

ACC Weekly Football News & Notes - Week 1

2025 STANDINGS

STANDINGS	OVERALL		ACC		POINTS		HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK	VS. AP TOP 10	VS. AP TOP 25
	W-L	PCT.	W-L	PCT.	FOR	OPP						
Boston College	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
California	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Clemson	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Duke	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Florida State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Georgia Tech	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Louisville	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Miami	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
North Carolina	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
NC State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Pitt	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
SMU	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Syracuse	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Virginia	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Virginia Tech	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Wake Forest	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Stanford	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	20	23	0-0	0-1	0-0	L1	0-0	0-0

2025 SCHEDULE - WEEK 1

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28		TIME	TV	SIRIUSXM	APP/WEB
East Carolina (0-0) at NC State (0-0)		7 p.m. ET	ACCN	85	85
Series: NC State leads series, 19-14-0; Last meeting: East Carolina, 26-21 (2024 Military Bowl)					
ACCN: Wes Durham (play-by-play), Steve Addazio (analyst), Dana Boyle (sideline)					
Elon (0-0) at Duke (0-0)		7:30 p.m. ET	ACCNX	160 or 193	955
Series: Duke leads series, 8-0-1; Last meeting: Duke, 26-3 (2024)					
ACCNX: Matt Schick (play-by-play), Forrest Conoly (analyst), Michella Chester (sideline)					
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29		TIME	TV	SIRIUSXM	APP/WEB
Kennesaw State (0-0) at Wake Forest (0-0)		7 p.m. ET	ACCN	380	970 or 973
Series: First meeting					
ACCN: Chuckie Kempf (play-by-play), Darius Walker (analyst), Ashley Strohlein (sideline)					
Georgia Tech (0-0) at Colorado (0-0)		8 p.m. ET	ESPN	81 or 371	81 or 371
Series: First meeting					
ESPN: Dave Pasch (play-by-play), Dusty Dvoracek (analyst), Taylor McGregor (sideline)					
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30		TIME	TV	SIRIUSXM	APP/WEB
Duquesne (0-0) at Pitt (0-0)		Noon ET	ACCN	161 or 194	956
Series: Pitt leads series, 5-2-0; Last meeting: Duquesne, 21-13 (1939)					
ACCN: Clay Matvick (play-by-play), Chase Daniel (analyst), Marilyn Payne (sideline)					
Syracuse (0-0) vs. #24 Tennessee (0-0)		Noon ET	ABC	81, 138 or 193	81 or 955
Series: Tennessee leads series, 3-0-0; Last meeting: Tennessee, 33-9 (2001)					
ESPN: Bob Wischusen (play-by-play), Louis Riddick (analyst), Kris Budden (sideline)					
Fordham (0-0) at Boston College (0-0)		2 p.m. ET	ACCNX	382	972
Series: Boston College leads series, 14-11-2; Last meeting: Boston College, 21-7 (1954)					
ACCNX: Kevin Connors (play-by-play), Craig Haubert (analyst)					
Eastern Kentucky (0-0) at Louisville (0-0)		3 p.m. ET	ACCN	138 or 193	955
Series: Louisville leads series, 20-8-1; Last meeting: Louisville, 30-3 (2021)					
ACCN: Jorge Sedano (play-by-play), Rodney McLeod (analyst), Victoria Arlen (sideline)					
#8 Alabama (0-0) at Florida State (0-0)		3:30 p.m. ET	ABC	81 or 84	81 or 84
Series: Alabama leads series, 3-1-1; Last meeting: Alabama, 24-7 (2017)					
ABC: Joe Tessitore (play-by-play), Jesse Palmer (analyst), Katie George (sideline)					
Coastal Carolina (0-0) at Virginia (0-0)		6 p.m. ET	ACCN	161 or 194	956 or 990
Series: Virginia leads series, 1-0-0; Last meeting: Virginia, 43-24 (2024)					
ACCN: Chris Cotter (play-by-play), Max Browne (analyst), Kendra Douglas (sideline)					
#9 LSU (0-0) at #4 Clemson (0-0)		7:30 p.m. ET	ABC	82 or 84	82 or 84
Series: LSU leads series, 3-1-0; Last meeting: LSU, 42-25 (2019)					
ABC: Chris Fowler (play-by-play), Kirk Herbstreit (analyst), Holly Rowe (sideline), Molly McGrath (sideline)					
East Texas A&M (0-0) at #16 SMU (0-0)		9 p.m. ET	ACCN	138 or 193	955
Series: First meeting					
ACCN: Wes Durham (play-by-play), Steve Addazio (analyst), Dana Boyle (sideline)					
California (0-0) at Oregon State (0-0)		10:30 p.m. ET	ESPN	161, 194 or 386	956 or 976
Series: California leads series, 40-37-0; Last meeting: California, 44-7 (2024)					
ESPN: Dave Flemming (play-by-play), Brock Osweiler (analyst), Stormy Buonanotony (sideline)					
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31		TIME	TV	SIRIUSXM	APP/WEB
Virginia Tech (0-0) vs. #13 South Carolina (0-0)		3 p.m. ET	ESPN	81 or 84	81 or 84
Series: South Carolina leads series, 11-7-2; Last meeting: South Carolina, 28-21 (1991)					
ESPN: Bob Wischusen (play-by-play), Louis Riddick (analyst), Kris Budden (sideline)					
#6 Notre Dame (0-0) at #10 Miami (0-0)		7:30 p.m. ET	ABC	84 or 129	84 or 129
Series: Notre Dame leads series, 17-8-1; Last meeting: Miami, 41-8 (2017)					
ABC: Sean McDonough (play-by-play), Greg McElroy (analyst), Molly McGrath (sideline), Taylor McGregor (sideline)					
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1		TIME	TV	SIRIUSXM	APP/WEB
TCU (0-0) at North Carolina (0-0)		8 p.m. ET	ESPN	84, 106 or 198	84 or 952
Series: North Carolina leads series, 3-0-0; Last meeting: North Carolina, 31-10 (1997)					
ACCN: Rece Davis (play-by-play), Kirk Herbstreit (analyst), Holly Rowe (sideline)					

QUICK HITTERS

STRONGEST NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

■ ACC teams are scheduled to play 26 games against peer Power 4 Conference opponents and Notre Dame in 2025, the most of any conference by at least eight games.

2025 Scheduled Non-Conference Regular Season Games Versus P4 Opponents and Notre Dame

Conference	Games
ACC	26
SEC	18
Big 12	14
Big Ten	12

ACC IS THE CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS

■ Five ACC quarterbacks were ranked in ESPN's Top 15 QBs in College Football in 2025 – Cade Klubnik of Clemson, Carson Beck of Miami, Haynes King of Georgia Tech, Kevin Jennings of SMU and Darian Mensah of Duke.

■ The ACC features nine of the top 30 quarterback transfers heading into the 2025 season and has seen a strong influx of talent at the position.

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■ ACC has 10 of the top 50 best players in college football (PFF College 50).

■ ACC has 1 of the 3 top returning players across six different positions (Pro Football Focus).

■ ACC has 3 of the top 10 teams in the 247Sports 2025 Transfer Football Team Rankings.

■ ACC has 22 of the top 100 transfers in the 247Sports 2025 College Football Transfer Portal Top Prospects.

ACC AVAILABILITY REPORTING

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

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

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

■ Before each conference game, a team will disclose any student-athlete whose availability for the upcoming game is in question. A student-athlete can be listed on the Availability Report if their status is uncertain for any reason (e.g., injury or illness, academic or other eligibility issue, personal or family matter, etc.); however, only the status and not the specific reason will be publicly reported.

■ In football, a report will be submitted two days before each Conference game (e.g., Thursday before a Saturday game) with an update on 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, 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.
(starts Week 3 with Conference play).

** 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.*

AP TOP 25

Preseason Poll August 11, 2025

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Texas (25)	1552
2.	Penn State (23)	1547
3.	Ohio State (11)	1472
4.	Clemson (4)	1398
5.	Georgia (1)	1331
6.	Notre Dame	1325
7.	Oregon (1)	1236
8.	Alabama	1179
9.	LSU	1174
10.	Miami	889
11.	Arizona State	791
12.	Illinois	713
13.	South Carolina	667
14.	Michigan	662
15.	Florida	626
16.	SMU	565
17.	Kansas State	512
18.	Oklahoma	463
19.	Texas A&M	434
20.	Indiana	423
21.	Ole Miss	370
22.	Iowa State	309
23.	Texas Tech	274
24.	Tennessee	192
25.	Boise State	191

(first-place votes in parenthesis)

US LBM COACHES POLL

Preseason Poll August 4, 2025

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Texas (28)	1606
2.	Ohio State (20)	1565
3.	Penn State (14)	1525
4.	Georgia (3)	1466
5.	Notre Dame	1360
6.	Clemson (2)	1324
7.	Oregon	1307
8.	Alabama	1210
9.	LSU	1056
10.	Miami	823
11.	Arizona State	806
12.	Illinois	734
13.	South Carolina	665
14.	Michigan	580
15.	Ole Miss	573
16.	SMU	555
17.	Florida	498
18.	Tennessee	492
19.	Indiana	460
20.	Kansas State	438
21.	Texas A&M	392
	Iowa State	392
23.	BYU	287
24.	Texas Tech	261
25.	Boise State	246

(first-place votes in parenthesis)

2025 ACC FOOTBALL NOTES

TRIO OF TEAMS RANKED IN PRESEASON COACHES POLL

■ Three ACC teams were ranked in the top 25 of the Preseason US LBM Coaches Poll (August 4), powered by USA TODAY Sports, including two teams in the top 10 - Clemson came in at No. 6, ahead of Miami at No. 10, while SMU was ranked No. 16.

■ Clemson received two first-place votes in the poll.

■ Five additional ACC teams received votes: Louisville (126), Georgia Tech (27), Syracuse (16), Duke (12) and Florida State (8).

THREE TEAMS RANKED IN PRESEASON AP TOP 25 POLL

■ Three ACC football programs earned recognition in the 2025 Preseason Associated Press (AP) Top 25 Poll. Two teams were ranked in the top 10, with Clemson at No. 4 and Miami at No. 10. SMU was ranked at No. 16.

■ Clemson received four first-place votes in the AP poll.

■ Five other ACC teams received votes in the AP Top 25 Preseason Poll: Louisville (90), Georgia Tech (63), Florida State (8), Duke (6) and Pitt (3).

WEEK 1 FIRST FOR THE ACC

■ The ACC will have five different teams face a non-conference AP Top 25 opponent this week (Clemson, Florida State, Miami, Syracuse and Virginia Tech). That is the most in Week 1 in ACC history.

■ The previous high was four games against non-conference AP Top 25 opponents in Week 1 of both the 1982 and 1997 seasons.

ACC OWNS LABOR DAY ONCE AGAIN

■ The ACC is the only league to compete across five days - Thursday through Monday - during Week 1 of the college football season.

■ This will be the sixth time this has happened for the ACC in the regular season since 2017 (2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023). No other FBS conference has done so even once over that same period. (*Stats Perform*)

■ Week 1 includes seven games against P4 opponents and Notre Dame – no other conference has more.

■ The ACC will once again anchor Labor Day Weekend on Monday night with North Carolina playing host to TCU, as six-time Super Bowl champion Bill Belichick makes his North Carolina debut with the Tar Heels hosting TCU.

■ ESPN will host a special one-hour *College Football Countdown* studio show live from Kenan Stadium on Monday, September 1, prior to the highly anticipated debut of Bill Belichick with the Tar Heels. The Labor Day special will air live from 7-8 p.m. ET on ESPN from the sidelines before the Tar Heels take on the TCU Horned Frogs for their season opener.

■ It marks the 16th consecutive Labor Day game for the ACC (excluding the 2020 COVID season), and the 19th time since the tradition began with Florida State vs. Miami in 2005.



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ACC FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

■ ACC Football is set to dominate Fridays this fall, with a league-record 12 games scheduled for Fridays in 2025, the most of any conference.

■ 12 of the ACC's 17 football programs will participate in at least one primetime Friday night game.

2025 Scheduled Friday Games with ACC Teams

Date	Matchup	Time (ET) TV
8/29/25	Kennesaw State at Wake Forest	7 p.m. ACCN
8/29/25	Georgia Tech at Colorado	8 p.m. ESPN
9/5/25	James Madison at Louisville	7 p.m. ESPN2
9/12/25	Colgate at Syracuse	7 p.m. ACCN
9/26/25	Florida State at Virginia	7 p.m. ESPN
10/17/25	Louisville at #10 Miami	7 p.m. ESPN or ESPN2
10/17/25	North Carolina at Cal	10:30 p.m. ESPN
10/24/25	Cal at Virginia Tech	7:30 p.m. ESPN
10/31/25	North Carolina at Syracuse	7:30 p.m. ESPN
11/14/25	#4 Clemson at Louisville	8 p.m. ESPN
11/21/25	Florida State at NC State	8 p.m. ESPN
11/28/25	#5 Georgia at Georgia Tech	3:30 p.m. ABC

STRONGEST NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

■ ACC teams are scheduled to play 26 games against peer Power 4 Conference opponents and Notre Dame in 2025, the most of any conference by at least eight games.

