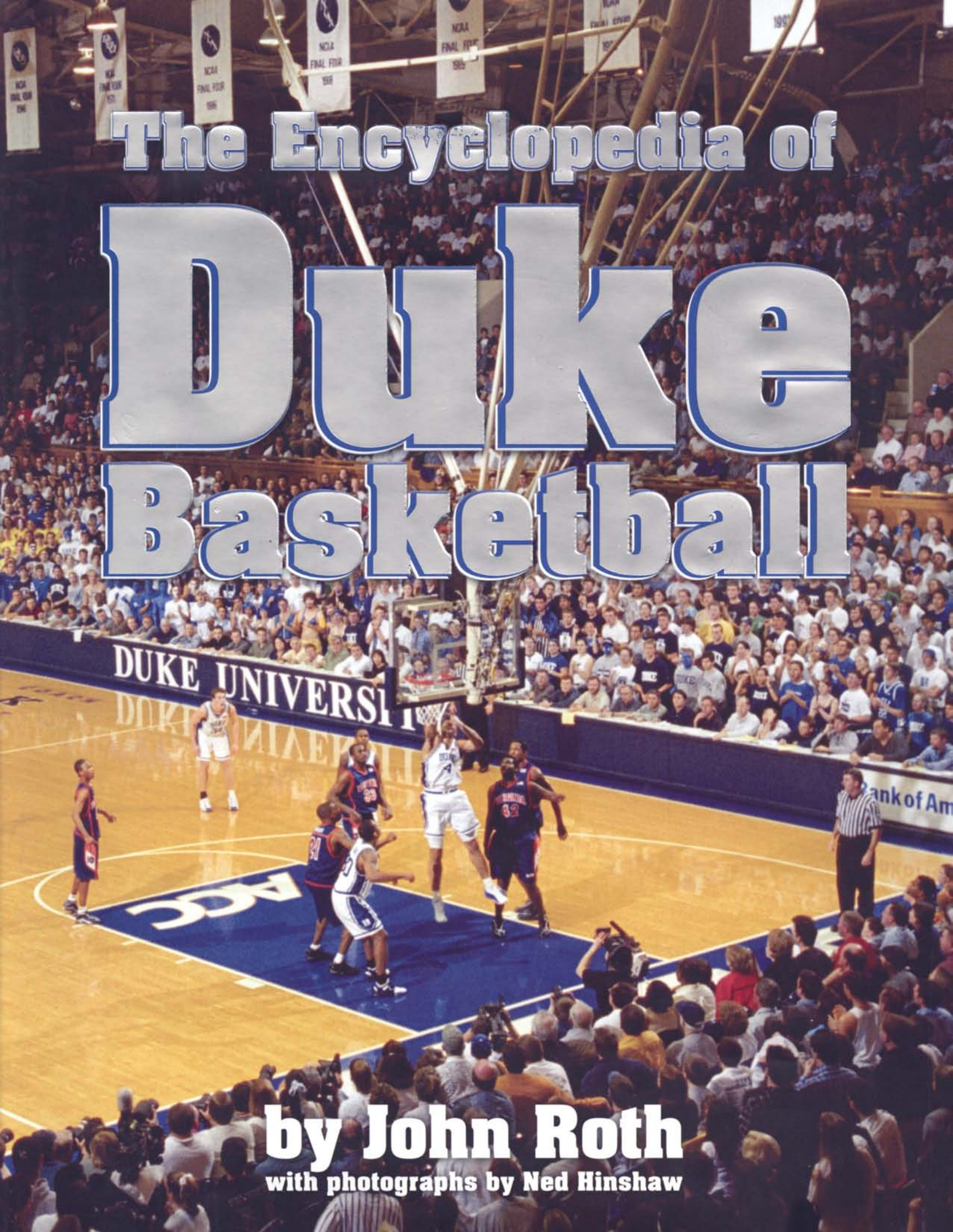


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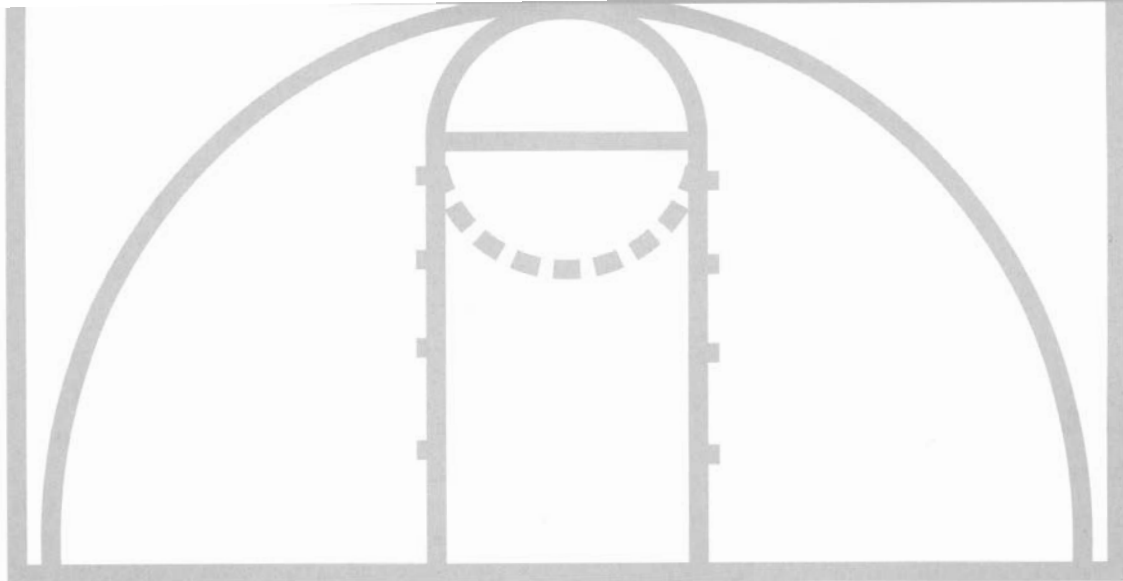
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**For Daniel, Kathryn, and Justin — My three favorite players of all time**





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## Preface

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*“There will probably never be another season as the past one in respect to the amount and quality of basketball material.”*

*“The fans who were able to crowd into the gym were repaid with as thrilling a game as it is possible for two championship contenders [to] stage.”*

As one of the winningest ventures in intercollegiate history, basketball at Duke University has engendered its share of hyperbole for over a century. Fans and observers of any number of Blue Devil contingents have felt as though they were witnessing the actions of the school’s best team ever, from the Southern Conference heyday of Eddie Cameron and the 1960s power squads of coach Vic Bubas through the numerous championship and Final Four clubs of Mike Krzyzewski. Likewise, spectators have filed out of Cameron Indoor Stadium on countless occasions certain that they had just viewed the most thrilling contest possible, from conquests of Jerry West’s top-ranked West Virginia and Adolph Rupp’s Kentucky teams in the 1950s to a triple-overtime classic versus North Carolina in the 1960s and an assortment of nationally televised showdowns with the Tar Heels, Michigan, and other rivals in more recent decades.

The first quotation above could have been written about the Blue Devils of 1966, 1986, 1992, 1999, or 2001. It actually appeared in the *Chanticleer*, the university’s yearbook, in 1912, while the institution was still known as Trinity College. The program was only seven years old, but sufficiently mature for student journalists to gush over a 6–1 record by their Methodists. The second quotation appeared in the *Durham Morning Herald* long before the idea of Cameron Indoor Stadium had even been conceived. It was occasioned by a 36–32 comeback victory over UNC in 1933 that left the 5,000 fans who packed into Card Gym breathless.

Personal involvement may not be a prerequisite to gaining enjoyment or fulfillment from following Duke basketball or any other sporting endeavor, but for the

thousands of fans who live and die with the program, that individual investment undoubtedly colors their perception of reality. There is a natural egocentric tendency to believe that the games, players, teams, and seasons we have experienced personally matter the most, regardless of any empirical evidence to the contrary. Danny Ferry’s 58-point night at Miami sits atop the school scoring chart, but anyone who saw Dick Groat’s senior game in 1952, Art Heyman’s home finale in 1963, Tate Armstrong’s courageous effort at Virginia in 1977, Christian Laettner’s performance against Kentucky in 1992, or J. J. Redick’s against Texas in 2006 may well have felt like a witness to the best Duke performance ever.

In putting together this encyclopedia covering a century’s worth of Duke basketball, I have attempted to limit the hyperbole while respecting and appreciating all eras of program history, not just the segments with which I am most familiar. Thus there are few proclamations that a particular individual, event, or accomplishment was Duke’s all-time best or worst. Truly elite performers and landmark accomplishments are typically described as “one of the best” or “among the best.” For the most part, information is presented in the context of the time in which it occurred, with the intrinsic supposition that an upset victory over the national powerhouse Loyola of Chicago by the 1930 team was no more or less worthy of coverage than an upset at powerful Oklahoma in 1991, each rating as a significant achievement in its day.

My own involvement with Duke basketball began in 1976–77, when I matriculated as a freshman. The school had not yet been labeled a “hot college” by the *New York Times*, so you didn’t have to score 1600 on the SAT to get in or own a Fortune 500 company to pay the tuition. I attended high school in Durham, but I had never been to a Duke basketball game before my enrollment, even though tickets were neither expensive nor scarce. Students didn’t have to comply with a myriad of “tenting” regulations to get choice seats back then; we just lined up on game day, and that line often snaked around the tennis courts to the blinking traffic light on Towerview.

Student passion for basketball was at least as intense as it is today, a higher percentage of the undergraduate population attended regularly, and nobody showed up to mug for TV because there just weren't a lot of games televised. Many of the cameras that were there were under strict orders *not* to show the irreverent students.

The first player to capture my attention was Tate Armstrong, who had a shot with unlimited range and a knack for winning games in the closing seconds. He had been an Olympian for UNC's coach Dean Smith the previous summer and appeared destined to lead the Blue Devils out of mediocrity when he and the team got off to an 11–3 start. I had never heard of a navicular bone before, but unfortunately Armstrong broke his early in an overtime victory at Virginia and was lost for the year. Being deprived of his 22 points a game proved too much to overcome, and Duke sank to 3–10 the rest of the way. But the next year marked the arrival of freshmen Gene Banks and Kenny Dennard, who combined with captain Jim Spanarkel and the team's big man Mike Gminski to spark the revival of the program. The 1978 team was allowed to percolate at its own pace, without much of the fanfare and scrutiny that have since become commonplace. Their chemistry was infectious, and their inspiring march to the Final Four in St. Louis made for a delirious three weeks on campus.

I worked at the student radio station my first couple of years on campus, then was hired by Tom Mickle as a student assistant in the sports information office for my junior and senior seasons. I'm not sure how productive I was; one of my assignments was to clip Duke-related stories out of the local newspapers and file articles from the out-of-town press. It took awhile, because I was fascinated by the coverage and tempted to read nearly every word. A few years after college Mickle hired me again, as an assistant sports information director. I then took his place as sports information director when he was promoted in the fall of 1985—just in time for a season of on-the-job training with Mike Krzyzewski's first great club, another delirious winter on campus. Being a member of the support staff for Krzyzewski's first four teams to reach the Final Four was an incredible experience that made me appreciate the kind of consistent commitment that is necessary to succeed at the highest level.

After the 1990 season I joined Johnny Moore at Moore

Productions. We created the *Blue Devil Weekly* newspaper just in time to cover the 1992 repeat national championship team. I was added to the Duke Radio Network crew for the 1999 season, enabling me to cover every moment of one of the most gifted teams in school history and the first perfect 19–0 campaign in ACC history. In fact, Duke won the ACC Tournament in each of my first five years on the radio team and went to the Final Four three times in my first six seasons on radio. I considered it a blessing and a privilege to closely observe the development of those players, teams, and seasons alongside a Duke treasure, the veteran voice of the Blue Devils, Bob Harris, and the sideline analyst Matthew Laurance.

Concurrently with my coverage of men's basketball, I started following the women's program almost from its inception. Duke began operating a varsity-level women's team during my undergraduate years. I was on the stats crew the night Barb Krause pulled down 24 rebounds, now the oldest individual mark in the school record book, and filled out the box score the following year when the Blue Devils beat North Carolina for the first time. I worked closely with the program while in the sports information department, covered it thoroughly from the inception of *Blue Devil Weekly*, and broadcast several games on radio during Gail Goestenkors's early years. I will never forget joining Brian Hall for the call of the 1995 four-overtime NCAA Tournament game at Tuscaloosa, doing the 1998 NCAA West Regional from Oakland, or teaming with Steve Barnes for games against the traditional powers Vanderbilt and Tennessee early in the team's first Final Four season of 1999.

That's a brief overview of the background I brought to this task of creating a comprehensive reference book on the history of Duke basketball. With over 100 years of men's basketball on the books, information on that program dominates the pages. But the 30-year-old women's program, which has reached elite status in the last decade, has also been covered, with profiles of top players and coaches, reviews of significant games, and a listing of school records along with those of the men.

