

2008-09 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

DUKE

"Leadership is responsibility for yourself and your group. It is being a good communicator and making sacrifices to lead the group towards success."

-Junior Joy Cheek

"To be a champion you have to do what you don't want to do, when you don't want to do it, and do it well. Champions are leaders, people that work hard and motivate others to work collectively as a team!"

-Freshman Chelsea Hopkins



THE NOTEBOOK



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Noting The 2008-09 Blue Devils...

McCallie Enters Second Campaign...

After securing her "Dream Job" in April of 2007, Joanne P. McCallie guided the Blue Devils to a 25-10 overall record in her first season, while leading Duke to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16, the ACC Championship game and a top 12 national ranking or better in 16 of the 20 weeks in 2007-08.

In her 16 years as a head coach, McCallie has led 12 teams to the NCAA Tournament, registered a 341-158 overall record, notched a 68.3 winning percentage, was the 2005 National Coach of the Year, won five conference championships and collected 12 20-win seasons.

Preseason Rankings...

Duke has been tabbed fifth nationally in the *Athlon* Magazine preseason poll, while also being listed sixth by *Slam* Magazine and seventh by *Lindy's* Magazine.

Experience Returns...

Duke returns four starters and nine letterwinners from last season, while losing seniors Wanisha Smith and Emily Waner.

The Blue Devils return 85.5 percent of their scoring, 91.2 percent of rebounding and 73.7 percent of their assists from last year.

Of the nine returning letterwinners from last year, all saw action in 29 or more games in 2007-08 and seven of them started at least six contests a year ago.

Chante Black, Joy Cheek, Jasmine Thomas, and Abby Waner are the four returning starters, while Carrem Gay, Keturah Jackson, Bridgette Mitchell, Karima Christmas and Krystal Thomas are returning letterwinners.

Fifth-Best Recruiting Class Arrives...

Duke continues to bring in some of the top talent nationally each year and the 2008-09 freshman class is no different. The trio of Chelsea Hopkins, Shay Selby and Kathleen Scheer were tabbed the fifth-best recruiting class nationally.

Listed as high as 13th in the recruiting rankings, Selby averaged 24.3 points, 8.1 rebounds, 7.2 assists and 4.4 steals as a senior. The combo guard from Cleveland, Ohio was a *Parade* Magazine All-America selection and played in the WBCA All-America game.

Hopkins, a point guard out of Las Vegas, Nev., averaged 28.5 points, 7.3 rebounds and 7.9 assists as a senior at Mojave H.S. Ranked as high as 34th nationally, Hopkins led the state of Nevada in scoring as a junior and senior.

Scheer, who is from New Haven, Mo., averaged 28.2 points, 12.9 rebounds, 5.2 blocks, 3.2 assists

and 2.0 steals as a senior. She collected 23 double-doubles and one triple-double in her final year, while earning Four Rivers Conference Player of the Year three times.

Tri-Captains...

Duke will feature tri-captains in 2008-09 with Chante Black, Carrem Gay and Abby Waner expecting to provide key leadership for the Blue Devils this season.

The trio have played in a combined 298 games, made 175 starts, led Duke to three NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 appearances -- including the National Championship game in 2006, guided the Blue Devils to a total of 88 wins and led their team to 45 weeks ranked in the top 10 nationally over the last three years.

The Record Book...

In the Duke career charts, both Chante Black and Abby Waner are making their way up the top 10 lists in a number of various categories.

Black ranks fifth in rebound average (7.0), third in blocked shots (192), 10th in field goal percentage (52.9) and her 717 rebounds is nine away from moving into a tie for 10th place. In the ACC career charts, Black's 192 blocked shots are 12th.

Waner enters the season fourth in three point field goals made (167), first in three-point field goals attempted (507) and fifth in steals (230). Her 507 three-point field goals attempted ranks 22nd on the ACC career list, while her 167 three-pointers made are four away from 25th on the list.

Black Returns For Fifth Year...

