

No. 1 Duke Falls to Loyola, 8-7, at the First Four

SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- Despite a fourth quarter rally and three goals from Ned Crotty, top-ranked Duke dropped an 8-7 loss to Loyola on Saturday night in front of 5,132 fans in San Diego, Calif. The game was the nightcap of The First 4 event that included Yale's win over Air Force. The Blue Devils fall to 4-1 on the year while Loyola improves to 2-2.

Trailing 5-2 heading into the final period, Duke pulled within 5-3 when Gibbs Fogarty scored at the 12:58 mark. Loyola answered with a goal by Patrick Kennedy just 12 seconds later to push the margin back to three.

Later in the quarter, Crotty scored three goals as the Blue Devils used a 4-0 run over a 4:07 span to take the lead, 7-6. Crotty tallied at the 8:21 and 6:55 marks before Matt Danowski's goal from Michael Ward with 5:24 on the clock tied the contest. Crotty's third goal of the night came with 4:14 remaining and pushed Duke into the lead for the first time in the game.

The Greyhounds responded with a goal by Andrew Spack at the 1:13 mark, and Greg Leonard provided the game-winner with just 38 seconds left. Danowski's shot with just four seconds remaining was saved by Loyola goalkeeper Alex Peaty, preserving the win for the Greyhounds.

Loyola darted to a 4-1 lead after one period and led 5-1 at intermission. Duke's Nick O'Hara scored the only goal of the third quarter.

Dan Kallaugher dominated the X for the first three quarters as Loyola secured eight-of-10 draws. Led by Dan Oppedisano, the Blue Devils won seven-of-nine draws in the final 15 minutes to creep back into the game. Oppedisano finished the night with seven wins in 12 attempts.

For Duke, goalkeeper Dan Loftus was credited with eight saves while Peaty posted 12 saves. O'Hara scooped up a team-high 10 ground balls for the Blue Devils.

Duke travels to face North Carolina next Saturday at 12 noon.

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San Diego, Calif. - The cardiac kids were at it again on Saturday night in San Diego. The Greyhounds, who scored two goals in the final 22 seconds of last week's win at Penn State, scored two goals in the final 73 seconds this Saturday night to defeat No. 1 Duke 8-7.

Playing the top-ranked Blue Devils in the featured match-up of the 2007 First Four Lacrosse Tournament at University of San Diego's Torero Stadium, the Greyhounds escaped with a thriller after surrendering a four-goal lead.

Loyola, which picked up 11 more groundballs than the Blue Devils, won 10-of-19 face-offs and shut the door on Duke's prolific scoring attack with outstanding goalie play from sophomore Alex Peaty, who finished the game with 12 saves.

The Greyhounds jumped out front early, scoring five of the game's first six goals. Junior Paul Richards scored first, and after an answer from Duke's Matt Danowski, the `Hounds caught fire, scoring three times in three minutes and thirty seconds.

Junior Shane Koppens started that run with his fifth goals of the season, senior Patrick Kennedy also scored his fifth goal of the year, and senior Dan Bauers notched his eighth goal this season to put Loyola up by a score of 4-1 at the end of the first quarter.

The Greyhounds played a strong possession game in the second quarter, picking up key groundballs and keeping the Blue Devils off the scoreboard. Peaty played a major role in Duke's inability to score with five saves in the quarter alone. Three of those saves came at point-blank range to hold Duke to its lowest halftime score in over four years.

On the offensive side of the ball, Loyola added its fifth goal of the game with three seconds left on the first-half clock. Senior Ryan Rabidou took a feed from senior Cory Coffman and bounced a shot past Duke goalie Dan Loftus to give the Greyhounds a 5-1 edge.

Much like the second stanza, the third quarter only saw one goal, which came in the opening eight seconds of the half. Scored by Duke's Nick O'Hara, the Blue Devils cut the lead to 5-2, but once again were stymied by Loyola's defense.

Duke, however, played like the top-ranked team in the nation and never gave up. The Blue Devils rallied with five of the next six goals and just like the week before in Penn State, scored with less than five minutes left in regulation to take a one goal lead.

Trialing 7-6 with the clock winding down, the Greyhounds needed to make a play. Senior Dan Kallaugher, who gave Loyola possession with success in the face-off x all night, picked up one of his game-high 10 groundballs to get the `Hounds rolling.