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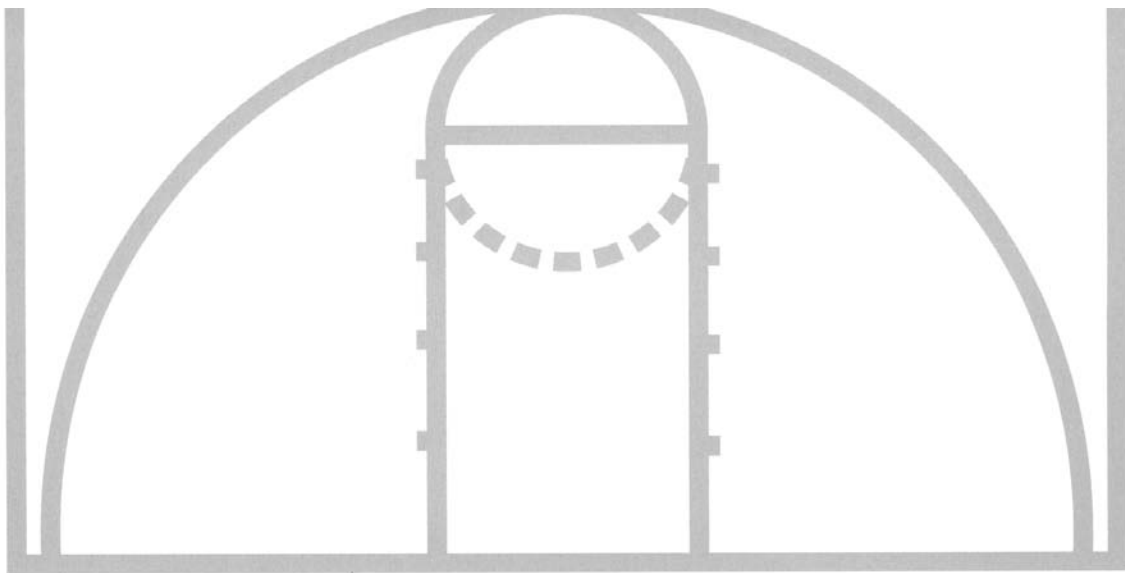
This encyclopedia could not have been written without the encouragement and inspiration of many people. I would like to thank the entire staff of Duke University

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Finally, a note on what is included in this encyclopedia. A time line of major events and milestones serves as the opener, along with my selections for a five-player all-star team of Duke players from each decade. A chronological review of significant games in men's and women's basketball history, with scoring summaries, follows the time line, while a record book featuring a capsule of each year, honors, and statistical data wraps it up. In between, the bulk of the book, are alphabetical entries on every Duke head coach and assistant, every letterman, all players who have appeared in a game since the beginning of the Atlantic Coast Conference, every coach and captain from the Trinity College era, and selected rival players, coaches, and teams, including all members of the Basketball Hall of Fame to compete against Duke. The top figures in Duke women's basketball history also are covered, with entries on all head coaches and several assistants, and key players such as All-Americans, all-conference performers, record-holders, and other difference-makers.





## **Dateline Duke**



## 1906–1924: Basketball at Trinity College

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### 1906

March 2. Trinity plays its first intercollegiate basketball game, dropping a 24–10 decision to Wake Forest at Angier B. Duke Gymnasium.

### 1908

Feb. 18. Sophomore William B. Lilly, 24-year-old captain of the Trinity basketball team, dies of pneumonia at Watts Hospital, stunning the campus community.

### 1912

Trinity enjoys its best season under the program's founder W. W. "Cap" Card, going 6–0 until falling to N.C. State in Card's last game on the sideline. Card had coached the team for seven years with no pay; his full-time job is director of physical education at the Trinity gym.

### 1913

J. E. "Big Jennie" Brinn, a former Trinity player, is hired as the first official basketball coach in school history; his biggest win comes by a 16–15 count over Trinity's nemesis Wake Forest—making Trinity the first North Carolina school to win a game at Wake.

### 1914

Trinity closes its season with a 33–25 victory at N.C. State, the first overtime game in school history.

### 1917

Under the guidance of coach Chick Doak and fueled by the play of captain Linville "Hip" Martin, Trinity posts its first 20-win season and claims the state championship.

### 1919

Feb. 11. A 22–19 victory over N.C. State is the highlight contest of a season in which Trinity does not have an official head coach. Sophomore starting forward Henry Cole doubles as team captain and coach.

### 1920

Jan. 24. Trinity welcomes North Carolina to campus for the first-ever basketball game between the archival institutions and drops a 36–25 decision.

March 1. Before 1,000 fans in Chapel Hill, Trinity posts its first victory over North Carolina, 19–18, in a game that was rescheduled from February 20 because of an influenza outbreak on the Trinity campus.

March 12. Down by a point with two minutes left, Trinity gets a halfcourt basket from George "Brick" Starling to secure a victory over N.C. State in the state championship game at Raleigh.

### 1921

March 5. Trinity meets North Carolina for the state championship at Raleigh Auditorium and suffers a 55–18 defeat. Trinity coach Floyd Egan misses the contest, confined to his bed with influenza, while most of his players have been sick for several days before the game.

### 1922

March 7. The crowd arrives an hour early and packs Trinity's Angier Duke Gym for the season finale with North Carolina, but the home-court advantage is not enough to prevent a narrow UNC win.

Sept. 11. Excavation work begins at the site for Trinity's proposed new gymnasium.

Oct. 4. The *Trinity Chronicle*, in a football headline on the front page, begins referring to the school's sports teams as the Blue Devils. A campus contest to pick a mascot the previous year had returned inconclusive results.

### 1923

March 12. Everett Spikes pours in 20 points and captain Jimmy Simpson adds 16 as Trinity defeats Guilford in the last game played in Angier Duke Gym.

**1924**

Jan. 7. Trinity plays its first game in the new Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, defeating Mercer 29–25.

Dec. 11. The tobacco industrialist James B. Duke creates a \$40 million charitable trust fund, a portion of which leads to the founding of Duke University from Trinity College.

**Team of Trinity College**

Paul Kiker	F	1907–11
H. G. “Bull” Hedrick	G	1909–12
Claude Brinn	G	1911–13
Linville “Hip” Martin	G	1916–20
Ed Bullock	F	1923–26

Cap Card founded the basketball program at Trinity and coached for seven years.



## 1925–1939: Formative Years under Eddie Cameron

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### 1926

Sept. 25. After a year of seasoning as the football coach at Greenbriar Military Academy, 24-year-old Eddie Cameron coaches his first athletic contest at Duke — a 21–7 victory by the freshman football team over Apprentice. Cameron also serves as freshman basketball coach during his first two years in Durham.

### 1928

Dec. 15. Duke officially becomes the 23rd member of the Southern Conference, the league it would call home for 25 years.

### 1929

Jan. 8. Duke loses to Georgetown 48–33 in Eddie Cameron's debut contest as head basketball coach.

Feb. 2. Cameron's first team defeats North Carolina 36–20, ending a 16-game losing streak against UNC. The Blue Devils' last win in the series had come as Trinity College in 1921.

March 5. Duke, seeded No. 10, loses to N.C. State in the Southern Conference Tournament championship game at Atlanta to cap off its first season in the league, after winning three close games to reach the final. Atlanta journalists declare Duke guard Bill Werber one of the outstanding players in the history of the tournament. Werber, also a baseball star, becomes Duke's first All-America in the following season.

### 1930

Dec. 19. Duke begins the 1930–31 season by falling to Villanova 22–21 in the first varsity basketball game played on the newly opened West Campus, at the facility later known as Card Gym.

### 1933

Jan. 31. About 5,000 fans fill every inch of Duke's home gym for a battle with North Carolina, setting a state attendance record. Several hundred are turned away and miss a 36–32 Duke victory in which the Blue Devils rally from a 31–25 deficit by outscoring the Tar Heels 11–1 down the stretch. Jim Thompson leads the

way with 14 points as Duke takes the lead in the Big Five race.

### 1934

March 3. After knocking off Washington & Lee twice during the regular season, Duke suffers a last-second loss to coach Eddie Cameron's alma mater in the championship game of the Southern Conference Tournament.

### 1938

March 6. Having upset top-seeded North Carolina in the regular-season finale and No. 2 N.C. State in the opening round of the Southern Conference Tournament, Duke's "never a dull moment boys" clip Clemson 40–30 to claim the program's first league championship.

### 1939

April. Construction begins on Duke's new indoor stadium. The project was conceived in 1935 but takes only nine months to complete once construction gets under way.

Dec. 16. The last varsity game at Duke Gymnasium is a 59–28 destruction of Hampden-Sydney in which Glenn Price and Clyde Allen share scoring honors with 12 points apiece.

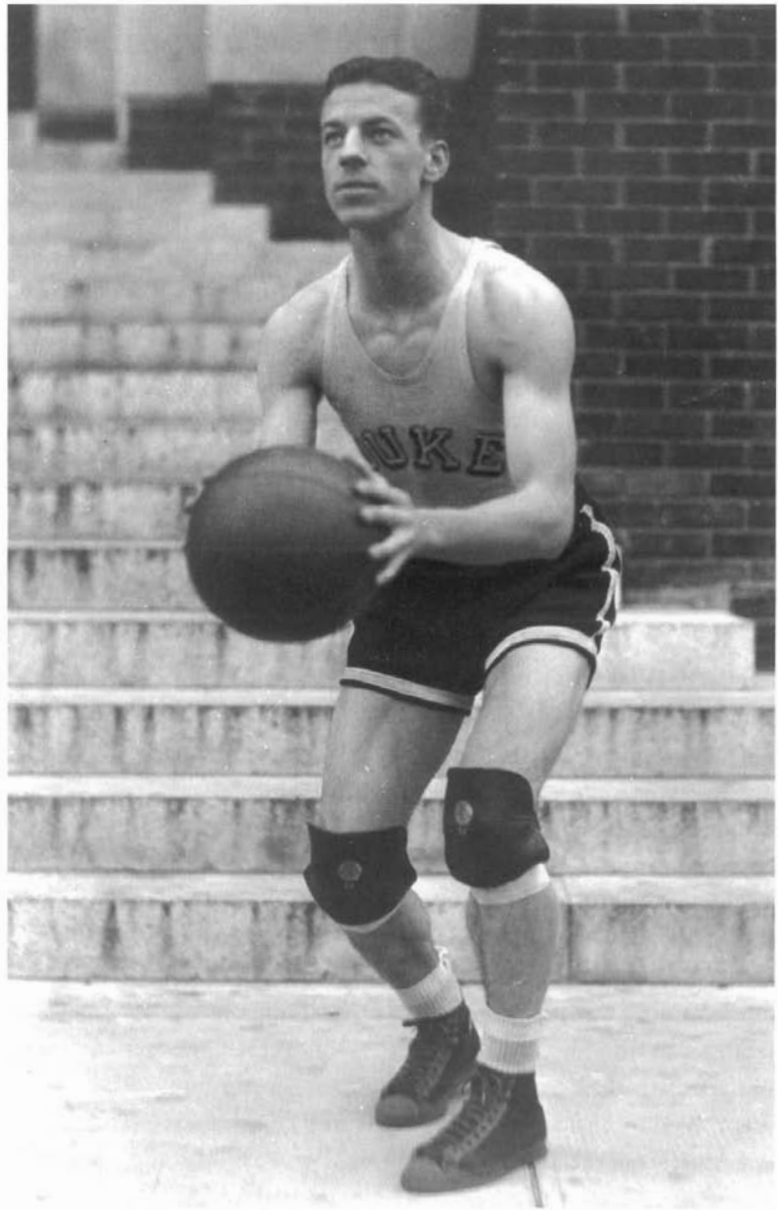
### Team of the Late 1920s

Bill Werber	G	1928–30
Roland "Boley" Farley	G	1928–30
Harry Councilor	F	1928–30
Joe Croson	C	1929–31
Coke Candler	G	1927–29

### Team of the 1930s

Jim Thompson	F	1932–34
Herb Thompson	G	1932–34
Ken Podger	G	1935–37
Russell Bergman	F	1937–39
Ed Swindell	G	1937–39

Two-sport star Bill Werber became Duke's first All-America in 1930.



## 1940–1949: New Stadium, New Success

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### 1940

Jan. 6. Duke dedicates its new Indoor Stadium, the East Coast's largest arena south of Philadelphia, with a 36–27 victory over Princeton in front of an audience of 8,000 that includes numerous local dignitaries and former Blue Devil players.

### 1941

Feb. 20. Cedric Loftis, Garland Loftis, and Bob Gantt combine for 45 points as the Blue Imps freshman team defeats North Carolina 57–42 to complete an 11–2 season. Gantt and the Loftis brothers, who had helped Durham High School to 69 consecutive wins before they matriculated to Duke, are the three top scorers for the 1941 freshmen team.

### 1942

March 7. Eddie Cameron coaches his final basketball game, guiding Duke to a 45–34 victory over N.C. State in the Southern Conference Tournament championship contest to finish the season with a 22–2 record.

Dec. 17. Gerry Gerard launches his Duke basketball coaching career with a narrow loss to Carolina Pre-Flight, but goes on to win 20 games in his initial season. With Cameron taking over the football coaching and athletics director duties because of Wallace Wade's departure for the war, soccer coach and intramural director Gerard had been tabbed to run the basketball program.

### 1943

Feb. 26. Duke Indoor Stadium is the site of a unique Big Five doubleheader. N.C. State defeats Wake Forest in the opener, while the Blue Devils top North Carolina 43–24 in the second game. (Davidson is considered the other member of the state's Big Five schools.)

March 6. Gerard's first team loses to George Washington in the Southern Conference Tournament final, but the Blue Devils' Gordon Carver, another Durham High product, finishes as the tourney's leading scorer with 40 points.

### 1944

Feb. 26. During the peak of the war, Duke defeats North Carolina by 17 points to win the Southern Conference Tournament. Tennessee transfer Bill Wright leads the way with 15 points. Facing a schedule loaded with military teams, Duke had gone 10–13 during the regular season, with two losses to UNC.

