



2026 STANDINGS

TEAM	ACC		OVERALL	
	W-L	PCT.	W-L	PCT.
Miami	4-0	1.000	6-0	1.000
Wake Forest	4-1	.800	6-1	.857
SMU	3-1	.750	5-1	.833
Clemson	2-1	.667	4-2	.667
North Carolina	2-1	.667	4-2	.667
Louisville	3-2	.600	4-3	.571
Pitt	2-2	.500	5-2	.714
California	2-2	.500	3-4	.429
Virginia Tech	2-2	.500	5-2	.714
Virginia	2-2	.500	4-3	.571
Georgia Tech	1-2	.333	2-4	.333
Duke	1-2	.333	4-2	.667
Boston College	1-2	.333	3-3	.500
NC State	1-2	.333	3-3	.500
Florida State	1-3	.250	3-4	.429
Stanford	1-3	.250	3-4	.429
Syracuse	0-4	.000	2-4	.333

THIS WEEK * WEEK 8

FEATURED GAMES

FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 23
7 P.M. ET



DUKE
AT
VIRGINIA

ESPN
ACC FOOTBALL FRIDAY

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24
NOON ET



PITT
AT
#1 MIAMI

ESPN
ACC HUDDLE

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24
7 P.M. ET



VIRGINIA TECH
AT
CLEMSON

ESPN
ACC PRIMETIME

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24
7:30 P.M. ET



SYRACUSE
AT
NORTH CAROLINA

ACC NETWORK
ACC NETWORK PRIMETIME

2026 SCHEDULE * WEEK 8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Duke at Virginia * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
NC State at Stanford * 10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Pitt at #1 Miami * Noon ET (ESPN)
California at #23 SMU * Noon ET (The CW)
Boston College at Georgia Tech * 3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Virginia Tech at Clemson * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Syracuse at North Carolina * 7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)

2026 SCHEDULE * WEEK 9

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

#23 SMU at Syracuse * Noon ET (ESPN2)
California at NC State * Noon ET (ACCN)
Boston College at Duke * Noon ET (The CW)
Stanford at Louisville * 3:15 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Virginia at #17 Wake Forest * 3:45 p.m. ET (TBA)
Clemson at Florida State * 7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
#1 Miami at North Carolina * 7:30 p.m. ET (TBA)
Georgia Tech at Pitt * 7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)

* conference game

QUICK HITS

STRONGEST NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE IN 2026

- ACC teams are scheduled to play 25 non-conference games against Power Four + Notre Dame – most of any conference.
- Includes nine games vs. SEC, five vs. B1G, five vs. Big 12 and six vs. Notre Dame.
- Two-thirds of the ACC's non-conference games are against Power Four or bowl-eligible teams.
- All 17 ACC teams will play at least 10 games vs. Power Four + Notre Dame.
- Three of the five FBS teams playing 11 or more games vs. Power Four + Notre Dame are from the ACC.
- 12 non-conference games against teams ranked in ESPN's 2026 Way-Too-Early Top 25.
- 12 games against teams ranked in the final 2025 College Football Playoff rankings and AP Top 25.
- 29 games against 23 teams that received a 2025 bowl invitation.

ACC AGAIN OWNED LABOR DAY WEEKEND WITH "FIVE DAYS OF ACC FOOTBALL"

- 14 teams competed in 12 games across five days (Thursday, September 3 – Monday, September 7).
- SMU at Florida State on Labor Day Monday marked the ACC's 17th consecutive year playing on Labor Day (excluding 2020) and 20th since 2005.
- The ACC led all conferences in Week 1 with five Power Four non-conference games.

ACC FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

- During the 2026 season, the ACC is playing a record 15 games on Fridays.
- Over the first six weeks, ACC teams will appear in nine Friday games, including four contests in Week 2.
- The league's Friday presence will continue in October and November, with:
 - At least one Friday night game will be played in each of Weeks 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13.
 - The Friday slate concludes Thanksgiving week with Florida at Florida State on Black Friday.

STRENGTH AND DEPTH OF ACC FOOTBALL

- Over the last three seasons, the ACC has had 11 or more bowl-eligible teams – the longest streak of any conference.
- Last year in 2025, the ACC had seven teams with nine or more wins on the season – the most in a single season in ACC history.
- Nine ACC teams had eight or more wins in 2025 – tied for the most in FBS and the most in a single season in ACC history.
- In 2024, four teams finished the season with 10 or more wins – the first time in ACC history.



FULL STANDINGS

STANDINGS	ACC		OVERALL		POINTS						VS. AP		VS. USA	
	W-L	PCT.	W-L	PCT.	FOR	OPP	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK	TOP 25		TOP 25	
Miami	4-0	1.000	6-0	1.000	291	84	3-0	3-0	0-0	W6	0-0		0-0	
Wake Forest	4-1	.800	6-1	.857	262	136	2-1	4-0	0-0	W4	1-1		1-1	
SMU	3-1	.750	5-1	.833	196	128	4-0	1-1	0-0	W3	0-1		0-0	
Clemson	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	134	129	3-1	1-1	0-0	W1	0-2		0-2	
North Carolina	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	141	115	1-1	2-1	1-0	W2	1-1		1-1	
Louisville	3-2	.600	4-3	.571	271	192	3-1	1-1	0-1	W2	1-1		1-1	
Pitt	2-2	.500	5-2	.714	230	115	4-1	1-1	0-0	L2	0-0		0-0	
California	2-2	.500	3-4	.429	167	194	2-3	1-1	0-0	L1	0-1		0-1	
Virginia Tech	2-2	.500	5-2	.714	260	148	3-1	2-1	0-0	W1	0-0		0-0	
Virginia	2-2	.500	4-3	.571	210	138	4-0	0-2	0-1	L1	0-1		0-1	
Georgia Tech	1-2	.333	2-4	.333	160	163	2-2	0-2	0-0	L1	0-1		1-1	
Duke	1-2	.333	4-2	.667	190	96	3-1	1-1	0-0	L2	0-0		0-0	
Boston College	1-2	.333	3-3	.500	122	138	3-1	0-2	0-0	W1	0-1		0-1	
NC State	1-2	.333	3-3	.500	198	166	3-1	0-2	0-0	L1	0-0		0-0	
Florida State	1-3	.250	3-4	.429	221	195	3-1	0-3	0-0	L2	0-3		0-3	
Stanford	1-3	.250	3-4	.429	128	256	3-1	0-3	0-0	W1	0-2		0-2	
Syracuse	0-4	.000	2-4	.333	190	154	1-2	1-2	0-0	L2	0-0		0-0	

ACC IN THE POLLS

2026 ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25 POLL

October 18, 2026

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Miami (40)	1697
2.	BYU (20)	1675
3.	Ohio State (9)	1649
4.	Notre Dame	1395
5.	Georgia	1382
6.	Indiana	1370
7.	Ole Miss	1360
8.	Texas Tech (1)	1336
9.	UCLA	1159
10.	Utah	1153
11.	Tennessee	1151
12.	Kentucky	932
13.	Alabama	870
14.	Houston	785
15.	Iowa	747
16.	USC	592
17.	Wake Forest	574
18.	LSU	529
19.	Texas	440
20.	Florida	355
21.	Boise State	295
22.	Missouri	290
23.	SMU	265
24.	Northwestern	254
25.	Arizona	136

(first-place votes in parentheses)

Others Receiving Votes:

Oklahoma State 128, Oregon 79, Auburn 61, James Madison 52, Mississippi State 30, New Mexico 6, Oregon State 3

2026 US LBM COACHES POLL TOP 25

October 18, 2026

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Miami (50)	1791
2.	Ohio State (13)	1725
3.	BYU (10)	1698
4.	Georgia	1469
5.	Texas Tech	1414
6.	Indiana	1378
7.	Ole Miss	1371
8.	Notre Dame	1332
9.	Utah	1222
10.	UCLA	1206
11.	Tennessee	1193
12.	Kentucky	979
13.	Alabama	813
14.	Iowa	807
15.	USC	796
16.	Houston	730
17.	LSU	569
18.	Texas	520
19.	Wake Forest	514
20.	SMU	458
21.	Missouri	274
22.	Boise State	266
23.	Northwestern	256
24.	Florida	250
25.	Oregon	189

(first-place votes in parentheses)

Others Receiving Votes:

Arizona 141, Oklahoma State 87, James Madison 80, Auburn 55, Mississippi State 32, Nebraska 19, Oregon State 17, New Mexico 16, UTSA 13, Michigan 10, North Dakota State 8, Wisconsin 7, **Duke 7**, **North Carolina 5**, **Pittsburgh 4**, Air Force 3, North Texas 1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS

First Rankings * November 3, 2026

Rk.	Team	Record
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ACC NOTES

ACC IN THE AP TOP 25 POLL

■ The ACC placed three teams in this week's AP Top 25, led by conference frontrunner Miami at No. 1, along with No. 17 Wake Forest and No. 23 SMU.

■ Miami earned 40 first-place votes and 1,697 points to remain atop the national rankings.

■ The Hurricanes are one of just three teams to receive at least nine first-place votes in this week's poll, joining BYU (20) and Ohio State (9).

■ Wake Forest (No. 17) and SMU (No. 23) give the ACC three ranked programs entering another key week of conference play.

ACC IN THE USA TODAY LBM COACHES POLL

■ The ACC placed three teams in this week's US LBM Coaches Poll, led by No. 1 Miami, No. 19 Wake Forest and No. 20 SMU.

■ Miami collected 50 first-place votes and 1,791 points to hold the top spot.

■ The Hurricanes received the most first-place votes of any team in the poll and are one of only three programs to earn double-digit first-place support.

■ Five ACC programs received votes in the poll, with Duke (7), North Carolina (5) and Pitt (4) joining Miami, Wake Forest and SMU.

ACC TEAMS AMONG NATION'S TOP 50 IN ESPN FPI

■ The ACC has 11 teams ranked in the top 50 of ESPN's Football Power Index (FPI) rankings, tied with the Big Ten for the second-most of any conference.

ACC Teams in the Top 50 of ESPN FPI

Rank	Team	FPI
4.	Miami	26.5
16.	Wake Forest	15.4
23.	Louisville	13.3
35.	SMU	9.8
36.	Florida State	9.6
37.	Pitt	9.2
41.	North Carolina	8.7
44.	Duke	7.8
47.	Virginia Tech	6.6
48.	Clemson	6.5
50.	Virginia	5.6

Teams by Conference in Top 50 of ESPN's FPI

Conference	# of Teams
SEC	14
ACC	11
Big Ten	11
Big 12	9
Pac-12	2
FBS Independent	1
Mountain West	1
Sun Belt	1

FOUR TEAMS AMONG NATION'S TOP 15 IN ESPN'S SOS

■ The ACC has four teams ranked in the top 15 of ESPN's Strength of Schedule (SOS) rankings – Stanford, Florida State, North Carolina and Clemson – second among all conferences represented.

ACC Teams in the Top 15 of ESPN's SOS

Rank	Team
4.	Stanford
7.	Florida State
14.	North Carolina
15.	Clemson

Teams by Conference in the Top 15 of ESPN's SOS

Conference	# of Teams
SEC	9
ACC	4
Big Ten	1
Big 12	1

TEAMS IN TOP 50 OF SSA SCHEDULE STRENGTH

■ The ACC has eight teams ranked in the top 50 of the Sports Source Analytics (SSA) Schedule Strength Rankings.

■ Six ACC programs rank among the top 33 – North Carolina (13), Clemson (15), Florida State (18), Stanford (22), California (29) and Louisville (33) – while Wake Forest (44) and Georgia Tech (50) also give the ACC eight teams in the group.

■ Nearly half of the ACC's 17 football members (8; 47.1%) are represented in the rankings.

ACC Teams in the Top 50 of SSA's Schedule Strength

Rank	Team	Ranking
13.	North Carolina	13.0
15.	Clemson	15.0
18.	Florida State	18.0
22.	Stanford	22.0
29.	California	29.0
33.	Louisville	33.0
44.	Wake Forest	44.0
50.	Georgia Tech	50.0

FBS TEAMS WITH DOUBLE-DIGIT POWER FOUR GAMES

■ A total of five FBS teams in all of college football are scheduled to play 11 or more games versus Power Four + Notre Dame in 2026, three of which are in the ACC.

FBS Teams with 11+ Games vs. Power Four + ND

Conf.	Team	# of Games
ACC	Boston College	11
ACC	Georgia Tech	11
ACC	Louisville	11
Big Ten	Purdue	11
Big 12	Colorado	11

■ A total of 59 Power Four teams this season are scheduled for 10 or more games versus fellow Power Four + Notre Dame, led by 17 ACC teams.

of Teams by Conference w/ 10+ Games vs. P4 + ND

Conference	# of Teams
ACC	17
SEC	16
Big Ten	13
Big 12	12
Independent	1

ACC WITH THE STRONGEST NON-CONFERENCE SLATE

■ No Power Four conference has played more non-conference games against Power Four opponents and Notre Dame than the ACC, with 17 such contests already played through Week 7 of the season.

Non-Conference P4 + ND Games Through Week 7

Conference	# of Games
ACC	17
Big Ten	14
Big 12	13
SEC	12

■ Of the ACC's 17 P4 non-conference contests, 10 were played away from ACC home stadiums – seven true road games and three neutral-site contests.

NON-CONFERENCE POWER 4 WINS

■ ACC teams have posted six non-conference wins against Power Four opponents and Notre Dame through Week 7, tied for the second-most among all Power Four conferences this season.

Non-Con. Wins Over P4 + ND Games Through Week 7

Conference	Wins
SEC	10
ACC	6
Big 12	6
Big Ten	4

FOUR STRAIGHT VS. THE BIG TEN

■ The ACC has won four straight games against the Big Ten. That is tied for the conference's longest streak over the last 30 seasons (December 30, 2016 – September 9, 2017).

Four Straight Wins Over the Big Ten

Date	Matchup	Result
Sept. 11	Rutgers at Boston College	BC, 28-21
Sept. 12	Wake Forest at Purdue	WF, 38-36 (2OT)
Sept. 12	Duke at Illinois	DU, 31-27
Sept. 19	Virginia Tech at Maryland	VT, 35-26

■ The ACC is 4-1 against the Big Ten this season, including four consecutive victories. Three of the ACC's four wins have come on the road.



ACC NOTES

MULTIPLE POWER 4 TRUE ROAD WINS

■ Wake Forest leads all FBS programs with four Power 4 true road wins this season, while Miami ranks tied for second nationally with three.

■ The ACC has four teams with multiple Power 4 true road wins – Wake Forest (4), Miami (3), North Carolina (2) and Virginia Tech (2) – the third-most of any conference.

■ The ACC is the only conference with two teams among the four FBS programs to record at least three Power 4 true road wins this season: Wake Forest and Miami.

Teams with Multiple P4 True Road Wins Through Week 7

Team (Conference)	Wins
Wake Forest (ACC)	4
Miami (ACC)	3
Kentucky (SEC)	3
UCLA (Big Ten)	3
Alabama (SEC)	2
Florida (SEC)	2
Georgia (SEC)	2
Indiana (Big Ten)	2
Iowa (Big Ten)	2
Mississippi State (SEC)	2
North Carolina (ACC)	2
Notre Dame (Independent)	2
Ohio State (Big Ten)	2
Tennessee (SEC)	2
USC (Big Ten)	2
Utah (Big 12)	2
Virginia Tech (ACC)	2

POWER 4 WINS LEADERS

■ Twenty-nine FBS teams have won three or more Power Four games thus far this season, seven of which hail from the ACC.

■ Wake Forest is tied with Notre Dame and UCLA with five Power 4 wins on the year, the most in all of FBS.

ACC Teams with 3+ P4 Wins Through Week 7

Team	P4 Wins
Wake Forest	5
Miami	4
Louisville	3
North Carolina	3
Pitt	3
SMU	3
Virginia Tech	3

Teams by Conference with 3+ P4 Wins Through Week 7

Conference	# of Teams
SEC	10
ACC	7
Big Ten	6
Big 12	5
FBS Independent	1

ACC TEAMS WITH TOP-25 RESUMES

■ #1 Miami –

- Undeclared with three Power 4 road wins, including at Clemson, Stanford and Wake Forest.
- Nation's most complete statistical profile: No. 1 in scoring offense and scoring defense through six games.
- Defeated Florida State in double overtime despite playing without several key contributors.
- Elite efficiency on both sides of the ball, led by QB Darian Mensah's nation-leading completion percentage and Total QBR.

■ #17 Wake Forest –

- Five Power 4 victories, tied for the most in the country.
- Only loss came to Miami, with the Demon Deacons immediately responding with a four-game winning streak.
- One of the nation's best road resumes with four Power 4 true road wins.
- Balanced team profile: 36.8 points per game with a top-25 strength-of-record profile.

■ #23 SMU –

- Owns a road Power 4 win at Florida State and their only loss coming at Louisville, then ranked No. 23.
- Consistently ranked throughout the season and owns multiple P4 wins (3).
- One of only a handful of teams nationally ranked in the top 25 in both passing offense and passing defense.
- Strong week-to-week body of work with a top-40 profile in SP+, FPI and strength of record.

■ Clemson –

- The Tigers have two Power 4 wins, with losses only to Top-25 opponents: LSU and undefeated Miami.
- Has played one of the nation's most difficult schedules, including a top-10 ESPN strength of schedule and No. 2 SSA schedule.
- Better than its record indicates: faced a significantly more demanding slate than most teams in the ranking conversation.
- Still projects favorably in advanced metrics and is favored in each of its remaining regular-season games.

■ Duke –

- Owns a Power 4 road win at Illinois and has four overall wins.
- Both losses have come by one score – 28-25 at Georgia Tech and 24-20 against North Carolina – leaving the Blue Devils four points from an unbeaten record.
- Has been one of the nation's most balanced rushing teams, ranking among the top 20 in both rushing offense and rushing defense through its first five games.
- Nate Sheppard remains one of the country's top rushers and gives Duke a clear, high-end offensive centerpiece.

■ Louisville –

- Owns a ranked win over SMU and has played a challenging Power 4 schedule.
- Isaac Brown and Lincoln Kienholz have powered one of the conference's most dangerous rushing attacks, including a 235-yard performance against Florida State.
- Remaining opportunities with games against North Carolina, Pitt and Kentucky to close out the season.

■ North Carolina –

- Opened the season with a neutral-site Power 4 win over TCU in Dublin.
- Remains unbeaten in non-conference play and has positioned itself for a strong second-half push.
- A quality top-25 case would be strengthened by a rivalry win at Duke and continued ACC success with wins over Pitt and the Blue Devils.

■ Pitt –

- The Panthers have five wins, including three over Power 4 opponents: UCF, Syracuse and Virginia Tech.
- Won 35-33 at Virginia Tech, a road result that continues to carry value as the Hokies moved to 5-2 with their win over Georgia Tech.
- The two losses are by a combined 10 points, including a four-point loss to North Carolina.
- A strong defensive foundation, led by one of the nation's top rushing defenses.

■ Virginia Tech –

- The Hokies have five wins, including Power 4 road victories at Maryland and Boston College.
- Responded from consecutive close conference losses with a 34-24 win over Georgia Tech.
- Both losses came by a combined seven points: 35-33 against Pitt and 25-20 at California.
- Has a challenging remaining schedule, with games at Clemson, SMU and Miami offering multiple opportunities to add to its resume.

DEPTH OF THE ACC ON FULL DISPLAY IN 2026

■ Three ACC teams have one loss or fewer through Week 7: Miami (6-0), Wake Forest (6-1) and SMU (5-1).

■ The ACC enters Week 8 with 12 of its 17 teams at .500 or better overall, including 10 programs with at least four wins.