With only 1:13 left on the clock, senior Andrew Spack fired a shot that embedded into the cage's back twine, and in the process, gave Loyola new life. With the crowd of more than 5,000 cheering on the Greyhounds, Loyola regained possession for senior Greg Leonard's last-second heroics.

Leonard scored with 38 seconds left in regulation and Peaty secured the win with a save with three ticks on the clock to give the `Hounds their second straight come-from-behind victory in the final two minutes of the fourth quarter.

The win improves Loyola's record to 2-2 this season and drops Duke to 4-1. The Greyhounds, who are 1-0 in the ECAC, return to conference play next week when they host St. John's at Diane Geppi-Aikens Field.

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Score by Period      1  2  3  4  Tot
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Loyola.....      4  1  0  3  -  8
Duke.....          1  0  1  5  -  7
  
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Attendance: 5,132

Loyola SCORING:

GOALS: Kennedy, Patrick 2; Rabidou, Ryan 1; Richards, Paul 1;
 Koppens, Shane 1; Bauers, Dan 1; Leonard, Greg 1;
 Spack, Andrew 1.

ASSISTS: Coffman, Cory 1; Kallaugher, Dan 1; Rabidou, Ryan 1;
 Richards, Paul 1.

Duke SCORING:

GOALS: Ned Crotty 3; Matt Danowski 2; Nick O'Hara 1;
 Gibbs Fogarty 1.

ASSISTS: Fred Krom 1; Michael Ward 1.

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SHOTS BY PERIOD      1  2  3  4  Tot
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Loyola.....     11  7  8  4  -  30
Duke.....         8  7  6 12  -  33
  
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SAVES BY PERIOD 1 2 3 4 Tot

Loyola.....	1	5	3	3	-	12
Duke.....	4	1	2	1	-	8

GROUND BALLS BY PRD 1 2 3 4 Tot

Loyola.....	17	12	14	5	-	48
Duke.....	9	7	8	13	-	37

TURNOVERS BY PRD 1 2 3 4 Tot

Loyola.....	4	6	6	4	-	20
Duke.....	4	3	8	5	-	20

FACE-OFFS BY PRD 1 2 3 4 Total

Loyola.....	5-6	2-2	1-2	2-9	-	10-19
Duke.....	1-6	0-2	1-2	7-9	-	9-19

CLEARs BY PERIOD 1 2 3 4 Total

Loyola.....	4-5	3-5	5-6	3-3	-	15-19
Duke.....	4-5	2-3	4-5	3-3	-	13-16

EXTRA-MAN OPPS 1 2 3 4 Total

Loyola.....	0-1	0-1	0-5	0-0	-	0-7
Duke.....	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	-	0-3

PENALTIES - Loyola 3/2:30; Duke 7/6:00.

SCORING SUMMARY:

	Prd	Time	Team	Type	Goal Scorer	Assists	H-V
1.	1st	11:03	LOY	EVEN	Richards, Paul (2)...	Unassisted.....	0-1
2.		9:45	DU	EVEN	Matt Danowski (14)...	Unassisted.....	1-1
3.		8:11	LOY	EVEN	Koppens, Shane (5)...	Unassisted.....	1-2
4.		5:04	LOY	EVEN	Kennedy, Patrick (5).	Rabidou, Ryan (5)...	1-3
5.		4:41	LOY	EVEN	Bauers, Dan (8).....	Richards, Paul (3)..	1-4
6.	2nd	0:03	LOY	EVEN	Rabidou, Ryan (5)....	Coffman, Cory (4)...	1-5
7.	3rd	14:52	DU	EVEN	Nick O'Hara (3).....	Unassisted.....	2-5
8.	4th	12:58	DU	EVEN	Gibbs Fogarty (7)....	Fred Krom (3).....	3-5
9.		12:46	LOY	EVEN	Kennedy, Patrick (6).	Kallaugher, Dan (1).	3-6
10.		8:21	DU	EVEN	Ned Crotty (2).....	Unassisted.....	4-6
11.		6:55	DU	EVEN	Ned Crotty (3).....	Unassisted.....	5-6
12.		5:24	DU	EVEN	Matt Danowski (15)...	Michael Ward (2)....	6-6
13.		4:14	DU	EVEN	Ned Crotty (4).....	Unassisted.....	7-6
14.		1:13	LOY	EVEN	Spack, Andrew (3)...	Unassisted.....	7-7
15.		0:38	LOY	EVEN	Leonard, Greg (4)....	Unassisted.....	7-8