

**INDEPENDENCE BOWL
TEMPLE VS DUKE**

SHREVEPORT, La. -- Temple was making big special-teams plays, returning interceptions for touchdowns and looking like a team that might crush Duke for a big postseason win.

But the Owls had one problem that couldn't be overcome: Coach David Cutcliffe doesn't lose in Shreveport.

Daniel Jones threw for 423 yards and five touchdowns, T.J. Rahming caught 12 passes for 240 yards and two scores, and Duke recovered from a slow start to blow past Temple 56-27 in the Independence Bowl on Thursday.

Cutcliffe is now 4-0 in the Independence Bowl dating back to 1998.

"When we come to Shreveport," Cutcliffe said with a grin. "Don't bet against us."

Duke (8-5) snapped a two-game losing streak by putting on an offensive show. The Blue Devils scored touchdowns on seven straight drives, flipping a 27-14 deficit in the second quarter to a 56-27 lead by midway through the fourth.

"We kind of hit a lull for a second, but I don't think we ever lost confidence," Jones said. "We knew we had some good stuff and if we caught a few breaks we could catch momentum and keep it rolling."

Jones' five touchdown passes and 423 yards passing both set Independence Bowl records. So did Duke's 56 points. Cutcliffe wasn't surprised by the offensive success because he felt the team's preparation was excellent.

"It was very evident in Durham what their intentions were," Cutcliffe said. "We didn't have a bad minute of practice."

This was Cutcliffe's first Independence Bowl win at Duke. He led Ole Miss to victories in Shreveport in 1998, 1999 and 2002 and is already enshrined in the bowl's Hall of Honor.

Temple (8-5) lost for just the second time in its past eight games.

"We've got a great culture, we love each other and we're tough," Temple interim coach Ed Foley said. "But you still have to go out and make plays. And (Duke) went out and made more plays than us. That's what cost us the game."

The Owls took a 13-7 lead in the first half after Delvon Randall's 52-yard interception return for a touchdown. It was the 10th game this season in which they scored a non-offensive touchdown.

Temple pushed ahead 27-14 late in the second quarter, but Duke responded with 22-yard touchdown pass from Jones to Rahming to pull within 27-21 by halftime.

"When we came in at halftime our offense was hot. It was a just a matter of time," Cutcliffe said.

Temple's Anthony Russo completed 25 of 46 passes for 228 yards, one touchdown and one interception. The Owls didn't score in the second half and gave up 42 unanswered points.

"They brought a little more pressure, but that's on me and the offensive line to get that picked up," Russo said. "I just don't think we found our groove in the second half."

JONES COMPLETES TO ... JONES

Things were going so well for Jones that he completed a 6-yard pass to himself during the fourth quarter. He tried to throw a pass over the middle, but a Temple defender batted it into the air before it fell back in Jones' hands and he sprinted forward to make something out of the play.

BIG PICTURE

Temple: The Owls looked great for most of the first half, but once Duke's offense got going, Temple's defense didn't have an answer. Now Temple will focus on the transition to new coach Manny Diaz, who replaces Geoff Collins.

Duke: It was an impressive win for Duke, which scored just 13 combined points in losses to Clemson and Wake Forest to end the regular season. The lopsided result gives the Blue Devils some momentum heading into 2019.

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TEM	13	14	0	0	27
DUKE	7	14	21	14	56

