

ACC Weekly Football News & Notes - Week 6

2025 STANDINGS

STANDINGS	ACC		OVERALL		POINTS		HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK	VS. AP TOP 10	VS. AP TOP 25
	W-L	PCT.	W-L	PCT.	FOR	OPP						
Georgia Tech	2-0	1.000	5-0	1.000	185	106	3-0	2-0	0-0	W5	0-0	1-0
Virginia	2-0	1.000	4-1	.800	228	116	4-0	0-1	0-0	W3	1-0	1-0
Duke	2-0	1.000	3-2	.600	174	132	2-1	1-1	0-0	W2	0-0	0-1
Louisville	1-0	1.000	4-0	1.000	153	75	3-0	1-0	0-0	W4	0-0	0-0
California	1-0	1.000	4-1	.800	124	90	2-0	2-1	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
Virginia Tech	1-0	1.000	2-3	.400	118	140	1-2	1-0	0-1	W2	0-0	0-1
Syracuse	1-1	.500	3-2	.600	156	148	2-1	1-0	0-1	L1	0-0	0-1
Stanford	1-1	.500	2-3	.400	103	147	2-0	0-3	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
NC State	1-2	.333	3-2	.600	147	140	2-1	1-1	0-0	L2	0-0	0-0
Miami	0-0	.000	4-0	1.000	147	46	4-0	0-0	0-0	W4	1-0	2-0
North Carolina	0-0	.000	2-2	.500	84	91	1-1	1-1	0-0	L1	0-0	0-0
SMU	0-0	.000	2-2	.500	139	106	1-1	1-1	0-0	L1	0-0	0-0
Florida State	0-1	.000	3-1	.750	212	76	3-0	0-1	0-0	L1	1-0	1-0
Pitt	0-1	.000	2-2	.500	157	91	2-1	0-1	0-0	L2	0-0	0-0
Wake Forest	0-2	.000	2-2	.500	105	83	2-2	0-0	0-0	L2	0-0	0-1
Boston College	0-2	.000	1-3	.250	150	110	1-1	0-2	0-0	L3	0-0	0-0
Clemson	0-2	.000	1-3	.250	79	91	1-2	0-1	0-0	L2	0-1	0-1

2025 SCHEDULE - WEEK 6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4	TIME	TV	SIRIUSXM	APP/WEB
Clemson (1-3) at North Carolina (2-2)	Noon ET	ESPN	82, 371	82, 371
Series: Clemson leads series, 40-19-1; Last meeting: Clemson, 31-20 (2023) ESPN: Mark Jones (play-by-play), Roddy Jones (analyst), Quint Kessenich (sideline)				
Boston College (1-3) at Pitt (2-2)	Noon ET	ACCN	119, 193, 383	937, 955
Series: Pitt leads series, 18-16-0; Last meeting: Boston College, 34-23 (2024) ACCN: Chris Cotter (play-by-play), Max Browne (analyst), Kendra Douglas (sideline)				
Wake Forest (2-2) at Virginia Tech (2-3)	1 p.m. ET	The CW	385, 386	975, 976
Series: Virginia Tech leads series, 26-13-1; Last meeting: Virginia Tech, 30-13 (2023) The CW: Thom Brennaman (play-by-play), Will Blackmon (analyst), Wes Bryant (sideline)				
Campbell (1-4) at NC State (3-2)	2 p.m. ET	ACCNX	388	978
Series: First Meeting ACCNX: Jorge Sedano (play-by-play), Rodney McLeod (analyst), Victoria Arlen (sideline)				
#24 Virginia (4-1) at Louisville (4-0)	3:30 p.m. ET	ESPN2	121, 194, 371	371, 956
Series: Louisville leads series, 8-5-0; Last meeting: Louisville, 24-20 (2024) ESPN2: Mike Monaco (play-by-play), Kirk Morrison (analyst), Dawn Davenport (sideline)				
Syracuse (3-2) at SMU (2-2)	3:30 p.m. ET	ACCN	119, 193, 383	373, 955
Series: SMU leads series, 1-0-0; Last meeting: SMU, 16-6 (1932) ACCN: Wes Durham (play-by-play), Steve Addazio (analyst), Dana Boyle (sideline)				
#3 Miami (4-0) at #18 Florida State (3-1)	7:30 p.m. ET	ABC	82, 84	82, 84
Series: Miami leads series, 36-32-0; Last meeting: Miami, 36-14 (2024) ABC: Chris Fowler (play-by-play), Kirk Herbstreit (analyst), Holly Rowe (sideline)				
Duke (3-2) at California (4-1)	10:30 p.m. ET	ESPN	119, 193, 382	955, 972
Series: Duke leads series, 1-0-1; Last meeting: Tied, 22-22 (1963) ESPN: Dave Flemming (play-by-play), Brock Osweiler (analyst), Stormy Buonantony (sideline)				

QUICK HITTERS

ACC WITH MULTIPLE TOP-10 WINS

■ The ACC is one of only three conferences with multiple top-10 victories so far this season.

ACC Top-10 Wins in 2025

Date	Matchup	Result
8/30/25	#8 Alabama at Florida State	FSU, 31-17
8/31/25	#6 Notre Dame at #10 Miami	UM, 27-24
9/26/25	#8 Florida State at Virginia	UVA, 46-38

■ The ACC's two top-10 non-conference wins in Week 1 marked only the second time since 1980 that a single conference has achieved two such victories to start the season; the previous instance was when the SEC did so in 2018. *(Stats Perform)*

TIGHT FINISHES HIGHLIGHT WILD START TO ACC PLAY

■ ACC league play is off to a thrilling start, with close finishes, overtimes, and last-possession drama.

■ Six conference games so far this season have been decided by one score (8 points or fewer) and on the final possession.

ACC League Games Decided by One-Score

Date	Matchup	Result
9/11/25	#12 Clemson at Georgia Tech	GT, 24-21
9/26/25	#8 Florida State at Virginia	UVA, 46-38 (2ot)
9/27/25	Louisville at Pitt	UL, 34-27
9/27/25	#16 Georgia Tech at Wake Forest	GT, 30-29 (ot)
9/27/25	California at Boston College	CAL, 28-24
9/27/25	Virginia Tech at NC State	VT, 23-21

■ In Week 5 alone, three different games in conference play were decided by four or fewer points on Saturday, September 27. That is tied for the most such games in ACC conference play on a single day since 2000 (most recently October 8, 2023). *(Stats Perform)*

■ In Week 5, there were two conference games in the ACC that went to overtime, marking the first time multiple ACC league games went past regulation in the same week since Week 8 of 2019. *(Stats Perform)*

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).

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** 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.*

Statement from ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D., on the Future ACC Football Scheduling Model

"We have been incredibly intentional throughout our discussions on ACC Football, including the future of our conference schedule. Today, the Athletic Directors of the 17 football-playing institutions overwhelmingly supported a regular season schedule that includes nine conference games and a minimum of 10 games each year against Power 4 opponents. This positions the ACC as one of only two leagues committed to having every team annually play a minimum of 10 games against Power 4 teams. There will be additional discussions and more details to be determined, but today's decision showcases the commitment and leadership of our ADs in balancing what is best for strengthening the conference and their respective programs. As specified in the Conference constitution, the model will be presented to the Faculty Athletics Representatives for formal adoption."

