

~LIVE! Rhode Island vs Duquesne Live Stream NCAA Basketball Game On TV Channel 2026

The Atlantic 10 Tournament continues its march through PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh, where the hometown No. 7 seed Duquesne Dukes (17–14) are set to clash with the No. 10 seed Rhode Island Rams (16–15) in a pivotal second-round matchup.

March 12, 2026



While the Dukes enjoy the comforts of playing just blocks away from their campus, the Rams enter the arena with the memory of a dominant regular-season victory over Duquesne just eight days ago. This "rubber match" is more than just a bracket advancement; it is a battle for local pride and a chance to keep a season-saving run alive in the Steel City.

Game Information

Feature Details

Matchup	No. 10 Rhode Island vs. No. 7 Duquesne
Event	2026 Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Championship
Location	PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh, PA
Tip-Off	Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 5:00 PM ET
TV Channel	USA Network
Betting Line	Duquesne -1.5 (O/U 138.5)
	The Seasonal Seesaw: 1-1

The 2025–26 series between these two programs has been defined by home-court dominance.

Meeting 1 (Feb. 1, 2026): Duquesne handled the Rams with ease in Pittsburgh, securing a 76–61 victory. Jimmie Williams was the star of the night, dropping 22 points as the Dukes utilized a 10–1 second-half run to pull away.

Meeting 2 (March 4, 2026): Rhode Island got their revenge in Kingston, suffocating the Dukes in a 64–52 win. The Rams' defense held Duquesne to a season-low 34% from the field, while Tyler Cochran notched a massive double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Now, on a neutral floor in the heart of Pittsburgh, the tie must be broken.

Key Storylines & Tactical Outlook

1. The "Home" Neutral Site

Though the game is officially at a neutral site (PPG Paints Arena), it is essentially a home game for the

Dukes. Duquesne's UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse is less than a quarter-mile away, and the "Dukes Nation" is expected to turn the arena into a sea of red and blue. Rhode Island, meanwhile, has struggled significantly on the road this season, losing 14 of their last 20 games away from Kingston.

2. The Return of the Dukes' Magic

Duquesne enters this tournament on the heels of one of the most historic comebacks in NCAA history. On March 7, the Dukes erased a 30-point deficit to defeat Richmond 79–77. David Dixon provided the game-winning tip-in as time expired. That emotional high could either serve as a fuel-injector for this tournament run or leave the Dukes prone to an emotional letdown.

3. Rhode Island's Defensive Blueprint

In their March 4 win over Duquesne, the Rams found the secret to beating the Dukes: Disrupting Tarence Guinyard. Guinyard, an A-10 First Team selection, is the motor of the Dukes' offense. Rhode Island's Tyler Cochran (2.7 steals per game) spent the entire afternoon in Guinyard's jersey, forcing five turnovers. If Cochran can replicate that defensive intensity, the Dukes' half-court offense could stall again.

Players to Watch

Tarence Guinyard (DUQ): The First-Teamer averages 16.9 PPG. He is the first Duke to earn First Team honors in years and has a penchant for scoring late; he has scored 15+ points in the second half six times this season.

Tyler Cochran (URI): The most complete player for the Rams. He leads the team in points (14.8), rebounds (6.1), and steals (2.7). As Cochran goes, so go the Rams.

David Dixon (DUQ): The "Senior Day Hero." Dixon provides the rim protection (1.6 BPG) necessary to challenge Rhode Island's Keeyan Itejere in the paint.

Statistical Comparison

Category	Rhode Island	Duquesne
Points Per Game	70.2	79.1
Points Allowed	68.2	75.8
Assists Per Game	11.4	15.3
Rebounds Per Game	29.8	31.7

The stats lean toward Duquesne's high-octane offense, but the Rams' ability to slow the game down and defend the interior (only 68.2 PPG allowed) creates a fascinating contrast in styles.

The Verdict

The betting lines are razor-thin, with the Dukes holding a slight 1.5-point advantage. Experts and models (like numberFire) give Duquesne a 56.9% win probability. The key will be the glass: Duquesne owned a +10 rebounding margin in their win against Richmond, while Rhode Island dominated the boards in their win over the Dukes.

Whoever controls the "dirty work" in the paint will move on to the Atlantic 10 Quarterfinals to face the No. 2 seed George Mason Patriots on Friday.

Can the Dukes ride the momentum of their 30-point comeback?

Will Tyler Cochran stifle Guinyard again?

Is the Pittsburgh crowd enough to carry the Dukes?