■ The ACC has had 16 of its 17 teams win a conference game this season (94.1%). That is the highest share among all FBS conferences in 2026. (*Stats Perform*)

■ The ACC has had 16 conference games this season decided by one possession (eight or fewer points), the second most in the FBS. The conference has also had seven conference games decided by three or fewer points, tied for the second most in the FBS. (*Stats Perform*)



ACC NOTES

■ The ACC has seen 28 lead changes in the second half of conference games this season, the most in the FBS. The conference has had 16 fourth-quarter lead changes in conference games, also most in the FBS in 2026. (*Stats Perform*)

■ The ACC had four different conference games this decided by five or fewer points in Week 6 alone. That is the conference's most in any single week over the past 45 seasons. (*Stats Perform*)

NINE-GAME CONFERENCE SLATE BEGINS IN 2026

■ 2026 marks the ACC's transition to a nine-game conference football schedule, creating more head-to-head competition among league programs.

■ 12 of the ACC's 17 football programs will play nine conference games in 2026, along with at least one Power Four non-conference opponent.

■ Five programs – Boston College, Clemson, Florida State, Georgia Tech and North Carolina – will play eight ACC games in 2026 because of previously scheduled Power Four non-conference commitments.

■ Beginning in 2027, 16 of 17 programs will play nine ACC games each season, with one school rotating through an eight-game conference schedule and playing two Power Four non-conference opponents.

■ The broader scheduling model is designed to ensure every ACC program plays at least 10 games annually against ACC or other Power Four competition, strengthening overall schedule quality.

2026 ACC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

■ The 2026 ACC Football Championship Game will kick off on Saturday, December 5, at noon ET on ABC at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina.

■ 2026 marks the 14th consecutive year and the 18th time overall that the championship game will air on ABC.

■ ACC championship games have been televised on either ABC or ESPN every year since their inaugural season in 2005.

■ The ACC's top two teams will be showcased in the only Power Four conference championship game at noon ET.

ACC: THE CONFERENCE OF QB'S

■ ACC quarterbacks are delivering elite production across the board, leading the nation in 300-yard and 400-yard passing performances while filling the top of the national rankings in several offensive categories.

■ Several quarterbacks rank in the top 25 nationally in multiple categories, led by Miami's Darian Mensah, SMU's Kevin Jennings and Louisville's Lincoln Kienholz, as well as Florida State's Ashton Daniels and Wake Forest's Gio Lopez.

■ Miami's Darian Mensah is one of seven FBS players this century to throw at least 15 passing touchdowns and have zero interceptions through five games of a season, including Indiana's Josh Hoover in 2026. Each of the last four to do this was selected as a top-11 pick in the ensuing NFL Draft (2019 Justin Fields, 2019 Tua Tagovailoa, 2017 Baker Mayfield, 2014 Marcus Mariota; other QB was 2012 Geno Smith). (*Stats Perform*)

■ Miami QB Darian Mensah is the only Division I or NFL player in the last 30 seasons to have at least 15 passing touchdowns and an 84.0 completion percentage through five team games of a season. (*Stats Perform*)

■ Miami's Darian Mensah ranks in the top 25 nationally in 11 statistical categories:

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
1st	ESPN Total QBR	89.4
1st	Passing Efficiency	203.9
1st	Completion Percentage	80.8
1st	Yards Per Pass Attempt	10.56
4th	Passing Touchdowns	18
5th	Passing Yards Per Game	294.0
6th	Points Responsible For Per Game	20.0
9th	Total Offense Per Game	308.2
11th	Completions Per Game	22.50
12th	Points Responsible For	120
17th	Passing Yards	1,764

■ SMU quarterback Kevin Jennings ranks in the top 25 nationally in 11 statistical categories as well:

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
4th	Passing Yards Per Game	305.7
5th	Completion Percentage	72.9
6th	Total Offense Per Game	321.5
7th	Completions Per Game	23.33
9th	Passing Efficiency	175.4
10th	Passing Touchdowns	16
10th	Yards Per Pass Attempt	9.55
12th	Passing Yards	1,834
12th	Points Responsible For Per Game	18.0
18th	Points Responsible For	108
23rd	ESPN Total QBR	78.4

■ Louisville quarterback Lincoln Kienholz ranks in the top 25 nationally in 11 categories:

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
4th	Yards Per Pass Attempt	10.24
6th	Rushing Touchdowns	10
6th	Passing Yards Per Completion	15.24
8th	Points Responsible For	122
10th	Passing Yards	1,844
11th	Total Touchdowns	10
13th	Total Offense Per Game	299.3
16th	Passing Efficiency	168.3
16th	Points Responsible For Per Game	17.4
17th	Passing Yards Per Game	263.4
19th	Total Points Scored	60

■ Florida State quarterback Ashton Daniels ranks in the top 25 nationally in 10 statistical categories:

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
4th	Rushing Touchdowns	11
4th	Points Responsible For	140
5th	Passing Yards Per Completion	15.26
6th	Points Responsible For Per Game	20.0
8th	Total Touchdowns	11
9th	Total Points Scored	68
15th	Scoring (Points Per Game)	9.7
18th	ESPN Total QBR	81.5
23rd	Total Offense Per Game	281.7
24th	Yards Per Pass Attempt	8.94

■ Wake Forest quarterback Gio Lopez ranks in the top 25 nationally in 10 categories:

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
4th	Points Responsible For	140
5th	Passing Yards	1,947
6th	Points Responsible For Per Game	20.0
7th	Total Offense Per Game	314.3
8th	ESPN Total QBR	86.1
8th	Passing Touchdowns	17
12th	Passing Efficiency	172.8
14th	Yards Per Pass Attempt	9.41
14th	Passing Yards Per Game	278.1
18th	Passing Yards Per Completion	13.91

■ Virginia Tech quarterback Ethan Grunkemeyer ranks in the top 25 nationally in eight different categories:

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
4th	Completion Percentage	72.9
4th	Completions Per Game	23.86
4th	Passing Yards	1,984
8th	Points Responsible For	122
11th	Passing Yards Per Game	283.4
16th	Passing Touchdowns	15
16th	Points Responsible For Per Game	17.4
20th	Passing Efficiency	165.6



ACC NOTES

■ Other QBs Ranked in the Top 25 Nationally

Mason McKenzie - Boston College

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
21st	Total Offense Per Game	284.3

Alberto Mendoza - Georgia Tech

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
8th	Completion Percentage	71.2
9th	Completions Per Game	22.67
22nd	Passing Yards Per Game	254.7

CJ Bailey - NC State

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
23rd	Completions Per Game	21.00
25th	Passing Yards Per Game	251.2

Mason Heintschel - Pitt (*out for season*)

Rank	Statistical Category	Stat
20th	Passing Touchdowns	14

■ ACC quarterbacks have produced an FBS-leading 28 300-yard passing games, five more than the next conference.

QBs by Conference with 300-Yard Passing Games

Conference	Total
ACC	28
Big 12	23
Big Ten	16
American	14
CUSA	14
SEC	13
Pac-12	11
Sun Belt	11
MAC	4
Mountain West	4

■ The ACC has recorded seven 400-yard passing performances—the most of any conference and six more than the other Power Four conferences combined.

■ The ACC is the only Power Four conference to have more than one 400-yard passing game this season.

QBs by Conference with 400-Yard Passing Games

Conference	Total
ACC	7
Pac-12	3
Sun Belt	2
American	1
Big 12	1
MAC	1

■ Eight ACC quarterbacks rank among the top 40 in ESPN's Total QBR, the most of any conference.

■ Miami's Darian Mensah leads the country at No. 1 with an 89.4 QBR mark.

ACC QBs in the Top 40 in ESPN Total QBR

Rank	Quarterback (School)	QBR
1.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	89.4
8.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	86.1
18.	Ashton Daniels (Florida State)	81.5
23.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	78.4
27.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	76.1
29.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	75.4
34.	Billy Edwards Jr. (North Carolina)	71.5
39.	CJ Bailey (NC State)	69.2

QBs by Conference in the Top 40 in ESPN Total QBR

Conference	Total
ACC	8
Big Ten	8
Big 12	8
SEC	8
Pac-12	3
American	2
Sun Belt	2
FBS Independent	1

■ The ACC leads all conferences with seven quarterbacks ranked among the nation's top 25 in passing yards per game, three more than any other conference.

■ The ACC has two of the top five, three of the top 11 and four of the top 14 nationally.

ACC QBs in the Top 25 in FBS in Passing YPG

Rank	Quarterback (School)	YPG
4.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	305.7
5.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	294.0
11.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	283.4
14.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	278.1
17.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	263.4
22.	Alberto Mendoza (Georgia Tech)	254.7
25.	CJ Bailey (NC State)	251.2

QBs by Conference in the Top 25 in FBS in Passing YPG

Conference	Total
ACC	7
Big 12	4
SEC	4
American	3
Big Ten	3
Mountain West	2
MAC	1
Pac-12	1

■ Seven ACC quarterbacks rank in the top 31 nationally in passing yards this season, the most of any conference.

■ The ACC has four of the nation's Top 12: Virginia Tech's Ethan Grunkemeyer, Wake Forest's Gio Lopez, Louisville's Lincoln Kienholz and SMU's Kevin Jennings.

ACC QBs in the Top 31 in FBS in Passing Yards

Rank	Quarterback (School)	Yards
4.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	1,984
5.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	1,947
10.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	1,844
12.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	1,834
17.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	1,764
30.	Davis Warren (Stanford)	1,630
31.	Ashton Daniels (Florida State)	1,618

■ Eight ACC quarterbacks are averaging 20.00 completions per game or more this season, the most of any conference.

ACC QBs in the Top 32 in FBS in Comp. Per Game

Rank	Quarterback (School)	PG
4.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	23.86
7.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	23.33
9.	Alberto Mendoza (Georgia Tech)	22.67
11.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	22.50
23.	CJ Bailey (NC State)	21.00
27.	Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (Cal)	20.33
30.	Davis Warren (Stanford)	20.14
32.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	20.00

QBs by Conference in the Top 32 in FBS in Comp. Per Game

Conference	Total
ACC	8
Big Ten	5
SEC	4
American	3
Big 12	3
Mountain West	3
CUSA	2
MAC	2
Pac-12	1
Sun Belt	1

■ Eight ACC quarterbacks rank among the nation's top 40 in completion percentage on the season, tied for the most of all conferences.

■ The ACC has four of the nation's Top 8 most accurate passers: Miami's Darian Mensah, Virginia Tech's Ethan Grunkemeyer, SMU's Kevin Jennings and Georgia Tech's Alberto Mendoza.

■ Mensah's 80.8 percent completion rate leads the nation by a significant margin — 6.7 percentage points ahead of Georgia's Gunner Stockton (74.1%).

■ The ACC is the only conference with three QBs among the nation's Top 5 in completion percentage.



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ACC QBs in the Top 40 in FBS in Completion PCT.

Rank	Quarterback (School)	PCT
1.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	80.8
4.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	72.9
5.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	72.9
8.	Alberto Mendoza (Georgia Tech)	71.2
27.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	67.6
31.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	67.2
33.	Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (Cal)	67.0
T39.	CJ Bailey (NC State)	66.7

■ Five ACC quarterbacks rank among the nation's top 20 in passing efficiency, the most of any conference.

■ Miami's Darian Mensah leads the FBS with a 203.9 efficiency rating.

ACC QBs in the Top 20 in FBS in Passing Efficiency

Rank	Quarterback (School)	Effic.
1.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	203.9
9.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	175.4
12.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	172.8
16.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	168.3
20.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	165.5

QB's by Conference in the Top 20 in FBS in Passing Eff.

Conference	Total
ACC	5
Big 12	4
Big Ten	4
SEC	2
American	2
Pac-12	2
Sun Belt	1

■ Seven ACC quarterbacks rank among the nation's top 25 in total offense per game, the most of any conference.

■ The ACC is the only conference with seven players averaging at least 281 yards of total offense per game.

■ The ACC has four of the nation's top 13 in total offense per game — SMU's Kevin Jennings (6th), Wake Forest's Gio Lopez (7th), Miami's Darian Mensah (9th) and Louisville's Lincoln Kienholz (13th).

ACC QBs in the Top 25 in FBS in Total Offense

Rank	Quarterback (School)	YPG
6.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	321.5
7.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	314.3
9.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	308.2
13.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	299.3
21.	Mason McKenzie (Boston College)	284.3
23.	Ashton Daniels (Florida State)	281.7
T25.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	281.3

QB's by Conference in the Top 25 in FBS in Total Offense

Conference	Total
ACC	7
Big 12	6
SEC	5
American	3
Big Ten	2
Pac-12	2
CUSA	1

■ Six ACC quarterbacks have thrown at least 13 touchdown passes, tied for the most of any conference.

ACC QBs with 13 or More Passing Touchdowns

Rank	Quarterback (School)	TDS
T4.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	18
T8.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	17
T10.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	16
T16.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	15
T20.	Mason Heintschel (Pitt)	14
T27.	Beau Pribula (Virginia)	13

QB's by Conference with 13 or More Passing Touchdowns

Conference	Total
ACC	6
SEC	6
Big 12	5
Big Ten	4
American	3
Pac-12	3
Sun Belt	3
FBS Independents	1
MAC	1

HEINTSCHEL'S SEVEN-TD DAY SETS ACC RECORD

■ Pitt quarterback Mason Heintschel made ACC history in Week 1, throwing an ACC single-game record seven touchdown passes in the Panthers' 59-14 win over Miami (OH) on September 5.

■ Heintschel broke the previous ACC single-game record of six touchdown passes, a mark that had been reached 11 times previously, with the last being six by Sam Hartman of Wake Forest in a double-overtime loss to Clemson in 2022.

■ His seven touchdown passes also tied Pitt's school record, originally set by Pete Gonzalez in 1997.

■ He completed 31-of-41 passes for 453 yards, seven touchdowns and no interceptions, with all seven touchdown passes going to different receivers.

MORE ON MASON AT PITT

■ Pitt's Mason Heintschel became the first quarterback in ACC history to throw at least six touchdown passes in multiple games in the same season. He previously threw an ACC-record seven TD passes against Miami (Ohio) in Week 1.

■ He is the first FBS quarterback since C.J. Stroud and Bailey Zappe in 2021 to record multiple games with six-plus touchdown passes in the same season.

■ He was 29-of-37 passing (78.4%) for 403 yards, six touchdowns and zero interceptions, producing a 223.4 passing efficiency rating in the 59-0 win over Bucknell (September 26). He also rushed three times for 33 yards, giving him 436 yards of total offense.

MENSAH MAKES ACC HISTORY

■ Miami quarterback Darian Mensah completed his first 24 pass attempts in the Hurricanes' 33-20 road win at Wake Forest on September 18, setting an ACC single-game record for consecutive completions.

■ Combined with his final 11 completions against Florida A&M in Week 2 (September 10), Mensah completed an ACC-record 35 consecutive passes, finishing just one shy of the NCAA record of 36.

■ The senior completed 30-of-34 passes (88.2 percent) for 220 yards and three touchdowns without an interception.

DANIELS DELIVERS HISTORIC PERFORMANCE

■ Florida State quarterback Ashton Daniels rushed for a school-record five touchdowns in the Seminoles' 38-7 win over Virginia, tying the ACC single-game record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback by matching Georgia Tech's TaQuon Marshall against Tennessee on September 4, 2017.

■ Daniels became the only Division I or NFL player over the last 30 seasons with at least five rushing touchdowns, 150 passing yards and an 80-yard touchdown run in the same game.



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INTERESTING STATS OF NOTE

■ Miami outgained Florida A&M by 749 yards (856-107) in the Hurricanes' 77-7 win in Week 2, marking the largest single-game yardage differential in the FBS over the last 30 years. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Miami and SMU were the first ACC teams since 2003 NC State, led by Philip Rivers, to record 400 passing yards in each of their first two games of a season. Only three FBS teams in the last 10 seasons have done so in each of their first three games: 2016 Texas Tech, 2019 Washington State and 2023 Washington. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Duke running back Nate Sheppard was the only FBS player in the last 30 seasons to record at least 350 rushing yards and multiple receiving touchdowns through his team's first two games of a season. The only other player in that span with at least 300 rushing yards and multiple receiving touchdowns through two games was Boise State's Jay Ajayi in 2014. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Sheppard was also the first ACC player since Florida State's Dalvin Cook in 2015 to record at least 374 rushing yards and five touchdowns from scrimmage through his team's first two games of a season. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Nate Sheppard of Duke had eight total touchdowns over the first three games of the season. Only three ACC underclassmen this century have had eight scrimmage touchdowns through three team games of a season: James Conner (2014), Lamar Jackson (2016) and Nate Sheppard (2026). That is the most by any FBS conference during that time period. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Miami's Darian Mensah completed at least 85 percent of his passes in each of Miami's first three games. According to the AP, he is the first FBS quarterback in more than 30 years to complete at least 85 percent of his pass attempts in each of his first three games of a season.

■ With his 11 touchdown passes and zero interceptions through Miami's first three games, Mensah is in elite company. Five of the last six FBS quarterbacks to have such a start to the season went on to be selected with a top-15 pick in the ensuing NFL Draft – Caleb Williams (1), C.J. Stroud (2), Justin Fields (11), Tua Tagovailoa (5) and Justin Herbert (6). *(Stats Perform)*

■ The ACC had the FBS's leading passer in September (Kevin Jennings – 1,453) and the FBS's leading rusher (Nate Sheppard – 644). It is the only time this century that the ACC has had the FBS's leading passer and a rusher in a single September, October or November. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Wake Forest's Carlos Hernandez hauled in 194 receiving yards in the upset win over No. 16 Louisville, the most by an ACC player against a ranked opponent since the 2015 Peach Bowl (Florida State's Travis Rudolph – 201). *(Stats Perform)*

■ The ACC has had 25 different players this season rush for at least 100 yards in a game, which is tied for the most of any FBS conference.

■ The ACC owns two of the top three single-game rushing performances in the FBS this season, highlighted by Louisville's Isaac Brown, who rushed for an FBS-best 235 yards against Florida State on October 9. Duke's Nate Sheppard posted the nation's third-highest single-game total, rushing for 227 yards against Tulane in the season opener on September 5.

■ ACC freshmen have combined for seven 100-yard rushing performances this season, more than double the amount of any other FBS conference. ACC freshmen combined for just two 100-yard games thru Week 7 of last season.

■ There are seven FBS true freshmen with at least 300 rushing yards this season, and three of them are in the ACC, the most of any FBS conference. The ACC's 1876 rush yards by true freshmen are the most of any FBS conference.

■ The ACC had eight performances of at least 100 receiving yards in Week 7, most among all FBS conferences. That was the most for the ACC on any single calendar day since October 2, 2021 (also eight).

■ The ACC has had at least one team start 6-0 (or better) in every season since 2013. The only FBS conference with a longer active streak is the SEC (since 2004).

■ Syracuse's Umari Hatcher led the FBS in receiving yards in Week 7 (224). Hatcher is the second ACC player to lead the FBS in receiving yards for a week this season (Miami-Malachi Toney did it the weekend of September 5). The ACC is the only conference to have multiple players lead the FBS in receiving for a week this season.

ACC STANDOUTS SETTING THE NATIONAL PACE

■ In addition to the ACC's standout quarterbacks, several ACC players lead the nation and/or rank in the top 10 nationally in several individual statistical categories through Week 7.