September 22, 2025

AP TOP 25

September 28, 2025

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Ohio State (46)	1626
2.	Oregon (16)	1589
3.	Miami (4)	1529
4.	Ole Miss	1354
5.	Oklahoma	1313
6.	Texas A&M	1308
7.	Penn State	1179
8.	Indiana	1156
9.	Texas	1071
10.	Alabama	1057
11.	Texas Tech	967
12.	Georgia	965
13.	LSU	838
14.	Iowa State	830
15.	Tennessee	697
16.	Vanderbilt	640
17.	Georgia Tech	549
18.	Florida State	535
19.	Missouri	528
20.	Michigan	422
21.	Notre Dame	333
22.	Illinois	271
23.	BYU	191
24.	Virginia	125
25.	Arizona State	107

(first-place votes in parenthesis)

US LBM COACHES POLL

September 28, 2025

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Ohio State (58)	1617
2.	Oregon (6)	1559
3.	Miami (1)	1484
4.	Ole Miss	1319
5.	Texas A&M	1223
6.	Penn State	1192
7.	Texas	1165
8.	Oklahoma	1123
9.	Indiana	1059
10.	Georgia	1006
11.	Alabama	975
12.	Iowa State	919
13.	LSU	918
14.	Texas Tech	856
15.	Tennessee	728
16.	Georgia Tech	604
17.	Vanderbilt	502
18.	Missouri	498
19.	Florida State	483
20.	Michigan	453
21.	Notre Dame	316
22.	Illinois	287
23.	BYU	221
24.	Arizona State	136
25.	Utah	104

(first-place votes in parenthesis)

2025 ACC FOOTBALL NOTES

FOUR TEAMS RANKED IN AP TOP 25 POLL

■ For the first time this season, the ACC had four teams ranked in this week's Associated Press (AP) Top 25 Poll: Miami (No. 3), Georgia Tech (No. 17), Florida State (No. 18) and Virginia (No. 24).

■ Miami dropped one spot to No. 3 following its open week, but is in the top 5 for the fifth straight week after starting the season at No. 10 in the preseason poll.

■ Georgia Tech also fell one spot to No. 17 after winning a tough ACC road game at Wake Forest in overtime.

■ Florida State remained in the top 25 despite a double-overtime road loss at Virginia last Friday night (Sept. 26).

■ Virginia entered the AP Top 25 Poll for the first time since 2019, coming in at No. 24 after a 46-38 double-overtime win over then-No. 8 Florida State in Week 5.

■ Louisville (36) also received votes in the Week 6 poll and has earned votes in all six polls this season.

TRIO OF TEAMS RANKED IN TOP 20 IN COACHES POLL

■ Following Week 6, the ACC once again placed three teams inside the top 20 of the US LBM Coaches Poll: Miami (No. 3), Georgia Tech (No. 16) and Florida State (No. 19).

■ After three straight weeks at No. 6, Miami moved up three spots to No. 3 despite being in an open week.

■ Georgia Tech climbed up one spot following its 30-29 come-from-behind overtime win on the road at Wake Forest on Saturday, September 27.

■ Florida State remained in the top 25 of the Coaches Poll, coming in at No. 19 following its overtime road loss at Virginia on Friday, September 26.

■ Louisville (83) and Virginia (63) both sit just outside the top 25, while Duke (4) also received votes in this week's poll.

TWO UNDEFEATED ACC TEAMS WITH MULTIPLE P4 WINS

■ Heading into Week 6, the ACC boasts two undefeated teams — Georgia Tech and Miami — each with multiple Power Four (P4) wins on the season.

■ The Yellow Jackets are one of only four teams nationally that are both undefeated and have three Power 4 wins.

Undefeated Teams with Multiple P4 Wins

Team	Record	P4 Wins
Georgia Tech (ACC)	5-0	3
Iowa State (Big 12)	5-0	3
Ole Miss (SEC)	5-0	3
Oregon (Big Ten)	5-0	3
Indiana (Big Ten)	5-0	2
Missouri (SEC)	5-0	2
Vanderbilt (SEC)	5-0	2
BYU (Big 12)	4-0	2
Miami (ACC)	4-0	2
Oklahoma (SEC)	4-0	2
Ohio State (Big Ten)	4-0	2
Texas A&M (SEC)	4-0	2

TRIO OF ACC TEAMS STILL UNDEFEATED

■ Heading into Week 6, three ACC teams are still undefeated on the season.

ACC Teams Undefeated Heading into Week 6

Team	Overall Record
Georgia Tech	5-0
Miami	5-0
Louisville	4-0

■ The ACC is one of only five FBS conferences with three or more undefeated teams through the first five weeks of the 2025 season.

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

■ Through Week 5 of the season, ACC teams have played 17 non-conference games against fellow Power 4 opponents and Notre Dame.

Non-Conference Games Played Versus P4 Opponents and Notre Dame - Through Week 5

Conference	Games
ACC	17
Big 12	14
SEC	14
Big Ten	11

■ The ACC has nine games remaining against peer P4 and Notre Dame this season, four more than the other three conferences combined - SEC (4), Big Ten (1) and Big 12 (0).

ACC CONFERENCE CONTINUES IN WEEK 6

■ The ACC conference season continues this week with a season-high seven conference matchups on Saturday, October 4.

Week 6 Conference Matchups

Date	Matchup	Time (ET) TV
10/4/25	Clemson at North Carolina	Noon ESPN
10/4/25	Boston College at Pitt	Noon ACCN
10/4/25	Wake Forest at Virginia Tech	1 p.m. The CW
10/4/25	Syracuse at SMU	3:30 p.m. ACCN
10/4/25	#24 Virginia at Louisville	3:30 p.m. ESPN2
10/4/25	#3 Miami at #18 Florida State	7:30 p.m. ABC
10/4/25	Duke at California	10:30 p.m. ESPN

■ In Week 5, five of the six ACC conference games were decided by one score (8 points or fewer), with each contest coming down to the final possession.

■ Through five weeks of conference play, road teams have posted a 7-5 record in ACC matchups. That includes a dominant Week 5 showing, where visiting teams won five of the six conference games.

ACC GAMES COME DOWN TO THE WIRE

■ From 2021-24, 107 of 236 ACC conference games (45.3%) were decided by eight points or fewer.

■ In 2024 alone, 34 of 68 league games (50%) were one-possession outcomes.

■ So far this season, six ACC games have been decided by one score or less (8 points or fewer).

ACC League Games Decided by One-Score

Date	Matchup	Result
9/11/25	#12 Clemson at Georgia Tech	GT, 24-21
9/26/25	#8 Florida State at Virginia	UVA, 46-38 (2ot)
9/27/25	Louisville at Pitt	UL, 34-27
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■ Through the first five weeks of the season, the ACC's average margin of victory in conference games is 11.1 points, the second-smallest average among all P4 conferences.

■ The ACC has consistently ranked among the nation's leaders in close games, highlighting the league's balance and competitiveness, and it is no different this year, with 50% of the conference games to date being decided by one score or less, the second-highest percentage in all of FBS.

Close Games in ACC Play Since 2021

Year	One-Score Games	ACC Games	Pct.
2021	25	56	44.6
2022	24	56	42.9
2023	24	56	42.9
2024	34	68	50.0
2025	6	12	50.0

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.

■ ACC on Friday nights continues in Week 8 with a doubleheader, as Louisville will travel to Miami at 7 p.m. ET on either ESPN or ESPN2, while North Carolina will travel across the country to visit California at 10:30 p.m. ET on ESPN.

