

2003 GAME RECAPS

NAVY 27 Duke 12 - Duke opened w/an 11 play drive but settled for a 29 yd FG. Duke hit a 35 yd FG, 6-0. After a missed 36 yd FG, Navy went 80 yds in 4 plays & a 58 yd pass to Tomlinson put them back in the game, 6-6 (xpng). In the 3Q Navy got a 28 yd TD run by Polanco, 13-6. Duke went on a 12 play 80 yd TD drive, 13-12 (xpng). Navy then went 72 yds in 10 plays for a TD w/12 left 3Q, 20-12. Navy went 59 yds for a TD.

CONNECTICUT 22 Duke 20 - Duke gave Dapolito his first start of the season & he threw for a career high 129 yds but was pulled on the game's last drive. This was a narrow escape for UC despite a 461-232 yd edge. After a Duke fmb'l, UC went 32 yds in 9 plays & settled for a 21 yd FG, 3-0. UC was int'd & ret'd 62 yds for a TD & Duke stunningly led 7-3. Duke settled for a 24 yd FG & led 10-3. Duke got a 36 yd FG, 13-3 at the half. UC went 75 yds in 10 plays & settled for a 23 yd FG & trailed 13-6. Duke got a 47 yd pass down to the 17 & continued a 71 yd 10 play drive for a TD w/2:00 left in the 3Q, 20-6. UC answered w/a 71 yd 14 play drive & they converted on 4th & 5 then got the TD 2 plays later, 20-13. UC got a 27 yd int ret for a TD (xpng) 20-19. UC drove 57 yds in 8 plays & settled for a 21 yd FG w/3:40 left, 22-20. Duke QB Schneider came in & they went 58 yds, but missed the game winning 36 yd FG.

VIRGINIA TECH 41 Duke 17 - On 4th & 8, Duke ran a fake punt for a FD to the 28 & 2 plays later got a 28 yd TD run, 7-0. VT went 72 yds & got a TD, 7-7. VT settled for a 21 yd FG, 10-7. VT got a 34 yd TD pass, 17-7. Duke was int'd at VT 45 & VT went 55 yds in 5 plays for a TD, 24-7. In the 3Q, VT settled for a 28 yd FG, 27-7. VT went 54 yds in 8 plays got an 11 yd TD pass, 34-7. Duke went on a 13 play 53 yd drive but settled for a 45 yd FG, 34-10. Duke was int'd & ret'd 40 yds & w/backup QB Glennon in VT got a TD, 41-10. Duke started at its own 36 w/5:45 left. They got 2 FD's & then on 4th & 11 got a 35 yd TD pass w/4:45 left.

Maryland 55 DUKE 21 - QB Statham was int'd 3x's & charged w/3 fmb'l's, but MD ran 100 plays & finished w/35 FD's. MD dominated the game, but shockingly at the half MD led just 27-21 but had an 18-3 FD edge & 330-85 yd edge. Duke stayed in the game in the 1H w/2 big plays a 94 yd KR TD & and 85 yd int return for a TD. In the 3Q MD went 79 yds in 6 plays for a TD. Duke was int'd at the MD 8 & UM went 92 yds in 9 plays for a TD w/2:39 left in the 3Q. MD went 66 yds for a TD w/48-21. MD went 72 yds for a TD, 55-21.

DUKE 28 The Citadel 10 - Duke blk'd a punt & rec'd at the 1 setting them up for a TD. Citadel went 71 yds in 10 plays but settled for a 25 yd FG. Duke went 78 yds in 13 plays for a TD w/3:00 left in the 1Q, 14-3 at the half. Duke QB Schneider was running & fmb'l'd & the ball was rec'd in the EZ for a TD, 14-10. Citadel was int'd on 3rd & 4 at the 3 & ret'd 20 yds. Duke drove 77 yds in 10 plays for a TD, 21-10. The Citadel was SOD on the Duke 13. Duke got an 83 yd TD run w/2:24 left.

GEORGIA TECH 24 Duke 7 - Duke fmb'l'd on its own 12 & GT got a TD 2 plays later, 7-0. GT went 69 yds in 6 plays & got a TD w/14:05 left in the 2Q, 14-0. GT started at their 46 & got a 27 yd run by Daniels & then nailed a 47 yd FG w/4:25 left in the half. GT fmb'l'd on their own 36 & 6 plays later Duke got a TD w/2:29 left & trailed 17-7 at the half. At the half GT had a 163-98 yd edge. Duke ret'd the opening KO of the 3Q for a TD but it was called back on a holding pen. GT went 52 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 24-7. Duke never threatened after that.

