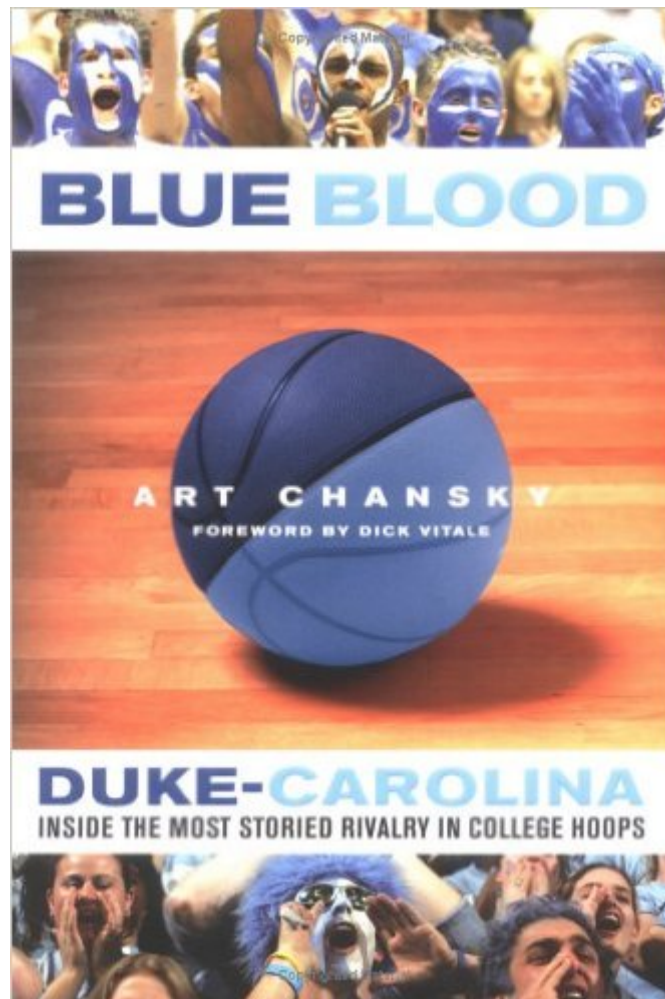


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Blue Blood: Duke-Carolina: Inside The Most Storied Rivalry In College Hoops



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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Finally, a book that captures the passion, the intensity, the stories and anecdotes and legends of the UNC-Duke basketball rivalry. For lifelong fans, the images and memories come flooding back and bring with them the heartbeat and electricity of the many moments of grand drama. Art Chansky has put lightning in a bottle because he has lived it and covered it and has spent several years interviewing and researching and uncovering the stories behind the games. Sometimes, the book takes your breath away, it is often sheer poetry, you can feel the heartstopping drama--the Coach K vs Dean Smith battles--two masters of their arts,two legends of the game. The NCAA championships, the players who have worn the blue--from Michael Jordan to Grant Hill, from Phil Ford and Ray Felton to Bobby Hurley and Dick Groat. It is all here--the circus, the madness, the splendid agony, the wonder. It is a basketball phantasmagora of a book. Enjoy. Eli Evans,lifelong fan. NYC; Durham, NC; USA

Blue Blood will be fascinating reading for any Blue Devil or Tar Heel sports fan; or anyone who loves college hoops regardless of school affiliation. Art Chansky has been fair to both schools, showering praise where due and bringing up "dirt" where appropriate (and often "poop" not before public). The narrative is compelling and memories flood back to mind as well as many new insights. Frank McGuire, Coach Smith and Coach K are revealed, running the gamut from what made them great to their personality quirks and motivational techniques. I especially enjoyed the early times and the Art Heyman-Larry Brown history/rivalry-but anyone who began following this rivalry much more recently will have much to enjoy and learn. Great book!!

Art Chansky says in his forward that he has made an effort to be as unbiased as possible in the writing of this book. I think he has accomplished this goal and gone beyond. I didn't feel any favoritism for one team or the other as I read this book. At any rate, the book is vividly written, and there is a lot of action. Chansky writes so well that you can literally feel the tension between the two schools just by reading the book (amusingly, many of the players get along very well off the court). I grew up as a Duke fan and attended college at UNC, now being a diehard Tarheel. It made me remember how I felt at different times when each team won their championships. I do feel that you have to be a part of the rivalry to really get the most from the book, but regardless, it will be an interesting adventure for anyone who reads it. It's a five-star book all of the way.

The book's a great read. Well-edited. Chansky's gift lies in how well he draws the characters in the time-honored basketball rivalry dating back to the Everett Case-Frank McGuire-Vic Bubas years and the founding of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Excellent coaching aside, these early entrepreneurs of their sport were crusty figures from a by-gone era and Chansky brings them to life, like the doyens of Damon Runyan's Broadway or the caricatures in the Vanity Fair numbers of the late 19th century - which is to say, the book is funny. Art Chansky has been an insider and an outsider, closely allied with coaches and players from both programs for almost 4 decades. No one other than the former sports editor of the Chapel Hill Weekly AND the Durham Morning Herald could have written such a vivid portrayal of the men and events. Unforgiving, full of behind the scenes information and personal reflections of the great sports personalities he profiles, Chansky lets us in on observations he's been holding close to the vest for all this time. PS. There's a movie in the rough and tumble era when ACC basketball got its start. It's a basketballers 'must read' and a serious sports fan's delight. Monty Diamond

This is a thoroughly researched book that on the whole gives equal time to both UNC and Duke. Although I am a UNC fan, I know that Chansky is a UNC alumnus and can't completely hide his disdain for Mike Kryzewski. Although some of Dean Smith's foibles are mentioned, Coach K gets the worse treatment here. Chansky was rougher on Dean in his other book, "Dean's Domain."

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!

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.

If you appreciate college basketball at all (not just UNC, Duke, or the ACC) you will love the historical presentation of this great rivalry. Most fans will recall the recent events; the strength of this book is the story telling of all the past events that made and shaped this great rivalry.

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