■ ACC teams are scheduled to play 15 non-conference games against opponents that were ranked in the 2025 Preseason AP Poll, five more than any other conference. Nine of those contests will come versus foes ranked in the top 10, also the most of any conference.

■ ACC teams will play 35 non-conference games against opponents that appeared in a bowl game last year, including eight against teams that made the 12-team College Football Playoff.

■ Based on team records from last season, the ACC is slated to play the toughest strength of schedule (.591) in non-conference play this season (considers FBS opponents only). (*Stats Perform*)

ACC IS LOADED WITH PREEMINENT PLAYERS

■ The ACC is stacked with preeminent players again heading into the 2025 season, including:

■ Five ACC players are ranked on ESPN's list of 25 non-QB playmakers to watch.

■ ACC has 10 of the top 50 best players in college football (PFF College 50).

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RETURNING ALL-ACC PERFORMERS

■ Led by first-team selections, Antonio Williams (Clemson), Blake Miller (Clemson), Chandler Rivers (Duke), Keylan Rutledge (Georgia Tech), Kyle Louis (Pitt), Desmond Reid (Pitt) and Isaiah Nwokobia (SMU), the ACC returns 23 players who earned first-, second-, or third-team All-ACC honors last year in 2024. (7 first-team; 7 second-team; 9 third-team selections)

INCOMING IMPACT PLAYERS FROM THE PORTAL

■ Impact transfers ranked in the 247Sports Top 100 include: Duce Robinson, WR (Florida State); Will Heldt, DE (Clemson); Eric Rivers, WR (Georgia Tech); Ethan O'Connor, CB (Miami); CJ Daniels, WR (Miami); Charles Brantley, CB (Miami); Thaddeus Dixon, CB (North Carolina); Fa'alili Fa'amoe, OL (Wake Forest); Daniel King, OT (North Carolina); Khmori House, LB (North Carolina); Zechariah Poyser, S (Miami); Micah Pettus, OT (Florida State); and David Blay, DL (Miami).

ACC IS THE CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS

■ The ACC had 13 quarterbacks named to the 2025 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List – no other conference had more.

■ The ACC also had seven quarterbacks named to the 2025 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award Watch List.

■ Five ACC quarterbacks were ranked in ESPN's Top 15 QBs in College Football in 2025 – Cade Klubnik of Clemson, Carson Beck of Miami, Haynes King of Georgia Tech, Kevin Jennings of SMU and Darian Mensah of Duke.

■ The ACC features nine of the top 30 quarterback transfers heading into the 2025 season and has seen a strong influx of talent at the position, including notable names like Carson Beck (Miami), Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (California), Darian Mensah (Duke), Miller Moss (Louisville), Steve Angeli and Rickie Collins (Syracuse), Dylan Loneragan (Boston College), Chandler Morris (Virginia), Gio Lopez (North Carolina), Devin Brown (California), Daniel Kaelin (Virginia), and Deshawn Purdie (Wake Forest).

■ Of the seven active FBS quarterbacks with at least 7,000 passing yards, Cade Klubnik is the only one with fewer than 20 interceptions thrown (18). (*StatsPerform*)

■ Quarterback Carson Beck, who transferred to Miami this offseason, has a 24-3 (.889) record as a starting FBS quarterback, the best of any active player (min. 5 GP) (*StatsPerform*).

■ Duke's Darian Mensah posted a 166.7 passer rating as a freshman last season, the sixth-best in the FBS (min. 150 attempts). The last FBS freshmen to have that high of a rating were Ohio State's C.J. Stroud (186.6) and Oklahoma's Caleb Williams (169.6) in 2021. (*StatsPerform*)

■ Georgia Tech's Haynes King finished the 2024 season with 2,114 passing yards, 14 touchdown passes, an ACC single-season record 72.9% completion percentage and just two interceptions in 11 games. King became the only NCAA Division I FBS player since 1956 with at least 2,000 passing yards, 10 touchdown passes, a 70% completion percentage and two or fewer interceptions in a season.

• Pitt's Eli Holstein and NC State's CJ Bailey were two of just eight FBS freshmen with 2,000+ passing yards and 15+ passing touchdowns last season.

• Virginia Tech's Kyron Drones recorded five games with a passing and rushing touchdown last season, the most in the ACC and tied for the sixth-most among power conference players.

CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS - NFL EDITION

■ Former ACC QBs are well-represented among NFL 53-man active rosters in 2025, as the league has 21 quarterbacks from an ACC school on 17 different teams. (as of August 26).

Jacoby Brissett, Arizona Cardinals (NC State)
Lamar Jackson, Baltimore Ravens (Louisville)
Devin Leary, Baltimore Ravens (NC State)*
Mitchell Trubisky, Buffalo Bills (North Carolina)
Deshaun Watson, Cleveland Browns (Clemson) (PUP)
Jared Goff, Detroit Lions (California)
Davis Mills, Houston Texans (Stanford)
Daniel Jones, Indianapolis Colts (Duke)
Riley Leonard, Indianapolis Colts (Duke)*
Trevor Lawrence, Jacksonville Jaguars (Clemson)
Kenny Pickett, Las Vegas Raiders (Pitt)
Drake Maye, New England Patriots (North Carolina)
Tyler Shough, New Orleans Saints (Louisville)
Russell Wilson, New York Giants (NC State)*
Jameis Winston, New York Giants (Florida State)
Tyrod Taylor, New York Jets (Virginia Tech)
Sam Howell, Philadelphia Eagles (North Carolina)
Tanner McKee, Philadelphia Eagles (Stanford)
Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers (California)
Cam Ward, Tennessee Titans (Miami)
Teddy Bridgewater, Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Louisville)

*finished career in a school outside of the ACC

ACC X NFL

■ No conference blends college football and NFL experience quite like the ACC in 2025, with three former NFL head coaches now leading programs: Bill O'Brien (Boston College), Bill Belichick (North Carolina), and Frank Reich (Stanford), the most of any conference.

■ Belichick (six Super Bowl wins) and Reich (one) are the only two college football head coaches who have also won a Super Bowl as either a head coach or coordinator in the NFL.

■ Several ACC programs also feature General Managers with deep NFL ties, including Ron Rivera (Cal), John Garrett (Duke), Michael Lombardi (North Carolina) and Andrew Luck (Stanford), along with a growing number of former NFL stars contributing across coaching staffs and player development roles.

STEPPING UP IN NON-CONFERENCE PLAY

■ The ACC has registered 81 interceptions on defense against non-conference opponents since 2024, the most among any FBS conference over that time frame. (*StatsPerform*)

CLEMSON PICKED AS PRESEASON FAVORITE IN 2025 ACC FOOTBALL MEDIA POLL

■ Defending ACC Champion Clemson has been selected as the preseason favorite to win the 2025 Atlantic Coast Conference football title, following a vote of more than 180 media members credentialed for the 2025 ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte, North Carolina.

■ The Tigers are coming off a strong 2024 campaign in which they posted a 10–4 overall record, went 7–1 in conference play, and captured the ACC Championship title. Clemson also made its seventh College Football Playoff appearance and finished the season ranked No. 11 in the final AFCA Coaches Poll and No. 14 in the AP Poll.

■ In the media voting, Clemson was picked to repeat as ACC Champion on 167 ballots.

■ Miami received seven first-place votes, followed by Florida State with four, while SMU and Georgia Tech each garnered two. Virginia Tech received one first-place vote.

■ Clemson led all teams with 3,083 points, while Miami (2,679) and SMU (2,612) were second and third, respectively. Georgia Tech (2,397) was picked fourth, while Louisville (2,370) came in fifth.

■ Duke (1,973) was picked to finish sixth in the preseason predictions, ahead of Florida State (1,920) in seventh, North Carolina (1,611) in eighth, Pitt (1,571) in ninth, NC State (1,505) in 10th, Virginia Tech (1,412) in 11th and Syracuse (1,381) in 12th.

■ Rounding out the preseason poll were Boston College (953) in 13th, Virginia (871) in 14th, California (659) in 15th, Wake Forest (576) in 16th and Stanford (426) in 17th.

2025 ACC Football Predicted Order of Finish

Rank	Team	Points
1.	Clemson (167)	3083
2.	Miami (7)	2679
3.	SMU (2)	2612
4.	Georgia Tech (2)	2397
5.	Louisville	2370
6.	Duke	1973
7.	Florida State (4)	1920
8.	North Carolina	1611
9.	Pitt	1571
10.	NC State	1505
11.	Virginia Tech (1)	1412
12.	Syracuse	1381
13.	Boston College	953
14.	Virginia	871
15.	California	659
16.	Wake Forest	576
17.	Stanford	426

First-place votes in parentheses
183 media voters

KLUBNIK NAMED PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

■ Clemson senior quarterback Cade Klubnik was voted the 2025 ACC Preseason Player of the Year, receiving 146 votes.

■ Klubnik is coming off a breakout 2024 season, leading the Tigers to an ACC title and a College Football Playoff berth. He accounted for 43 total touchdowns, completing 308-of-486 passes for 3,639 yards and 36 touchdowns, while rushing for 463 yards and seven scores. He ranked in the top 20 nationally in five major categories, including third in both passing touchdowns (36) and total touchdowns (43). His 21 passing touchdowns of 20-plus yards were the most in the FBS.

■ Georgia Tech's Haynes King (9), SMU's Kevin Jennings (5), Miami's Carson Beck (4) and Virginia Tech's Kyrn Drones (4) also received votes, as did eight other players.

2025 ACC Preseason Player of the Year

Rk. Name, Position, School

1. Cade Klubnik, QB, Clemson (146)
2. Haynes King, QB, Georgia Tech (9)
3. Kevin Jennings, QB, SMU (5)
- T4. Carson Beck, QB, Miami (4)
- T4. Kyrn Drones, QB, Virginia Tech (4)
6. Isaac Brown, RB, Louisville (3)
- T7. Quintayvious Hutchins, DE, Boston College (2)
- T7. CJ Bailey, QB, NC State (2)
- T7. Eli Holstein, QB, Pitt (2)
- T7. Kyle Louis, LB, Pitt (2)
- T7. Desmond Reid, RB, Pitt (2)
- T12. Lewis Bond, WR, Boston College (1)
- T12. Jamal Haynes, RB, Georgia Tech (1)

Votes in parentheses
183 media voters

CLEMSON LEADS ALL-ACC PRESEASON TEAM

■ Powered by a conference-best 11 selections, preseason favorite Clemson headlines the 2025 All-ACC Preseason Football Team. A total of 10 ACC programs were represented on the 27-player squad, which was voted on by over 180 credentialed media members at the 2025 ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte.

■ Behind Clemson, Pitt had three players named to the preseason team, while Duke, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Miami and SMU each had two. Florida State, NC State and Syracuse each placed one.

■ This year's preseason squad includes 16 returning All-ACC honorees from 2024, including 10 first-team selections, five second-team picks and one third-team honoree. Notably, it features both of last season's ACC Rookies of the Year: Louisville running back Isaac Brown (Offensive) and Clemson linebacker Sammy Brown (Defensive).

2025 All-ACC Preseason Football Team

Offense
 QB: Cade Klubnik, Clemson (148)
 RB: Isaac Brown, Louisville (99)
 RB: Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech (85)
 WR: Antonio Williams, Clemson (143)
 WR: Bryant Wesco Jr., Clemson (66)
 WR: Chris Bell, Louisville (51)
 TE: Justin Joly, NC State (92)
 AP: Desmond Reid, Pitt (73)
 OT: Francis Mauigoa, Miami (99)
 OT: Blake Miller, Clemson (99)
 OG: Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech (93)
 OG: Walker Parks, Clemson (51)
 C: Ryan Linthicum, Clemson (44)

Defense
 DE: T.J. Parker, Clemson (152)
 DE: Rueben Bain Jr., Miami (92)
 DT: Peter Woods, Clemson (142)
 DT: Darrell Jackson Jr., Florida State (56)
 LB: Kyle Louis, Pitt (98)
 LB: Wade Woodaz, Clemson (77)
 LB: Sammy Brown, Clemson (76)
 CB: Avieon Terrell, Clemson (129)
 CB: Chandler Rivers, Duke (106)
 S: Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU (86)
 S: Terry Moore, Duke (81)

Specialists
 PK: Collin Rogers, SMU (67)
 P: Jack Stonehouse, Syracuse (70)
 SP: Desmond Reid, Pitt (68)

2025 ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SET FOR 8 P.M. ET

■ The 2025 ACC Football Championship Game will kick off at 8 p.m. ET on Saturday, December 6, at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina, on ABC. The league's football championship game will showcase the top two teams based on regular-season conference winning percentage.

■ The 8 p.m. ET kickoff marks the 16th time in the last 17 years that the game will be held in primetime. Since its inception in 2005, a total of 14 different teams have competed in the championship game.

■ Bank of America Stadium, home of the NFL's Carolina Panthers, has hosted 14 of the last 15 ACC Football Championship Games. The ACC, Carolina Panthers, and the Charlotte Sports Foundation have an agreement to keep the championship game in Charlotte through the 2030 season.