Chante Black returns to the Blue Devil program for her fifth year in 2008-09, after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in biological anthropology & anatomy and women's studies in May of 2008.

She will be obtaining a Bachelor of Science in

biological anthropology & anatomy in 2008-09.

Black, a native of Winston-Salem, N.C., was one of the most improved players in the nation last year as she came back from redshirting the 2006-07 season.

As a junior, she started all 35 contests, while earning Associated Press Honorable Mention All-America honors and was named to the John R. Wooden Award top 20 and Naismith top 30 lists for National Player of the Year.

Black averaged 14.1 points, 7.1 rebounds, 2.3 blocks, 1.4 steals and 1.4 assists last year.

Thomas Has Offseason Surgery...

Sophomore Krystal Thomas underwent successful surgery on her left knee on April 4, 2008 at the Duke Ambulatory Surgery Center by Dr. Alison Toth. Thomas is progressing well and is expected to be at full strength when practice begins in October.

Native of Orlando, Fla., Thomas injured her knee in the Nov. 28, 2007 contest at Vanderbilt and went on to miss the next five contests. Thomas played in a total of 30 games last season, averaging 4.3 points, 3.5 rebounds and 1.2 blocks, while hitting 46.4 percent of her field goals. Her 35 blocked shots ranks fifth on the single season freshman charts at Duke.

In just her third collegiate game, Thomas registered 20 points and 10 rebounds against UNC Greensboro, while notching three steals and two blocks in only 20 minutes of action. For her efforts, the 6-4 center was named ACC Rookie of the Week.

Challenging Schedule Awaits...

Duke will once again face a very challenging schedule in 2008-09 as the slate is made up of 13 teams that advanced to the 2008 NCAA Tournament, including four that were either No. 1 or 2 seeds -- Tennessee, North Carolina, Maryland and Stanford.

Duke is also slated to have 12 television games, not including the postseason. The Blue Devils will

Preseason Top 15 Rankings

Lindy's Magazine

1. Connecticut
2. Stanford
3. Maryland
4. Tennessee
5. Rutgers
6. North Carolina
7. Duke
8. California
9. Louisville
10. Oklahoma
11. Texas A&M
12. Oklahoma State
13. LSU
14. Texas
15. Virginia

Athlon Magazine

1. Connecticut
2. California
3. Stanford
4. Texas A&M
5. Duke
6. Maryland
7. Oklahoma
8. Arizona State
9. Tennessee
10. Louisville
11. Rutgers
12. North Carolina
13. Ohio State
14. Texas
15. Old Dominion

Slam Magazine

1. Oklahoma
2. Tennessee
3. Connecticut
4. Stanford
5. North Carolina
6. Duke
7. Texas
8. Louisville
9. Maryland
10. Rutgers

appear on national television on six occasions, and locally an additional six. The regional games will be aired on Fox Sports Net (FSN) South and Fox Sports Net West. Duke will play nationally on ESPN2 four times, on Fox Sports Net twice and on ESPN once.

In addition to tough conference competition, the Blue Devils' schedule is highlighted by two teams that fought for a national championship a season ago, with Duke hosting Stanford in a marquee match-up at Cameron Indoor Stadium Dec. 16, then traveling to take on the reigning champion Tennessee Lady Vols in Knoxville Feb. 16.

Other non-conference opponents include Oklahoma State, Maine, Hartford, DePaul or Southern, Western Kentucky, Iowa, Michigan, Southern California, Siena, Quinnipiac, Providence and Temple.

Stellar In The Classroom...

The women's basketball program had a stellar year in the classroom in 2007-08 as seven of the 12 members of the team posted 3.0 grade-point averages or better. The senior class of **Chante Black**, **Carrem Gay** and **Abby Waner** compiled a combined 3.34 grade-point average last year.

Summer Work...

Several Blue Devils held very interesting jobs over the summer of 2008. **Chante Black** volunteered at a hospital in Hartford, Conn., between the Emergency Department and the St. Francis Foundation Office.

