

Redick's rising star

Duke player's fame spreading beyond basketball

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Fame is as much a part of J.J. Redick's life at Duke as his picture-perfect jumper and his uncanny accuracy at the free-throw line. Perhaps it's all in the name.

Born Jonathan Clay Redick, he was known to his family as Jay when he was a toddler. When friends would ask his older twin sisters what they called their baby brother, they each responded.

Only it came out, "Jay" and "Jay," and the moniker stuck. Hence one of the most recognizable names in college basketball.

"When I was in junior high, on the first day, I would say my name," Redick said. "The teacher would be like, 'That sounds like a famous name.' It's definitely a good name to have."

Few can match Redick's celebrity, whatever the reason. Certainly, some of it comes simply from being the best player on the No. 1 team in the nation. The Blue Devils are 13-0 heading into Sunday night's game at No. 23 Wake Forest.

Yet Redick also is one of a handful of players who appear to transcend the sport, much as former Blue Devils players Christian Laettner and Grant Hill did before him.

"Being who I am is tough, but I'm not complaining," Redick said. "It goes with the territory. For me, I sometimes get weary of the autograph seekers and the media stuff, but you get used to it."

This season, there is a new phenomenon surrounding Redick. Many of his female fans are expressing their support with colorful posters, including some before a recent game against Bucknell. A few of the more creative ones were:

- "All I want for my birthday is J.J."



Duke's J.J. Redick, right, shoots a 3-pointer over Bucknell's Jason Vegotsky during Monday's game at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C.

- "J.J., will you marry me? My boyfriend says it's OK."
- "J.J., you make my knees weak."

Redick's take on all this? "I guess I'm getting older, so now it's about that time I start thinking about marriage," he said with a laugh. "I don't see myself as a sex symbol or anything like that."

Of course, not everyone is enamored with Redick. Most crowds away from home take

great pleasure in taunting him mercilessly, including one particularly infamous incident at Maryland. He went to the line late in the game with Duke cruising to victory against the Terrapins and was greeted by sporadic obscenities caught on the live TV broadcast.

No wonder Redick jokingly refers to himself as the most hated player in the country. "I think part of it has to do with the Duke perception,"

said ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas, a former player at the school. "There's not a whole lot you can find wrong with the kid. He's a nice-looking young man who shoots the eyes out of the bucket and writes poetry."

Regardless, Redick is enjoying his best season. He averages a career-high 25.3 points — about four points more than a year ago — which puts him on pace to become the leading scorer in school history.

He sits sixth, 422 points behind current assistant coach Johnny Dawkins. At his present rate, Redick would move to No. 1 sometime during the regular-season finale against North Carolina.

"What J.J. has done, which I think is terrific, is that he's been able to be a great shooter while becoming a great leader," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "It's very difficult to do both, because a great shooter and scorer needs such concentration that he can't pay too much attention to everything else."

Passing Dawkins isn't very high on Redick's list of goals, which starts with the obvious: winning the NCAA title. He and the Blue Devils reached the Final Four two years ago, the only time they have made it that far during his first three seasons.

"My expectations were to have won a national championship by now, and obviously that hasn't happened," he said.

Individually, Redick couldn't ask for much more. He is the reigning player of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the only returning first-team member of The Associated Press All-America team.

He led the ACC with 21.8 points a game as a junior and continued his remarkable free-throw shooting. Despite some "struggles" this season — at 87 percent, he's still among the best in Division I — Redick is the career NCAA leader at 92.9 percent.



Wisconsin's Tanner Bronson, right, brings the ball up court with Iowa's Brett Wessels defending during their game Thursday in Madison, Wis.

Iowa looks to upset Illinois

Offense will be key to beating Illini

By LUKE MEREDITH
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DES MOINES, Iowa

Iowa hopes to discover its shooting touch when No. 6 Illinois visits Iowa City today.

Iowa (11-4, 0-1 Big Ten) missed its first 13 shots in the second half and lost 66-52 against Wisconsin on Thursday. The Hawkeyes better find their touch if they want to avoid an 0-2 start in Big 10 play.

"We've got to put this game in the past," Iowa point guard Jeff Horner said after the Hawkeyes lost to the Badgers. "We can't start 0-2 this year. To get a split against Illinois and Wisconsin would be pretty good."

Illinois (15-0, 1-0) hasn't missed a beat since reaching the national title game in April. The Illini beat No. 7 Michigan State 60-50 Thursday for their 54th win in 55 regular-season games.

After winning both the Big Ten regular-season and conference titles last season, many thought Illinois would slip back in the pack after losing guards Deron Williams and Luther Head to the NBA.

Point guard Dee Brown has been their saving grace. Brown almost left for the pros as well but decided to return for his senior season after breaking his foot during an NBA pre-draft camp in Chicago in June.

Brown is healthy and playing some of the best basketball of his

career. He has moved back to the point, his natural position, and is averaging 15.5 points and 5.5 assists a game this season.