### 1946

Feb. 16. Duke Indoor Stadium enjoys its first official sellout crowd of 8,800 for a 54–44 loss to North Carolina. Sold out weeks in advance, the game is played before the largest crowd to attend a college basketball game south of Philadelphia's Convention Hall. Aside from being a factor in the Southern Conference race, the game features the return of former Durham High hero Horace "Bones" McKinney to his hometown. McKinney paces the Tar Heel win with 21 points.

March 2. Playing in the championship game for the seventh straight year, Duke rides high-scoring forward Ed Koffenberger to a 49–30 victory over Wake Forest for the Blue Devils' fifth (and final) Southern Conference crown.

Nov. 1. The Basketball Association of America, which will later evolve into the NBA, launches its first season. The roster for the Washington Capitols (coached by Red Auerbach) includes Bob Gantt, a 6–4 center from Duke, making him the Blue Devils' first NBA player. He sees action in 23 games in his only year in the league.

### 1947

Feb. 4. Facing Washington & Lee at Lynchburg, Va., Ed Koffenberger becomes the first Duke player to record 30 points in a game, hitting 13 field goals and four free throws in a 71–57 victory.

March 6. The Southern Conference Tournament begins a four-year run at Duke Indoor Stadium. The event was moved from its traditional home at tiny Raleigh Memorial Auditorium because over 10,000 advance ticket orders were received, mostly the result of increased interest in coach Everett Case's flashy Wolfpack. The Blue

Devils lose the opener by two points to South Carolina. N.C. State will go on to edge UNC for the title.

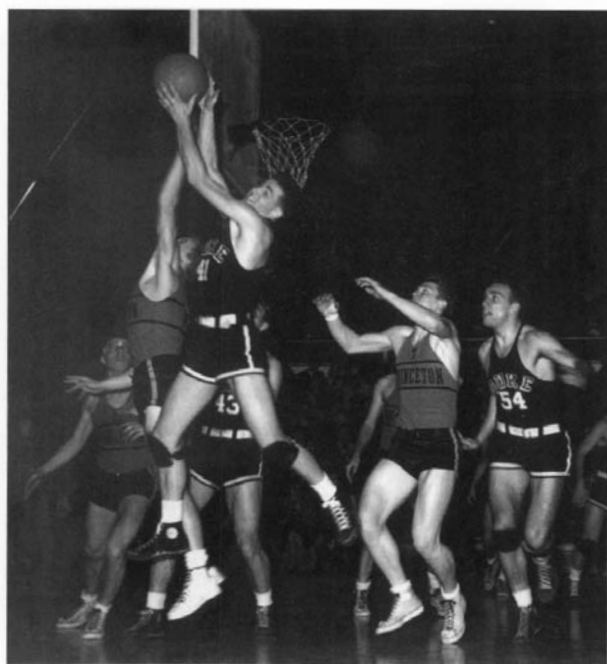
**1948**

March 6. Playing in the Southern Conference Tournament final on its home floor, Duke falls to national scoring leader N.C. State, 58 – 50. The Blue Devils, in seventh place, had won three games in three days to make the championship contest.

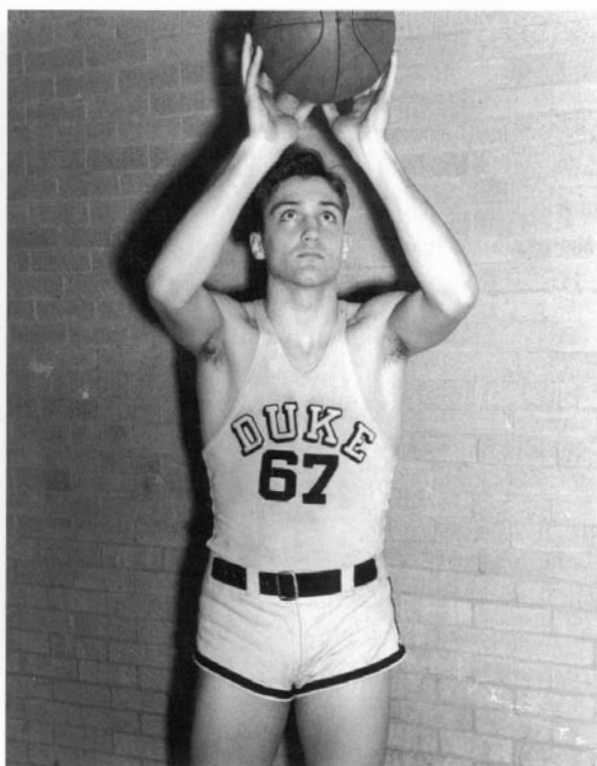
Sept. 3. W. W. “Cap” Card, the father of basketball at Trinity College, dies of a heart attack at the age of 74.

**Team of the 1940s**

Ed Koffenberger	F	1945 – 47
Corren Youmans	F	1948 – 50
Gordon Carver	F	1943 – 45
Bill Mock	F	1940 – 41
Bob Gantt	C	1942 – 44



Above: Duke defeated Princeton in the first game at the Indoor Stadium.



Right: Ed Koffenberger was the first Blue Devil to score 30 points in one game.

## 1950–1959: Birth of the Atlantic Coast Conference

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### 1950

March 4. In remission after off-season cancer surgery, coach Gerry Gerard directs a 13–13 Duke team to the Southern Conference Tournament final before falling to eighth-ranked N.C. State.

Nov. 9. Less than a month away from the season opener, Gerard is granted a leave of absence because of his failing health. Athletics director Eddie Cameron announces that Harold Bradley has been hired away from Hartwick College to replace Gerard on the Duke bench.

Dec. 30. Trailing Tulane by 32 points in the first half and by 29 at halftime, Duke stages an NCAA-record comeback to win 74–72 at the Dixie Classic in Raleigh.

### 1951

Jan. 17. Gerry Gerard dies at the age of 47 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Feb. 17. Duke loses its national television debut 85–60 at Navy. It is the Blue Devils' third game in four days and fifth in a week, all but one coming on the road.

Feb. 23. With 29 points against North Carolina, Dick Groat becomes the first 1,000-point career scorer in Duke history and breaks the national single-season scoring record of 740 points held by William & Mary's Chet Giermak. The record breaker comes with 12:45 remaining in the second half. Groat will extend the record to 831 points by the end of the year.

March 3. Before 12,250 fans — the largest crowd ever to watch a Southern Conference Tournament game — N.C. State edges Duke to win its fifth straight league title. Groat scores 31 points in the final and finishes with 85 for the tourney to break Sammy Ranzino's event scoring mark of 69 points.

Dec. 1. Duke's season-opening rout of Temple marks the first racially integrated basketball game in Indoor Stadium history, when Temple sophomore Samuel Sylvester becomes the first African American player to appear in an official game at the facility. He starts and scores 5 points.

Dec. 11. Duke makes its first appearance in an Asso-

ciated Press national college basketball poll, checking in at No. 12 in the opening poll of the season. The AP began conducting the national poll in January 1949.

Dec. 15. Duke reaches the 100-point mark for the first time ever in defeating VMI 102–45.

### 1952

Feb. 29. Duke's single-game scoring and rebounding records are set in the same game when Dick Groat posts 48 points against North Carolina while teammate Bernie Janicki grabs 31 rebounds. Groat's record will stand for over 36 years; Janicki's has yet to be topped.

May 1. Groat, also a varsity baseball star and now a senior, becomes the first Duke athlete to have his basketball jersey number 10 retired when the university honors him at a baseball game with North Carolina, which the Blue Devils win 10–2.

### 1953

Dec. 28–30. Led by Rudy D'Emilio, Duke whips Oregon State, Wake Forest, and Navy to win the Dixie Classic for the first and only time in school history. D'Emilio tops the Blue Devils in scoring in all three games, netting 24 points in the final against Navy.

May 8. The Atlantic Coast Conference is founded at Sedgefield Inn near Greensboro, with Duke as one of the seven charter members.

### 1954

Jan. 2. Duke blasts Wake Forest 86–64 in its first regular-season game in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

March 4–6. With session tickets selling for \$9 and \$6, the ACC conducts its first post-season tournament at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. The league grosses \$70,252 at the inaugural event, with only the Friday semifinals selling out. Duke defeats Virginia before falling to eventual champ N.C. State in the semis.

### 1955

March 8. Villanova defeats Duke 74–73 in a triple-header at Madison Square Garden in New York in the Blue Devils' first NCAA Tournament appearance. Duke,

the ACC tourney runner-up, made the trip because champion N.C. State was on probation.

**1957**

Feb. 9. Duke faces a No. 1 team (in the AP poll) for the first time ever, and despite a late rally absorbs a 75–73 loss at Woollen Gym to undefeated and eventual national champion North Carolina.

**1958**

Jan. 27. Duke enjoys its first win over a No. 1 opponent, knocking off West Virginia 72–68 at Duke Indoor Stadium.

**1959**

March 23. Coach Harold Bradley resigns after nine years as Duke's head coach to accept the coaching position at Texas.

May 5. Former N.C. State player and assistant coach Vic Bubas is introduced as the new head coach at Duke.

May. The University of North Carolina signs New York prep star Art Heyman, but by the end of the month Heyman (at his father's urging) changes his mind and is bound for Duke.

**Team of the 1950s**

Dick Groat	G	1950–52
Rudy D'Emilio	G	1952–54
Joe Belmont	G	1953–56
Ronnie Mayer	F	1953–56
Bernie Janicki	F	1952–54

## 1960–1969: Vic Bubas Raises the Stakes

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### 1960

March 5. Doug Kistler is named most valuable player as Duke defeats Wake Forest 63–59 to win the ACC Tournament championship for the first time. Vic Bubas becomes the first coach to win the event in his initial year in the league.

### 1961

Feb. 14. ACC commissioner Jim Weaver suspends Duke's Art Heyman and UNC's Larry Brown and Donnie Walsh for the remainder of the conference season for their roles in a wild fight that marred the end of the schools' game on February 4.

Sept. 5. Bill Bradley, one of the top prep players in the nation, notifies Duke officials that he will be enrolling at Princeton, just days before the start of the fall semester. Bradley had announced at his high school graduation in June that he was coming to Duke.

### 1963

Feb. 23. Heyman, Duke's first ACC player of the year, saves his best for last by scoring 40 points and grabbing 24 rebounds in his final home game, a victory over North Carolina.

March 2. Duke defeats Wake Forest in the ACC Tournament final to cap off the school's first perfect year in the conference. The Blue Devils went 14–0 during the league's regular season and won their three tournament games by an average margin of 15.7 points.

March 22. After winning the East Regional in College Park, Md., Duke appears in the NCAA Final Four for the first time and falls to Loyola of Chicago in a national semifinal at Louisville. Heyman is named outstanding player of the Final Four even though Duke doesn't make the final game.

April 30. The New York Knicks make Heyman the No. 1 pick of the NBA draft. Heyman becomes the first ACC player to go first in the draft since it began in 1947.

### 1964

March 21. In Kansas City for its first appearance in the NCAA championship game, Duke loses 98–83 to undefeated UCLA as the Bruins begin a run of nine national titles over the next 10 years.

March 30. Duke basketball appears on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* for the first time, with a black-and-white photograph from the NCAA final of Jeff Mullins and UCLA's Walt Hazzard.

Oct. 22. Mullins, Duke's first basketball Olympian, scores 14 points to help the United States crush Puerto Rico in the Olympic semifinals at Tokyo and earn a berth in the gold-medal game against the Soviet Union. The Americans then go on to beat the Soviets for the 46th straight victory by a U.S. team in Olympic competition.

### 1965

April 1. Newspapers across North Carolina report that all-state basketball player C. B. Claiborne, the top-ranked student in the senior class at Langston High School in Danville, Va., will attend Duke on a national academic achievement scholarship and could become the Blue Devils' first African American athlete.

Dec. 14. After defeating top-ranked UCLA on successive nights, Duke moves to the top of the Associated Press national poll for the first time in school history.

### 1966

March 18. At the Final Four in College Park, Md., No. 1 Kentucky edges No. 2 Duke 83–79 in the national semifinals, the Blue Devils' first appearance in a 1-versus-2 matchup.

Dec. 29. Bob Verga sets a Greensboro Coliseum scoring record with 41 points on 16-of-29 shooting, but the Blue Devils are nipped 83–82 by Ohio State. It is Duke's first loss at the facility: the Devils had been 9–0 there since the building opened in 1961.

**1967**

March 13. With only the ACC champion eligible for the NCAA Tournament, Duke becomes the first conference school since the formation of the ACC to appear in the NIT. The Blue Devils lose a first-round game to Southern Illinois.

**1968**

Feb. 28. With 18 rebounds against N.C. State, Mike Lewis becomes the first player in Duke history to accumulate at least 1,000 career rebounds.

May 12. Don Blackman, a prep standout in New York, becomes the first African American basketball player to receive an athletic scholarship from Duke.

Dec. 11. In a hotel room in Charlottesville, Va., Vic Bubas tells assistant coaches Chuck Daly and Hubie Brown that he will step down from coaching at the end of the 1968–69 season. The news doesn't become public until the appearance of a front-page story in the *Durham Morning Herald* two months later, on February 13.

