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### Duke Named ACC Volleyball Preseason Favorite

GREENSBORO, N.C. – The Duke University volleyball team has been selected the favorite for the upcoming Atlantic Coast Conference season according to the 2005 ACC Volleyball Preseason Poll, determined by a vote of the league's 12 head coaches. The Blue Devils return ten players from a team that posted a 20-10 record and a third place finish in the ACC in 2004.

Georgia Tech, a regional semifinalist in the NCAA Tournament a year ago, is predicted to finish second with 124 points, while Virginia is expected to finish third with 108 points. Four points separate Miami (4th - 100 points), Florida State (5th - 99) and North Carolina (6th - 96). Rounding out spots seven through 12 are defending ACC champions Maryland (72), Clemson (69), Virginia Tech and Wake Forest (41), Boston College (33) and NC State (17).

### 2005 ACC Volleyball Preseason Poll

	Points	2004 Record
1. Duke (8) .....	136 .....	20-10
2. Georgia Tech (3) .....	124 .....	27-7
3. Virginia (1) .....	108 .....	19-11
4. Miami .....	100 .....	17-9
5. Florida State .....	99 .....	18-11
6. North Carolina .....	96 .....	19-15
7. Maryland .....	72 .....	18-15
8. Clemson .....	69 .....	20-14
9. Virginia Tech .....	41 .....	13-16
Wake Forest .....	41 .....	13-17
11. Boston College .....	33 .....	20-12
12. NC State .....	17 .....	10-21

### 2005 ACC Volleyball Preseason All-ACC Team

Amy Beaver, North Carolina; Melissa Caldwell, Virginia; Carrie DeMange, Duke; Katie Esbrook, Virginia Tech; Ali Hausfeld, Duke; Tealle Hunkus, Duke; Karla Johnson, Miami; Sarah Kirkwood, Virginia; Lindsey Laband, Georgia Tech; Melissa Markowski, Virginia Tech; Dani Nyenhuis, North Carolina; Jennifer Randall, Georgia Tech; Brittany Ross, Clemson; Kristin Rust, Florida State; Andreza Santos, Florida State; Stephanie Smith, Maryland; Ulrike Stegemann, Georgia Tech; Rachel Wagener, Maryland.