■ The winner of the conference championship game has advanced to the National Championship Game or competed in the College Football Playoff in nine of the last 12 seasons, including both of the two participating teams last year, with the ACC being one of only three multi-bid leagues in 2024.

ACC HEAD COACHING RECORDS

Head Coach, School	Year	Overall		at an ACC School		
		Record	Pct.	Year	Record	Pct.
Bill O'Brien, Boston College	4th	22-15	.595	2nd	7-6	.538
Justin Wilcox, California	9th	42-50	.457	2nd	6-7	.462
Dabo Swinney, Clemson	18th	180-47	.793	18th	180-47	.793
Manny Diaz, Duke	5th	30-19	.612	5th	30-19	.612
Mike Norvell, Florida State	10th	71-42	.628	6th	33-27	.550
Brent Key, Georgia Tech	4th	18-16	.529	4th	18-16	.529
Jeff Brohm, Louisville	12th	85-52	.620	3rd	19-8	.704
Mario Cristobal, Miami	15th	84-76	.525	4th	22-16	.579
Bill Belichick, North Carolina	1st	0-0	.000	1st	0-0	.000
Dave Doeren, NC State	15th	110-69	.615	13th	87-65	.572
Pat Narduzzi, Pitt	11th	72-56	.563	11th	72-56	.563
Rhett Lashlee, SMU	4th	29-12	.707	2nd	11-3	.786
Frank Reich, Stanford	1st	0-1	.000	1st	0-1	.000
Fran Brown, Syracuse	2nd	10-3	.769	2nd	10-3	.769
Tony Elliott, Virginia	4th	11-23	.324	4th	11-23	.324
Brent Pry, Virginia Tech	4th	16-21	.432	4th	16-21	.432
Jake Dickert, Wake Forest	5th	23-21	.523	1st	0-0	.000

ACC ALUMNI ON AP ALL-TIME ALL-AMERICA TEAM

■ Current Atlantic Coast Conference football members had 12 former Associated Press (AP) All-Americans named to the Associated Press (AP) All-Time All-America Team, as part of the news organization's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the storied honor for the top players in college football.

■ The 12 honorees from current ACC schools include nine members of the National Football Foundation (NFF) College Football Hall of Fame, five recipients of ACC Football Legend honors, and two standouts named to the ACC 50th Anniversary Team in 2003.

■ To be eligible for the AP All-Time All-America Team, a player had to have been named an AP First-Team All-American at least once during his college career. The selection process did not consider a player's professional career.

ACC Teams with Players Named to All-Time AP All-America Team

First-Team Offense

WR – Larry Fitzgerald, Pitt (2003)

OT – Bill Fralic, Pitt (1982-83-84)

PK – Sebastian Janikowski, Florida State (1998-99)

First-Team Defense

DE – Hugh Green, Pitt (1978-79-80)

CB – Deion Sanders, Florida State (1987-88)

S – Ed Reed, Miami (2000-01)

Second-Team Offense

OT – Bryant McKinnie, Miami (2001)

RB – Tony Dorsett, Pitt (1976)

Second-Team Defense

DE – Bruce Smith, Virginia Tech (1984)

DT – Warren Sapp, Miami (1994)

LB – Lawrence Taylor, North Carolina (1980)

S – Bennie Blades, Miami (1986-87)

*Maryland's Randy White (DE), an AP All-America First-Team selection in 1974, was named to the First-Team Defense. White was named an ACC Football Legend in 2006 and is a member of the ACC 50th Anniversary Team, as Maryland was part of the ACC from 1953 to 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA, STANFORD & WAKE FOREST HIRE NEW HEAD COACHES

■ After over two decades of dominance in the NFL, Bill Belichick was hired for his first-ever college head coaching job at North Carolina in December 2024. Widely considered one of the greatest coaches in football history, Belichick won six Super Bowls and 17 division titles over his time in the NFL, which also includes 333 career wins to make him the second-winningest head coach in NFL history, behind only Don Shula, who holds the all-time record with 347 total wins.

■ Frank Reich was named Stanford's interim head football coach by Stanford Football General Manager Andrew Luck on March 31. The 36th head coach in program history, Reich is one of the sport's most well-respected offensive minds thanks to over 30 years in professional football, combining a 14-year playing career as an NFL quarterback with 18 seasons in various coaching roles. Reich was a member of six Super Bowl teams overall, four as a player with the Buffalo Bills (1991-94), and twice as a coach. Highly regarded in NFL circles with a knack for building lasting relationships, Reich's six-year head coaching tenure included five seasons with the Indianapolis Colts (2018-22) before his final stop at the helm of the Carolina Panthers (2023). Reich's NFL resume also includes four years as an offensive coordinator, including two seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles (2016-17), the second of which resulted in the franchise's first Super Bowl title in Super Bowl LII (2018).

■ Jake Dickert was named the head coach at Wake Forest in December 2024, following the resignation of longtime head coach Dave Clawson. Dickert took over Washington State as interim head coach in 2021 and earned the permanent role, leading the Cougars for four years from 2021-24. In four seasons, Dickert compiled a 23-20 record (.534) and led the Cougars to three bowl games. Last season proved to be his best work, going 8-4 in the regular season

COACHING RECORDS

CAREER VICTORIES - ACTIVE COACHES IN 2025

Rk.	Name (Current School)	Wins
1.	Brian Kelly (LSU)	292
2.	K.C. Keeler (Temple)	271
3.	Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)	216
4.	Willie Fritz (Houston)	212
5.	Chris Creighton (Eastern Michigan)	196
6.	Rich Rodriguez (West Virginia)	190
7.	Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	180
8.	Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State)	169
	Lance Leipold (Kansas)	169
10.	Kyle Whittingham (Utah)	167
11.	Bronco Mendenhall (Utah State)	140
12.	Chuck Martin (Miami (OH))	139
13.	Troy Calhoun (Air Force)	135
14.	Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	130
15.	Bret Bielema (Illinois)	125
	James Franklin (Penn State)	125
17.	Pete Lembo (Buffalo)	121
18.	Bob Chesney (James Madison)	120
	Chris Klieman (Kansas State)	120
20.	Jamey Chadwell (Liberty)	118
	Jeff Monken (Army)	118
22.	Ken Niumatalolo (San Jose State)	116
23.	Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	114
24.	Dave Doeren (NC State)	110
25.	Lane Kiffin (Ole Miss)	105
	Kirby Smart (Georgia)	105

34.	Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	85
37.	Mario Cristobal (Miami)	84
41.	Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)	72
44.	Mike Norvell (Florida State)	71

CAREER WINNING % - ACTIVE COACHES IN 2025

Rk.	Name (Current School)	Record	Pct. [^]
1.	Jimmy Rogers (Washington State)	27-3	.900
2.	Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	114-16	.877
3.	Ryan Day (Ohio State)	70-10	.875
4.	Dan Lanning (Oregon)	35-6	.854
5.	Kirby Smart (Georgia)	105-19	.847
6.	Matt Entz (Fresno State)	60-12	.833
7.	Spencer Danielson (Boise State)	15-3	.833
8.	Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	180-47	.793
9.	Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	130-37	.778
10.	Lincoln Riley (USC)	81-24	.771
11.	Fran Brown (Syracuse)	10-3	.769
12.	Marcus Freeman (Notre Dame)	33-10	.767
13.	Jon Sumrall (Tulane)	32-10	.767
14.	Chris Klieman (Kansas State)	120-42	.741
15.	Josh Heupel (Tennessee)	65-23	.739
16.	Willie Simmons (FIU)	66-24	.733
17.	Brian Kelly (LSU)	292-107-2	.731
18.	Lance Leipold (Kansas)	169-67	.716
19.	Matt Drinkall (Central Michigan)	42-17	.712
20.	Rhett Lashlee (SMU)	29-12	.707
21.	K.C. Keeler (Temple)	271-112-1	.707
22.	Bob Chesney (James Madison)	120-50	.706
23.	Jeff Traylor (UTSA)	46-20	.697
24.	James Franklin (Penn State)	125-57	.687
25.	Deion Sanders (Colorado)	39-18	.684

-	Mike Norvell (Florida State)	71-42	.628
-	Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	85-52	.620
-	Dave Doeren (NC State)	110-69	.615
-	Manny Diaz (Duke)	30-19	.612
-	Bill O'Brien (Boston College)	22-15	.595

[^] minimum one full season as a coach

*coaches active in 2025 season

ACC & ESPN/ACCN INTRODUCE ENHANCED REPLAY TRANSPARENCY FOR 2025 FOOTBALL SEASON

■ For the 2025 season, audiences watching ACC officiated matchups on Friday night on either ESPN/ESPN2 or ACC Network and ACC Network's primetime Saturday games will hear the real-time discussions among the Referee, instant replay official in the stadium, and the ACC's Collaborative Instant Replay Official located in the ACC's Game Day Operations Center in Charlotte.

■ While the ACC began sharing Game Day Operations Center video with ESPN in 2023, sharing audio of the replay discussions represents a significant next step in transparency. Last season, the ACC conducted a limited experiment, allowing ESPN officiating analyst Matt Austin to listen to replay conversations during a November 21 Thursday night game between NC State and Georgia Tech.

ACC Games with Enhanced Instant Replay Access for Weeks 1-3 *

Date	Game (Network)
Saturday, 8/30	East Texas A&M at SMU (ACCN)
Friday, 9/5	James Madison at Louisville (ESPN2)
Saturday, 9/13	Boston College at Stanford (ACCN)

ACC Friday Games on ESPN with Enhanced Instant Replay Access for Weeks 4-14*

Friday, 9/26	Florida State at Virginia (ESPN)
Friday, 10/17	Louisville at Miami (ESPN or ESPN2)
Friday, 10/17	North Carolina at California (ESPN)
Friday, 10/24	California at Virginia Tech (ESPN)
Friday, 10/31	North Carolina at Syracuse (ESPN)
Friday, 11/14	Clemson at Louisville (ESPN)
Friday, 11/2	Florida State at NC State (ESPN)
Friday, 11/28	Georgia at Georgia Tech (ABC)

ACCN Primetime Games with Enhanced Instant Replay Access for Weeks 4-14 *

Will be determined on the 12/6 Day Selections Timeline throughout the season.

*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 HUDDLE STOPS IN 2025

■ New this season, the ACC Huddle will travel to the marquee ACC football game each weekend. The traveling studio show will air Saturdays from 10 a.m. – noon ET and will be open for public viewing at each campus stop. ACC Huddle previously traveled to the site of the ACC Network Primetime Football game.

ACC Huddle Stops this Season

Week	Location
Week 1	Clemson, S.C. (LSU at Clemson)
Week 2	Durham, N.C. (Illinois at Duke)
Week 3	Atlanta, Ga. (Clemson at Georgia Tech)
Week 4	TBA
Week 5	TBA
Week 6	TBA
Week 7	TBA
Week 8	TBA
Week 9	TBA
Week 10	TBA
Week 11	TBA
Week 12	TBA
Week 13	TBA
Week 14	TBA
Week 15	Charlotte, N.C. (ACC Football Championship)

PRESEASON HONORS & RECOGNITION

■ Below is a full list of ACC football players that received preseason All-America recognition.