2025 Scheduled Friday Games with ACC Teams

Date	Matchup	Time (ET) TV
8/29/25	Kennesaw State at Wake Forest	WF, 10-9
8/29/25	Georgia Tech at Colorado	GT, 27-20
9/5/25	James Madison at Louisville	UL, 28-14
9/12/25	Colgate at Syracuse	SU, 66-24
9/26/25	#8 Florida State at Virginia	UVA, 46-38 (2ot)
10/17/25	Louisville at 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	Clemson at Louisville	8 p.m. ESPN
11/21/25	Florida State at NC State	8 p.m. ESPN
11/28/25	Georgia at Georgia Tech	3:30 p.m. ABC

ACC IS THE CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS

■ The ACC has nine different quarterbacks across nine different teams that have thrown eight or more touchdown passes thus far this season, tied for the most among all FBS conferences.

ACC QBs With 8 Touchdown Passes or More in 2025

NCAA	Quarterback (School)	TDs
T-5th	Darian Mensah (Duke)	13
T-9th	Eli Holstein (Pitt)	11
T-21st	Steve Angeli (Syracuse)	10
T-21st	Chandler Morris (Virginia)	10
T-25th	Dylan Loneragan (Boston College)	9
T-26th	CJ Bailey (NC State)	9
T-26th	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	9
T-37th	Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (California)	8
T-37th	Kyron Drones (Virginia Tech)	8

■ The ACC has eight quarterbacks that rank among the nation's passing leaders this season with an average of 255.0 or more passing yards per game - the most of any conference.

ACC QBs Among the NCAA Passing Leaders

NCAA	Quarterback (School)	Passing YPG
2nd	Steve Angeli (Syracuse)	329.3
4th	Darian Mensah (Duke)	314.6
10th	Dylan Loneragan (Boston College)	297.0
17th	Kevin Jennings (SMU)	281.5
23rd	CJ Bailey (NC State)	264.6
24th	Eli Holstein (Pitt)	262.5
28th	Miller Moss (Louisville)	257.3
29th	Chandler Morris (Virginia)	255.8

■ Seven quarterbacks in the ACC rank in the top 30 in passing yards this season, the most of any conference.

ACC QBs Among the NCAA in Total Passing Leaders

NCAA	Quarterback (School)	Passing Yards
3rd	Darian Mensah (Duke)	1,573
9th	CJ Bailey (NC State)	1,323
10th	Steve Angeli (Syracuse)	1,317
11th	Chandler Morris (Virginia)	1,279
T-15th	Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (California)	1,242
26th	Dylan Loneragan (Boston College)	1,188
30th	Ben Gulbranson (Stanford)	1,167

■ Quarterbacks in the ACC have recorded a total of 19 300-yard passing games this season, the most of all FBS conferences.

300-Yard Passing Games by FBS Conferences

Conference	Games
ACC	19
SEC	17
Big Ten	13
Big 12	12
American	10
CUSA	8
Mountain West	6
Sun Belt	3
FBS Independents	2
MAC	2
Pac-12	1

■ The ACC has 12 different quarterbacks who have recorded at least one 300+ yard passing game this season, tied for the most of all FBS conferences.

QBs by FBS Conference With 300-Yard Passing Games

Conference	Games
ACC	12
SEC	12
Big 12	8
Big Ten	8
CUSA	6
American	5
Mountain West	4
Sun Belt	3
FBS Independents	2
MAC	2
Pac-12	1

ACC QBs With 300-Yard Passing Games in 2025

Quarterback (School)	Games
Darian Mensah (Duke)	3
Dylan Loneragan (Boston College)	2
Miller Moss (Louisville)	2
CJ Bailey (NC State)	2
Eli Holstein (Pitt)	2
Steve Angeli (Syracuse)	2
Cade Klubnik (Clemson)	1
Aaron Philo (Georgia Tech)	1
Carson Beck (Miami)	1
Ben Gulbranson (Stanford)	1
Chandler Morris (Virginia)	1
Kyron Drones (Virginia Tech)	1

■ Over Weeks 2-4, the ACC had five different quarterbacks throw for 300 or more yards each week — the most of any conference during that span.

ACC QBs With 300-Yard Passing Games in Week 2

Date	Quarterback (School)	Passing Yards
9/6/25	Steve Angeli (Syracuse)	417
9/6/25	Dylan Loneragan (Boston College)	390
9/6/25	Aaron Philo (Georgia Tech)	373
9/6/25	Darian Mensah (Duke)	334
9/6/25	Eli Holstein (Pitt)	304

ACC QBs With 300-Yard Passing Games in Week 3

Date	Quarterback (School)	Passing Yards
9/12/25	Steve Angeli (Syracuse)	382
9/13/25	Carson Beck (Miami)	340
9/13/25	Dylan Loneragan (Boston College)	333
9/13/25	Darian Mensah (Duke)	313
9/13/25	Eli Holstein (Pitt)	303

ACC QBs With 300-Yard Passing Games in Week 4

Date	Quarterback (School)	Passing Yards
9/20/25	Chandler Morris (Virginia)	380
9/20/25	CJ Bailey (NC State)	364
9/20/25	Cade Klubnik (Clemson)	363
9/20/25	Miller Moss (Louisville)	316
9/20/25	Kyron Drones (Virginia Tech)	307

■ In Week 5, two ACC quarterbacks surpassed the 300-yard passing mark, both with season-high performances.

ACC QBs With 300-Yard Passing Games in Week 5

Date	Quarterback (School)	Passing Yards
9/27/25	Ben Gulbranson (Stanford)	444
9/27/25	Miller Moss (Louisville)	339

CONFERENCE OF QB STANDOUTS

■ Miami's Carson Beck (transfer, 2025) is 4-0 with the Hurricanes and owns a career 28-3 (.903) record as a starting FBS QB — the best among active players (min. 5 starts). *(Stats Perform)*

■ Cal true freshman Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele has thrown for 1,242 yards through the first five games of his collegiate career, the most of all true freshman quarterbacks nationally this season.

■ Georgia Tech's Haynes King continues to find the endzone with his legs, as he has now scored a rushing touchdown in eight consecutive regular-season games. That is tied for the third-most by an ACC quarterback since 1996. *(Stats Perform)*

ACC QBs, Most Consecutive Games with a Rush TD (Regular-Season Games - Since 1996)

Quarterback (School)	Year(s)	Games
Joshua Nesbitt (Georgia Tech)	2009-10	11
Lamar Jackson (Louisville)	2015-16	9
Lamar Jackson (Louisville)	2017	8
Haynes King (Georgia Tech)	2024-25	8
3 others tied		7

■ King is also just the second ACC player in the last 30 years to have at least 750 passing yards, seven rushing touchdowns and one or zero interceptions through five games of a season. The other was Woody Dantzler to start the 2000 season. *(Stats Perform)*

■ In Virginia's win over then-No. 8 Florida State (September 27) in Week 5, quarterback Chandler Morris became just the third quarterback since 1995 with two passing TDs, three rushing TDs and at least a 74% completion percentage against a ranked team. *(Stats Perform)*

■ In Week 5, Stanford's Ben Gulbranson's 444 passing yards versus San Jose State (September 27) were the most by an FBS quarterback in a victory by exactly one point since Virginia's Brennan Armstrong threw for 487 yards in a one-point win over Louisville in October 2021. *(Stats Perform)*

■ In Week 4, Virginia Tech's Kyron Drones had 27 completions, an 84.4% completion percentage, two passing touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns. Over the last seven seasons, the only other FBS player to hit all those marks in a single game was LSU's Jayden Daniels on September 16, 2023. *(Stats Perform)*

