

## UNC Stuns Coach K, Duke in Legendary Final Four Bout

A fairly tale ending for Coach K's last hoorah fell hard on its head in Duke's shocking 81-77 loss to UNC in the Final Four.

Paolo Banchero led Duke with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Trevor Keels had 19 points off the bench. The duo joined Wendell Moore Jr., who had 10 points, as the only three Blue Devils to reach double-figure scoring on the night for Duke.

While neither team was excellent from the charity stripe, North Carolina was slightly better at a 70% clip to Duke's 60%, not to mention the timely misses that the Blue Devils suffered chasing the game with under a minute to play.

For the Tar Heels, it was a tale of two halves for Brady Manek, Armando Bacot, and Caleb Love. The former of the three combined for 53 points against Duke in Durham, the last time the team's met, yet only tallied nine points combined at the break in this unprecedented Final Four matchup.

In the 2nd half, Manek caught fire from beyond the arc, connecting on three second half triples en route to his 14 points, including one that put UNC up by two with under two minutes to play.

Bacot only finished with 11 points, but dominated the glass in grabbing 21 rebounds, which ties UCLA's Nick Collison for most rebounds in a Final Four game. Returning to action after turning his ankle for his team was just as important as any bucket Carolina scored in the game as well.

Then there's Love, who showed the world his second half heroics didn't end in the sweet 16 against UCLA. After only having six points at half-time last night, Love started the second half strong when he nailed a much needed Carolina three as they faced their largest deficit of the night. He'd go on to score 21 in that half, as his three-pointer with under 30 seconds will certainly rank among the all-time great shots in UNC history.

UNC will face Kansas in the National Championship game on Monday night. The Jayhawks lead the NCAA Tournament series versus UNC 4-2, and have won three straight.