2025 Walter Camp Preseason All-America

First Team

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
OL – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
DL – Peter Woods, Clemson
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
KR – Keelan Marion, Miami

Second Team

TE – Justin Joly, NC State
RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
DL – T.J. Parker, Clemson
DB – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

2025 Associated Press (AP) Preseason All-America

First-Team Offense

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
AP – Desmond Reid, Pitt

First-Team Defense

DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt

Second-Team Offense

RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
OT – Blake Miller, Clemson
OG – Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech
WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson

Second-Team Defense

DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke

The Sporting News 2025 Preseason All-America

First-Team Offense

RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
AP – Desmond Reid, Pitt

First-Team Defense

DL – Peter Woods, Clemson
DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt

First-Team Specialists

KR – Keelan Marion, Miami

Second-Team Offense

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
WR – Eric Rivers, Georgia Tech
WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson

Second-Team Defense

DL – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke
DB – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

2025 Athlon Sports' Preseason All-America

First Team

AP – Desmond Reid, Pitt
OL – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
DL – T.J. Parker, Clemson
DL – Peter Woods, Clemson
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
KR – Keelan Marion, Miami

Second Team

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson
DL – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke

Third Team

WR – Bryant Wesco, Clemson
TE – Justin Joly, NC State
OL – Blake Miller, Clemson
CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson
S – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

Fourth Team

OL – Brian Parker, Duke
LB – Wade Woodaz, Clemson
LB – Rasheem Biles, Pitt
S – Terry Moore, Duke
K – Collin Rogers, SMU

CBS Sports 2025 Preseason College Football All-America

First Team

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
AP – Desmond Reid, Pitt

Second Team

RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke
CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson
RET – Keelan Marion, Miami

ESPN's 2025 Preseason All-America

First Team

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
AP – Desmond Reid, Pitt
DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt

Second Team

WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson
OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
AP – Isaac Brown, Louisville
DT – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke

Phil Steele's 2025 Preseason All-America

First Team

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
KR – Keelan Marion, Miami
AP – Desmond Reid, Pitt

Second Team

RB – Desmond Reid, Pitt
WR – Eric Rivers, Georgia Tech
OG – Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech
OT – Blake Miller, Clemson
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke
CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson
AP – Isaac Brown, Louisville

Third Team

WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson
OT – Brian Parker, Duke
OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
DE – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
LB – Wade Woodaz, Clemson
LB – Cade Uluave, Cal
S – Terry Moore, Duke

Fourth Team

RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
TE – Justin Joly, NC State
OG – Anez Cooper, Miami
S – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU
AP – Demond Claborne, Wake Forest

2025 College Football News (CFN) Preseason All-America

First Team

OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
Edge/DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke
KR/PR – Desmond Reid, Pitt

Second Team

LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
S – Nick Anderson, Wake Forest

Honorable Mention

HC – Dabo Swinney, Clemson
QB – Carson Beck, Miami
QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
WR – Chris Bell, Louisville
TE – Justin Joly, NC State
OT – Darrell Jackson, Florida State
OT – Blake Miller, Clemson
OG – Logan Parr, SMU
OG – Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech
C – Pete Nygra, Louisville
C – Luke Petitbon, Florida State
DE – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
CB – Thaddeus Dixon, North Carolina
CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson
S – Duce Chestnut, Syracuse
S – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU
PK – John Love, Virginia Tech
P – Kade Reynoldson, Duke
P – Jack Stonehouse, Syracuse
S – Samuel Singleton Jr., Florida State

The Athletic 2025 Preseason All-America

First-Team Offense

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson

First-Team Defense

DL – Peter Woods, Clemson
DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson

First-Team Specialists

AP – Desmond Reid, Pitt

Second-Team Offense

RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson
OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
OG – Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech

Second-Team Defense

LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke

PFF's Preseason 2025 All-America

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
DL – Peter Woods, Clemson
LS – Bryce Robinson, Virginia
KR – Keelan Marion, Miami

Lindy's Sports 2025 Preseason All-America

First-Team Offense

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson

First-Team Defense

DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt

Second-Team Offense

OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
OT – Blake Miller, Clemson
PK – Collin Rogers, SMU

Second-Team Defense

DE – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson

PRESEASON WATCH LISTS

■ Below is a full list of ACC football players named to national preseason award watch lists for 2025.

Lott IMPACT Trophy

DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
Edge – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
Edge – T. J. Parker, Clemson
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke

Maxwell Award

DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson
QB – Darian Mensah, Duke
QB – Tommy Castellanos, Florida State
QB – Haynes King, Georgia Tech
RB – Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech
QB – Miller Moss, Louisville
RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
QB – Carson Beck, Miami
QB – CJ Bailey, NC State
QB – Eli Holstein, Pitt
RB – Desmond Reid, Pitt
QB – Kevin Jennings, SMU
QB – Chandler Morris, Virginia
QB – Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech
RB – Terion Stewart, Virginia Tech
RB – Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest

Patrick Mannelly Award

LS – Ben Mann, Boston College
LS – Curtis Cooper, Duke
LS – Mason Arnold, Florida State
LS – Shai Kochav, Louisville
LS – Adam Booker, Miami
LS – Spencer Triplett, North Carolina
LS – Morgan Tribbett, SMU
LS – Bryce Robinson, Virginia
LS – Christian Epling, Virginia Tech

Bronko Nagurski Trophy

DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson
DT – Parker Woods, Clemson
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke
DE – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
S – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

Outland Trophy

OT – Blake Miller, Clemson
DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
OT – Brian Parker II, Duke
OG – Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech
OG – Anez Cooper, Miami
OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
OT – PJ Williams, SMU

Paycom Jim Thorpe Award

CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson
S – Terry Moore, Duke
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke
S – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

Jet Award

WR – Keelan Marion, Miami
WR – Chric Culliver, North Carolina
WR – Kenny Johnson, Pitt

Ray Guy Award

P – Jack Stonehouse, Syracuse

Lou Groza Award

PK – Nolan Hauser, Clemson
PK – Collin Rogers, SMU
PK – John Love, Virginia Tech

Paul Hornung Award

WR – Jacob De Jesus, California
WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson
RB – Peyton Jones, Duke
RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
WR – Keelon Marion, Miami
RB – Hollywood Smothers, NC State
WR – Kenny Johnson, Pitt
RB – Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest

Wuerffel Trophy

RB – Alex Broome, Boston College
TE – Jeffrey Johnson, California
RB – Adam Randall, Clemson
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke
OL – Richie Leonard IV, Florida State
QB – Haynes King, Georgia Tech
DL – Clev Lubin, Louisville
OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
DB – Will Hardy, North Carolina
DT – Brandon Cleveland, NC State
QB – Eli Holstein, Pitt
SMU – Alexander Kilgore, SMU
TE – Sam Roush, Stanford
LB – Derek McDonald, Syracuse
LB – Stevie Brace, Virginia
S/NIC – Tyson Flowers, Virginia Tech
DB – Zamari Stevenson, Wake Forest

Walter Camp Award

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
RB – Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech
RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
QB – Carson Beck, Miami
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
RB – Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest

Doak Walker Award

RB – Alex Broome, Boston College
RB – Jordan McDonald, Boston College
RB – Jaquez Moore, Duke
RB – Gavin Sawchuk, Florida State
RB – Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech
RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville
RB – Duke Watson, Louisville
RB – Davion Gause, North Carolina
RB – Hollywood Smothers, NC State
RB – Desmond Reid, Pitt
RB – Derrick McFall, SMU
RB – Sedrick Irvin, Stanford
RB – Will Nixon, Syracuse
RB – Yasin Willis, Syracuse
RB – Xavier Brown, Virginia
RB – Terion Stewart, Virginia Tech
RB – Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest

Biletnikoff Award

WR – Bryant Wesco Jr., Clemson
WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson
WR – Eric Rivers, Georgia Tech
WR – Chris Bell, Louisville
TE – Justin Joly, NC State

Davey O'Brien Award

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
QB – Darian Mensah, Duke
QB – Haynes King, Georgia Tech
QB – Miller Moss, Louisville
QB – Carson Beck, Miami
QB – Kevin Jennings, SMU
QB – Chandler Morris, Virginia

John Mackey Award

TE – Jeremiah Franklin, Boston College
TE – Randy Pittman Jr., Florida State
TE – Landen Thomas, Florida State
TE – Elija Lofton, Miami
TE – Justin Joly, NC State
TE – Matthew Hibner, SMU
TE – RJ Maryland, SMU
TE – Sam Roush, Stanford
TE – Benji Gosnell, Virginia Tech

Rimington Trophy

C – Ryan Linthicum, Clemson
C – Matt Craycraft, Duke
C – Luke Petitbon, Florida State
C – Pete Nygra, Louisville
C – James Brockermeyer, Miami
C – Austin Blaske, North Carolina
C – Lyndon Cooper, Pitt
C – Addison Nichols, SMU
C – Brady Wilson, Virginia

Butkus Award

LB – Sammy Brown, Clemson
LB – Wade Woodaz, Clemson
LB – Stanquan Clark, Louisville
LB – Wesley Bissainthe, Miami
LB – Andrew Simpson, North Carolina
LB – Rasheem Biles, Pitt
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
LB – Caleb Woodson, Virginia Tech

Bednarik Award

LB – Cade Uluave, California
DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson
DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
S – Terry Moore, Duke
CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke
DT – Darrell Jackson Jr., Florida State
LB – Kyle Efford, Georgia Tech
DE – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
CB – OJ Frederique Jr., Miami
LB – Sean Brown, NC State
LB – Caden Fordham, NC State
LB – Rasheem Biles, Pitt
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt
S – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

Lombardi Award

LB – Sammy Brown, Clemson
OT – Blake Miller, Clemson
DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson
DT – Peter Woods, Clemson
OT – Brian Parker II, Duke
OG – Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech
DE – Rueben Bain Jr., Miami
OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami
LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm 2025 Watch List

QB – Grayson James, Boston College
QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
QB – Darian Mensah, Duke
QB – Tommy Castellanos, Florida State
QB – Haynes King, Georgia Tech
QB – Miller Moss, Louisville
QB – Carson Beck, Miami
QB – Eli Holstein, Pitt
QB – Kevin Jennings, SMU
QB – Steve Angeli, Syracuse
QB – Chandler Morris, Virginia
QB – Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech
QB – Robby Ashford, Wake Forest

Manning Award

QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson
QB – Haynes King, Georgia Tech
QB – CJ Bailey, NC State
QB – Kevin Jennings, SMU

The Athletic's College Football Freaks

DT – Peter Woods (No. 5), Clemson
OT – Francis Mauigoa, (No.16), Miami
DL – Jordan van den Berg (No. 18), Georgia Tech
DL – Kemari Copeland (No. 23), Virginia Tech
DL – Francis Brewu (No. 24), Pitt
OL – Jacarius Peak (No. 31), NC State
WR – Donavon Greene (No. 41), Virginia Tech
LB – Kam Robinson (No. 51), Virginia
RB – Demond Claiborne (No. 63), Wake Forest
LB – Kyle Louis (No. 65), Pitt
RB – Jayden "Duke" Scott (No. 66), NC State
WR – Micah Danzy (No. 68), Florida State
LB – Nick Morris Jr. (No. 69), Duke
WR – Cameron Seldon (No. 70), Virginia Tech
LB – Sean Brown (No. 75), NC State
P – Daniel Sparks (No. 90), Virginia
OL – Jude Bowry (No. 98), Boston College

2025 College Football Comeback Player of the Year Preseason Watch List

RB – Alex Broome, Boston College
LB – Bryce Steele, Boston College
RB – Jaylin Lucas, Florida State
WR – Caullin Lacy, Louisville
QB – Carson Beck, Miami
LB – Mohamed Toure, Miami
QB – Max Johnson, North Carolina
LB – Caden Fordham, NC State
TE – RJ Maryland, SMU
RB – Will Nixon, Syracuse
S – Antonio Clary, Virginia
WR/KR – Tucker Holloway, Virginia Tech
DL – Kemari Copeland, Virginia Tech

Allstate AFCA Good Works Team

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Adam Randall – Clemson
Chandler Rivers – Duke
Richie Leonard IV – Florida State
Haynes King – Georgia Tech
Clev Lubin – Louisville
Francis Mauigoa – Miami
Will Hardy – North Carolina
Brandon Cleveland – NC State
Eli Holstein – Pitt
Alexander Kilgore – SMU
Sam Roush – Stanford
Derek McDonald – Syracuse
Stevie Brace – Virginia
Tyson Flowers – Virginia Tech
Zamari Stevenson – Wake Forest
Fran Brown – Syracuse

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR COVERING ACC FOOTBALL

Saturday, August 23

- The 2025 football season kicks off in Week 0 beginning with Stanford at Hawai'i on CBS.

Tuesday, September 2

- The first ACC Player of the Week Awards will be announced.
- * After week one, ACC Player of the Week honors will be announced on Tuesday at 2 p.m. ET due to a Labor Day game on Monday night.
- Each week of the 2025 season, the ACC Player of the Week honors are announced on Monday at 2 p.m. ET.

Monday, November 3

- The ACC Football Championship Game credential application website opens.

Sunday, November 30

- The ACC Football Championship Game participating coaches teleconference - TBD
- All-ACC Football Team voting ends at 5 p.m. ET
- The deadline for media credential applications to the 2025 ACC Football Championship Game is at 5 p.m. ET

Monday, December 1 - Thursday, December 4

- ACC awards will be announced during the week following the conclusion of the regular season.
- The following awards will be announced:
 - Jacobs Blocking Trophy
 - Jim Tatum Award (Top Football Scholar-Athlete)
 - Brian Piccolo Award (Most Courageous Football Student-Athlete)
 - All-ACC Football Teams
 - ACC Offensive, Defensive and Overall Rookies of the Year
 - ACC Offense, Defensive and Overall Players of the Year
 - ACC Coach of the Year

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

- 2025 ACC Football Championship Game
Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, N.C. - 8 p.m. 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 conference championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, and comparison of results against common opponents.

THE BRACKET

The format of the College Football Playoff is built on a 12-team bracket. The 12 participating schools are the five conference champions ranked highest by the CFP selection committee, plus the next seven highest-ranked teams. The four highest-ranked schools will be seeded 1-4 and will receive a first-round bye. The remaining teams, including the fifth conference champion, will be seeded 5-12 based on their final ranking.

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 Playoff Quarterfinal games will be played in the Cotton Bowl Classic, Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl Game and Sugar Bowl. The following week, the Fiesta Bowl and Peach Bowl will host the Playoff Semifinals.

CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY

The two teams that win the Playoff 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. No team automatically qualifies.

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 Chris Ault, Troy Dannen, Mark Dantonio, Jeff Long, Ivan Maisel, Chris Massaro, Randall McDaniel, Mack Rhoades (chair), Mike Riley, David Saylor, Wesley Walls, Carla Williams and Hunter Yurachek.