ACC Players Leading the FBS Statistically (Top 10)

Rushing Yards Per Game		
Rank	Player (Team)	YPG
3.	Nate Sheppard (Duke)	136.7

Total Rushing Yards		
Rank	Player (Team)	Yards
6.	Nate Sheppard (Duke)	820

Rushing Touchdowns		
Rank	Player (Team)	TDs
T4.	Ashton Daniels (Florida State)	11
T6.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	10

Passing Yards Per Game		
Rank	Player (Team)	YPG
4.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	305.7
5.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	294.0

Total Passing Yards		
Rank	Player (Team)	Yards
4.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	1,984
5.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	1,947
10.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	1,844

Passing Efficiency		
Rank	Player (Team)	Effic.
1.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	203.9
9.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	175.4

Passing Touchdowns		
Rank	Player (Team)	TDs
T4.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	18
T8.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	17

Completion Percentage		
Rank	Player (Team)	PCT
1.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	80.8
4.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	72.9
5.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	72.9
8.	Alberto Mendoza (Georgia Tech)	71.2

Completions Per Game		
Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
4.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	23.86
T7.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	23.33
T9.	Alberto Mendoza (Georgia Tech)	22.67

Passing Yards Per Completion		
Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
5.	Ashton Daniels (Florida State)	15.26
6.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	15.24

Yards Per Pass Attempt		
Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
1.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	10.56
4.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	10.24
10.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	9.55



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Total Offensive Yards Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	YPG
6.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	321.5
7.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	314.3
9.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	308.2

Receptions Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
T1.	Malachi Toney (Miami)	8.33
T1.	Umari Hatcher (Syracuse)	8.33

Receptions

Rank	Player (Team)	Receptions
T3.	Malachi Toney (Miami)	50
T3.	Umari Hatcher (Syracuse)	50
T5.	Carlos Hernandez (Wake Forest)	49
T10.	Chase Hendricks (Cal)	47

Receiving Yards Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	YPG
3.	Umari Hatcher (Syracuse)	130.7
4.	Malachi Toney (Miami)	126.3
5.	Carlos Hernandez (Wake Forest)	102.9

Receiving Yards

Rank	Player (Team)	Yards
3.	Umari Hatcher (Syracuse)	784
4.	Malachi Toney (Miami)	758
7.	Carlos Hernandez (Wake Forest)	720

Yards Per Reception

Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
8.	Lawayne McCoy (Louisville)	20.52

Receiving Touchdowns

Rank	Player (Team)	TDs
T5.	Malachi Toney (Miami)	8
T8.	Umari Hatcher (Syracuse)	7

Total Touchdowns

Rank	Player (Team)	TDs
T5.	Nate Sheppard (Duke)	12
T8.	Ashton Daniels (Florida State)	11

Scoring

Rank	Player (Team)	PPG
T2.	Nate Sheppard (Duke)	12.0

Total Points Scored

Rank	Player (Team)	Points
T5.	Nate Sheppard (Duke)	72
9.	Ashton Daniels (Florida State)	68

Points Responsible For

Rank	Player (Team)	Points
T4.	Ashton Daniels (Florida State)	140
T4.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	140
T8.	Ethan Grunkemeyer (Virginia Tech)	122
T8.	Lincoln Kienholz (Louisville)	122

Points Responsible For Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	PPG
T6.	Darian Mensah (Miami)	20.0
T6.	Gio Lopez (Wake Forest)	20.0
T6.	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	20.0

Forced Fumbles

Rank	Player (Team)	Total
T3.	Aycen Stevens (Virginia Tech)	3

Fumbles Recovered

Rank	Player (Team)	Total
1.	Popo Aguirre (NC State)	3
T3.	Jaylen Harvey (North Carolina)	2
T3.	Tevarua Tafiti (Stanford)	2

Total Interceptions

Rank	Player (Team)	Total
T1.	Kingston Lopa (Cal)	5
T1.	Kaleb Beasley (Louisville)	5
T8.	Gregory Smith III (North Carolina)	3
T8.	Elliot Washington II (Clemson)	3
T8.	KP Price (Boston College)	3
T8.	Brandyn Hillman (Virginia)	3
T8.	Davien Kerr (Syracuse)	3
T8.	Raion Strader (Pitt)	3

Interceptions Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	PG
1.	Kingston Lopa (Cal)	0.83
2.	Kaleb Beasley (Louisville)	0.71
T8.	Gregory Smith III (North Carolina)	0.50
T8.	Elliot Washington II (Clemson)	0.50
T8.	KP Price (Boston College)	0.50
T8.	Brandyn Hillman (Virginia)	0.50
T8.	Davien Kerr (Syracuse)	0.50

Total Passes Defended

Rank	Player (Team)	Total
T3.	Ashton Hampton (Clemson)	10
T7.	Kaleb Beasley (Louisville)	8
T7.	Raion Strader (Pitt)	8
T7.	Davien Kerr (Syracuse)	8

Passes Defended Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	PG
1.	Ashton Hampton (Clemson)	1.67
T5.	Davien Kerr (Syracuse)	1.33
T9.	Elliot Washington II (Clemson)	1.17

Total Sacks

Rank	Player (Team)	Total
T2.	Aycen Stevens (Virginia Tech)	8.0
T4.	Xavier Lewis (North Carolina)	7.0

Sacks Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	PG
T2.	Xavier Lewis (North Carolina)	1.17
T4.	Aycen Stevens (Virginia Tech)	1.14

Total Tackles-for-Loss

Rank	Player (Team)	Total
T3.	Langston Hardy (Wake Forest)	11.0
T5.	Aycen Stevens (Virginia Tech)	10.5
T9.	Xavier Lewis (North Carolina)	10.0

Tackles-for-Loss Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	PG
T2.	Xavier Lewis (North Carolina)	1.67
T10.	Langston Hardy (Wake Forest)	1.57

Kickoff Return Average

Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
3.	Rahkeem Smith (Georgia Tech)	30.1
10.	Chris Johnson Jr. (Clemson)	25.3

Kickoff Return Touchdowns

Rank	Player (Team)	TDs
T3.	Jaden Jefferson (North Carolina)	1
T3.	Rahkeem Smith (Georgia Tech)	1

Punt Return Average

Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
1.	Que'Sean Brown (Virginia Tech)	24.3
7.	Bryant Wesco Jr. (Clemson)	16.4

Punt Return Touchdowns

Rank	Player (Team)	TDs
T5.	Knahlij Harrell (Virginia Tech)	1
T5.	Elgin Sessions (Georgia Tech)	1
T5.	Bryant Wesco Jr. (Clemson)	1

Combined Kick Returns

Rank	Player (Team)	Yards
5.	Chris Davis Jr. (Stanford)	402
7.	Rahkeem Smith (Georgia Tech)	381

Punting

Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
2.	Daniel Sparks (Virginia)	50.3

Field Goals Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
1.	Nolan Hauser (Clemson)	2.50

Field Goals Made

Rank	Player (Team)	FGM
T2.	Nolan Hauser (Clemson)	15

Field Goal Percentage

Rank	Player (Team)	PCT
T1.	Kanoah Vinesett (NC State)	100.0

All-Purpose Yards Per Game

Rank	Player (Team)	AVG
1.	Nate Sheppard (Duke)	179.83
T7.	Jeffrey Overton (Virginia Tech)	141.57
9.	Malachi Toney (Miami)	141.50

Blocked Kicks

Rank	Player (Team)	Total
T1.	Aaron Hampton (California)	2



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ACC OFFENSES LIGHTING UP THE SCOREBOARD

■ Ten different ACC teams have scored at least 56 points in a game this season.

■ The ACC has already surpassed its total from the entire 2025 season, with 10 different conference teams reaching the 56-point mark in a game. (*Stats Perform*)

■ Over half of the ACC's 17 football programs (10) have already produced a 56-point performance through Week 7 of the season.

ACC Teams with 56 or More Points in a Game this Year

Team (Opponent)	Points
Miami (vs. Florida A&M)	77
NC State (vs. Richmond)	73
Virginia Tech (vs. VMI)	73
Syracuse (vs. New Hampshire)	66
Duke (vs. William & Mary)	62
Pitt (vs. Miami (OH))	59
Pitt (vs. Bucknell)	59
Virginia (vs. Norfolk State)	59
Louisville (vs. Villanova)	59
Wake Forest (vs. Stanford)	57
SMU (vs. UC Davis)	56

■ The ACC has six teams that rank in the top 45 in FBS in scoring, led by Miami which leads the country at 48.5 points per game.

ACC Teams in the Top 45 in Scoring Offense

Rank	Team	PPG
1.	Miami	48.5
16.	Louisville	38.7
21.	Wake Forest	37.4
23.	Virginia Tech	37.1
44.	NC State	33.0
45.	Pitt	32.9

ACC OFFENSES RANK AMONG NATION'S BEST

■ ACC teams rank among the top 10 nationally across several major offensive categories.

Total Offense Yards Per Game

Rank	Team	YPG
1.	Miami	559.5
11.	Louisville	484.6

Passing Offense Per Game

Rank	Team	YPG
3.	Miami	333.0
5.	SMU	325.2

Passing Yards Per Completion

Rank	Team	AVG
9.	Florida State	15.04

Completion Percentage

Rank	Team	PCT
1.	Miami	80.3
2.	SMU	73.6
3.	Virginia Tech	73.3
9.	Georgia Tech	70.5

Team Passing Efficiency

Rank	Team	Effic.
1.	Miami	201.10
8.	SMU	176.10
10.	Wake Forest	171.66

Scoring Offense

Rank	Team	PPG
1.	Miami	48.5

First Downs Offense

Rank	Team	1st Downs
6.	Miami	174
8.	Virginia Tech	159
9.	Pitt	168

Fourth-Down Conversion Pct. Offense

Rank	Team	PCT
T8.	Virginia Tech	75.0

Fewest Sacks Allowed

Rank	Team	Total
T1.	Duke	2.0

Fewest Sacks Allowed Per Game

Rank	Team	AVG
T2.	Duke	0.33

Fewest Tackles-for-Loss Allowed

Rank	Team	Total
T2.	Miami	13.0
T4.	Duke	16.0

Fewest Tackles-for-Loss Allowed Per Game

Rank	Team	AVG
T2.	Miami	2.17
T6.	Duke	2.67

Time of Possession

Rank	Team	AVG
5.	Miami	33:58
6.	Syracuse	33:48

Fewest Turnovers Lost

Rank	Team	TOs
T5.	Duke	3
T5.	Miami	3
T5.	Virginia	3
T5.	Wake Forest	3

ACC DEFENSES AMONG THE NATION'S BEST

■ ACC teams rank in the top 10 nationally across several major defensive categories.

Scoring Defense

Rank	Team	PPG
7.	Miami	14.0

Rushing Defense

Rank	Team	YPG
1.	Pitt	57.3
2.	Miami	58.5
10.	Virginia	87.4

Red Zone Defense

Rank	Team	PCT
1.	Miami	58.3

First Downs Defense

Rank	Team	Total
T4.	Miami	92

Third-Down Conversion Pct. Defense

Rank	Team	PCT
4.	SMU	26.5
9.	Duke	29.2

Fourth-Down Conversion Pct. Defense

Rank	Team	PCT
5.	Miami	18.2
9.	Wake Forest	23.1

Team Sacks

Rank	Team	Total
5.	Virginia Tech	23.0
T10.	Florida State	19.0

Team Sacks Per Game

Rank	Team	AVG
6.	Virginia Tech	3.29

Team Tackles-For-Loss

Rank	Team	Total
1.	Virginia Tech	64
11.	Wake Forest	49

Team Tackles-For-Loss Per Game

Rank	Team	AVG
2.	Virginia Tech	9.1
T8.	SMU	7.8

Interceptions

Rank	Team	INTs
T7.	Pitt	9

Defensive TDs

Rank	Team	TDs
T6.	California	2

■ Seven teams rank in the top 40 of all of FBS in total defense, the second-most among all FBS conferences.

ACC Teams Ranked in the Top 40 of FBS in Defense

Rank	Team	YPG Allowed
6.	Miami	281.8
21.	Duke	292.7
26.	SMU	303.0
29.	Pitt	306.3
32.	Virginia Tech	314.7
35.	Wake Forest	322.6
38.	Virginia	326.6



ACC NOTES

ACC IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN IN WEEK 0

■ The ACC was the only Power Four conference to play a league game in Week 0 of the 2026 season, as NC State traveled to Virginia on Saturday, August 29. Virginia defeated NC State 34-8 in the 2026 conference opener.

■ Following extensive review with operational partners and international stakeholders, the game, which was originally scheduled to be played in Brazil, was relocated to Charlottesville, Virginia. This change followed communication from Athlete Advantage that the event could not be conducted.

WEEK 0 HIGHLIGHTS

■ ACC – Goes 3-0 in Non-Conference Play

- North Carolina, Florida State and Stanford all opened the season with victories, giving the ACC a perfect 3-0 non-conference record in Week 0.

■ ACC – ACC Makes Its Mark on Opening Weekend

- North Carolina opened the season with a 15-10 victory over TCU in the *Aer Lingus College Football Classic* in Dublin. The Tar Heels' defense held TCU scoreless over the final 49 minutes and snapped the Horned Frogs' streak of 30 consecutive regular-season non-conference games scoring at least 28 points.
- Stanford opened the season with a 37-27 win over Hawai'i, scoring 14 points in the final 1:41 after trailing 27-23. Micah Ford rushed for 99 yards and three touchdowns, including the go-ahead score, before Tevarua Tafiti's 31-yard strip-sack return for a touchdown sealed the victory. Running back Micah Ford became the first Stanford running back since Bryce Love in 2017 with at least 90 rushing yards and three touchdowns in a game.
- Florida State opened its season with a 34-17 win over New Mexico State. Samuel Singleton Jr. contributed both a receiving and rushing touchdown, while quarterback Ashton Daniels added a rushing score.
- Virginia rolled to a 34-8 conference win over NC State, holding the Wolfpack to just 168 yards of total offense. The Cavaliers rushed for 258 yards, their most in an ACC game since 2020. Virginia quarterback Beau Pribula accounted for 265 yards of total offense, completing 9-of-11 passes for 155 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 110 yards – the most by an FBS quarterback during Week 0.

WEEK 1 HIGHLIGHTS

■ ACC – Offenses Light Up the Scoreboard

- Three ACC teams scored 59 or more points in Week 1, as Virginia Tech posted 73 points, Syracuse scored 66 and Pitt totaled 59 against Miami (OH).
- The three teams scored at least 59 points on Saturday, September 5. That was the sixth calendar day in the last 40 years that at least three ACC teams reached that mark, previously done on September 21, 2024. (*Stats Perform*)

■ ACC – Leading the Way

- In Week 1, the ACC had the leading passer (Mason Heintschel – 453), leading rusher (Nate Sheppard – 227) and leading receiver (Malachi Toney – 234).
- This is the second time in the last 30 seasons that the ACC has done that in the regular season, along with Week 9 of 2018 (Ryan Finley - passer, Matt Colburn II - rusher, Kelvin Harmon - receiver). (*Stats Perform*)

■ Miami – National Statement

- No. 7 Miami opened the season with a 45-6 win at Stanford, scoring touchdowns on six of its first seven possessions.
- QB Darian Mensah completed 27-of-30 passes for a career-high 401 yards and five touchdowns.
- WR Malachi Toney set a Miami single-game record with 234 receiving yards. Toney added three touchdowns on 12 catches.

■ Pitt – ACC Record

- Pitt rolled past Miami (OH), 59-14, behind one of the best individual performances of the opening weekend.
- QB Mason Heintschel threw seven touchdown passes, tying the Pitt record and establishing a new ACC single-game record.
- Pitt finished with 646 yards of total offense, while Heintschel's seven TD passes went to seven different receivers.

■ Virginia Tech – Franklin Era Starts Fast

- Virginia Tech opened the James Franklin era with a 73-3 win over VMI, scoring 10 TDs.
- It was the Hokies' first 70-point game since a 77-27 win over Akron in 1995.
- VT scored the most points in a half (45) since the first half against Tulsa on December 26, 2015.
- The Hokies' defense recorded 18 tackles-for-loss, the most in a single game since at least 1987.

WEEK 2 HIGHLIGHTS

■ ACC – ACC Goes 12-1 in Non-Conference Play

- ACC teams won 12 of their 13 non-conference games during Week 2, including four wins over Power Four opponents (3-0 vs. Big Ten; 1-0 vs. Big 12).
- The ACC finished the entire weekend 13-2 when including Cal's 21-18 ACC win at Syracuse.

■ ACC – Perfect Against the Big Ten and Big 12

- The ACC went 4-0 against Power Four opponents from the Big Ten and the Big 12, with Boston College defeating Rutgers 28-21, Duke winning 31-27 at Illinois, Wake Forest taking a 38-36 double-overtime thriller at Purdue and Pitt holding off UCF 12-7.
- Those four opponents entered Week 2 a combined 3-1.

■ ACC – Five Teams Top 50 Points

- Miami (77), NC State (73), Louisville (59), Virginia (59) and SMU (56) gave the league five teams with 50+ points in Week 2. Those five teams combined for 324 points, an average of 64.8 points per game.
- Among all FBS conferences in Week 2, the ACC had the highest average points scored per game among its teams (39.8) and the fewest average points allowed per game (15.9).
- The ACC outscored opponents 579-218 (+361) across 14 Week 2 games.

■ ACC – Ranked Teams Roll

- No. 7 Miami, No. 17 SMU, No. 24 Louisville and No. 25 Virginia all won convincingly, outscoring their opponents 251-33. Miami beat Florida A&M 77-7, Louisville defeated Villanova 59-13, Virginia rolled past Norfolk State 59-3 and SMU defeated UC Davis 56-10.

■ Miami – Offense Explodes

- No. 7 Miami piled up an incredible 856 yards of total offense in its 77-7 win over Florida A&M.
- The Hurricanes scored on 11 of their first 12 possessions, recorded 42 first downs and had 453 yards by halftime.
- The 42 first downs was an ACC record for a single game, while the 856 total yards of offense was the second-most in the ACC behind only 858 by Florida State on November 7, 1992, versus Maryland.
- The 77 points scored tied the Miami record and tied for the fourth-most in ACC history, while the 70-point margin of victory ranks as the sixth-highest in ACC history.

■ NC State – Posts the Weekend's Biggest Shutout

- NC State posted a 73-0 victory over Richmond, giving the ACC two teams that scored at least 70 points during Week 2. Miami (77) and NC State (73) combined for 150 points while allowing just seven.
- The 73-point margin of victory marks the fourth-largest in ACC history and was the seventh-largest margin in NC State history.
- The 73 points scored were the most points scored at Carter-Finley Stadium by any team.
- NC State set single-game program records in rushing yards (428) and total yards of offense (734) in the win.



ACC NOTES

WEEK 3 HIGHLIGHTS

■ ACC — Four Teams Move to 3-0

- Duke, Miami, Pitt and Virginia Tech each improved to 3-0 during Week 3. Miami earned a 33-20 ACC road win at Wake Forest, Duke defeated Stanford 35-7, Pitt downed Syracuse 27-13 and Virginia Tech went on the road to defeat Maryland 35-26.

■ ACC — Conference Play Delivers

- Five ACC conference games were played during Week 3, with Pitt, Miami, Clemson, Louisville and Duke earning victories.
- Clemson produced the weekend's biggest comeback in conference play, overcoming an early 17-3 deficit and outscoring North Carolina 25-3 over the final 38:36 to earn a 28-20 victory.
- No. 23 Louisville knocked off No. 16 SMU 41-31 in the weekend's lone matchup between ranked ACC teams, while Duke rolled past Stanford 35-7.

■ ACC — QBs Put Up Big Numbers

- ACC quarterbacks continued their fast start in Week 3. Cal's Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele threw for 413 yards, Virginia Tech's Ethan Grunkemeyer passed for 314, Wake Forest's Gio Lopez threw for 312, while Miami's Darian Mensah established ACC records for consecutive completions.

■ ACC — Running Backs Continue to Produce

- The ACC has now had 18 different players rush for at least 100 yards in a game this season, the most among all FBS conferences and the conference's most different 100-yard rushers through Week 3 of a season over the last 30 years.
- Week 3 included another 150-yard performance from Duke's Nate Sheppard (154), 163 yards from Louisville's Keyjuan Brown and 197 yards from SMU's Kendrick Raphael.

■ Miami — Mensah Makes ACC History

- Miami quarterback Darian Mensah completed his first 24 passes in the Hurricanes' 33-20 road victory at Wake Forest, setting a new ACC single-game record for consecutive completions.
- Combined with his final 11 consecutive completions against Florida A&M in Week 2, Mensah completed 35 consecutive passes, also establishing a new ACC record for consecutive completions across multiple games. The previous ACC mark was 30 by North Carolina's Mitch Trubisky.
- Mensah finished 30-of-34 for 220 yards and three touchdowns and has now thrown 11 touchdown passes without an interception through Miami's first three games.

