

General Information



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COVERING THE BLUE DEVILS

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Coach



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2008 QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location.....Durham, N.C.
 Founded.....1838, Trinity College
 Enrollment.....6,247
 Nickname.....Blue Devils
 Colors.....Royal Blue & White
 Stadium.....Koskinen Stadium
 Capacity.....7,000
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I
 Conference.....Atlantic Coast
 President.....Dr. Richard H. Brodhead
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HISTORY

First Year of Soccer.....1988
 All-Time Record.....241-154-32
 NCAA Appearances/Last.....14/2007
 Last Postseason Opp.....Notre Dame
 Result.....L, 2-3, NCAA Elite Eight

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Robbie Church
 Alma Mater.....Pfeiffer '81
 Record at Duke (Years).....79-54-16 (7)
 ACC Record.....27-26-7 (7)
 Career Record (Years).....166-103-27 (14) -- W
 90-58-5 (8) -- M
 Assistant Coaches.....Billy Lesesne,
 Carla Overbeck, Nathan Kipp
 Office Phone.....(919) 668-5749/681-3456
 Athletic Trainer.....Emily Norcross

TEAM INFORMATION

2007 Record.....10-6-7
 2007 ACC Record (Finish).....3-3-4 (7th)
 Final Ranking.....15
 Starters Returning/Lost.....9/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....17/3

TICKET INFORMATION

General Admission.....\$5.00 Adults/\$3.00 youth
 Duke students - free admission
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Back on the field



Hearts And Minds

Sophomore Christine McDonald has played in all 12 of the team's games...

College Sports



Blue Devils delight in beating Billikens

By RACHEL CARTER
DURHAM - For women's soccer on the Duke bench, one would think it was already time to celebrate.

which are better off the bench. "Our depth really helped us a lot," Duke coach Robbie Church said. "We subbed a lot and we came out with five freshmen in the second half."

Germersville freshman Kaydanne 25-yard goal in the 34th minute.

CHURCH NIGHT



Just who won the Father's Day exhibition exhibition... Duke's Robb Church right at... a number of options. LNC... Church's Ashley... goal with 18 minutes left... in the first period. But... Church... (earned a 1-0 victory)

14 NCAA® Tournament Appearances

1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

4 NCAA® Sweet 16 Appearances

1992, 1994, 2004, 2007

3 NCAA® Elite Eight Appearances

1992, 1994, 2007

1 NCAA® NCAA Final Four

1992

1 NCAA® NCAA Championship Game

1992

The Head Coach



Robbie Church

Eighth Year At Duke 79-54-16 Record

Coming off an impressive NCAA College Cup Elite Eight run in 2007, Head Coach Robbie Church will boast one of his most talented squads this year since arriving at Duke in 2001. The Blue Devils return

nine starters and once again welcome a stellar recruiting class to the mix.

Over the last five years, Church has led Duke to 62 victories, five NCAA College Cup appearances and brought in four recruiting classes ranked in the top-eight nationally, including the third-best recruiting class in the nation in 2006.

The Blue Devils return nine of 11 starters and 17 letterwinners off last year's 10-6-7 overall and 3-3-4 ACC squad, which knocked off 21st-ranked South Carolina, 13th-ranked Georgia and Indiana on the road to advance to the NCAA College Cup quarterfinals before falling to 12th-ranked Notre Dame, 3-2, in South Bend, Ind.

For the second straight season in 2007, Duke registered eight one-goal contests and a total of seven ties, but put it all together when it counted in the NCAA Tournament. The Blue Devils were ranked as high as 10th nationally during the season. Junior Lorraine Quinn garnered All-America accolades and then went on to help the United States U-23 National Team claim the Nordic Cup title over the summer.

The 2006 season was one of close matches as well with the Blue Devils registering eight one-goal games and four ties. One of the major highlights was knocking off third-ranked Florida State on senior day with a 3-1 victory and senior Rebecca



Moros earned All-America accolades.

