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Duke 38, UNC 34

Duke picks up first win of the season in victory over UNC

Duke picked up their first victory of the season as they defeated UNC 38-34. Duke made 6-pointers in their victory, as they came out on fire from the field. Duke jumped out to a quick lead, which was led by Jack Porter (9 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals), who had a silky 3-pointer early in the quarter. Michael Logar also added a 3-pointer early, establishing that Duke came to play. After a UNC basket by Nash Riesleman in the paint, Luke Bradley added a 3-pointer of his own, to build Duke's lead. However, the big men of UNC also came to play, as Dylan Franusiak (6 points, 12 rebounds, 1 assist) snagged 4 rebounds, and Nash Riesleman scored all 8 of his teams points. At the end of the 1st quarter, Duke held a 9-8 lead.

Duke built a bigger lead in the 2nd quarter, although it was matched by a UNC comeback late in the quarter. Ian Wilson (18 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals) began to get hot in the quarter, and would eventually use the momentum to have his best game of the season. This complemented Porter's play, as he sliced through the defense with incredible moves, scoring 4 points. After it looked like Duke would pull away, UNC stormed back in the final few minutes of the frame, as Nash Rieselman continued to lead the offense down the floor. While he scored 4 points in the quarter, Andrew Barnes (4 points, 7 rebounds, 1 block) also added a basket in the frame, as did Dylan Franusiak. Dominic Caccamise had a very strong game, as he tallied two assists during the frame. At the end of the 1st half, Duke held an 18-16 lead.

Each team played good defense in the 3rd quarter, doing their best to stop any big runs from their opponent. After Nash Rieselman tied the game, Zack Smith hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key to give his team the lead. At the end of the 3rd quarter, UNC held a 25-23 lead.

In the 4th quarter, UNC held a 30-24 lead after Rieselman and Dylan Franusiak each scored points.

But then, Ian Wilson took over. Ian used his speed to grab steals and take them to the basket for lay-ups, helping his team claw back into the game. Ian stayed under control in the quarter, and hit a 3-pointer to tie the game after Aidan Hurley hit a huge 3-pointer from the corner to cut the lead. The final 3 minutes of the game were back-and-forth, as each team gave their best shots to try and win the game.

After Rieselman scored a basket, Jack Porter answered with a bucket of his own. The game was tied at 32. Then Ian Wilson took a rebound and went coast-to-coast to give his team the lead. Dylan Burd of UNC had a huge offensive board and put-back to re-tie the game, but then Ian Wilson went on a tear to put the game away. Wilson scored a basket, and then hit 2 free-throws in the final minutes—including one with under 5 seconds remaining to secure the victory. In the 4th quarter, Wilson scored a total of 10 points, capping off his best performance of the season.

Duke defeated UNC in their first victory of the season, 38-34.