■ Duke — Sheppard Keeps Rolling

- Duke running back Nate Sheppard rushed for 154 yards and two touchdowns and added a receiving touchdown in the Blue Devils' 35-7 win over Stanford. He has now rushed for at least 150 yards in each of Duke's first three games.
- Sheppard has totaled 528 rushing yards through three games and scored eight total touchdowns. Duke piled up 268 rushing yards against Stanford and improved to 3-0.
- The victory was Duke's fifth consecutive win in an ACC opener, the longest such streak in program history, and extended the Blue Devils' overall winning streak to seven games.

■ Pitt — Panthers Stay Perfect

- Pitt improved to 3-0 with a 27-13 ACC victory over Syracuse on Thursday night.
- The Panthers rushed for 245 yards, led by freshman Damon Ferguson Jr.'s 102 yards and a touchdown. Pitt had three different players score rushing touchdowns in the victory.
- Pitt jumped out to a 17-0 advantage and never trailed, holding Syracuse to three points in the second half.

■ Virginia Tech — Hokies Snap Maryland's Streak

- Virginia Tech went on the road and defeated Maryland 35-26, improving to 3-0 and handing the Terrapins their first non-conference loss since 2019. Maryland entered the game riding a nation-leading 20-game non-conference winning streak.
- Quarterback Ethan Grunkemeyer threw for 314 yards and three touchdowns and added a rushing score. Tight end Luke Reynolds caught 12 passes for 107 yards and a touchdown.
- Virginia Tech never trailed and produced three consecutive scoring drives of at least 74 yards during the first half.

■ Louisville — Cardinals Win Ranked ACC Showdown

- No. 23 Louisville defeated No. 16 SMU 41-31 in a back-and-forth conference matchup that featured seven lead changes and 921 yards of total offense.
- Running back Keyjuan Brown rushed for 163 yards, highlighted by touchdown runs of 58 and 53 yards, while Isaac Brown added another rushing touchdown. Louisville finished with 41 points against an SMU team that entered the weekend unbeaten.
- The victory marked Louisville's first win over SMU.

■ Cal — Bears Pile Up Over 600 Yards

- California exploded for 626 yards of total offense in a 49-7 win over Wagner, the Bears' highest offensive output since totaling 679 yards at North Texas in 2023.
- Quarterback Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele completed 27-of-33 passes for a career-high 413 yards and three touchdowns, while Cal scored 29 first-quarter points — its most in a quarter since 2015.
- The Bears did not punt in the game, marking the first time Cal played an entire contest without a punt since 2017.

WEEK 4 HIGHLIGHTS

■ ACC — Takes Care of Business

- ACC teams went 7-0 in non-conference play in Week 4, with Miami, SMU, Pitt, Duke, Virginia, Florida State and NC State all earning victories.

■ ACC — Four Unbeatens Remain

- No. 4 Miami, Duke, Pitt and Virginia Tech are all 4-0, giving the ACC four undefeated teams through Week 4.

■ ACC — Big Offensive Numbers Across the League

- Five ACC teams scored 40+ points in Week 4 — Duke (62), Pitt (59), Miami (52), Virginia (42) and NC State (41) — while nine ACC teams scored at least 30 points.

■ ACC — Strong Defensive Performances

- Pitt posted a 59-0 shutout, while Miami allowed just three points, Virginia three, Florida State seven and Duke seven. Those five ACC teams combined to allow only 20 points in Week 4 victories.

■ Miami — Canes Continue to Roll

- The Hurricanes improved to 4-0 with a 52-3 victory over Central Michigan and have outscored opponents 207-36 this season — an average margin of 42.8 points per game.
- Miami QB Darian Mensah completed 23-of-27 passes for 338 yards against Central Michigan and, through four games, has thrown 14 touchdown passes without an interception while completing nearly 89 percent of his passes.

■ Wake Forest — Deacs Get a Ranked Road Win

- Wake Forest knocked off No. 16 Louisville, 30-27, giving the Demon Deacons a nationally significant road victory and improving them to 3-1 overall.
- Carlos Hernandez exploded for 194 receiving yards, while Gabe Kirschke sealed the victory by blocking a potential game-tying field goal in the closing seconds.



ACC NOTES

■ Virginia Tech — Hokies are 4-0

- Virginia Tech rallied past Boston College, 21-14, to improve to 4-0 for the first time since 2017. Jeffrey Overton Jr. rushed for a career-high 209 yards, including the game-winning 76-yard touchdown run.

■ Pitt — Panthers Put Up Record Numbers

- Pitt improved to 4-0 with a 59-0 shutout of Bucknell, setting school records with 766 yards of total offense and 574 passing yards. The Panthers' eight touchdown passes tied the ACC single-game team record.

■ Duke — Blue Devils Dominate Again

- Duke moved to 4-0 with a 62-7 victory over William & Mary, piling up 638 yards of offense while allowing just 170. The Blue Devils have now outscored opponents 145-44 through four games.

■ Stanford — Warren Puts on a Show

- Stanford's Davis Warren threw for a career-high 396 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-27 win over Georgia Tech and has opened the season with 143 consecutive pass attempts without an interception.

■ Clemson — Tigers Get It Done Out West

- Clemson earned a 24-10 road win at California, holding the Golden Bears to just 145 passing yards. Elliot Washington II recorded two interceptions, while Bryant Wesco Jr.'s 65-yard punt-return touchdown was Clemson's first punt-return TD since 2018.

WEEK 5 HIGHLIGHTS

■ ACC — Three Unbeatens Remain

- No. 4 Miami and Pitt improved to 5-0 with road wins at Clemson and Virginia Tech, respectively, while idle Duke remains unbeaten at 4-0. The ACC is one of only four conferences with three undefeated teams remaining.

■ ACC — Depth Continues to Show

- The ACC exits Week 5 with six teams with one loss or fewer: Miami (5-0), Pitt (5-0), Duke (4-0), SMU (4-1), Virginia Tech (4-1) and Wake Forest (4-1).

■ ACC — Half-Dozen 100-Yard Receivers

- The ACC had six different players with at least 100 receiving yards in Week 5, tied for the most among all FBS conferences.

■ Miami — Hurricanes Make a Statement

- No. 4 Miami remained unbeaten and moved to 3-0 in ACC play with a convincing 41-13 road win at Clemson. The Hurricanes improved to 5-0 for the second straight season and sit alone atop the ACC standings.

■ Pitt — Panthers Stay Perfect

- Pitt rallied from a 14-point deficit to defeat previously unbeaten Virginia Tech, 35-33, on the road Friday night. The Panthers improved to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in ACC play, giving the league two 5-0 teams in Miami and Pitt.

■ Wake Forest — Demon Deacons Dominate

- Wake Forest followed its road win at then-No. 16 Louisville with a dominant 57-3 victory over Stanford. The 54-point margin was the largest in an ACC game in Wake Forest history, as the Demon Deacons improved to 4-1 overall.

■ Florida State — Daniels Delivers Historic Performance

- Florida State quarterback Ashton Daniels rushed for a school-record five touchdowns in the Seminoles' 38-7 win over Virginia, tying the ACC single-game record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback. Daniels became the only Division I or NFL player over the last 30 seasons with at least five rushing touchdowns, 150 passing yards and an 80-yard touchdown run in the same game.

WEEK 6 HIGHLIGHTS

■ ACC — Close Contests Continue in Conference Play

- Week 6 featured six ACC matchups, with four decided by five points or fewer, including North Carolina's 21-17 road win at No. 25 Pitt, Georgia Tech's 28-25 win over Duke, California's 25-20 victory over Virginia Tech and Virginia's 28-25 comeback win over Syracuse.
- That is the conference's most in any single week over the past 45 seasons.

■ North Carolina — Heels Earn Ranked Win at Pitt

- North Carolina earned a 21-17 road victory at No. 25 Pitt, handing the Panthers their first loss of the season and securing the Tar Heels' first win over a ranked opponent since 2023.
- Quarterback Billy Edwards Jr. completed 18-of-26 passes for 249 yards and two touchdowns, including a 75-yard go-ahead scoring strike to Shamar Easter in the second half.
- The win marked Bill Belichick's first victory over a ranked opponent as North Carolina's head coach and the Tar Heels' first ranked road win since 2020.

■ Wake Forest — Deacs Rally for Third P4 Road Win

- Wake Forest turned a 14-7 second-quarter deficit into a 38-14 road win at NC State, scoring the game's final 31 points to improve to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in ACC play.
- Gio Lopez threw for 303 yards and three touchdowns and added a rushing touchdown, while Jack Foley posted eight receptions for 156 yards and a score.
- The Demon Deacons limited NC State to 18 total yards in the third quarter and remain one of three ACC teams with one or fewer overall losses.

- Wake Forest improved to 3-0 on the road this season, and is just one of three teams in all of FBS to have three Power Four road wins on the year.

■ Louisville — Brown Posts Record Day in Friday Win

- Louisville rallied from a 14-0 deficit to defeat Florida State, 44-20, on Friday night, scoring 44 of the game's final 50 points.
- Isaac Brown rushed for a career-high 235 yards and two touchdowns on only 17 carries, highlighted by a 97-yard touchdown run—the longest play from scrimmage in Louisville history.
- The Cardinals piled up 397 rushing yards and 537 total yards, with Brown's 235 rushing yards the most by an FBS running back this season.

■ Georgia Tech — Jackets Sting Duke in the ATL

- Georgia Tech erased Duke's undefeated record with a 28-25 victory in Atlanta, as Trelain Maddox scored the go-ahead touchdown with 54 seconds remaining.
- Maddox finished with 81 rushing yards and three touchdowns, while quarterback Alberto Mendoza completed 23-of-30 passes for 218 yards and a score.
- Duke drove into Georgia Tech territory in the final minute, but a 33-yard field-goal attempt sailed wide left with five seconds to play.
- The Jackets snapped Duke's eight-game winning streak and six-game conference road game winning streak with the win.

■ California — Bears Bear Down in Homecoming Win

- California outlasted Virginia Tech, 25-20, scoring the game-winning touchdown with 18 seconds remaining to improve to 2-1 in ACC play.
- Jackson Brousseau threw for 321 yards and a touchdown, and Ashton Emory scored twice on the ground, including the decisive 2-yard touchdown run in the final minute.
- The Bears won despite Virginia Tech holding a 401-403 edge in total offense; both teams were within 13 yards of one another offensively.

■ Virginia — Hoos Rally Past the Orange

- Virginia overcame a 10-point second-half deficit to defeat Syracuse, 28-25, improving to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in conference play.
- Jekail Middlebrook scored two fourth-quarter rushing touchdowns and finished with 95 yards on 17 carries.
- Virginia rallied from a 17-7 halftime deficit and scored 21 consecutive points to take control in the fourth quarter.



ACC NOTES

WEEK 7 HIGHLIGHTS

■ ACC — Ranked Teams Keep Rolling

- The ACC's three ranked teams all earned conference wins in Week 7, as No. 3 Miami defeated Florida State 43-35 in double overtime, No. 21 Wake Forest rolled past California 41-7 and No. 24 SMU defeated Virginia 23-13.
- The ACC was the only conference that did not have a top 25 team lose in Week 7.

■ ACC — 100-Yard Receivers

- The ACC had eight performances of at least 100 receiving yards in Week 7, most among all FBS conferences. That was the most for the ACC on any single calendar day since October 2, 2021 (also eight).

■ ACC — Rivalries Deliver

- Three longtime ACC rivalries highlighted Week 7, with Miami defeating Florida State 43-35 in double overtime, North Carolina topping Duke 24-20 in the Battle for the Victory Bell and Virginia Tech defeating Georgia Tech 34-24 in the Battle of the Techs.

■ ACC — Another Week of Close Conference Games

- Four of the ACC's seven conference games in Week 7 were decided by 10 points or fewer, including three by eight points or fewer.
- Miami-Florida State went to double overtime, while North Carolina-Duke was decided by four points and Boston College-Pitt by six.

■ ACC — Offenses Light Up the Scoreboard

- Five ACC teams scored at least 34 points in Week 7 — Miami (43), Wake Forest (41), Clemson (37), Florida State (35) and Louisville and Stanford (34 each).
- Miami and Florida State combined for 78 points in their double-overtime thriller.

■ ACC — Two Teams Reach Six Wins

- No. 3 Miami and No. 21 Wake Forest both reached the six-win mark in Week 7. Miami moved to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in conference action with its win over Florida State, while Wake Forest improved to 6-1 overall and 4-1 in ACC play with a 41-7 road win at California.

■ Miami — Canes Stay Perfect

- No. 3 Miami improved to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in ACC play with a 43-35 double-overtime win over rival Florida State. The Hurricanes are the ACC's lone remaining unbeaten team and have won all four of their conference games.

■ Wake Forest — Continues to Roll on the Road

- No. 21 Wake Forest scored touchdowns on five of its first six possessions en route to a 41-7 road win at California. The Demon Deacons piled up more than 500 yards of offense, including 220 rushing yards, while Gio Lopez threw four touchdown passes.
- The Demon Deacons are the only team in all of FBS with four Power 4 true road wins on the season.

■ SMU — Mustangs Continue ACC Success

- No. 24 SMU improved to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in ACC play with a 23-13 win over Virginia. The Mustangs are now 17-3 overall in ACC games since joining the league in 2024 and a perfect 10-0 at home against ACC opponents.

■ North Carolina — Tar Heels Reclaim the Victory Bell

- North Carolina scored the game-winning touchdown with 1:53 remaining to defeat Duke 24-20 in Durham, North Carolina, and reclaim the Victory Bell.
- The Tar Heels drove 78 yards for the winning score after Duke had taken its first lead of the game with 4:29 remaining.



ACC NOTES

THREE ACC PROGRAMS WITH NEW HEAD COACHES IN 2026

■ Tosh Lupoi was named California's 35th head football coach, returning to Berkeley after spending the past four seasons as Oregon's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. A former Cal defensive lineman (2000-05) and defensive line coach (2008-11), Lupoi returns to his alma mater following a coaching career that has included stops at Alabama, Washington and in the NFL with the Cleveland Browns, Atlanta Falcons and Jacksonville Jaguars. During his five seasons at Alabama, he helped the Crimson Tide win two national championships. At Oregon, Lupoi directed one of the nation's premier defenses, as the Ducks finished the 2025 regular season ranked third nationally in total defense (251.6 yards per game), passing defense (144.3), and passing yards allowed (1,732), while ranking eighth in scoring defense (14.8 points per game) and 20th in rushing defense (107.3 yards per game). He was also named a semifinalist for the 2025 Broyles Award, presented annually to the nation's top assistant coach, for the second consecutive season. Known as one of college football's top recruiters and talent developers, Lupoi helped Cal sign highly regarded recruiting classes during his first stint in Berkeley and coached two first-round NFL Draft picks along the defensive line.

■ Tavita Pritchard was named Stanford's 37th head football coach, returning to his alma mater after serving as the Washington Commanders' quarterbacks coach for the past three seasons. A 2009 Stanford graduate and former Cardinal quarterback, Pritchard helped develop one of the NFL's rising offenses, guiding the Commanders to the 2024 NFC Championship Game while mentoring AP NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year Jayden Daniels. Under Pritchard's guidance, Daniels earned Pro Bowl honors after throwing for 3,568 yards and 25 touchdowns with a 69.0% completion percentage, accounting for 31 total touchdowns—third-most by a rookie quarterback in NFL history. Pritchard takes over for his first head coaching job, returning to The Farm after previous coaching stints with Stanford and the Washington Commanders of the NFL.

■ James Franklin was named Virginia Tech's new head football coach after 12 successful seasons at Penn State, bringing more than 30 years of collegiate coaching experience and a career head coaching record of 128-60 prior to taking over at VT. One of the nation's most accomplished active coaches, Franklin led Penn State to 104 victories—the second-most in school history—while guiding the Nittany Lions to seven top-12 finishes in the final College Football Playoff rankings over the last nine seasons, seven New Year's Six bowl appearances, four New Year's Six victories and the 2016 Big Ten Championship. Previously, he engineered one of the greatest turnarounds in Vanderbilt history, leading the Commodores to three consecutive bowl appearances and the program's first back-to-back nine-win seasons. Throughout his career, Franklin has coached

18 All-Americans, produced 59 NFL Draft picks and developed more than 100 future NFL players, further cementing his reputation as one of college football's premier program builders.

ACC X NFL

■ No conference blends college football and NFL experience quite like the ACC in 2026, with two former NFL head coaches now leading programs: Bill O'Brien (Boston College) and Bill Belichick (North Carolina).

■ Two other ACC head coaches, Tosh Lupoi (California) and Tavita Pritchard (Stanford), have also coached in the NFL, serving as position coaches at the professional level.

■ Several ACC programs also feature general managers with deep NFL ties, along with a growing number of former NFL stars contributing across coaching staffs and player development roles.

TRIO NAMED TO DODD TROPHY MIDSEASON WATCH LIST

■ The ACC has three coaches represented on the 2026 Dodd Trophy Midseason Watch List: Mario Cristobal (Miami), Jack Dickert (Wake Forest) and Rhett Lashlee (SMU).

TRIO OF ACC HEAD COACHES WITH MULTIPLE CFP WINS

■ With the hiring of James Franklin at Virginia Tech in the 2026 offseason, the ACC now has three head coaches with multiple College Football Playoff wins: Clemson's Dabo Swinney, Miami's Mario Cristobal and Virginia Tech's Franklin.

Conferences with Head Coaches with Multiple CFP Wins

Conference	# of Coaches
SEC	4
ACC	3
Big Ten	3

ELITE HEAD COACHES IN THE ACC

■ The ACC has 10 head coaches with a career winning percentage of at least .560 — tied for the most of any league.

ACC Coaches with Career Winning Pct. of .560 or Better

Coach (School)	Winning Pct.
Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	.776
Rhett Lashlee (SMU)	.717
James Franklin (Virginia Tech)	.682
Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	.624
Manny Diaz (Duke)	.623
Dave Doeren (NC State)	.611
Jake Dickert (Wake Forest)	.603
Mike Norvell (Florida State)	.598
Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)	.574
Mario Cristobal (Miami)	.566

COACHING RECORDS

CAREER VICTORIES - FBS ACTIVE COACHES

Rk. Coach (Current School)	Wins
1. K.C. Keeler (Temple)	278
2. Willie Fritz (Houston)	227
3. Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)	226
4. Chris Creighton (Eastern Michigan)	204
5. Rich Rodriguez (West Virginia)	198
6. Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	191
7. Kyle Whittingham (Michigan)	181
8. Lance Leipold (Kansas)	175
9. Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	152
10. Chuck Martin (Miami (OH))	150
11. Bronco Mendenhall (Utah State)	148
12. Troy Calhoun (Air Force)	144
13. Bob Chesney (UCLA)	138
14. Bret Bielema (Illinois)	137
15. James Franklin (Virginia Tech)	133
16. Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	130
Pete Lembo (Buffalo)	130
18. Jeff Monken (Army)	129
19. Jamey Chadwell (Liberty)	127
20. Kirby Smart (Georgia)	123
Ken Niumatalolo (San Jose State)	123
22. Dave Doeren (NC State)	121
Lane Kiffin (LSU)	121
24. Dan Mullen (UNLV)	117
25. Butch Jones (Arkansas State)	113

29. Mario Cristobal (Miami)	103
34. Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	98
40. Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)	85
43. Mike Norvell (Florida State)	79

CAREER WINNING % - FBS ACTIVE COACHES

Rk. Name (Current School)	Record	Pct. ^A
1. Tim Polasek (North Dakota St.)	32-4	.889
2. Ryan Day (Ohio State)	88-13	.871
3. Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	130-22	.855
4. Kirby Smart (Georgia)	123-22	.848
5. Dan Lanning (Oregon)	52-10	.839
6. Matt Entz (Fresno State)	73-18	.802
7. Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	152-38	.800
8. Mike Jacobs (Toledo)	99-25	.798
9. Marcus Freeman (Notre Dame)	49-13	.790
10. Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	191-55	.776
11. Lincoln Riley (USC)	96-29	.768
12. Spencer Danielson (Boise State)	29-9	.763
13. Jon Sumrall (Florida)	48-15	.762
14. Jimmy Rogers (Iowa State)	36-12	.750
15. Josh Heupel (Tennessee)	79-29	.731
16. Bob Chesney (UCLA)	138-52	.726
17. Rhett Lashlee (SMU)	43-17	.717
18. Willie Simmons (FIU)	76-33	.697
19. Joey McGuire (Texas Tech)	41-18	.695
20. Lance Leipold (Kansas)	175-78	.692
21. K.C. Keeler (Temple)	278-124-1	.691
22. Jason Eck (New Mexico)	40-18	.690
23. Lane Kiffin (LSU)	121-55	.688
24. Jeff Traylor (UTSA)	59-27	.686
25. James Franklin (Virginia Tech)	133-62	.682

- Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	98-59	.624
- Manny Diaz (Duke)	43-26	.623
- Dave Doeren (NC State)	121-77	.611
- Jake Dickert (Wake Forest)	38-25	.603

^A minimum one full season as a coach



ACC NOTES

WINNINGEST COACHES IN THE ACC

■ Dabo Swinney surpassed Bobby Bowden for the most career victories by a head coach at an ACC program in 2024.