**1969**

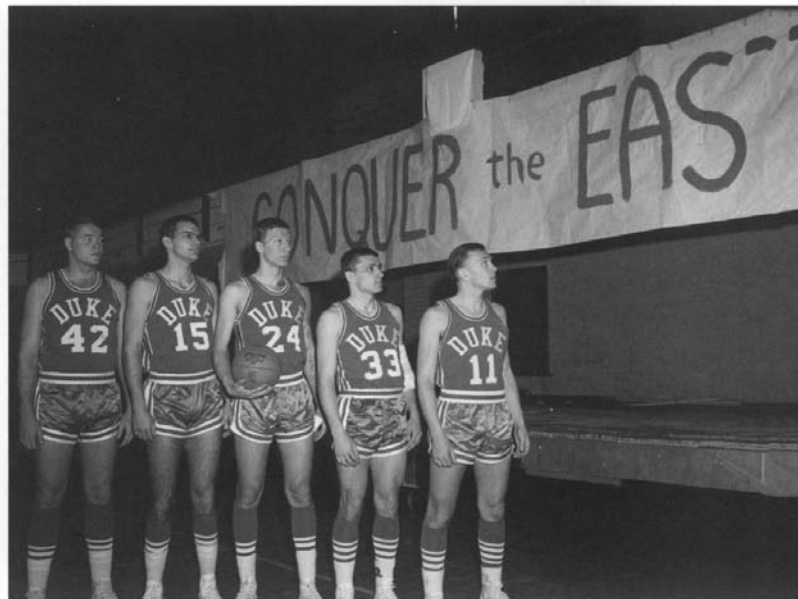
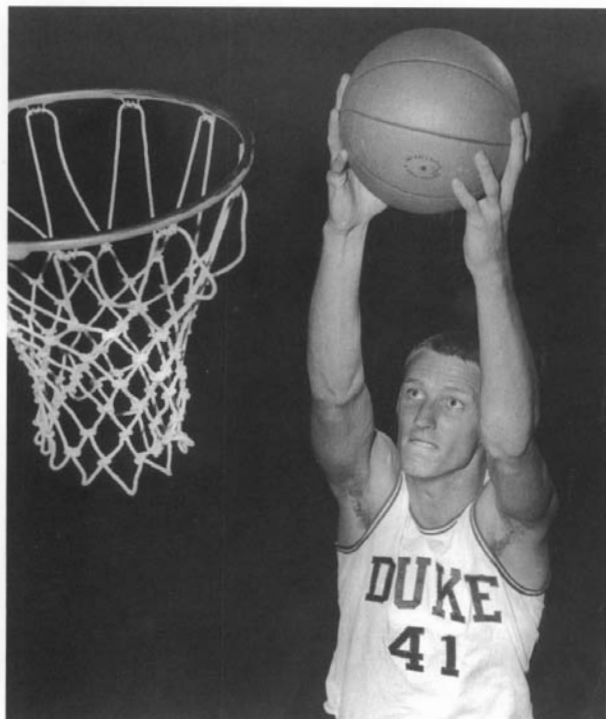
March 1. With outgoing senior Steve Vandenberg pumping in a career-best 33 points, Duke upsets second-ranked North Carolina in Bubas's final home game on a snowy afternoon that holds attendance slightly below capacity. Later that night, the Indoor Stadium plays host to a concert by Janis Joplin.

March 8. With a nine-point lead at halftime, the Blue Devils appear on the verge of giving Bubas another championship in his final ACC Tournament—before UNC's Charlie Scott gets hot in the second half and finishes with 40 points in a Tar Heel victory.

March 12. West Virginia coach Bucky Waters, a former assistant to Bubas, is named Duke's head coach.

**Team of the 1960s**

Art Heyman	F	1961–63
Jeff Mullins	F-G	1962–64
Bob Verga	G	1965–67
Jack Marin	F	1964–66
Mike Lewis	C	1966–68



Left: Doug Kistler was the MVP of the 1960 ACC Tournament.

Above: 1966 starters Mike Lewis, Bob Riedy, Jack Marin, Steve Vacendak, and Bob Verga take aim at the East Regional after winning the ACC championship.

## 1970–1979: Turbulence and Transition

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### 1970

Feb. 5. After a 14-month study of Duke athletics, the university's Academic Council backs off from earlier recommendations that the school withdraw from the Atlantic Coast Conference and base all of its athletic scholarships on need only. A month before, an ad hoc committee of the Academic Council had made both those proposals to deemphasize athletics and drastically curb spending by the athletics department. Athletics director Eddie Cameron calls the reversal a vote of confidence for his department. Before the next academic year begins, Cameron appoints baseball coach Tom Butters to head fund raising for athletic scholarships.

### 1971

March 25. At the semifinals of the NIT, Duke loses to North Carolina 73–67 in the fourth meeting of the season between the two rivals.

### 1972

Jan. 22. Duke renames its Indoor Stadium in honor of retiring athletics director and legendary coach Eddie Cameron. The Blue Devils celebrate the occasion by upsetting third-ranked North Carolina on a late basket by senior guard Rob West.

Feb. 1. With Cameron's retirement pending, Duke names former football player and recruiter Carl James as acting athletics director.

Feb. 12. Junior guard Richie O'Connor, one of the Blue Devils' top scorers with over 600 points in two years, suddenly quits the team and drives home to New Jersey the same day the Devils are defeating William & Mary. O'Connor is one of seven recruited players to leave the program in coach Bucky Waters's first three years (along with Don Blackman, Jeff Dawson, Dave Elmer, Jim Fitzsimmons, Sam May, and Ron Righter).

Aug. 18. The NCAA announces a one-year probation for the Duke basketball program because of recruiting violations in the spring of 1971 during the university's courtship of high school star David Thompson.

### 1973

March 8. A defeat to Virginia in the ACC Tournament gives Duke a five-game losing streak to end its season, leaving the Blue Devils with a 12–14 record, their first losing mark since 1939.

Sept. 12. Bucky Waters announces that he is stepping down from his position as head coach to take an administrative post with the Duke Medical Center.

Oct. 18. With pre-season practice already under way, Neill McGeachy, Waters's top assistant, is named Duke's head coach. Only a day before the announcement, Adolph Rupp, the 72-year-old former Kentucky coach, was considering taking the job for one year while athletics director Carl James searched for a permanent replacement for Waters.

### 1974

Feb. 13. Duke defeats Virginia 88–78 to post the 1,000th basketball victory in school history.

March 2. At a morning meeting, Duke's Athletic Council decides not to extend McGeachy's one-year contract as head coach. During the afternoon in Chapel Hill, McGeachy's team is victimized by one of the most memorable comebacks in ACC history. Underdog Duke leads by eight points with 17 seconds remaining in regulation, but fourth-ranked North Carolina forces overtime and wins 96–92.

March 28. Bill Foster accepts the head coaching position at Duke after leading his Utah team to the NIT championship game and a 22–8 record.

### 1975

April 19. Former coach Eddie Cameron and former basketball All-Americans Dick Groat and Bill Werber are among the six charter inductees in the Duke Sports Hall of Fame, along with the football legends Wallace Wade, Ace Parker, and George McAfee.

May 25. The Golden State Warriors defeat Washington 96–95 to complete a sweep of the NBA Finals, making Jeff Mullins of the Warriors the first former Blue Devil to play on an NBA championship team.

Dec. 3. Playing its first game following the merger of women's physical education with men's intercollegiate athletics at Duke, the women's basketball team drops a 65–45 decision to St. Augustine's. The team loses all 14 of its games in 1975–76, but this season marks the first time that varsity letters are awarded to women's basketball players. The five letter winners are Betsy Bergeron, Joy James, Laurie Koffenberger, Laurie Layman, and Patty Walsh.

### 1976

July. Two Duke players compete in the Summer Olympics in Montreal: guard Tate Armstrong for coach Dean Smith's gold-medal USA team and center Cameron Hall for his native Canada.

### 1977

Jan. 17. Duke ends a painful 27-game road losing streak in the ACC with an overtime victory at Virginia fueled by the heroics of senior Tate Armstrong, playing with a broken wrist.

Feb. 7. Philadelphia's Gene Banks, one of the most coveted high school players in the country, casts his lot with Duke coach Bill Foster. After reportedly having second thoughts, Banks reaffirms his decision on March 15 and becomes the school's first prominent black signee.

April 27. Athletics director Carl James and women's coordinator of athletics Lorraine Woodyard jointly announce the hiring of Debbie Leonard, 25-year-old assistant coach at UNC Greensboro, as Duke's varsity women's basketball coach.

### 1978

Jan. 14. An emotional home win over second-ranked North Carolina improves Duke's record to 12–3 and returns the Blue Devils to the national polls for the first time since 1971.

March 4. In the first ACC championship game to be shown live on national television, Duke tops Wake Forest 85–77 to claim the school's first conference crown since 1966.

March 25–27. Duke defeats Notre Dame in the national semifinals, then loses to Kentucky in the NCAA championship game in the Blue Devils' first trip to the Final Four since 1966.

Nov. 19. For the first time in school history, Duke is

ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press national pre-season poll, receiving 38 of a possible 48 first-place votes.

Nov. 30. The Duke women register their first-ever ACC victory with a 65–52 decision at Wake Forest. After posting a 3–45 record over their first three varsity years, the Devils own a 2–0 start to the 1978–79 season after the win over the Deacons. They go on to a record of 11–11.

### 1979

March 11. On the day remembered as Black Sunday in ACC circles, Duke loses to St. John's and North Carolina loses to Penn in an NCAA Tournament doubleheader at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. Jim Spanarkel, scoring 16 points in his last game, becomes the Blue Devils' first 2,000-point career scorer.

Nov. 17. Third-ranked Duke edges second-ranked Kentucky in overtime in the first season-opening Hall of Fame Tipoff Classic, held in Springfield, Mass.

### Team of the 1970s

Mike Gminski	C	1977–80
Jim Spanarkel	G	1976–79
Gene Banks	F	1978–81
Randy Denton	C	1969–71
Tate Armstrong	G	1974–77



Bill Foster's recruitment of Gene Banks in 1977 helped the Blue Devils return to national glory.

## 1980–1989: The Mike Krzyzewski Era Begins

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### 1980

Jan. 23. Lisa Warren scores 16 points and Barb Krause totals 11 with 14 rebounds as the Duke women upset Virginia 65–63 before a crowd of about 4,000 fans at Cameron, the Blue Devils' largest home audience to date. The contest is played as the opener of a doubleheader with the Duke and Virginia men.

Feb. 20. Duke surprises senior center Mike Gminski by retiring his No. 43 jersey in a special ceremony before the start of his final home game, marking just the second jersey retirement in school history. Gminski will graduate as the school's all-time leader in points and rebounds.

March 1. Duke defeats regular-season champion Maryland to win the ACC Tournament as the sixth seed.

March 3. Two days after guiding Duke to the ACC title, coach Bill Foster is named head coach at South Carolina. Foster had said he would remain at Duke through the NCAA Tournament, where his team upset Kentucky in Lexington before falling to Purdue in a regional championship contest.

March 18. Army coach and alumnus Mike Krzyzewski is named to replace Foster at Duke.

### 1982

April 14. Duke signs high school All-America Mark Alarie, completing a landmark recruiting class that includes Johnny Dawkins, Jay Bilas, David Henderson, Weldon Williams, and Bill Jackman.

### 1983

March 11. With four freshmen in the starting lineup, Duke ends a second straight 17-loss season with a crushing 43-point loss to Virginia in the ACC Tournament, the largest margin of defeat ever in the event.

### 1984

Jan. 17. In response to some tasteless incidents at Cameron Indoor Stadium, university president Terry Sanford sends every Duke student a letter encouraging better behavior at home basketball games. The page is

headed "Avuncular Letter" and is signed "Uncle Terry." Once asked by William King, now university archivist emeritus, who actually wrote the letter, Sanford replied, "I did. I wrote it before breakfast one morning and asked [my wife] Margaret Rose to review it."

Jan. 25. Athletics director Tom Butters announces that he is extending the contract of coach Mike Krzyzewski despite his record of 52–51 midway through his fourth season.

March 10. Duke upsets top-ranked and heavily favored North Carolina in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament to earn its first championship game appearance under Krzyzewski.

March 18. Duke loses to Washington 80–78 in its first NCAA Tournament appearance under Krzyzewski.

### 1985

March 1. The Duke women win an ACC Tournament game for the first time, defeating Clemson 81–76. That ends a string of seven straight years in which the Devils absorbed a first-round loss.

April 2. Danny Ferry, national high school player of the year, ends an intense and highly publicized recruiting battle between Duke and North Carolina by choosing the Blue Devils.

### 1986

Feb. 6. Johnny Dawkins, in a game against Virginia, becomes the first modern Duke player to reach the 500 mark in career assists. Backcourt mate Tommy Amaker reaches 500 two games later on February 11 against Stetson.

Feb. 22. Dawkins has his jersey No. 24 retired by Duke president H. Keith H. Brodie before a nationally televised game with Oklahoma.

March 2. Duke defeats North Carolina in Cameron Indoor Stadium to wrap up its first ACC regular-season championship since 1979.

March 9. Duke defeats Georgia Tech to win its first ACC Tournament championship under Krzyzewski.

March 11. For the first time in school history, Duke is ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press national poll of the season.

March 20. Duke's women make their first post-season appearance with a victory over West Texas State in the Women's NIT. The Blue Devils finish with a 21–9 record, the first time the program reaches the 20-victory plateau.

March 31. Duke concludes its first Final Four appearance under Krzyzewski with a loss to Louisville in the NCAA championship game, finishing the season with a 37–3 record. The Blue Devils' victory total sets a record (later tied) for most wins in NCAA history.

