Sun Devils
- ** A standout on special teams as a key blocker and kickoff coverage specialist who shared the team's Special Teams Most Valuable Player Award with Sahmir Hagans
- ** Ran six yards on a fake punt for a first down against Virginia in the ACC Championship Game
- ** On the field for 392 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2024	7/0	3	5	8	0.5-5	0.5-5	0	0	0	0	0
2025	14/0	3	8	11	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	21/0	6	13	19	1.5-6	0.5-5	0	0	0	0	4

Tyshon Reed (6-3, 245, Jr.)

- ** Played in all 14 games and started one at defensive end
- ** Turned in an exceptional second season with 22 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.0 sack and one QB pressure
- ** Booked 2+ tackles in six games with a season-high four in first career start, versus Arizona State in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl
- ** Registered all 2.5 TFL within the final three games with 1.0 each against Wake Forest and Virginia and 0.5 versus the Sun Devils
- ** Credited with 1.0 sack against the Demon Deacons
- ** On the field for 486 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2024	13/0	1	4	5	1.5-7	1.0-5	0	0	0	0	1
2025	14/1	9	13	22	2.5-12	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	1
Total	27/1	10	17	27	4.0-19	2.0-13	0	0	0	0	2

Kobe Smith (6-3, 220, R-So.)

- ** In first full season, saw action in all 14 games
- ** Registered 10 tackles, one caused fumble and two QB pressures
- ** In addition to reserve end duties, a key contributor to Duke's special teams
- ** Booked four tackles at Syracuse and one in six other tilts
- ** Tallied a forced fumble at California
- ** Credited with a QB pressure at Syracuse and Connecticut
- ** Will miss the spring season while recovering from injury suffered in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl
- ** On the field for 317 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2024	4/0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	14/0	4	6	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	2
Total	18/0	4	6	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	2

Semaj Turner (6-3, 250, R-So.)

- ** Saw action in 13 games, missing just the season opener versus Elon, as a reserve end
- ** Registered six tackles and one QB pressure
- ** Tallied a year-high three stops against NC State and one each versus Illinois, California and Connecticut
- ** Credited with a QB pressure versus Arizona State in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl
- ** On the field for 151 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2023	3/0	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	0/0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	13/0	1	5	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	16/0	2	7	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	1

Preston Watson (6-1, 295, Jr.)

- ** Played in all 14 games as a reserve defensive tackle
- ** Compiled 14 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 0.5 sack, one PBU and two QB pressures
- ** Booked a year-high two stops at Tulane and against Georgia Tech
- ** Tallied a season-best 1.5 TFL at Tulane and added 1.0 versus Arizona State in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl
- ** Registered 0.5 sack at Syracuse
- ** Credited with two QB pressures at North Carolina
- ** On the field for 308 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2024	13/0	3	4	7	1.0-5	0.5-4	0	0	0	1	1
2025	14/0	7	7	14	3.0-8	0.5-3	0	1	0	0	2
Total	27/0	10	11	21	4.0-13	1.0-7	0	1	0	1	3

LINEBACKERS

Lettermen returning (6): Will Felder Jr., Bradley Gompers, Kendall Johnson, Luke Mergott, Nick Morris Jr., Elliott Schaper

Lettermen lost (5): Dawson Andrew, Memorable Factor, Jaiden Francois, Tre Freeman, George Wright

Starters returning (1): Luke Mergott

Starters lost (2): Jaiden Francois, Tre Freeman

2025 Returning LBs (listed alphabetically): Derrick Brown Jr., Will Felder Jr., Bradley Gompers, Kendall Johnson, Luke Mergott, Nick Morris Jr., Elliott Schaper, Asher Wasserman

LB NOTES

** The Blue Devils must replace two starters in **Jaiden Francois** and **Tre Freeman**. Francois finished fourth on the squad with 74 tackles in 2025 while Freeman earned All-ACC accolades twice in his career

** Returning is **Luke Mergott**, who sealed Duke ACC Championship Game and Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl victories with interceptions

** Mergott stepped into the starting role in week five after **Nick Morris Jr.** was lost for the season due to injury against NC State in week four. Morris Jr. will also return to the Blue Devils, but has played just five games the last two seasons due to injuries

** Mergott finished second on the squad with 90 tackles and was fifth with 7.0 TFL

** In addition to Mergott, top reserve **Kendall Johnson** returns to the mix after a strong 2025 with 37 tackles in 10 games

** Duke returns a trio of true freshmen who earned letters in 2025 and will look to have increased roles in 2026 with **Will Felder Jr.**, **Bradley Gompers** and **Elliott Schaper**, who were three of Duke's five rookies to letter last fall

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Will Felder Jr. (6-0, 195, R-Fr.)

** A true freshman in 2025 who was able to preserve his redshirt year after appearing in four regular season games and two postseason contests

** In six overall games, booked three tackles

** Registered two stops versus Virginia in the regular season contest and one against Wake Forest

** On the field for 88 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2025	6/0	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6/0	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

Bradley Gompers (6-5, 225, So.)

** Saw action in 12 games, missing the regular season contest against NC State and the ACC Championship Game versus Virginia

** A valuable member of Duke's special teams in addition to reserve line-backer duties

** Recorded 14 tackles, 1.5 TFL and one fumble recovery

** Booked 2+ tackles four times with a season-high four at Syracuse and versus Virginia in the regular season

** Tallied 1.0 TFL at California and added 0.5 at Clemson

** Recovered first career fumble at Syracuse

** On the field for 190 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2025	12/0	8	6	14	1.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	12/0	8	6	14	1.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	1	0

Kendall Johnson (6-3, 225, R-Jr.)

** Saw action in 10 games and started two, versus Illinois and North Carolina

** Missed the Syracuse, California, Connecticut and Virginia contests

** Recorded 37 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 1.0 sack, one caused fumble, two PBUs and four QB pressures

** Registered 3+ tackles in eight games, 5+ in three contests and carded a year-high eight versus No. 11 Illinois in week two

** Booked a career-high 2.5 TFL and 1.0 sack against the Fighting Illini

** Carded PBUs in consecutive games versus Wake Forest and Virginia in the ACC Championship Game

** Credited with one QB pressure against Elon, NC State, Georgia Tech and Virginia in the league's title game

** On the field for 397 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2023	4/0	3	4	7	1.5-9	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	0
2024	12/0	9	3	12	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	10/2	20	17	37	3.0-17	1.0-12	0	2	1	0	4
Total	26/2	32	24	56	5.0-26	2.0-20	0	2	1	0	4

Luke Mergott (6-3, 225, R-Jr.)

** Thrust into the starting role in week five and thrived, becoming the star of the ACC Championship Game and Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl with interceptions to seal both victories

** On the first play of Virginia's overtime possession in the league title game, intercepted a pass to end the contest

** Picked off Arizona State's Jeff Sims with 1:57 to play in the fourth quarter, allowing Duke to run out the clock and claim the bowl championship

** In 14 games with 10 starts, booked 90 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 1.0 sack, two INTs, two fumble recoveries, three PBUs and nine QB pressures

** Carded 6+ tackles in nine games, 10+ in three contests and a year-high 12 at Clemson in helping Duke to its first win in Death Valley since 1980

** Booked 1.0+ TFL in five games with a season-high 1.5 versus Georgia Tech and Virginia in the regular season

** Lone sack was at North Carolina during the fourth quarter to help Duke cement its comeback victory

** Recovered two fumbles against Wake Forest

** Carded 2+ QB pressures against NC State (3) and Virginia in the ACC Championship Game (2)

** On the field for 846 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2023	5/0	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	13/0	5	9	14	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	14/10	48	42	90	7.0-16	1.0-6	2	3	0	2	9
Total	32/10	54	53	107	7.0-16	1.0-6	2	3	0	2	9

Nick Morris Jr. (6-3, 235, Gr.)

** Started the first four games before being shelved for the rest of the campaign due to injury

** Recorded 18 tackles, 3.5 TFL, one fumble recovery and two QB pressures

** Booked 4+ tackles in all three completed games with a year-high eight against Illinois

** Added 3.0 TFL and a QB pressure versus the Fighting Illini

** Recovered a fumble at Tulane

** On the field for 158 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2021	0/0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	6/0	4	9	13	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	13/4	26	35	61	2.0-5	1.0-3	0	0	0	1	0
2024	1/1	0	1	1	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	4/4	12	6	18	3.5-8	0.0-0	0	0	0	1	2
Total	24/9	42	51	93	6.5-14	1.0-3	0	0	0	2	2

Elliott Schaper (6-3, 210, So.)
** A true freshman who experienced action in six games before being shelved due to injury
** Recorded 16 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks and one INT
** Forced into extensive playing time due to linebacker injuries at California and turned in an explosive performance with 12 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks and an INT
** Booked three tackles at Syracuse and one against Georgia Tech
** On the field for 118 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2025	6/0	5	11	16	2.0-23	2.0-23	1	0	0	0	0
Total	6/0	5	11	16	2.0-23	2.0-23	1	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Lettermen returning (6): Landan Callahan, Leon Griffin III, Kaleb Lanier, Andrew Pellicciotta, Kimari Robinson, DaShawn Stone
Lettermen lost (6): Kyren Condoll, Ma'khi Jones, Moussa Kane, Kenzy Paul, Chandler Rivers, Caleb Weaver
Starters returning (3): Landan Callahan, Kimari Robinson, DaShawn Stone
Starters lost (2): Chandler Rivers, Caleb Weaver
2025 Returning CBs (listed alphabetically): Landan Callahan, Kolbe Harmon, Kaleb Lanier, Kimari Robinson
2025 Returning Ss (listed alphabetically): Leon Griffin III, Andrew Pellicciotta, DaShawn Stone, Brady Winter

DB NOTES

** Duke must replace two of its four starters in the secondary after the departures of CB **Chandler Rivers** and S **Caleb Weaver**
** Rivers, an All-ACC selection in each of the last two years, finished 2025 with 59 tackles, 3.5 TFL, two INTs, one caused fumble, eight PBUs and one QB pressure. He led Duke in PBU and finished tied for the lead in INTs while ranking fifth in tackles
** Weaver recorded 91 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1.5 sack, one caused fumble, one fumble recovery and two PBUs. The fifth-year transfer from Sam Houston State ended the campaign leading the squad in total tackles and standing tied for 10th in the ACC in total tackles and 15th in tackles per game (6.50)
** Duke returns safety **DaShawn Stone**, who be entering his second year as a starter, as well as cornerbacks **Kimari Robinson** and **Landan Callahan**, who each started five or more games in 2025
** Stone was one of the Blue Devils' most consistent defensive players in 2025, booking 86 tackles with 4+ in each game, two INTs and three PBUs. Stone was tabbed the September 23 ACC Defensive Back of the Week following an interception versus NC State that helped Duke to a 45-33 victory
** Robinson and Callahan split starts opposite Rivers last fall with Robinson starting nine games and Callahan six
** The cornerback room will add depth through the portal with **Dylan Flowers**, **Kyon Loud** and **Evan Smith**. The safeties room did not add any transfers in January
** Flowers played in 35 games the last four seasons with Western Kentucky (13), College of the Canyons (11), BYU (one) and Southern Utah (10). He owns 84 career tackles, 4.0 TFL, three INTs, three caused fumbles, three fumble recoveries and 11 PBUs
** Loud appeared in 20 games with seven starts for Montana over the past two years, guiding the Grizzlies to a combined record of 22-7 with a trip to the FCS playoff second round in 2024 and a semifinal berth in 2025. During his Griz career, he totaled 43 tackles, 2.0 TFL, six PBUs and two QB pressures

** Smith played in 31 games with four starts for Northwestern over the past four years and collected 42 tackles, 2.5 TFL, one INT and four PBUs
** Duke added freshmen safety **KD Cotton** and cornerback **Tyson Sanford**, who both joined the Blue Devils in January and were tabbed as three-star prospects by *ESPN.com*, *Rivals.com* and *247Sports.com*

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Landan Callahan (5-11, 185, R-So.)
** Appeared in 12 games and started six, missing the North Carolina and Wake Forest contests
** Tallied 42 tackles and two PBUs
** Booked 3+ tackles in eight games, 5+ in four contests and produced a year-high eight at Clemson in helping Duke win in Death Valley for the first time since 1980
** Credited with a PBU versus NC State and Virginia in the ACC Championship Game
** On the field for 677 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2024	5/0	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	12/6	25	17	42	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	2	0	0	0
Total	17/6	25	17	43	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	2	0	0	0

Leon Griffin III (5-11, 195, R-Jr.)
** Played in all 14 games, primarily as a member of Duke's special teams
** Logged one tackle, at Syracuse
** On the field for 140 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2023	4/0	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	10/0	4	4	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2025	14/0	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	28/0	4	6	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0

Kaleb Lanier (6-0, 185, R-Fr.)
** A true freshman who was able to preserve his redshirt after appearing in four regular season contests and the ACC Championship Game
** Experienced action mainly on special teams
** Finished with one tackle, versus Virginia in the league's title tilt
** On the field for 62 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2021	5/0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5/0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

Andrew Pellicciotta (5-11, 200, So.)
** Played in all 14 games as a key reserve safety
** One of just five true freshmen to letter
** Logged 26 tackles, 0.5 TFL, one INT and two PBUs
** Registered 2+ tackles in nine contests with a season-high three versus Elon, Syracuse, Connecticut, Virginia in the regular season and Wake Forest
** Carded 0.5 TFL at Tulane
** Intercepted first career pass at California and returned it 34 yards
** Credited with single PBUs against Syracuse and Virginia in the ACC Championship Game
** On the field for 359 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2025	14/0	14	12	26	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	2	0	0	0
Total	14/0	14	12	26	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	2	0	0	0

Kimari Robinson (5-10, 180, R-Jr.)

- ** In first season as primary starter at cornerback, appeared in 11 games with nine starting nods
- ** Missed the Clemson and Connecticut contests in the regular season as well as the ACC Championship Game against Virginia
- ** Logged 34 tackles, 1.5 TFL, one fumble recovery and two PBUs
- ** Registered 3+ stops in seven games with a year-high five against California, North Carolina and Wake Forest
- ** Carded four stops versus No. 11 Illinois in week two
- ** Recovered first fumble at Syracuse
- ** Credited with single PBUs against Georgia Tech and North Carolina
- ** On the field for 587 snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2023	2/0	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	11/1	14	9	23	4.5-6	0.0-0	0	4	1	0	1
2025	11/9	18	16	34	1.5-3	0.0-0	0	2	0	1	0
Total	24/10	34	25	59	6.0-9	0.0-0	0	6	1	1	1

DaShawn Stone (6-3, 200, R-Jr.)

- ** Started all 14 games at safety, totaling 86 tackles, 1.5 TFL, two INTs, one caused fumble, three PBUs and one QB pressure
- ** Finished third on the team in tackles and tied for the squad lead in INTs
- ** Carded 5+ tackles 10 times, 8+ in three contests and a career-high 11 stops against NC State
- ** Tallied 0.5 TFL against Tulane, NC State and Arizona State in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl
- ** Intercepted a pass versus the Wolfpack and Wake Forest while booking six tackles at North Carolina to help Duke capture its second consecutive state title
- ** Helped Duke claim its first outright ACC Championship since 1962 with a career-high two PBUs versus Virginia in the title game
- ** Booked nine tackles in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl to cap season
- ** Caused a fumble at Syracuse in helping Duke limit the Orange to three points
- ** On the field for 740 total snaps

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	CF	FR	QBH
2023	5/0	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	13/1	28	27	55	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1	2	2	1
2025	14/14	46	40	86	1.5-3	0.0-0	2	3	1	0	1
Total	32/15	74	68	142	1.5-3	0.0-0	3	4	3	2	2

SPECIAL TEAMS

Lettermen returning (2): Kade Reynoldson, Cosme Salas

Lettermen lost (3): Curtis Cooper, Ryan Degyansky, Todd Pelino

Starters returning (2): Kade Reynoldson, Cosme Salas

Starters lost (2): Curtis Cooper, Todd Pelino

2025 Returning LSs (listed alphabetically): Jack Ronilo, Jack Yates

2025 Returning Ks (listed alphabetically): Cosme Salas, Ashton Zamani

2025 Returning Ps (listed alphabetically): Kade Reynoldson

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- ** Duke returns two of its special teams starters in K **Cosme Salas** and P **Kade Reynoldson**
- ** The Blue Devils must find a replacement for **Todd Pelino**, who wrapped up his third year as the primary kicker in 2025
- ** Pelino finished his career ranked second in points scored (317) in Duke history, second in PATs made (152), second in PATs attempted (154), field goal percentage (.775), tied for second in field goals made (55) and third in field goals attempted (71)
- ** Duke three-year long snapper **Curtis Cooper** also exhausted his eligibility last fall
- ** Salas returns after handling Duke's kickoff duties for the second half of the campaign
- ** Reynoldson had another strong season, managing all of Duke's punting duties

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Kade Reynoldson (6-2, 195, Jr.)