■ NC State's CJ Bailey was the first Wolfpack player since Philip Rivers (2002) with at least 5 passing TDs and 3 rushing TDs through the first three games of a season. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Following his performance in Week 3 versus Clemson (Sept. 13), Georgia Tech's Haynes King has five career FBS games with 100+ passing and 100+ rushing yards — tied for third-most among active players. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Boston College's Dylan Loneragan joined UNC's Drake Maye (2022) as the only ACC QBs since 2000 with 8+ TD passes and zero INTs through their first two games of a season. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Pitt's Eli Holstein became just the second FBS QB in the past 30 years (joining 2021 Heisman winner Bryce Young) with 3+ TD passes in each of his first six non-conference starts. *(Stats Perform)*

■ SMU's Kevin Jennings threw two 75+ yard TD passes in Week 2 vs. Baylor, becoming only the eighth ACC QB since 2000 with multiple 75+ yard TDs in a game. *(Stats Perform)*

■ Duke's Darian Mensah (389 yards, 3 TDs vs. Elon, Aug. 29) is one of only five ACC QBs since 2000 with 350+ yards and 3+ TDs in his debut, joining Cam Ward (Miami, 2024), Kyle McCord (Syracuse, 2024), Jameis Winston (FSU, 2013) and Philip Rivers (NC State, 2000). *(Stats Perform)*

■ In Week 1, Georgia Tech's Haynes King (Week 1 at Colorado) became just the second FBS player since 2000 with 140+ passing, 140+ rushing and 3+ rushing TDs in a season opener, joining Jalen Hurts (Oklahoma, 2019). *(Stats Perform)*

CONFERENCE OF QBS PRESEASON LOVE

■ 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.

CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS - NFL EDITION

■ Former ACC QBs are well-represented among NFL rosters in 2025, as the league has 24 quarterbacks from an ACC school on 19 different teams. *(as of Sept. 30)*

Jacoby Brissett, Arizona Cardinals (NC State)
Lamar Jackson, Baltimore Ravens (Louisville)
Mitchell Trubisky, Buffalo Bills (North Carolina)
Shane Buechele, Buffalo Bills (SMU)*
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)
Kyle McCord, Philadelphia Eagles (Syracuse)*
Tanner McKee, Philadelphia Eagles (Stanford)
Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers (California)
DJ Uiagalelei, Los Angeles Chargers (Florida State)*
Cam Ward, Tennessee Titans (Miami)
Teddy Bridgewater, Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Louisville)
Sam Hartman, Washington Commanders (Wake Forest)*

*finished career in a school outside of the ACC

^ practice squad

ACC IS LOADED WITH PREEMINENT PLAYERS

■ 18 different ACC players have rushed for 100+ yards in a game this season. Six have done it twice — Micah Ford (Stanford), Isaac Brown (Louisville), Adam Randall (Clemson), Mark Fletcher Jr. (Miami), Demond Claiborne (Wake Forest) and Kendrick Raphael (California), while Haynes King (Georgia Tech) and Hollywood Smothers (NC State) have done it three times.

■ NC State's Hollywood Smothers ranks fourth nationally in rushing yards (570) and sixth in rushing yards per game (114.0).

■ The ACC has four players ranked in the top 25 of the NCAA in rushing yards per game this season - the second-most of all FBS conferences.

ACC Players in Top 25 in NCAA in Rushing YPG

NCAA	Player (School)	AVG YPG
6th	Hollywood Smothers (NC State)	114.0
18th	Mark Fletcher Jr. (Miami)	97.0
21st	Haynes King (Georgia Tech)	95.0
25th	Demond Claiborne (Wake Forest)	91.5

■ Through the first five weeks of the season, 21 different ACC players have posted 100-yard receiving games, with four different players posting two 100-yard receiving games - Bryant Westco Jr. (Clemson), Duce Robinson (Florida State), Romello Brinson (SMU) and CJ Williams (Stanford).

■ Boston College wideout Lewis Bond ranks second nationally in receptions per game (9.0) and sixth overall in total receptions (36) on the year.

■ The ACC has six players ranked in the top 30 of the NCAA in receiving yards per game this season - the most of all FBS conferences.

ACC Players in Top 30 in NCAA in Receiving YPG

NCAA	Player (School)	AVG YPG
9th	Bryant Wesco Jr. (Clemson)	97.3
15th	Romello Brinson (SMU)	91.3
T-19th	Lewis Bond (Boston College)	88.0
T-22nd	Duce Robinson (Florida State)	86.5
28th	Chris Bell (Louisville)	83.0
29th	Cooper Barkate (Duke)	81.8

■ The ACC has four players ranked in the top 20 of the NCAA in tackles-for-loss per game this season - tied for the second-most among all FBS conferences.

ACC Players in Top 20 in NCAA in TFL Per Game

NCAA	Player (School)	TFL PG
T-2nd	Rasheem Biles (Pitt)	1.75
T-11th	Omar Thornton (Boston College)	1.50
T-11th	Will Heldt (Clemson)	1.50
T-19th	Vincent Anthony Jr. (Duke)	1.40

■ Two of the top 20 NCAA leaders in sacks per game are from the ACC.

ACC Players Among the NCAA Sack Leaders

NCAA	Player (School)	Sacks Per Game
T-7th	Vincent Anthony Jr. (Duke)	1.00
T-20th	Clev Lubin (Louisville)	0.88

■ Cal defensive back Hezekiah Masses leads the nation in passes defended (11) and passes defended per game (2.2), while also tied for first in all of FBS in interceptions (4).

■ Five of the top 30 players ranked in the NCAA in all-purpose yards per game hail from the ACC - tied for the most of all FBS conferences.

ACC Players in Top 30 in NCAA All-Purpose YPG

NCAA	Player (School)	AP YPG
3rd	Caullin Lacy (Louisville)	162.50
14th	Hollywood Smothers (NC State)	132.80
15th	Adam Randall (Clemson)	130.50
19th	Turbo Richard (Boston College)	124.25
27th	Chris Barnes (Wake Forest)	120.25

■ The ACC has five players that rank in the top 30 in the NCAA in average yards per punt return, including three in the top 10.

ACC Players in Top 30 in NCAA in Punt Return Avg.

NCAA	Player (School)	Average
2nd	Caullin Lacy (Louisville)	29.6
6th	Desmond Reid (Pitt)	21.0
10th	Yamir Knight (SMU)	18.8
21st	Jacob De Jesus (California)	13.4
29th	Cam Ross (Virginia)	10.9

■ Louisville's Caullin Lacy is the only FBS player this season with two punt return touchdowns of at least 75 yards. It's already tied for the second most any ACC player has had in a single season over the last 30 years, trailing only Maryland's Steve Suter in 2002 (three). (*Stats Perform*)

■ The ACC has five players averaging over 20.0 yards per kickoff return this season.

ACC Players in the NCAA in Kickoff Return Average

NCAA	Player (School)	Average
8th	Kenny Johnson (Pitt)	31.8
20th	Caullin Lacy (Louisville)	24.7
24th	Jacob De Jesus (California)	23.3
36th	Chris Culliver (North Carolina)	20.4
37th	P.J. Pringleau (Virginia Tech)	20.4

■ Georgia Tech's Aidan Burr is one of two kickers in the FBS to have a 100% field-goal percentage on at least 10 attempts this season. (*Stats Perform*)

FRESHMEN PHENOMS

■ Four of the 10 FBS teams with multiple TD catches from true freshmen this season play in the ACC - Miami (3), Florida State (2), SMU (2) and Syracuse (2). (*Stats Perform*)

ACC POWERHOUSE OFFENSES

■ Through Week 5, the ACC has five teams averaging 450.0 yards or more of total offense per game - led by Florida State's NCAA-leading 600.0 yards per game average.