April 3. Dawkins is presented with the Naismith Award, making him Duke's first national player of the year since Art Heyman in 1963.

July 5–20. Rising senior guard Tommy Amaker becomes the first Duke player to compete for the United States in the FIBA World Championship, helping the Americans to a gold medal in Madrid.

### 1987

March 11. The Duke women make their first appearance ever in the NCAA Tournament, defeating Manhattan 70–55 in a first-round game at Cameron Indoor Stadium. The program's first ACC player of the year, Chris Moreland, scores 25 points while Katie Meier has a triple-double.

### 1988

March 5. Women's star Chris Moreland appears in her final Duke game, with 16 points and 11 rebounds in an ACC tourney loss to Clemson. Moreland concludes her career as the top scorer and rebounder in program history. Her scoring mark will eventually be topped by Alana Beard (2001–04).

March 13. Duke defeats North Carolina in the ACC Tournament final, its third victory of the season over the Tar Heels.

March 26. Behind the defense of forward Billy King, Duke tops No. 1 Temple 63–53 to reach the Final Four for the second time in three years.

Nov. 25. Legendary Duke basketball coach, administrator, and stadium namesake Eddie Cameron dies at the age of 86.

Dec. 10. Danny Ferry scores a school and ACC record 58 points in a 117–102 win at Miami, while Sue Harnett

sets the Duke women's scoring mark on the same day with 37 points at Virginia Commonwealth.

### 1989

Feb. 18. Ferry has his jersey No. 35 retired before a home victory over Kansas.

March 26. Duke upsets second-ranked Georgetown to earn a spot in the Final Four.

### Team of the 1980s

Johnny Dawkins	G	1983–86
Danny Ferry	F-C	1986–89
Mark Alarie	F	1983–86
Tommy Amaker	G	1984–87
David Henderson	F	1983–86



Above: Johnny Dawkins had his jersey retired and won the Naismith Award in 1986.

Left: Chris Moreland (left) was Duke's first ACC women's player of the year in 1987, one season after Debbie Leonard (right) was named the Devils' first ACC coach of the year.

## **1990–1999: Back-to-Back National Titles, and the Rise of Women’s Basketball**

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### **1990**

March 4. Duke retires the jersey No. 25 of former star Art Heyman, the 1963 national player of the year.

March 24. Christian Laettner’s buzzer-beater gives Duke a 79–78 overtime upset of third-ranked Connecticut and sends Duke to the Final Four for the third year in a row.

April 2. UNLV roasts Duke 103–73 in the national championship game at Denver, the largest margin of defeat ever in an NCAA final.

### **1991**

March 30. Spurred by a late three-point shot from Bobby Hurley, Duke upsets defending NCAA champion and undefeated UNLV 79–77 in the national semifinals at Indianapolis.

April 1. A 72–65 victory over Kansas gives Duke its first NCAA basketball championship.

April 22. President George H. W. Bush welcomes the Duke basketball team to the White House to congratulate the Blue Devils on their national title.

### **1992**

Feb. 26. Christian Laettner scores 32 points in a win over Virginia on the night his jersey No. 32 is retired by Duke.

March 28. In one of the greatest NCAA Tournament games ever played, Laettner’s basket at the buzzer gives Duke a 104–103 overtime victory over Kentucky to send the Blue Devils to a fifth straight Final Four.

April 6. Duke becomes the first school since UCLA (1972–73) to win back-to-back NCAA titles when it defeats Michigan 71–51 at the Final Four in Minneapolis.

May 18. Duke taps Purdue assistant coach Gail Goestenkors to lead its women’s program after the departure of Debbie Leonard, who had coached the Blue Devils for 15 years.

June 21. The U.S. Olympic “Dream Team,” featuring lone collegian Christian Laettner and assistant coach Mike Krzyzewski, begins training camp in La Jolla, Calif. The eventual gold medalists of the Barcelona Sum-

mer Games scrimmage against a developmental squad featuring Duke players Grant Hill and Bobby Hurley.

### **1993**

Feb. 21. Hurley totals 15 assists against N.C. State, becoming the first Duke player to top the 1,000 mark in career assists.

Feb. 28. Hurley scores 19 points and dishes 15 assists in a victory over UCLA, on the day his jersey No. 11 is retired to the Cameron Indoor Stadium rafters. In Duke’s next game, on March 3, he will break the official NCAA career assists record.

### **1994**

Feb. 3. The first-ever Duke–North Carolina game in which the two rivals are ranked Nos. 1 and 2 in the country ends with the Tar Heels on top 89–78. The contest is the first college basketball game broadcast live by ESPN2.

Feb. 27. Duke retires the No. 33 jersey of senior stand-out Grant Hill before a game against Temple.

Dec. 6. Jeff Mullins, the ACC athlete of the year in 1964 and a U.S. Olympian, returns to campus to see his jersey No. 44 retired by the university.

### **1995**

Jan. 6. Duke embarks on a road trip to Georgia Tech without head coach Mike Krzyzewski, who is hospitalized for exhaustion and back pain.

Jan. 22. Krzyzewski meets with his players for the first time since his departure and tells them he will not return to the sidelines for the remainder of the season.

Feb. 12. Duke alumnus Grant Hill of the Detroit Pistons starts and scores 10 points for the Eastern Conference in the NBA All-Star Game in Phoenix. With 1,289,585 votes in fan balloting, Hill is the first rookie ever to finish as the leading vote getter for the All-Star Game.

March 5. The Duke women play in the ACC championship game for the first time, falling to 12th-ranked North Carolina 95–70.

The Blue Devils visited President George H. W. Bush at the White House after winning the 1991 NCAA title.



March 6. Krzyzewski conducts a mammoth press conference in Cameron Indoor Stadium to update the media on his health and express his intention to return to coaching. Four days later, still minus Krzyzewski, Duke concludes a 13 – 18 season with a loss to Wake Forest in the ACC Tournament.

March 16 – 18. Duke returns to the NCAA women's tourney for the first time since 1987, defeating Oklahoma State in the first round before falling to No. 13 Alabama in the second round in a record four-overtime contest in Tuscaloosa, 121 – 120.

Dec. 2. A 95-game home winning streak against non-conference competition comes to an end when Illinois claims a 75 – 65 victory. Duke's last previous home defeat outside the ACC had come on January 12, 1983, to Louisville.

Dec. 10. The Duke women appear on national television for the first time when their 76 – 66 home victory over Seton Hall is aired by ESPN2.

## 1996

Aug. 3. Grant Hill becomes the fourth former Duke basketball player to earn an Olympic gold medal, during the Summer Games in Atlanta.

## 1997

Sept. 2. Recovering from a summer heart attack, Tom Butters announces that he will retire from his position as director of athletics by June 30, 1998. In addition to running the athletics department for twenty years and hiring basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, Butters served on the NCAA Basketball Committee from 1989 to 1994 and was instrumental in negotiating its \$1 billion TV contract with CBS.

## 1998

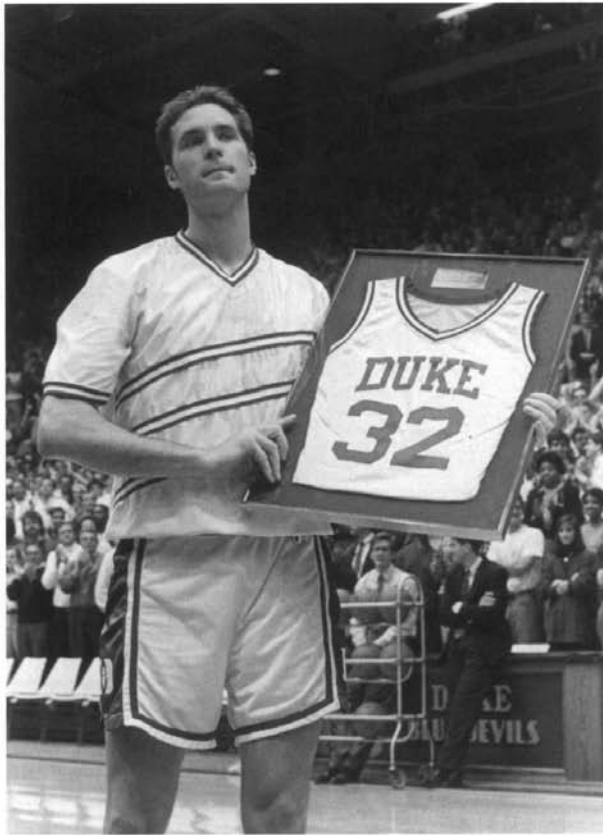
Feb. 25. President Nan Keohane names 44-year-old associate athletics director Joe Alleva to replace Butters.

Feb. 28. Duke rallies from a 17-point deficit in the second half to edge North Carolina 77 – 75 for Mike Krzyzewski's 500th coaching victory at Duke.

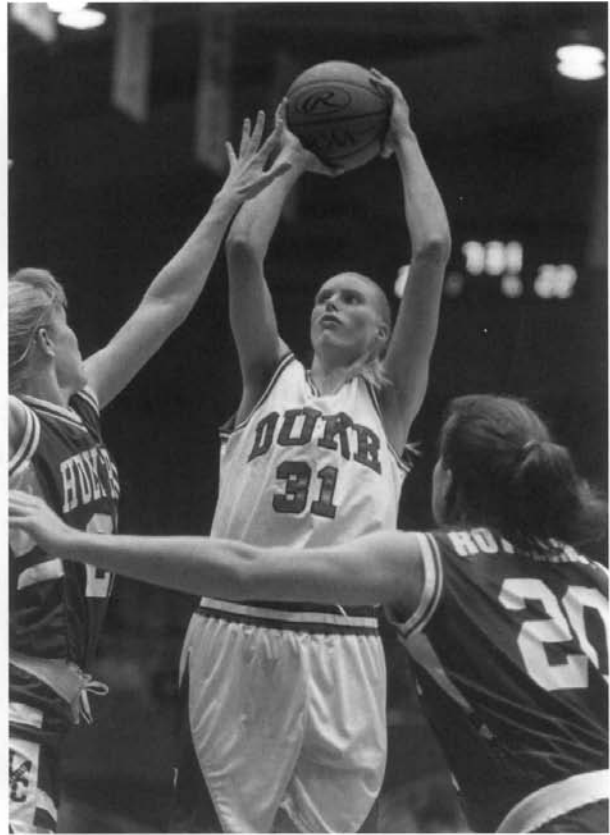
## 1999

March 7. Behind 29 points from William Avery and 24 from MVP Elton Brand, Duke rips North Carolina by 23 points in the ACC Tournament final to complete the first 19 – 0 conference season in league history.

March 22. The Duke women's team posts the most significant win in school history, knocking off three-time defending NCAA champion Tennessee 69 – 63 in the



Christian Laettner had his jersey retired and led Duke to a pair of NCAA crowns.



Michele VanGorp became the first Duke women's player to make the Kodak All-America team, in 1999.

NCAA East Regional at Greensboro. The victory sends the Blue Devils to their first Final Four in San Jose and makes Duke the first school since Georgia in 1983 to see the men's and women's teams qualify for the Final Four in the same year.

March 28. The Duke women play for the national championship, dropping a 62 – 45 decision to top-ranked Purdue. During Final Four weekend, Michele VanGorp is recognized as the first Kodak All-America player in Duke history.

March 29. A 32-game winning streak is halted when the Duke men fall to Connecticut 77 – 74 in the NCAA final at St. Petersburg. The Blue Devils finish with a record-tying 37 victories and outscore their opponents by almost 25 points a game.

April 14. Sophomore and national player of the year Brand holds a press conference at Duke to announce that he is leaving school to enter the NBA draft, becom-

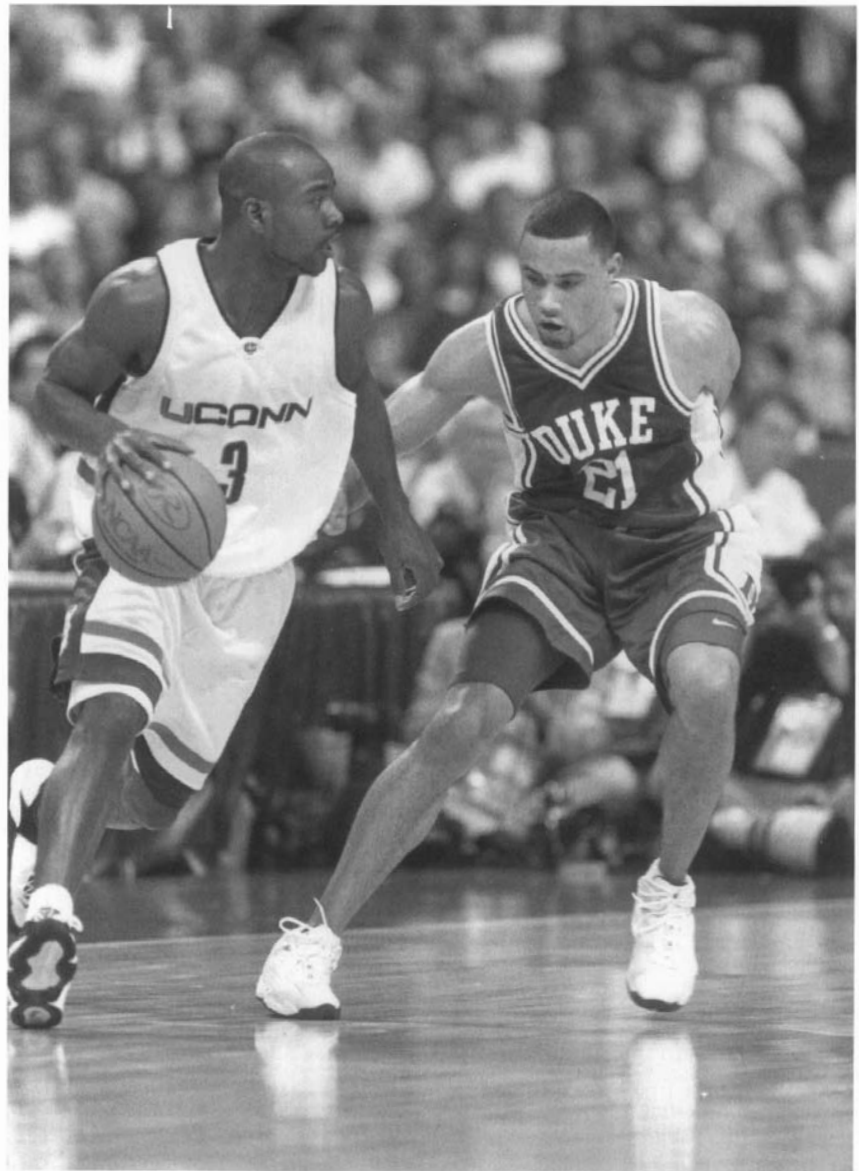
ing the Blue Devils' first early-entry departure. Sophomore Avery and freshman Corey Maggette subsequently decide to join Brand in the draft.