Most Wins Overall While Coaching at an ACC School

Rank	Coach (School)	Wins
1.	Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	191
2.	Bobby Bowden (Florida State)	173
3.	George Welsh (Virginia)	134
4.	Mack Brown (North Carolina)	113
	Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech)	113
6.	Bill Dooley (UNC & Wake Forest)	98
-	Dave Doeren (NC State)	98

CHASING CAREER WIN NUMBER 100 IN 2026

■ Several ACC head coaches are approaching the 100-career-win milestone, with Miami's Mario Cristobal reaching the mark with a 33-20 win over Wake Forest on Friday, September 18.

ACC Coaches Closing in on Career Win No. 100 in 2026

Head Coach	Career Wins
Mario Cristobal (Miami)	103
Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	98
Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)	85
Mike Norvell (Florida State)	79

FIRST CAREER WIN FOR STANFORD'S PRITCHARD

■ Stanford first-year head coach Tavita Pritchard earned his first career victory as a head coach in his debut, leading Stanford to a 37-27 season-opening win over Hawai'i on Saturday, August 29.

■ His first victory as a head coach came on the same field where he began his collegiate playing and coaching careers. Pritchard previously spent 13 seasons on Stanford's coaching staff before serving three years as the Washington Commanders' quarterbacks coach.

FIRST CAREER WIN FOR CAL'S LUPOI

■ California head coach Tosh Lupoi earned his first career victory as a head coach with the Golden Bears' 21-18 road win over Syracuse in Saturday's ACC opener on September 12.

■ Lupoi's defense forced three interceptions, including a go-ahead 24-yard pick-six by Kingston Lopa in the fourth quarter, to secure the milestone victory.

ELITE PRESENCE IN THE CFP & BCS CHAMPIONSHIP

■ In 10 of the past 13 seasons, the ACC has been represented in either the College Football Playoff or the BCS National Championship Game—an elite streak that began with Florida State's thrilling 34-31 win over Auburn in the final BCS title game in January 2014 (2013 season).

■ The ACC is one of the few conferences to have sent five different programs to the College Football Playoff:

ACC Teams in the College Football Playoff

Team	Year(s)
Clemson	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2024
Florida State	2014
Miami	2025
SMU	2024
Notre Dame*	2020

* played the season as a member of the ACC

■ With nine all-time College Football Playoff victories, the ACC ranks third nationally behind only the SEC (21) and Big Ten (16).

UNMATCHED DEPTH IN BOWL SEASON

■ Over the last three seasons (2023, 2024 and 2025), the ACC has had 11 or more bowl-eligible teams each year — the longest streak of any conference.

■ The 2024 season saw a league-record 13 ACC teams earn bowl eligibility, tying for the most among all Power Four conferences.

■ For 24 consecutive years, the ACC has secured six or more bowl bids, excluding the unique 2020 season. The league has sent 11 teams or more to the postseason in seven of the last 12 years.

VIRGINIA JOINS ELITE GROUP OF 700 PROGRAM WINS

■ Virginia's 34-8 victory over NC State in the 2026 season opener on August 29 marked the 700th victory in program history.

■ Virginia is the ninth current ACC program to reach the milestone, joining Clemson, Virginia Tech, Pitt, Georgia Tech, Syracuse, North Carolina, California and Boston College.

Most Wins in FBS History (Min. 700)

Rank	Team	Wins
1.	Michigan	1,026
2.	Ohio State	996
3.	Alabama	990
4.	Notre Dame	978
5.	Texas	975
6.	Oklahoma	963
7.	Penn State	953
8.	Nebraska	936
9.	Georgia	910
10.	USC	897
11.	Tennessee	889
12.	LSU	827
13.	Clemson	819
14.	North Dakota State	817
15.	Auburn	813
16.	Texas A&M	801
17.	West Virginia	795
18.	Washington	794
19.	Virginia Tech	786
20.	Pitt	781
21.	Florida	775
22.	Georgia Tech	774
23.	Navy	761
24.	Syracuse	758
25.	Wisconsin	755
26.	Minnesota	753
27.	Arkansas	752
28.	Army	750
29.	Delaware	748
30.	Miami (Ohio)	744
31.	North Carolina	743
32.	Utah	741
33.	Colorado	737
34.	Oregon	735
35.	Missouri	734
36.	Michigan State	727
37.	Iowa	711
38.	California	708
39.	Boston College	706
	TCU	706
41.	Ole Miss	704
	Virginia	703

ACC HEAD COACHING RECORDS

Head Coach, School	Year	Overall Record		Pct.	while in the ACC School		
		Record	Pct.		Year	Record	Pct.
Bill O'Brien, Boston College	5th	27-28	.491		3rd	12-19	.387
Tosh Lupoi, California	1st	3-4	.429		1st	3-4	.429
Dabo Swinney, Clemson	19th	191-55	.776		19th	191-55	.776
Manny Diaz, Duke	6th	43-26	.623		6th	43-26	.623
Mike Norvell, Florida State	11th	79-53	.598		7th	41-38	.519
Brent Key, Georgia Tech	5th	29-24	.547		5th	29-24	.547
Jeff Brohm, Louisville	13th	98-59	.624		4th	32-15	.681
Mario Cristobal, Miami	16th	103-79	.566		5th	41-19	.683
Bill Belichick, North Carolina	2nd	8-10	.444		2nd	8-10	.444
Dave Doeren, NC State	16th	121-77	.611		14th	98-73	.573
Pat Narduzzi, Pitt	12th	85-63	.574		12th	85-63	.574
Rhett Lashlee, SMU	5th	43-17	.717		3rd	25-8	.758
Tavita Pritchard, Stanford	1st	3-4	.429		1st	3-4	.429
Fran Brown, Syracuse	3rd	15-16	.484		3rd	15-16	.484
Tony Elliott, Virginia	5th	26-29	.473		5th	26-29	.473
James Franklin, Virginia Tech	16th	133-62	.682		1st	5-2	.714
Jake Dickert, Wake Forest	6th	38-25	.603		2nd	15-5	.750



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ACC AVAILABILITY REPORTING

■ The ACC announced on July 22, 2025, two new policies to enhance the safety and well-being of ACC student-athletes beginning in the 2025-26 academic year.

(1) Institutional event security plans will limit access to the competition area in men's and women's basketball and football.

(2) The availability status of student-athletes will be reported before each conference game in baseball, men's and women's basketball and football.

■ For Conference football games, availability reports shall be submitted each day starting three nights before the game and on game day two hours before the scheduled game time. For basketball and baseball games, availability reports shall be submitted the night before the game and two hours before the scheduled game time. However, only one report is submitted on the second and subsequent days when a team plays a game on consecutive days.

■ In football, a report will be submitted three days before each Conference game (e.g., Wednesday before a Saturday game) with updates submitted two days before the game, the day before the game and on game day.

■ For each report submitted before game day, student-athletes will be designated as Available, Probable, Questionable, Doubtful or Out for the upcoming game. Game Day Reports will be submitted two hours before each game. For this report, student-athletes will be designated as Available, Game Time Decision, or Out.

■ All availability reports and the full conference policy will be available to the public and media on the ACC's website – www.theACC.com.

** This policy is intended to help protect student-athletes and staff members from outside entities seeking to obtain inside information about availability and participation, including but not limited to injuries. It will also reinforce to athletes and staff the sensitivity of such information.*

TARGETING PENALTY

■ This change will be an experimental rule for 2026.

- Targeting fouls that are upheld will include a disqualification for the current game, and the rule will eliminate the carryover disqualification for fouls in the second half.
- If a player receives a second Targeting foul within the same season, disqualification for the remainder of the game and the first half of the team's next scheduled game within that season.
- If a player receives a third or subsequent Targeting foul within the same season, disqualification for the remainder of the game and that player will receive an automatic one-game suspension in their team's next scheduled game of that season.
- If a player receives a second and/or subsequent upheld targeting foul within the same season, the conference has the option to consult the national coordinator of football officials who would then facilitate a video review. Based on the review, if and only if the national coordinator concludes that it is clearly obvious the player should not have been disqualified on the first, second or any subsequent targeting foul, the suspension will be vacated. If the national coordinator supports the disqualification, the suspension for the next game will remain.
- Rationale: This continues the evolution of this important player safety rule. The committee believes the rule has had a profound positive impact on technique and removing the carryover aspect of second-half fouls is appropriate. Increasing the progressive penalty aspect is intended to underscore the continued importance of this rule.

ACC TEAMS KICK OFF IN IRELAND

■ North Carolina took on TCU in the 2026 *Aer Lingus College Football Classic* on Saturday, August 29, at Aviva Stadium in Dublin, Ireland, defeating the Horned Frogs 15-10 in the season opener.

ACC Teams in the Aer Lingus College Football Classic

Year	Matchup	Result
2016	Georgia Tech vs. Boston College	GT, 17-14
2024	Georgia Tech vs. #10 Florida State	GT, 24-21
2026	North Carolina vs. TCU	UNC, 15-10
2027	Pitt vs. Wisconsin	Aug. 28

ACC'S GROWING GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

■ The ACC kicked off the 2026 season on the international stage, as North Carolina defeated TCU 15-10 in the *Aer Lingus College Football Classic* in Dublin, Ireland, on Saturday, August 29.

■ ACC football is no stranger to Dublin, with conference teams previously competing in the *Aer Lingus College Football Classic* in both 2016 and 2024.

■ Florida State and Georgia Tech opened the 2024 college football season in Dublin on August 24, 2024, while Georgia Tech and Boston College began the 2016 campaign in Ireland on September 3, 2016.

■ The ACC's global footprint will expand again in 2027 with multiple international contests. Pitt will face Wisconsin in the *Aer Lingus College Football Classic* in Dublin on August 28, while Syracuse and Wake Forest will make history with an ACC matchup in Toronto on August 28 or 29.

TARGETING TRACKER - ACC

Player (School)	First Targeting Foul	Second Targeting Foul	Sit-Out First Half
Myles Turpin (Wake Forest)	Sept. 3 vs. Akron	-	-
Chris Peal (Syracuse)	Sept. 5 vs. New Hampshire	-	-
AJ Tuitele (California) (2)	Sept. 5 vs. UCLA	Oct. 10 vs. Virginia Tech	Oct. 17 vs. Wake Forest
Kaleb Spencer (Virginia Tech)	Sept. 26 at Boston College	-	-
Daniel Harris (California)	Oct. 3 at UNLV	-	-
Cam Sidney (California)	Oct. 3 at UNLV	-	-
David Omopariola (Syracuse)	Oct. 10 at Virginia	-	-
Davaughn Patterson (Wake Forest)	Oct. 17 at California	-	-
Zechariah Poyser (Miami)	Oct. 17 vs. Florida State	-	-



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ACC PART OF ANOTHER HISTORIC COLLEGE GAMEDAY

■ ESPN's *College GameDay* was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for Clemson at No. 11 LSU in Week 1, marking the show's historic 500th road show.

■ The milestone matchup also kicked off the 40th season of college football's premier pregame show.

■ Clemson was part of *College GameDay*'s 400th road show, as the No. 2 Tigers played No. 3 Ohio State in the College Football Playoff Semifinals at the Allstate Sugar Bowl on January 1, 2021.

■ *College GameDay* held its first-ever on-campus road show on November 13, 1993, when No. 1 Florida State traveled to No. 2 Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

■ The ACC was also part of *College GameDay*'s first international road show, when No. 10 Florida State faced Georgia Tech in Dublin, Ireland, in Week 0 of the 2024 season.

ACC DUO NAMED TO ALLSTATE AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

■ Clemson running back Gideon Davidson and Duke offensive lineman Micah Sahakian were named to the 2026 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team.

■ The pair are two of just 11 FBS student-athletes selected nationally, making the ACC one of only three conferences with multiple FBS honorees.

■ The award recognizes student-athletes for outstanding commitment to community service, academic achievement and athletic excellence.

■ Davidson has raised more than \$12,000 for adoption-related causes, while Sahakian's service includes work with Duke Children's Hospital, local youth and refugee communities in Lebanon.

ACC NETWORK'S ACC HUDDLE RETURNS TO CAMPUSES

■ For the second straight season, *ACC Huddle* Powered by United States Air Force will again originate live from the site of the conference's biggest matchup each weekend. The traveling studio show airs Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon ET on ACC Network and is open to fans at every campus stop.

ACC Huddle Stops in 2026

Week	Location	Game
Week 0	Charlottesville, Va.	NC State at Virginia
Week 1	Tallahassee, Fla.	SMU at Florida State
Week 2	Atlanta, Ga.	Tennessee at Georgia Tech
Week 3	Clemson, S.C.	North Carolina at Clemson
Week 4	Louisville, Ky.	Wake Forest at Louisville
Week 5	Clemson, S.C.	Miami at Clemson
Week 6	Pittsburgh, Pa.	North Carolina at Pitt
Week 7	Miami, Fla.	Florida State at Miami
Week 8	Miami, Fla.	Pitt at Miami

■ Beginning in Week 4, *ACC Huddle* Powered by United States Air Force destinations will be determined on a week-to-week basis.

YEAR TWO OF THE ACC'S ENHANCED REPLAY ACCESS

■ The ACC will expand its Enhanced Replay Access in 2026, giving audiences even more opportunities to hear real-time replay discussions during more games across ACC football.

■ The initiative builds on its 2025 launch, when viewers heard live discussions among the Referee, stadium replay official and ACC Collaborative Instant Replay Official in Charlotte.

■ After featuring select Friday night and primetime Saturday games in 2025, Enhanced Replay Access will expand to more games in 2026.

■ The expansion reinforces the ACC's commitment to transparency, innovation and greater insight into the officiating process.

■ ACC Enhanced Replay Access broadcasts are limited to games that are both officiated by ACC crews and carried on ACC-controlled linear television platforms.

Games with Enhanced Replay Access for Weeks 0-7 *

Date	Game (Network)
Saturday, 8/29	NC State at Virginia (ESPN)
Saturday, 8/29	NMSU at Florida State (The CW)
Thursday, 9/3	Colorado at Georgia Tech (ESPN)
Friday, 9/4	Miami at Stanford (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/5	Miami (OH) at Pitt (The CW)
Saturday, 9/5	VMI at Virginia Tech (ACCN)
Monday, 9/7	SMU at Florida State (ESPN)
Thursday, 9/10	Florida A&M at Miami (ACCN)
Friday, 9/11	Richmond at NC State (ESPNU)
Friday, 9/11	Villanova at Louisville (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/12	ETSU at North Carolina (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/12	California at Syracuse (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/12	Old Dominion at Virginia Tech (The CW)
Saturday, 9/12	Tennessee at Georgia Tech (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/12	Georgia Southern at Clemson (ACCN)
Thursday, 9/17	Syracuse at Pitt (ESPN)
Friday, 9/18	Miami at Wake Forest (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/19	North Carolina at Clemson (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/19	Wagner at California (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/19	Mercer at Georgia Tech (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/19	SMU at Louisville (ESPN2)
Saturday, 9/19	Stanford at Duke (The CW)
Friday, 9/25	Clemson at California (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/26	Wake Forest at Louisville (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/26	Virginia Tech at Boston College (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/26	C. Arkansas at Florida State (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/26	Delaware at Virginia (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/26	Central Michigan at Miami (The CW)
Saturday, 9/26	App State at NC State (ESPNU)
Saturday, 9/26	Georgia Tech at Stanford (ESPN)
Friday, 10/2	Pitt at Virginia Tech (ESPN)
Saturday, 10/3	Stanford at Wake Forest (ACCN)
Saturday, 10/3	Notre Dame at North Carolina (ESPN)
Saturday, 10/3	Boston College at SMU (The CW)
Saturday, 10/3	Louisville at NC State (ACCN)
Saturday, 10/3	Virginia at Florida State (ESPN2)
Saturday, 10/3	Miami at Clemson (ABC)
Friday, 10/9	Florida State at Louisville (ESPN)

Saturday, 10/10	Wake Forest at NC State (The CW)
Saturday, 10/10	North Carolina at Pitt (ESPN)
Saturday, 10/10	Duke at Georgia Tech (ESPN2)
Saturday, 10/10	Virginia Tech at California (ACCN)
Saturday, 10/10	Syracuse at Virginia (ACCN)
Saturday, 10/17	Pitt at Boston College (ESPN2)
Saturday, 10/17	Charleston So. at Clemson (ACCN)
Saturday, 10/17	Virginia at SMU (The CW)
Saturday, 10/17	North Carolina at Duke (ESPN2)
Saturday, 10/17	Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech (ACCN)
Saturday, 10/17	Florida State at Miami (ESPN)
Saturday, 10/17	Louisville at Syracuse (ACCN)
Saturday, 10/17	Wake Forest at California (ESPN2)

Games with Enhanced Replay Access for Week 8 *

Date	Game (Network)
Friday, 10/23	Duke at Virginia (ESPN)
Friday, 10/23	NC State at Stanford (ESPN)
Saturday, 10/24	California at SMU (The CW)
Saturday, 10/24	Pitt at Miami (ESPN)
Saturday, 10/24	Boston College at Georgia Tech (ACCN)
Saturday, 10/24	Virginia Tech at Clemson (ESPN)
Saturday, 10/24	Syracuse at North Carolina (ACCN)

Friday Games on ESPN with Enhanced Replay Access for Weeks 9-14*

Friday, 11/6	Virginia Tech at SMU (ESPN)
Friday, 11/13	Florida State at Pitt (ESPN)
Friday, 11/20	Clemson at Duke (ESPN)

*Subject to change

ACC NETWORK



About ACC Network

Owned and operated by ESPN in partnership with the Atlantic Coast Conference, ACC Network (ACCN) and its digital platform ACCNX is a 24/7 national network dedicated to ACC sports that launched on August 22, 2019. ACCN televises more than 500 regular-season and tournament games from across the conference's 28 sponsored sports plus a complement of news and information shows and original programming. Together, ACCN and its digital platform, ACCNX, combine to feature more than 1,500 ACC events each year. ESPN has been televising ACC content since 1979 and has exclusive rights to every conference-controlled game across all sports and championships. Carriage agreements are in place with the following video providers: Comcast, Cox, DIRECTV, DIRECTV STREAM, DISH Network, Frontier, fuboTV, Google Fiber, Hulu+ Live TV, Mediacom, Optimum, Sling TV, Spectrum TV, Suddenlink, Verizon Fios, YouTube TV, members of the NCTC, NRTC and Vivacast, among others. All ACCN games will also be available on the ESPN App to authenticated subscribers. Fans interested in learning more about ACCN can visit www.GetACCN.com.