Carrem Gay participated in DukeEngage, which is a new program that allows students to travel the world to participate in internships that advocate social change. She chose to apply for the Durham part of it so she could be around campus, work out and be around her teammates.

Abby Waner worked at ESPN for the summer as an intern in Studio Production. She watched games, while keeping track of what happened, picked the best video or story for the highlight, wrote the script and gave it to the talent for the show.

The junior class of **Keturah Jackson**, **Joy Cheek** and **Bridgette Mitchell** all stayed around campus to help work camps, attend summer school and worked extremely hard to get better on the court and in the weight room.

Karima Christmas also stayed around Duke attending classes and working out, while **Krystal Thomas** and **Jasmine Thomas** each went home for the first session.

The freshmen trio of **Kathleen Scheer**, **Shay Selby** and **Chelsea Hopkins** each attended the second session of summer school to get adjusted to college life.

Brickey & Smoak Added To Staff...

Duke Head Coach **Joanne P. McCallie** has brought in **Robert Brickey** and **Sarah Smoak** to the women's basketball staff. Brickey joins the Blue Devils as the Assistant Director of Basketball Operations, while Smoak will serve an internship in 2008-09.

Brickey rejoins the Blue Devil family after a three-year stint as the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Shaw University. He will coordinate off-campus camps, on-campus recruiting and various marketing efforts. A 2006 Lynchburg College graduate, Smoak will assist in the day-to-day operations of the program, co-direct the ball kids club, aid with in-office recruiting efforts, assist with game operations, community service projects and outreach efforts as well as internal university events at Duke.

2008-09 Quick Facts

University

Location..... Durham, N.C.
 Founded 1838 Trinity College
 Enrollment 6,247 undergraduates
 Nickname..... Blue Devils
 School Colors Royal Blue & White
 Stadium/Capacity Cameron Indoor Stadium/9,314
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Atlantic Coast
 President Dr. Richard H. Brodhead
 Vice President & Director of Athletics Kevin White
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Coaching Staff

Head Coach..... Joanne P. McCallie (Northwestern, '87)
 Record at School/Years..... 25-10 (1)
 Career Record/Years..... 341-158 (16)
 Basketball Office Phone (919) 613-7565
 Assistant Coaches..... Al Brown (Purdue, '64)
 Shannon Perry (Iowa, '98), Samantha Williams (Auburn, '96)
 Director of Basketball Operations..... Kate Senger
 Assistant Director of Basketball Operations Robert Brickey
 Assistant To The Head Coach Bobby Sorrell
 Video Coordinator..... Lauren Rice
 Intern Sarah Smoak
 Athletic Trainer..... Summer McKeehan
 Academic Coordinator Heather Ryan
 Strength & Conditioning Coordinator..... William Stephens

History

First year of basketball 1975-76
 Overall all-time record 636-324 (.663) - 33 Years
 NCAA appearances/Last..... 15/2008
 Last post-season opp./Result..... Lost to Texas A&M, 63-77
 NCAA Sweet 16

Team Information

	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
2007-08 Record.....	25-10	10-3	7-4	8-3
2007-08 ACC Record	10-4	5-2	5-2	0-0
Final Ranking.....	No. 9 (AP), No. 9 (USA Today)			
Conference Regular Season Finish.....	3rd			
Starters Returning/Lost.....	4/1			
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	9/3			



The 2008-09 Duke Women's Basketball Team

Front Row (left to right): Keturah Jackson, Chante Black, Abby Waner, Carrem Gay, Jasmine Thomas;
 Second Row (left to right): Summer McKeehan, Samantha Williams, Chelsea Hopkins, Karima Christmas,
 Kathleen Scheer, Krystal Thomas, Joy Cheek, Bridgette Mitchell, Shay Selby, Shannon Perry, Joanne P. McCallie; Back Row (left to right): Bobby Sorrell, Heather Ryan, William Stephens,
 Robert Brickey, Al Brown, Lauren Rice, Kate Senger, Sarah Smoak



