

## **Blue Devil Challenge Schedule Announced**

Duke will face La Salle, Bucknell and Southern Indiana

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## PRINCETON, N.J. -

Duke will play host to Bucknell, La Salle and Southern Indiana in The Blue Devil Challenge, a three-game round robin tournament that begins on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Duke will host three games at Cameron Indoor Stadium: Nov 17. vs Bucknell, Nov. 21 vs La Salle and Nov 24 vs Southern Indiana.

In addition to playing at Duke, La Salle will host Bucknell (Nov 14) and Southern Indiana (Nov 17). Bucknell will get a home game versus Southern Indiana (Nov 20) to complete the schedule.

<u>Duke</u> is coming off a 27-9 season and won the ACC Tournament in the first year of the Jon Scheyer era. 2023 ACC Rookie of the year Kyle Filipowski will return to Durham for his sophomore season to lead a Duke team that is ranked #1 in ESPN's Early Preseason Top 25.

<u>La Salle</u> reached the Quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 Tournament in 2023 after winning 15 games in Fran Dunphy's first year as head coach of the Explorers.

<u>Bucknell</u> will be led by first year head coach John Griffin III. Griffin III spent the last four seasons as the Associate Head Coach at St Joseph's. He reached two NCAA tournaments as a player at Bucknell from 2004-2008 and two NCAA Tournaments as an assistant coach at Bucknell in 2017 and 2018.

<u>Southern Indiana</u> went 16-17 in their first season as a Division I program and earned a postseason bid to the College Basketball Invitational. Stan Gouard will look to build momentum as he returns for his fourth year as the head coach of the Screaming Eagles.

Below is the full schedule for the event:

Tuesday Nov 14

Bucknell vs La Salle

Friday Nov 17

**Bucknell vs Duke** 

Southern Indiana vs La Salle

Monday Nov 20 Southern Indiana vs Bucknell

Tuesday Nov 21 La Salle vs Duke

Friday Nov 24 Southern Indiana vs Duke

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