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NO. 3 DUKE 63, NO. 6 CLEMSON 62

Duke improved to 5-0 in one-point games in ACC Tournament play.

The Blue Devils, who fell to Maryland in the quarterfinals last year, have not dropped their ACC Tournament opener in consecutive years since 1996 and '97.

Duke has won (92) more games than any team in ACC Tournament history. North Carolina is second with 90 victories.

Duke has won 15 of the past 17 ACC Tournament games it has played in Greensboro.

The Blue Devils have won the title in four of the past five years in which they have been seeded third (1988, 2003, 2005, 2009). They own four of the No. 3 seed's eight ACC Tournament championships.

Freshman forward Jabari Parker, who had 18 points on Friday, has scored 10 or more in 15 straight games and 31 of 32 overall this season. Parker is averaging 19.2 points a game; that's the highest figure by an ACC freshman since Maryland's Joe Smith got 19.4 per contest in 1993-94.

The Blue Devils advance to the semifinals to meet seventh-seeded NC State for the first time in Tournament play since the Wolfpack claimed an 85-80 quarterfinal victory in Tampa, Fla., in 2007. That result snapped Duke's five-game ACC Tournament winning streak in the series.

Duke's win pushed the No. 3 seed's all-time record in ACC Tournament play to 67-52. The loss by Clemson left the No. 6 seed's all-time mark at 39-56.

Friday night marked the 36th time that the No. 3 team has beaten the No. 6 seed in the tournament's quarterfinal round.

Despite Friday night's loss, the Tigers (20-12) remain hopeful of postseason play. This marks the 13th time in school history that Clemson has won 20 or more games in a season.

The Tigers slipped to 1-2 this season in games decided by three points or less and to 6-6 in games decided by five points or less.

Clemson is now 18-61 all-time in ACC Tournament play.

With a team-high 13 points, Clemson junior guard Rod Hall reached double figures for the 19th time this season and the second time in the 2014 ACC Tournament.

Clemson All-ACC junior K.J. McDaniels added 12 points for the Tigers, marking his 28th game in double figures this season. McDaniels has attempted 163 free throws this season, the most by a Tiger since Trevor Booker went to the line 171 times during his senior season of 2009-10.

Jordan Roper scored 11 first-half points for the Tigers, including a four-point play after he was fouled while draining a 3-point shot. Roper finished with xx points, marking his second straight game scoring in double figures and his 10th this season.

Larry Nnoko was the fourth Clemson player to score in double figures on Friday night with 10 points. Nnoko also pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

Clemson fell short against the Blue Devils despite shooting 51.2 percent from the floor.

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Seven of the Tournament's first 11 games have been decided by five or fewer points. Friday's average scoring margin of 5.5 points in the quarterfinals is the seventh-tightest in the Tournament's 61-year history.

For only the second time since 1967, three quarterfinal games were decided by five or fewer points. The other such occasion was 2009.