June 30. Four Duke players are selected among the top fourteen picks in the NBA draft: Brand (No. 1), Trajan Langdon (11), Maggette (13), Avery (14).

### Team of the 1990s

Christian Laettner	F-C	1989 – 92
Grant Hill	F-G	1991 – 94
Bobby Hurley	G	1990 – 93
Elton Brand	C	1998 – 99
Trajan Langdon	G	1995 – 99

Trajan Langdon and the Blue Devils saw a 32-game winning streak halted by Connecticut in the 1999 NCAA final.



## 2000–2006: Another Championship and More

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### 2000

March 6. Georgia Schweitzer and Lauren Rice score 16 points apiece and Missy West adds 14 to carry the Duke women past North Carolina 79–76 in the ACC championship game, giving the Blue Devils their first league title.

March 12. Scoring 23 points in the championship game against Maryland, Jason Williams becomes the first freshman in Duke history to be voted most valuable player of the ACC Tournament. North Carolina's Phil Ford (1975) and Jerry Stackhouse (1994) were the only other freshmen previously so honored.

April 15. The university formally dedicates its Schwartz-Butters Athletic Center, the home of the basketball program offices as well as the Duke Sports Hall of Fame.

Nov. 17. The floor in Cameron Indoor Stadium is named Coach K Court in honor of Mike Krzyzewski, who won his 500th game at Duke a few moments before the ceremony.

### 2001

Feb. 4. The concourse at Cameron Indoor Stadium is named to honor former coach Vic Bubas.

Feb. 21. Shane Battier, on his way to national player of the year honors, sees his jersey No. 31 retired before a contest against Georgia Tech.

March 11. A rout of North Carolina in the ACC Tournament final gives Mike Krzyzewski his 600th career victory and sixth conference championship.

April 2. Duke defeats Arizona 82–72 at the Final Four in Minneapolis to claim the school's third NCAA basketball championship.

Oct. 5. Krzyzewski is inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., along with coach John Chaney and player Moses Malone. Krzyzewski, the first person from Duke to be enshrined, is presented by his former college coach, Bob Knight.

Nov. 14. Krzyzewski, Duke president Nan Keohane, and athletics director Joe Alleva appear at a press con-

ference to announce that the university has reached agreement on a new contract that is expected to keep Krzyzewski at Duke for the remainder of his coaching career.

Sept. 21. Chris Moreland Culbertson becomes the first women's basketball player (and fifth woman overall) to be inducted into the Duke Sports Hall of Fame.

Dec. 2. Eighteen former Duke stars are inducted as charter members of the Hall of Honor, a new shrine located on the Bubas Concourse at Cameron Indoor Stadium to recognize elite men's and women's basketball players.

### 2002

Jan. 17. Top-ranked Duke rocks No. 3 Maryland 99–78 in a game that draws three million television viewers, ESPN's largest audience for a regular-season game.

March 11. Duke is ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press national poll for the fourth consecutive season. No other school has ever had four consecutive No. 1 finishes in the AP poll.

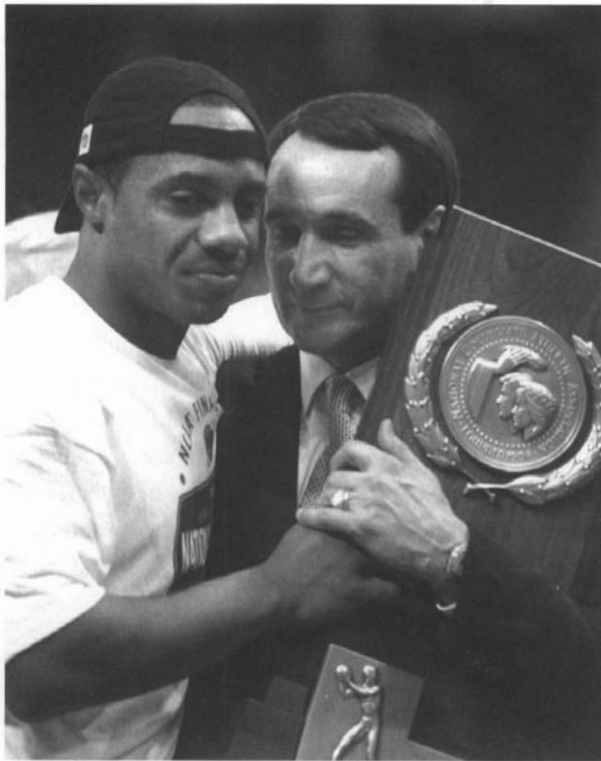
June 26. Jason Williams and Mike Dunleavy become just the second pair of college teammates to be selected among the first three picks of an NBA draft. Classmate Carlos Boozer is chosen in the second round. All had one year of eligibility remaining at Duke.

Sept. 26. The ACC announces its 50th-anniversary basketball team, featuring 11 Duke honorees: Shane Battier, Elton Brand, Johnny Dawkins, Danny Ferry, Mike Gminski, Art Heyman, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Christian Laettner, Jeff Mullins, and Jason Williams. All except Brand, a two-year player, have their jersey numbers retired.

Nov. 4. The Duke women are ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press pre-season poll for the first time.

### 2003

Feb. 1. For the first time ever, Cameron Indoor Stadium is filled to its 9,314 capacity for a women's game. Despite the partisan support, the top-ranked Blue Devils are overturned by No. 2 Connecticut, 77–65.



Left: Jason Williams helped Mike Krzyzewski claim his third national championship in 2001.

Above: Duke met Tennessee in the 2003 Final Four in Atlanta, the third Final Four trip in five years for the Blue Devil women.

Feb. 5. Jason Williams takes a break from his rookie season in the NBA to return to Duke for the annual North Carolina game, at which his jersey No. 22 is retired.

March 16. With freshman J. J. Redick exploding for 30 points, Duke rallies to defeat N.C. State in the ACC Tournament final and claim an unprecedented fifth straight league championship.

March 31. The Duke women post an NCAA regional triumph over Texas Tech to advance to the Final Four for the second straight year and the third time in five seasons.

#### 2004

Jan. 3. A three-pointer by Jessica Foley at the final buzzer lifts the Duke women past Connecticut 68–67, ending the Huskies' 69-game home winning streak and 76-game regular-season streak.

Jan. 24. Alana Beard becomes the first Duke women's player to have her jersey (20) retired, in a special ceremony before the Blue Devils' nationally televised home defeat to Tennessee.

March 8. Beard completes her career a perfect 4 of 4 in

ACC championship games as the Blue Devil women beat North Carolina by 16 points, marking an unmatched fifth consecutive league championship for the Duke program.

March 21. The Duke women defeat Northwestern State in the NCAA Tournament to give coach Gail Goestenkors her 300th career victory, a mark she achieved faster than any coach in ACC history (387 games).

March 26. A 10-point win over Illinois in an NCAA regional semifinal game makes the Duke men 30-game winners for the eighth time in school history, more than any other school.

March 28. Luol Deng becomes the first Duke freshman to earn NCAA regional MVP honors by helping the Blue Devils defeat Xavier 66–63 to secure the school's 14th Final Four appearance, 10th under Krzyzewski.

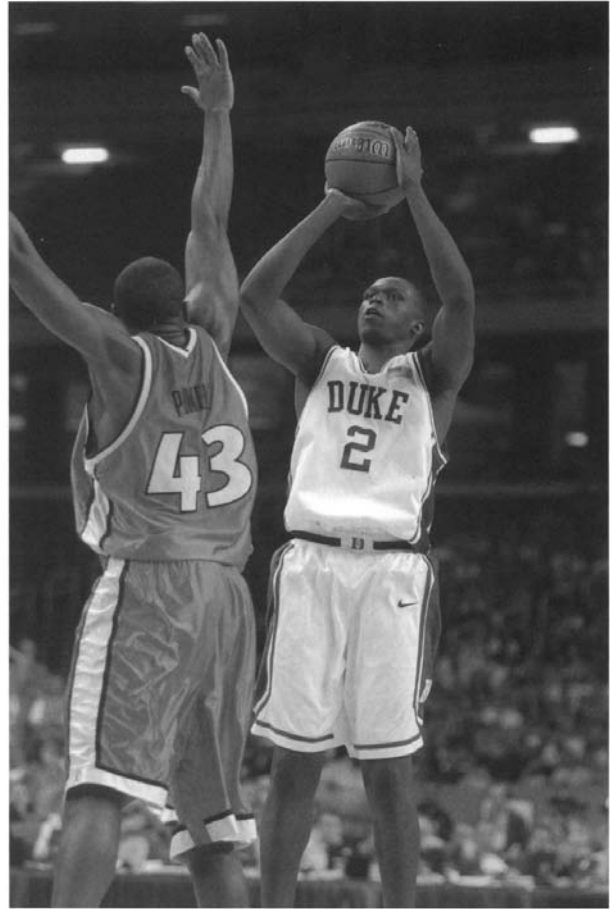
Aug. 30. The United States defeats Australia 74–63 to capture the gold medal in women's basketball at the Olympics in Athens. Duke coach Gail Goestenkors is an assistant coach for the U.S. squad.

Dec. 12. Mike Krzyzewski becomes the second-youngest coach in NCAA history to win 700 games as the



Above: Gail Goestenkors coached the Blue Devil women to five straight ACC Tournament titles, 2000–2004.

Right: Freshman Luol Deng was selected MVP of the 2004 NCAA regional while helping Duke return to the Final Four.



Blue Devils defeat Toledo. Team captains Daniel Ewing and J. J. Redick present him with a game ball in a ceremony after the contest. The win comes in Krzyzewski's 940th game.

### 2005

Jan. 5. Duke celebrates its 100th year of basketball and its 65th season at Cameron Indoor Stadium with a win over Princeton. Dozens of former players and coaches attend events before and after the game to mark the occasion. During the game the Blue Devils wear uniforms reminiscent of past styles.

March 12. J. J. Redick hits 11 of 16 shots and scores 35 points to help Duke edge N.C. State in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament. Redick's point total matches Bob Verga's in 1967 versus Virginia for the top-scoring game by a Duke player in tourney history and propels the Blue Devils into their eighth straight championship

game. The next day Redick scores 26 points to lead his team past Georgia Tech for the school's sixth ACC title in seven years.

May 17–19. On three consecutive days Duke receives verbal commitments from three rising high school seniors considered among the top recruits in the country: Jon Scheyer, Gerald Henderson, and Brian Zoubek.

Oct. 26. Mike Krzyzewski accepts a three-year appointment from USA Basketball to coach its senior national team in major international competition, beginning with the 2006 World Championship in Japan. Krzyzewski will guide the 2008 Olympic Team in Beijing, provided that the United States qualifies for the event.

### 2006

Feb. 19. With 4:15 to play against Miami, J. J. Redick hits a three-pointer to become the all-time scoring leader

in Duke history. Former record holder Johnny Dawkins, now an associate head coach, presents him with a game ball afterward. On the same day, 900 miles to the south, Monique Currie helps the Duke women defeat Miami 99–93 in double overtime by delivering a new school record of 43 points. She scores 15 of her 43 in the second overtime.

Feb. 25. Despite scoring a season low of 11 points, Redick hits a pair of free throws with 1:28 to play against Temple to break Dickie Hemric's 51-year-old ACC career scoring record.

March 12. Reaching the ACC Tournament final for the ninth straight season, Duke edges league newcomer Boston College 78–76 to claim its seventh league championship in eight years. The Blue Devils ride seven three-pointers from Redick—two in the last two minutes—as he becomes just the fourth player in ACC history to win the tourney MVP award twice.

March 28. Playing in their fifth consecutive NCAA regional final, the Duke women edge Connecticut 63–61 in overtime to earn their fourth trip to the Final Four. The game is played in Bridgeport, Conn., before a sold-out audience of mostly UConn supporters.