In 2005, the Blue Devils were ranked as high as sixth in the nation and knocked off top-ranked North Carolina on its home field with a 2-1 victory in Chapel Hill. The win was only the second in school history over the Tar Heels. Senior defender Carolyn Ford went on to be selected as the ACC Defensive Player of the Year as Duke registered 11 shutouts.

In 2004, the Blue Devils collected a 15-8 overall and 5-4 ACC mark. Church led Duke to an NCAA Tournament Sweet sixteen appearance and the five league victories was the most since 1997. For his efforts, Church was named NSCAA/adidas South Region Coach of the Year.

Church, who replaced former head coach Bill Hempen in 2001, is only the second coach in Duke's 20-year history. Over the past eight years, Church has brought in recruiting classes rated in the top 25 by Soccerbuzz.com - third in 2006, seventh in 2002, eighth in 2003 and 2007, 20th in 2004 and 22nd in 2008.

THE CHURCH FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name Robert Wesley Church
Birthdate June 14, 1957
Place of Birth Greensboro, N.C.
Family Wife, Linda
Daughter, Ashley; Son, Kyle
Parents, Mary Evelyn and the late Forest Church
Sister: Mary Herlocker

EDUCATION

High School Woodward Academy, College Park, Ga.
College Pfeiffer College, 1981, B.A. in Physical Education
South Carolina, 1985, M.A. in Physical Education

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Pfeiffer	1977-80
All-Conference in 1978 & 1979	
NAIA All-South Region in 1978	
Pfeiffer Sports Hall of Fame in 1998	

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Women's Head Coach.....	Duke (2001-present)
	Vanderbilt (1999-2000)
	Charlotte (1994-98)
Men's Head Coach.....	Lynn (1990)
	Belmont Abbey (1985-89)
	East Carolina (1982-83)
Assistant Coach.....	Duke (1984 - men)

Other Affiliations:

North Carolina Youth Soccer State Select, Head-Women's; Former Head Coach of the Region III ODP; Provide clinics for Durham Girls Soccer League; Premier NSCAA license; USSF "B" License

Coaching Honors:

NAIA National Coach of the Year (1989), Carolinas Conference Coach of the Year (1989), Conference USA Coach of the Year (1997), NSCAA/adidas South Region Coach of the Year (2004)

The Head Coach

Church earned his 100th career victory as a women's head coach against Florida International on Sept. 20, 2002, and collected his 200th career victory on Sept. 26, 2003, against Davidson.

In 2003, he guided the Blue Devils to 14 victories, which equaled the most wins for Duke since 1994, and to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Church did all of this with only three seniors, as 16 of 22 letterwinners were underclassmen. The Blue Devils finished with a 4-3 record in the ACC, which tied for third place, and were ranked as high as sixth nationally.

Before arriving at Duke, Church compiled a 21-19-1 record in two seasons as head coach at Vanderbilt. He led the Commodores to the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Tournament semifinals in each of his two seasons.

In 1994, Church became the first head coach at UNC Charlotte, a position he held until 1998. While at Charlotte, he guided the 49ers to a 66-30-10 mark in five seasons, including the school's first NCAA Tournament bid in 1998 and three Conference USA titles.

Church coached men's college teams at Lynn University (1990), East Carolina (1982-84) and Belmont Abbey (1985-89), where he also served as associate athletic director.

Church began his career as a head coach at East Carolina from 1982-84. In 1984, he was a men's assistant coach at Duke under John Rennie. After a one-year stint with the Blue Devils, Church accepted the head coach and associate athletic director position at Belmont Abbey.

Over the next five years, he led the Crusaders to a 69-35-1 record, while graduating 90 percent of his players. Included in that stretch were two Carolinas Conference Championships and an NAIA National Tournament appearance in 1989.

Church moved on to the College of Boca Raton, now Lynn University, in 1990, leading the men's team to an 17-4-2 mark. In one season, he guided Boca Raton to the District 25 Championship and the NAIA national finals.