- ** Duke's primary punter for the second consecutive season
- ** Punted 44 times for 1,963 yards (44.61) with 21 downed inside the 20-yard line and seven boots of 50 or more yards
- ** Named the John Folmer Most Valuable Special Teams Player at the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl following five punts for 226 yards (45.20) with four fair catches and two boots downed inside the 20-yard line
- ** Averaged 46.00+ yards per punt in five games with a year-best 50.67 mark at Clemson to help Duke to its first win in Death Valley since 1980
- ** Downed a year-high three punts inside the 20-yard line at Syracuse, California and versus Virginia in the ACC Championship Game
- ** Also served as Duke's primary holder, helping Todd Pelino convert 14-of-19 field goal attempts and 56-of-56 PATs
- ** On the field for 129 snaps

Year	G/GS	Punt	Yds	Avg	Lg	Blk	TB	50+	FC	I20
2024	13/13	75	3,285	43.80	63	0	6	17	32	27
2025	14/14	44	1,963	44.61	57	0	2	7	22	21
Total	27/27	119	5,248	44.10	63	0	8	24	54	48

Cosme Salas (5-7, 185, R-So.)

- ** Kicked off 45 times for 2,869 yards (63.76) with 34 touchbacks against zero boots out of bounds
- ** 75.56 percent of kickoffs went for touchbacks
- ** On the field for 48 snaps



MANNY DIAZ

HEAD COACH

THIRD SEASON AT DUKE

FLORIDA STATE, 1995

Manny Diaz was named the 23rd head football coach at Duke University on December 7, 2023. In his two years with the Blue Devils he has led them to consecutive nine-win seasons for just the second time in program history, Duke's first outright ACC Championship since 1962, two bowl appearances, a bowl victory and eight fourth-quarter or overtime victories.

In Diaz's 28 years of coaching, five have been as a head coach and 15 as a defensive coordinator, including 10 at the FBS Power Four level. Diaz, 52, has coached 25 bowl teams, including two in BCS national championship games.

In his second year in Durham, Diaz oversaw a squad that finished 9-5 and capped the season on a four-game winning streak that saw the program defeat North Carolina in consecutive seasons, down Wake Forest to complete the ACC in-state sweep, capture the ACC Championship with a thrilling 27-20 overtime victory against No. 16 Virginia and beat Arizona State 42-39 in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl with the game-winning touchdown scored in the final three minutes.

With Diaz's leadership, Duke finished a four-year run that produced 35 wins, a program-record over four seasons, and 20 ACC victories, the second most in Duke history during a four-year span. His 2025 squad went 4-0 in road ACC games to extend the program's winning streak to in such games to six, matching the Duke record.

The 2025 Blue Devil offense that Diaz oversaw set the program record for total touchdowns scored (63), points scored (484) and pass efficiency (152.53) and became the first in school history to have a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard receiver and 1,000-yard rusher. Aiding the effort was All-America offensive tackle Brian Parker II as well as Second Team All-ACC selections in quarterback Darian Mensah, running back Nate Sheppard and wide receiver Cooper Barkate. Duke placed 11 on the All-ACC teams and five on the *Associated Press* All-ACC squad.

The Blue Devils again showed Diaz's hallmark attacking defense, finishing 11th nationally in fumbles recovered (10), 13th in turnover margin (+0.71), 14th in turnovers gained (24) and 16th in tackles for loss per game (6.6). Since 2016, Diaz's defenses have been a force behind the line of scrimmage, ranking in the top-20 nationally in tackles for loss each year: No. 16 in 2025 (6.6), No. 2 in 2024 (8.9), No. 2 in 2023 (8.5), No. 5 in 2022 (8.0), No. 9 in 2021 (7.8), No. 4 in 2020 (8.6), No. 4 in 2019 (8.3), No. 1 in 2018 (10.5), No. 4 in 2017 (8.5) and No. 5 in 2016 (8.3).

Duke's special teams aided the nine-win season as the kickoff return unit stood third nationally with 29.6 yards per return. Sahmir Hagans earned Second Team All-ACC accolades as a return specialist, aided by a 100-yard return for a score at Clemson as the Blue Devils earned their first win in Death Valley since 1980.

As Duke's first-year head coach, Diaz led the Blue Devils to a 9-4 record in 2024 with a 5-3 ledger in ACC action, highlighted by victories over in-state rivals North Carolina, NC State and Wake Forest. He joined Mike Elko and Fred Goldsmith as the only head coaches to guide the program to bowl appearances in their initial seasons.

Individually, Diaz guided 15 Blue Devils to All-ACC honors, the most in a year in program history. First Team All-ACC cornerback Chandler Rivers capped his outstanding campaign with All-America honors from four publications. Safety Terry Moore and linebacker Alex Howard also earned All-America accolades. In addition, wide receiver Eli Pancel was the recipient of the Atlantic Coast Conference's 2024 Brian Piccolo Award as the league's comeback player of the year.

Duke's special teams were also a strength during Diaz's first year as the Blue Devils ranked 11th nationally in blocked kicks (three), 18th in punt return defense (4.5) and 20th in kickoff return average (24.2). Punter Kade Reynoldson garnered 247Sports True Freshman All-America Team honors.

Prior to joining Duke, Diaz spent two seasons as the defensive coordinator at Penn State. During his time in Happy Valley, Diaz helped the Nittany Lions to a 21-4 (.840) record and back-to-back bowl appearances, including a 35-21 Rose Bowl win over No. 8 Utah to cap the 2022 season.

A 2022 Broyles Award semifinalist, Diaz helped propel Penn State's defense into one of the top units in the nation. During his two-year stretch, the Nittany Lions ranked in the top-25 in third down defense, fumbles recovered, passes intercepted, rushing defense, scoring defense, sacks, tackles for loss, total defense, turnover margin and turnovers gained. Additionally, Penn State ranked first in the country in 2023 in first downs allowed (181), seventh in passing yards allowed per game (172.1) and 11th in passing efficiency defense (116.4).

During his short tenure with the Nittany Lions, Diaz mentored 23 All-Big Ten selections, including four first team recipients. He had a hand in the development of Abdul Carter, who was a Second Team All-Big Ten pick, an FWA Freshman All-American and a finalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award as a true freshman en route to becoming the No. 3 pick in the 2025 NFL Draft.

Prior to his time at Penn State, Diaz spent six seasons at Miami, three as the head coach (2019-21) and three as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach (2016-18). During his time at the helm, he coached the Hurricanes to three consecutive bowl appearances and tied for the second most ACC wins in the league, trailing only Clemson.

Miami's 2021 squad finished the regular season winning five of its last six games, including wins over top-20 opponents in No. 18 NC State and No. 17 Pittsburgh. In addition, Diaz guided freshman quarterback Tyler Van Dyke to ACC Rookie of the Year honors. The 2020 Hurricanes finished 8-3 (7-2 ACC) overall, marking the second time with Diaz on staff as well as the second time in program history Miami won seven ACC games. That team concluded the year 18th in the final College Football Playoff rankings.

Before taking over as head coach, Diaz directed a Hurricane defensive unit that ranked fourth nationally in total defense (278.90) in 2018, while also finishing that season first in tackles for loss (10.5 per game), third down conversion defense (.253) and passing defense (135.60).

From 2018 to 2020, Miami featured at least one player with 15 tackles for loss in Jaelan Phillips (15.5) in 2020, Gregory Rousseau (19.5) in 2019 and Jonathan Garvin (18.0) in 2018. All went on to be NFL Draft selections.

During the 2017 campaign, the Hurricanes ranked first nationally in sacks (3.38 per game), fourth in tackles for loss (8.5 per game), eighth in fumble recoveries (14) and 15th in interceptions (17). In addition, Miami won the 2017 ACC Coastal Division and earned a berth in the Capital One Orange Bowl.

Diaz joined Mark Richt's Miami staff as defensive coordinator in 2016 and helped the Hurricanes rank fifth nationally in tackles for loss (up from 105th in 2015), tied for eighth in touchdowns allowed (up from 61st), ninth in yards allowed per play (up from 86th), 12th in scoring defense (up from 77th), 20th in total defense (up from 69th) and 22nd in sacks (up from 70th).

Prior to his tenure in Coral Gables, Diaz served as the defensive coordinator at Mississippi State for the 2015 season, when the 9-4 Bulldogs capped the year with a 51-28 victory over NC State. The Bulldogs limited opponents to just 23.2 points per game that season and ranked in the nation's top 10 in red zone defense and tackles for loss.

Before Mississippi State, Diaz served as the defensive coordinator at Louisiana Tech, where he helped guide the 2014 squad to a nation-best 42 takeaways, including an impressive 26 interceptions. Prior to his arrival at Louisiana Tech, he served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Texas (2011-13) under head coach Mack Brown.

During his first stint at Mississippi State (2010), the Bulldogs ranked 13th nationally in red zone defense (.730), 17th in rushing defense (214.90) and tackles for loss per game (7.0), and 22nd in scoring defense (19.9) and takeaways (28).

Diaz also had stops at Middle Tennessee and NC State early in his career. He served as the Blue Raiders’ defensive coordinator for four seasons, while also mentoring the linebackers (2008-09) and safeties (2006-07). During his time with the Wolfpack, he was a graduate assistant (2000-01) before being promoted to assistant coach in charge of the linebackers (2002-03) and safeties and special teams (2004-05).

Diaz began his coaching career at his alma mater Florida State (1998-99) as a graduate assistant and was part of the university’s national championship staff in 1999.

A native of Miami, Fla., Diaz graduated from Florida State with a bachelor’s degree in communications in 1995.

Diaz is married to the former Stephanie Cerow of Melbourne, Fla., and they are the parents of three sons, Colin, Gavin and Manny.

DIAZ YEAR-BY-YEAR LEDGER

Year	School	Position	Record	Notes
1998	Florida State	Graduate Assistant	11-2	Fiesta Bowl BCS Championship Participant ACC Championship
1999	Florida State	Graduate Assistant	12-0	Sugar Bowl BCS Champions ACC Championship
2000	NC State	Graduate Assistant	8-4	MicronPC.com Bowl Champion
2001	NC State	Graduate Assistant	7-5	Tangerine Bowl Participant
2002	NC State	Assistant Coach (LB)	11-3	Gator Bowl Champion
2003	NC State	Assistant Coach (LB)	8-5	Tangerine Bowl Champion
2004	NC State	Safeties/Special Teams Coordinator	5-6	---
2005	NC State	Safeties/Special Teams Coordinator	7-5	Meineke Car Care Bowl Champion
2006	Middle Tennessee	Defensive Coordinator (S)	7-6	Motor City Bowl Participant Sun Belt Co-Champion
2007	Middle Tennessee	Defensive Coordinator (S)	5-7	---
2008	Middle Tennessee	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	5-7	---
2009	Middle Tennessee	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	10-3	New Orleans Bowl Champion
2010	Mississippi State	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	9-4	Gator Bowl Champion
2011	Texas	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	8-5	Holiday Bowl Champion
2012	Texas	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	9-4	Alamo Bowl Champion
2013	Texas	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	8-5	Alamo Bowl Participant
2014	Louisiana Tech	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	9-5	Heart of Dallas Bowl Champion C-USA West Division Champion
2015	Mississippi State	Defensive Coordinator	9-4	Belk Bowl Champion
2016	Miami	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	9-4	Russell Athletic Bowl Champion
2017	Miami	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	10-3	Orange Bowl Participant ACC Coastal Division Champion
2018	Miami	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	7-6	Pinstripe Bowl Participant
2019	Miami	Head Coach	6-7	Independence Bowl Participant
2020	Miami	Head Coach	8-3	Cheez-It Bowl Participant
2021	Miami	Head Coach	7-5	Sun Bowl+
2022	Penn State	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	11-2	Rose Bowl Champion
2023	Penn State	Defensive Coordinator (LB)	10-2	Peach Bowl Participant#
2024	Duke	Head Coach	9-4	Gator Bowl Participant
2025	Duke	Head Coach	9-5	Sun Bowl Champion ACC Champion

+ Did not play | # Did not coach in bowl

Overall record as a head coach: 39-24 (.619)
Overall record as a full-time assistant coach: 157-86 (.646)
Overall record as a defensive coordinator: 126-67 (.652)
Record as a Power Five defensive coordinator: 90-39 (.697)



DIAZ POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Florida State (1998-99)

1998	Tostitos Fiesta Bowl*	L	16-23	[1] Tennessee
1999	Nokia Sugar Bowl*	W	46-29	[2] Virginia Tech

NC State (2000-05)

2000	MicronPC.com Bowl	W	38-30	Minnesota
2001	Visit Florida Tangerine Bowl	L	19-34	Pittsburgh
2002	Toyota Gator Bowl	W	28-6	[11] Notre Dame
2003	Mazda Tangerine Bowl	W	56-26	Kansas
2005	Meineke Car Care Bowl	W	14-0	South Florida

Middle Tennessee (2006-09)

2006	Motor City Bowl	L	14-31	Central Michigan
2009	R&L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	W	42-32	Southern Miss

Mississippi State (2010 & 2015)

2010	Progressive Gator Bowl	W	52-14	Michigan
2015	Belk Bowl	W	51-28	NC State

Texas (2011-13)

2011	Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl	W	21-10	California
2012	Valero Alamo Bowl	W	31-27	[15] Oregon State
2013	Valero Alamo Bowl	L	7-30	[10] Oregon

Louisiana Tech (2014)

2014	C-USA Championship Game	L	23-26	Marshall
2014	Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl	W	35-18	Illinois

Miami (2016-21)

2016	Russell Athletic Bowl	W	31-14	[16] West Virginia
2017	ACC Championship Game	L	3-38	[1] Clemson
2017	Capital One Orange Bowl	L	24-34	[6] Wisconsin
2018	New Era Pinstripe Bowl	L	3-35	Wisconsin
2019	Walk-On's Independence Bowl	L	0-14	Louisiana Tech
2020	Cheez-It Bowl	L	34-37	[21] Oklahoma State
2021	Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl	-	-	Did not participate

Penn State (2022-23)

2022	Rose Bowl	W	35-21	[8] Utah
2023	Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	L	25-38	Ole Miss

Duke (2024-25)

2024	TaxSlayer Gator Bowl	L	20-52	[16] Ole Miss
2025	ACC Championship Game	W ^{OT}	27-20	[16] Virginia
2025	Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl	W	42-39	Arizona State

*BCS National Championship Game



2025 RESULTS (9-5 Overall; 6-2 ACC)

AUGUST				
28	ELON	DURHAM, N.C.	W	45-17
SEPTEMBER				
6	[11] ILLINOIS	DURHAM, N.C.	L	19-45
13	at Tulane	New Orleans, La.	L	27-34
20	NC STATE*	DURHAM, N.C.	W	45-33
27	at Syracuse*	Syracuse, N.Y.	W	38-3
OCTOBER				
4	at Cal*	Berkeley, Calif.	W	45-21
18	[12] GEORGIA TECH*	DURHAM, N.C.	L	18-27
NOVEMBER				
1	at Clemson*	Clemson, S.C.	W	46-45
8	at Connecticut	New Haven, Conn.	L	34-37
15	[20] VIRGINIA*	DURHAM, N.C.	L	17-34
22	at North Carolina*	Chapel Hill, N.C.	W	32-25
29	WAKE FOREST*	DURHAM, N.C.	W	49-32
DECEMBER				
6	vs. [16] Virginia^	Charlotte, N.C.	W	[OT] 27-20
31	vs. Arizona State%	El Paso, Texas	W	42-39

*ACC game | Home games in BOLD CAPS
^ACC Championship Game | %Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl

2025 HONORS & AWARDS

TEAM CAPTAINS		ACADEMIC ALL-ACC	
Aaron Hall		Gemyel Allen, David Anderson, Dawson Andrew, Travis Bates, Tony Boggs, Vance Bolyard, Que'Sean Brown, Kyren Condoll, Matt Craycraft, Bryce Davis, Caleb Dorris, Jeremiah Hasley, Kendall Johnson, Ma'khi Jones, Moussa Kane, Darian Mensah, Luke Mergott, Jayden Moore, Kevin O'Connor, Todd Pelino, Tyson Reed, Kade Reynoldson, Cosme Salas, Nate Sheppard, Bradley Smith, Kobe Smith, DaShawn Stone, Jake Taylor, Semaj Turner, Wesley Williams and George Wright	
Darian Mensah			
Justin Pickett			
Wesley Williams			
ALL-AMERICA		DUKE TEAM AWARDS	
Brian Parker II	AP, ESPN.com, Pro Football and Sports Network, Walter Camp	Cole Allen	Sonny Falcone Iron Duke Award
AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM		Vincent Anthony Jr.	Lineman of the Year
Chandler Rivers		Cooper Barkate	Skill Player of the Year
ALL-ACC		Que'Sean Brown	Skill Player of the Year
Cooper Barkate	2nd	Landan Callahan	Cutcliffe Family Award
Sahmir Hagans	2nd	Anderson Castle	K.D. Kennedy Iron Devil Award
Darian Mensah	2nd	Curtis Cooper	Duke Tough Award
Brian Parker II	2nd	Matt Craycraft	Duke Tough Award
Chandler Rivers	2nd	Cole Denison	D-Squad Player of the Year
Nate Sheppard	2nd	Bruno Fina	Cutcliffe Family Award
Aaron Hall	3rd	Jaiden Francois	Defensive Newcomer of the Year
Justin Pickett	3rd	Josiah Green	Hard Hitter Award
Vincent Anthony Jr.	Honorable Mention	Sahmir Hagans	Duke Tough Award & Special Teams MVP
Jeremiah Hasley	Honorable Mention	Aaron Hall	Micah Harris Trinity Teammate Award & Captain's Award
Wesley Williams	Honorable Mention	Jeremiah Hasley	Offensive MVP
CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III		Bariate Kara	Sonny Falcone Iron Duke Award
Curtis Cooper		Landen King	Micah Harris Trinity Teammate Award
Matt Craycraft		Kaleb Lanier	D-Squad Player of the Year
Bruno Fina		Luke Mergott	Duke Tough Award
Jeremiah Hasley		Darian Mensah	Carmen Falcone MVP & Captain's Award
Kade Reynoldson		Jayden Moore	Ace Parker Award & Special Teams Newcomer of the Year
ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK		Kevin O'Connor	Ace Parker Award & Special Teams MVP
Vincent Anthony Jr. (DL)	Sept. 8 (ILL)	Brian Parker II	Lineman of the Year
Anderson Castle (RB)	Sept. 22 (NCSU)	Justin Pickett	Hard Hitter Award & Captain's Award
DaShawn Stone (DB)	Sept. 22 (NCSU)	Chandler Rivers	Skill Player of the Year
Nate Sheppard (R & RB)	Sept. 29 (SYR)	Nate Sheppard	Offensive Newcomer of the Year
Brian Parker II (OL)	Sept. 29 (SYR)	Kavon Simmons	D-Squad Player of the Year
Darian Mensah (QB)	Nov. 3 (CLEM)	Bradley Smith	Mike Suglia Award
Sahmir Hagans (SP)	Nov. 3 (CLEM)	Kobe Smith	Duke Tough Award
Todd Pelino (SP)	Nov. 24 (UNC)	DaShawn Stone	K.D. Kennedy Iron Devil Award
Sahmir Hagans (SP)	Dec. 1 (WF)	Wesley Williams	Defensive MVP & Captain's Award

2025 GAME SUMMARIES

Game 1 • Duke 45, Elon 17

August 28, 2025 • Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium • Durham, N.C.