ACC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Quarterback

Aug. 31	Beau Pribula, QB, Virginia
Sept. 8	Mason Heintschel, QB, Pitt
Sept. 14	Gio Lopez, QB, Wake Forest
Sept. 21	Darian Mensah, QB, Miami
Sept. 28	Davis Warren, QB, Stanford
Oct. 5	Ashton Daniels, QB, Florida State
Oct. 12	Gio Lopez, QB, Wake Forest
Oct. 19	Ashton Daniels, QB, Florida State
	Gio Lopez, QB, Wake Forest
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Running Back

Aug. 31	Micah Ford, RB, Stanford
Sept. 8	Nate Sheppard, RB, Duke
Sept. 14	Nate Sheppard, RB, Duke
Sept. 21	KeyJuan Brown, RB, Louisville
Sept. 28	Jeffrey Overton Jr., RB, Virginia Tech
Oct. 5	Tylik Hill, RB, Syracuse
Oct. 12	Isaac Brown, RB, Louisville
Oct. 19	Micah Ford, RB, Stanford
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Offensive Receiver

Aug. 31	Samuel Singleton Jr., RB, Florida State
Sept. 8	Malachi Toney, WR, Miami
Sept. 14	Luke Reynolds, TE, Virginia Tech
Sept. 21	Keenan Jackson, WR, NC State
Sept. 28	Carlos Hernandez, WR, Wake Forest
Oct. 5	Umari Hatcher, WR, Syracuse
Oct. 12	Jack Foley, WR, Wake Forest
Oct. 19	Umari Hatcher, WR, Syracuse
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Offensive Lineman

Aug. 31	Monroe Mills, OT, Virginia
Sept. 8	PJ Williams, OL, SMU
Sept. 14	Nick Del Grande, LT, Duke
Sept. 21	Eryx Daugherty, OL, Louisville
Sept. 28	Teague Andersen, C, NC State
Oct. 5	André Otto, LG, Florida State
Oct. 12	Lance Robinson, OL, Louisville
Oct. 19	Clinton Richard, OL, Wake Forest
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Defensive Lineman

Aug. 31	Xavier Lewis, DL, North Carolina
Sept. 8	Bryce Davis, DE, Duke
Sept. 14	Mylachi Williams, DE, Virginia Tech
Sept. 21	Will Heldt, DE, Clemson
	Kevin O'Connor, DE, Duke
Sept. 28	Gabe Kirschke, DL, Wake Forest
Oct. 5	Marques White, DE, SMU
Oct. 12	Xavier Lewis, DL, North Carolina
Oct. 19	Tyler Thompson, DL, Louisville
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Linebacker

Aug. 31	Derek McDonald, LB, North Carolina
Sept. 8	Vincent Firenze, LB, Wake Forest
Sept. 14	Anthony Palano, LB, Boston College
Sept. 21	Alex Sanford Jr., LB, Pitt
Sept. 28	Matt Rose, LB, Stanford
Oct. 5	Popo Aguirre, LB, NC State
Oct. 12	Vincent Firenze, LB, Wake Forest
Oct. 19	Peyton Seelmann, LB, North Carolina
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Defensive Back

Aug. 31	Brandyn Hillman, S, Virginia
Sept. 8	Jimmy Wyrick, S, SMU
Sept. 14	Kingston Lopa, DB, California
Sept. 21	Kaleb Beasley, DB, Louisville
Sept. 28	Elliot Washington II, CB, Clemson
Oct. 5	Jarvis Lee, S, SMU
Oct. 12	Tre Miller, DB, North Carolina
Oct. 19	Carter Davis, DB, Boston College
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Specialist

Aug. 31	Will Bettridge, K, Virginia
Sept. 8	Rahkeem Smith, WR, Georgia Tech
Sept. 14	Nolan Hauser, K, Clemson
Sept. 21	Nolan Hauser, K, Clemson
Sept. 28	Bryant Wesco Jr., WR/PR, Clemson
Oct. 5	Jaden Jefferson, Fr., WR, North Carolina
Oct. 12	Daniel Sparks, P, Virginia
Oct. 19	Nolan Hauser, K, Clemson
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Rookie

Aug. 31	Atticus Joseph, WR, Stanford
Sept. 8	Shavane Anderson Jr., RB, Syracuse
Sept. 14	Javian Mallory, RB, Miami
Sept. 21	Damon Ferguson Jr., RB, Pitt
Sept. 28	Demetrice McCray, WR, Pitt
Oct. 5	Taimane Purcell, TE, California
Oct. 12	Braylon Outlaw, LB, Georgia Tech
Oct. 19	Dominick Barry, TE, Wake Forest
	Javian Mallory, RB, Miami
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	



ACC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIEBREAKER POLICY

ACC FOOTBALL TIEBREAKER POLICY

- The Atlantic Coast Conference Football Champion will be decided by a game (the “ACC Football Championship Game”) between the Top Two Teams.
- The Top Two Teams shall be the two ACC teams with the highest percentage of Conference wins during all regular-season Conference competition and/or team(s) which played an alternate number of Conference games and have either the same number of Conference wins or the same number of Conference losses as the team(s) with the highest percentage of Conference wins.
- To be among the Top Two Teams, a team must be eligible to compete in the postseason. Conference games against otherwise postseason ineligible teams will always be counted in the league standings and in application of the tiebreaker policy.
- If three (3) or more teams are tied with the highest percentage of wins or two (2) or more teams are tied with the second highest percentage of wins, the following tiebreaker shall be administered to determine the representative(s) in the ACC Football Championship Game.

ACC Football Tiebreaker

1. Defining Tied Teams:

- a. Step 1: Identify the team or teams with the best Conference win percentage; plus,
- b. Step 2: Any team or teams which played an alternate number of Conference games and have either the same number of Conference wins or the same number of Conference losses as the team(s) identified in Step 1.
- c. No other teams may be defined as Tied Teams.

2. Once the Tied Teams have been identified:

- a. In the event of a tie involving teams which played an alternate number of Conference games, all ties will be broken starting with the highest win percentage, working downward.
 - 1. Two-Team Tie
 - a. The tied team which defeated the other tied team in head-to-head Conference competition.
 - b. The tied team with the better ranking in the Team Success Ranking provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of all regular-season games.
 - c. The participant shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner’s designee.
 - 2. Three (or More) Team Tie
 - a. If all the Tied Teams are common opponents:
 - i. The Tied Team with the best record among the Tied Teams; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.
 - ii. The Tied Team with the best ranking in the Team Success Ranking provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular-season games; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.
 - iii. The participant shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner’s designee; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.
 - b. If all the Tied Teams are not common opponents:
 - i. The Tied Team which defeated each of the other Tied Teams is placed into the Championship Game and removed from the tie. The tied team which lost to each of the other Tied Teams is removed from the tie; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.
 - ii. The Tied Team with the best ranking in the Team Success Ranking provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular-season games is placed into the Championship Game and removed from the tie; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.
 - iii. The participant shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner’s designee; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.





ACC FOOTBALL COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

WEEK 0

Saturday, August 29

Aer Lingus College Football Classic - Dublin, Ireland

North Carolina 15 vs. TCU 10	Noon ET (ESPN)
NC State 8 at Virginia 34 *	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Hawai'i 27 at Stanford 37	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
New Mexico State 17 at Florida State 34	7 p.m. ET (The CW)

WEEK 1

Thursday, September 3

Akron 16 at Wake Forest 38	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Colorado 14 at Georgia Tech 13	8 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Friday, September 4

#7 Miami 45 at Stanford 6 *	9 p.m. ET (ESPN)
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Saturday, September 5

New Hampshire 3 at Syracuse 66	Noon ET (ACCN)
Miami (OH) 14 at Pitt 59	12:30 p.m. ET (The CW)
Tulane 3 at Duke 17	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Boston College 15 at Cincinnati 34	3:30 p.m. ET (FOX)
Clemson 10 at #11 LSU 51	7:30 p.m. ET (ABC)
VMI 3 at Virginia Tech 73	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
UCLA 45 at California 24	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Sunday, September 6

Liberty Mutual Music City Kickoff - Nashville, Tennessee

#24 Louisville 38 vs. #9 Ole Miss 41	7:30 p.m. ET (ABC)
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Monday, September 7

#19 SMU 27 at Florida State 24 *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
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Open: North Carolina, NC State, Virginia

WEEK 2

Thursday, September 10

Florida A&M 7 at #7 Miami 77	8 p.m. ET (ACCN)
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Friday, September 11

Richmond 0 at NC State 73	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Villanova 13 at #24 Louisville 59	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Norfolk State 3 at #25 Virginia 59	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Rutgers 21 at Boston College 28	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Saturday, September 12

Wake Forest 38 at Purdue 36 (20T)	Noon ET (FS1)
ETSU 3 at North Carolina 35	Noon ET (ACCN)
Old Dominion 21 at Virginia Tech 44	Noon ET (The CW)
California 21 at Syracuse 18 *	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
UCF 7 at Pitt 12	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Duke 31 at Illinois 27	3:30 p.m. ET (FS1)
UC Davis 10 at #17 SMU 56	4 p.m. ET (ACCN)
#18 Tennessee 45 at Georgia Tech 24	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Georgia Southern 7 at Clemson 22	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)

Open: Florida State, Stanford

WEEK 3

Thursday, September 17

Syracuse 13 at Pitt 27 *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
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Friday, September 18

#5 Miami 33 at Wake Forest 20 *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
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Saturday, September 19

North Carolina 20 at Clemson 28 *	Noon ET (ESPN)
Mercer 11 at Georgia Tech 44	Noon ET (ACCN)
NC State 31 at Vanderbilt 35	12:45 p.m. ET (SECN)
Maine 16 at Boston College 22	2 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Florida State 36 at #10 Alabama 50	3:30 p.m. ET (ABC)
#16 SMU 31 at #23 Louisville 41 *	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Wagner 7 at California 49	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Stanford 7 at Duke 35 *	4 p.m. ET (The CW)
Virginia Tech 35 at Maryland 26	7:30 p.m. ET (FS1)

Duke's Mayo Classic - Charlotte, North Carolina

West Virginia 38 vs. #25 Virginia 27	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
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WEEK 4

Friday, September 25

Clemson 24 at California 10 *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
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Saturday, September 26

Virginia Tech 21 at Boston College 14 *	Noon ET (ACCN)
Wake Forest 30 at #16 Louisville 27 *	Noon ET (ESPN)
Bucknell 0 at Pitt 59	Noon ET (ACCNX)
Central Arkansas 7 at Florida State 34	3 p.m. ET (ACCN)
William & Mary 7 at Duke 62	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Delaware 3 at Virginia 42	6 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Central Michigan 3 at #6 Miami 52	6:30 p.m. ET (The CW)
App State 31 at NC State 41	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Missouri State 24 at #22 SMU 34	9 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Georgia Tech 27 at Stanford 34 *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Open: North Carolina, Syracuse

WEEK 5

Friday, October 2

Pitt 35 at Virginia Tech 33 *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
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Saturday, October 3

#3 Notre Dame 37 at North Carolina 26	Noon ET (ESPN)
Stanford 3 at Wake Forest 57 *	Noon ET (ACCN)
Boston College 16 at #21 SMU 25 *	Noon ET (The CW)
Syracuse 42 at UConn 41 (20T)	Noon ET (CBSSN)
Virginia 7 at Florida State 38 *	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Louisville 28 at NC State 31 *	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
California 31 at UNLV 39	3:30 p.m. ET (CBSSN)
#4 Miami 41 at Clemson 13 *	7:30 p.m. ET (ABC)

Open: Duke, Georgia Tech



ACC FOOTBALL COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

WEEK 6

Friday, October 9

Florida State 20 at Louisville 44 * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Saturday, October 10

North Carolina 21 at #25 Pitt 17 * Noon ET (ESPN)
Wake Forest 38 at NC State 14 * Noon ET (The CW)
Duke 25 at Georgia Tech 28 * 3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Virginia Tech 20 at California 25 * 3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Stanford 7 at #3 Notre Dame 58 3:30 p.m. ET (NBC/Peacock)
Syracuse 25 at Virginia 28 * 7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Open: Boston College, Clemson, Miami, SMU

WEEK 7

Saturday, October 17

Pitt 21 at Boston College 27 * Noon ET (ESPN2)
Virginia 13 at #24 SMU 23 * Noon ET (The CW)
Charleston Southern 0 at Clemson 37 Noon ET (ACCN)
North Carolina 24 at Duke 20 * 3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Georgia Tech 24 at Virginia Tech 34 * 3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Florida State 35 at #3 Miami 43 (2OT) * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Louisville 34 at Syracuse 26 * 7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Elon 7 at Stanford 34 7:30 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
#21 Wake Forest 41 at California 7 * 10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Open: NC State

WEEK 8

Friday, October 23

Duke at Virginia * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
NC State at Stanford * 10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Saturday, October 24

Pitt at #1 Miami * Noon ET (ESPN)
California at #23 SMU * Noon ET (The CW)
Boston College at Georgia Tech * 3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Virginia Tech at Clemson * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Syracuse at North Carolina * 7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Open: Florida State, Louisville, Wake Forest

WEEK 9

Saturday, October 31

SMU at Syracuse * Noon ET (ESPN2)
California at NC State * Noon ET (ACCN)
Boston College at Duke * Noon ET (The CW)
Stanford at Louisville * 3:15 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Virginia at Wake Forest * 3:45 p.m. ET (ESPN or ESPN2)
Clemson at Florida State * 7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Miami at North Carolina * 7:30 p.m. ET (ABC or ESPN)
Georgia Tech at Pitt * 7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Open: Virginia Tech

WEEK 10

Friday, November 6

Virginia Tech at SMU * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Saturday, November 7

Florida State at Boston College *
Clemson at Syracuse *
Duke at NC State *
Louisville at Georgia Tech *

North Carolina at UConn
Merrimack at Wake Forest
Miami at Notre Dame 7:30 p.m. ET (NBC/Peacock)
Open: California, Pitt, Stanford, Virginia

WEEK 11

Friday, November 13

Florida State at Pitt * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Saturday, November 14

California at Virginia *
Georgia Tech at Clemson *
Duke at Miami *
Louisville at North Carolina *
Syracuse at NC State *
Wake Forest at SMU *
Stanford at Virginia Tech *
Boston College at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET (NBC/Peacock)

WEEK 12

Friday, November 20

Clemson at Duke * 7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Saturday, November 21

Syracuse at Boston College *
Stanford at California *
NC State at Florida State *
Wake Forest at Georgia Tech *
Virginia Tech at Miami *
Pitt at Louisville *
North Carolina at Virginia *
SMU at Notre Dame 7:30 p.m. ET (NBC/Peacock)

WEEK 13

Friday, November 27

Florida at Florida State 3:30 p.m. ET (ABC)

Saturday, November 28

Boston College at Miami *
Pitt at California *
Duke at Wake Forest *
NC State at North Carolina *
SMU at Stanford *
Virginia at Virginia Tech *
South Carolina at Clemson
Georgia Tech at Georgia
Louisville at Kentucky
Notre Dame at Syracuse

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

Saturday, December 5

Bank of America Stadium - Charlotte, North Carolina
TBD Noon ET (ABC)

* Denotes ACC game



ACC FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

BOSTON COLLEGE (3-3, 1-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	at Cincinnati	L, 15-34
Sept. 11	Rutgers	W, 28-21
Sept. 19	Maine	W, 22-16
Sept. 26	Virginia Tech *	L, 14-21
Oct. 3	at #21 SMU *	L, 16-25
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	Pitt *	W, 27-21
Oct. 24	at Georgia Tech *	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Oct. 31	at Duke *	Noon ET (The CW)
Nov. 7	Florida State *	
Nov. 14	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m. ET (NBC)
Nov. 21	Syracuse *	
Nov. 28	at Miami *	

CALIFORNIA (3-4, 2-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	UCLA	L, 24-45
Sept. 12	at Syracuse *	W, 21-18
Sept. 19	Wagner	W, 49-7
Sept. 25	Clemson *	L, 10-24
Oct. 3	at UNLV	L, 31-39
Oct. 10	Virginia Tech *	W, 25-20
Oct. 17	#21 Wake Forest *	L, 7-41
Oct. 24	at #23 SMU *	Noon ET (The CW)
Oct. 31	at NC State *	Noon ET (ACCN)
Nov. 7	OPEN	
Nov. 14	at Virginia *	
Nov. 21	Stanford *	
Nov. 28	Pitt *	

CLEMSON (4-2, 2-1 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	at #11 LSU	L, 10-51
Sept. 12	Georgia Southern	W, 22-7
Sept. 19	North Carolina *	W, 28-20
Sept. 25	at California *	W, 24-10
Oct. 3	#4 Miami *	L, 13-41
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	Charleston Southern	W, 37-0
Oct. 24	Virginia Tech *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	at Florida State *	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Nov. 7	at Syracuse *	
Nov. 14	Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 20	at Duke *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 28	South Carolina	

DUKE (4-2, 1-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	Tulane	W, 17-3
Sept. 12	at Illinois	W, 31-27
Sept. 19	Stanford *	W, 35-7
Sept. 26	William & Mary	W, 62-7
Oct. 3	OPEN	
Oct. 10	at Georgia Tech *	L, 25-28
Oct. 17	North Carolina *	L, 20-24
Oct. 23	at Virginia *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	Boston College *	Noon ET (The CW)
Nov. 7	at NC State *	
Nov. 14	at Miami *	
Nov. 20	Clemson *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 28	at Wake Forest *	

FLORIDA STATE (3-4, 1-3 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	New Mexico State	W, 34-17
Sept. 7	#19 SMU *	L, 24-27
Sept. 12	OPEN	
Sept. 19	at #10 Alabama	L, 36-50
Sept. 26	Central Arkansas	W, 34-7
Oct. 3	Virginia *	W, 38-7
Oct. 9	at Louisville *	L, 20-44
Oct. 17	at #3 Miami *	L, 35-43 (2OT)
Oct. 24	OPEN	
Oct. 31	Clemson *	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Nov. 7	at Boston College *	
Nov. 13	at Pitt *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 21	NC State *	
Nov. 27	Florida	3:30 p.m. ET (ABC)

GEORGIA TECH (2-4, 1-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 3	Colorado	L, 13-14
Sept. 12	#18 Tennessee	L, 24-45
Sept. 19	Mercer	W, 44-11
Sept. 26	at Stanford *	L, 27-34
Oct. 3	OPEN	
Oct. 10	Duke *	W, 28-25
Oct. 17	at Virginia Tech *	L, 24-34
Oct. 24	Boston College *	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Oct. 31	at Pitt *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Nov. 7	Louisville *	
Nov. 14	at Clemson *	
Nov. 21	Wake Forest *	
Nov. 28	at Georgia	

LOUISVILLE (4-3, 3-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 6	vs. #9 Ole Miss (Nashville)	L, 38-41
Sept. 11	Villanova	W, 59-13
Sept. 19	#16 SMU *	W, 41-31
Sept. 26	Wake Forest *	L, 27-30
Oct. 3	at NC State *	L, 28-31
Oct. 9	Florida State *	W, 44-20
Oct. 17	at Syracuse *	W, 34-26
Oct. 24	OPEN	
Oct. 31	Stanford *	3:15 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Nov. 7	at Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 14	at North Carolina *	
Nov. 21	Pitt *	
Nov. 28	at Kentucky	

MIAMI (6-0, 4-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 4	at Stanford *	W, 45-6
Sept. 10	Florida A&M	W, 77-7
Sept. 18	at Wake Forest *	W, 33-20
Sept. 26	Central Michigan	W, 52-3
Oct. 3	at Clemson *	W, 41-13
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	Florida State *	W, 43-35 (2OT)
Oct. 24	Pitt *	Noon ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	at North Carolina *	7:30 p.m. ET (TBA)
Nov. 7	at Notre Dame	7:30 p.m. ET (NBC)
Nov. 14	Duke *	
Nov. 21	Virginia Tech *	
Nov. 28	Boston College *	

NORTH CAROLINA (4-2, 2-1 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	vs. TCU (Ireland)	W, 15-10
Sept. 5	OPEN	
Sept. 12	East Tennessee State	W, 35-3
Sept. 19	at Clemson *	L, 20-28
Sept. 26	OPEN	
Oct. 3	#3 Notre Dame	L, 26-37
Oct. 10	at #25 Pitt *	W, 21-17
Oct. 17	at Duke *	W, 24-20
Oct. 24	Syracuse *	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Oct. 31	Miami *	7:30 p.m. ET (TBA)
Nov. 7	at UConn	
Nov. 14	Louisville *	
Nov. 21	at Virginia *	
Nov. 28	NC State *	