Throughout his 22 years as a college head coach, Church has amassed a record of 262-168-30. He was recognized as the Carolinas Conference and NAIA Coach of the Year in 1989, the NSCAA/adidas South Region Coach of the Year in 2004 and the Conference USA Coach of the Year in 1997. In addition, Church was the NAIA South Region Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1989. He was also tabbed the NAIA District 26 Coach of the Year in 1988 and NAIA District 25 Coach of the Year in 1990.

In 1991, Church left the college ranks to become the head men's and women's soccer coach at Charlotte Country Day School. In three seasons at the helm of the men's program, Church compiled a 40-22-9 record, including a state finals appearance in 1993. The women's program was equally successful during his two seasons as head coach, tallying a 24-7-3 mark and winning the 1992 state championship.

A four-year starter at Pfeiffer College, Church was his team's leading scorer and MVP as a senior. He was selected NAIA All-South Region, was an All-Conference performer, and was inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame in 1998. He graduated from Pfeiffer with a bachelor of arts degree in health and physical education in 1981. Church went on to earn his master's degree in health and physical education from the University of South Carolina in 1985.

Church and his wife, the former Linda Atkins, have two children, Ashley (21) and Kyle (19). Ashley is a 2008 graduate of UNC Wilmington and was a four-year letterwinner on the women's soccer team. Kyle will be a junior at Charlotte and is a member of the men's basketball squad. The Church family resides in Durham.

Robbie Church Year-By-Year

	Year	Team	Overall Record	League Record	Postseason
Men's Head Coach	1982	East Carolina	7-10-0	--	
	1983	East Carolina	3-16-0	--	
	1985	Belmont Abbey	10-10-0	--	
	1986	Belmont Abbey	10-10-0	--	
	1987	Belmont Abbey	12-8-1	--	
	1988	Belmont Abbey	17-3-0	--	
	1989	Belmont Abbey	20-4-0	--	NAIA Tournament with 4-2 record (Quarterfinals)
Women's Head Coach	1990	Lynn University	17-4-2	--	NAIA National Runner-Up
	1994	Charlotte	13-4-2	--	
	1995	Charlotte	13-7-2	2-2-1 (CUSA)	Conference USA Champions
	1996	Charlotte	10-9-2	5-4-0 (CUSA)	
	1997	Charlotte	15-4-1	7-1-1 (CUSA)	
	1998	Charlotte	15-6-3	7-2-2 (CUSA)	NCAA Tournament Second Round; Conference USA Champions
	1999	Vanderbilt	9-10-1	6-3-0 (SEC)	
	2000	Vanderbilt	12-9-0	5-4-0 (SEC)	
	2001	Duke	8-10-1	2-5-0 (ACC)	NCAA Tournament Second Round
	2002	Duke	9-9-2	2-3-2 (ACC)	
	2003	Duke	14-7-1	4-3-0 (ACC)	NCAA Tournament Second Round
	2004	Duke	15-8-0	5-4-0 (ACC)	NCAA Tournament Sweet 16
	2005	Duke	14-6-1	6-4-0 (ACC)	NCAA Tournament Second Round
	2006	Duke	9-8-4	5-4-1 (ACC)	NCAA Tournament Second Round
	2007	Duke	10-6-7	3-3-4 (ACC)	NCAA Tournament Elite Eight
Career Total (22 Years):			262-168-30	59-52-11 (13)	
Career Record - Women (Years)			166-103-27 (14)	59-42-11 (13)	
Career Record - Men (Years)			96-65-3 (8)	--	ACC Record: 27-26-7 (7 Years)
NCAA Tournament - Women			7-6-4	(7 Appearances)	SEC Record: 11-7-0 (2 Years)
East Carolina Total (2 Years):			10-26-0 (2)	--	Conference USA Record: 21-9-4 (5 Years)
Belmont Abbey (5 Years):			69-35-1 (5)	--	
Lynn University (1 Year):			17-4-2 (1)	--	
Charlotte (5 Years):			66-30-10 (5)	21-9-4	
Vanderbilt (2 Years):			21-19-1 (2)	11-7-0	
Duke (7 Years):			79-54-16 (7)	27-26-7	

The Coaching Staff

Billy Lesesne

Associate Head Coach • 8th Season



Billy Lesesne begins his eighth season with the Duke women's soccer program and his fifth as associate head coach. He had spent three seasons as assistant coach before being promoted over the summer of 2004. In addition to his coaching duties at Duke, Lesesne was a North Carolina ODP state coach and Region III staff coach in 2002-03.