VIRGINIA 37 Duke 16 - UVA's Pearman rushed for a career high 223 yds. UVA fmb'l'd & Duke rec'd & went 53 yds for a TD, 7-0. UVA went 71 yds in 11 plays for a TD. UVA settled for a 27 yd FG, 10-7. UVA settled for a 32 yd FG, 13-7. UVA went on a 90 yd 13 play drive & hit a 27 yd FG w/0:04 left, 16-7. In the 3Q, UVA blk'd a punt & 5 plays later scored a TD, 23-7. Duke went 77 yds in 7 plays for a TD, 23-13. Duke settled for a 27 yd FG, 23-16. UVA got a 70 yd 7 play drive for a TD & added an 83 yd TD drive.

WAKE FOREST 24 Duke 22 - Duke had a 160-21 yd edge in the 1Q but led just 3-0. Duke went 47 yds in 7 plays & nailed a 45 yd FG, 3-0. WF was int'd on an over the shoulder catch by Harroll & Duke went 38 yds & hit a 39 yd FG, 6-0 after 1Q. WF went 90 yds in just 6 plays & a 30 yd TD pass put them in the lead. Duke went 73 yds in 10 plays but settled for a 19 yd FG, 9-7. WF took over at the 41 & 7 plays later got a TD w/2:14 left in the half, 14-9. WF opened the 3Q w/a 54 yd 8 play drive w/Mauk in & made a 31 yd FG, 17-9. WF fmb'l'd at their own 19 yd line. Four plays later Duke had a TD (2 ptng), 17-15. It looked like the KO was actually an onside by accident & WF rec'd at the 46. They went 54 yds for a TD, 24-15. WF went 53 yds in 13 plays & lined up for a 43 yd FG to clinch it but it was blk'd. Duke drove 72 yds in 15 plays for a TD w/1:04 left. WF rec'd the onside kick & ran out the clock.

FLORIDA ST 29 Duke 7 - FSU struggled in the 1H w/Chris Rix retaking his starting job but he hit just 9 of 15 for 94 yds, did not lead a TD drive & threw an int that set up a Duke TD so Sexton played the 2H & hit 11 of 15 for 220 yds. First time starting K Cismesia tied an FSU record w/5 FG's in his first start. FSU led just 9-0 after the 1Q on 3 short FG's by Cismesia. FSU was int'd & ret'd 26 yds to the 24 & 7 plays later Duke had a TD w/1:04 left in the half, 9-7. In the 3Q Duke fmb'l'd & Sexton handed off to Booker for a 23 yd gain to the 31 but they settled for a 40 yd FG, 12-7. FSU went 93 yds in 4 plays & a 45 yd TD pass put them up 19-7. Duke went 76 yds & had a 1st & goal but was int'd in the EZ. FSU then went 80 yds in 5 plays for a TD w/11:12 left, 26-7. Duke was int'd at the 5. FSU went 70 yds in 9 plays & got a 43 yd FG w/5:08 left, 29-7.

DUKE 16 Clemson 13 - A good portion of the 24,714 was clad in orange. We used Duke as a Big Dog POW & they delivered the outright upset. CU drove 60 yds but settled for a 20 yd FG. Duke drove 59 yds but settled for a 27 yd FG, 3-3. CU fmb'l'd the KO at their own 19 & Duke settled for a 21 yd FG, 6-3. CU went 59 yds in 12 plays for a 32 yd FG, 6-6 at the half. CU went 77 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 13-6. Duke took over w/4:25 left & went 54 yds in 7 plays for a TD to shockingly tie it. Whitehurst threw a deep pass & his WR fell down & Duke got the int at the 50 & ret'd it 4 yds. On 4th & 4 after 3 time-outs Brooks nailed a 53 yd FG for the stunning upset.

N Carolina 40 DUKE 17 - NC's RB Scott had a 21 yd TD run to open. Duke nailed a 51 yd FG, 7-3. NC settled for a 31 yd FG, but the FG was blk'd & ret'd 70 yds for a TD & Duke led 10-7. Duke trailed just 20-17 at the half. At the half NC had a commanding 12-4 FD edge & 306-97 yd edge. NC went 70 yds in 5 plays for a TD, 27-17. NC went 60 yds in 11 plays settling for a 25 yd FG, 30-17. Duke was sk'd & fmb'l'd back at their own 23 & NC settled for a 41 yd FG. Duke on 4th & 19 was int'd on a deep pass & ret'd 74 yds for a TD w/2:06 left.