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Devils' work on Pullen demonstrates their 'D'

This will not count as a road win for the Duke Blue Devils. The people in the crowd wore mostly purple, and they cheered loudly on the few occasions when Kansas State managed



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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

something worthy of applause. Officially, though, this will be considered a "neutral" court victory.

As if there is anywhere No.

1 Duke can play where fans will remain neutral.

This will be a big year for Duke lovers, and a hard year for the legions who love to hate the Blue Devils. The team's 82-68 destruction of No. 4 Kansas State in the championship of the CBE Classic—it really wasn't that close—was an emphatic statement this re-imagined lineup is far more potent than the one that claimed the 2010 NCAA championship.

We expected that, however. What was less certain was how rapidly Duke might grow at the defensive end, where coach Mike Krzyzewski is restoring the aggressive approach he'd employed through most of his tenure but abandoned because it did not suit last season's champs.

The verdict? Ask All-America guard Jacob Pullen. With Duke freshman Kyrie Irving and senior Nolan Smith taking turns in his grill, Pullen scored 4 points and shot 1-of-12 from the field. He managed just one assist. K-State, as a team, turned

over the ball 21 times.

Irving's 17 points, six assists, two steals and complete command of the game led him to the CBE Classic's MVP award. On a team with two seniors—Smith and Kyle Singler—who've topped 1,000 career points, Irving already has established himself as the most talented and dangerous player. Irving might be the most gifted player in Division I this season.

"We played great, because they're a heck of a team," Krzyzewski told ESPN afterward. "I thought our toughness throughout from our players, especially on the boards—the defensive boards—was outstanding."

After Duke was pushed to the edge in the CBE semifinal Monday against Marquette, this figured to be a game in which the Blue Devils could see an early end to their perfect record. That concern did not last long.

Duke surged in front for good seven-plus minutes into the game and built its first double-digit lead four minutes later. It got close after that, but never really competitive.

The victory was the 800th for Krzyzewski at Duke, making him the fifth Division I coach to reach that milestone at a single school. He has 873 wins overall, fourth on the all-time list—just four short of passing Kentucky's Adolph Rupp and seven from eclipsing his longtime rival, North Carolina's Dean Smith.

"He took me to school today," K-State coach Frank Martin told the media afterward.

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CHARLIE RIEDEL / AP
Nolan Smith, right, helped Duke get coach Mike Krzyzewski his 800th win at Duke.

Irving makes presence felt

KANSAS CITY—Kyrie Irving didn't wait long to make his mark at Duke.

The freshman guard scored 17 points and did an outstanding defensive job on Jacob Pullen and the top-ranked Blue Devils beat No. 4 Kansas State to win the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic.

Irving was a heralded recruit coming out of St. Patrick's H.S. in New Jersey, and there weren't many who didn't think he would be a star in college before heading to the NBA.

Five games into his college career, he gave quite a performance in a neutral-site game that certainly wasn't.

"I definitely saw a lot of purple shirts in the crowd, so it felt like an away game," Irving said of the game played about two hours from the Kansas State campus.

—The Associated Press

Kansas St.	39	29	—	68
Duke	47	35	—	82

KANSAS ST.	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Asprilla	20	2-4	1-3	2-5	1	4	5
Judge	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Pullen	30	1-12	1-2	0-3	1	2	4
Russell	12	3-3	0-0	1-3	1	5	7
McGruder	36	3-10	1-2	3-7	3	2	7
Southwell	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Irving	22	5-8	0-1	0-0	1	2	11
Ojeleye	5	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
He-Roberts	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kelly	25	8-11	3-7	3-6	1	2	19
Samuels	29	4-9	4-7	1-6	1	4	12
Spradling	13	1-1	1-1	0-2	1	4	3
Totals	200	27-58	11-23	15-39	10	26	68

Percentages: FG .466, FT .478. 3-Point Goals: 3-17, .176 (Irving 1-1, Russell 1-1, Pullen 1-8, Samuels 0-2, McGruder 0-5). Team Rebounds: 5. Blocked Shots: 3 (Samuels, Asprilla, Ojeleye). Turnovers: 21 (Kelly 6, Asprilla 5, Pullen 4, Spradling 2, McGruder 2, Samuels, Russell). Steals: 3 (Pullen, Asprilla, Samuels). Technical Fouls: None.