- Duke earned its fourth consecutive season-opening victory as the Blue Devils downed Elon 45-17 at Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium.
- The 45 points were the most in a season opener since the Blue Devils scored 60 in the first game of the 2017 campaign.
- Redshirt sophomore quarterback **Darian Mensah** made his Duke debut and led the offense by throwing for 389 yards and three touchdowns on 27-of-34 (79.4%).
- Graduate wide receiver **Sahmir Hagans** hauled in two touchdown passes while graduate **Cooper Barkate** posted 117 receiving yards in his Duke debut.
- Redshirt sophomore **Que'Sean Brown** had an explosive night with six receptions for 93 yards and a 78-yard punt return to finish with 175 all-purpose yards, and the rushing duo of **Jaquez Moore** and **Peyton Jones** each added a rushing touchdown of their own to help propel the Duke offensive attack.
- **Manny Diaz** captured his 10th win as Duke's head coach, making him one of 14 Blue Devil football head coaches to reach double-digit wins.
- The Blue Devils' 548 yards of total offense marked the most for Duke since 607 against Kansas on Sept. 25, 2021.
- Duke rushed for 159 yards, marking the first time the team reached 100 ground yards since October 18, 2024, versus Florida State (35 carries - 110 yards).

	1	2	3	4		Final
Elon	0	10	0	7	=	17
Duke	3	7	14	21	=	45
Attendance: 15,677						

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
DU	1	1:31	Pelino 41 Yd Field Goal	13-72; 4:32
ELON	2	9:50	Barnes 35 Yd Field Goal	13-58; 6:41
DU	2	8:01	Moore 32 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	4-75; 1:49
ELON	2	3:43	Clark 2 Yd Rush (Barnes kick)	9-75; 4:18
DU	3	10:59	Hagans 1 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	8-83; 3:57
DU	3	5:46	Anthony 27 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	8-88; 3:36
ELON	4	14:12	Backey 3 Yd Rush (Barnes kick)	12-75; 6:34
DU	4	11:28	Hagans 6 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	5-80; 2:39
DU	4	9:18	Brown 78 Yd Punt Return (Pelino kick)	
DU	4	1:55	Jones 5 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	7-47; 5:00

	Elon	Duke
First Downs	14	23
Rush-Pass-Penalty	8-6-0	7-15-1
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	44-163	25-159
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	11-18-0	27-34-0
Passing Yards	112	389
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	62-275	59-548
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-47	3-15
Punts-Yards-Average	6-271-45.2	1-46-46.0
Time of Possession	32:53	27:07
Sacks By	2-11	3-13
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	8-17 / 1-2	5-9 / 0-0
Red Zone	3-3	3-4

RUSHING – Duke: Castle 3-69, Jaq. Moore 7-44, Jones 6-28, Sheppard 5-28, Mensah 3-(-10); **Elon:** Clark 18-61, Thomas Jr. 11-46, Williams 5-41, Frederick 5-9, Backey 3-4, Lainez 2-2.

PASSING – Duke: Mensah 27-34-389-0; **Elon:** Clark 10-16-101-0, Lainez 1-2-11-0.

RECEIVING – Duke: Brown 6-93, Barkate 5-117, Hagans 5-54, Anthony 3-51, Jay. Moore 3-22, Castle 2-8, Sheppard 1-20, King 1-19, Hasley 1-5; **Elon:** Magazu 4-61, Thomas Jr. 3-3, Winston 1-29, Williams 1-11, Smith 1-6, McMillian 1-2, Frederick 1-0.

TACKLES – Duke: Francois 2-8=10, Anthony Jr. 3-3=6, Freeman 2-4=6, Hall 0-5=5, Stone 0-5=5, Weaver 2-2=4, Morris Jr. 1-3=4, Jones 0-4=4, Callahan 2-1=3, Robinson 2-1=3, Green 1-2=3, Johnson 1-2=3, Watson 1-2=3, Pellicciotti 0-3=3, Rivers 1-1=2, Andrew 1-1=2, O'Connor 0-2=2, Mergott 0-2=2, Onuoha 0-2=2; **Elon:** James-Hamilton 7-4=11, Hart III 5-3=8, Carroll 3-4=7, Atkins 2-3=5, Cunningham 2-3=5, Scott 1-3=4, Gullickson 1-3=4, Pardue 2-1=3, Jones 1-2=3, Powell II 1-2=3, Brown 1-2=3, Lowery 1-2=3, Alsobrooks 2-2=2, Wyatt 2-0=2.

Game 2 • [11] Illinois 45, Duke 19

September 6, 2025 • Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium • Durham, N.C.

- No. 11 Illinois used a 14-point third quarter to push past Duke for an eventual 45-19 final score at Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium.
- Duke held Illinois to minus-five rushing yards in the first half and racked up 4.0 sacks and 10.0 tackles for loss but committed five turnovers that led to 28 Illinois points and had four penalties that led to Fighting Illini first downs.
- Wide receiver **Andre Anthony** hauled in two touchdown passes, while 12 total Blue Devils caught passes.
- **Darian Mensah** became the first Duke quarterback to throw for 300 yards in consecutive games since Gunnar Holmberg in 2021 with his 334-yard day.
- Running back **Jaquez Moore** ended the game with career highs in receptions (four) and receiving yards (44).
- Linebacker **Nick Morris Jr.** tallied 3.0 tackles for loss after entering the game with 3.5 TFL in his career.
- Linebacker **Kendall Johnson** posted 2.5 TFL after beginning the game with 2.0 in his career.
- Kicker **Todd Pelino** collected seven points with two field goals and one extra point. He pushed his career point total to 235 to move into fourth place on the Duke career chart.

	1	2	3	4		Final
Illinois	7	7	14	17	=	45
Duke	3	10	6	0	=	19

Attendance: 23,893

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
DU	1	10:26	Pelino 40 Yd Field Goal	9-52; 4:34
ILL	1	1:51	Feagin 1 Yd Rush (Olano kick)	5-18; 2:14
DU	2	11:08	Pelino 40 Yd Field Goal	14-52; 5:43
ILL	2	5:01	Rusk 8 Yd Pass from Altmyer (Olano kick)	12-75; 6:07
DU	2	0:08	Anthony 5 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	9-77; 1:04
ILL	3	9:34	Bowick 4 Yd Pass from Altmyer (Olano kick)	11-75; 5:26
ILL	3	6:54	Beatty 25 Yd Rush (Olano kick)	4-61; 1:09
DU	3	4:00	Anthony 6 Yd Pass from Mensah (Mensah pass fail)	7-75; 2:54
ILL	4	14:04	Olano 35 Yd Field Goal	9-57; 4:49
ILL	4	4:14	Dixon 2 Yd Pass from Altmyer (Olano kick)	12-89; 6:45
ILL	4	3:58	Valentine 23 Yd Rush (Olano kick)	1-23; 0:06

	Illinois	Duke
First Downs	25	21
Rush-Pass-Penalty	8-13-4	5-14-2
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	42-123	24-82
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	22-31-0	25-39-1
Passing Yards	296	356
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	73-419	63-438
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-4
Penalties-Yards	7-51	6-69
Punts-Yards-Average	3-144-48.0	1-45-45.0
Time of Possession	36:12	23:48
Sacks By	2-7	4-29
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	5-13 / 2-2	4-10 / 1-2
Red Zone	5-5	3-4

RUSHING – Duke: Jaq. Moore 6-30, Sheppard 5-24, Belin IV 1-15, Castle 4-11, Mensah 7-2, Jones 1-0;

Illinois: Feagin 17-48, Valentine 6-44, Beatty 1-25, Laughery 6-5, Altmyer 7-4, Anderson 1-1, Team 4-(-4).

PASSING – Duke: Mensah 23-34-334-1, Belin IV 2-5-22-0;

Illinois: Altmyer 22-31-296-0.

RECEIVING – Duke: Anthony 5-58, Barkate 4-88, Moore 4-44, Hagans 3-33, Jay. Moore 2-25, Tyler 1-62, Brown 1-17, Castle 1-13, Hasley 1-6, Jones 1-5, King 1-3, Sheppard 1-2;

Illinois: Beatty 8-128, Bowick 4-50, Dixon 3-36, Clement 2-39, Elzy 2-21, Valentine 2-14, Rusk 1-8.

TACKLES – Duke: Weaver 3-6=9, Morris Jr. 6-2=8, Johnson 4-4=8, Stone 4-3=7, Freeman 3-3=6, Robinson 1-3=4, Francois 3-0=3, Anthony Jr. 2-1=3, Williams 1-2=3, Hall 0-3=3, Jones 1-1=2, Rivers 0-2=2, Reed 0-2=2, Anderson 0-2=2, Callahan 0-2=2;

Illinois: Bailey 5-1=6, M. Scott 5-1=6, Rosiek 1-5=6, Patterson 2-2=4, Lowery 1-3=4, Hood 1-3=4, Thompson Jr. 0-4=4, Cox Jr. 2-1=3, Hunt 1-2=3, Strain 2-0=2, X. Scott 1-1=2, Kreutz 1-1=2, Heckel 1-1=2.

Game 3 • Tulane 34, Duke 27

September 13, 2025 • Yulman Stadium • New Orleans, La.

- Tulane quarterback Jake Retzlaff scored four rushing touchdowns to lead the Green Wave past Duke.
- Duke trailed by as much as 24-3 late in the opening half before cutting the deficit to 24-16 with 11:46 left in the third quarter. The Green Wave answered with the game's next 10 points only to have Duke reply with the final 11, but Tulane recovered a Blue Devil onside kick attempt to seal the victory.
- Redshirt sophomore quarterback **Darian Mensah** played against his former team after arriving at Duke in January as a transfer from Tulane.
- Mensah threw for 313 yards to become just the fourth Duke quarterback with three consecutive 300-yard games (**Dave Brown**/3/1989; **Thaddeus Lewis**/4/2009; **Anthony Dilweg**/5/1988).
- Freshman running back **Nate Sheppard** turned in the best game of his young career with 75 rushing yards on five carries. With a four-yard reception in the fourth quarter, Sheppard became the first Duke true freshman to score in a game since **Grayson Loftis** at North Carolina on November 11, 2023.
- Tight end **Landen King** tallied his first touchdown as a Blue Devil with a three-yard grab in the third quarter. It was the first TD by a Duke tight end since **Nicky Dalmolin's** two against Middle Tennessee on September 21, 2023.

	1	2	3	4		Final
Duke	0	9	7	11	=	27
Tulane	14	10	7	3	=	34

Attendance: 30,000

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
TUL	1	10:50	Retzlaff 19 Yd Rush (Durkin kick)	6-64; 3:14
TUL	1	2:56	Retzlaff 6 Yd Rush (Durkin kick)	10-74; 5:39
DU	2	15:00	Pelino 28 Yd Field Goal	9-64; 2:56
TUL	2	5:33	Retzlaff 20 Yd Rush (Durkin kick)	6-61; 3:41
TUL	2	1:54	Durkin 29 Yd Field Goal	5-25; 1:34
DU	2	0:18	Hagans 29 Yd Pass from Mensah (Mensah pass fail)	8-75; 1:36
DU	3	11:46	King 3 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	5-42; 2:09
TUL	3	6:31	Retzlaff 11 Yd Rush (Durkin kick)	11-75; 5:15
TUL	4	14:12	Durkin 27 Yd Field Goal	8-67; 4:52
DU	4	2:57	Sheppard 4 Yd Pass from Mensah (Sheppard run)	14-68; 4:34
DU	4	1:06	Pelino 47 Yd Field Goal	8-56; 1:22

	Duke	Tulane
First Downs	27	22
Rush-Pass-Penalty	6-17-4	6-14-2
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	24-139	38-156
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	30-51-1	17-25-0
Passing Yards	313	270
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	75-452	63-426
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-85	8-100
Punts-Yards-Average	1-38-38.0	2-87-43.5
Time of Possession	26:43	33:17
Sacks By	1-2	0-0
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	6-14 / 1-3	5-13 / 1-2
Red Zone	3-5	6-6

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 5-75, Jaq. Moore 11-41, Castle 3-21, Jones 3-6, Mensah 1-2, TEAM 1-(-6);

Tulane: Retzlaff 17-111, Barnes III 5-27, Gordon 7-18, Mobley 5-7, Calloway 1-(-3), TEAM 3-(-4).

PASSING – Duke: Mensah 30-51-313-1;

Tulane: Retzlaff 15-23-245-0, Sullivan 2-2-25-0.

RECEIVING – Duke: Brown 6-81, Castle 6-29, Barkate 5-67, Sheppard 4-21, Jones 2-18, Hasley 2-14, Anthony 2-12, Tyler 1-39, Hagans 1-29, King 1-3;

Tulane: Hayes 4-69, Preston 3-95, Bohanon 2-25, Brown-Stephens 2-17, Gordon 1-15, Lewis Jr. 1-13, Barnes III 1-12, Pascuzzi 1-11, Miller Jr. 1-7, Mobley 1-6.

TACKLES – Duke: Stone 4-4=8, Rivers 4-2=6, Weaver 3-3=6, Morris Jr. 4-1=5, Francois 2-3=5, Johnson 2-3=5, Williams 3-1=4, Hall 2-2=4, Anthony Jr. 2-1=3, Robinson 1-1=2, Pellicciotta 1-1=2, Watson 1-1=2;

Tulane: Agu 6-4=10, Rodgers 3-4=7, Tchienchou 3-3=6, Despanie 5-0=5, Howard 4-1=5, White 4-0=4, Smith 4-0=4, Shine 3-1=4, Adams III 2-1=3, McAlpine 1-1=2, Henderson 1-1=2.

Game 4 • Duke 45, NC State 33

September 20, 2025 • Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium • Durham, N.C.

- A blocked field goal, another three-touchdown performance from quarterback **Darian Mensah** and three rushing touchdowns from **Anderson Castle** helped propel Duke past NC State.
- Duke trailed 20-7 before ripping off three touchdowns in 3:50 of game time spanning the end of the second quarter and start of the third.
- The comeback marked the second time in as many ACC games Duke mounted a 13-point rally to secure a win.
- Duke extended its winning streak against NC State to three. It is just the second time since 1963 and first since 1983 (27-26), 1984 (16-13) and 1985 (31-19) the Blue Devils have won at least three consecutive games versus the Wolfpack.
- The Blue Devils extended their winning streak against in-state foes to six.
- Duke improved to 18-4 in home games since the start of the 2022 season
- Castle capped the game with a 66-yard rushing touchdown to set his career-long rush. The three-touchdown game was the first by a Blue Devil since **Riley Leonard** posted three scores on the ground against Miami on Oct. 22, 2022.
- DE **Wesley Williams** blocked a field goal in the third quarter and recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter. He upped his career blocked kick total to five.

	1	2	3	4		Final
NC State	7	13	6	7	=	33
Duke	7	14	14	10	=	45

Attendance: 30,022

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
NCSU	1	14:10	Anderson 75 Yd Pass from Bailey (Vinesett kick)	3-74; 0:45
DU	1	10:49	Castle 2 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	10-70; 3:16
NCSU	2	14:18	Anderson 6 Yd Pass from Bailey (Vinesett kick)	17-99; 9:13
NCSU	2	5:45	Wilson 1 Yd Rush (Vinesett kick fail)	10-80; 4:54
DU	2	2:20	King 17 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	10-72; 3:20
DU	2	0:16	Castle 1 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	2-12; 0:29
DU	3	13:30	Hagans 33 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	4-75; 1:30
NCSU	3	11:53	Smothers 51 Yd Rush (Bailey rush fail)	4-75; 1:37
DU	3	8:32	Barkate 37 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	8-75; 3:21
DU	4	14:18	Pelino 43 Yd Field Goal	8-37; 2:59
NCSU	4	4:01	Wilson 1 Yd Rush (Vinesett kick)	15-95; 7:26
DU	4	2:19	Castle 66 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	3-75; 1:42

	NC State	Duke
First Downs	26	22
Rush-Pass-Penalty	9-13-4	7-13-2
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	35-171	35-149
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	29-39-3	19-28-0
Passing Yards	364	269
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	74-535	63-418
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-49	8-103
Punts-Yards-Average	0-0-0.0	4-157-39.2
Time of Possession	32:29	27:31
Sacks By	3-12	2-6
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	7-12 / 1-4	5-12 / 2-2
Red Zone	3-4	3-3

RUSHING – Duke: Castle 12-92, Sheppard 14-61, Jaq. Moore 3-(-1), TEAM 1-(-1), Mensah 5-(-2); **NC State:** Smothers 17-123, Scott 7-35, Bailey 7-9, Hardy 1-4, Wilson 2-2, TEAM 1-(-2).