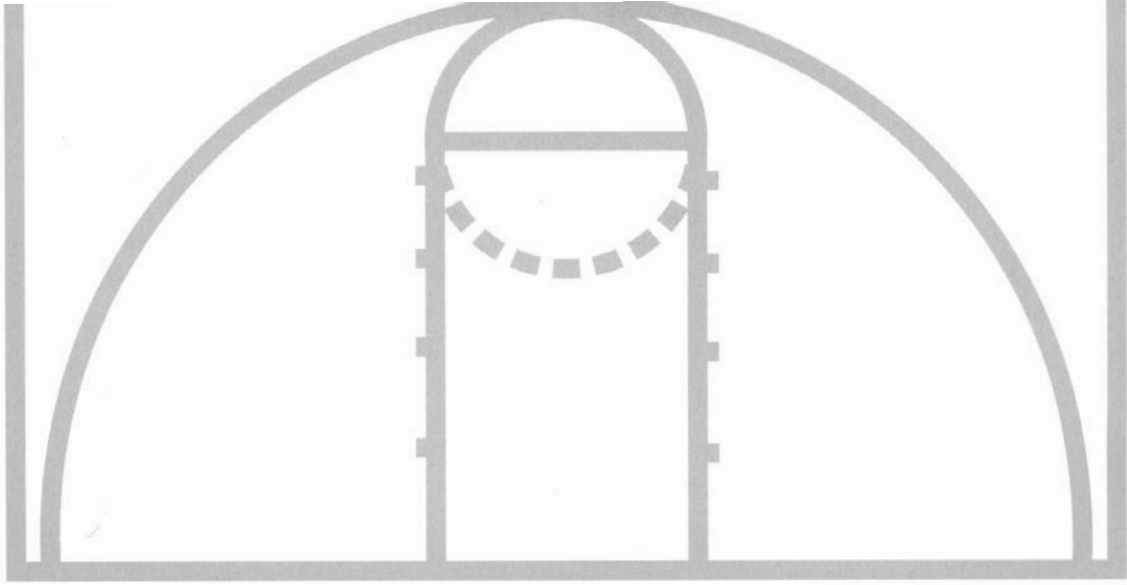
April 2–4. The ACC becomes the first conference to send more than two schools to the Women's Final Four. After Maryland defeats North Carolina and Duke defeats LSU in the semifinals, the Terps edge the Blue

Devils in overtime for the crown. It is Duke's second appearance in the national championship game and Maryland's first title.

April 12. J. J. Redick receives the 76th Sullivan Award as the outstanding amateur athlete in the United States for 2005. Redick becomes the first Duke athlete to receive the honor and just the third men's basketball player, joining Bill Walton (1973) and Bill Bradley (1965). Older than college football's revered Heisman Trophy, the Sullivan Award has been presented annually by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) since 1930 as a tribute to its founder, James E. Sullivan.

### Team of 2000–2006

Shane Battier	F	1998–2001
Jason Williams	G	2000–02
Chris Duhon	G	2001–04
J. J. Redick	G	2003–06
Shelden Williams	C	2003–06



## **Games of the Century**



# 101 Significant Games from the First 101 Years of Duke Basketball

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## The First Game

March 2, 1906

Durham—The first century of basketball at Duke began in the spring of 1906 when the institution was still known as Trinity College. Former baseball standout Cap Card, back at his alma mater as director of physical education, succeeded in organizing the first basketball team in the fall of 1905 and arranged a game with Wake Forest for the spring. Wake took the train to Durham for the contest, which it won 24–10 in the second official intercollegiate contest played in the state of North Carolina. Wake Forest had defeated Guilford on February 6, 1906.

Trinity's first team was small by modern standards, averaging barely 5 foot 9. It consisted of sixteen undergraduates and grad students, only six of whom played in the first game. Wake Forest was a more experienced club and jumped out to an 18–3 halftime lead. Trinity then outscored Wake 7–6 in the second half. The turnaround probably wasn't due entirely to the coaches, as Card was the umpire for the contest while Wake coach Richard Crozier was the referee, according to the custom of the day.

The game was played at Angier B. Duke Gym, later known as the Ark, on what is now Duke's East Campus. A balcony surrounding the floor enabled several hundred standing fans to observe the action below. The game was played at 8:00 p.m., a tipoff time that necessitated two days of missed classes for the visiting team. Wake took a train through Raleigh the following morning for its trip back to campus.

Trinity and Wake played again two weeks after the first game, and Wake won again. Living participants from both teams in that initial contest were invited to a golden anniversary recognition at the Duke-Wake game in Durham in 1957.

Trinity (10). Greever 2, Claywell 4, Stem 4, Pugh, White, Grant  
Wake Forest (24). Couch 14, Ward, Elliott 6, Beverly 2, Gore, Turner 2

## Pulsating State Championship

March 12, 1920

Raleigh—Trinity College claimed its second straight state championship with a 25–24 decision over the State College Techs (later to become N.C. State). Played before the largest crowd of the season and spiced by an appearance from the State band, the game was intense and closely fought throughout.

Hip Martin carried the Trinity team with 15 points, over half the team's total. The best player on both ends of the floor, Martin showcased his speed, passing ability, and defensive talents, which limited his State counterpart to just a pair of field goals.

Duke's winning basket came from one of its substitutes, Brick Starling. As State led 24–23 with about two minutes left, Starling hit a shot from the middle of the court to provide a pulsating finish.

Trinity (25). Ferrell 6, Cole 2, Richardson, Hathaway, Martin 15, Starling 2  
State College (24). Deal 4, Ripple 2, Groome 8, Cline 10, Park, Williams

## Just Getting Started

Jan. 26, 1921

Durham—Trinity College had broken off athletic relations with North Carolina in 1898, reportedly because the Trinity administration did not approve of the emphasis that UNC placed on sports. Relations resumed in 1918 and the institutions finally met each other in basketball for the first time in 1920, each winning on the other's home floor.

North Carolina was considered the superior team in 1921 and blew out the Methodists (as Trinity teams were often called at the time) in a February meeting in Chapel Hill. But the January game in Durham marked a significant upset for Trinity by a narrow 25–22 margin.

Jimmy Simpson, also known for his football exploits,

led Trinity with 16 points and made a major difference in the second half when he hit three straight field goals to turn the tide. Under the rules of the day, each team had a designated shooter to take all free-throw attempts. When Trinity's shooter missed four of his first five attempts, Simpson took over those duties and hit six of nine in the second half, further contributing to the victory.

The basketball rivalry with North Carolina was just getting started, but this would be the last series win for Trinity/Duke until 1929.

Trinity (25). Simpson 16, Moore 2, Richardson 4,  
Hathaway 2, Crute 1, Brady, Pennington  
North Carolina (22). Carmichael 18, McDonald 2,  
Erwin, Shepherd 2, Hanby, Morris

### It's About Time

Feb. 2, 1929

Durham — Duke ended an eight-year, 16-game losing streak to North Carolina with a 36–20 victory. The Blue Devils had not defeated the White Phantoms since a triumph by Trinity College in 1921.

Center Joe Croson, playing in his second varsity game, set the tone for the Devils by scoring 15 points and winning most of the tipoffs to help his team maintain possession of the ball. Duke's man-to-man defense prevented UNC from getting many open shots, particularly in a first half that saw the Devils claim an 18–8 halftime margin. Boley Farley guarded UNC's best scorer and held him to one field goal. The Phantoms endured game-long shooting woes, leading one newspaper to comment that "they couldn't hit the Washington Duke Hotel with a shotgun."

Duke (36). Candler 8, Rogers 3, Croson 15, Werber 6,  
Farley, Councilor 2, Folk 2  
North Carolina (20). Hackney 7, Cathey 4, Harper,  
Marpet 1, Brown 4, Price, Satterfield 4

### Maiden Voyage

March 4, 1929

Atlanta — Competing in the Southern Conference for the first time, Duke was one of 16 schools in the 23-team

league to earn a spot in the conference tournament. Upon Duke's arrival in Atlanta, the local newspapers referred to the Blue Devils as the "baby members" of the conference, but Duke made journalists, opponents, and fans stand up and take notice with an inspiring effort.

The Blue Devils upset Alabama and North Carolina in their first two games to earn a semifinal date with Georgia. The Bulldogs were favored and took an early lead, but Duke rallied behind guard Bill Werber and center Joe Croson. After Georgia tied the score at 37, Duke scored the last six points on strong moves by Croson, Werber, and Harry Councilor to claim a 43–37 victory and a spot in the championship game.

N.C. State topped the Blue Devils in the final, but the conference "baby" had showed it could compete with the best. Fans back home celebrated the success of coach Eddie Cameron's first team and gave it a rousing reception at the railroad tracks near the main entrance to campus. And one of Duke's first true basketball legends was born as well, with Werber hailed as the hero of the tournament, his exploits praised by the *Alumni Register*: "His spectacular running, one-handed shots time after time brought the galleries to their feet, and his guarding was plaster tight."

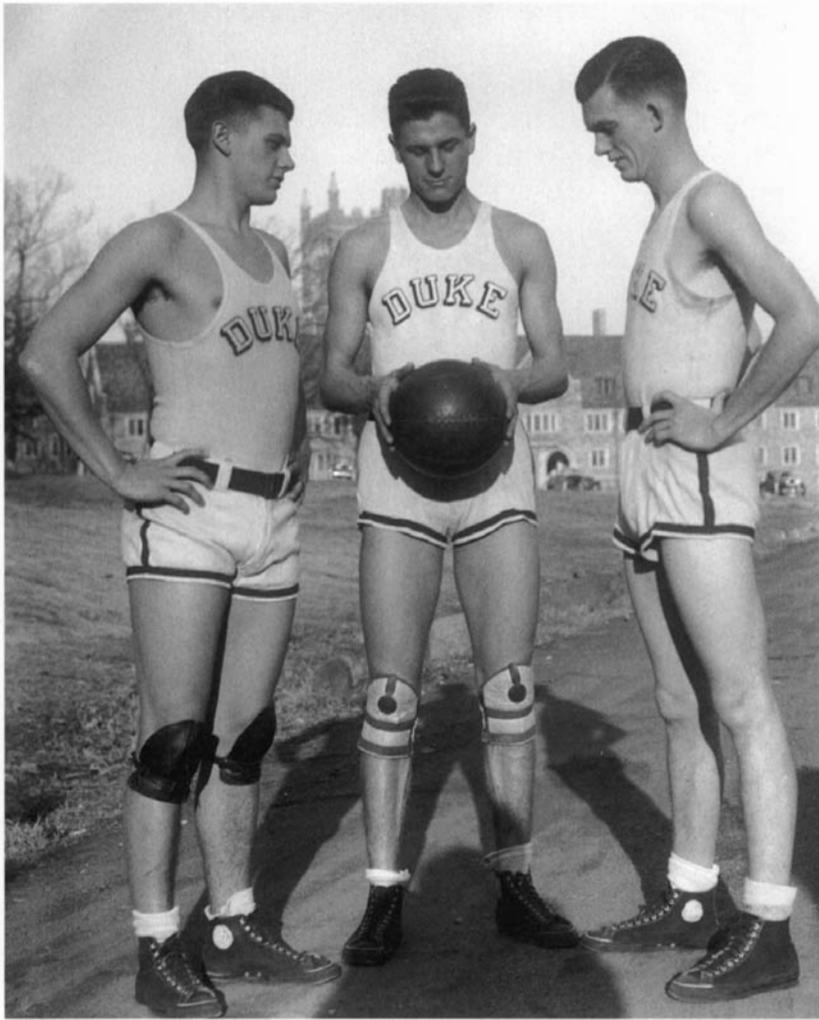
Duke (43). Jankoski, Councilor 4, Croson 14, Farley 6,  
Werber 16, Rogers 3, Candler, Thorne  
Georgia (37). Palmer 10, Harris 6, Sancord 13,  
Anderson 5, Martin 3

### Early Landmark Victory

Feb. 13, 1930

Durham — Loyola of Chicago fielded one of the strongest teams in the nation and had won 34 of its last 37 games when it reached the Triangle for back-to-back games with North Carolina and Duke. But after edging UNC 26–25, Loyola became the victim of one of the early major victories in Duke basketball history as the Blue Devils took a 30–27 decision from their high-profile guests.

Loyola center Charlie Murphy was clearly the top player on the floor, but Duke center Joe Croson hit a shot with seven minutes to go that tied the score, then made a few more big baskets down the stretch, as Duke proved



Phil Weaver and brothers Jim and Herb Thompson paced the Blue Devils to the Southern Conference final in 1933.

that it could play with the best. The win was No. 8 in a 15-game winning streak for Eddie Cameron's first great team, a streak that didn't end until a loss in the conference tournament final shut the lid on an 18-2 season.

Duke (30). Rogers 4, Councilor 8, Croson 13, Werber 5, Farley, Shaw, Garber

Loyola (27). Waesco 5, Smith 1, Murphy 18, Sextro, Butzen 1, Schulmann 2, Durburg, Finn

### Tournament Tough

Feb. 25, 1933

Raleigh—Duke reached the final of the Southern Conference Tournament for the fourth time in its five-

year history in the league by whipping coach Eddie Cameron's alma mater, Washington & Lee, 41-32 in the semifinals.

The Generals had upset N.C. State in the first round but were no match for the Blue Devils, who spread the wealth while conserving some strength for the title game with South Carolina. Forward Wendell Horne was the star of the day for Duke and helped his team open up a 20-12 halftime lead. The Thompson brothers, Herb and Jim, scored the first two baskets of the second half to ignite an 8-0 run, and the Generals couldn't catch up. Duke couldn't continue its momentum another day, however, as South Carolina took the championship contest.

Duke celebrated its second Southern Conference title in 1941.