DUKE	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Ma Plumlee	33	3-7	4-8	2-5	0	3	10
Singler	34	4-9	2-2	1-3	0	3	11
Kelly	10	2-2	0-0	1-3	0	3	5
Irving	31	5-12	7-7	0-5	6	4	17
Smith	35	6-16	5-7	0-5	4	1	17
Thomton	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Hairston	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Dawkins	19	4-4	0-0	0-1	0	4	11
Mi Plumlee	12	0-0	5-6	2-3	1	4	5
Curry	20	2-4	1-1	0-1	2	0	6
Peters	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-54	24-31	9-31	13	25	82

Percentages: FG .481, FT .774. 3-Point Goals: 6-12, .500 (Dawkins 3-3, Singler 1-1, Kelly 1-1, Curry 1-2, Irving 0-2, Smith 0-3). Team Rebounds: 5. Blocked Shots: 3 (Singler, Ma. Plumlee, Curry). Turnovers: 14 (Irving 3, Smith 2, Singler 2, Thomton 2, Ma. Plumlee 2, Dawkins, Curry, Kelly). Steals: 11 (Curry 5, Irving 2, Ma. Plumlee, Kelly, Singler, Mi. Plumlee). Technical Fouls: None.

A: 18,696. Officials: Bryan Kersey, Ray Natili, Sean Corbin.



LARRY KOLVOORD / AP

Gary Johnson, right, had nine points in Texas' rout Tuesday.

NO. 20 TEXAS 84, SAM HOUSTON STATE 50

Barnes collects 500th win, gets friendly jabs

AUSTIN, TEXAS—The losing coach was respectful.

The star player cracked a joke about him getting old.

That's how it is for Texas coach Rick Barnes: Earn career win No. 500, and he gets praise from his peers and friendly jabs from his own team.

"I think he's getting old, that's all," said sophomore Jordan Hamilton, who scored 25 points for the No. 20 Longhorns.

The win made Barnes just the 12th active major college coach to reach the 500-win milestone and just the 50th in NCAA history.

Barnes, whose career record is

500-250, got sentimental about his 24 seasons at George Mason, Providence, Clemson and Texas.

"I've been extremely well blessed. I have an incredible family. It hasn't been easy on them all the time," Barnes said. "I thought about some of the players I've coached. Some of them are in their 40s now. Life is a vapor, it goes by so quick. I can tell you exactly what I wore in the first game. It seems like yesterday."

For the record, it was a blue pinstripe suit and a green tie.

"It looked good," Barnes said.

First-year Sam Houston State coach Jason Hooten is 2-1 in his career and pondered what it will take to get 498 more.

"That's a long way" to 500, Hooten said. "It couldn't happen to a greater guy. I just want to win one more."

—The Associated Press

NO. 22 GONZAGA 66, MARQUETTE 63

Zags take 3rd at CBE Classic

KANSAS CITY—Gonzaga stopped a rare two-game losing streak by getting in a zone—a 2-3 zone.

Steven Gray scored 20 points and the 22nd-ranked Bulldogs beat Marquette in the third-place game of the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic.

The Bulldogs (3-2) lost to then-No. 25 San Diego State 79-76 last week and to No. 4 Kansas State 81-64 in the semifinals on Monday, a rare losing blowout.

The zone made the difference as the Bulldogs held Marquette well below the 50 percent shooting mark they allowed in the losses.

"We've always played a lot of zone especially early in our seasons and sometimes late in our seasons," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "I've been kicking myself on getting away from it a little bit. Today I was telling myself that I had to have more of a conviction to stay in it a little bit. We strung some stops together. Our guys were more comfortable in it. We talked in timeouts and they wanted to stay in our 2-3."

Elias Harris had 19 points and reserve Mangisto Arop had 15, 10 in the second half when he kept the Bulldogs in front as Marquette (4-2) kept chipping away at an 11-point second-half deficit.