ACC Teams Averaging 450.0+ Yards of Total Offense

NCAA	Team	Total YPG
1st	Florida State	600.0
5th	Virginia	539.6
18th	Georgia Tech	476.0
19th	Duke	471.8
T-29th	Miami	450.5

■ This season, ACC teams have combined for 187 offensive "big plays" that have gone for at least 30 yards, the most of any FBS conference.

ACC TEAMS AIRING IT OUT

■ This season, the ACC features seven teams that rank in the top 30 in the NCAA in passing offense - the most among all conferences.

ACC Teams in Top 30 in NCAA in Passing Offense

NCAA	Team	Passing YPG
1st	Boston College	344.5
7th	Syracuse	329.0
14th	Duke	319.0
18th	Pitt	301.0
22nd	Virginia	296.2
27th	SMU	281.5
29th	Louisville	279.0

■ ACC teams have combined to record 296 pass plays of 20 yards or more this season, the most of any conference.

Most Pass Plays of 20+ Yards by Conference

Conference	Plays
ACC	296
SEC	274
Big Ten	269
Big 12	251
American	178
CUSA	177
Mountain West	162
Sun Belt	155
MAC	139
FBS Independents	41
Pac-12	31

■ Duke ranks second nationally with a total of 42 pass plays of 15+ yards this season, while Syracuse is fifth with 40 pass plays.

Most Pass Plays of 15+ Yards by Team

Rank	Team	Plays
1st	Baylor	43
T-2nd	Arkansas	42
T-2nd	Duke	42
4th	Tennessee	41
T-5th	Southern California	40
T-5th	Syracuse	40

ACC TEAMS CAN RUN IT TOO

■ There have been 36 touchdown runs of at least 25 yards this season in the ACC, the most of any FBS conference in 2025. (*Stats Perform*)

Most TD Runs of 25+ Yards by Conference

Conference	TDs
ACC	36
American	29
Big Ten	27
Big 12	26
SEC	22

■ This season, five different ACC players have had a game with 150+ rushing yards on 15 or fewer rushes. There were four such performances by ACC players from 2022 to 2024 combined. (*Stats Perform*)

Date	Player (School)	Att.	Yards
9/6	Demond Claiborne (Wake Forest)	10	193
9/13	Harrison Waylee (Virginia)	10	151
9/27	Terion Stewart (Virginia Tech)	15	174
9/27	Turbo Richard (Boston College)	15	171
9/27	Nate Sheppard (Duke)	15	168

ACC RACKING UP THE POINTS

■ Through the first five weeks of the season, seven ACC teams are averaging 36 points or more per game, led by Florida State's NCAA-leading 53.0 points per game.

ACC Teams Averaging 36.0+ Points Per Game

NCAA	Team	PPG
1st	Florida State	53.0
8th	Virginia	45.6
17th	Pitt	39.3
24th	Louisville	38.3
28th	Boston College	37.5
31st	Georgia Tech	37.0
32nd	Miami	36.8

■ Four ACC teams are ranked in the top 25 of FBS in average scoring margin this season.

Highest Average Scoring Margin in FBS

NCAA	Team	Margin
12th	Florida State	+20.7
14th	Miami	+19.7
16th	Virginia	+18.3
25th	Louisville	+14.7

■ Both Florida State and Virginia are near the top of all of FBS this season with the largest improvement in points per game from last season to this season.

Largest Improvement in Points Per Game - 2024-25

Rank	Team	Points Diff.
1st	Florida State	+37.6
2nd	Virginia	+22.9
3rd	Vanderbilt	+21.7
4th	Nebraska	+20.0
5th	Washington	+19.9

LIGHTING UP THE SCOREBOARD

■ All 16 ACC teams in action in Week 1 scored double-digit points in their season-opening contests, highlighted by three teams breaking the 50-point mark - Boston College (66 points), Pitt (61) and Louisville (51).

■ Five ACC teams scored 45 points or more over Week 1, the second-most of any conference in the opening week.

Teams That Scored 45 or More Points in Week 1

Date	Team	Points (Result)
8/30/25	Boston College	66 (W, 66-10)
8/30/25	Pitt	61 (W, 61-9)
8/30/25	Louisville	51 (W, 51-17)
8/30/25	Virginia	48 (W, 48-7)
8/28/25	Duke	45 (W, 45-17)

■ Five ACC teams also tallied 45 points or more over Week 2, tied for the second-most of any conference for the second week of play.

Teams That Scored 45 or More Points in Week 2

Date	Team	Points (Result)
9/6/25	Florida State	77 (W, 77-3)
9/6/25	Georgia Tech	59 (W, 59-12)
9/6/25	Miami	45 (W, 45-3)
9/6/25	Pitt	45 (W, 45-17)
9/6/25	SMU	45 (L, 45-58 2OT)

■ Florida State's 77-3 win over East Texas A&M (Sept. 6) marks the highest point total by any FBS team this season. It is also the most points scored by an ACC team since 2021, when Pitt defeated New Hampshire 77-7.

■ Four ACC teams registered 40 points or more over Week 3, marking three straight weeks in which four or more teams have scored 40 points or more in a contest.

Teams That Scored 40 or More Points in Week 3

Date	Team	Points (Result)
9/12/25	Syracuse	66 (W, 66-24)
9/13/25	Virginia	55 (W, 55-16)
9/13/25	Miami	49 (W, 49-12)
9/13/25	North Carolina	41 (W, 41-6)

■ Five ACC teams registered 40 points or more over Week 4, continuing the streak in which four or more teams have scored 40 points or more in a contest.

Teams That Scored 40 or More Points in Week 4

Date	Team	Points (Result)
9/20/25	Florida State	66 (W, 66-10)
9/20/25	Virginia	48 (W, 48-20)
9/20/25	Duke	45 (W, 45-33)
9/20/25	Georgia Tech	45 (W, 45-24)
9/20/25	Louisville	40 (W, 40-17)

■ Virginia's 46 points against No. 8 Florida State in Week 5 (September 26) were the most by an unranked ACC team against a team ranked that high in the AP Poll since Florida State scored 54 at No. 7 BYU in September 2009.

ACC OWNED LABOR DAY ONCE AGAIN

■ The ACC was the only league to compete across five days - Thursday through Monday, August 28 through September 1 - during Week 1 of the 2025 season.

■ This marked 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*)

■ The ACC once again anchored Labor Day Weekend with the lone game on Labor Day as North Carolina played host to TCU in Bill Belichick's collegiate coaching debut.

■ It marked 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 versus Miami in 2005.

HISTORICAL WEEK 1 FOR THE ACC

■ The ACC capped off a strong start to the 2025 season, with two teams recording top-10 wins in their Week 1 season openers.

