

The whole world will be watching as Duke and UNC renew their basketball rivalry for the \_\_\_\_\_ (**large number**) time Thursday night in Cameron Indoor Stadium. Without a doubt it is the \_\_\_\_\_ (**superlative adjective**) rivalry in all of college basketball, and possibly all of sport. Located just \_\_\_\_\_ (**Number between 5 and 25**) miles apart, when it comes to basketball these two schools have a rivalry as bitter as \_\_\_\_\_ (**person or business or country**) and Donald Trump . It brings to mind all the great players who have played in this rivalry \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (**2 obscure former Duke players, 2 obscure former UNC players**). Even if your favorite color is \_\_\_\_\_ (**non-blue color**), Thursday it's all about the Battle of the Blues.

For North Carolina, the key to the game will likely be \_\_\_\_\_ (**something basketball related**) as they've been inconsistent with that at times this season. \_\_\_\_\_ (**current UNC player**) needs to continue to play well at both ends of the floor, while I'm expecting \_\_\_\_\_ (**another UNC player**) to have a big game based on some of the matchups he's likely to see. But don't forget--they're playing in Cameron; you know the Craziest are going to be \_\_\_\_\_ (**adjective**), and you have to wonder if that's going to rattle \_\_\_\_\_ (**UNC freshman or Nate Britt**). Although I expect we'll see a few \_\_\_\_\_ (**southern colloquial term or phrase**) from Roy Williams on the sidelines, he knows how to handle himself in these situations, making the coaching match-up a relative toss-up.

For Duke, some of their losses this season can be explained by injury, but what's really been off is their \_\_\_\_\_ (**something basketball related**) and they're not going to beat UNC without a good game in that area. In order to have a good shot at winning, \_\_\_\_\_ (**current Duke player**) has to stay healthy first and foremost--they need him on the floor. The good news for Duke is they don't have to worry about falling behind because they have shooters who can make up the difference in a hurry--if you're a Blue Devil fan it would be nice to see \_\_\_\_\_ (**another Duke player**) get it going early and keep it going all game. And there's the wild card from the Duke bench--with all the different lineups they've used and personnel changes they've had on the floor and on the sidelines, I wouldn't put it past Coach K to \_\_\_\_\_ (**something outrageous**)

As always, you can throw out the \_\_\_\_\_ (**basketball noun**) when these two teams meet up. It really comes down to which team \_\_\_\_\_ (**Valentine's Day verb**) it more. One thing is for certain: it will be louder than \_\_\_\_\_ (**something loud**) when the ball is tossed Thursday night. ACC officials have not garnered high praise from fans this season, some of whom have even compared them to \_\_\_\_\_ (**animal**) feces, so for their sake I hope the game doesn't come down to a controversial call. But it's Duke-Carolina, so you could see anything, even \_\_\_\_\_ (**a celebrity**) yukking it up with \_\_\_\_\_ (**an ESPN media member**) at halftime or a \_\_\_\_\_ (**graduate school**) student run out on the court with a sign that says \_\_\_\_\_ (**famous slogan**). Again--anything can happen. What will happen? After a back and forth game of runs, ultimately I expect \_\_\_\_\_ (**Duke or UNC**) to prevail in a close game--possibly even overtime.