—The Associated Press

Gonzaga	42	24	—	66
Marquette	33	30	—	63

GONZAGA	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Harris	37	8-19	2-3	4-8	3	2	19
Monninghoff	15	0-2	0-0	2-3	0	2	0
Sacre	27	2-6	1-2	6-7	0	4	5
Goodson	36	1-3	0-0	2-9	4	1	2
Gray	38	6-17	3-5	0-6	2	4	20
Carter	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Arop	22	7-8	1-2	3-4	0	0	15
Stockton	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Olynyk	10	1-3	0-0	0-3	0	1	2
Hart	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dower	6	1-1	1-1	0-1	0	2	3
Totals	200	26-60	8-13	17-44	9	17	66

Percentages: FG .433, FT .615. 3-Point Goals: 6-17, .353 (Gray 5-11, Harris 1-4, Olynyk 0-1, Arop 0-1). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 2 (Sacre 2). Turnovers: 17 (Sacre 5, Harris 4, Olynyk 2, Monninghoff, Gray, Dower, Carter, Goodson). Steals: 3 (Gray, Olynyk, Sacre). Technical Fouls: None.

MARQUETTE	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Butler	38	7-13	6-9	2-6	1	2	22
Otule	16	2-2	0-0	0-2	0	4	4
Johnson-Odom	25	4-12	3-4	0-4	1	4	13
Blue	24	1-7	2-2	1-4	2	2	4
Buycks	32	3-8	2-2	0-2	6	3	9
Smith	1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Cadougan	25	0-1	1-2	1-3	1	2	1
Crowder	32	4-9	1-2	1-4	1	1	10
Gardner	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	21-54	15-21	8-28	12	19	63

Percentages: FG .389, FT .714. 3-Point Goals: 6-21, .286 (Butler 2-5, Johnson-Odom 2-7, Crowder 1-2, Buycks 1-5, Blue 0-2). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 2 (Crowder, Otule). Turnovers: 10 (Buycks 4, Blue 3, Smith, Cadougan, Johnson-Odom). Steals: 8 (Crowder 5, Blue 2, Cadougan). Technical Fouls: None.

A: NA. Officials: Roger Ayers, Brian Dorsey, Raymond Styons.

Sam Houston St.	18	32	—	50
Texas	33	51	—	84

SAM HOUSTON ST.	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Crow	24	3-9	0-0	1-5	1	5	6
Clavell	25	6-22	3-4	5-7	0	3	15
Bootle	27	6-11	4-4	5-9	0	3	16
Murray	24	1-4	0-0	0-4	3	1	3
Pevehouse	28	0-4	0-0	1-1	1	4	0
Williams	18	2-7	0-0	0-1	0	0	4
Randle	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
James	21	3-9	0-0	3-5	0	1	6
Richardson	26	0-5	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Thompson	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	21-72	7-8	17-38	6	19	50

Percentages: FG .292, FT .875. 3-Point Goals: 1-10, .100 (Murray 1-3, Crow 0-1, Richardson 0-2, Williams 0-2, Pevehouse 0-2). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 2 (Richardson, Bootle). Turnovers: 15 (Richardson 4, Clavell 3, Murray 3, Crow 2, Pevehouse 2, Thompson). Steals: 4 (Bootle, Richardson, Clavell, Pevehouse). Technical Fouls: None.

TEXAS	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Johnson	25	4-9	1-2	1-9	1	4	9
Thompson	28	1-4	1-2	3-4	0	3	3
Hamilton	27	9-12	5-6	0-9	0	1	25
Balbay	23	6-8	2-2	1-3	3	0	14
Joseph	26	3-5	3-4	1-3	4	1	9
Lucas	19	4-10	0-0	0-2	2	1	8
Morgan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Brown	21	4-9	3-3	0-3	1	2	12
Wangmene	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
Hill	14	1-1	0-0	1-6	1	1	2
Dick	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Melchionni	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	33-60	15-19	9-43	12	15	84

Percentages: FG .550, FT .789. 3-Point Goals: 3-10, .300 (Hamilton 2-2, Brown 1-3, Joseph 0-2, Lucas 0-3). Team Rebounds: 4. Blocked Shots: 6 (Hill 3, Thompson 2, Brown). Turnovers: 14 (Balbay 3, Johnson 3, Brown 3, Joseph 2, Thompson, Hamilton, Wangmene). Steals: 4 (Brown 2, Balbay 2). Technical Fouls: None.

A: 10,683. Officials: Mark Whitehead, Gary Maxwell, Randy Heimerman.