ACC Teams with Top-10 Win in Week 1 of 2025

Date	Matchup	Result
8/30/25	#8 Alabama at Florida State	FSU, 31-17
8/31/25	#6 Notre Dame at #10 Miami	UM, 27-24

■ The ACC's two top-10 non-conference wins in Week 1 this season marked only the second time since 1980 that a single conference has achieved two such victories to start the season; the previous instance was when the SEC did so in 2018. (*Stats Perform*)

■ The ACC's two top-10 non-conference wins in Week 1 this year marked only the 10th time since 1980 that a conference posted two top-10 non-conference victories in the same week, and the first time since the Sun Belt accomplished the feat in Week 2 of the 2022 season. (*Stats Perform*)

Conferences with Top-10 Non-Conference Wins Same Week

Season (Week)	Conference	# Top-10 Wins
2025 (1)	ACC	2
2022 (2)	Sun Belt	2
2018 (1)	SEC	2
2005 (2)	Big 12	2
2003 (4)	MAC	2
2002 (3)	Big Ten	2
2000 (3)	Pac-10 (Pac-12)	2
1994 (6)	Big East	2
1984 (2)	Big Ten	2
1983 (2)	Big Ten	2

■ Overall, the ACC went 12-4 in Week 1, including posting Power 4 non-conference wins over No. 8 Alabama (SEC), Colorado (Big 12), and No. 6 Notre Dame.

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

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

■ 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 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.

ALL EYES ON CORAL GABLES, GAMES IN WEEK 4

■ The spotlight returned to Coral Gables in Week 4, as ESPN's *College GameDay Built by The Home Depot* went live from the University of Miami as the undefeated Hurricanes hosted the Florida Gators in a primetime Sunshine State showdown on Saturday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. ET on ABC.

■ It marked the 26th time that Miami has played in a game featured on *GameDay* and the ninth time as the host site. It was also the fourth Miami-Florida matchup selected for *GameDay*, joining the high-profile meetings in 2002, 2008 and 2019, and just the first in Coral Gables.

■ The Hurricanes welcomed *GameDay* back to Coral Gables for the first time since September 26, 2020, when then-No. 12 Miami hosted Florida State.

■ In addition to ESPN's presence, the ACC Network's *ACC Huddle* was also be live from Coral Gables, adding to the atmosphere surrounding the rivalry showdown between Miami and Florida.

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.

ACC CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FOUNDATION

■ The ACC announced its plans to partner with the College Football Playoff Foundation (CFPF) again as part of this year's Extra Yard for Teachers Week (September 13-20). The initiatives include support for this year's Extra Yard for Teachers Week, Big Day for Teachers and the distribution of grant funds to support teachers in Charlotte.

■ For the third straight year, the ACC will partner with a local Charlotte Mecklenburg School (CMS) to remodel a space that will directly benefit the school's students on a daily basis. In 2024, the conference worked with members of the Statesville Road Elementary administration, teachers and staff who were the recipients of a \$50,000 Extra Yard makeover. Additional details on this year's makeover will be announced in the future, as this will be the first year the conference will undertake two classroom makeovers.

■ Since the inception of the ACC and CFP Foundation's partnership, over \$1.5 million has been given to support teachers in the ACC footprint.

ACC LEADS WAY ON 2025 AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

■ The ACC once again set the standard for excellence beyond the playing field, leading all conferences with three standout football student-athletes selected to the 2025 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team for the Football Bowl Subdivision.

2025 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team (FBS)**Name, Position, Class, School**

Genesis Smith, DB, Jr., Arizona
Red Murdock, LB, Gr., Buffalo
Tanner Wall, NB/S, R-Sr., BYU
Adam Randall, RB, Gr., Clemson
Chandler Rivers, CB, Sr., Duke
Richie Leonard IV, OL, R-Sr., Florida State
Josh Kattus, TE, Sr., Kentucky
Aamil Wagner, OL, R-Jr., Notre Dame
Plae Wyatt, NB/S, R-Sr., Rice
Michael Taaffe, DB, Sr., Texas
Matt Hofer, OL, R-Fr., Toledo

■ The Allstate AFCA Good Works Team was established in 1992 by the College Football Association, recognizing the extra efforts made by college football players and student support staff off the field. AFCA became the governing body of the award in 1997 and continues to honor college football players who go the extra mile for those in need. Allstate worked to present the award starting with the 2008 season.

ACC WELL-REPRESENTED ON JASON WITTEN COLLEGIATE MAN OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

■ The watch list for the ninth annual Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year was announced on September 30, a group that includes 67 of the nation's top leaders in college football.

■ Nominated by their schools, the members of the watch list have all demonstrated a record of leadership by exhibiting exceptional courage, integrity and sportsmanship both on and off the field.

■ Twenty semifinalists will be selected by a by a subset of the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Selection Committee and announced on Tuesday, October 14. Three finalists will then be named for the award on Monday, December 15. The winner will be announced at the award ceremony at The Star in Frisco, Texas, on April 16, 2026

2025 Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Watch List**Name, Position, Class, School**

Jude Bowry, OL, R-Jr., Boston College
Jeffrey Johnson, TE, R-Sr., California
Tristan Leigh, OL, Grad., Clemson
Chandler Rivers, CB, Sr., Duke
Luke Petitbon, OL, R-Sr., Florida State
Francis Mauigoa, OL, Jr., Miami
Will Hardy, DB, Sr., North Carolina
Isaiah Shirley, DL, R-So., NC State
Eli Holstein, QB, R-So., Pitt
Derek McDonald, LB, R-Sr., Syracuse
Sam Roush, TE, Sr., Stanford
Tyson Flowers, S, R-Jr., Virginia Tech
Nick Andersen, DB, Sr., Wake Forest

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.

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

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)

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 Kyrion 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)
4. Carson Beck, QB, Miami (4)
4. Kyrion Drones, QB, Virginia Tech (4)
6. Isaac Brown, RB, Louisville (3)
7. Quintavious Hutchins, DE, Boston College (2)
7. CJ Bailey, QB, NC State (2)
7. Eli Holstein, QB, Pitt (2)
7. Kyle Louis, LB, Pitt (2)
7. Desmond Reid, RB, Pitt (2)
12. Lewis Bond, WR, Boston College (1)
12. Jamal Haynes, RB, Georgia Tech (1)

Votes in parentheses
183 media voters

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 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. 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).

■ 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. The 2024 season proved to be his best work, going 8-4 in the regular season.

GT'S KEY HAS THE KEY VERSUS RANKED ACC FOES

■ Since Brent Key's first game as Georgia Tech's head coach (October 1, 2022), the Yellow Jackets have beaten seven (7-1) AP-ranked opponents as an unranked team, the most by any FBS team in that span.

HOOS' ELLIOTT EARNS TWO WEEKLY AWARDS IN WEEK 5

■ Virginia head coach Tony Elliott was named the Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week and the Bear Bryant Awards Coach of the Week for Week 5 on September 29. The Cavaliers beat No. 8 Florida State, 46-38, in double overtime before a sold-out Scott Stadium. The victory marked Virginia's first home win over a top-10 team since 2005.

CUSE'S BROWN EARNS WEEKLY AWARD IN WEEK 4

■ Syracuse head football coach Fran Brown was named the Paul "Bear" Bryant National Coach of the Week on September 23, following his team's significant 34-21 road victory over Clemson. It was the team's first victory in Death Valley and ended a five-game losing streak to the Tigers.

FSU'S NORVELL EARNS WEEKLY HONORS IN WEEK 1

■ Following the Seminoles' 31-17 win over No. 8 Alabama (Aug. 30), Florida State head coach Mike Norvell was named both the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Week and the Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week for Week 1.

DABO REACHES ANOTHER ACC COACHING MILESTONE

■ In Clemson's season opener vs. No. 9 LSU (Aug. 30), head coach Dabo Swinney coached his 228th game, surpassing Bobby Bowden (227 at Florida State) for the most games coached by a head coach during ACC membership.