Duke (41). Horne 13, Hayes 8, J. Thompson 7, H. Thompson 8, Weaver 5  
Washington & Lee (32). Sawyers 6, Amith 8, Fitzwilson 5, Holbrook 9, Henthorne, Fields 4

### Never a Dull Moment

March 6, 1938

Raleigh—One of Duke's most unpredictable teams claimed the school's first league championship with a 40–30 victory over Clemson in the Southern Conference Tournament final.

Tabbed the “never a dull moment boys,” this squad posted rollercoaster results all season. An upset of North Carolina (13–3 in the league) in the regular-season finale got the Blue Devils into the tournament with an overall record of 12–9. From there they also upset N.C. State and rallied late to edge Maryland on a basket by Fred “Mouse” Edwards to make their first trip to the finals since 1934.

Though not much was expected of this colorful team during the year, it delivered the championship with a strong final half, using an 8–0 run out of intermission to subdue the Tigers. Edwards, Ed Swindell, and Russ Bergman combined for 34 of the 40 points.

Duke (40). Swindell 14, Edwards 12, Bergman 8, Hoffman 2, Minor 2, O'Mara 2  
Clemson (30). McFadden 13, Cheves 7, Kitchens 6, Flathman 3, Bryce 1

### Opening of the Stadium

Jan. 6, 1940

Durham—The largest crowd to witness a southern basketball game congregated for the Duke-Princeton contest in 1940 that was the dedication event for the Blue Devils' new arena, Duke Indoor Stadium, the biggest basketball gym south of Philadelphia.

The audience of 8,000 was plunged into darkness a few minutes before the Saturday night tipoff when a faulty fuse caused a 10-minute blackout. When the lights came back on, Duke and Princeton engaged in an even battle that stood 16–16 at halftime.

It was still a two-point contest at 27–25 with four minutes to go when coach Eddie Cameron sent his resting regulars Glenn Price and Chuck Holley back into the game. Price, who had scored the first five points in the new facility, dropped in a pair of quick baskets to ignite a 9–2 finish that left the Blue Devils with a 36–27 victory, the first of many on this storied court.

Duke (36). Price 13, Parsons 4, Holley 6, Valasek 2, Connelly 4, Spuhler 5, Mock 1, Allen 1  
 Princeton (27). Meyerholz 7, Winston 4, Carmichael 2, Bradenbough, Peters 9, Jordan, Busse, Bartlett 1, Stewart 4, Lloyd

### Lightning Strikes Twice

Feb. 20–27, 1941

North Carolina was the class of the Southern Conference in 1941, owning a 14–0 league record heading into the regular-season finale at Duke. But the inspired Blue Devils grabbed a 35–33 upset in Durham and then repeated the feat a week later in Raleigh with a 38–37 victory in the first round of the tournament.

Hap Spuhler was Duke's offensive star in the first game with 14 points, while Bill Mock scored the winning basket with 2:09 to play. Duke froze the ball for most of the last two minutes, attempting just one field goal but getting the offensive rebound to keep possession. When the game ended, Duke students in the boisterous crowd of 4,702 streamed on to the floor and carried the players off on their shoulders.

The tournament game a week later proved just as exciting, with no more than three points separating the two rivals at any time during the second half. Duke's double-teaming defense on UNC center George Glamack, the nation's leading scorer, played a critical role as center Chuck Holley and guard Cy Valasek combined to keep the ball out of his hands. That pair also scored 10 points apiece to lead the offense, while Spuhler scored the winning points with about 2:30 to play.

After eliminating the defending champs, Duke then knocked out William & Mary and defeated South Carolina for the title.

Duke (35). Rothbaum 5, Mock 7, Holley 5, Valasek 2, Shokes 2, Spuhler 14, Connelly

North Carolina (33). Rose 7, Pessar 4, Glamack 17, Howard 3, Gersten, Severin 2, Smith, Suggs, Shytle

Duke (38). Rothbaum 6, Mock 4, Holley 10, Valasek 10, Shokes 2, Spuhler 6, Connelly

North Carolina (37). Rose 14, Pessar 4, Glamack 10, Howard 9, Gersten, Severin, Suggs

### Fitting Finale, Part I

Feb. 27, 1942

Durham—Eddie Cameron's last Duke team completed a season sweep of North Carolina with one of the most exciting triumphs in the early years of the series. The Blue Devils pulled out a 41–40 overtime decision in the final game coached by Cameron at the building that would one day carry his name.

Though close throughout, the game appeared to belong to UNC with 30 seconds left, as the Heels had the ball and a 38–36 lead. But Duke took advantage of a turnover by Carolina when center Bob Gantt tapped in a rebound to tie the score. After the Devils' Garland Loftis missed a free throw with 14 seconds left, the contest was headed to overtime.

In the extra session, Loftis put Duke ahead when he hit a free throw with about three minutes to play. Twenty seconds later, Hap Spuhler gave Duke a 41–38 lead. Carolina hit a shot from near midcourt to close the scoring, as the Devils finished with a conference record of 15–1.

Duke (41). Spuhler 8, Rothbaum 6, Gantt 10, C. Loftis 7, G. Loftis 5, Allen 4, Stark, McCahan 1

North Carolina (40). Smith 7, Paine 5, Rose 12, Gersten 2, Hayworth 5, Wilson 7, Suggs 2

### Fitting Finale, Part II

March 7, 1942

Raleigh—Top-seeded Duke successfully defended its 1941 Southern Conference crown by rolling through the field for a second straight title. The Blue Devils defeated the Red Terrors of N.C. State 45–34 in the championship contest, which was coach Eddie Cameron's last game, though no one knew it at the time.

Duke broke away from its 20–19 halftime lead with a 9–0 run to start the second half, as Cedric Loftis hit the first four points and Clyde Allen the next five. The run was extended to 14–3 as Cameron showed off the strength and depth of his roster by continuing to send fresh players into the game. The fast-breaking Devils eventually built up a 45–29 margin on the tired State team with three minutes remaining. State center Bones McKinney, a doubtful starter because of a stomach ache,

led all scorers with 11 points but was held to one field goal in the second half.

The victory put the finishing touch on a 22–2 ledger for Cameron. Before another season came around, Cameron took over the Duke football team and the athletics directorship in the wake of Wallace Wade's departure for the war.

Duke (45). Spuhler 4, Rothbaum 6, Allen 10, McCahan 6, Stark 2, Gantt 2, Seward 2, G. Loftis 7, C. Loftis 6  
N.C. State (34). Mock 10, Stevens 4, McKinney 11,  
Carvalho, Tabscott 5, Ball 3, Strayhorn 1, Almond

### Upset in the Final

Feb. 26, 1944

Raleigh—Duke won the Southern Conference Tournament for the third time in four years by upsetting North Carolina 44–27 in the championship game.

This was the fourth meeting of the year between Duke and Carolina and evened the season series at 2–2. UNC's only conference loss during the regular season had been to the Blue Devils, who entered the tournament with a record of 10–13 after facing a schedule loaded with military teams.

Duke beat William & Mary and N.C. State to reach the final and then pulled off “as stunning an upset as ever seen in the Southern Conference,” according to one newspaper. After a tight opening 14 minutes, Duke took a 27–17 halftime lead and limited UNC to just 10 points in the second half. Gordon Carver earned unanimous all-tournament recognition for his starring role with the Blue Devils, who gave coach Gerry Gerard his first title.

Duke (44). Carver 11, Hartley 8, Balitsaris, Wright 15,  
Hyde, Harner 7, Bailey 3, Turner, Gilbert, Metzler  
North Carolina (27). Mock 7, Poole, Box 12, Donnan,  
Dewell 4, Altemose, Fitch 1, Creticos 2, Anderson,  
Hayworth 1

### The Wright Stuff

Jan. 29, 1946

Durham—The Kittyhawks of Wright Field in Ohio had one of the top postwar amateur teams in America

and were ranked No. 1 nationally by the Dunkle index when they came to Durham in January 1946. The service team of veteran All-Americans from various schools, put together and initially coached by Chuck Taylor, had lost only one game when it arrived in Durham, that to the professional world champion Ft. Wayne Zollners.

Taylor, no longer affiliated with the Hawks but working for Converse Rubber, was on hand to watch his old club take on a Duke team that owned a 12–4 record after dropping consecutive games at Maryland and Navy. The Blue Devils ended their losing streak and became the first college team to beat Wright Field, pulling off a 44–43 upset.

Dick Whiting and Ed Koffenberger hit key shots down the stretch, and Whiting tied the score at 40 with four minutes left. John Seward put Duke on top 42–41 in the closing minutes when the definitive play took place. The Hawks' Bruce Hale was whistled for a foul on Koffenberger, protested the call with abusive language, and was assessed a technical. Koffenberger made both free throws for a 44–41 lead with 1:15 to go, then Duke in-bounded the ball and froze it until Wright Field picked up a late steal and scored with five seconds left to cut the final margin to one point.

Duke (44). Ausbon 6, Seward 10, Koffenberger 12,  
Gordon 2, Whiting 14, Robinson, Cheek, Roellke  
Wright Field (43). Hale 12, Eddleman 11, Mahnken 11,  
Hansen 7, Negratti 2, Witry

### Title Time Again

March 2, 1946

Raleigh—Duke reached the Southern Conference final for the seventh straight year and claimed its fourth championship of the 1940s with a 49–30 rout of Wake Forest in the title game.

A rather diminutive team whose tallest starter was Ed Koffenberger at 6–2, the Blue Devils were just a step behind UNC as the class of the league. Carolina's lone conference loss in 14 games had been an overtime upset by Duke in January, while the Blue Devils' only two league defeats included a 10-point loss to UNC in Durham.

A tournament showdown never materialized, though, as Wake Forest upset Carolina in the semis, putting the

Deacons in the final for the first time in 118 years of school history. One newspaper predicted that Wake would be going after its biggest victory ever when it met Duke, but the Blue Devils pulled away early after beating N.C. State and Virginia Tech by identical 44–38 scores in the first two days of the tournament.

Koffenberger finished as the event's leading scorer with 40 points in three games as Duke claimed what would prove to be its final Southern Conference crown.

Duke (49). Seward 9, Ausbon 11, Koffenberger 11,  
Gordon 6, Robinson 2, Whiting 10, Cordell, Cheek,  
Corrington, Gray  
Wake Forest (30). Veitch 4, Williams 11, Mayberry,  
Walters 5, Hinerman 8, Lougee 2, Ognovich

### Frenzied Finish at the Garden

Jan. 9, 1947

New York—Duke and New York University teamed up for the second double-overtime game in the 13-year history of the old Madison Square Garden, with the hometown Violets surviving for a 64–61 decision before a crowd of 18,034.

Coach Gerry Gerard's Blue Devils, playing a brutal schedule that had them on the road for nine of their first 11 games, suffered just their second defeat but battled to the end. Senior Ed Koffenberger, who played the entire 50 minutes, sent the game into the first overtime when he scored on a drive with 10 seconds left, was fouled, and completed the three-point opportunity to tie the score.

NYU got a layup with 30 seconds left in the first OT to take a 57–55 advantage, but Duke's Garland Loftis knocked in a rebound to tie the game again and force another five minutes. Playing without front-liners John Seward and Ben Collins, who fouled out, the depleted Devils fell behind 62–57 and could not overcome NYU's delay-game tactics in the closing minutes.

Duke completed a long road trip two days later with a win at Temple and went on to post a regular-season record of 19–7.

Duke (61). Seward 5, Koffenberger 17, Collins 11, Loftis  
14, Gordon 8, Ausbon 2, Youmans 3, Wallingford,  
Sapp 1, Rothbaum  
NYU (64). Forman 13, Goldstein 5, Schayes 3,

Tanenbaum 12, Lumpp 17, Wells, Debonis 7, Roth,  
Kelly 4, Dolhon 3

### All-Time Best Comeback

Dec. 30, 1950

Raleigh—Duke staged the most prolific comeback in NCAA basketball history when it rallied to edge Tulane 74–72 in the third-place game of the second annual Dixie Classic.

The first half was all Tulane. The Green Wave broke open a 22–19 game by holding the Blue Devils scoreless for seven minutes during a 22–0 run. They maintained a blistering pace and led by as many as 32 points before settling for a 56–27 halftime margin.

The second half, however, was all Duke. More specifically, it was all Dick Groat, the 6–0 guard who poured in 24 of his game-high 32 points to pace the rally, outscoring the entire Green Wave team after intermission.

Even with Groat and captain Scotty York stirring the Blue Devils, Tulane still led by 20 at 72–52 with eight minutes left. But the Green Wave did not score again. Groat had 12 points in the last four minutes alone and tied the score with a push shot at the one-minute mark. Center Dayton Allen then added the winning goal to give Duke new NCAA records for biggest deficit overcome to win a game and biggest halftime deficit overcome.

Duke (74). Fleming 3, Deimling 8, Allen 11, Groat 32,  
York 14, Engberg 4, Crowder, Kulpan 2, Johnson  
Tulane (72). Payton 9, Reed 22, Holt 15, Wilhelm 12,  
Pederson 7, Hullenger 3, Carlin, Hubbard 4, Wick

### Gerry Gerard Night

Dec. 3, 1951

Durham—Duke whipped North Carolina 77–59 in an early-season nonconference game that marked Gerry Gerard Night at the Indoor Stadium. The contest was organized as a tribute to the former Duke head coach, who had died of cancer earlier in the year. The proceeds went to an educational fund for Gerard's two daughters, who at halftime were presented with a color portrait of their late father.

The game itself was close early. With Dick Groat