ACC FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

NC STATE (3-3, 1-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	at Virginia *	L, 8-34
Sept. 5	OPEN	
Sept. 11	Richmond	W, 73-0
Sept. 19	at Vanderbilt	L, 31-35
Sept. 26	App State	W, 41-31
Oct. 3	Louisville *	W, 31-28
Oct. 10	Wake Forest *	L, 14-38
Oct. 17	OPEN	
Oct. 23	at Stanford *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	California *	Noon ET (ACCN)
Nov. 7	Duke *	
Nov. 14	Syracuse *	
Nov. 21	at Florida State *	
Nov. 28	at North Carolina *	

PITT (5-2, 2-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	Miami (OH)	W, 59-14
Sept. 12	UCF	W, 12-7
Sept. 17	Syracuse *	W, 27-13
Sept. 26	Bucknell	W, 59-0
Oct. 2	at Virginia Tech *	W, 35-33
Oct. 10	North Carolina *	L, 17-21
Oct. 17	at Boston College *	L, 21-27
Oct. 24	at Miami *	Noon ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	Georgia Tech *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Nov. 7	OPEN	
Nov. 13	Florida State *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 21	at Louisville *	
Nov. 28	at California *	

SMU (5-1, 3-1 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 7	at Florida State *	W, 27-24
Sept. 12	UC Davis	W, 56-10
Sept. 19	at #23 Louisville *	L, 31-41
Sept. 26	Missouri State	W, 34-24
Oct. 3	Boston College *	W, 25-16
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	Virginia *	W, 23-13
Oct. 24	California *	Noon ET (The CW)
Oct. 31	at Syracuse *	Noon ET (ESPN2)
Nov. 6	Virginia Tech *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 14	Wake Forest *	
Nov. 21	at Notre Dame	7:30 p.m. ET (NBC)
Nov. 28	at Stanford *	

STANFORD (3-4, 1-3 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	Hawai'i	W, 37-27
Sept. 4	#7 Miami *	L, 6-45
Sept. 12	OPEN	
Sept. 19	at Duke *	L, 7-35
Sept. 26	Georgia Tech *	W, 34-27
Oct. 3	at Wake Forest *	L, 3-57
Oct. 10	at #3 Notre Dame	L, 7-58
Oct. 17	Elon	W, 34-7
Oct. 23	NC State *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	at Louisville *	3:15 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Nov. 7	OPEN	
Nov. 14	at Virginia Tech *	
Nov. 21	at California *	
Nov. 28	SMU *	

SYRACUSE (2-4, 0-4 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	New Hampshire	W, 66-3
Sept. 12	California *	L, 18-21
Sept. 17	at Pitt *	L, 13-27
Sept. 26	OPEN	
Oct. 3	at UConn	W, 42-41 (2ot)
Oct. 10	at Virginia *	L, 25-28
Oct. 17	Louisville *	L, 26-34
Oct. 24	at North Carolina *	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Oct. 31	SMU *	Noon ET (ESPN2)
Nov. 7	Clemson *	
Nov. 14	at NC State *	
Nov. 21	at Boston College *	
Nov. 28	Notre Dame	

VIRGINIA (4-3, 2-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	NC State *	W, 34-8
Sept. 5	OPEN	
Sept. 11	Norfolk State	W, 59-3
Sept. 19	vs. West Virginia (Charlotte)	L, 27-38
Sept. 26	Delaware	W, 42-3
Oct. 3	at Florida State *	L, 7-38
Oct. 10	Syracuse *	W, 28-25
Oct. 17	at #24 SMU *	L, 13-23
Oct. 23	Duke *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	at Wake Forest *	3:45 p.m. ET (TBA)
Nov. 7	OPEN	
Nov. 14	California *	
Nov. 21	North Carolina *	
Nov. 28	at Virginia Tech *	

VIRGINIA TECH (5-2, 2-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	VMI	W, 73-3
Sept. 12	Old Dominion	W, 44-21
Sept. 19	at Maryland	W, 35-26
Sept. 26	at Boston College *	W, 21-14
Oct. 2	Pitt *	L, 33-35
Oct. 10	at California *	L, 20-25
Oct. 17	Georgia Tech *	W, 34-24
Oct. 24	at Clemson *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	OPEN	
Nov. 6	at SMU *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 14	Stanford *	
Nov. 21	at Miami *	
Nov. 28	Virginia *	

WAKE FOREST (6-1, 4-1 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 3	Akron	W, 38-16
Sept. 12	at Purdue	W, 38-36 (2OT)
Sept. 18	#5 Miami *	L, 20-33
Sept. 26	at #16 Louisville *	W, 30-27
Oct. 3	Stanford *	W, 57-3
Oct. 10	at NC State *	W, 38-14
Oct. 17	at California *	W, 41-7
Oct. 24	OPEN	
Oct. 31	Virginia *	3:45 p.m. ET (TBA)
Nov. 7	Merrimack	
Nov. 14	at SMU *	
Nov. 21	at Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 28	Duke *	

* Denotes ACC game



ACC BOWL PARTNERS & LINEUP

Bowl Game	Date	Time (ET)	TV Network
Frisco Football Classic	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	9 p.m.	ESPN
Boca Raton Bowl	Friday, December 18, 2026	11 a.m.	ESPN
Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl	Friday, December 18, 2026	2:30 p.m.	ESPN
Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl ^{AAA}	Tuesday, December 22, 2026	8:30 p.m.	ESPN
Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	Wednesday, December 23, 2026	5:30 p.m.	ESPN
Frisco Bowl	Wednesday, December 23, 2026	9 p.m.	ESPN
Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl	Saturday, December 26, 2026	Noon	ABC
Wasabi Fenway Bowl	Saturday, December 26, 2026	2 p.m.	ESPN
Duke's Mayo Bowl	Saturday, December 26, 2026	3:30 p.m.	ABC
Freedom Mortgage Military Bowl	Monday, December 28, 2026	2 p.m.	ESPN
Holiday Bowl ^{AAA}	Monday, December 28, 2026	5 p.m.	The CW
JLab Birmingham Bowl	Tuesday, December 29, 2026	2 p.m.	ESPN
Pop-Tarts Bowl	Tuesday, December 29, 2026	5:30 p.m.	ESPN
Valero Alamo Bowl ^{AAA}	Tuesday, December 29, 2026	9 p.m.	ESPN
TaxSlayer Gator Bowl	Wednesday, December 30, 2026	11:30 a.m.	ESPN
Old El Paso Sun Bowl ^{AAA}	Thursday, December 31, 2026	2 p.m.	CBS
Las Vegas Bowl ^{AAA}	Thursday, December 31, 2026	3:45 p.m.	ESPN
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl	Friday, January 2, 2027	3:30 p.m.	ABC

2026-27 College Football Playoff

CFP First Round - Campus Site	Friday, December 18, 2026	8 p.m.	ESPN
CFP First Round - Campus Site	Saturday, December 19, 2026	Noon	ABC/ESPN
CFP First Round - Campus Site	Saturday, December 19, 2026	3:30 p.m.	TNT/TruTV/HBO Max
CFP First Round - Campus Site	Saturday, December 19, 2026	7:30 p.m.	TNT/TruTV/HBO Max
CFP Quarterfinals - Vrbo Fiesta Bowl	Wednesday, December 30, 2026	7:30 p.m.	TNT/TruTV/HBO Max
CFP Quarterfinals - Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	Friday, January 1, 2027	TBD	TBD
CFP Quarterfinals - Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic	Friday, January 1, 2027	TBD	TBD
CFP Quarterfinals - Rose Bowl Game Presented by Prudential	Friday, January 1, 2027	TBD	TBD
CFP Semifinals - Capital One Orange Bowl	Thursday, January 14, 2027	7:30 p.m.	TNT/TruTV/HBO Max
CFP Semifinals - Allstate Sugar Bowl	Friday, January 15, 2027	7:30 p.m.	ABC/ESPN
CFP National Championship Game	Monday, January 25, 2027	7:30 p.m.	ABC/ESPN

• The College Football Playoff (CFP) is the event that crowns the national champion in college football. The CFP selection committee ranks the top 25 teams at the end of the regular season. The 12 participating schools will be the conference champions from the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Southeastern Conference and the highest-ranked team from the American, Conference USA, Mid-American Conference, Mountain West, Pac-12 Conference or Sun Belt Conference, along with the next seven highest-ranked teams. The University of Notre Dame will be included in the playoff if it is ranked among the top 12 teams in the final rankings.

^{AAA} Denotes matchups featuring teams from the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12 or Washington State/Oregon State



ACC IN THE RANKINGS

	AP/COACHES/CFP																
	BC	CAL	CU	DU	FSU	GT	LOU	MIA	UNC	NCSU	PITT	SMU	STAN	SU	UVA	VT	WF
Preseason	-/-	RV/RV/-	RV/23/-	-/RV/-	-/RV/-	RV/RV/-	24/RV/-	7/7/-	-/-	-/RV/-	RV/RV/-	19/20/-	-/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	RV/RV/-	-/-
Sept. 8	-/-	-/-	-/RV/-	-/RV/-	-/-	-/-	24/24/-	7/7/-	-/RV/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	17/17/-	-/-	-/-	25/25/-	RV/RV/-	-/-
Sept. 13	-/-	-/-	-/RV/-	-/RV/-	-/-	-/-	23/RV/-	5/5/-	-/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	16/16/-	-/-	-/-	25/25/-	RV/RV/-	-/RV/-
Sept. 20	-/-	-/-	-/RV/-	RV/RV/-	-/-	-/-	16/19/-	6/5/-	-/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	22/25/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	-/-
Sept. 27	-/-	-/-	-/RV/-	RV/21/-	-/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	4/4/-	-/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	21/19/-	-/-	-/-	-/RV/-	RV/RV/-	RV/RV/-
Oct. 4	-/-	-/-	-/-	RV/23/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	4/4/-	-/-	-/-	25/24/-	24/21/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/RV/-	RV/RV/-
Oct. 11	-/-	-/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/3/-	-/RV/-	-/-	-/RV/-	24/22/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	21/23/-
Oct. 18	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/RV/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/-	-/RV/-	-/-	-/RV/-	23/20/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	17/19/-
Oct. 25																	
Nov. 1																	
Nov. 8																	
Nov. 15																	
Nov. 22																	
Nov. 29																	
Dec. 6																	
Final																	

ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKINGS

School	Pr	WEEK														Fin
		W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	W8	W9	W10	W11	W12	W13	W14	
Miami	7	7	5	6	4	4	3	1								
BYU	14	15	11	9	10	8	8	2								
Ohio State	1	1	6	7	5	5	4	3								
Notre Dame	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	4								
Georgia	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	5								
Indiana	6	5	4	5	6	7	5	6								
Ole Miss	9	9	8	4	9	9	9	7								
Texas Tech	12	13	13	11	12	11	10	8								
UCLA	-	-	-	-	23	21	12	9								
Utah	21	20	17	15	13	12	11	10								
Tennessee	20	18	15	14	17	15	14	11								
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	24	-	15	12								
Alabama	13	12	10	8	7	6	6	13								
Houston	23	22	22	25	20	22	20	14								
Iowa	22	21	18	17	14	20	17	15								
USC	14	14	12	12	18	19	19	16								
Wake Forest	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	17								
LSU	11	8	7	10	11	10	22	18								
Texas	5	4	1	1	1	1	7	19								
Florida	-	-	-	21	8	16	-	20								
Boise State	-	-	-	-	22	23	23	21								
Missouri	25	23	20	19	25	14	13	22								
SMU	19	17	16	22	21	24	24	23								
Northwestern	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	24								
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25								
Miss State	-	-	-	24	16	17	16	-								
Oklahoma St.	-	-	-	-	19	18	18	-								
Oregon	2	6	21	20	15	13	-	-								
Pitt	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-								
Penn State	18	16	14	13	-	-	-	-								
Louisville	24	24	23	16	-	-	-	-								
Michigan	16	-	19	18	-	-	-	-								
Texas A&M	8	10	9	23	-	-	-	-								
Oklahoma	10	11	24	-	-	-	-	-								
Virginia	-	25	25	-	-	-	-	-								
Washington	17	19	-	-	-	-	-	-								

ACC ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKING HISTORY

School	Consecutive			
	Polls	Top 10	No. 1	Weeks Ranked
Boston College	-	34	1	145
California	-	92	4	200
Clemson	-	220	25	516
Duke	-	57	-	180
Florida State	-	388	72	590
Georgia Tech	-	148	-	320
Louisville	-	42	-	169
Miami	42	339	69	560
North Carolina	-	80	1	280
NC State	-	12	-	191
Pitt	-	125	21	322
SMU	8	75	2	205
Stanford	-	97	-	303
Syracuse	-	69	7	213
Virginia	-	21	3	188
Virginia Tech	-	95	-	311
Wake Forest	2	2	-	71

ACC COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF (CFP) RANKING HISTORY

All-Time CFP Rankings	Appearances	Highest Rank (Date)
Boston College	3	17 (Nov. 16, 2018)
California	-	-
Clemson	60	1, eight times (Dec. 3, 2017)
Duke	3	21 (Nov. 11, 2014)
Florida State	30	2, two times (Nov. 4, 2014)
Georgia Tech	12	11 (Dec. 2, 2014)
Louisville	22	5 (Nov. 15, 2016)
Miami	23	2 (Nov. 21, 2017)
North Carolina	19	10, two times (Dec. 6, 2015)
NC State	24	14 (Nov. 6, 2018)
Pitt	13	12 (Dec. 5, 2021)
SMU	10	8 (Dec. 3, 2024)
Stanford	15	6 (Dec. 6, 2015)
Syracuse	9	12 (Nov. 13, 2018)
Virginia	9	14 (Nov. 4, 2025)
Virginia Tech	10	13 (Oct. 31, 2017)
Wake Forest	8	9 (Nov. 2, 2021)



MIDSEASON AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Midseason All-America Teams

Associated Press Midseason All-America Team

Darian Mensah (QB), Miami.....	1st Team
Nate Sheppard (RB), Duke.....	1st Team
Malachi Toney (WR), Miami.....	1st Team
Luke Reynolds (TE), Virginia Tech.....	1st Team
Xavier Lewis (DL), North Carolina.....	1st Team
Ashton Hampton (CB), Clemson.....	1st Team
Kingston Lopa (S), California.....	1st Team
Monroe Mills (OL), Virginia.....	2nd Team
Carlos Hernandez (WR), Wake Forest.....	2nd Team

Sports Illustrated Midseason All-America Team

Darian Mensah (QB), Miami.....	1st Team
Nate Sheppard (RB), Duke.....	1st Team
Malachi Toney (WR), Miami.....	1st Team
Luke Reynolds (TE), Virginia Tech.....	1st Team
Kingston Lopa (S), California.....	1st Team
Daniel Sparks (P), Virginia.....	1st Team
Ashton Hampton (CB), Clemson.....	2nd Team
Monroe Mills (OL), Virginia.....	2nd Team
Carlos Hernandez (WR), Wake Forest.....	2nd Team
Langston Hardy (DE), Wake Forest.....	2nd Team

On3 Midseason All-America Team

Darian Mensah (QB), Miami.....	1st Team
Nate Sheppard (RB), Duke.....	1st Team
Samson Okunlola (OT), Miami.....	1st Team
Kingston Lopa (S), California.....	1st Team
Daniel Sparks (K), Virginia.....	1st Team
Isaac Brown (RB), Louisville.....	2nd Team
Malachi Toney (WR), Miami.....	2nd Team
Luke Reynolds (TE), Virginia Tech.....	2nd Team
Xavier Lewis (DL), North Carolina.....	2nd Team
Ashton Hampton (CB), Clemson.....	2nd Team
Nolan Hauser (K), Clemson.....	2nd Team

CBS Sports Midseason All-America Team

Darian Mensah (QB), Miami.....	Offense
Nate Sheppard (RB), Duke.....	Offense
Malachi Toney (AP), Miami.....	Offense
Xavier Lewis (DT), North Carolina.....	Defense
Ashton Hampton (CB), Clemson.....	Defense
Kingston Lopa (S), California.....	Defense

The Athletic's Midseason All-Freshman Team

Damon Ferguson Jr. (RB), Pitt.....	
JJ Dunnigan (DB), Miami.....	
Somad Eaddy (DB), Wake Forest.....	
Ethan Hyams (P), Wake Forest.....	

Midseason Honor Rolls & Watch Lists

Dodd Trophy Midseason Watch List

Mario Cristobal, Miami.....	
Jake Dickert, Wake Forest.....	
Rhett Lashlee, SMU.....	

Joe Moore Award 2026 Midseason Honor Roll

Duke.....	Offensive Line
Miami.....	Offensive Line

Lombardi Award Midseason Watch List

Sammy Brown (LB), Clemson.....	
Will Heldt (DE), Clemson.....	
Clev Lubin (Edge), Louisville.....	
Xavier Lewis (DT), North Carolina.....	

Rimington Trophy Midseason Watch List Additions

Ryan Rodriguez (C), Miami.....	
Drake Metcalf (C), Virginia.....	



