

# Wake's Dukes named ACC co-Rookie of the Week

Freshman becomes third Deac to get recognized this year

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Big wins and performances usually get rewarded with big honors. Wake Forest freshman Shamaine Dukes received a big honor and the Deacs got a much-needed win over the weekend.

Dukes was named the ACC co-Rookie of the Week Tuesday for his performance last week against Charleston Southern. Dukes shared the honor with North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough.

Dukes went from bench warmer to starter last Friday against Charleston Southern and

he did so in impressive fashion. Dukes entered the game with 1 point in 44 career minutes. All he did against Charleston Southern was score 11 points, tie a Wake Forest freshman record by dishing out 10 assists, make the first two three-point field goals of his career, and record three steals.

Dukes' 10 assists tied the school freshman record held by both Chris Paul (at Maryland on Feb. 28, 2004) and Derrick McQueen (vs. New Mexico on Dec. 28, 1988). His 10 assists were the most by a Deacon since Chris Paul had 12 assists on Dec.

18, 2004.

Dukes is the third Deacon to be recognized by the ACC this season. Trent Strickland and Justin Gray both won ACC Player of the Week honors earlier this year. Dukes is the first Deacon to be named ACC Rookie of the Week since Chris Paul won the honor five times in 2004.

Dukes and the rest of the Wake Forest men's basketball team will be tested on Sunday when the Blue Devils come to town. The Deacs will tip-off with Duke at 8 p.m. at the Joel.



Dukes



File Photo

Wake women were no match for the Blue Devils.

## Deacons fall to No. 2 Duke in ACC opener

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Duke's Monique Currie had 16 points before sitting out the final 11 1/2 minutes, Lindsey Harding added 14 points, and No. 2 Duke beat Wake Forest 100-54 in Durham on Monday.

The game was the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both schools.

Chante Black, a Winston-Salem native and Blue Devil reserve, finished with 13 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks for the Blue Devils (12-0), who won their previous five home games by an average margin of 57 points, including a 110-24 rout of Ball State.

For most the first half, the Demon-Deacons (7-5) stayed within reach, and they trailed only 30-23 when Corinne Groves made a layup with about 5 minutes left in the first half. That's when Duke took over. Alison Bales scored inside off an assist from Mistie Williams, and Lindsey Harding converted a three-point play after a nice feed from Currie. Meanwhile, Wake Forest's players had trouble keeping possession, and when they did, their shots stopped falling.

They went into halftime with six straight missed shots and turnovers on three other trips, and

it hardly got better after the break. The Blue Devils scored the first six points of the second half to force a timeout from Wake Forest coach Mike Petersen, and Groves ended the drought with a layup, her team's first basket in 7 minutes.

Later, a 3-pointer by Deirdre Naughton closed the Deacons to 55-33, but Duke went on a 21-4 run to make it 76-37, drawing a derisive cheer of "More than double!" from the few crazies in attendance.

Of course, they should be used to it by now. The Blue Devils have won each of their games by at least 14 points, and they returned from easily winning the Surf 'N Slam Classic in San Diego late last week. In two games, they averaged 112 points and shot 61 percent. Duke has been just as impressive on defense, holding opponents to just below 30 percent from the field. Wake Forest, which lost its 29th straight in the series, finished at 29 percent.

Naughton led the Deacons with 15 points, but leading scorer Cotejia Bond-Young was held to nine, about half her average.

The Deacons will try to rebound when they host N.C. State on Saturday. The game is set to start at 3 p.m.

### Hill

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honestly don't know if she's going to come back. She's not too confident. I would like to see her come back if she completely healed, not if she's not."

I even contacted Porsché to get her thoughts on the injury and to find out if she's going to make a comeback.

"I'm not really trying to comment on my future at this point," Jones said over the phone. "My teammates and coaches are focused on turning this season around. We're

focused on getting this win against (N.C.) State on Saturday and moving forward.

"We've just got to bounce back from the Duke game," Jones continued. "It's going to take a complete effort from all 14 girls to get things going in the right direction. I'm just one player."

I understand that too, and I agree to a certain extent. But I can't help but wonder if Porsché honestly doubts herself right now. I mean, it seems as if it would only be natural to worry that an injury isn't going to quite heal correctly, or to question if the

player had returned too early from a prior injury.

"I don't think that I came back too early," Jones said. "At first it made me wonder if I came back too quick. But my injury was just a freak accident. It could've happened during the Duke game (on Monday) or this coming Saturday. So now we've just got to get focused on moving forward."

I just hope that Jones comes back ready and better than ever as she usually does.

"She's just a junior (on the court)," Poe concluded. "I would like to see her play one

more year at least. But if she doesn't come back, she's already accomplished a lot in her career. She doesn't have to prove anything. Everybody is going to be proud after she gets her degree in May. That's what really matters."

Well, I hope to see her back on the court, doing her thing next year. Keep your head up, like point guards should, Porsché.

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### Macon

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"He's (Brent is) like a tree stump," Kee said. "He just roots himself down low and does what he wants to. He can do what he wants to do when he has that confidence about himself. As you can see, he wasn't lacking any confidence."

"We like to pack it inside to utilize our big guys," Kee continued. "Brent has really been playing well for us this year, and he's getting better."

Macon made a living killing opponents with hard back-door cuts to the basket and powerful penetration moves to the hoop. He even displayed a soft touch from the outside, as he helped the Spartans take down North, East and Carver in the tournament.

In the championship game, Macon hit Carver up for 16 points, nine rebounds, two steals and three assists. He hit his first 10 points in the first half of the game.

"I just go out there and do what I can," Macon said. "I will continue to play hard."



Photo by Charles Prall

Macon embraces his mother moments after receiving a Dell computer for winning the MVP award. Also pictured is Chronicle Publisher Ernie Pitt (from left) Dell Communications manager Donna Oldham and Cedric Russell of Russell's Funeral Home.

After Macon was announced as the tournament's MVP, his parents were called out to center court to receive a Dell computer and printer in

honor of Macon's performance. Tournament coordinators didn't want to jeopardize Macon's eligibility by awarding the computer to him directly.

"I was very happy and surprised with that," Macon concluded. "The computer is absolutely great. I appreciate it a lot."

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