SELECTION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Rank the top 25 teams, assign the schools to the 12-team playoff bracket and assign the Playoff Quarterfinal and Playoff Semifinal bowl sites.

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2025 TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

BOSTON COLLEGE		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Fordham	2 p.m. ET ACCNX
Sept. 6	at Michigan State	7:30 p.m. ET NBC
Sept. 13	at Stanford *	10:30 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 20	OPEN	
Sept. 27	California *	
Oct. 4	at Pitt *	
Oct. 11	Clemson *	
Oct. 18	UConn	
Oct. 25	at Louisville *	
Nov. 1	Notre Dame	
Nov. 8	SMU *	
Nov. 15	Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 22	OPEN	
Nov. 29	at Syracuse *	

CALIFORNIA		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	at Oregon State	10:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Sept. 6	Texas Southern	6 p.m. ET ACCNX
Sept. 13	Minnesota	10:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Sept. 20	at San Diego State	10:30 p.m. ET CBSSN
Sept. 27	at Boston College *	
Oct. 4	Duke *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 17	North Carolina *	10:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Oct. 24	at Virginia Tech *	7:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 1	Virginia *	
Nov. 8	at Louisville *	
Nov. 15	OPEN	
Nov. 22	at Stanford *	
Nov. 29	SMU *	

CLEMSON		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	#9 LSU	7:30 p.m. ET ABC
Sept. 6	Troy	3:30 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 13	at Georgia Tech *	Noon ET ABC or ESPN
Sept. 20	Syracuse *	
Sept. 27	OPEN	
Oct. 4	at North Carolina *	
Oct. 11	at Boston College *	
Oct. 18	SMU *	
Oct. 25	OPEN	
Nov. 1	Duke *	
Nov. 8	Florida State *	
Nov. 14	at Louisville *	8 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 22	Furman	
Nov. 29	at South Carolina	Noon ET ABC or ESPN

DUKE		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 28	Elon	7:30 p.m. ET ACCNX
Sept. 6	#12 Illinois	Noon ET ABC or ESPN
Sept. 13	at Tulane	8 p.m. ET ESPN2
Sept. 20	NC State *	
Sept. 27	at Syracuse *	
Oct. 4	at California *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 18	Georgia Tech *	
Oct. 25	OPEN	
Nov. 1	at Clemson *	
Nov. 8	at UConn	3:30 p.m. ET CBSSN
Nov. 15	Virginia *	
Nov. 22	at North Carolina *	
Nov. 29	Wake Forest *	

FLORIDA STATE		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	#8 Alabama	3:30 p.m. ET ABC
Sept. 6	East Texas A&M	Noon ET ACCN
Sept. 13	OPEN	
Sept. 20	Kent State	
Sept. 26	at Virginia *	7 p.m. ET ESPN
Oct. 4	Miami *	
Oct. 11	Pitt *	
Oct. 18	at Stanford *	10:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Oct. 25	OPEN	
Nov. 1	Wake Forest *	
Nov. 8	at Clemson *	
Nov. 15	Virginia Tech *	
Nov. 21	at NC State *	8 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 29	at Florida	

GEORGIA TECH		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	at Colorado	8 p.m. ET ESPN
Sept. 6	Gardner-Webb	3:30 p.m. ET ACCNX
Sept. 13	Clemson *	Noon ET ABC or ESPN
Sept. 20	Temple	
Sept. 27	at Wake Forest *	
Oct. 4	OPEN	
Oct. 11	Virginia Tech *	
Oct. 18	at Duke *	
Oct. 25	Syracuse *	
Nov. 1	at NC State *	
Nov. 8	OPEN	
Nov. 15	at Boston College *	
Nov. 22	Pitt *	
Nov. 28	Georgia	3:30 p.m. ET ABC

LOUISVILLE		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Eastern Kentucky	3 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 5	James Madison	7 p.m. ET ESPN2
Sept. 13	OPEN	
Sept. 20	Bowling Green	
Sept. 27	at Pitt *	
Oct. 4	Virginia *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 17	at Miami *	7 p.m. ET ESPN or ESPN2
Oct. 25	Boston College *	
Nov. 1	at Virginia Tech *	
Nov. 8	California *	
Nov. 14	Clemson *	8 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 22	at SMU *	
Nov. 29	Kentucky	

MIAMI		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 31	#6 Notre Dame	7:30 p.m. ET ABC
Sept. 6	Bethune-Cookman	7 p.m. ET ACCNX
Sept. 13	South Florida	4:30 p.m. ET CW
Sept. 20	Florida	
Sept. 27	OPEN	
Oct. 4	at Florida State *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 17	Louisville *	7 p.m. ET ESPN or ESPN2
Oct. 25	Stanford *	
Nov. 1	at SMU *	
Nov. 8	Syracuse *	
Nov. 15	NC State *	
Nov. 22	at Virginia Tech *	
Nov. 29	at Pitt *	

NORTH CAROLINA		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 1	TCU	8 p.m. ET ESPN
Sept. 6	at Charlotte	7 p.m. ET ESPN+
Sept. 13	Richmond	3:30 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 20	at UCF	
Sept. 27	OPEN	
Oct. 4	Clemson *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 17	at California *	10:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Oct. 25	Virginia *	
Oct. 31	at Syracuse *	7:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 8	Stanford *	
Nov. 15	at Wake Forest *	
Nov. 22	Duke *	
Nov. 29	at NC State *	

NC STATE		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 28	East Carolina	7 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 6	Virginia	Noon ET ESPN2
Sept. 11	at Wake Forest *	7:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Sept. 20	at Duke *	
Sept. 27	Virginia Tech *	
Oct. 4	Campbell	
Oct. 11	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m. ET, Peacock
Oct. 18	OPEN	
Oct. 25	at Pitt *	
Nov. 1	Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 8	OPEN	
Nov. 15	at Miami *	
Nov. 21	Florida State *	8 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 29	North Carolina *	

PITT		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Duquesne	Noon ET ACCN
Sept. 6	Central Michigan	Noon ET ESPN
Sept. 13	at West Virginia	3:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Sept. 20	OPEN	
Sept. 27	Louisville *	
Oct. 4	Boston College *	
Oct. 11	at Florida State *	
Oct. 18	at Syracuse *	
Oct. 25	NC State *	
Nov. 1	at Stanford *	
Nov. 8	OPEN	
Nov. 15	Notre Dame	
Nov. 22	at Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 29	Miami *	

SMU		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	East Texas A&M	9 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 6	Baylor	Noon ET CW
Sept. 13	at Missouri State	3:30 p.m. ET CBSSN
Sept. 20	at TCU	
Sept. 27	OPEN	
Oct. 4	Syracuse *	
Oct. 11	Stanford *	
Oct. 18	at Clemson *	
Oct. 25	at Wake Forest *	
Nov. 1	Miami *	
Nov. 8	at Boston College *	
Nov. 15	OPEN	
Nov. 22	Louisville *	
Nov. 29	at California *	

*denotes ACC game

2025 TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES



STANFORD (0-1)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 23	at Hawai'i	L, 20-23
Aug. 30	OPEN	
Sept. 6	at BYU	10:15 p.m. ET ESPN
Sept. 13	Boston College *	10:30 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 20	at Virginia *	
Sept. 27	San José State	
Oct. 4	OPEN	
Oct. 11	at SMU *	
Oct. 18	Florida State *	10:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Oct. 25	at Miami *	
Nov. 1	Pitt *	
Nov. 8	at North Carolina *	
Nov. 15	OPEN	
Nov. 22	California *	
Nov. 29	Notre Dame	

SYRACUSE		
Date	Opponent	
<i>Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.</i>		
Aug. 30	vs. #24 Tennessee	Noon ET ABC
Sept. 6	UConn	Noon ET ACCNX
Sept. 12	Colgate	7 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 20	at Clemson *	
Sept. 27	Duke *	
Oct. 4	at SMU *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 18	Pitt *	
Oct. 25	at Georgia Tech *	
Oct. 31	North Carolina *	7:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 8	at Miami *	
Nov. 15	OPEN	
Nov. 22	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m. ET, NBC
Nov. 29	Boston College *	

VIRGINIA		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Coastal Carolina	6 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 6	at NC State	Noon ET ABC or ESPN
Sept. 13	William & Mary	Noon ET ACCN
Sept. 20	Stanford *	
Sept. 26	Florida State *	7 p.m. ET ESPN
Oct. 4	at Louisville *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 18	Washington State	6:30 p.m. ET CW
Oct. 25	at North Carolina *	
Nov. 1	at California *	
Nov. 8	Wake Forest *	
Nov. 15	at Duke *	
Nov. 22	OPEN	
Nov. 29	Virginia Tech *	

VIRGINIA TECH		
Date	Opponent	
<i>Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.</i>		
Aug. 31	vs. #13 South Carolina	3 p.m. ET ESPN
Sept. 6	Vanderbilt	7:30 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 13	Old Dominion	7 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 20	Wofford	
Sept. 27	at NC State *	
Oct. 4	Wake Forest *	
Oct. 11	at Georgia Tech *	
Oct. 18	OPEN	
Oct. 24	California *	7:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 1	Louisville *	
Nov. 8	OPEN	
Nov. 15	at Florida State *	
Nov. 22	Miami *	
Nov. 29	at Virginia *	

WAKE FOREST		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	Kennesaw State	7 p.m. ET ACCN
Sept. 6	Western Carolina	2 p.m. ET ACCNX
Sept. 11	NC State *	7:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Sept. 20	OPEN	
Sept. 27	Georgia Tech *	
Oct. 4	at Virginia Tech *	
Oct. 11	at Oregon State	3:30 p.m. ET CW
Oct. 18	OPEN	
Oct. 25	SMU *	
Nov. 1	at Florida State *	
Nov. 8	at Virginia *	
Nov. 15	North Carolina *	
Nov. 22	Delaware	
Nov. 29	at Duke *	

* Denotes ACC game.
Games remain subject to change.



ACC TIEBREAKER POLICY

The Atlantic Coast Conference Football Champion will be decided by a game between the top two (2) post-season eligible teams.

The two teams with the highest percentage of wins during all regular-season Conference competition shall play in the Championship Game. If three (3) or more such 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 procedure shall be administered to determine the representative(s) in the Championship Game.

The team with the highest win percentage, either outright or after application of the tiebreaker, shall be declared the home team for the Championship Game.

A. Two-Team Tie

1. Head-to-head competition between the two tied teams.
2. Win-percentage versus all common opponents.
3. Win-percentage versus common opponents based upon their order of finish (overall conference win percentage, with ties broken) and proceeding through other common opponents based upon their order of finish.
4. Combined win-percentage of conference opponents.
5. The tied team with the higher ranking by the Team Rating Score metric provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular season games.
6. The representative shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee.

B. Three (or More) Team Tie

Three (or more) team tiebreaker procedure will be used to either a) identify one Championship Game representative, b) identify both Championship Game representatives, or c) eliminate team(s) from the tie. If the administration of the three (or more) team tiebreaker results in the elimination of team(s) from the tie, teams remain tied, and both Championship Game representatives have not been determined, the tiebreaker procedure will restart for remaining tied teams.

1. Combined head-to-head win-percentage among the tied teams if all tied teams are common opponents.
2. If all the tied teams are not common opponents, the tied team that defeated each of the other tied teams.
3. Win-percentage versus all common opponents.
4. Win-percentage versus common opponents based upon their order of finish (overall conference win percentage, with ties broken) and proceeding through other common opponents based upon their order of finish.
5. Combined win-percentage of conference opponents.
6. The tied team with the highest ranking by the Team Rating Score metric provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular season games.
7. The representative shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee.

* Note: Conference games against otherwise post-season ineligible teams will always be counted in the league standings and in application of the tie-breaker policies.



2025 COMPOSITE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



WEEK 0

Saturday, Aug. 23

Stanford 20 at Hawai'i 23 7:30 p.m. ET | CBS

WEEK 1

Thursday, Aug. 28

East Carolina at NC State 7 p.m. ET | ACCN

Elon at Duke 7:30 p.m. ET | ACCNX

Friday, Aug. 29

Kennesaw State at Wake Forest 7 p.m. ET | ACCN

Georgia Tech at Colorado 8 p.m. ET | ESPN

Saturday, Aug. 30

Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.

Syracuse vs. #24 Tennessee Noon ET | ABC

Duquesne at Pitt Noon ET | ACCN

Fordham at Boston College 2 p.m. ET | ACCNX

Eastern Kentucky at Louisville 3 p.m. ET | ACCN

#8 Alabama at Florida State 3:30 p.m. ET | ABC

Coastal Carolina at Virginia 6 p.m. ET | ACCN

#9 LSU at #4 Clemson 7:30 p.m. ET | ABC

East Texas A&M at SMU 9 p.m. ET | ACCN

California at Oregon State 10:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Sunday, Aug. 31

Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.