PASSING – Duke: Mensah 19-28-269-0; **NC State:** Bailey 29-39-364-3.

RECEIVING – Duke: Hasley 4-43, Barkate 3-65, Hagans 3-63, Brown 3-41, Sheppard 3-20, King 1-17, Castle 1-13, Tyler 1-7; **NC State:** Anderson 6-166, Joly 5-63, Smothers 5-41, Jackson 4-27, Hoffmann 4-5, Rogers 3-48, Hardy 1-9, Scott 1-5.

TACKLES – Duke: Stone 7-4=11, Weaver 1-10=11, Francois 1-9=10, Freeman 3-6=9, Rivers 5-2=7, Green 0-7=7, Mergott 0-6=6, Hall 0-4=4, Johnson 2-1=3, Robinson 1-2=3, Williams 0-3=3, Turner 0-3=3, Jones 2-0=2, Pellicciotta 1-1=2; **NC State:** Fordham 5-6=11, Brown 4-4=8, Thomas 3-4=7, Cleveland 2-3=5, Barnhardt 2-3=5, Soares Jr. 2-3=5, Marshall 3-1=4, J. Johnson 2-2=4, JJ Johnson 2-2=4, Price 1-2=3, Carter 1-1=2, Slone 1-1=2, Shirley 0-2=2.

Game 5 • Duke 38, Syracuse 3

September 27, 2025 • JMA Wireless Dome • Syracuse, N.Y.

- A commanding second quarter and record-setting performance by **Nate Sheppard** led Duke past Syracuse 38-3.
- The Blue Devils got a career-high 168 rushing yards, the fourth most by a Duke freshman in program history, and two touchdowns from Sheppard, who ended the game with 11.2 yards per rush, the most by a Duke freshman in a single game on a minimum of 15 rushing attempts.
- Sheppard finished the game with 201 all-purpose yards, which tied for fifth most by a freshman in a game.
- Duke forced two fumbles and intercepted a pass while playing turnover-free football for the second consecutive contest.
- The Blue Devil defense held Syracuse without a touchdown, highlighted by a fourth-down stop inside the five-yard line in the final seconds.
- The 35-point margin of victory in an ACC game was Duke's largest since defeating Virginia Tech, 45-10, during the 2019 season.
- Duke improved to 2-0 in ACC play for the second time in three years and just the eighth time since 1970: 1970, 1975, 1981, 1994, 2012, 2015, 2023 and 2025.
- The Blue Devils won their ACC road opener for the first time since a 45-10 victory at Virginia Tech on September 27, 2019.
- Duke extended its streak of scoring a touchdown inside the final 2:20 of the first half to four straight games, with **Cooper Barkate** reeling in a receiving touchdown at the 1:55 mark of the second quarter.

	1	2	3	4		Final
Duke	10	14	7	7	=	38
Syracuse	3	0	0	0	=	3

Attendance: 44,451

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
DU	1	9:42	Pelino 22 Yd Field Goal	7-40; 3:50
SU	1	4:10	Woody 29 Yd Field Goal	11-64; 5:32
DU	1	3:12	Sheppard 49 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	4-75; 0:58
DU	2	12:01	Barkate 34 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	3-61; 0:48
DU	2	1:55	Barkate 12 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	12-68; 5:24
DU	3	5:34	Sheppard 12 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	7-60; 3:14
DU	4	11:04	Castle 13 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	9-71; 5:33

	Duke	Syracuse
First Downs	23	19
Rush-Pass-Penalty	11-11-1	4-12-3
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	37-235	27-85
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	22-28-0	24-37-1
Passing Yards	268	229
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	65-503	64-314
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	9-105	4-55
Punts-Yards-Average	4-156-39.0	5-237-47.4
Time of Possession	29:19	27:37
Sacks By	1-7	2-23
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	6-13 / 2-2	5-14 / 1-3
Red Zone	4-4	1-2

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 15-168, Bates 5-44, Castle 10-42, Belin IV 1-4, Jaq. Moore 1-0, TEAM 1-(-1), Mensah 4-(-22); **Syracuse:** Willis 11-63, Nixon 7-25, Hart 4-5, Collins 5-(-8).

PASSING – Duke: Mensah 22-28-268-0; **Syracuse:** Collins 24-37-229-1.

RECEIVING – Duke: Brown 5-64, Hagans 5-59, Barkate 4-72, Sheppard 4-33, Castle 1-17, Tyler 1-12, Anthony 1-6, Hasley 1-5; **Syracuse:** Cook II 8-84, Ross 5-57, Ross-Simmons 2-24, Gill Jr. 2-19, Villari 2-10, Willis 2-7, Clement 1-18, Bacheyie 1-6, Hart 1-4.

TACKLES – Duke: Kane 4-5=9, Weaver 3-3=6, Francois 1-4=5, Mergott 1-4=5, Gompers 3-1=4, Smith 1-3=4, Stone 1-3=4, Freeman 0-4=4, Rivers 3-0=3, Hall 2-1=3, Callahan 2-1=3, Pellicciotta 2-1=3, Schaper 1-2=3, Green 0-3=3, Anthony Jr. 2-0=2, Reed 2-0=2, Robinson 1-1=2, Watson 1-1=2, Williams 0-2=2; **Syracuse:** C. Perry 3-3=6, Deslauriers 1-5=6, Sparrow 2-3=5, Omopariola 1-4=5, Chestnut 3-1=4, Peal 2-2=4, Samuel Jr. 2-2=4, Martin 2-2=4, Rooks 1-3=4, Simmons 3-0=3, Long Jr. 2-1=3, Jaquez Jr. 2-1=3, Bryant III 1-2=3, Wilson Jr. 0-3=3, Tremble 2-0=2, Grant 1-1=2, Kerr 1-1=2, Heard Jr. 1-1=2, R. Perry 0-2=2.

Game 6 • Duke 45, California 21

October 4, 2025 • California Memorial Stadium • Berkeley, Calif.

- Trailing by 14 with less than eight minutes to play in the opening half, Duke used a 24-point outburst before halftime to take a lead it would not relinquish in topping Cal.
- Trailing 21-7, the Blue Devils calmly marched down the field on their final four drives of the half with three touchdowns and a field goal to take control.
- Duke improved to 3-0 in ACC play for the first time under head coach **Manny Diaz**. Since 1963, the Blue Devils have begun 3-0 in ACC play only six times: in 1963, 1970, 1975, 1994, 2015 and 2025.
- The Blue Devils won their fourth consecutive ACC road game. Duke had not won four consecutive ACC road games since capturing four straight from October 11, 2014 – October 24, 2015, at Georgia Tech, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Virginia Tech.
- The Blue Devils pushed their ACC winning streak to six games, the longest since a six-contest stretch from October 12-November 30, 2013. Since Duke joined the ACC in 1953, the program has just six league winning streaks of six games or more.
- Duke's defense registered four turnovers and has 11 across the last three games after creating one in the first three contests.
- The Blue Devils did not commit a turnover and have three consecutive games without a turnover for the first time since October 3, 10 and 24 2015, versus Boston College, Army West Point and Virginia Tech, respectively.

	1	2	3	4	=	Final
Duke	7	24	0	14	=	45
California	14	7	0	0	=	21

Attendance: 42,240

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
CAL	1	9:11	King 6 Yd Pass from Sagapolutele (Meyer kick)	11-75; 5:49
CAL	1	5:20	Raphael 5 Yd Rush (Meyer kick)	5-55; 2:07
DU	1	2:38	Sheppard 12 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	8-77; 2:37
CAL	2	12:17	Raphael 4 Yd Rush (Meyer kick)	11-80; 5:17
DU	2	7:47	Castle 2 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	10-58; 4:20
DU	2	5:50	Brown 26 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	3-62; 1:09
DU	2	1:10	Castle 1 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	6-38; 2:29
DU	2	0:00	Pelino 25 Yd Field Goal	6-53; 0:47
DU	4	8:22	Barkate 10 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	6-55; 3:59
DU	4	5:50	Sheppard 46 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	2-51; 0:55

	Duke	California
First Downs	24	20
Rush-Pass-Penalty	8-14-2	4-13-3
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	37-178	29-41
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int.	22-30-0	20-32-4
Passing Yards	265	245
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	67-443	61-286
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-63	6-43
Punts-Yards-Average	5-248-49.6	5-217-43.4
Time of Possession	31:03	28:57
Sacks By	6-41	2-18
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	5-11 / 1-1	5-11 / 0-0
Red Zone	5-6	3-3

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 12-92, Jaq. Moore 6-56, Castle 10-28, Bates 4-13, Belin IV 2-10, TEAM 1-(-2), Mensah 2-(-18);

California: Raphael 18-67, Johnson Jr. 3-14, Sagapolutele 8-(-40).

PASSING – Duke: Mensah 22-30-265-0;

California: Sagapolutele 20-31-245-3, Brown 0-1-0-1.

RECEIVING – Duke: Brown 7-108, Barkate 5-66, Anthony 4-29, Hagans 2-6, King 1-33, Taylor 1-16, Sheppard 1-6, Castle 1-1;

California: De Jesus 6-56, Grizzell 4-56, Mini 3-56, King 3-38, Raphael 3-25, Johnson Jr. 1-14.

TACKLES – Duke: Schaper 4-8=12, Williams 4-5=9, Stone 4-2=6, Mergott 4-2=6, Anthony Jr. 3-2=5, Robinson 1-4=5, Callahan 2-1=3, Weaver 1-2=3, Gompers 2-0=2, Davis 1-1=2, Jones 1-1=2, Rivers 0-2=2;

California: Uluave 1-11=12, Polidore Jr. 5-2=7, Ferrelli 3-4=7, Keanaina 1-4=5, Manutai 4-0=4, Bollers 1-3=4, Bush Jr. 0-4=4, Hampton 2-1=3, Taggart 2-1=3, Wayne 1-2=3, Austin 1-2=3, Sidney 2-0=2, Masses 2-0=2, Smith 2-0=2, Sanford 1-1=2, Wagoner 1-1=2, Smith 1-1=2, Victor 0-2=2.

Game 7 • [12] Georgia Tech 27, Duke 18

October 18, 2025 • Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium • Durham, N.C.

- Duke fell to No. 12 Georgia Tech as the Blue Devils led 10-7 shortly after halftime but the Yellow Jackets responded with 20 consecutive points to pull away in the fourth quarter.
- Duke quarterback **Darian Mensah** finished the game 32-of-44 with 373 yards through the air, while wide receiver **Cooper Barkate** set career highs for receiving yards (172) and receptions (13) to lead Duke's offense.
- The Blue Devils' defense finished with 6.0 tackles for loss and was led in overall stops by **Luke Mergott** and **Caleb Weaver** with 11 and 10, respectively.
- Georgia Tech took a 7-0 lead with a 95-yard fumble return for a touchdown with 3:46 to play in the opening quarter. After Barkate helped Duke move from its own three to the Yellow Jacket one-yard line with 71 receiving yards, the Blue Devils fumbled and GT took advantage.
- On its final drive on the opening half, Duke knotted the game at 7-7. The Blue Devils covered 80 yards on 11 plays and capped the drive with tight end **Landen King's** 20-yard reception from Mensah with just 27 seconds left in the half.
- After a 23-yard field goal with 6:10 left in the third gave Duke its first lead of the game, Georgia Tech rattled off 20 consecutive points to go up 27-10.
- The Blue Devils went 75 yards in less than a minute, ending with a 19-yard touchdown reception by **Sahmir Hagans**, followed by a two-point conversion reception by Barkate, to bring Duke within nine, 27-18. Duke was unable to recover the ensuing onside kick, and the Yellow Jackets ran out the remaining 1:12.
- Duke reached 441 yards of total offense, giving the squad 400 or more for the seventh consecutive game, a first for the Blue Devils since at least 1996.

	1	2	3	4	=	Final
Georgia Tech	7	0	3	17	=	27
Duke	0	7	3	8	=	18

Attendance: 27,846

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
GT	1	3:46	Daniels 95 Yd Fumble Return (Birr kick)	
DU	2	0:27	King 20 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	11-80; 3:59
DU	3	6:10	Pelino 23 Yd Field Goal	15-50; 8:43
GT	3	2:45	Birr 40 Yd Field Goal	8-63; 3:21
GT	4	11:01	Birr 23 Yd Field Goal	12-89; 4:35
GT	4	4:57	Hosley 10 Yd Rush (Birr kick)	9-72; 5:01
GT	4	2:10	King 28 Yd Rush (Birr kick)	4-71; 0:42
DU	4	1:13	Hagans 19 Yd Pass from Mensah (Barkate catch)	7-75; 0:57

	Georgia Tech	Duke
First Downs	21	26
Rush-Pass-Penalty	10-8-3	8-17-1
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	36-171	32-68
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	14-21-0	32-44-0
Passing Yards	205	373
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	57-376	76-441
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-17	8-59
Punts-Yards-Average	3-130-43.3	3-127-42.3
Time of Possession	26:31	33:29
Sacks By	2-15	0-0
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	6-12 / 0-0	7-15 / 1-2
Red Zone	2-2	3-5

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 15-50, Castle 11-32, Belin IV 1-12, Mensah 4-(-13);

Georgia Tech: King 14-120, Haynes 8-29, Hosley 11-23, Rivers 1-3.

PASSING – Duke: Mensah 32-44-373-0;

Georgia Tech: King 14-21-205-0.

RECEIVING – Duke: Barkate 13-172, Hagans 5-69, Sheppard 4-30, Brown 3-39, King 3-34, Anthony 2-16, Hasley 1-9, Taylor 1-4;

Georgia Tech: Canion 3-56, Rivers 3-21, Allen 2-20, Stockton 2-16, Beetham 1-49, Harpring 1-24, Byrne 1-21, Rutherford 1-(-2).

TACKLES – Duke: Mergott 4-7=11, Weaver 5-5=10, Rivers 5-2=7, Green 0-5=5, Stone 2-2=4, Francois 0-3=3, Robinson 1-2=3, Johnson 2-1=3, Williams 3-0=3, Hall 1-2=3, Anthony Jr. 0-2=2, Callahan 1-1=2, Watson 1-1=2;

Georgia Tech: Gilmore 5-6=11, Powell-Lee 3-7=10, Efford 2-7=9, Lightsey 1-6=7, Spaulding 4-2=6, Shelley 3-2=5, Moore 1-4=5, van den Berg 0-5=5, Butler 2-2=4, Tobe 3-1=4, Alexander 1-3=4, White 2-1=3, Daniels 1-1=2, Triplette 0-2=2.

Game 8 • Duke 46, Clemson 45

November 1, 2025 • Memorial Stadium • Clemson, S.C.

- In a seesaw battle, Duke had the final tally in topping Clemson, 46-45. The Blue Devils got the final march of the day on a 94-yard touchdown drive and **Sahmir Hagans'** two-point conversion reception for the victory.
- The win was Duke's first in Death Valley since 1980 and the first time the Blue Devils had consecutive victories against Clemson since 1969 and 1970.
- Duke improved to 5-3 overall and 4-1 in ACC play for its best league start since 2014.
- The Blue Devils also extended their road ACC winning streak to five games, the program's longest since 1961-63.
- Blue Devil quarterback **Darian Mensah** tallied four passing touchdowns, three in the first quarter, in the opening half and finished with 361 yards. He became just the fifth quarterback in Duke history to throw for three or more scores in a quarter, joining **David Green**, **Ben Bennett**, **Dave Brown** and **Daniel Jones**.
- Mensah, who engineered a game-winning drive by completing six-of-eight passes for 83 yards and two third or fourth-down conversions, was named a Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 performer following the victory.
- Duke's **Sahmir Hagans** returned a kickoff 100 yards and joined **DeVon Edwards** as the lone Blue Devils in program history with two or more scores of 99 or more yards.

