

THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME

**North Carolina at Duke**  
 (5-5, 4-3) Wallace Wade Stadium, noon (2-8, 1-6)

HEAD TO HEAD

**UNC's Rush vs. Duke's Front Seven**  
 Duke has been dreadful against the run, giving up more than 200 yards per game. Chad Scott has been a horse since he became a starter three weeks ago with two 100-yard games and four touchdowns. **Edge: UNC**

**UNC's Pass vs. Duke's Secondary**  
 QB Darian Durant has found his rhythm in the last few weeks. His receivers let him down with several drops against Wake Forest, but they've been solid all year and should rebound against Duke. **Edge: UNC**

**Duke's Rush vs. UNC's Front Seven**  
 Although the numbers didn't look great at the end of the day, the Tar Heels did a pretty good job holding Wake's Chris Barclay in check. The Blue Devils' ground game averages just 98.2 yards per game. **Edge: UNC**

**Duke's Pass vs. UNC's Secondary**  
 The Tar Heels have allowed just 100 and 109 yards passing in the last two weeks after struggling earlier this year. Duke QB Mike Schneider is just 10th in the ACC with 134.6 yards passing per game. **Edge: UNC**

**Special Teams**  
 UNC received two more big plays from its special teams with conversions on a fake field goal and a fake punt against Wake. Duke K Matt Brooks is just 6-12 on field goals of 30 yards and longer. **Edge: UNC**

The Bottom Line — North Carolina 38, Duke 20  
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Basketball season opens as football concludes

Game and Time: North Carolina at Duke. Kickoff is at noon.  
 Site: Wallace Wade Stadium.  
 TV/Radio: Jefferson-Pilot Sports will televise the game, seen locally on WRAL. The Tar Heel Sports Network will provide radio coverage; its flagship station is WCHL-AM, 1360.

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Series: North Carolina leads 50-36-4.

**Personnel Update:** North Carolina — RB Jacque Lewis (broken foot) and OT Chris Woods (sprained ankle) are out. Duke — no injuries reported.

The key matchup: North Carolina RB Chad Scott against the Duke front seven.

The Blue Devils are 10th in the ACC against the run — only UNC is worse. But the Tar Heels hold a clear advantage with their running backs.

Scott ran for 70 yards on 16 carries against Wake Forest last week while splitting time with Lewis and Ronnie McGill.

In the two preceding games, Scott topped the 100-yard mark against both Miami and Virginia Tech — in the first half.

If the Blue Devils want any shot at slowing down the UNC offense, they'll have to figure out a way to slow down Scott because QB Darian Durant has been in a groove the last few weeks.

On the other side, the UNC defense did give up 138 yards to Wake's Chris Barclay. But that was on 30 carries, and a bulk of those were on two fourth-quarter drives when the Tar Heels were playing on tired legs.

Plus, Barclay is one of the top backs in the ACC, and all Duke has to offer is Cedric Dargan, who is averaging just 3.6 yards per carry.

If the Tar Heels play the way they did against Barclay, then they should be able to at least slow down the Duke run game.

**Final analysis/prediction:** Senior center Jason Brown threw down the gauntlet Tuesday, saying that losing to Duke is like, "you're in elementary school, and you get beat up by a girl."

Well, last year, UNC not only got pounded, it had its lunch money — in this case, the Victory Bell — stolen.

In that game, the Blue Devils raced out to a 23-0 lead, and the Tar Heels couldn't completely recover.

But this year, the Tar Heels have a clear edge in talent — maybe the first time they have been able to claim that since the season-opener against William & Mary.

The Tar Heels also have more incentive, besides revenge, than the Blue Devils for winning this game.

With a victory, UNC would finish 6-5 and all but guarantee itself a bowl bid for the first time since 2001.

But Duke would love nothing more than to spoil its archrival's postseason aspirations.