Virginia Tech vs. #13 South Carolina 3 p.m. ET | ESPN

#6 Notre Dame at #10 Miami 7:30 p.m. ET | ABC

Monday, Sept. 1

TCU at North Carolina 8 p.m. ET | ESPN

Open: Stanford

WEEK 2

Friday, Sept. 5

James Madison at Louisville 7 p.m. ET | ESPN2

Saturday, Sept. 6

Illinois at Duke Noon ET | ABC or ESPN

Virginia at NC State Noon ET | ESPN2

Central Michigan at Pitt Noon ET | ESPN

East Texas A&M at Florida State Noon ET | ACCN

Baylor at SMU Noon ET | The CW

UConn at Syracuse Noon ET | ACCNX

Western Carolina at Wake Forest 2 p.m. ET | ACCNX

Troy at Clemson 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCN

Gardner-Webb at Georgia Tech 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCNX

Boston College at Michigan State 7:30 p.m. ET | NBC

Stanford at BYU 10:15 p.m. ET | ESPN

Vanderbilt at Virginia Tech 7:30 p.m. ET | ACCN

Texas Southern at California 6 p.m. ET | ACCNX

North Carolina at Charlotte 7 p.m. ET | ESPN+

Bethune-Cookman at Miami 7 p.m. ET | ACCNX

WEEK 3

Thursday, Sept. 11

NC State at Wake Forest * 7:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Friday, Sept. 12

Colgate at Syracuse 7 p.m. ET | ACCN

Saturday, Sept. 13

Clemson at Georgia Tech * Noon ET | ABC or ESPN

William & Mary at Virginia Noon ET | ACCN

Pitt at West Virginia 3:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Richmond at North Carolina 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCN

SMU at Missouri State 3:30 p.m. ET | CBSSN

South Florida at Miami 4:30 p.m. ET | The CW

Old Dominion at Virginia Tech 7 p.m. ET | ACCN

Duke at Tulane 8 p.m. ET | ESPN2

Minnesota at California 10:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Boston College at Stanford * 10:30 p.m. ET | ACCN

Open: Florida State, Louisville

WEEK 4

Saturday, Sept. 20

Syracuse at Clemson *

NC State at Duke *

Stanford at Virginia *

Florida at Miami

SMU at TCU

North Carolina at UCF

Kent State at Florida State

Temple at Georgia Tech

Bowling Green at Louisville

Wofford at Virginia Tech

California at San Diego State 10:30 p.m. ET | CBSSN

Open: Boston College, Pitt, Wake Forest

WEEK 5

Friday, Sept. 26

Florida State at Virginia * 7 p.m. ET | ESPN

Saturday, Sept. 27

California at Boston College *

Duke at Syracuse *

Georgia Tech at Wake Forest *

Louisville at Pitt *

Virginia Tech at NC State *

San Jose State at Stanford

Open: Clemson, Miami, North Carolina, SMU

WEEK 6

Saturday, Oct. 4

Boston College at Pitt *

Duke at California *

Clemson at North Carolina *

Miami at Florida State *

Virginia at Louisville *

Syracuse at SMU *

Wake Forest at Virginia Tech *

Campbell at NC State

Open: Georgia Tech, Stanford

WEEK 7

Saturday, Oct. 11

Clemson at Boston College *

Pitt at Florida State *

Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech *

Stanford at SMU *

NC State at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET | Peacock

Wake Forest at Oregon State 3:30 p.m. ET | The CW

Open: California, Duke, Louisville, Miami,

North Carolina, Syracuse, Virginia

WEEK 8

Friday, Oct. 17

Louisville at Miami * 7 p.m. ET | ESPN or ESPN2

North Carolina at California * 10:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Saturday, Oct. 18

SMU at Clemson *

Georgia Tech at Duke *

Pitt at Syracuse *

UConn at Boston College

Washington State at Virginia 6:30 p.m. ET | The CW

Florida State at Stanford * 10:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Open: NC State, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest

WEEK 9

Friday, Oct. 24

California at Virginia Tech * 7:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Saturday, Oct. 25

Boston College at Louisville *

Syracuse at Georgia Tech *

Stanford at Miami *

Virginia at North Carolina *

NC State at Pitt *

SMU at Wake Forest *

Open: Clemson, Duke, Florida State

WEEK 10

Friday, Oct. 31

North Carolina at Syracuse * 7:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Saturday, Nov. 1

Virginia at California *

Duke at Clemson *

Wake Forest at Florida State *

Georgia Tech at NC State *

Louisville at Virginia Tech *

Miami at SMU *

Pitt at Stanford *

Notre Dame at Boston College

WEEK 11

Saturday, Nov. 8

SMU at Boston College *

California at Louisville *

Florida State at Clemson *

Syracuse at Miami *

Stanford at North Carolina *

Wake Forest at Virginia *

Duke at UConn 3:30 p.m. ET | CBSSN

Open: Georgia Tech, NC State, Stanford, Virginia Tech

WEEK 12

Friday, Nov. 14

Clemson at Louisville * 8 p.m. ET | ESPN

Saturday, Nov. 15

Georgia Tech at Boston College *

Virginia at Duke *

Virginia Tech at Florida State *

NC State at Miami *

North Carolina at Wake Forest *

Notre Dame at Pitt

Open: California, SMU, Stanford, Syracuse

WEEK 13

Friday, Nov. 21

Florida State at NC State * 8 p.m. ET | ESPN

Saturday, Nov. 22

California at Stanford *

Duke at North Carolina *

Pitt at Georgia Tech *

Louisville at SMU *

Miami at Virginia Tech *

Syracuse at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET | NBC or Peacock

Furman at Clemson

Delaware at Wake Forest

Open: Boston College, Virginia

WEEK 14

Friday, Nov. 28

Georgia at Georgia Tech 3:30 p.m. ET | ABC

(at Mercedes-Benz Stadium)

Saturday, Nov. 29

Boston College at Syracuse *

SMU at California *

Wake Forest at Duke *

Miami at Pitt *

North Carolina at NC State *

Virginia Tech at Virginia *

Clemson at South Carolina Noon ET | ABC or ESPN

Florida State at Florida

Kentucky at Louisville

Notre Dame at Stanford

ACC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, Dec. 6

Bank of America Stadium - Charlotte, North Carolina

2025 ACC Championship Game 8 p.m. ET | ABC

* Denotes ACC game.

Games remain subject to change.



Bowl Game	Date	Time (ET)	Network
LA Bowl Hosted by Gronk	Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025	9 p.m.	ESPN
Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl	Friday, Dec. 19, 2025	3:30 p.m.	ESPN
Go Bowling Military Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025	11 a.m.	ESPN
Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025	Noon	ABC
Wasabi Fenway Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025	2:15 p.m.	ESPN
Pop-Tarts Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025	3:30 p.m.	ABC
TaxSlayer Gator Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025	7:30 p.m.	ABC
Birmingham Bowl	Monday, Dec. 29, 2025	2 p.m.	ESPN
Valero Alamo Bowl	Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025	9 p.m.	ESPN
Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl	Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025	2 p.m.	CBS
SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl	Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025	3:30 p.m.	ESPN
Duke's Mayo Bowl	Friday, Jan. 2, 2026	8 p.m.	ESPN
DIRECTV Holiday Bowl	TBD	TBD	Fox

2024-25 College Football Playoff

Game - Location	Date	Time (ET)	Network
CFP First Round - Campus Site	Friday, Dec. 19, 2025	TBD	TBD
CFP First Round - Campus Site	Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025	TBD	TBD
CFP First Round - Campus Site	Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025	TBD	TBD
CFP First Round - Campus Site	Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025	TBD	TBD
CFP Quarterfinals - Goodyear Cotton Bowl	Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
CFP Quarterfinals - Capital One Orange Bowl	Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026	Noon	ESPN
CFP Quarterfinals - Rose Bowl Game Presented by Prudential	Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026	4 p.m.	ESPN
CFP Quarterfinals - Allstate Sugar Bowl	Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026	8 p.m.	ESPN
CFP Semifinals - Vrbo Fiesta Bowl	Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
CFP Semifinals - Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	Friday, Jan. 9, 2026	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
CFP National Championship Game - Hard Rock Stadium	Monday, Jan. 19, 2026	7:30 p.m.	ESPN

• The 12 playoff participants consist of the five highest-ranked conference champions, plus the next seven highest-ranked teams. The four highest-ranked conference champions will be seeded one through four and receive a first-round bye. The schools seeded five through eight will host those seeded nine through 12 in first-round games.

NATIONAL SUCCESS

National Championships

- The ACC won six NCAA National Championships in 2024-25 in ACC-sponsored sports. In addition, Stanford won the NCAA Women's Water Polo Championship.
 - North Carolina won the 2024 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship.
 - Virginia won the 2024-25 NCAA Women's Swimming & Diving Championship.
 - Notre Dame won the 2025 NCAA Fencing Championship.
 - Wake Forest won the 2025 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship.
 - North Carolina won the 2025 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship.
 - Stanford won the 2025 NCAA Women's Rowing Championship.
- The ACC has won a combined 29 NCAA titles over the last four academic years, the most by any conference in their respective league-sponsored sports.
 - ACC has won six or more national titles in each of the last four 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.
- Over the last four years, an ACC team has had to beat another ACC team in either the NCAA semifinals or championship game 17 times.
 - In 2024-25, the ACC had multiple teams in the final four of several NCAA Championships:
 - Women's Soccer: 4 of the final 4 teams; both teams in the championship.
 - Volleyball: 2 of the final 4 teams.
 - Women's Lacrosse: 2 of the final 4 teams.
 - Men's Golf: 2 of the final 4 teams.
 - Women's Golf: 2 of the final 4 teams.
 - Women's Swimming & Diving: Top 2 teams in the team standings.
- ACC student-athletes won 32 individual NCAA Titles in 2024-25.

LEARFIELD Directors' Cup Standings

- Six ACC schools were ranked among the top 25, including three in the top 10, in the final Division I LEARFIELD College Directors' Cup standings following the 2024-25 academic year. All 18 ACC programs finished in the top 75 of the final standings.
- This marks the 23rd consecutive year that four or more ACC schools 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 75 this year. This marks just the second time in the last decade in which every ACC team finished in the top 75 (2020-21 was the other occurrence).

ACC STUDENT-ATHLETE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- The ACC conducted its fourth annual Health and Safety Summit in May 2025, this time 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 of a humanistic approach to better support the needs of the student-athlete.
- The ACC organized the second annual ACC Career Trek in Charlotte, North Carolina, in June 2025. The trek included 30 student-athletes across the league meeting with representatives and listening to panel discussions from five different categories including sports, real estate, finance/banking, consulting and government.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

ACC Student-Athletes Excel Once Again in NCAA APR Report

- ACC Student-Athletes continue to demonstrate strong academic performance, as reflected in the latest Academic Progress Rate (APR) data released by the NCAA in May.
- Overall, the ACC average APR is 991, seven points above the NCAA Division I national average. Every team among the ACC's 28 sponsored sports exceeded the NCAA's required APR of 930, while 114 ACC teams recorded a perfect score of 1000, including at least one team from each of the 18 member institutions. All ACC football, men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball programs exceeded the NCAA's required APR of 930.

ACC Makes Another Strong Showing in NCAA Graduation Success Rates

- The Atlantic Coast Conference's collective high level of academic success is again reflected by the NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) report released in November 2024. The ACC's average graduation rate of 94 percent is four points higher than this year's national average of 90 percent.

ACC Again Leads the Way in U.S. News & World Report "Best Colleges" Rankings

- For the 18th consecutive year – and now with 18 member institutions – the Atlantic Coast Conference leads the way nationally among Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conferences in the "Best Colleges" rankings released by U.S. News & World Report.
 - This year's 51.7 average rank of ACC schools is the best among all FBS conferences.
 - Two ACC schools rank in the top 10 – only one other school in an FBS conference is in the top 10.
 - Four ACC schools rank in the top 20 – no other FBS conference has more than two.
 - Six ACC schools are among the top 30 in this year's rankings, also the most among all FBS conferences.
 - The ACC has 14 member schools among the top 70 – no other FBS conference has more.

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 eight of the past 12 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).

Four CFP Teams, One Conference

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

- Clemson (2015–2020, 2024)
- Florida State (2014)
- Notre Dame (2020, as a full ACC member during the pandemic season)
- SMU (2024)

Playoff Success That Stands Out

• With six all-time College Football Playoff victories, the ACC ranks third nationally behind only the SEC (18) and Big Ten (11).

Unmatched Depth in Bowl Season

• The 2024 season saw a league-record 13 ACC teams earn bowl eligibility, tying for the most among all Power 4 conferences. This marks the 24th consecutive year the ACC has secured six or more bowl bids, excluding the unique 2020 season. The league has sent 10 teams or more to the postseason in seven of the last 11 years, and since 2014, ranks second among all conferences with 105 total postseason appearances.

Top Coaching Talent Across the Board

• Seven active ACC head coaches currently rank among the top 60 in the FBS in career winning percentage (at least one full season of coaching):

- Dabo Swinney (Clemson)
- Fran Brown (Syracuse)
- Rhett Lashlee (SMU)
- Mike Norvell (Florida State)
- Jeff Brohm (Louisville)
- Dave Doeren (NC State)
- Manny Diaz (Duke)

Heisman Pedigree

• Over the last 12 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, six 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
- 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, maintaining one of college football's premier championship traditions.