Brown exploded against Michigan State, scoring a career-high 34 points.

"A lot of it has to do with Dee Brown. He's a special talent," Alford said. "He's a great leader, not just by his actions. He verbalizes it very well."

Illini forward James Augustine has combined with Brown to give the Illini one of the country's top inside-outside combinations. Augustine is averaging 9.3 rebounds a game and shooting 63 percent from the field.

Freshman Jamar Smith has stepped into the void left by Williams and Head and provided Illinois with a dangerous perimeter threat off the bench, connecting on 55 percent of his 3-point attempts.

Iowa was riding a hot streak of its own before running into the Badgers. The Hawkeyes had won four straight, and buried 17 of 35 3-point attempts in wins against Robert Morris and Saint Louis.

But the Hawkeyes shot just 30 percent against Wisconsin and scored just 18 points in the second half.

"Our offense just totally shut down in the second half, and it was discouraging in the second half that our defense didn't tighten up and do the things we needed to do," Alford said.

NCAA gathers for annual meeting

Organization steps up antigambling efforts

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INDIANAPOLIS

The NCAA this year will bolster its antigambling program with individual talks by FBI agents to each of the 32 teams in the regional rounds of the men's and women's basketball tournaments.

Previously, warnings were given only at the Final Fours, but the NCAA expanded its efforts as a result of its latest study that showed 69 percent of male college athletes and 47 percent of female athletes participated in some form of gambling.

"The study shows it is a problem. As such, we're trying to be proactive. Before problems happen, let's handle it," the NCAA's Rachel Newman-Baker said Friday at the start of the association's annual convention.

More than 2,300 delegates registered for the four-day series of meetings.

NCAA President Myles Brand



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Rachel Newman-Baker of the NCAA on the group's antigambling measures

will give his State of the Association address at the opening business session today, followed by the presentation of the NCAA's Gerald Ford Award to former Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh, an author of the Title IX legislation on gender equity, and former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden.

U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona was the keynote speaker on Friday and urged delegates to promote physical fitness on their campuses, not only for athletes but also for the entire student body.

Another session Friday focused on the colleges' need to balance their employees' work and family obligations, which often are biased against women in promotions and the granting of tenure, said Claire Van Ummersen, vice president and director of the Office of Women in Higher Education.

Virginia Tech dismisses Marcus Vick from team

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va.

Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick was dismissed from the team Friday, the result of numerous legal transgressions and his unsportsmanlike conduct in the Gator Bowl.

University president Charles Steger announced the dismissal the same day coach Frank Beamer met with Vick and his mother, the school said. Beamer informed them of the decision during the meeting.

Vick, the younger brother of Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, was suspended from school in 2004 for legal problems. The junior came under new scrutiny this week after replays showed he stomped on the left calf of Louisville All-American defensive end Elvis Dumervil during the Jan. 2 bowl.



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Baked Cod	Carved Roast Beef	Chicken and Noodles	Beef Au Jus	Grilled Teriyaki Chicken Breast, Oriental Vegetables and Rice	Breaded Pork Loin with Country Gravy	Baked Salmon
Batter Dipped Alaskan Pollock	Stuffed Pork Loin with Sage Dressing	Turkey Pot Pie	JB's Fried Chicken	Beef or Turkey Manhattan	Turkey Au Jus	Fried Shrimp
JB's Fried Chicken	FF Shrimp	Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce	Carved Roast Beef	Turkey Tetrazzini	Turkey Pot Pie	Baked Cod
Chicken and Noodles	Turkey Au Jus	Carved Turkey Breast	Carved Turkey Breast	8oz. Ribeye Steaks and Sautéed Mushrooms	Turkey Pot Pie	Fried Haddock Almondine
Carved Roast Beef	Turkey Pot Pie	FF Shrimp	FF Shrimp	Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce	Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce	Beef Au Jus
Carved Turkey Breast	Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce	Rib-eye Steak	Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce	JB's Fried Chicken	Carved Turkey Breast	JB's Fried Chicken
FF Shrimp	Carved Turkey Breast	Beef or Turkey Manhattan	Rib-eye Steak	Carved Roast Beef	FF Shrimp	Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce
Beef or Turkey Manhattan	Rib-eye Steak	Italian Lasagna	Beef or Turkey Manhattan	Turkey Pot Pie	Beef Stroganoff over Buttered Egg Noodles	Carved Turkey Breast
Beef/Chicken Thigh Combo	Beef or Turkey Manhattan	Fried Biscuit Battered Perch	Beef/Chicken Thigh Combo	Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce	Beef or Turkey Manhattan	FF Shrimp
Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce	Beef/Chicken Thigh Combo	Reuben Sandwiches	Chopped Steak with Cheese, Bacon and Onions	Country Fried Steak	Baked Tilapia	Rib-eye Steak
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