The Blue Devils already have

THE LOWDOWN ON FRIDAY'S GAME

**No. 4 UNC (0-0) vs. Santa Clara (2-1)**

Game: North Carolina vs. Santa Clara  
 Time: Friday, 9 p.m. ET  
 Location: The Arena in Oakland  
 Radio: 100.7 FM, WCHL-AM, 1360  
 Television: CSTV/INHD  
 Keys for UNC: Get the point. Without Raymond Felton running the offense, North Carolina will learn quickly how well Quentin Thomas and Wes Miller have adapted to Roy Williams' system. In the second half of their game against Mount Olive, the half Felton spent on the bench in preparation for this game, the Tar Heels only outscored the Trojans by four points — an effort that won't get it done against Santa Clara, especially if Rashad McCants' shoulder injury impedes his shooting.  
 Keys for Santa Clara: Protect the perimeter. The Broncos allowed New Mexico to hit 20 of 35 3-point attempts Saturday, and five different Lobos hit at least two treys. North Carolina hit just four of 17 shots from behind the arc against Mount Olive, and the Broncos will have to force similar results if they hope to hang around late in the game.  
 UNC Bench: Marvin Williams sparked the Tar Heels off the bench against Mount Olive with a team-high 18 points and 11 rebounds. Miller and Melvin Scott both will see time at the point.  
 Santa Clara Bench: Guard Ethan Rohde has averaged 6.0 points per game so far, and his touch from behind the arc is perhaps the team's best.  
 Prediction: UNC 91, Santa Clara 74.

PROBABLE STARTERS

**UNC**  
 C: Sean May, 6-9  
 F: Jawad Williams, 6-9  
 F: Jackie Manuel, 6-5  
 G: Rashad McCants, 6-4  
 G: Quentin Thomas, 6-3

**Santa Clara**  
 F: Tristan Parham, 6-8  
 F: Jordan Legge, 6-8  
 F: Travis Niesen, 6-7  
 G: Kyle Bailey, 6-2  
 G: Doron Perkins, 6-2

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THE Daily Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 Lady of the house  
 6 Makes a move  
 10 Come to grips with  
 14 Former name of Guam's capital  
 15 Castle's protection  
 16 Shrinking Asian sea  
 17 Figured out  
 20 Author Fóllett  
 21 Skeleton segment  
 22 Sense of taste  
 23 Bird dog  
 25 Crossed one's heart  
 27 Teensy  
 29 Annoy  
 30 Woven snare  
 33 With 45A, figured out  
 37 Close shave  
 39 Neutral hue  
 40 Flat baking pan  
 42 Advantage  
 43 Configuration  
 45 See 33A  
 47 What's up!  
 48 Quid pro —  
 50 My treat!  
 51 "Malone"  
 53 Meandered  
 57 Applebee's competitor  
 60 Mozart's "kleine Nachtmusik"  
 62 Wallach of "The Magnificent Seven"

**DOWN**

1 Shane and Connie  
 2 Come to terms  
 3 Intimidate  
 4 Bay State cape  
 5 Scottish play  
 6 Grace period?  
 7 Encryptions  
 8 Khaki shade  
 9 Daze  
 10 Work by Aesop  
 11 Kind of rug  
 12 Hand truck  
 13 If all \_\_\_ fails...  
 18 Hold your \_\_\_!

**19 Symbols**  
 24 Traffic jam  
 26 Not bamboozled by  
 28 Swift's brutes  
 30 Rolls of dough  
 31 Cogito \_\_\_ sum  
 32 Gripe  
 33 Go well together  
 34 Tooth trouble  
 35 Sturdy cart  
 36 German article  
 38 Show-biz notable  
 41 Yukon River tributary  
 44 Fit in

**46 Gargantuan**  
 49 Disgusting  
 51 Azure and royal  
 52 Calendar periods  
 54 Jerry or Jerry Lee  
 55 Actress Verdugo  
 56 Unwashed  
 57 Shoot the breeze  
 58 Hawaiian port  
 59 Bit of gossip  
 61 Serious about  
 64 Negative votes  
 65 Swed. transporters

hurt one ACC team's hopes for bowl eligibility when it shocked Clemson in the closing seconds last weekend.

UNC can ill-afford to overlook Duke the way the Tigers did, but if the Tar Heels play anything like they have the last three weeks, they should handle the Blue Devils.

With more talent and more to play for, look for the Tar Heels to reclaim the Victory Bell and ring it all the way to a postseason bowl.

The Bottom Line: North Carolina 38, Duke 20.

—Compiled by Daniel Blank

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