



Saturday, March 16, 2024 – Semifinal Round - Game 12
#6 Duquesne 70, #7 St. Bonaventure 60
Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

DUQUESNE NOTES (23-11)

- > Duquesne is making its ninth straight appearance at the Atlantic 10 Championship after missing the tournament in 2013, the second time the Dukes missed the championship (Duquesne has appeared in 43 of the 47 championships in Atlantic 10 history – the second most championship appearances behind UMass' 45 appearances)
- > The Dukes are 24-42 all-time in their 43 Atlantic 10 appearances, 4-5 under head coach Keith Dambrot
- > This is the second straight 20-win season for Duquesne under Keith Dambrot, third overall (21-9 in 2019-20 is the other)
- > The Dukes won 20 games for the fourth time in the past 43 years
- > It's the first back-to-back 20-win seasons for the Dukes since 1970-71 and 1971-72
- > The 23 wins are the most for Duquesne since 1953-54 when the Dukes won 26 games
- > The Dukes are a six seed at the Atlantic 10 Championship for the second straight year and won for the third time in eight tries as a six-seed
- > Duquesne is on a seven-game winning streak (longest of the season) and have won 9 of its last 10
- > The Dukes defeated a team three times in one season for the first time since defeating Rhode Island thrice in 1994-95
- > Duquesne advances to the championship game for the second time in as many seasons when someone connected with the school won the Bob Vetrone Media Award (Ray Goss, longtime radio announcer won it in 2009 and Dave Saba, retired SID, won it this year)
- > Senior Dae Dae Grant, a 2024 Second Team All-Atlantic 10 pick, scored a game-high 27 points to bring his collegiate career total to 2,205
- > 1,034 of Grant's career points have come at Duquesne as he becomes the 40th player to score 1,000 points at Duquesne
- > Grant connected on six three-pointer to bring his season total to 97, third all-time at Duquesne

- > Grant was 1-for-1 at the free throw line to bring his season free throw percentage to .951 (137-144), second in the NCAA
- > Grant entered the championship fourth in the Atlantic 10 in scoring (16.7) and is averaging 18.3 ppg in three Atlantic 10 Championship games this year
- > Grant made his 146th career start in his 151st career game
 - > Senior Jimmy Clark III, a 2024 Second Team All-Atlantic 10 and All-Defensive Team selection, scored 18 points, his 30th double figure scoring game, scoring in double figures in 11 of last 12
 - > Clark entered the game leading the Atlantic 10 in steals (2.4/game) and had three today to bring his season total to 81, the fourth most in a season for the Dukes, and his career total at Duquesne to 155, tenth best in school history
 - > Clark matched his career-high with eight rebounds
- > Grad student Fousseyni Drame appeared in his 156th collegiate contest

ST. BONAVENTURE NOTES (20-13)

- > St. Bonaventure is now 26-37 all-time in 40 appearances at the Atlantic 10 Championship, 16-12 under head coach Mark Schmidt who led the Bonnies to the 2012 Atlantic 10 title
- > The Bonnies are 5-5 all-time in Atlantic 10 Championship semifinal games
- > The Bonnies were seeded seventh for the fourth time, the first since 2011, and the Bonnies are 6-4 all-time as the seven seed
- > Schmidt's 302 career wins at St. Bonaventure is the most all-time for a Bonnies head coach
- > Redshirt junior Chad Venning, a 2024 Second Team All-Atlantic 10 selection, blocked one shot tonight, bringing his season total to 100, seventh best single season total in school history
- > Redshirt senior Darryl Banks III hit all six of his free throws to bring his season free throw percentage to .897 (87-97), the third best single season average for the Bonnies
- > Banks was a perfect 21-for-21 from the line in three Atlantic 10 Championships games this year, becoming the 14th player to shoot 100% in a championship series
- > Grad student guard Mika Adams-Woods dished out five assists to bring his career total to 424, one of four Atlantic 10 players with 400+ career assists

ATLANTIC 10 NOTES

- > Duquesne advances to face fifth-seeded VCU in the Atlantic 10 championship game on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on the CBS Sports Network at Barclays Center (it will be the first meeting between the two schools at the A-10 Championship)
- > No seven seed has ever won the Atlantic 10 title
- > Duquesne advances to its fourth Atlantic 10 Championship final game, the first since 2009, where the Dukes are 1-3 all-time
- > The Dukes won the first ever Atlantic 10 title in 1977
- > The last six seed to win the Atlantic 10 title was Richmond in 2022 (six seeds have won two of the last four A-10 titles)
- > This is the seventh year that the Atlantic 10 Championship is being contested in Brooklyn, N.Y., at Barclays Center