ACC & THE NFL DRAFT

Another Impressive Draft Class

• The ACC saw 42 players selected in the 2025 NFL Draft, representing 15 different institutions across the conference. This ties 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 853 total draft picks, including 122 first-round selections—ranking third among all conferences in both categories.

Top-Three in Recent Draft Production

• Over the last 12 drafts (2013–2025), the ACC has had 469 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 five 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, Cameron 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.

2025 ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS



Quarterback

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Offensive Line

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Defensive Back

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Running Back

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Defensive Line

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Specialist

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Receiver

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Linebacker

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Rookie

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AP/COACHES/CFP

	BC	CAL	CU	DU	FSU	GT	LOU	MIA	UNC	NCSU	PITT	SMU	STAN	SU	UVA	VT	WF
Preseason	-/-	-/-	4/6	RV/RV	RV/RV	RV/RV	RV/RV	10/10	-/-	-/-	RV/-	16/16	-/-	-RV/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
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ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKINGS

School	Pr	S2	S7	S14	S21	S28	O5	O12	O19	O26	N2	N9	N16	N23	N30	D7	F
Texas	1																
Penn State	2																
Ohio State	3																
Clemson	4																
Georgia	5																
Notre Dame	6																
Oregon	7																
Alabama	8																
LSU	9																
Miami	10																
Arizona State	11																
Illinois	12																
South Carolina	13																
Michigan	14																
Florida	15																
SMU	16																
Kansas State	17																
Oklahoma	18																
Texas A&M	19																
Indiana	20																
Ole Miss	21																
Iowa State	22																
Texas Tech	23																
Tennessee	24																
Boise State	25																

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	19	219	25	514
Duke	-	57	-	180
Florida State	-	385	72	584
Georgia Tech	-	146	-	307
Louisville	-	42	-	161
Miami	18	320	68	536
North Carolina	-	80	1	280
NC State	-	12	-	191
Pitt	-	125	21	319
SMU	12	75	2	195
Stanford	-	97	-	303
Syracuse	-	69	7	213
Virginia	-	21	3	174
Virginia Tech	-	95	-	311
Wake Forest	-	2	-	69

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	6	11 (Dec. 2, 2014)
Louisville	20	5 (Nov. 15, 2016)
Miami	17	2 (Nov. 21, 2017)
North Carolina	19	10, two times (Dec. 6, 2015)
NC State	24	14 (Nov. 6, 2018)
Pitt	10	12 (Dec. 5, 2021)
SMU	9	8, (Dec. 3, 2024)
Stanford	15	6 (Dec. 6, 2015)
Syracuse	9	12 (Nov. 13, 2018)
Virginia	3	23 (Dec. 3, 2019)
Virginia Tech	10	13 (Oct. 31, 2017)
Wake Forest	8	9 (Nov. 2, 2021)



Thursday, August 28
East Carolina (0-0, 0-0 American)
at NC State (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
7 p.m. ET; ACCN
NC State leads series, 19-14
Last Meeting: ECU, 26-21 (2024)

Head Coaches

East Carolina: Blake Harrell
 (5-1 in 1st full season at ECU; 5-1 in 2nd season overall)
NC State: Dave Doeren
 (87-65 in 13th season at NCSU; 110-69 in 15th season overall)

Notes:

- NC State holds a 19-14 series lead over East Carolina, as the two teams meet in Raleigh, N.C., for the 12th time to open the season.
- The two teams will play for the "Victory Barrel" in the season opener after meeting in the Military Bowl last year, a 26-21 win by the Pirates in Annapolis, Md.
- Dave Doeren, the winningest coach in NC State history with 87 wins, enters his 13th season at NC State. His tenure ranks sixth in the FBS in longevity at a current school.
- NC State has won seven straight season openers, the longest active streak among current ACC teams. A win over ECU would tie the Pack's longest such winning streak since World War II (1997-2004; 1988-98).
- Under Doeren, NC State has lost just two non-conference contests in Carter-Finley Stadium, posting a 30-2 mark in non-ACC home games. However, one of those losses came to ECU back on November 23, 2013 in Doeren's first season in Raleigh.
- ECU's Blake Harrell, who led the Pirates to a record of 5-1 as the interim coach over the last six games last year, was named the head coach in November 2024.
- The Pirates have produced a 46-64 (.418) regular season non-league record since 1997.



Thursday, August 28
Elon (0-0, 0-0 CAA)
at (RV) Duke (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
7:30 p.m. ET; ACCNX
Duke leads series, 8-0-1
Last Meeting: Duke, 26-3 (2024)

Head Coaches

Elon: Tony Trisciani
 (32-21 in 7th season at Elon; 32-21 in 7th season overall)
Duke: Manny Diaz
 (8-4 in 2nd season at DU; 30-19 in 5th season overall)

Notes:

- Duke opens the season with Elon at home for the second straight year, as the Blue Devils defeated the Phoenix 26-3 in Manny Diaz's debut last year.
- Duke is looking for its fourth consecutive season-opening win and has gone 8-3 in its last 11 season openers entering the 2025 season.
- Duke returns 14 starters from last season's squad (six on offense, five on defense and three on special teams), which is tied for the sixth-highest total nationally.
- QB transfer Darian Mensah posted a 166.7 passer rating as a freshman last season (at Tulane), the sixth best in the FBS (min. 150 attempts). The last FBS freshmen to have that high of a rating were Ohio State's C.J. Stroud (186.6) and Oklahoma's Caleb Williams (169.6) in 2021.
- Elon, in its seventh season under head coach Tony Trisciani, was picked to finish eighth in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) preseason poll, after going 6-6 last year in 2024.
- In last year's meeting, Elon held Duke to just 59 rushing yards in the loss, the fewest total for Duke against a non-conference opponent since 2010.



Friday, August 29
Kennesaw State (0-0, 0-0 CSUA)
at Wake Forest (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
7 p.m. ET; ACCN
First Meeting

Head Coaches

Kennesaw State: Jerry Mack
 (0-0 in 1st season at KS; 31-15 in 5th season overall)
Wake Forest: Jake Dickert
 (0-0 in 1st season at WF; 23-20 in 5th season overall)

Notes:

- The Jake Dickert era begins with the Demon Deacons' first-ever meeting against the Kennesaw State Owls in the 2025 season opener.
- Running back Demond Claiborne will once again be a focal point of the Wake Forest offense after rushing for over 1,000 yards and 11 touchdowns last season.
- Wake Forest also returns All-American defensive back Nick Andersen, who led the ACC with 122 total tackles in 2024.
- Over the last 14 years, Wake Forest is 11-3 in season openers, including a 9-2 record in the College Football Playoff Era (2014-present). Additionally, WF has gone 10-1 in home openers in that same time period, with the lone loss coming to No. 1 Clemson in 2020.
- The Demon Deacons will look for new offensive threats, returning less than 30% of their total yards from 2024.
- Kennesaw State went 2-10 (2-6 Conference USA) in 2024 - its first FBS campaign.
- Jerry Mack takes over as the head coach of Kennesaw State and will make his FBS head coaching debut against Wake Forest. Mack was previously the head coach of North Carolina Central, winning three MEAC titles.



Friday, August 29
(RV) Georgia Tech (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
at (RV) Colorado (0-0, 0-0 Big 12)
8 p.m. ET; ESPN
First Meeting

Head Coaches

Georgia Tech: Brent Key
 (18-16 in 3rd full season at GT; 18-16 in 3rd full season overall)
Colorado: Deion Sanders
 (13-12 in 3rd season at CO; 39-18 in 6th season overall)

Notes:

- This will be the first-ever meeting between Georgia Tech and Colorado.
- After going 7-6 in 2024, Georgia Tech will return 14 starters, including seven on both offense and defense.
- Haynes King will begin his third season as GT's starting quarterback, throwing for at least 2,100 yards and 14 touchdowns in each of his first two seasons with the Jackets.
- Jamal Haynes also returns as the Yellow Jackets' starting running back, logging over 2,000 yards and 16 rushing touchdowns over the past two seasons.
- GT has made bowl game appearances in each of the last two seasons.
- This is Georgia Tech's first trip west of the Mississippi River since 2013, when the Yellow Jackets played at BYU.
- Colorado is coming off a 9-4 season, but returns just three offensive starters and 14.5% of its total yardage from a year ago.
- Colorado is 1-5 all-time against ACC opponents and has not met an ACC team since 2008. The Buffaloes' lone ACC win came against Clemson in the 1957 Orange Bowl.



Saturday, August 30
Duquesne (0-0, 0-0 NEC)
at (RV) Pitt (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
Noon ET; ACCN
Pitt leads series, 5-2
Last Meeting: Duquesne, 21-13 (1939)

Head Coaches

Duquesne: Jerry Schmitt
 (128-86 in 21st season at DU; 156-107 in 26th season overall)
Pitt: Pat Narduzzi
 (72-56 in 11th season at Pitt; 72-56 in 11th season overall)

Notes:

- Less than 10 minutes and two miles from each other, Pitt will host Duquesne for the seventh overall meeting between the two schools in football. Pitt leads the series 5-2.
- This will be the first meeting between the two schools since 1939.
- Pitt's calling card under head coach Pat Narduzzi has always been defense. The Panthers finished the 2024 regular season ranked fifth nationally in defensive touchdowns (4), sixth in sacks (3.15 per game) and fourth in tackles-for-loss (8.2 per game).
- In 2025, the Panthers will be led by preseason All-Americans Kyle Louis on defense and Desmond Reid on offense, while quarterback Eli Holstein returns after a redshirt-freshman year last season that saw him become the first Pitt QB to win his first seven starts since Dan Marino in 1979-80.
- A member of the Northeast Conference (NEC), Duquesne received a pair of first-place votes and was picked to finish second in the NEC Football Preseason Coaches Poll.
- The Dukes have claimed at least a share of the regular season crown in each of the past two years under head coach Jerry Schmitt, who has led Duquesne to 10 conference championships and three trips to the NCAA FCS Playoffs in 21 seasons as the head coach.



Saturday, August 30
Syracuse (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
vs. #24 Tennessee (0-0, 0-0 SEC)
Noon ET; ABC
Tennessee leads series, 3-0
Last Meeting: Tennessee, 33-9 (2001)

Head Coaches

Syracuse: Fran Brown
 (10-3 in 2nd season at SU; 10-3 in 2nd season overall)
Tennessee: Josh Heupel
 (37-15 in 5th season at UT; 65-23 in 8th season overall)

Notes:

- Meeting in the first of two Aflac Kickoff Games in Atlanta this year, Syracuse is searching for its first win over Tennessee, as the Volunteers lead the series 3-0.
- The Orange will play in their first neutral-site game to start a season since 2013, when they opened the year against Penn State in the NY College Classic at MetLife Stadium.
- Syracuse has won 10 of its past 11 season openers. The only blemish was a loss at North Carolina in the 2020 opener.
- Last season, Syracuse led the country in passing yards per game (370.0), while also ranking in the top 10 of total yards per game, time of possession, fumbles lost and third-down percentage.
- Syracuse will start Steve Angeli, a Notre Dame transfer, at quarterback against Tennessee. Angeli played in 21 games for the Fighting Irish, including in the College Football Playoff semifinals and final.
- Tennessee went 10-3 (6-2 SEC) in 2024, falling in the College Football Playoff first round to Ohio State.
- The Vols have won four in a row over ACC foes, all coming under head coach Josh Heupel.



Saturday, August 30
Fordham (0-0, 0-0 Patriot League)
at Boston College (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
2 p.m. ET; ACCNX
Boston College leads series, 14-11-2
Last meeting: Boston College, 21-7 (1954)

Head Coaches

Fordham: Joe Conlin
 (31-41 in 8th season at Fordham; 31-41 in 8th season overall)
Boston College: Bill O'Brien
 (7-6 in 2nd season at BC; 22-15 in 4th collegiate season overall)

Notes:

- Boston College and Fordham will meet on the gridiron for the first time since 1954 in the two teams' season opener on Saturday.
- Bill O'Brien is in his second season at BC, where he led the Eagles to a 7-6 record and an appearance in the Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl.
- BC announced that Alabama transfer Dylan Loneragan is the starting quarterback in Week 1. He was ESPN's No. 36 overall recruit in the Class of 2023 and played in three games at Alabama over the last two years.
- Boston College returns seven of the eight defensive backs who played at least 250 snaps last season. That includes safeties KP Price and Carter Davis, the Eagles' highest-graded returning defenders.
- Fordham, looking to improve after last season, finished 2-10 but managed to win two of its last four games.
- The Rams were picked to finish eighth in the 2025 Patriot League Football Preseason Poll and are led by linebacker James Conway, who broke the Patriot League career tackles record last year.