Scoring Summary

	TEM	DUKE
FIRST QUARTER		
DUKE TD 10:36		
Quentin Harris 2 Yd Run (Collin Wareham Kick)	0	7
6 plays, 77 yards, 2:29		
TEM TD 8:43		
Anthony Russo 15 Yd Run (Will Mobley Kick)	7	7
5 plays, 26 yards, 1:53		
TEM TD 5:42		
Delvon Randall 52 Yd Interception Return (Will Mobley PAT failed)	13	7
8 plays, 32 yards, 3:01		
SECOND QUARTER		
TEM TD 10:25		
Rob Ritrovato 1 Yd Run (Will Mobley Kick)	20	7
10 plays, 58 yards, 3:13		
DUKE TD 7:42		
Chris Taylor 34 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)	20	14
7 plays, 70 yards, 2:43		
TEM TD 4:26		
Brodrick Yancy 8 Yd pass from Anthony Russo (Will Mobley Kick)	27	14
9 plays, 79 yards, 3:16		
DUKE TD 1:11		
T.J. Rahming 22 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)	27	21
10 plays, 75 yards, 3:15		
THIRD QUARTER		
DUKE TD 11:06		
Daniel Jones 1 Yd Run (Collin Wareham Kick)	27	28
9 plays, 59 yards, 3:54		
DUKE TD 7:28		
T.J. Rahming 85 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)	27	35
2 plays, 83 yards, 0:45		
DUKE TD 2:49		
Jake Bobo 7 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)	27	42
9 plays, 68 yards, 3:01		
FOURTH QUARTER		
DUKE TD 14:55		
Brittain Brown 4 Yd Run (Collin Wareham Kick)	27	49
3 plays, 10 yards, 1:22		
DUKE TD 10:16		
Davis Koppenhaver 4 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)	27	56
7 plays, 43 yards, 2:56		

Team Stats	TEM	DUKE
First Downs	19	22
Total Yards	281	563
Total Plays	75	83
Avg Gain Per Play	3.7	6.8
Net Yards Rushing	53	123
Rushes	29	39
Yards Per Rush	1.8	3.2
Net Yards Passing	228	440
Comp-Att	25-46	32-44
Yards Per Pass	5.0	10.0
Times Sacked	3	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-20	-13
Interceptions	1	3
Punts	5	3
Punt Average	43.2	40.7
Penalties	3	4
Penalty Yards	35	30
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	25:53	34:07

Individual Stats

RUSHING					
TEM	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
21 Jager Gardner	7	34	4.9	11	0
4 Rob Ritrovato	8	15	1.9	4	1
22 Jeremy Jennings	6	12	2.0	6	0
15 Anthony Russo	7	12	1.7	15	1

DUKE	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
25 Deon Jackson	10	41	4.1	12	0
12 Gunnar Holmberg	1	19	19.0	19	0
22 Brittain Brown	5	19	3.8	8	1
3 T.J. Rahming	2	17	8.5	9	0
18 Quentin Harris	6	16	2.7	11	1
36 Elijah Deveaux	3	7	2.3	4	0
21 Mataeo Durant	3	4	1.3	5	0
47 Ryan Wolitzer	1	3	3.0	3	0
45 Griffin Carter	2	3	1.5	4	0
17 Daniel Jones	6	-6	-1.0	5	1

PASSING

TEM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
15 Anthony Russo	25	46	228	5.0	1	1	98.8

DUKE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
17 Daniel Jones	30	41	423	10.3	5	2	190.3
18 Quentin Harris	2	3	17	5.7	0	1	47.6

RECEIVING

TEM	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
14 Brodrick Yancy	5	57	11.4	23	1
88 Branden Mack	3	45	15.0	29	0
10 Sean Ryan	3	44	14.7	27	0
1 Ventell Bryant	4	31	7.8	10	0
81 Randle Jones	2	17	8.5	13	0
26 Travon Williams	1	13	13.0	13	0
84 Kenny Yeboah	2	11	5.5	8	0
85 Chris Myarick	2	10	5.0	12	0
21 Jager Gardner	1	3	3.0	3	0
4 Rob Ritrovato	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
80 Freddie Johnson	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

DUKE	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
3 T.J. Rahming	12	240	20.0	85	2
82 Chris Taylor	3	56	18.7	34	1
5 Johnathan Lloyd	5	47	9.4	29	0
18 Quentin Harris	1	24	24.0	24	0
80 Daniel Helm	4	23	5.8	13	0
85 Damond Philyaw-Johnson	1	20	20.0	9	0
19 Jake Bobo	1	7	7.0	7	1
25 Deon Jackson	2	7	3.5	4	0
17 Daniel Jones	1	6	6.0	6	0
87 Noah Gray	1	6	6.0	6	0
81 Davis Koppenhaver	1	4	4.0	4	1