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NO. 3 DUKE 75, NO. 7 NC STATE 67

Duke (26-7), which leads all schools with 19 ACC Tournament titles, will seek its 20th when it faces top-seeded Virginia in Sunday's 1 p.m. championship game.

Sunday will mark the first ACC Tournament championship game meeting between the Blue Devils and Cavaliers. Duke is 15-3 all-time vs. Virginia in the ACC Tournament.

The Blue Devils handed the Cavaliers one of their two ACC regular-season losses, winning 69-65 at Durham, N.C., on Jan. 13. Rasheed Sulaimon hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 18.8 seconds left for Duke.

The Blue Devils will be appearing in the ACC Tournament title game for the 31st time. Nineteen of those appearances have come under current head coach Mike Krzyzewski, and 13 of Duke's titles have come under his watch.

With Saturday's win over NC State, Duke improved to 31-11 in ACC Tournament semifinal appearances. The Blue Devils have won 13 of their last 15 ACC Tournament semifinal matchups.

Duke improved to 38-16 in ACC Tournament games at the Greensboro Coliseum. The Blue Devils hold a 47-12 record overall record and a 27-8 mark in ACC Tournament games under head coach Mike Krzyzewski.

At 93-41 all-time in ACC Tournament play, the Blue Devils' .694 winning percentage leads all schools.

This year's Duke team will seek to become the ninth third-seeded team to claim the ACC Tournament title.

With Duke's win on Saturday, No. 3-seeded teams improved to 68-52 all-time in NCAA Tournament play. With NC State's loss, No. 7 seeds are now 21-61 all-time.

Saturday marked the seventh time in tournament history that the No. 3 seed has defeated the No. 7 seed in the ACC Tournament semifinals.

With 20 points on Saturday, Duke freshman Jabari Parker celebrated his 19th birthday by delivering his 16th consecutive double-figure scoring game and his 31st of the season. Parker tied the Duke record for double-figure games by a freshman first set by Gene Banks in 1977 and matched by Luol Deng in 2004. Parker's 17 20-point games this season are the second-most by a freshman in ACC history.

Blue Devil Rasheed Sulaimon registered his 18th double-figure scoring game of the season with 16 points.

With 14 points, the Blue Devils' Rodney Hood reached double figures for the 29th time in 33 games.

The Blue Devils shot 57.1 percent from the floor, improving to 10-1 for the season when shooting 50 percent or better.

Duke improved to 14-9 all-time vs. NC State in the ACC Tournament and 9-3 under head coach Mike Krzyzewski.

The Blue Devils improved to 2-0 in games vs. the Wolfpack this season following a 95-60 win at Durham on Jan. 18.

NC State (7) and Duke (6) combined for just 13 turnovers in the game while shooting a combined 52.9 percent from the floor.

NC State's record for the season is now 21-13.

Duke leads the all-time series against State 141-98.

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With Saturday's loss, NC State is 69-51 in the ACC Tournament, including 23-22 in tournament games in Greensboro. The Wolfpack hasn't won a championship since 1987, when Vinny Del Negro was named the Most Valuable Player.

NC State is 4-6 all-time as the No. 7 seed and 17-15 in semifinal games.

After shooting 66.7 percent in the first half, State was held to 35.5 percent in the second. T.J. Warren, the ACC's leading scorer, was 6-for-9 in the first half but 4-for-13 in the second.

Warren still led all scorers with 21 points, extending his consecutive games streak of at least 20 points to 17. He has 29 games of 20 or more this season.

Warren finished the tournament with 73 points in three games (24.3 ppg).

Two Wolfpack freshmen scored more points in today's game than they did in their first two ACC Tournament games combined. Lennard Freeman scored 13 after totaling six against Miami and Syracuse. Cat Barber scored 12 after hitting nine points in those games. They combined to shoot 9-of-11 against the Blue Devils. Freeman also led the Pack with nine rebounds.