Total Games Coached in the ACC

Rank	Coach (School)	Games
1.	Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	231
2.	Bobby Bowden (Florida State)	227
3.	George Welsh (Virginia)	223
4.	Mack Brown (North Carolina)	194
5.	Bill Dooley (UNC & Wake Forest)	191
-	Dave Doeren (NC State)	157

FIRST ACC WINS AS HEAD COACH

■ Wake Forest's Jake Dickert earned his first win as an ACC head coach in his debut, a 10-9 victory over Kennesaw State on August 29.

■ North Carolina's Bill Belichick earned his first collegiate victory as head coach on September 6 with a convincing 20-3 win at Charlotte, marking the former six-time Super Bowl champion's inaugural win in college football and in the ACC.

■ Stanford's Frank Reich picked up his first collegiate win as a head coach in the Cardinal's 30-20 win over Boston College in the two teams' season opener on September 13.

■ Virginia Tech interim head coach Philip Montgomery picked up his first win as an ACC head coach with the Hokies' 38-6 win over Wofford on September 20.

MONTGOMERY NAMED INTERIM HC AT VIRGINIA TECH

■ Philip Montgomery is now the Interim Head Coach for the Virginia Tech Football program, taking over after head coach Brent Pry was fired following a 0-3 start to the 2025 season on September 14. Montgomery, who was Virginia Tech's offensive coordinator, will lead the team for the remainder of the current season.

■ From 2015-22, Montgomery was the head coach at Tulsa, compiling a 43-53 record over eight seasons. His second year proved to be his best, as the Golden Hurricane finished 10-3, while the pandemic-shortened 2020 campaign also saw Tulsa capture an American Athletic Conference title.

COACHING RECORDS**CAREER VICTORIES - ACTIVE FBS COACHES IN 2025**

Rk.	Name (Current School)	Wins
1.	Brian Kelly (LSU)	296
2.	K.C. Keeler (Temple)	273
3.	Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)	219
4.	Willie Fritz (Houston)	216
5.	Chris Creighton (Eastern Michigan)	197
6.	Rich Rodriguez (West Virginia)	192
7.	Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	181
8.	Lance Leipold (Kansas)	171
	Kyle Whittingham (Utah)	171
10.	Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State) *	170
11.	Bronco Mendenhall (Utah State)	143
12.	Chuck Martin (Miami (OH))	140
13.	Troy Calhoun (Air Force)	136
14.	Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	135
15.	Bret Bielema (Illinois)	129
16.	James Franklin (Penn State)	128
17.	Pete Lembo (Buffalo)	123
	Bob Chesney (James Madison)	123
19.	Chris Klieman (Kansas State)	122
20.	Jamey Chadwell (Liberty)	119
	Jeff Monken (Army)	119
22.	Ken Niumatalolo (San Jose State)	117
	Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	117
24.	Dave Doeren (NC State)	113
25.	Lane Kiffin (Ole Miss)	110

33.	Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	89
36.	Mario Cristobal (Miami)	88
43.	Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)	74
	Mike Norvell (Florida State)	74

CAREER WINNING % - ACTIVE FBS COACHES IN 2025

Rk.	Name (Current School)	Record	Pct. ^
1.	Ryan Day (Ohio State)	74-10	.881
2.	Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	117-17	.873
3.	Dan Lanning (Oregon)	40-6	.870
4.	Jimmy Rogers (Washington State)	30-5	.857
5.	Kirby Smart (Georgia)	108-20	.844
6.	Matt Entz (Fresno State)	64-12	.842
7.	Spencer Danielson (Boise State)	18-4	.818
8.	Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	135-37	.785
9.	Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	181-50	.784
10.	Lincoln Riley (USC)	85-25	.773
11.	Jon Sumrall (Tulane)	36-11	.766
12.	Marcus Freeman (Notre Dame)	35-12	.745
13.	Josh Heupel (Tennessee)	69-24	.742
14.	Chris Klieman (Kansas State)	122-44	.735
15.	Brian Kelly (LSU)	296-108-2	.732]
16.	Willie Simmons (FIU)	68-26	.723
17.	Fran Brown (Syracuse)	13-5	.722
18.	Lance Leipold (Kansas)	171-69	.713
19.	Ryan Carty (Delaware)	29-12	.707
	Bob Chesney (James Madison)	123-51	.707
21.	K.C. Keeler (Temple)	273-114-1	.705
22.	Matt Drinkall (Central Michigan)	45-19	.703
23.	Ryan Silverfield (Memphis)	47-21	.691
24.	Rhett Lashlee (SMU)	31-14	.689
25.	James Franklin (Penn State)	128-58	.688

-	Mike Norvell (Florida State)	74-43	.632
-	Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	89-52	.631
-	Dave Doeren (NC State)	113-71	.614
-	Manny Diaz (Duke)	33-21	.611

^ minimum one full season as a coach

*coaches active in 2025 season

ACC HEAD COACHING RECORDS

Head Coach, School	Year	Overall		at an ACC School		
		Record	Pct.	Year	Record	Pct.
Bill O'Brien, Boston College	4th	23-18	.561	2nd	8-9	.471
Justin Wilcox, California	9th	46-51	.474	2nd	10-8	.556
Dabo Swinney, Clemson	18th	181-50	.784	18th	181-50	.784
Manny Diaz, Duke	5th	33-21	.611	5th	33-21	.611
Mike Norvell, Florida State	10th	74-43	.632	6th	36-28	.563
Brent Key, Georgia Tech	4th	23-16	.590	4th	23-16	.590
Jeff Brohm, Louisville	12th	89-52	.631	3rd	23-8	.742
Mario Cristobal, Miami	15th	88-76	.537	4th	26-16	.619
Bill Belichick, North Carolina	1st	2-2	.500	1st	2-2	.500
Dave Doeren, NC State	15th	113-71	.614	13th	90-67	.573
Pat Narduzzi, Pitt	11th	74-58	.561	11th	74-58	.561
Rhett Lashlee, SMU	4th	31-14	.689	2nd	13-5	.722
Frank Reich, Stanford	1st	2-3	.400	1st	2-3	.400
Fran Brown, Syracuse	2nd	13-5	.722	2nd	13-5	.722
Tony Elliott, Virginia	4th	15-24	.385	4th	15-24	.385
Brent Pry, Virginia Tech	4th	16-24	.400	4th	16-24	.400
Phillip Montgomery, Virginia Tech (Interim)	9th	45-53	.459	1st	2-0	1.000
Jake Dickert, Wake Forest	5th	25-22	.532	1st	2-2	.500

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 1-4 *

Date	Game (Network)
Saturday, 8/30	East Texas A&M at SMU (ACCN)
Friday, 9/5	James Madison at Louisville (ESPN2)
Thursday, 9/11 ^	NC State at Wake Forest (ESPN)
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.