NATIONAL WEEKLY AWARDS & HONORS

National Weekly Awards

Associated Press National Player of the Week

September 8..... Malachi Toney (WR), Miami

Bednarik Award Player of the Week (Defensive)

September 15..... Kingston Lopa (CB), California

October 6..... Damon Wilson II (DE), Miami

Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Week

September 15..... Anthony Palano (LB), Boston College

CSC Comeback Player of the Week

September 15..... Justice Haynes (RB), Georgia Tech

Davey O'Brien National Quarterback of the Week

September 9..... Mason Heintschel (QB), Pitt

October 6..... Ashton Daniels (QB), Florida State

Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week

September 9..... Nate Sheppard (RB), Duke

September 22..... Keyjuan Brown (RB), Louisville

Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week

August 31..... Tony Elliott, Virginia

John Mackey Award Player of the Week

September 9..... Randy Pittman Jr. (TE), SMU

September 22..... Luke Reynolds (TE), Virginia Tech

October 20..... Dominick Barry (TE), Wake Forest

Lou Groza Award Stars of the Week (Placekicker)

September 15..... Nolan Hauser (K), Clemson

September 22..... Nolan Hauser (K), Clemson

September 29..... Connor Calvert (K), Wake Forest

October 6..... Kanoah Vinesett (K), NC State

Maxwell Award Player of the Week

September 9..... Mason Heintschel (QB), Pitt

Outland Trophy National Player of the Week

October 13..... Lance Robinson (OL), Louisville

Panini Senior Bowl Player of the Week

August 31..... Melkart Abou-Jaoude (DE), North Carolina (Defensive)

..... Davis Warren (QB), Stanford (Offensive)

September 8..... Darian Mensah (QB), Miami (Offensive)

October 5..... Damon Wilson II (DE), Miami (Defensive)

October 12..... Isaac Brown (RB), Louisville (Offensive)

National Weekly Awards

Pro Football Focus (PFF) Player of the Week

August 31..... Xavier Lewis (DL), North Carolina (Defensive)

September 7..... Malachi Toney (WR), Miami (Offensive)

Pro Football Focus (PFF) Quarterback of the Week

September 7..... Darian Mensah (QB), Miami

October 19..... Gio Lopez (QB), Wake Forest

Shrine Bowl Coach of the Week

August 31..... Joey Orck, Virginia (Offensive Line Coach)

September 7..... Shannon Dawson, Miami (Offensive Coordinator)

Shrine Bowl Players of the Week

August 31..... Micah Ford (RB), Stanford (Offensive)

September 21..... Will Heldt (Edge), Clemson (Defensive)

..... Duce Robinson (WR), Florida State (Offensive)

October 12..... Langston Hardy (DE), Wake Forest (Defensive)

October 19..... Umari Hatcher (WR), Syracuse (Offensive)

Shrine Bowl Monday Morning Quarterback

August 31..... Beau Pribula, Virginia

September 7..... Darian Mensah, Miami

September 28..... Davis Warren, Stanford

Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week

September 22..... Daniel Sparks (P), Virginia

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award National Player of the Week

September 9..... Kevin Jennings (QB), SMU

Walter Camp National Player of the Week

September 8..... Malachi Toney (WR), Miami (Offensive)

September 15..... Kingston Lopa (DB), California (Defensive)

September 22..... Kaleb Beasley (DB), Louisville (Defensive)

247Sports True Freshman of the Week

September 20..... Tait Reynolds (QB), Clemson



NATIONAL WEEKLY AWARDS & HONORS

Honorable Mention / Honor Rolls

Associated Press National Player of the Week (Honorable Mention)

August 31	Beau Pribula (QB), Virginia (Runner-Up)
.....	Micah Ford (RB), Stanford (HM)
.....	Davis Warren (QB), Stanford (HM)
.....	Xavier Lewis (DL), North Carolina (HM)
September 8.....	Mason Heintschel (QB), Pitt (Runner-Up)
.....	Darian Mensah (QB), Miami (HM)
.....	Kevin Jennings (QB), SMU (HM)
September 14.....	Gio Lopez (QB), Wake Forest (HM)
September 21.....	Keyjuan Brown (RB), Louisville (Runner-Up)
September 28.....	Carlos Hernandez (WR), Wake Forest (HM)
October 12.....	Isaac Brown (RB), Louisville (HM)
October 19.....	Darian Mensah (QB), Miami (HM)
.....	Malachi Toney (WR), Miami (HM)
.....	Que'Sean Brown (WR), Virginia Tech (HM)

Davey O'Brien "Great Eight" Quarterbacks

September 7.....	Mason Heintschel (QB), Pitt
.....	Darian Mensah (QB), Miami
September 21.....	Ethan Grunkemeyer (QB), Virginia Tech
.....	Lincoln Kienholz (QB), Louisville
September 28.....	Beau Pribula (QB), Virginia
October 5.....	Ashton Daniels (QB), Florida State
.....	Gio Lopez (QB), Wake Forest
.....	Amari Odom (QB), Syracuse
October 12.....	Gio Lopez (QB), Wake Forest

John Mackey Award (Tight Ends) Honorable Mention

September 15.....	Luke Reynolds (TE), Virginia Tech
September 22.....	Jeremiah Hasley (TE), Duke
October 13.....	Daunte Bacheyie (TE), Syracuse

Manning Stars of the Week

September 8.....	Mason Heintschel (QB), Pitt
.....	Darian Mensah (QB), Miami
September 14.....	Gio Lopez (QB), Wake Forest
September 21.....	Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (QB), California
.....	Darian Mensah (QB), Miami
September 28.....	Mason Heintschel (QB), Pitt
.....	Davis Warren (QB), Stanford
October 5.....	CJ Bailey (QB), NC State
October 12.....	Jackson Brousseau (QB), California
.....	Gio Lopez (QB), Wake Forest
October 19.....	Darian Mensah (QB), Miami

Honorable Mention / Honor Rolls

Pro Football Focus (PFF) Team of the Week

August 31	Ousmane Kromah (RB), Florida State
September 6.....	Darian Mensah (QB), Miami
.....	Malachi Toney (WR), Miami
.....	Thomas Williams (CB), Virginia Tech
September 13.....	Kingston Lopa (CB), California
September 20.....	Luke Reynolds (TE), Virginia Tech
.....	Greg Smith (DB), North Carolina
September 27.....	Jeffrey Overton Jr. (RB), Virginia Tech
October 5.....	Jarvis Lee (CB), SMU
October 12.....	Vincent Firenze (LB), Wake Forest
.....	Tre Miller (CB), North Carolina
October 19.....	Gio Lopez (QB), Wake Forest
.....	Umari Hatcher (WR), Syracuse
.....	Que'Sean Brown (WR), Virginia Tech
.....	Malachi Toney (WR/Flex), Miami
.....	Niki Prongos (LT), Stanford
.....	Clinton Richard (LG), Wake Forest
.....	Ashlynd Barker (S), Florida State
.....	Bryce Fitzgerald (S/Flex), Miami

Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll

September 9.....	Tre Richardson (WR/RS), Louisville
October 13.....	Isaac Brown (RB), Louisville
October 20.....	Que'Sean Brown (WR/RS), Virginia Tech
.....	Malachi Toney (WR/RS), Miami

Ray Guy Award "Ray's 8"

September 8.....	Jack Smith (P), Clemson
.....	Kade Reynoldson (P), Duke
.....	Aidan Flintoft (P), Stanford
September 14.....	Jack Smith (P), Clemson
September 21.....	Alex Bacchetta (P), Georgia Tech
.....	Daniel Sparks (P), Virginia
October 5.....	Daniel Sparks (P), Virginia
October 12.....	Daniel Sparks (P), Virginia

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award - Honorable Mention

September 15.....	Kevin Jennings (QB), SMU
September 29.....	Kevin Jennings (QB), SMU
.....	Yamir Knight (WR), SMU



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FOOTBALL SUCCESS

The ACC has solidified its reputation as a powerhouse in college football over the last decade, producing elite teams, top-tier coaching talent and Heisman-caliber athletes.

Elite Presence on the National Stage

- In 10 of the past 13 seasons, the ACC has been represented in either the College Football Playoff or the BCS National Championship Game—an elite streak that began with Florida State's thrilling 34-31 win over Auburn in the final BCS title game in January 2014 (2013 season).

Five CFP Teams, One Conference

- The ACC is one of the few conferences to have sent five different programs to the College Football Playoff:

- Clemson (2015–2020, 2024)
- Florida State (2014)
- Notre Dame (2020, while competing as part of the ACC during the pandemic season)
- SMU (2024)
- Miami (2025)

Playoff Success That Stands Out

- With nine all-time College Football Playoff victories, the ACC ranks third nationally behind only the SEC (21) and Big Ten (16).

Unmatched Depth in Bowl Season

- Over the last three seasons (2023, 2024 and 2025), the ACC has had 11 or more bowl-eligible teams each year – the longest streak of any conference.

- The 2024 season saw a league-record 13 ACC teams earn bowl eligibility, tying for the most among all Power Four conferences.

- For 24 consecutive years, the ACC has secured six or more bowl bids, excluding the unique 2020 season. The league has sent 11 teams or more to the postseason in seven of the last 12 years.

Top Coaching Talent Across the Board

- Entering the 2026 season, 11 active ACC head coaches currently rank among the top 70 in the FBS in career winning percentage (at least two full seasons of coaching):

- Dabo Swinney (Clemson)
- Rhett Lashlee (SMU)
- James Franklin (Virginia Tech)
- Jeff Brohm (Louisville)
- Manny Diaz (Duke)
- Dave Doeren (NC State)
- Mike Norvell (Florida State)
- Brent Key (Georgia Tech)
- Jake Dickert (Wake Forest)
- Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)
- Mario Cristobal (Miami)

Heisman Pedigree

- Over the last 13 years, eight ACC players have finished in the top five of the Heisman Trophy voting a total of 10 times, including two winners:

- Jameis Winston, Florida State – 2013 winner
- Lamar Jackson, Louisville – 2016 winner, third in 2017
- Deshaun Watson, Clemson – 2nd in 2016, 3rd in 2015
- Trevor Lawrence, Clemson – 2nd in 2020
- Kenny Pickett, Pitt – 3rd in 2021
- Andre Williams, Boston College – 5th in 2013
- Jordan Travis, Florida State – 5th in 2023
- Cameron Ward, Miami – 4th in 2024

ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SUCCESS

Expanding the Field of Contenders

- With SMU making its first appearance in 2024, 14 different programs have now competed in the ACC Football Championship Game since it began in 2005—highlighting the league's depth and competitive balance.

- Clemson leads all schools with 10 appearances, followed by Virginia Tech and Florida State, each with six.

Champions Across the Conference

- Since the inaugural title game in 2005, seven different schools have claimed the ACC Championship:

- Clemson: 9 titles (most in league history)
- Florida State: 5 titles, including the 2023 crown
- Virginia Tech: 3 titles
- Duke, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, and Pitt: 1 title each

A Proven Draw in Charlotte

- The ACC Championship Game has been a major event in Charlotte, selling out five times at Bank of America Stadium—in 2010, 2011, 2015, 2017, and 2020—demonstrating the passion of ACC fans and the game's regional appeal.

Charlotte: The Long-Term Home of ACC Championship Football

- In April 2018, the ACC and the Charlotte Sports Foundation solidified a 10-year partnership to keep the title game in Charlotte through 2030. The game will continue to be played annually at Bank of America Stadium on the first Saturday of December, continuing one of college football's premier championship traditions.

ACC & THE NFL DRAFT

Another Impressive Draft Class

- The ACC had 38 players selected in the 2026 NFL Draft, representing 13 different institutions across the conference. The ACC had 42 players taken in the 2025 NFL Draft, which tied the league's highest single-draft total since 2021 (not including Notre Dame's nine picks that year).

Consistent Pipeline to the Pros

- Since the 2000 NFL Draft, the ACC has produced 891 total draft picks, including 128 first-round selections—ranking third among all conferences in both categories.

Top-Three in Recent Draft Production

- Over the last 14 drafts (2013–2026), the ACC has had 507 players selected, the third-most of any conference during that span. Notably, the ACC has seen 40 or more players drafted in three of the last six years.

No. 1 Overall Picks: A Legacy of Excellence

- Current ACC programs have produced 17 No. 1 overall picks in the history of the NFL Draft. Most recently, Miami quarterback Cameron Ward was selected first overall by the Tennessee Titans in the 2025 NFL Draft. Several ACC schools have contributed multiple top picks over the years:

- Stanford: 4 (Bobby Garrett – 1954, Jim Plunkett – 1971, John Elway – 1983, Andrew Luck – 2012)
- Miami: 3 (Vinny Testaverde – 1987, Russell Maryland – 1991, Cam Ward – 2025)
- Cal: 2 (Steve Bartkowski – 1975, Jared Goff – 2016)
- Virginia Tech: 2 (Bruce Smith – 1985, Michael Vick – 2001)
- Clemson: 1 (Trevor Lawrence – 2021)
- Florida State: 1 (Jameis Winston – 2015)
- NC State: 1 (Mario Williams – 2006)
- SMU: 1 (Kyle Rote – 1951)
- Syracuse: 1 (Ernie Davis – 1962)
- Virginia: 1 (Bill Dudley – 1942)

Additionally, NC State's Roman Gabriel was selected No. 2 overall in the 1962 NFL Draft but was the No. 1 overall pick in the AFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders.



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NATIONAL SUCCESS

National Championships

- The ACC won seven NCAA National Championships in 2025-26 in ACC-sponsored sports. In addition, Stanford won the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championship.
 - NC State won the 2025 NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship.
 - Florida State won the 2025 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship.
 - Virginia won the 2025-26 NCAA Women's Swimming & Diving Championship.
 - Notre Dame won the 2026 NCAA Men's Fencing Championship.
 - Notre Dame won the 2026 NCAA Women's Fencing Championship.
 - Stanford won the 2026 NCAA Women's Golf Championship.
 - Virginia won the 2026 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship.
- In addition to the seven titles, ACC programs finished as national runners-up in:
 - Football (Miami)
 - Women's Soccer (Stanford)
 - Men's Soccer (NC State)
 - Women's Swimming & Diving (Stanford)
 - Men's Swimming & Diving (California)
 - Women's Lacrosse (North Carolina)
 - Men's Lacrosse (Notre Dame)
 - Rowing (Stanford)
 - Baseball (North Carolina)
- The ACC has won a combined 36 NCAA championships over the last five academic years in its league-sponsored sports – more than at any other point in the league's history.
 - The ACC has won six or more national championships in each of the last five years, marking the best run in ACC history.
 - In 2022-23, the ACC won the most NCAA championships of any conference with a league-record nine.

Learfield Directors' Cup Standings

- Six ACC schools were ranked among the top 25 for the second consecutive year, including three in the top five, in the final Division I Learfield College Directors' Cup standings following the 2025-26 academic year. All 18 ACC programs finished in the top 90 of the final standings.
- The ACC had three schools finish in the top five in the final standings for the first time in conference history – Stanford (2nd), North Carolina (4th) and Virginia (5th).
- This marks the 24th consecutive year that four or more ACC schools have placed among the top 30 in the final LEARFIELD Directors' Cup standings. North Carolina and Virginia have ranked among the top 30 nationally in each of the 31 years the Directors' Cup has been conducted.
- The ACC was one of only two conferences with every school among the final top 90 in 2025-26.

ACC STUDENT-ATHLETE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- The ACC conducted its fifth annual Health and Safety Summit in May 2026, again in Charlotte, North Carolina, bringing together athletic trainers, team physicians, dietitians, mental health practitioners, sports performance coaches, and others within the ACC's health and sports performance community to collaborate and to share best practices.
- The ACC continued to provide leadership development programming to ACC coaches through the Coaching the Whole Athlete Academy. The Coaching Academy is an eight-week virtual and immersive development program established by the league office that equips coaches with information, tools, and skills needed to take a humanistic approach to better support the needs of the student-athlete.
- The ACC organized the fourth annual ACC Career Trek in Charlotte, North Carolina, in June 2026. The trek included 30 student-athletes across the league meeting with representatives and participating in panel discussions from five different categories including sports, real estate, finance/banking, consulting and government.
- The ACC brought together student-athletes, coaches and administrators from all 18 member institutions for the fifth annual ACC Unity Tour on July 12–15 in Washington, D.C. Each ACC institution was invited to send six representatives—four student-athletes and two coaches or administrators—to participate in the four-day experience. This past year's program examined the intersection of sport, leadership and diplomacy while providing opportunities to engage with policymakers, historians and community leaders. Participants explored how athletics can serve as a bridge across campuses and communities, foster collaboration across differences and create lasting impact.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

ACC Student-Athletes Excel Once Again in NCAA APR Report

- Atlantic Coast Conference teams once again showcased strong academic achievement, according to the latest Academic Progress Rate (APR) data released by the NCAA in May 2026.
- Overall, the ACC average APR was 991, five points above the Division I national average. Every team among the ACC's 28 sponsored sports exceeded the NCAA's required APR of 930. A total of 112 ACC teams recorded a perfect APR score of 1000, including at least two teams from each of the 18 member institutions. Notre Dame led the way with 17 teams with a perfect score, followed by Duke with 14 teams and Boston College, Clemson and NC State with 10 each.

ACC Makes Another Strong Showing in NCAA Graduation Success Rates

- The ACC's collective high level of academic success was again reflected by the NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) report, released in November 2025. The ACC's average graduation rate of 94 percent was four points higher than the year's national average of 90 percent.

ACC Again Tops All FBS Conferences in 2027 U.S. News & World Report "Best Colleges" Rankings

- For the 20th consecutive year, the ACC led the way nationally among Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conferences in the "Best Colleges" rankings released by U.S. News & World Report in September 2026.
 - The 50.8 average rank of ACC schools was the best among all FBS conferences.
 - Two ACC institutions ranked in the top 10, making the ACC the only FBS conference with multiple schools in the top 10 nationally.
 - Four ACC schools ranked in the top 25, more than any other FBS conference.
 - Seven ACC schools were among the top 30, also the most among all FBS conferences.
 - 15 ACC schools were ranked among the top 75, tied for the most of any FBS conference.
 - 11 of the 18 ACC institutions either maintained or improved their position from the previous year's rankings.



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ACC MEDIA PORTAL

Press Conferences and ACC Events: The ACC will continue to provide video from a variety of press conferences and select ACC Championship footage throughout the athletic year. Game highlights from regular season football and basketball games will no longer be provided. Previous accounts to the ACC Media Portal will no longer be active. If you are interested in access to the new ACC Media Portal, please contact Kevin Davis (kdavis@theacc.org) to gain access and for additional information. The use of ACC Championship highlights provided through the ACC Media Portal remains subject to all restrictions as outlined in the ACC News Access Guidelines. Thanks for your continued support of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR COVERING ACC FOOTBALL

Saturday, August 29

- The 2026 football season kicks off in Week 0 with four games, including an ACC matchup with NC State at Virginia.

Monday, August 31

- The first ACC Player of the Week Awards will be announced.
- * For Week 1, ACC Player of the Week honors will be announced on Tuesday, September 8, at 2 p.m. ET due to a Labor Day game on Monday night (September 7).
- All other weeks of the 2026 season, the ACC Player of the Week honors will be announced on Monday at 2 p.m. ET.

Monday, November 2

- The 2026 ACC Football Championship Game credential application website opens.

Sunday, November 29

- The ACC Football Championship Game participating coaches teleconference - TBD
- All-ACC Football Team voting opens at Noon ET.

Monday, November 30

- All-ACC Football Team voting closes at Noon ET.
- The deadline for media credential applications to the 2026 ACC Football Championship Game is at 2 p.m. ET

Monday, November 30 – Thursday, December 3

- ACC awards will be announced during the week following the conclusion of the regular season.

The following awards will be announced.

- Jacobs Blocking Trophy
- Brian Piccolo Award (Most Courageous Football Student-Athlete)
- All-ACC Football Teams
- ACC Offensive, Defensive and Overall Rookies of the Year
- ACC Offensive, Defensive and Overall Players of the Year
- ACC Coach of the Year

Friday, December 4

- 2026 ACC Football Championship Game Press Conference (participating coaches) – TBD

Saturday, December 5

- 2026 ACC Football Championship Game
Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, N.C. – Noon ET (ABC)



COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

OVERVIEW

The College Football Playoff (CFP) is a postseason event to determine college football's national champion on the field, while emphasizing the significance of college football's unique regular season where every game counts.

RANKINGS

The selection committee ranks the schools based on the members' evaluation of their performance on the field, using strength of schedule, head-to-head results, and comparison of results against common opponents.

THE BRACKET

The 12 participating schools will be the conference champions from the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Southeastern Conference and the highest-ranked team from the American, Conference USA, Mid-American Conference, Mountain West, Pac-12 Conference or Sun Belt Conference, along with the next seven highest-ranked teams. The University of Notre Dame will be included in the playoff if it is ranked among the top 12 teams in the final rankings.

The four highest-ranked schools will be seeded one through four and will receive a first-round bye. The remaining schools will be seeded 5-12 based on their final ranking.

If any of the automatic qualifiers falls outside of the top 12, they will be seeded at the bottom of the 12-team pool. If any are not ranked in the top 25, the committee will evaluate the team(s) using its established selection criteria and determine their relative positions for seeding purposes and seed them at the bottom of the 12-team pool.

TRADITION

The New Year's holiday period and bowl games belong to college football. This season following the CFP first-round games on campus, the four CFP Quarterfinal games will be played in the Fiesta Bowl on Wednesday, Dec. 30, and the Cotton Bowl Classic, Peach Bowl and Rose Bowl Game on New Year's Day. The following week, the Orange Bowl and Sugar Bowl will host the CFP Semifinals.

CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY

The two teams that win the CFP Semifinals compete for the College Football Playoff National Championship. The national championship game is in a different city each year, always on a Monday night.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Every Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team has equal access to the College Football Playoff based on its performance during the regular season.

GOVERNANCE

University presidents and chancellors from all 10 FBS conferences and Notre Dame serve as the board of managers and govern the administrative operations, with commissioners and Notre Dame athletics director (the Management Committee) managing the event. A small staff in the CFP office in Irving, Texas, carries out the day-to-day responsibilities.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

A talented group of 13 high-integrity individuals with experience as coaches, student-athletes, college administrators and journalists, along with sitting athletics directors, comprise the selection committee. Members of the committee are Troy Dannen, Mark Dantonio, Mark Harlan, Dr. Bryan Maggard, Ivan Maisel, Gus Malzahn, Chris Massaro, Randall McDaniel, Mike Riley, Jeff Tedford, Wesley Walls, Carla Williams and Hunter Yurachek (chair).

SELECTION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Rank the top 25 teams and assign the schools to the 12-team playoff bracket.



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