	1	2	3	4		Final
Duke	21	7	7	11	=	46
Clemson	7	21	10	7	=	45
Attendance: 75,809						

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
DU	1	10:08	Brown 19 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	9-53; 2:06
CLEM	1	6:25	Williams 5 Yd Rush (Hauser kick)	6-75; 3:43
DU	1	5:33	Barkate 77 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	2-79; 0:34
DU	1	0:05	Anthony 20 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	10-72; 4:24
CLEM	2	10:26	Williams 4 Yd Pass from Klubnik (Hauser kick)	10-75; 4:39
CLEM	2	5:49	Randall 2 Yd Rush (Hauser kick)	7-68; 2:39
CLEM	2	1:01	Randall 2 Yd Rush (Hauser kick)	10-77; 3:30
DU	2	0:11	Brown 43 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	7-75; 0:50
CLEM	3	8:25	Woods 1 Yd Rush (Hauser kick)	7-50; 4:03
DU	3	8:13	Hagans 100 Yd Kickoff Return (Pelino kick)	
CLEM	3	0:14	Hauser 22 Yd Field Goal	15-71; 7:59
DU	4	10:40	Pelino 37 Yd Field Goal	12-55; 4:34
CLEM	4	10:28	Moore 75 Yd Pass from Klubnik (Hauser kick)	1-75; 0:12
DU	4	0:40	Sheppard 3 Yd Rush (Hagans catch)	11-94; 4:39

	Duke	Clemson
First Downs	22	28
Rush-Pass-Penalty	4-14-4	11-15-2
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	22-78	36-175
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	27-42-0	27-36-0
Passing Yards	361	385
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	64-439	72-560
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-62	8-87
Punts-Yards-Average	4-152-38.0	3-135-45.0
Time of Possession	26:24	33:36
Sacks By	1-6	2-15
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	3-14 / 5-5	3-10 / 3-3
Red Zone	4-4	6-6

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 13-60, Castle 5-24, Mensah 4-(-6);
Clemson: Randall 16-89, Davidson 12-51, Williams 3-22, Klubnik 4-12, Woods 1-1.
PASSING – Duke: Mensah 27-41-361-0;
Clemson: Klubnik 27-36-385-0.
RECEIVING – Duke: Barkate 6-127, Brown 6-80, Anthony 4-45, Hasley 3-83, Hagans 3-2, King 2-24, Sheppard 2-11, Mensah 1-(-11);
Clemson: Williams 10-142, Smith 6-79, Davidson 4-44, Moore 2-92, Brown 2-12, Patt-Henry 2-6, Randall 1-10.
TACKLES – Duke: Mergott 5-7=12, Francois 3-6=9, Callahan 3-5=8, Freeman 4-3=7, Stone 3-4=7, Weaver 2-5=7, Jones 2-4=6, Rivers 2-3=5, Williams 2-3=5, Anthony Jr. 2-1=3, Hall 1-2=3, Kane 1-1=2, Pellicciotta 1-1=2;
Clemson: Brown 4-6=10, Barnes 5-4=9, Terrell 4-4=8, Woodaz 3-1=4, Jones 3-1=4, Woods 2-2=4, McCloud 0-4=4, Parker 0-3=3, Denhoff 0-3=3, Lawson 1-1=2, Hanafin 1-1=2, Green 0-2=2, Alexander 0-2=2.

Game 9 • Connecticut 37, Duke 34

November 8, 2025 • Pratt & Whitney Stadium • East Hartford, Conn.

- In its second consecutive back-and-forth battle, Duke attempted another second half rally, but came up three points short in falling to Connecticut, 37-34.
- The Blue Devils were able to reach Connecticut's 39-yard line on their last-minute attempt to tie the game, but a turnover gave the ball back to the Huskies, who ran out the final 18 seconds on the clock.
- Duke freshman **Nate Sheppard** ran for two touchdowns to lift his season total to seven, tied for the second most by a rookie in Blue Devil history. Quarterback **Darian Mensah** finished the contest with three touchdown passes, moving the redshirt sophomore's season total to 24 and into a tie for second most by a Duke quarterback in a single season.
- On defense, Duke was led by linebacker **Tre Freeman**'s three pass breakups and safety **DaShawn Stone**'s six tackles. Safety **Caleb Weaver** and defensive tackle **Josiah Green** each tallied a sack.
- After a **Jeremiah Hasley** touchdown reception with 5:34 remaining, the Blue Devils went for two but were unsuccessful, establishing a five-point lead, 34-29. The Huskies responded with a touchdown of their own and converted a two-point try, going up by a field goal with 1:58 to go.
- After receiving the kickoff, the Blue Devils drove 17 yards in 10 plays, but a fumble from just outside field goal range allowed UConn to eat the remaining 18 seconds.

	1	2	3	4		Final
Duke	7	7	14	6	=	34
Connecticut	10	10	3	14	=	37
Attendance: 38,106						

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
DU	1	12:31	Sheppard 13 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	3-55; 1:05
UCONN	1	9:03	Vereen 6 Yd Pass from Fagnano (Freeman kick)	7-75; 3:28
UCONN	1	6:12	Freeman 29 Yd Field Goal	6-16; 2:12
DU	2	12:25	Anthony 10 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	8-76; 3:38
UCONN	2	5:59	Bell 4 Yd Pass from Fagnano (Freeman kick)	12-73; 6:21
UCONN	2	0:51	Freeman 45 Yd Field Goal	4-4; 0:19
DU	3	10:13	Sheppard 3 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	9-75; 4:47
UCONN	3	6:50	Freeman 20 Yd Field Goal	7-73; 3:23
DU	3	2:09	King 1 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	7-75; 4:41
UCONN	4	10:48	Edwards 3 Yd Rush (Pass fail)	11-78; 6:15
DU	4	5:34	Hasley 10 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pass fail)	11-80; 5:09
UCONN	4	1:58	Bell 19 Yd Pass from Fagnano (Fagnano rush)	8-75; 3:36

	Duke	Connecticut
First Downs	26	25
Rush-Pass-Penalty	12-13-1	9-14-2
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	34-168	30-156
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	22-31-2	27-40-0
Passing Yards	222	311
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	65-390	70-467
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-63	5-60
Punts-Yards-Average	3-129-43.0	2-105-52.5
Time of Possession	26:47	33:13
Sacks By	2-12	2-28
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	3-8 / 2-2	3-12 / 2-2
Red Zone	5-5	6-7

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 16-100, Castle 8-43, Moore 5-22, Mensah 5-3;
Connecticut: Edwards 15-51, Fagnano 6-51, Honig 1-26, Smith 3-20, Rose 2-4, Graeves 1-4, Lundberg Coleman 1-1, TEAM 1-(-1).
PASSING – Duke: Mensah 22-31-222-2;
Connecticut: Gagnano 27-39-311-0, Smith 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING – Duke: Brown 5-61, Barkate 5-50, Hasley 4-61, Anthony 4-21, Hagans 2-23, Sheppard 1-5, King 1-1;
Connecticut: Bell 11-87, Murphy 5-110, Vereen 4-46, Edwards 4-42, Honig 2-17, Neider 1-9.
TACKLES – Duke: Stone 5-1=6, Weaver 5-0=5, Rivers 3-2=5, Callahan 3-2=5, Freeman 1-4=5, Williams 4-0=4, Francois 4-0=4, Kane 4-0=4, Mergott 3-1=4, Pellicciotta 3-0=3, Green 2-1=3, Anderson 2-0=2, Gompers 2-0=2, Jones 1-1=2, Reed 0-2=2;
Connecticut: Parham 7-9=16, Diomande 6-8=14, McLean 1-7=8, Chadwick 5-1=6, Mills 1-5=6, Brinson 0-6=6, Pringle 2-1=3, Morris 1-2=3, Jones 1-2=3, Latu 1-1=2.

Game 10 • [20] Virginia 34, Duke 17

November 15, 2025 • Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium • Durham, N.C.

- Duke mounted a 14-point rally in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough as the Blue Devils dropped a 34-17 decision to No. 20 Virginia.
- The Blue Devils, trailing 31-3 at the start of the fourth, made it a 31-17 contest with 9:30 to play, but could not close the gap.
- Duke got a 49-yard field goal from **Todd Pelino**, an 11-yard touchdown catch from **Cooper Barkate** and an 18-yard interception return for a score from **Tre Freeman** but the Cavaliers were led by a 300-yard passing performance from **Chandler Morris** and two rushing touchdowns from **J'Mari Taylor**.
- With Virginia up 31-3 to begin the fourth, the Blue Devils made it a 31-10 affair with 10:23 remaining as **Darian Mensah** found **Barkate** for an 11-yard score. The touchdown gave **Barkate** six on the year, all in league play.
- Less than a minute later, **Freeman** returned an interception 18 yards for a touchdown to make it 31-17 with 9:30 to play. The pick-six was the first for Duke since **Chandler Rivers'** against Florida State on October 18, 2024.
- **Mensah** threw for 213 yards to lift his season total to 3,007, tied for seventh most in a year by a Blue Devil. **Mensah** is the seventh Duke quarterback to log at least 3,000 passing yards in a season and first since **Sean Renfree** threw for 3,113 yards during the 2012 campaign.
- **Rivers** intercepted a pass in the first quarter, his second of the season. The senior has seven picks across his four seasons as a Blue Devil.
- **Jaiden Francois** booked 0.5 tackles for loss and had 4.0 in the previous four games after totaling 2.0 during the first six contests.

	1	2	3	4		Final
Virginia	7	10	14	3	=	34
Duke	0	3	0	14	=	17

Attendance: 27,215

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
UVA	1	8:13	Taylor 5 Yd Rush (Bettridge kick)	14-75; 6:47
DU	2	5:33	Pelino 49 Yd Field Goal	11-33; 5:49
UVA	2	1:39	Ennis 12 Yd Pass from Morris (Bettridge kick)	9-75; 3:44
UVA	2	0:00	Bettridge 44 Yd Field Goal	6-42; 1:00
UVA	3	6:49	Harris 20 Yd Pass from Morris (Bettridge kick)	10-87; 5:08
UVA	3	2:25	Taylor 78 Yd Rush (Bettridge kick)	3-86; 1:32
DU	4	10:23	Barkate 11 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	12-72; 3:42
DU	4	9:30	Freeman 18 Yd INT return (Pelino kick)	
UVA	4	5:42	Bettridge 42 Yd Field Goal	7-50; 3:48

	Virginia	Duke
First Downs	22	11
Rush-Pass-Penalty	9-12-1	5-5-1
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	42-224	23-42
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	23-35-2	18-35-0
Passing Yards	316	213
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	77-540	58-255
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-60	3-45
Punts-Yards-Average	2-77-38.5	6-269-44.8
Time of Possession	35:58	24:02
Sacks By	4-21	0-0
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	12-19 / 1-2	4-15 / 2-4
Red Zone	4-4	1-2

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 12-43, Castle 3-3, Mensah 8-(-4);

Virginia: Taylor 18-133, Waylee 16-62, Davis 3-12, Lane Jr. 2-11, Morris 2-9, TEAM 1-(-3).

PASSING – Duke: Mensah 18-35-213-0;

Virginia: Morris 23-35-316-2.

RECEIVING – Duke: Hasley 3-47, Barkate 3-45, Brown 3-14, Sheppard 3-9, King 2-48, Castle 2-7, Hagans 1-35, Anthony 1-8;

Virginia: Harris 8-161, Ross 7-63, Edrine 2-34, Courtney 2-11, Taylor 1-25, Ennis 1-12, Waylee 1-7, Wood 1-3.

TACKLES – Duke: Mergott 7-2=9, Weaver 5-4=9, Francois 3-4=7, Stone 4-1=5, Freeman 3-2=5, Hall 2-2=4, Green 1-3=4, Gompers 1-3=4, Pellicciotta 3-0=3, Callahan 2-1=3, Reed 2-1=3, Jones 1-2=3, Anderson 0-3=3, Rivers 2-0=2;

Virginia: Minter 5-1=6, Neal 4-2=6, Camac 3-3=6, Holmes 2-4=6, Danley 2-4=6, Robinson 3-1=4, Prevard 1-2=3, Rickert 0-3=3, Britton 0-3=3, Hardy 1-1=2, Platt 1-1=2, Jackson 1-1=2, Melton 1-1=2.

Game 11 • Duke 32, North Carolina 25

November 22, 2025 • Kenan Stadium • Chapel Hill, N.C.

- The Victory Bell will reside in Durham for another year after Duke's 32-25 comeback victory at North Carolina.
- With the Blue Devils trailing 25-24 with 2:26 remaining and facing fourth-and-three, **Todd Pelino** faked a field goal and ran 26 yards to the North Carolina one-yard line.
- From there, **Anderson Castle** punched in his third rushing touchdown of the game with **Nate Sheppard** catching a two-point conversion to account for the final points.
- The comeback heroics allowed Duke to secure bowl eligibility for a fourth consecutive season, a first for the program since a four-year stretch in 2012-13-14-15.
- With the triumph, Duke also extended its winning streak against in-state opponents to seven and finished the season 4-0 in road league games to complete its ninth unbeaten road ACC season since joining the conference in 1953.
- Head coach **Manny Diaz** joined **Dr. John F. Crowell** (1888), **Bill Murray** (1951-52) and **Steve Spurrier** (1987-88) as Duke football head coaches to win their first two games against North Carolina.
- The Blue Devils went 4-0 against North Carolina and NC State over the last two years, marking the first time Duke had gone 4-0 against the two over a two-year stretch since 1961-62.
- Duke earned its 14th ACC victory in the last three years to tie for the second-winningest three-year ACC stretch in program history, trailing only 15 league wins from 2013-15.
- The Blue Devils have already captured five or more ACC wins in consecutive seasons for the first time since 2013-14.

	1	2	3	4		Final
Duke	7	10	7	8	=	32
North Carolina	7	3	8	7	=	25

Attendance: 50,500

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
UNC	1	7:57	Lopez 1 Yd Rush (Verhoff kick)	13-75; 7:03
DU	1	2:59	Castle 1 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	10-53; 4:51
DU	2	10:25	Hasley 14 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	13-78; 6:11
DU	2	2:33	Pelino 33 Yd Field Goal	14-71; 6:51
UNC	2	0:07	Verhoff 49 Yd Field Goal	8-44; 2:26
DU	3	9:15	Castle 1 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	11-44; 5:45
UNC	3	4:52	Shipp 20 Yd Pass from Lopez (Shipp reception)	10-75; 4:23
UNC	4	13:13	Gause 12 Yd Rush (Verhoff kick)	9-91; 4:30
DU	4	2:18	Castle 1 Yd Rush (Sheppard reception)	11-68; 4:19

	Duke	North Carolina
First Downs	24	18
Rush-Pass-Penalty	9-10-5	5-13-0
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	43-177	25-101
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	20-33-0	21-27-0
Passing Yards	175	204
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	76-352	52-305
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-27	12-103
Punts-Yards-Average	1-36-36.0	3-151-50.3
Time of Possession	36:00	24:00
Sacks By	3-19	1-11
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	6-15 / 5-6	8-13 / 0-1
Red Zone	5-6	3-3

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 22-90, Castle 13-49, Mensah 3-27, Pelino 1-26, TEAM 3-(-4), Brown 1-(-11);

North Carolina: Gause 8-63, Lopes 9-20, June 6-9, Hall 2-9.

PASSING – Duke: Mensah 20-33-175-0;

North Carolina: Lopez 21-27-204-0.

RECEIVING – Duke: Hasley 7-85, Brown 4-16, Hagans 3-30, Barkate 2-26, Moore 2-(-5), Sheppard 1-18, Castle 1-5;

North Carolina: Shipp 8-83, Paysour 5-63, June 3-9, Green 2-21, Gause 1-16, Clower 1-7, Owens 1-5.

TACKLES – Duke: Mergott 6-1=7, Francois 5-1=6, Rivers 4-2=6, Stone 3-3=6, Johnson 3-3=6, Robinson 5-0=5, Green 2-3=5, Anthony Jr. 2-1=3, Weaver 0-2=2;

North Carolina: Hardy 1-7=8, Simpson 4-2=6, House 3-3=6, Johnson 2-3=5, Jackson 2-3=5, Robinson 1-4=5, Gbayor 1-4=5, Gibson 2-2=4, Abou Jaoude 1-3=4, Cost 3-0=3, Patterson 3-0=3, Smith III 1-2=3, Mims 2-0=2, Butts 2-0=2, Alen 2-0=2, Mupoyi 1-1=2.

Game 12 • Duke 49, Wake Forest 32

November 29, 2025 • Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium • Durham, N.C.

- Duke used a strong second half and five total rushing touchdowns to push past Wake Forest and capture the state championship for the second consecutive season by defeating NC State, North Carolina and Wake Forest.
- It marks Duke's first years with back-to-back state titles since 1961 and 1962.
- **Manny Diaz** became the first Blue Devil head coach to earn a state title in each of his first two seasons at the helm.
- Duke upped its ACC win total to six, a first since 2013 and just the fourth time in program history.
- Over the last four years, the Blue Devils earned 20 ACC triumphs, the second most in program history, just behind 21 from 1960-63.
- This year's senior class also tied the record for most wins in a four-year span in program history with 33.
- Quarterback **Darian Mensah** set the Duke single-season touchdown passing record, throwing his 27th score in the third quarter, while **Anderson Castle** and **Nate Sheppard** rushed for two scores each.
- Castle upped his season total to 11 rushing scores, tied for the eighth most in a year in program history, while Sheppard set the Duke freshman records for rushing touchdowns, with his ninth of the season, and rushing yards, posting 75 yards against the Demon Deacons to reach 865 for the year.

