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Blue Blood: Duke-Carolina: Inside The Most Storied Rivalry In College Hoops



Synopsis

"To Hell with Carolina," --From the Duke Fight Song
"Go to Hell, Duke!" --Last line, Tar Heel Fight Song
For fifty years the rivalry between Duke and Carolina has featured famous brawls, endless controversy, long-nurtured hatred--and some of the best basketball ever played in the history of the sport. For Duke and UNC players and fans, the competition is not about winning a prize, trophy or title. The reason students at both schools camp out for days to get tickets--is about bragging rights and raw pride. Fueled by a proximity of eight miles along Tobacco Road, these two highly respected academic institutions have a rivalry of contrasts: powder blue vs. royal blue; public vs. private; Southerners versus Northern transplants; Michael Jordan and Vince Carter vs. Grant Hill and Christian Laettner. And now, with former Tar Heel assistant Roy Williams the new head coach of UNC, and Mike Krzyzewski still going strong at Duke--the rivalry only continues. Blue Blood is a thrilling chronicle of the Duke-Carolina rivalry as it has evolved over the last fifty years. With unparalleled insider access, veteran journalist and author Art Chansky details the colorful, revered, and respected rivalry--for the first time ever. Chansky has seen every Duke-Carolina game since 1968 and now gives readers the never-before-told details, the story behind the story of this rivalry that has polarized the nation. The Duke-Carolina rivalry has fostered more than thirty former players from the two schools playing or coaching in the NBA; it has cultivated a maniacal subculture of fans who camp out for weeks just to get tickets to the seasonal match-ups; it has enchanted a nation of spectators to watch games between the archrivals--garnering some of the highest regular-season TV ratings in history. Blue Blood celebrates the history of this rivalry, the traditions, the heritage, and, most importantly--spectacular basketball. "I'm biased, but I think this is the greatest rivalry, not just in college basketball, but in all of sports. ... You believe this is just another game? Are you serious? Are you serious? There's no way you can tell these kids it's just another game."--Dick Vitale, ESPN
"Having been loved and loathed by fans of both schools, glad-handed and banned on both campuses, I know the passion that fuels the Duke-Carolina rivalry. Art Chansky has more than learned what Duke-Carolina is all about; he's lived it for more than thirty years. His columns, commentaries, and characterizations have long been on the money, and Blue Blood puts them all together in an anticipated and entertaining work that reads more like a novel. But truth is stranger than fiction, and Chansky tells it just like it is."--Curry Kirkpatrick, who has covered Duke-Carolina for Sports Illustrated, ESPN, and ESPN the Magazine
"Across the rolling Piedmont and through the pines of the Old North State, there's a whisper of anticipation. The 'Blues' are about to run again. Powder and royal. Eight

milesâ |two schoolsâ |two programsâ |one driving passion to excel. In the mecca of this great game, it is THE rivalry.Â This is no mere game, no mere rivalry. This is a phenomenon . . .this is Duke-Carolina."--From ESPN Opening,Â February 5, 2004Â Â "It's not about me vs. Dean, or me against Roy or Dean against Vic Bubas. Duke and Carolina will be here forever." --Mike KrzyzewskiÂ "I was hit three times and spit at during the whole game before I started to fight."Â Â Â --Art Heyman Â "Eight miles away sat a legend, perhaps the greatest coach of all time. I was inundated with thoughts of beating Dean Smith. If we couldn't beat him, we could never get to where we were thinking about." --Tom Butters, former Duke Athletics DirectorÂ

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What's interesting about the Duke-North Carolina basketball rivalry is that it's not the product of some marketing-savvy hypemeister. It's the real deal: there's respect, but dammit, them folks just don't like each other and haven't since whenever. Duke is a tony private school with high academic standards. North Carolina is a state school justifiably proud of its academic traditions, no matter what those Dukies say. Duke dominated basketball in the sixties, Carolina did so from the mid-seventies to the early nineties, and Duke was once again ascendant in the nineties and into this decade--except that North Carolina is now the defending national champion. Chansky provides an engaging overview of the rivalry--filled with great anecdotes--emphasizing the last 30 years, which encompass the reigns of dominant coaches Dean Smith (NC) and Mike Krzyzewski (Duke). He also delves beneath the surface to discuss recruiting ethics, the ever-escalating salaries of coaches, and

their role as advertising pitchmen. An informative, intelligent history that will entertain even those college basketball fans who can't stand either school. Wes Lukowsky Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

ART CHANSKY is an author and sportswriter who has covered basketball on Tobacco Road for more than 30 years. By day, he is a sports marketing executive who developed an all-sports competition between Duke and Carolina called the Carlyle Cup. After graduating from UNC, he wrote for the Atlanta Constitution and was Sports Editor of the Durham Morning Herald for seven years. He has written The Dean's List and Dean's Domain on North Carolina basketball and Dean Smith. He lives with his family on the "Duke side" of Chapel Hill.

GO DUKE! THIS IS FOR TRUE FANS! ALL YOU CHEATOLINA ROBOTS NEED TO READ THIS! Been a Duke fan since 1986 and wanted to learn what the rivalry was about and how it start. This book details that and I bought this copy to leaned to all the HATERS in my area who know nothing about their so called FAVORITE TEAM! If you are going to be a fan then you should know a little history about what you are supporting! Another good one is The Blue Divide! So Quit Riding Mom and Dad's Coat Tails and learn about the FACTS! Cause if not for NC STATE there would be NO RIVALRY! GO DUKE! Oh yeah GO PACK!

wonderful book.

This is a great book that gives you some insight into the greatest rivalry in sports. It's historical and Chansky gets inside both schools and teams to give you an inside look in the rivalry. Overall, a great read.

this is an excellent read. I am a Carolina die hard. I would purchase from this vendor again.

Great book so far; GO HEELS!! I'm reading about the invention of the Four Corners Offense. To my understanding, it was John McClendon who actually invented the offense. McClendon was a fellow Kansas alum, and later coached at NC Central, which is in Durham. I'm a bit disappointed that the author didn't include this bit of history...

My so is a huge UNC Tarheel fan and enjoys the rivalry between UNC and Duke. The history and

tradition are like no other in college basketball. He has read it 2-3 times.

Great read. Good history of the Duke-Carolina rivalry with ample knowledge of Tobacco Road. I wished the author would have went into a little more detail about why Duke is hated (we all know there's more to it than they just win a lot). Overall, a good read.

I am a Duke fan - the small venue, the fans, and its storied coach. Had to buy the book when I saw it. Liked it very much - though I could do with much less Carolina! This is a unique rivalry and the book conveys the heart of it. Not to be missed by fans/haters of either school.

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