Lesesne came to Duke from Vanderbilt, where he served as current Duke head coach Robbie Church's assistant for one season, guiding the team to the semifinals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament (SEC) in 2000.

Before his two-year stint at Vanderbilt, Lesesne was the head coach of the men's and women's soccer programs at his alma mater, Erskine College, for six years. There he earned several coaching honors, including NSCAA Division II Women's South Region Coach of the Year and Carolina's Virginia Athletic Conference Women's Coach of the Year in 1997, after leading the Lady Fleet to a 15-2-1 record and the conference championship. He also won the Carolina's Virginia Athletic Conference Messick Award for Sportsmanship in 1996, 1997 and 1998, as well as the conference award for highest graduation rates for student-athletes.

Lesesne began his coaching career at Cambridge Academy in Greenwood, S.C., in 1988 before serving as the assistant men's coach at the College of Charleston from 1990-91. He also coached the South Carolina's Boys' State Olympic Development Program team from 1990-95 and the Girls' State ODP team from 1996-99.

Lesesne enjoyed a successful playing career, playing three years of professional soccer with the Charleston Battery (USISL/A-League) and four years at Erskine College where he was a NAIA All-America his senior year and an NSCAA All-South honoree his last two seasons. He also earned NAIA All-District 6 honors from 1983-86 and was the Jake Todd/Erskine College Senior Athlete Award winner for the 1986-87 school year. He graduated from Erskine in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in biology/natural science.

Lesesne has one daughter, Victoria, who was born on March 11, 2005. They reside in Durham.

Carla Overbeck

Assistant Coach • 17th Season



In her collegiate coaching debut, **Carla Overbeck** made an immediate impact on the Duke University women's soccer program, helping the 1992 Blue Devils advance to the NCAA title game. Over the last 16 years, she has continued her work with the Blue Devils as Duke has advanced to the NCAA Tournament 14 times.

A three-time All-America selection at the University of North Carolina, Overbeck was a member of four unbeaten Tar Heel national title squads from 1986-89. North Carolina posted a phenomenal 95-match unbeaten streak (89-0-6) during her career.

Overbeck was a four-time member of the NCAA All-Tournament Team and a two-time All-ACC selection. In addition, she was a member of the 1986 *Soccer America* All-America Freshman Team and was the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the 1988 NCAA Tournament.

Overbeck's playing accomplishments include competing for the United States National Team. Overbeck was an instrumental player for the U.S. in winning the 1991 Women's World Cup in China. She captained the 1995 U.S. World Cup squad that advanced to the semifinals and also served as captain of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team that won the gold medal.

In 1998, Overbeck competed on the gold-medal-winning Goodwill Games squad. She again captained Team USA to the 1999 World Cup Championship and to a silver medal in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

On May 6, 2006, Overbeck was elected to the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Overbeck, who graduated from North Carolina with a degree in psychology in 1990, attended Richardson High School in Richardson, Texas. She and her husband, Greg, have one son, Jackson (11) and a daughter, Carson Elizabeth (5).

Nathan Kipp

Goalkeeper Coach • 3rd Season



Nathan Kipp, a 2000 graduate of UNC Greensboro, begins his third season as goalkeepers coach with the Blue Devils. Over the last two years, Kipp helped guide Allison Lipsher to 16 shutouts and a 0.87 goals against average.

A four-year letterwinner at UNCG, Kipp played from 1996-99 and was the starting goalkeeper as a junior and senior. He finished his career with 124 saves and a 0.96 goals against average. As a junior, Kipp's squad registered a 16-2-2 record leading UNCG to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. In addition, he earned 1998 Southern

Conference Tournament MVP honors and 1999 All-Southern Conference Tournament team accolades.