	1	2	3	4		Final
Wake Forest	3	14	8	7	=	32
Duke	14	7	14	14	=	49

Attendance: 21,045

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
DU	1	10:36	Sheppard 5 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	8-75; 4:24
WF	1	5:59	Calvert 42 Yd Field Goal	10-46; 4:31
DU	1	0:00	Mensah 4 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	10-75; 5:59
WF	2	11:56	Racanelli 22 Yd Pass from Ashford (Calvert kick)	10-75; 3:04
DU	2	1:38	Castle 1 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	7-34; 2:34
WF	2	0:29	Brenson 20 Yd Pass from Ashford (Calvert kick)	8-75; 1:09
DU	3	9:45	Hagans 30 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	2-35; 0:31
DU	3	3:51	Castle 2 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	8-66; 4:15
WF	3	0:00	Ashford 10 Yd Rush (Ashford rush)	9-75; 3:52
DU	4	13:57	Sheppard 13 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	2-13; 1:01
WF	4	11:13	Clark 1 Yd Rush (Calvert kick)	10-83; 2:41
DU	4	0:23	Hasley 11 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	4-11; 1:39

	Wake Forest	Duke
First Downs	27	24
Rush-Pass-Penalty	10-16-1	5-13-6
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	32-126	39-110
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	27-43-1	24-35-0
Passing Yards	342	268
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	75-468	74-378
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-97	5-50
Punts-Yards-Average	2-55-27.5	3-148-49.3
Time of Possession	25:21	34:39
Sacks By	2-16	2-12
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	6-12 / 1-2	5-13 / 3-5
Red Zone	3-3	6-7

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 23-75, Reynoldson 1-26, Castle 12-21, Mensah 3-(-12); **Wake Forest:** Claiborne 13-58, Ashford 16-44, Clark 2-13, Barnes 1-11.
PASSING – Duke: Mensah 24-35-268-0;
Wake Forest: Ashford 27-43-342-1.
RECEIVING – Duke: Barkate 8-83, Sheppard 5-60, Hasley 4-27, Brown 3-51, Hagans 2-29, Castle 2-18;
Wake Forest: Racanelli 7-123, Hernandez 6-93, Clark 3-34, Falayi 3-4, Barnes 2-24, Johnson 2-18, Claiborne 2-10, Brenson 1-20, Berkhalter 1-16.
TACKLES – Duke: Mergott 5-3=8, Francois 3-3=6, Robinson 4-1=5, Weaver 4-1=5, Green 1-4=5, Rivers 4-0=4, Stone 2-2=4, Johnson 2-2=4, Jones 3-0=3, Pellicciotta 2-1=3, Reed 0-3=3, Hall 1-1=2, Anthony Jr. 1-1=2;
Wake Forest: Hall 4-6=10, Patterson 3-7=10, Hardy 3-5=8, Bryant 3-4=7, Anderson 2-4=6, Kirschke 3-2=5, Loving 2-3=5, Jackson 2-2=4, Hazen 0-4=4, Turpin 2-1=3, Johnson 1-2=3, Prunty 1-2=3, Afalava 2-0=2, Cusano 2-0=2, Ibirogbu 0-2=2.

Game 13 • Duke 27, [16] Virginia 20 (OT)

December 6, 2025 • Bank of America Stadium • Charlotte, N.C.

- For the first time since 1962, Duke football is the outright ACC champion.
- In a dramatic affair, Duke defeated No. 16 Virginia, 27-20, in overtime inside Bank of America Stadium to claim the program's eighth ACC title and first outright since 1962.
- Duke (8-5) used an incredibly efficient 19-of-25 passing night with two touchdowns from MVP **Darian Mensah**, and 97 rushing yards and a ground score from **Nate Sheppard** to capture the crown.
- After scoring on the first possession of overtime, Duke's defense walked off with the victory courtesy of a **Luke Mergott** interception.
- With the victory, the Blue Devils captured their 34th win during the last four years to set the program record.
- Duke also earned its first win versus Virginia since 2022 and avenged a 34-17 defeat to the Cavaliers on Nov. 15.
- With the Blue Devils leading 20-10 with 5:02 to play, Virginia stormed back and evened the contest with an 18-yard touchdown pass as just 22 seconds remained.
- Duke started on offense in the extra frame. Sheppard rushed three times for 24 yards, putting the Blue Devils at the one-yard line. Mensah found **Jeremiah Hasley** in the end zone on fourth down, giving the duo two touchdown connections for the night.
- On Virginia's first play of overtime, Mergott intercepted an attempted double pass to secure Duke's overtime victory.

	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Duke	7	7	3	3	7	= 27
Virginia	0	7	3	10	0	= 20

Attendance: 41,672

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
DU	1	5:22	Hasley 12 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	15-75; 9:38
UVA	2	14:16	Taylor 11 Yd Pass from Morris (Bettridge kick)	3-23; 1:31
DU	2	6:14	Sheppard 16 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	13-75; 8:02
UVA	3	7:19	Bettridge 24 Yd Field Goal	17-68; 7:41
DU	3	3:53	Pelino 29 Yd Field Goal	6-63; 3:26
DU	4	5:02	Pelino 23 Yd Field Goal	5-28; 2:19
UVA	4	3:54	Bettridge 42 Yd Field Goal	8-50; 1:08
UVA	4	0:22	Wood 18 Yd Pass from Morris (Bettridge kick)	10-96; 1:22
DU	OT		Hasley 1 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	7-25

	Duke	Virginia
First Downs	19	25
Rush-Pass-Penalty	10-7-2	9-11-5
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	44-137	29-128
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	19-25-1	21-40-2
Passing Yards	196	216
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	69-333	69-344
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-72	6-55
Punts-Yards-Average	4-186-46.5	2-101-50.5
Time of Possession	34:24	25:36
Sacks By	1-6	1-9
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	6-16 / 3-4	7-15 / 1-2
Red Zone	5-5	3-4

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 21-97, Castle 16-35, O'Connor 1-6, Mensah 5-0, TEAM 1-(-1); **Virginia:** Waylee 11-66, Taylor 15-65, Morris 3-(-3).
PASSING – Duke: Mensah 19-25-196-1;
Virginia: Morris 21-40-216-2.
RECEIVING – Duke: Barkate 5-91, Sheppard 5-31, Hasley 3-19, Hagans 2-31, King 2-21, Brown 2-3;
Virginia: Ross 5-59, Taylor 4-34, Edrine 3-42, Harris 3-38, Wood 3-30, Waylee 2-8, Courtney 1-5.
TACKLES – Duke: Mergott 5-4=9, Rivers 4-4=8, Callahan 4-1=5, Hall 3-2=5, Williams 2-3=5, Stone 3-1=4, Weaver 1-3=4, Jones 1-2=3, Anthony Jr. 2-0=2; Johnson 2-0=2, Freeman 1-1=2, Reed 1-1=2, Green 1-1=2, Pellicciotta 0-2=2;
Virginia: Jackson 4-4=8, Neal 3-4=7, Marcellus 3-4=7, Clary 1-4=5, Melton 4-1=5, Costner 3-2=5, Danley 4-0=4, Britton 1-3=4, Holmes 1-3=4, Platt 2-1=3, Camac 1-2=3, Hammond 1-2=3, Osborne 0-3=3, Charles 2-0=2, Minter 2-0=2, Prevard 2-0=2, Robinson 0-2=2, Carter 0-2=2.

Game 14 • Duke 42, Arizona State 39

December 31, 2025 • Sun Bowl Stadium • El Paso, Texas

- Duke closed the 2025 season on New Year's Eve with a 42-39 victory against Arizona State to claim the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl. The Blue Devils finished with nine wins in consecutive years for just the second time in program history.
- Duke quarterback **Darian Mensah** capped a fantastic outing with his fourth touchdown pass of the afternoon, hitting **Que'Sean Brown** for a 17-yard strike to put the Blue Devils ahead for good. **Luke Mergott** iced the victory with his second interception of the campaign.
- Mensah extend his school single-season touchdown passes record to 34 and tallied 327 yards to lift his season total to 3,973 to set the program mark.
- Mensah's 327 passing yards rank fourth in Duke bowl game history, while his 29 completions tied for third on the charts.
- Brown scored on a 69-yard touchdown catch in the opening quarter en route to a career-high 178 yards, the second most in a bowl game in Duke history.
- The teams combined for the highest-scoring first half in Sun Bowl history with Duke leading 28-24 at the break.
- After forcing the Sun Devils to fumble and punt on their first two possessions of the third quarter, the Blue Devils pushed their lead to 35-24 with 5:20 left in the stanza on a **Nate Sheppard** three-yard rush.
- Arizona State regained the lead early in the fourth on a Jeff Sims six-yard pass to Malik McClain to go up 39-35 with 12:31 to play.
- Duke delivered a fumble and an interception on the final two Sun Devil possessions, while Mensah and Brown combined for the winning score.

	1	2	3	4		Final
Arizona State	14	10	8	7	=	39
Duke	14	14	7	7	=	42

Attendance: 44,975

Team	Qtr	Time	Play	Drive
ASU	1	10:11	Sims 4 Yd Rush (Gomez kick)	9-83; 2:57
DU	1	8:53	Brown 69 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	3-75; 1:18
DU	1	6:43	Barkate 3 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	4-49; 0:43
ASU	1	5:05	Moss 44 Yd Pass from Sims (Gomez kick)	5-75; 1:38
DU	2	6:06	Hasley 14 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	12-60; 5:22
ASU	2	3:49	Sims 38 Yd Rush (Gomez kick)	6-75; 2:17
DU	2	1:50	Castle 3 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	5-44; 1:59
ASU	2	0:32	Gomez 54 Yd Field Goal	6-24; 1:18
DU	3	5:20	Sheppard 3 Yd Rush (Pelino kick)	7-64; 3:06
ASU	3	4:09	Anderson 8 Yd Pass from Sims (Sims rush)	4-75; 1:11
ASU	4	12:31	McClain 6 Yd Pass from Sims (Gomez kick)	7-77; 2:29
DU	4	2:10	Brown 17 Yd Pass from Mensah (Pelino kick)	2-22; 0:32

	Arizona State	Duke
First Downs	22	24
Rush-Pass-Penalty	9-12-1	9-13-2
Rushing Attempts-Net Yards	37-244	36-212
Passing Comp.-Att.-Int	27-38-1	29-51-1
Passing Yards	375	327
Total Offensive Plays-Yards	75-619	87-539
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-33	6-60
Punts-Yards-Average	2-77-38.5	5-226-45.2
Time of Possession	26:33	33:07
Sacks By	2-11	0-0
Third Down / Fourth Down Conversions	3-10 / 1-4	6-17 / 3-5
Red Zone	3-4	5-6

RUSHING – Duke: Sheppard 22-170, Mensah 4-21, Castle 5-18, Moore 2-9, Brown 1-(-2), TEAM 2-(-4);
Arizona State: Brown Jr. 12-120, Sims 7-70, Robinson 15-56, Rigdon, 2-(-1), TEAM 1-(-1).
PASSING – Duke: Mensah 29-51-327-1;
Arizona State: Sims 27-38-375-1.
RECEIVING – Duke: Brown 10-178, Hasley 6-50, Hagans 6-45, Barkate 4-37, Sheppard 2-20, Moore 1-(-3);
Arizona State: McClain 9-63, Moss 5-129, Robinson 4-91, Harpole 3-19, Brown Jr. 2-14, Eusebio 1-38, Rigdon 1-8, Anderson 1-8, Hamilton 1-5.
TACKLES – Duke: Mergott 7-3=10, Stone 4-5=9, Weaver 7-1=8, Callahan 5-1=6, Hall 4-1=5, O'Connor 2-3=5, Freeman 3-1=4, Reed 1-3=4, Williams 2-1=3, Francois 2-1=3, Johnson 2-1=3, Jones 0-3=3, Robinson 1-1=2;
Arizona State: Hughes 1-8=9, Crook 1-8=9, Green 2-5=7, Wodtly 0-6=6, Warren 4-1=5, Nkuba 3-2=5, O'Neal 2-3=5, McDonald 2-3=5, Rowser 1-4=5, Alefaio-Lilii 1-4=5, Breedlove 2-1=3, Kongaika 1-2=3, Jackson 0-3=3, Romano 2-0=2.

2025 STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Nate Sheppard	14	200	1,157	25	1,132	5.7	11	60	80.9
Anderson Castle	14	115	508	20	488	4.2	12	66	34.9
Jaquez Moore	10	41	222	21	201	4.9	1	32	20.1
Travis Bates	14	9	57	0	57	6.3	0	39	4.1
Henry Belin IV	5	5	42	1	41	8.2	0	15	8.2
Peyton Jones	4	10	34	0	34	3.4	1	8	8.5
Todd Pelino	14	1	26	0	26	26.0	0	26	1.9
Kade Reynoldson	14	1	26	0	26	26.0	0	26	1.9
Kevin O'Connor	14	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	0.4
Que'Sean Brown	14	2	0	13	-13	-6.5	0	0	-0.9
Darian Mensah	14	59	170	202	-32	-0.5	1	34	-2.3
Team	14	11	0	32	-32	-2.9	0	0	-2.3
Totals	14	455	2,248	314	1,934	4.3	26	66	138.1
Opponents	14	482	2,372	308	2,064	4.3	29	78	147.4

PASSING

Player	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
Darian Mensah	14	153.6	334-500-6	66.8	3,973	34	77	283.8
Henry Belin IV	5	77.0	2-5-0	40.0	22	0	17	4.4
Que'Sean Brown	14	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	14	152.5	336-506-6	66.4	3,995	34	77	285.4
Opponents	14	146.4	311-463-14	67.2	3,875	21	75	276.8

RECEIVING

Player	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Cooper Barkate	14	72	1106	15.4	7	77	79.0
Que'Sean Brown	14	64	846	13.2	5	69	60.4
Sahmir Hagans	14	43	508	11.8	6	35	36.3
Jeremiah Hasley	14	40	454	11.4	6	56	32.4
Nate Sheppard	14	37	286	7.7	1	20	20.4
Andrel Anthony	11	26	246	9.5	5	35	22.4
Landen King	13	15	203	13.5	4	33	15.6
Chase Tyler	13	4	120	30.0	0	62	9.2
Anderson Castle	14	17	111	6.5	0	17	7.9
Jayden Moore	14	7	42	6.0	0	15	3.0
Jaquez Moore	10	5	41	8.2	0	24	4.1
Peyton Jones	4	3	23	7.7	0	13	5.8
Jake Taylor	13	2	20	10.0	0	16	1.5
Darian Mensah	14	1	-11	-11.0	0	0	-0.8
Total	14	336	3,995	11.9	34	77	285.4
Opponents	14	311	3,875	12.5	21	75	276.8

ALL PURPOSE

Player	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Nate Sheppard	14	1,132	286	0	22	0	1,440	102.9
Cooper Barkate	14	0	1,106	0	0	0	1,106	79.0
Sahmir Hagans	14	0	508	0	467	0	975	69.6
Que'Sean Brown	14	-13	846	116	0	0	949	67.8
Anderson Castle	14	488	111	0	0	0	599	42.8
Jeremiah Hasley	14	0	454	0	0	0	454	32.4
Andrel Anthony	11	0	246	0	0	0	246	22.4
Jaquez Moore	10	201	41	0	0	0	242	24.2
Landen King	13	0	203	0	0	0	203	15.6
Peyton Jones	4	34	23	0	87	0	144	36.0
Chase Tyler	13	0	120	0	0	0	120	9.2
Jayden Moore	14	0	42	0	76	0	118	8.4
Tre Freeman	13	0	0	0	0	85	85	6.5
Travis Bates	14	57	0	0	0	0	57	4.1
Henry Belin IV	5	41	0	0	0	0	41	8.2
Caleb Weaver	14	0	0	0	0	40	40	2.9
Andrew Pellicciotta	14	0	0	0	0	34	34	2.4
Todd Pelino	14	26	0	0	0	0	26	1.9
Kade Reynoldson	14	26	0	0	0	0	26	1.9
Jake Taylor	13	0	20	0	0	0	20	1.5
Kevin O'Connor	14	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.4
Elliott Schaper	6	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.8
Moussa Kane	10	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.3
Darian Mensah	14	-32	-11	0	0	0	-43	-3.1
Team	14	-32	0	0	0	0	-32	-2.3
Total	14	1,934	3,995	116	652	167	6,864	490.3
Opponents	14	2,064	3,875	45	373	16	6,373	455.2

KICKOFFS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Cosme Salas	46	2,882	62.7	34	1			
Todd Pelino	42	2,610	62.1	21	2			
Total	88	5,492	62.4	55	3	20	39.6	25
Opponents	81	5,066	62.5	54	1	22	37.1	27

FIELD GOALS

Player	M-A	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Todd Pelino	14-19	73.7	0-0	6-6	2-2	6-11	0-0	49	1
Opponents	18-21	85.7	0-0	8-9	2-2	7-9	1-1	54	1

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Darian Mensah	14	559	-32	3,973	3,941	281.5
Nate Sheppard	14	200	1,132	0	1,132	80.9
Anderson Castle	14	115	488	0	488	34.9
Jaquez Moore	10	41	201	0	201	20.1
Henry Belin IV	5	10	41	22	63	12.6
Travis Bates	14	9	57	0	57	4.1
Peyton Jones	4	10	34	0	34	8.5
Todd Pelino	14	1	26	0	26	1.9
Kade Reynoldson	14	1	26	0	26	1.9
Kevin O'Connor	14	1	6	0	6	0.4
Que'Sean Brown	14	3	-13	0	-13	-0.9
Team	14	0	-32	0	-32	-2.3
Total	14	961	1,934	3,995	5,929	423.5
Opponents	14	945	2,064	3,875	5,939	424.2

SCORING

Player	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Todd Pelino	-	14-19	56-56	-	-	-	-	-	98
Nate Sheppard	12	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	76
Anderson Castle	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Sahmir Hagans	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	44
Cooper Barkate	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	44
Jeremiah Hasley	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Que'Sean Brown	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Andrel Anthony	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Landen King	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Jaquez Moore	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tre Freeman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Darian Mensah	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	6
Peyton Jones	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	63	14-19	56-56	1	3	3	0	0	484
Opponents	51	18-21	44-45	3	1	1	0	0	412

