

Duke vs. No. 2 Alabama

Postgame Notes

Duke 3, Alabama 42

Mercedes-Benz Stadium – Atlanta, Ga.

Aug. 31, 2019

TEAM

- Duke made its first ever trip to the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game on Saturday.
- Quentin Harris, Zach Baker, Edgar Cerenord, and Koby Quansah served as the four team captains in the coin toss.
- Harris made the call. Duke won the toss. Elected to defer.
- Six true freshman saw action in Saturday's game with Jalon Calhoun and Jacob Monk making their first career starts. John Gelotte, Isaiah Kemp, Eli Pancol and Jordan Waters were the other two rookies.
- The Blue Devils' season-opening winning streak came to a halt at seven straight.
- Duke is now 9-3 in season openers under Cutcliffe.
- The Blue Devils dipped to 4-1 in August under Cutcliffe.
- Duke is now 28-142-6 all-time against nationally-ranked opponents, including a mark of 10-59-4 and 3-32-2 opposite top-10 and top-5 opponents.
- Saturday's attendance was 71,916, marking the largest crowd Duke has played in front of since its game against Clemson in 2018 (81,313).

OFFENSE

- Duke finished zero-for-two on fourth downs after failing to convert a 4th-and-1 from the Alabama 7-yard line in the first quarter and a 4th-and-3 at the 'Bama 35 in the third.
- Harris connected with redshirt junior Scott Bracey for a career-high 37-yard pickup just before half to put the Blue Devils into field goal range.
- Duke was limited to just three points in the game, marking the first time since Nov. 17 of last season in which the Blue Devils failed to register a touchdown.
- In his third career start, Harris went 12-for-22 and accumulated 97 yards.
- Junior tight end Noah Gray led the receiving group with 45 yards on five catches.
- Brittain Brown rushed for a team-best 36 yards on seven attempts.
- Duke's offense was limited to 204 yards of total offense on Saturday, its fewest since obtaining 183 at Virginia Tech on Oct. 28, 2017.

DEFENSE

- Despite having thumb surgery a week ago, senior linebacker Quansah registered Duke's first sack (for six yards) of the year and his second career take down in the first quarter.
- Senior safety Dylan Singleton forced a fumble in the opening quarter for the third time in his career.
- Senior defensive end Tre Hornbuckle recovered that fumble for the first of his career.
- Singleton compiled a career-high 13 tackles, marking the sixth time in his Duke tenure the Dacula, Ga., native recorded 10 or more take downs.
- Quansah finished with 11 tackles, closely following Singleton's 13.
- Redshirt freshman Shaka Heyward and junior Michael Carter II finished third on the team in tackles with nine each.
- The Duke defense held a strong Alabama offense scoreless in the first quarter. The Crimson Tide were only held scoreless in the opening period once in 2018.

SPEICAL TEAMS

-Austin Parker finished with six punts for 243 yards for an average of 40.5 per kick.

-Parker had a 57-yard punt midway through the second quarter, marking the ninth time the redshirt senior booted a punt over 55 yards.

-Redshirt junior kicker AJ Reed converted on a 30-yard field goal for his first make through the uprights since Duke's game against Virginia on Oct. 1, 2016.