A CoSIDA/Academic All-District selection in 1998, Kipp obtained his degree in physics from UNCG. In 2001 and 2002, Kipp served as an assistant coach and goalkeepers coach with UNC Greensboro. He then spent two seasons as an assistant coach for the Iona College women's soccer team before returning to UNC Greensboro in 2005.

Kipp is a native of Gambier, Ohio, and played for the Carolina Dynamo in 2001 and 2002. He went on to capture United Soccer League's Goalkeeper of the Year honors after leading the league with a 0.87 goals against average in 2002.

Kipp resides in Hillsborough, N.C.



The Blue Devil Staff

2008 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/High School
00	Cassidy Powers	GK	5-11	Sr.	San Ramon, Calif./California HS
0	Sonja Sahlsten	GK	5-8	Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep
1	KayAnne Gummersall	F	5-8	Jr.	Wilmette, Ill./New Trier HS
2	Rebecca Allen	F	5-6	So.	Jenks, Okla./Jenks HS
3	Sheila Kramer	D	5-8	Sr.	Camp Hill, Pa./Cumberland Valley
4	Gretchen Miller	D	5-8	So.	Fairport, N.Y./Our Lady of Mercy HS
5	Jane Alukonis	D/M	5-4	Jr.	Cocoa Beach, Fla./Cocoa Beach HS
6	Kelly Hathorn*	F	5-9	Sr.	Durham, N.C./Riverside HS
7	Carey Goodman	F/M	5-9	So.	Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley HS
8	Cody Newman	M/F	5-7	Fr.	Bellerose, N.Y./Benjamin Cardozo HS
9	Meaghan FitzGerald	D/M	5-8	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Summit Country Day School
11	Sara Murphy	D	5-8	Jr.	Mendham, N.J./Pingry School
12	Kendall Bradley	M/F	5-6	So.	Durham, N.C./Durham Academy
13	Lorraine Quinn	M	5-2	Sr.	Farmingdale, N.Y./Farmingdale HS
14	Christie McDonald	D	5-8	Sr.	Newnan, Ga./Newnan HS
15	Molly Lester	D	5-4	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./The Lovett School
16	Elisabeth Redmond	F/M	5-6	Jr.	Morristown, N.J./The Lawrenceville School
17	Marybeth Kreger	M	5-6	So.	Noblesville, Ind./Noblesville HS
18	Kelly McCann*	D	5-7	Sr.	Carlsbad, Calif./LaCosta Canyon
19	Madeline McEwen	M	5-9	So.	Durham, N.C./Riverside HS
20	Emily Nahas	GK	5-8	Fr.	Brookline, Mass./Buckingham Browne & Nichols
21	Molly Mack	D	5-7	Fr.	Dallas, Texas/Greenhill School
22	Chelsea Canepa	F	5-7	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz./Xavier College Prep
23	Ashley Rape	D	5-8	Fr.	Dallas, Texas/Greenhill School
25	Lynnea Pappas	M	5-9	So.	Parma, Ohio/Holy Name/Valparaiso

Head Coach: Robbie Church (Pfeiffer, 1981)

*Captains

Associate Head Coach: Billy Lesesne (Erskine, 1987)

Assistant Coaches: Nathan Kipp (UNC Greensboro, 2000)-goalkeepers; Carla Overbeck (North Carolina, 1990)

Athletic Trainer: Emily Norcross (Sonoma State University, 2001)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jane Alukonis	Al-uh-cone-is
Chelsea Canepa	Chel-see ... Kan-eh-pah
KayAnne Gummersall	Gum-er-sahl
Marybeth Kreger	Kre-ger
Billy Lesesne	Luh-sane
Madeline McEwen	Mick-ew-n
Emily Nahas	Nay-haas
Lynnea Pappas	Lynn-nay-uh ... Pap-pus
Sonja Sahlsten	Saul-sten

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Georgia	2
New Jersey	2
Ohio	2
Texas	2
Illinois	1
Indiana	1
Pennsylvania	1
Oklahoma	1
Arizona	1
Massachusetts	1

By Height

5-11	1
5-9	4
5-8	9
5-7	4
5-6	4
5-4	2
5-2	1