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
Kade Reynoldson	44	1,963	44.6	57	2	22	21	7	0
Team	1	13	13.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	45	1,976	43.9	57	2	22	21	7	1
Opponents	40	1,787	44.7	60	6	11	11	13	1

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Que'Sean Brown	9	116	12.9	1	78
Nate Sheppard	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	10	116	11.6	1	78
Opponents	12	45	3.8	9	17

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Sahmir Hagans	14	467	33.4	1	100
Peyton Jones	4	87	21.8	0	29
Jayden Moore	3	76	25.3	0	37
Nate Sheppard	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total	22	652	29.6	1	100
Opponents	19	373	19.6	0	46

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Tre Freeman	2	85	42.5	1	67
Chandler Rivers	2	0	0.0	0	0
Caleb Weaver	2	40	20.0	0	40
DaShawn Stone	2	0	0.0	0	0
Moussa Kane	2	3	1.5	0	3
Luke Mergott	2	0	0.0	0	0
Andrew Pellicciotta	1	34	34.0	0	34
Elliott Schaper	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	14	167	11.9	1	67
Opponents	6	16	2.7	0	7

FUMBLE RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Luke Mergott	2	0	0.0	0	0
Caleb Weaver	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wesley Williams	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ma'khi Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kimari Robinson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nick Morris Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Moussa Kane	1	0	0.0	0	0
David Anderson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	10	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	8	95	11.88	1	92

DEFENSE

Player	G	Solo	Asst	Total	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	Int-Yds	PBU	QBH	FR-Yds	FF	Blk	Saf
3 Caleb Weaver	14	43	48	91	5.5-20	1.5-12	2-40	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
34 Luke Mergott	14	48	42	90	7.0-16	1.0-6	2-0	3	9	2-0	.	.	.
8 DaShawn Stone	14	46	40	86	1.5-3	.	2-0	3	1	.	1	.	.
2 Jaiden Francois	14	30	44	74	7.5-16	1.0-2	.	2	2	.	1	.	.
0 Chandler Rivers	13	37	22	59	3.5-6	.	2-0	8	1	.	1	.	.
12 Tre Freeman	13	23	28	51	3.5-7	0.5-1	2-85	3	1	.	1	.	.
99 Aaron Hall	14	19	25	44	11.0-33	2.5-13	.	.	4	.	.	.	.
97 Wesley Williams	14	22	22	44	9.0-34	2.0-9	.	1	16	1-0	.	1	.
21 Landan Callahan	12	25	17	42	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
4 Josiah Green	14	9	28	37	7.0-26	3.5-18	.	3	2	.	.	.	.
42 Kendall Johnson	10	20	17	37	3.0-17	1.0-12	.	2	4	.	1	.	.
26 Ma'khi Jones	14	14	21	35	1.5-5	1.0-4	.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.
5 Kimari Robinson	11	18	16	34	1.5-3	.	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
7 Vincent Anthony Jr.	13	21	12	33	13.0-49	7.5-36	.	2	4	.	1	.	.
35 Andrew Pellicciotta	14	14	12	26	0.5-1	.	1-34	2	.	.	.	.	.
10 Tyshon Reed	14	8	14	22	2.0-12	0.5-8	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
36 Nick Morris Jr.	4	12	6	18	3.5-8	.	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
22 Moussa Kane	10	10	7	17	2.0-7	1.0-6	2-3	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
31 Elliott Schaper	6	5	11	16	2.0-23	2.0-23	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Bradley Gompers	12	8	6	14	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
95 Preston Watson	14	7	7	14	3.0-8	0.5-3	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
15 Kevin O'Connor	14	3	8	11	1.0-1	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.
14 Bryce Davis	12	6	4	10	2.0-7	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
18 Kobe Smith	14	4	6	10	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
44 David Anderson	14	3	6	9	0.5-0	.	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
43 Semaj Turner	13	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
32 George Wright	14	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Cooper Barkate	14	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 William Felder Jr.	7	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33 Dawson Andrew	14	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39 Cosme Salas	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
57 Curtis Cooper	14	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 Sampson Onuoha	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 Darian Mensah	14	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 Nate Sheppard	14	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
40 Asher Wasserman	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 Desmond Aladuge	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 Todd Pelino	14	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 Que'Sean Brown	14	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Leon Griffin III	14	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Jaquez Moore	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Kaleb Lanier	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals	14	477	486	963	93.0-304	26.0-153	14-167	39	60	10-0	10	2	0
Opponents	14	426	560	986	75.0-327	28.0-199	6-16	49	61	8-95	8	2	0

2025 STARTING LINEUPS

Offense	QB	RB	TE	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
ELON	Mensah	Jaqu. Moore	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
ILLINOIS	Mensah	Jaqu. Moore	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
at Tulane	Mensah	Jaqu. Moore	Hasley	Anthony	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
NC STATE	Mensah	Jaqu. Moore	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
at Syracuse	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
at Cal	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
GEORGIA TECH	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	King (TE)	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
at Clemson	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
at Connecticut	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
VIRGINIA	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
at North Carolina	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
WAKE FOREST	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
vs. Virginia	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	King (TE)	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Pickett	Parker II
vs. Arizona State	Mensah	Sheppard	Hasley	Brown	Hagans	Barkate	Fina	Larsen	Craycraft	Smith	Pickett

Defense	DE	DT	NT	Vyper	MLB	WLB	Star	CB	S	ROV	CB
ELON	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Morris Jr.	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Robinson
ILLINOIS	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Morris Jr.	Freeman	Johnson	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Robinson
at Tulane	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Morris Jr.	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Robinson
NC STATE	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Morris Jr.	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Callahan
at Syracuse	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Mergott	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Robinson
at Cal	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Mergott	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Robinson
GEORGIA TECH	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Mergott	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Robinson
at Clemson	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Mergott	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Callahan
at Connecticut	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Mergott	Freeman	Kane (CB)	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Callahan
VIRGINIA	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Mergott	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Callahan
at North Carolina	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Mergott	Johnson	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Robinson
WAKE FOREST	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Mergott	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Robinson
vs. Virginia	Williams	Green	Hall	Anthony Jr.	Mergott	Freeman	Francois	Rivers	Weaver	Stone	Callahan
vs. Arizona State	Williams	Green	Hall	Reed	Mergott	Freeman	Francois	Robinson	Weaver	Stone	Callahan

2025 ACC STANDINGS

Team	ACC GAMES					OVERALL				
	W	L	Home	Road	Neutral	W	L	Home	Road	Neutral
Virginia	7	1	1-3	2-2	0-0	11	3	6-1	4-1	1-1
Duke ^{ACC Champions}	6	2	3-1	2-2	0-0	9	5	3-3	4-2	2-0
Miami	6	2	4-0	2-2	0-0	13	3	7-1	4-1	2-1
Georgia Tech	6	2	3-0	1-3	1-0	9	4	5-2	4-1	0-1
SMU	6	2	4-0	4-0	0-0	9	4	5-1	3-3	1-0
Pittsburgh	6	2	2-2	1-3	0-0	8	5	4-3	4-1	0-1
Louisville	4	4	2-2	3-1	0-0	9	4	5-3	3-1	1-0
Wake Forest	4	4	0-4	2-2	0-0	9	4	5-2	3-2	1-0
NC State	4	4	1-3	2-2	0-0	8	5	6-1	1-4	1-0
California	4	4	1-3	1-3	0-0	7	6	4-2	3-4	0-0
Clemson	4	4	3-1	4-0	0-0	7	6	3-4	4-1	0-1
Stanford	3	5	3-1	0-4	0-0	4	8	4-2	0-6	0-0
Florida State	2	6	2-2	0-4	0-0	5	7	5-2	0-5	0-0
Virginia Tech	2	6	1-3	1-3	0-0	3	9	2-5	1-3	0-0
North Carolina	2	6	1-3	1-3	0-0	4	8	2-4	2-4	0-0
Boston College	1	7	0-4	1-3	0-0	2	10	1-6	1-4	0-0
Syracuse	1	7	0-4	1-3	0-0	3	10	2-4	1-5	0-1

ALL-ACC

First Team Offense		
QB	Haynes King, Georgia Tech	200
RB	Hollywood Smothers, NC State	214
RB	J'Mari Taylor, Virginia	207
WR	Duce Robinson, Florida State	217
WR	Chris Bell, Louisville	210
WR	Malachi Toney, Miami	208
TE	Justin Joly, NC State	178
AP	Jacob De Jesus, California	134
OT	Francis Mauigoa, Miami	212
OT	Blake Miller, Clemson	125
OG	Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech	202
OG	Logan Parr, SMU	132
C	Luke Petitbon, Florida State	115
Second Team Offense		
QB	Darian Mensah, Duke	114
RB	Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest	165
RB	Nate Sheppard, Duke	99
WR	Cooper Barkate, Duke	160
WR	Jacob De Jesus, California	132
WR	Lewis Bond, Boston College	119
TE	Sam Roush, Stanford	114
AP	Malachi Toney, Miami	123
OT	Brian Parker II, Duke	121
OT	PJ Williams, SMU	71
OG	Anez Cooper, Miami	127
OG	Logan Taylor, Boston College	94
C	Brady Wilson, Virginia	98
Third Team Offense		
QB	Carson Beck, Miami	66
RB	Isaac Brown, Louisville	80
RB	Mark Fletcher Jr., Miami	62
WR	Jordan Hudson, SMU	84
WR	Trell Harris, Virginia	82
WR	Antonio Williams, Clemson	34
TE	Jeremiah Franklin, Boston College	43
AP	Caullin Lacy, Louisville	87
OT	McKale Boley, Virginia	64
OT	Markel Bell, Miami	61
OG	Noah Josey, Virginia	90
OG	Justin Pickett, Duke	88
C	James Brockermeyer, Miami	83
First Team Specialists		
PK	Aidan Birr, Georgia Tech	209
P	Jack Stonehouse, Syracuse	165
SP	Jacob De Jesus, California	158
First Team Defense		
DE	Rueben Bain Jr., Miami	167
DE	Akheem Mesidor, Miami	164
DT	Jordan van den Berg, Georgia Tech	121
DT	Peter Woods, Clemson	120
LB	Caden Fordham, NC State	188
LB	Cade Uluave, California	167
LB	Sammy Brown, Clemson	147
CB	Hezekiah Masses, California	160
CB	Avieon Terrell, Clemson	138
S	Nick Andersen, Wake Forest	137
S	Ahmaad Moses, SMU	125
Second Team Defense		
DE	Isaiah Smith, SMU	140
DE	Melkart Abou Jaoude, North Carolina	90
DT	Ahmad Moten Sr., Miami	83
DT	Rene Konga, Louisville	73
LB	Kyle Louis, Pitt	143
LB	Matt Rose, Stanford	133
LB	Rasheem Biles, Pitt	131
CB	Keionte Scott, Miami	118
CB	Chandler Rivers, Duke	104
S	Jakobe Thomas, Miami	111
S	Earl Little Jr., Florida State	96
Third Team Defense		
DE	Will Heldt, Clemson	80
DE	Clev Lubin, Louisville	79
DT	Kemari Copeland, Virginia Tech	69
DT	Aaron Hall, Duke	64
LB	Kam Robinson, Virginia	98
LB	TJ Quinn, Louisville	94
LB	Wesley Bissainthe, Miami	42
CB	Karon Prunty, Wake Forest	89
CB	Brent Austin, California	53
S	Ricardo Jones, Clemson	84
S	Devin Neal, Virginia	81
Second Team Specialists		
PK	Trey Butkowski, Pitt	62
P	Daniel Sparks, Virginia	108
SP	Sahmir Hagans, Duke	117

2025 ACC TEAM STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Run	Pass	Plays	Yds	PP	TD	PG
1. Florida State	12	2624	3041	845	5665	6.7	51	472.1
2. Georgia Tech	13	2567	3429	857	5996	7.0	47	461.2
3. ►Duke	14	1934	3995	961	5929	6.2	60	423.5
4. Virginia	14	2502	3348	1040	5850	5.6	47	417.9
5. SMU	13	1740	3680	861	5420	6.3	51	416.9
6. Miami	16	2414	4051	1063	6465	6.1	60	404.1
7. Wake Forest	13	2030	3090	860	5120	6.0	41	393.8
8. Clemson	13	1618	3481	885	5099	5.8	42	392.2
9. NC State	13	1891	3194	839	5085	6.1	53	391.2
10. Pitt	13	1524	3553	896	5077	5.7	47	390.5
11. Louisville	13	2131	2868	839	4999	6.0	43	384.5
12. Boston College	12	1247	3362	831	4609	5.5	36	384.1
13. California	13	1062	3587	891	4649	5.2	41	357.6
14. Virginia Tech	12	2189	1996	766	4185	5.5	30	348.8
15. Syracuse	12	1478	2607	844	4085	4.8	29	340.4
16. Stanford	12	1014	2664	783	3678	4.7	22	306.5
17. North Carolina	12	1263	2207	701	3470	5.0	24	289.2

RUSHING OFFENSE	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Avg/G
1. Florida State	12	506	2624	5.2	31	218.7
2. Georgia Tech	13	463	2567	5.5	31	197.5
3. Virginia Tech	12	446	2189	4.9	13	182.4
4. Virginia	14	548	2502	4.6	29	178.7
5. Louisville	13	421	2131	5.1	25	163.9
6. Wake Forest	13	454	2030	4.5	23	156.2
7. Miami	16	567	2414	4.3	28	150.9
8. NC State	13	426	1891	4.4	27	145.5
9. ►Duke	14	455	1934	4.3	26	138.1
10. SMU	13	401	1740	4.3	25	133.8
11. Clemson	13	410	1618	3.9	20	124.5
12. Syracuse	12	435	1478	3.4	12	123.2
13. Pitt	13	432	1524	3.5	18	117.2
14. North Carolina	12	346	1263	3.7	11	105.3
15. Boston College	12	377	1247	3.3	16	103.9
16. Stanford	12	392	1014	2.6	8	84.5
17. California	13	385	1062	2.8	21	81.7

PASS OFFENSE	G	Cmp	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	PG
1. ►Duke	14	336	506	6	66.4	3995	7.9	34	285.4
2. SMU	13	305	460	13	66.3	3680	8.0	26	283.1
3. Boston College	12	287	454	12	63.2	3362	7.4	20	280.2
4. California	13	323	506	10	63.8	3587	7.1	20	275.9
5. Pitt	13	289	464	15	62.3	3553	7.7	29	273.3
6. Clemson	13	309	475	7	65.1	3481	7.3	22	267.8
7. Georgia Tech	13	275	394	7	69.8	3429	8.7	16	263.8
8. Florida State	12	200	339	9	59.0	3041	9.0	20	253.4
9. Miami	16	355	496	12	71.6	4051	8.2	32	253.2
10. NC State	13	280	413	10	67.8	3194	7.7	26	245.7
11. Virginia	14	315	492	10	64.0	3348	6.8	18	239.1
12. Wake Forest	13	232	406	11	57.1	3090	7.6	18	237.7
13. Stanford	12	224	391	12	57.3	2664	6.8	14	222.0
14. Louisville	13	268	418	9	64.1	2868	6.9	18	220.6
15. Syracuse	12	231	409	15	56.5	2607	6.4	17	217.3
16. North Carolina	12	227	355	6	63.9	2207	6.2	13	183.9
17. Virginia Tech	12	180	320	9	56.3	1996	6.2	17	166.3

SCORING OFFENSE	G	TD	FG	XP	2XP	DXP	Saf	Pts	Avg.
1. ►Duke	14	63	14	56	4	0	0	484	34.6
2. Pitt	13	54	21	49	1	0	0	438	33.7
3. Florida State	12	51	12	48	3	0	0	396	33.0
4. SMU	13	54	15	50	0	0	0	419	32.2
5. Georgia Tech	13	49	25	45	2	0	0	418	32.2
6. Miami	16	63	18	61	1	0	0	495	30.9
7. Virginia	14	51	24	49	1	0	1	431	30.8
8. NC State	13	54	6	51	0	0	0	393	30.2
9. Louisville	13	46	23	40	2	0	0	389	29.9
10. Wake Forest	13	44	18	35	5	0	1	365	28.1
11. Clemson	13	43	17	41	2	0	0	354	27.2
12. Boston College	12	37	16	35	0	0	0	305	25.4
13. California	13	41	14	39	1	0	0	329	25.3
14. Virginia Tech	12	30	15	26	1	0	2	257	21.4
15. Syracuse	12	30	12	22	1	0	1	242	20.2
16. North Carolina	12	25	19	20	2	0	0	231	19.3
17. Stanford	12	26	16	22	0	0	0	226	18.8