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Roster

Squad Breakdown

By Height

6-5Chante Black
 6-4Krystal Thomas
 6-2Carrem Gay
 Kathleen Scheer
 6-1Joy Cheek
 6-0Keturah Jackson
 Bridgette Mitchell
 5-11.....Karima Christmas
 5-10Abby Waner
 5-9Jasmine Thomas
 Shay Selby
 5-8Chelsea Hopkins

By Class

SeniorChante Black
 Carrem Gay
 Abby Waner
 JuniorJoy Cheek
 Keturah Jackson
 Brittany Mitch
 Bridgette Mitchell
 SophomoreKarima Christmas
 Jasmine Thomas
 Krystal Thomas
 FreshmanChelsea Hopkins
 Shay Selby
 Kathleen Scheer

By State

Colorado Abby Waner
 Florida.....Krystal Thomas
 Missouri Kathleen Scheer
 NevadaChelsea Hopkins
 New Jersey.....Bridgette Mitchell
 New YorkCarrem Gay
 North CarolinaChante Black
 Joy Cheek
 Ohio.....Shay Selby
 South Carolina.....Keturah Jackson
 TexasKarima Christmas
 Virginia.....Jasmine Thomas

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
1	Chelsea Hopkins	5-8	Fr.	G	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Mojava)
3	Shay Selby	5-9	Fr.	G	HS	Cleveland, Ohio (Regina)
4	Abby Waner	5-10	Sr.	G	3V	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge)
5	Jasmine Thomas	5-9	So.	G	1V	Fairfax, Va. (Oakton)
11	Chante Black	6-5	Sr.	F/C	4V-R	Winston-Salem, N.C. (East Forsyth)
13	Karima Christmas	5-11	So.	F/G	1V	Houston, Texas (J. Frank Dobie)
15	Bridgette Mitchell	6-0	Jr.	F/G	2V	Trenton, N.J. (The Peddie School)
21	Joy Cheek	6-1	Jr.	F	2V	Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg)
24	Kathleen Scheer	6-2	Fr.	F/G	HS	New Haven, Mo. (New Haven)
30	Carrem Gay	6-2	Sr.	F	3V	New York, N.Y. (Christ The King)
31	Keturah Jackson	6-0	Jr.	G/F	3V-R	Columbia, S.C. (Dreher)
34	Krystal Thomas	6-4	So.	C	1V	Orlando, Fla. (First Academy)

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
11	Chante Black	6-5	Sr.	F/C	4V-R	Winston-Salem, N.C. (East Forsyth)
21	Joy Cheek	6-1	Jr.	F	2V	Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg)
13	Karima Christmas	5-11	So.	F/G	1V	Houston, Texas (J. Frank Dobie)
30	Carrem Gay	6-2	Sr.	F	3V	New York, N.Y. (Christ The King)
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5	Jasmine Thomas	5-9	So.	G	1V	Fairfax, Va. (Oakton)
34	Krystal Thomas	6-4	So.	C	1V	Orlando, Fla. (First Academy)
4	Abby Waner	5-10	Sr.	G	3V	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge)

~ Redshirted the 2005-06 season

^ Redshirted the 2006-07 season

Head Coach: Joanne P. McCallie (Northwestern, '87)

Assistant Coaches: Shannon Perry (Iowa, '98), Al Brown (Purdue, '64), Samantha Williams (Auburn, '96)

Director of Basketball Operations: Kate Senger (Michigan State, '04)

Assistant Director of Basketball Operations: Robert Brickey (Duke, '90)

Basketball Operations Assistant: Sarah Smoak (Lynchburg College, '06)

Athletic Trainer: Summer McKeenan (Utah State, '98)

Pronunciation Guide

Chante Black
Shon - TAY

Carrem Gay
kah - RIM

Joanne P. McCallie
mc - CAW - lee

Chelsea Hopkins
Chel - see

Karima Christmas
ka - REE - mah

Keturah Jackson
ka - TUR - ah

Bridgette Mitchell
bridge - ETT

Abby Waner
WAY - ner

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