Saturday, August 30
Eastern Kentucky (0-0, 0-0 UAC)
at (RV) Louisville (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
3 p.m. ET; ACCN
Louisville leads series, 20-8-1
Last meeting: Louisville, 30-3 (2021)

Head Coaches

Eastern Kentucky: Walt Wells
 (30-26 in 6th season at EKU; 30-26 in 6th season overall)
Louisville: Jeff Brohm
 (19-8 in 3rd season at UL; 85-52 in 12th season overall)

Notes:

- Louisville holds a 20-8-1 series advantage over Eastern Kentucky, which dates back to 1927. The Cardinals have won the last five meetings, with EKU's last win coming in 1985.
- Louisville's head coach Jeff Brohm has posted a 19-8 record in his first two seasons — recording the Cardinals' best two-season mark since 2014.
- The Cardinals are looking to win their 15th-straight home opener. Louisville hasn't lost a home opener since falling 23-16 against Kentucky in the 2010 home opener.
- The Cardinals have scored over 30 points in the last three contests against the Colonels, including posting 44 points in a win in 2013.
- Louisville returns the duo in the backfield of Isaac Brown and Duke Watson, who combined to run for 1,770 yards and 18 touchdowns a year ago. Brown rushed for 1,173 yards and 11 scores, while Watson added 597 yards and eight touchdowns.
- Eastern Kentucky head coach Walt Wells is in his sixth season, leading the Colonels to an 8-5 record and a spot in the FCS Playoffs for the 23rd time in program history.
- EKU closed out the regular season last year with five straight wins and won five of its final six games of the year.



Saturday, August 30
#8 Alabama (0-0, 0-0 SEC)
at (RV) Florida State (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
3:30 p.m. ET; ABC
Alabama leads series, 3-1-1
Last Meeting: Alabama, 24-7 (2017)

Head Coaches

Alabama: Kalen DeBoer
 (9-4 in 2nd season at ALA; 114-16 in 11th season overall)
Florida State: Mike Norvell
 (33-27 in 6th season at FSU; 71-42 in 10th season overall)

Notes:

- This will be the sixth meeting between the Seminoles and Crimson Tide, with Alabama leading the all-time series 3-1-1. Florida State is looking for its first win against Alabama since September 29, 2007.
- The Seminoles look to secure their first home win against an AP Top-10 team since October 17, 2020 (W, 31-28, vs. No. 5 North Carolina).
- This will be the seventh time that Florida State opens the season against an AP Top-10 team, and the second time in three seasons (2023, W, 45-24, vs. No. 5 LSU in Orlando).
- Tommy Castellanos, a Boston College transfer, will be the Seminoles' starting quarterback. The dual-threat QB made 20 starts for the Eagles, logging 3,614 passing yards and 1,307 rushing yards.
- Alabama went 9-4 (5-3 SEC) in 2024, with a trip to the ReliaQuest Bowl. This will be Alabama's first true road game against an ACC opponent since 2010 (at Duke).
- Alabama head coach Kalen DeBoer begins his second season with the Crimson Tide and sixth season overall. The former Washington coach boasts a 114-16 career record with stops at the University of Sioux Falls, Fresno State, Washington and now Alabama.



Saturday, August 30
Coastal Carolina (0-0, 0-0 SBC)
at Virginia (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
6 p.m. ET; ACCN
Virginia leads series, 1-0
Last Meeting: Virginia, 43-24 (2024)

Head Coaches

Coastal Carolina: Tim Beck
 (14-12 in 3rd season at CCU; 14-12 in 3rd season overall)
Virginia: Tony Elliott
 (11-23 in 4th season at UVA; 11-23 in 4th season overall)

Notes:

- Virginia holds a 1-0 series advantage over Coastal Carolina, winning their 2024 meeting, 43-24, in Conway, S.C.
- Tony Elliott is beginning his fourth season with Virginia and is coming off a 5-7 season last year.
- Virginia returns 15 starters, including eight on the defensive side. The Cavaliers also boast 14 senior starters and 13 senior backups, giving them one of the most experienced teams in the country.
- Chandler Morris will be the starting quarterback for the Cavaliers. The North Texas transfer threw for 3,774 yards last year in North Texas' air raid offense.
- The Cavaliers' offensive line has combined to make 213 career starts, which leads all FBS units.
- Coastal Carolina enters its third season under head coach Tim Beck, who has led the Chanticleers to back-to-back bowl appearances over his first two years leading the Teal.
- This season, the Chanticleers have a new offensive coordinator (Drew Hollingshead) and defensive coordinator (Jeremiah Johnson).



Saturday, August 30
#9 LSU (0-0, 0-0 SEC)
at #4 Clemson (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
7:30 p.m. ET; ABC
LSU leads series, 3-1
Last meeting: LSU, 42-25 (2020)

Head Coaches

LSU: Brian Kelly
 (29-11 in 4th season at LSU; 292-107-2 in 36th season overall)
Clemson: Dabo Swinney
 (180-47 in 18th season at CU; 180-47 in 18th season overall)

Notes:

- Clemson, which won the 2024 ACC Football Championship Game over SMU, is coming off a trip to the College Football Playoff.
- The Tigers begin the season ranked No. 4 in the AP Poll. This marks Clemson's first AP Top 5 ranking since November 2022.
- This is Clemson's first non-conference home game against an AP Top-10 team since October 2013 (W, 24-22 vs. No. 6 Notre Dame).
- Clemson begins the season as the ACC preseason favorite by the media.
- Of the seven active FBS quarterbacks with at least 7,000 passing yards, Cade Klubnik is the only one with fewer than 20 interceptions thrown (18). (*Stats Perform*)
- Defensively, Clemson is led by All-Americans T.J. Parker and Peter Woods, who combined for 15.0 tackles-for-loss in 2024.
- LSU leads the all-time series 3-1 against Clemson, with the last meeting coming in 2019.
- The Tigers went 9-4 (5-3 SEC) in 2024, and went 1-3 against Top 25 opponents.
- The matchup features two of the 14 winningest programs in FBS history. The programs have combined for 1,623 wins (815 - LSU (12th all-time) and 808 - Clemson (13th all-time)).



Saturday, August 30
East Texas A&M (0-0, 0-0 SLC)
at #16 SMU (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
9 p.m. ET; ACCN
First Meeting

Head Coaches

East Texas A&M: Clint Dolezel
 (4-18 in 3rd season at ETAMU; 4-18 in 3rd collegiate season overall)
SMU: Rhett Lashlee
 (29-12 in 4th season at SMU; 29-12 in 4th season overall)

Notes:

- This will be the first meeting between the Mustangs and Lions despite being just over 70 miles apart in Texas.
- SMU is coming off its first trip to the College Football Playoff and looking to build on a strong first season in the ACC.
- The Mustangs fell in the 2024 ACC Football Championship Game to Clemson on a last-second field goal after posting a perfect 8-0 conference record in regular-season play.
- Rhett Lashlee begins his fourth season at SMU, boasting a 29-12 overall record, including an 11-3 mark in the Mustangs' first season in the ACC last year.
- Kevin Jennings threw for over 3,200 yards and added more than 300 more on the ground last season. Jennings took over as SMU's starting quarterback in Week 3, helping the Mustangs win nine straight games.
- SMU returns backside safety Isaiah Nwokobia, who finished second on the team with 100 tackles in 2024.
- East Texas A&M posted a 3-9 record in 2024, including a 2-4 mark in Southland play.
- This contest marks the third consecutive season that the Lions have faced an FBS foe.



Saturday, August 30
California (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
at Oregon State (0-0, 0-0 Pac-12)
10:30 p.m. ET; ESPN
California leads series, 40-37
Last Meeting: California, 44-7 (2024)

Head Coaches

California: Justin Wilcox
 (42-50 in 9th season at CAL; 42-50 in 9th season overall)
Oregon State: Trent Bray
 (5-7 in 2nd season at OSU; 5-7 in 2nd season overall)

Notes:

- The former conference rivals have met 77 times previously, including every year since 1995, with the Golden Bears holding a 40-37 advantage in the series. Cal defeated Oregon State, 44-7, last year as non-conference foes.
- The Golden Bears have scored 40+ points in their last two meetings against the Beavers.
- Justin Wilcox begins his ninth season as the Golden Bears' head coach and looks to take Cal to its third consecutive bowl game.
- True freshman Jaron-Keawe Sagopolutele will be Cal's starting quarterback to open the season. Sagopolutele set the Hawai'i high school record for most career passing yards with 10,653 and was a 5-star recruit by On3.
- Oregon State is looking for its fourth consecutive season-opening win and fifth straight home-opening win to kick off the 2025 season.
- Despite starting the 2024 season with a 4-1 record, Oregon State finished the season at 5-7 in its first year under alumnus Trent Bray.
- Former Duke standout Maalik Murphy will be Oregon State's starting quarterback. He passed for 2,933 yards and 26 touchdowns last season for the Blue Devils.



Sunday, August 31
Virginia Tech (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
vs. #13 South Carolina (0-0, 0-0 SEC)
3 p.m. ET; ESPN
South Carolina leads series, 11-2-0
Last Meeting: South Carolina, 28-21 (1991)

Head Coaches

Virginia Tech: Brent Pry
 (16-21 in 4th season at VT; 16-21 in 4th season overall)
South Carolina: Shane Beamer
 (29-22 in 5th season at SC; 29-22 in 5th season overall)

Notes:

- For the second straight season, Virginia Tech opens the season away from home against an SEC opponent, playing South Carolina in the second of two Aflac Kickoff Games in Atlanta.
- The two teams last played in 1991, playing annually from 1986 to 1991 as non-conference opponents. South Carolina leads the series 11-7-2, with Virginia Tech's last win in the series coming back in 1974.
- Virginia Tech and head coach Brent Pry enter the 2025 season with a new offensive and defensive coordinator, a new offensive line coach and 32 new transfers on the roster after a 6-7 record last season.
- Last year in 2024, the Hokies played in five one-score games and their seven losses by an average of 6.8 points per game.
- South Carolina head coach Shane Beamer is a Virginia Tech alumnus and the son of legendary Hokies coach Frank Beamer. He's in his fifth year with the Gamecocks and has compiled a 29-22 record.
- The Gamecocks ended 2024 with a strong nine-win regular season, a late-season momentum surge that saw them win their last six regular-season games, and a top-20 finish.



Sunday, August 31
#6 Notre Dame (0-0)
at #10 Miami (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
7:30 p.m. ET; ABC
Notre Dame leads series, 17-8-1
Last meeting: Miami, 41-8 (2017)

Head Coaches

Notre Dame: Marcus Freeman
 (33-10 in 4th full season at ND; 33-10 in 4th full season overall)
Miami: Mario Cristobal
 (22-16 in 4th season at UM; 84-76 in 15th season overall)

Notes:

- Miami and Notre Dame meet in a top-10 matchup at Hard Rock Stadium to kick off the 2025 season. The Hurricanes routed Notre Dame 41-8 in the two teams' last matchup in 2017.
- The Hurricanes are in their fourth season under head coach Mario Cristobal, who has led Miami from five wins in Year 1 to seven wins in Year 2 and to 10 wins in Year 3 last year, only the second 10-win season over the last 20 years at Miami.
- Miami QB Carson Beck, a Georgia transfer, takes over the reins of a Miami offense that ranked No. 1 in the nation in both yards per game and points per game last year under offensive coordinator Shannon Dawson.
- Notre Dame head coach Marcus Freeman enters his fourth full season in 2025, after leading the Irish to a 14-2 record and a national championship game appearance in 2024.
- The Irish will have a new QB in redshirt-freshman CJ Carr, who played in one game for Notre Dame last year and has not attempted a pass in his collegiate career.
- ND will be led offensively by returner Jeremiyah Love, who rushed for over 1,125 yards and 17 touchdowns on the ground last year, while wide receiver transfer Malachi Fields is the top wideout for the Irish after a standout career at Virginia.



Monday, September 1
(RV) TCU (0-0, 0-0 Big 12)
at North Carolina (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
8 p.m. ET; ESPN
North Carolina leads series, 3-0
Last Meeting: North Carolina, 31-10 (1997)

Head Coaches

TCU: Sonny Dykes
 (27-13 in 4th season at TCU; 98-76 in 16th season overall)
North Carolina: Bill Belichick
 (0-0 in 1st season at UNC; 0-0 in 1st collegiate season overall)

Notes:

- One of the biggest games in North Carolina history will kick off on Monday night, as NFL legend Bill Belichick makes his collegiate coaching debut versus TCU in Chapel Hill.
- This season, North Carolina has 23 incoming FBS transfers on its current roster, the most in the ACC, and tied for the sixth-most in the FBS. Overall, they have more than 70 new players on the roster for 2025.
- South Alabama transfer Gio Lopez, who had 2,559 passing yards and 465 rushing yards in 2024, is the projected starter at quarterback for the Tar Heels.
- Defensively, the Tar Heels added several key additions in Pryce Yates (UConn), Thaddeus Dixon (Washington), Khmori House (Washington) and Andrew Simpson (Boise State) to a unit that was decimated by departures to the NFL and transfer portal.
- TCU will be led by QB Josh Hoover, who returns after a record-breaking 2024 season, throwing for nearly 4,000 yards. He's considered one of the top signal-callers in the Big 12 and was ranked No. 9 among all FBS quarterbacks in The Athletic's preseason list.
- In 2023, TCU hosted Colorado's first game under Deion Sanders. The Horned Frogs lost as a 20.5-point favorite, falling to Colorado 45-42 in the 2023 season opener.