TOTAL DEFENSE	G	Run	Pass	Plays	Yds	PP	TD	PG
1. Miami	16	1428	3278	1005	4706	4.7	25	294.1
2. Louisville	13	1486	2454	836	3940	4.7	28	303.1
3. Virginia	14	1603	2738	877	4341	4.9	32	310.1
4. Wake Forest	13	1581	2690	924	4271	4.6	30	328.5
5. Florida State	12	1657	2289	787	3946	5.0	32	328.8
6. Pitt	13	1236	3059	885	4295	4.9	40	330.4
7. North Carolina	12	1508	2535	818	4043	4.9	34	336.9
8. Clemson	13	1371	3271	871	4642	5.3	28	357.1
9. California	13	2033	2670	849	4703	5.5	38	361.8
10. Virginia Tech	12	1839	2698	775	4537	5.9	43	378.1
11. SMU	13	1455	3681	978	5136	5.3	31	395.1
12. Georgia Tech	13	2136	3053	874	5189	5.9	40	399.2
13. Stanford	12	1431	3467	826	4898	5.9	39	408.2
14. NC State	13	1804	3551	888	5355	6.0	39	411.9
15. ►Duke	14	2064	3875	945	5939	6.3	50	424.2
16. Syracuse	12	2099	3031	789	5130	6.5	47	427.5
17. Boston College	12	2131	3068	797	5199	6.5	48	433.3

RUSHING DEFENSE	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	PG
1. Miami	16	484	1428	3.0	12	89.3
2. Pitt	13	454	1236	2.7	12	95.1
3. Clemson	13	387	1371	3.5	10	105.5
4. SMU	13	456	1455	3.2	5	111.9
5. Louisville	13	427	1486	3.5	13	114.3
6. Virginia	14	465	1603	3.4	17	114.5
7. Stanford	12	381	1431	3.8	17	119.3
8. Wake Forest	13	467	1581	3.4	18	121.6
9. North Carolina	12	433	1508	3.5	19	125.7
10. Florida State	12	461	1657	3.6	12	138.1
11. NC State	13	418	1804	4.3	17	138.8
12. ►Duke	14	482	2064	4.3	29	147.4
13. Virginia Tech	12	427	1839	4.3	25	153.3
14. California	13	429	2033	4.7	24	156.4
15. Georgia Tech	13	467	2136	4.6	21	164.3
16. Syracuse	12	398	2099	5.3	24	174.9
17. Boston College	12	423	2131	5.0	25	177.6

PASS DEFENSE	G	Cmp	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	PG
1. Louisville	13	242	409	14	59.2	2454	6.0	15	188.8
2. Florida State	12	203	326	12	62.3	2289	7.0	20	190.8
3. Virginia	14	245	412	14	59.5	2738	6.6	15	195.6
4. Miami	16	312	521	16	59.9	3278	6.3	13	204.9
5. California	13	259	420	8	61.7	2670	6.4	14	205.4
6. Wake Forest	13	270	457	4	59.1	2690	5.9	12	206.9
7. North Carolina	12	245	385	6	63.6	2535	6.6	15	211.3
8. Virginia Tech	12	234	348	4	67.2	2698	7.8	18	224.8
9. Georgia Tech	13	253	407	4	62.2	3053	7.5	19	234.8
10. Pitt	13	271	431	15	62.9	3059	7.1	28	235.3
11. Clemson	13	294	484	9	60.7	3271	6.8	18	251.6
12. Syracuse	12	259	391	5	66.2	3031	7.8	23	252.6
13. Boston College	12	240	374	6	64.2	3068	8.2	23	255.7
14. NC State	13	295	407	9	62.8	3551	7.6	22	273.2
15. ►Duke	14	311	463	14	67.2	3875	8.4	21	276.8
16. SMU	13	318	522	18	60.9	3681	7.1	26	283.2
17. Stanford	12	294	445	3	66.1	3467	7.8	22	288.9

SCORING DEFENSE	G	TD	FG	XP	2XP	DXP	Saf	Pts	Avg.
1. Miami	16	26	18	21	3	0	0	237	14.8
2. Virginia	14	34	12	32	0	0	1	274	19.6
3. SMU	13	31	17	28	0	0	1	267	20.5
4. Clemson	13	30	20	23	2	0	0	267	20.5
5. Louisville	13	32	16	27	2	0	1	275	21.2
6. Florida State	12	32	13	29	2	0	0	264	22.0
7. Wake Forest	13	31	23	28	1	0	0	287	22.1
8. North Carolina	12	37	12	34	1	0	0	294	24.5
9. Pitt	13	41	12	38	0	1	0	322	24.8
10. Georgia Tech	13	41	14	33	2	0	0	325	25.0
11. California	13	43	17	38	3	0	0	353	27.2
12. NC State	13	41	22	37	1	0	1	353	27.2
13. Stanford	12	41	21	39	0	0	1	350	29.2
14. ►Duke	14	51	18	44	4	0	0	412	29.4
15. Virginia Tech	12	44	18	42	1	0	0	362	30.2
16. Boston College	12	49	18	43	1	0	0	393	32.8
17. Syracuse	12	53	16	53	0	0	0	419	34.9

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	Ret.	Yds.	TD	Lg	Avg.
1. Virginia	14	10	324	1	100	32.4
2. ►Duke	14	22	652	1	100	29.6
3. Wake Forest	13	19	526	2	100	27.7
4. Pitt	13	26	601	0	78	23.1
5. Florida State	12	11	254	0	39	23.1
6. Louisville	13	17	380	0	65	22.4
7. Miami	16	17	368	0	38	21.6
8. Clemson	13	13	266	0	31	20.5
9. Syracuse	12	26	514	0	38	19.8
10. SMU	13	16	314	0	40	19.6
11. Boston College	12	20	376	0	33	18.8
12. Virginia Tech	12	27	506	0	32	18.7
13. North Carolina	12	22	402	0	32	18.3
14. NC State	13	16	292	0	38	18.3
15. California	13	20	364	0	36	18.2
16. Stanford	12	22	394	0	27	17.9
17. Georgia Tech	13	19	334	0	32	17.6

PUNT RETURNS	G	Ret.	Yds.	TD	Lg	Avg.
1. Louisville	13	30	484	2	93	16.1
2. Pitt	13	20	293	2	88	14.7
3. ►Duke	14	9	116	1	78	12.9
4. Miami	16	24	307	0	55	12.8
5. Florida State	12	12	139	0	32	11.6
6. Wake Forest	13	23	254	1	88	11.0
7. California	13	25	259	0	34	10.4
8. Georgia Tech	13	15	157	0	46	10.5
9. SMU	13	17	168	0	27	9.9
10. Virginia	14	32	289	0	48	9.0
11. Boston College	12	14	117	0	24	8.4
12. North Carolina	12	17	137	0	25	8.1
13. Virginia Tech	12	18	139	0	24	7.7
14. Clemson	13	18	131	0	30	7.3
15. Syracuse	12	10	58	0	19	5.8
16. Stanford	12	7	37	0	26	5.3
17. NC State	13	14	59	0	15	4.2

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RUSHING									
	G	Att	Yards	Avg	TD	Lg	PG		
1. Smothers, Hollywood - NCSU	11	160	939	5.9	6	65	85.4		
2. Fletcher Jr., Mark - UM	14	216	1192	5.5	12	57	85.1		
3. Taylor, J'Mari - UVA	13	222	1062	4.8	11	78	81.7		
4. ►Sheppard, Nate - DU	14	200	1132	5.7	11	60	80.9		
5. King, Haynes - GT	12	185	953	5.2	15	45	79.4		
6. Claiborne, Demond - WF	12	179	907	5.1	10	85	75.6		
7. Raphael, Kendrick - CAL	13	232	943	4.1	13	33	72.5		
8. Ford, Micah - STAN	9	145	643	4.4	4	75	71.4		
9. Brown, Keyjuan - UL	10	96	704	7.3	6	67	70.4		

PASSING AVG/GAME									
	G	Cmp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	PG		
1. ►Mensah, Darian - DU	14	334	500	6	3973	34	283.8		
2. Jennings, Kevin - SMU	13	300	454	13	3641	26	280.1		
3. Sagapolutele, Jaron-Keawe - CAL	13	316	492	9	3454	18	265.7		
4. King, Haynes - GT	12	252	361	6	2967	14	247.3		
5. Klubnik, Cade - CU	12	257	392	6	2943	16	245.3		
6. Bailey, CJ - NCSU	13	273	397	9	3105	25	238.8		
7. Beck, Carson - UM	16	338	468	12	3813	30	238.3		
8. Heintschel, Mason - UP	10	201	316	8	2354	16	235.4		
9. Castellanos, Tommy - FSU	12	180	309	9	2760	15	230.0		
10. Moss, Miller - UL	12	244	380	7	2679	16	223.3		

PASSING EFFICIENCY									
	G	Cmp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Eff.		
1. Beck, Carson - UM	16	338	468	12	3813	30	156.7		
2. ►Mensah, Darian - DU	14	334	500	6	3973	34	153.6		
3. Bailey, CJ - NCSU	13	273	397	9	3105	25	150.7		
4. King, Haynes - GT	12	252	361	6	2967	14	148.3		
5. Jennings, Kevin - SMU	13	300	454	13	3641	26	146.6		
6. Castellanos, Tommy - FSU	12	180	309	9	2760	15	143.5		
7. Klubnik, Cade - CU	12	257	392	6	2943	16	139.0		
8. Heintschel, Mason - UP	10	201	316	8	2354	16	137.8		
9. Lonergan, Dylan - BC	10	190	284	5	2025	12	137.2		
10. Moss, Miller - UL	12	244	380	7	2679	16	133.6		

RECEPTIONS/GAME									
	G	Rec	Yards	TD	Lg	Avg/C	PG		
1. De Jesus, Jacob - CAL	13	108	1030	6	41	9.5	8.3		
2. Bond, Lewis - BC	12	88	993	1	54	11.3	7.3		
3. Toney, Malachi - UM	16	109	1211	10	61	11.1	6.8		
4. Bell, Chris - UL	11	72	917	6	64	12.7	6.5		
5. Hudson, Jordan - SMU	11	61	766	6	70	12.6	5.5		
6. Williams, Antonio - CU	10	55	604	4	64	11.0	5.5		
7. ►Barkate, Cooper - DU	14	72	1106	7	77	15.4	5.1		
8. Williams, CJ - STAN	12	60	757	6	36	12.6	5.0		
9. Shipp, Jordan - UNC	12	60	671	6	55	11.2	5.0		
10. Robinson, Duce - FSU	12	56	1081	6	82	19.3	4.7		

RECEIVING YARDS/GAME									
	G	Rec	Yards	TD	Lg	Avg/C	PG		
1. Robinson, Duce - FSU	12	56	1081	6	82	19.3	90.1		
2. Bell, Chris - UL	11	72	917	6	64	12.7	83.4		
3. Bond, Lewis - BC	12	88	993	1	54	11.3	82.8		
4. De Jesus, Jacob - CAL	13	108	1030	6	41	9.5	79.2		
5. ►Barkate, Cooper - DU	14	72	1106	7	77	15.4	79.0		
6. Toney, Malachi - UM	16	109	1211	10	61	11.1	75.7		
7. Hudson, Jordan - SMU	11	61	766	6	70	12.6	69.6		
8. Harris, Trell - UVA	13	59	847	5	75	14.4	65.2		
9. Moore, T.J. - CU	13	52	837	4	75	16.1	64.4		
10. Williams, CJ - STAN	12	60	757	6	36	12.6	63.1		

TOTAL OFFENSE									
	G	Run	Pass	Plays	Tot	PG			
1. King, Haynes - GT	12	953	2967	546	3920	326.7			
2. Jennings, Kevin - SMU	13	54	3641	524	3695	284.2			
3. ►Mensah, Darian - DU	14	-32	3973	559	3941	281.5			
4. Castellanos, Tommy - FSU	12	557	2760	446	3317	276.4			
5. Sagapolutele, Jaron-Keawe - CAL	13	-120	3454	552	3334	256.5			
6. Bailey, CJ - NCSU	13	215	3105	486	3320	255.4			
7. Klubnik, Cade - CU	12	94	2943	475	3037	253.1			
8. Ashford, Robby - WF	12	554	2472	452	3026	252.2			
9. Heintschel, Mason - Pitt	10	88	2354	402	2442	244.2			
10. Beck, Carson - UM	16	43	3813	530	3856	241.0			

ALL PURPOSE									
	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	PG		
1. De Jesus, Jacob - CAL	13	-7	1030	259	363	1645	126.5		
2. Lacy, Caulin - UL	13	53	635	454	251	1393	107.2		
3. ►Sheppard, Nate - DU	14	1132	286	0	22	1440	102.9		
4. Taylor, J'Mari - UVA	13	1062	253	0	20	1335	102.7		
5. Smothers, Hollywood - NCSU	11	939	189	0	0	1128	102.5		
6. Toney, Malachi - UM	16	113	1211	298	0	1622	101.4		
7. Randall, Adam - CU	13	814	254	0	213	1281	98.5		
8. Fletcher Jr., Mark - UM	14	1192	140	0	0	1332	95.1		
9. Raphael, Kendrick - CAL	13	943	245	0	0	1188	91.4		
10. Robinson, Duce - FSU	12	0	1081	0	0	1081	90.1		

SCORING									
	G	TD	FG	XP	2XP	Pts	PG		
1. Butkowski, Trey - UP	11	0	20	43	0	103	9.4		
2. Birr, Aidan - GT	13	0	25	45	0	120	9.2		
3. Bettridge, Will - UVA	14	0	24	49	0	121	8.6		
4. Ranvier, Cooper - UL	13	0	21	39	0	102	7.8		
5. King, Haynes - GT	12	15	0	0	0	90	7.5		
6. ►Pelino, Todd - DU	14	0	14	56	0	98	7.0		
7. Taylor, J'Mari - UVA	13	15	0	0	0	90	6.9		
8. Lombardo, Luca - BC	12	0	16	35	0	83	6.9		
9. Hauser, Nolan - CU	13	0	17	38	0	89	6.8		
10. Weinberg, Jake - FSU	12	0	12	46	0	82	6.8		

FIELD GOALS PER GAME									
	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G				
1. Birr, Aidan - GT	13	25	29	86.2	1.9				
2. Butkowski, Trey - UP	11	20	23	87.0	1.8				
3. Bettridge, Will - UVA	14	24	30	80.0	1.7				
4. Ranvier, Cooper - UL	13	21	25	84.0	1.6				
5. Verhoff, Rece - UNC	12	19	23	82.6	1.6				
6. Calvert, Connor - WF	13	18	22	81.8	1.4				
7. Kenney, Emmet - STAN	12	16	21	76.2	1.3				
8. Lombardo, Luca - BC	12	16	17	94.1	1.3				
9. Hauser, Nolan - CU	13	17	21	81.0	1.3				
10. Love, John - VT	12	15	20	75.0	1.3				

PUNTING AVERAGE									
	G	Punts	Yds	LG	Avg				
1. Nichols, Marshall - GT	13	34	1632	64	48.0				
2. Sparks, Daniel - UVA	14	37	1745	65	47.2				
3. Stonehouse, Jack - SU	12	59	2780	64	47.1				
4. Veltsistas, Nick - VT	11	47	2137	68	45.5				
5. ►Reynoldson, Kade - DU	14	44	1963	57	44.6				
6. Joyce, Dylan - UM	16	54	2398	73	44.4				
7. Junko, Caleb - UP	13	51	2253	60	44.2				
8. Chimento, Mac - FSU	12	27	1187	56	44.0				
9. Noonkester, Caden - NCSU	13	57	2478	66	43.5				
10. Flintoft, Aidan - STAN	12	58	2514	62	43.3				

KICKOFF RETURNS									
	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg			
1. ►Hagans, Sahmir - DU	14	14	467	0	100	33.4			
2. Spann, Deuce - UP	13	15	337	0	41	22.5			
3. Scott, Jayden "Duke" - NCSU	13	11	234	0	38	21.3			
4. Lacy, Caulin - UL	13	12	251	0	40	20.9			
5. De Jesus, Jacob - CAL	13	18	363	0	36	20.2			
6. Prioleau, P.J. - VT	12	17	339	0	32	19.9			
7. High, Caden - STAN	12	12	237	0	27	19.8			
8. Marshall, Shane - GT	13	14	276	0	32	19.7			

PUNT RETURNS									
	G	Ret	Yds	TD	LG	Avg			
1. Lacy, Caulin - UL	13	25	454	2	93	18.2			
2. Toney, Malachi - UM	16	23	298	0	55	13.0			
3. Johnson, Kenny - UP	13	14	179	1	66	12.8			
4. De Jesus, Jacob - CAL	13	22	259	0	34	11.8			
5. Hernandez, Carlos - WF	13	22	253	1	88	11.5			

INTERCEPTIONS									
	G	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg			
1. Jones, Ricardo - CU	13	6	32	1	20	0.46			
2. Fitzgerald, Bryce - UM	16	6	79	0	43	0.38			
3. Moses, Ahmaad - SMU	13	5	110	1	95	0.38			
4. Masses, Hezekiah - CAL	13	5	91	0	41	0.38			
5. Thomas, Jakobe - UM	16	5	73	1	60	0.31			
6. Little Jr., Earl - FSU	12	4	83	0	48	0.33			

PASSES DEFENDED					G	BrUp	Int.	Total	Avg/G
1. Masses, Hezekiah - CAL					13	13	5	18	1.38
2. Marshall, Devon - NCSU					13	16	2	18	1.38
3. Austin, Brent - CAL					13	13	0	13	1.00
4. Samuel Jr., Demetres - SU					12	9	1	10	.83
5. Green, Jay - STAN					10	8	0	8	.80
6. ►Rivers, Chandler - DU					13	8	2	10	.77
7. Hampton, Ashton - CU					13	9	1	10	.77
8. Nwokobia, Isaiah - SMU					12	7	2	9	.75
9. Terrell, Avieon - CU					12	9	0	9	.75
10. Wilkins, Derek - CAL					11	8	0	8	.73



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