Date	Game (Network)
Saturday, 9/20	Stanford at Virginia (ACCN)
Saturday, 10/4	#3 Miami at #18 Florida State (ABC)

^ added for the ACC league opener

*Subject to change

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	Coral Gables, Fla. (Florida at Miami)
Week 5	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Georgia Tech at Wake Forest)
Week 6	Tallahassee, Fla. (Miami at Florida State)
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)



ACC NETWORK



About ACC Network

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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 Offensive, 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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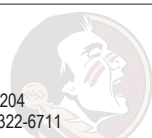
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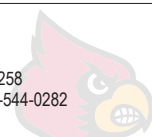
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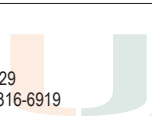
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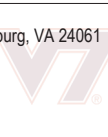
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2025 COMPOSITE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



WEEK 0

Saturday, Aug. 23

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

WEEK 1

Thursday, Aug. 28

East Carolina 17 at NC State 24 7 p.m. ET | ACCN
Elon 17 at Duke 45 7:30 p.m. ET | ACCNX

Friday, Aug. 29

Kennesaw State 9 at Wake Forest 10 7 p.m. ET | ACCN
Georgia Tech 27 at Colorado 20 8 p.m. ET | ESPN

Saturday, Aug. 30

Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.
Syracuse 26 vs. #24 Tennessee 45 Noon ET | ABC
Duquesne 9 at Pitt 61 Noon ET | ACCN
Fordham 10 at Boston College 66 2 p.m. ET | ACCNX
Eastern Kentucky 17 at Louisville 51 3 p.m. ET | ACCN
#8 Alabama 17 at Florida State 31 3:30 p.m. ET | ABC
Coastal Carolina 7 at Virginia 48 6 p.m. ET | ACCN
#9 LSU 17 at #4 Clemson 10 7:30 p.m. ET | ABC
East Texas A&M 13 at SMU 42 9 p.m. ET | ACCN
California 34 at Oregon State 15 10:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Sunday, Aug. 31

Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.
Virginia Tech 11 vs. #13 S. Carolina 24 3 p.m. ET | ESPN
#6 Notre Dame 24 at #10 Miami 27 7:30 p.m. ET | ABC

Monday, Sept. 1

TCU 14 at North Carolina 48 8 p.m. ET | ESPN
Open: Stanford

WEEK 2

Friday, Sept. 5

James Madison 14 at Louisville 28 7 p.m. ET | ESPN2

Saturday, Sept. 6

#11 Illinois 45 at Duke 19 Noon ET | ESPN
Virginia 31 at NC State 35 Noon ET | ESPN2
Central Michigan 17 at Pitt 45 Noon ET | ESPN
E. Texas A&M 3 at #14 Florida State 77 Noon ET | ACCN
Baylor 48 at #17 SMU 45 (2OT) Noon ET | The CW
UConn 20 at Syracuse 27 (OT) Noon ET | ACCNX
W. Carolina 10 at Wake Forest 42 2 p.m. ET | ACCNX
Troy 16 at #8 Clemson 27 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
G-Webb 12 at Georgia Tech 59 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCNX
Texas Southern 3 at California 35 6 p.m. ET | ACCNX
North Carolina 20 at Charlotte 3 7 p.m. ET | ESPN+
Bethune-Cookman 3 at #5 Miami 45 7 p.m. ET | ACCNX
Boston College 40 at Mich. State 42 (2OT) 7:30 p.m. ET | NBC
Vanderbilt 44 at Virginia Tech 20 7:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
Stanford 3 at BYU 27 10:15 p.m. ET | ESPN

WEEK 3

Thursday, Sept. 11

NC State 34 at Wake Forest 24 * 7:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

Friday, Sept. 12

Colgate 24 at Syracuse 66 7 p.m. ET | ACCN

Saturday, Sept. 13

#12 Clemson 21 at Georgia Tech * 24 Noon ET | ESPN
William & Mary 16 at Florida 55 Noon ET | ACCN
Pitt 24 at West Virginia 31 (OT) 3:30 p.m. ET | ESPN
Richmond 6 at North Carolina 41 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
SMU 28 at Missouri State 10 3:30 p.m. ET | CBSSN
#18 South Florida 12 at #5 Miami 49 4:30 p.m. ET | The CW
Old Dominion 45 at Virginia Tech 26 7 p.m. ET | ACCN
Duke 27 at Tulane 34 8 p.m. ET | ESPN2
Minnesota 14 at California 27 10:30 p.m. ET | ESPN
Boston College 20 at Stanford * 30 10:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
Open: Florida State, Louisville

WEEK 4

Saturday, Sept. 20

Syracuse 34 at Clemson 21 * Noon ET | ESPN
SMU 24 at TCU 35 Noon ET | ESPN2
Bowling Green 17 at Louisville 40 Noon ET | ACCN
Wofford 6 at Virginia Tech 38 Noon ET | ACCNX
North Carolina 9 at UCF 34 3:30 p.m. ET | FOX
Kent State 10 at #7 Florida State 66 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
NC State 33 at Duke 45 * 4 p.m. ET | ESPN2
Temple 24 at #18 Georgia Tech 45 4:30 p.m. ET | The CW
Florida 7 at #4 Miami 26 7:30 p.m. ET | ABC
Stanford 20 at Virginia 48 * 7:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
California 0 at San Diego State 34 10:30 p.m. ET | CBSSN
Open: Boston College, Pitt, Wake Forest

WEEK 5

Friday, Sept. 26

#8 Florida State 38 at Virginia 46 * (2OT) 7 p.m. ET | ESPN

Saturday, Sept. 27

#16 Georgia Tech 30 at Wake Forest 29 * (OT) Noon ET | ESPN
Louisville 34 at Pitt 27 * Noon ET | ESPN2
Duke 38 at Syracuse 3 * Noon ET | ACCN
California 28 at Boston College 24 * 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
Virginia Tech 23 at NC State 21 * 7 p.m. ET | The CW
San Jose State 29 at Stanford 30 7:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
Open: Clemson, Miami, North Carolina, SMU

WEEK 6

Saturday, Oct. 4

Clemson at North Carolina * Noon ET | ESPN
Boston College at Pitt * Noon ET | ACCN
Wake Forest at Virginia Tech * 1 p.m. ET | The CW
Campbell at NC State 2 p.m. ET | ACCNX
#24 Virginia at Louisville * 3:30 p.m. ET | ESPN2
Syracuse at SMU * 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
#3 Miami at #18 Florida State * 7:30 p.m. ET | ABC
Duke at California * 10:30 p.m. ET | ESPN
Open: Georgia Tech, Stanford

WEEK 7

Saturday, Oct. 11

Pitt at Florida State * Noon ET | ESPN
Stanford at SMU * Noon ET | The CW
Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech * 3:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
NC State at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET | Peacock
Wake Forest at Oregon State 3:30 p.m. ET | The CW
Clemson at Boston College * 7:30 p.m. ET | ACCN
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, Pitt, Wake Forest

WEEK 12

Friday, Nov. 14

Clemson at Louisville * 7:30 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

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BOSTON COLLEGE (1-3, 0-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Fordham	W, 66-10
Sept. 6	at Michigan State	L, 40-42 (2OT)
Sept. 13	at Stanford *	L, 20-30
Sept. 20	OPEN	
Sept. 27	California *	L, 24-28
Oct. 4	at Pitt *	Noon ET ACCN
Oct. 11	Clemson *	7:30 p.m. ET ACCN
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 (4-1, 1-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	at Oregon State	W, 34-15
Sept. 6	Texas Southern	W, 35-3
Sept. 13	Minnesota	W, 27-14
Sept. 20	at San Diego State	L, 0-34
Sept. 27	at Boston College *	W, 28-24
Oct. 4	Duke *	10:30 p.m. ET ESPN
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 (1-3, 0-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	#9 LSU	L, 10-17
Sept. 6	Troy	W, 27-16
Sept. 13	at Georgia Tech *	L, 21-24
Sept. 20	Syracuse *	L, 21-34
Sept. 27	OPEN	
Oct. 4	at North Carolina *	Noon ET ESPN
Oct. 11	at Boston College *	7:30 p.m. ET ACCN
Oct. 18	SMU *	
Oct. 25	OPEN	
Nov. 1	Duke *	
Nov. 8	Florida State *	
Nov. 14	at Louisville *	7:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 22	Furman	
Nov. 29	at South Carolina	Noon ET ABC or ESPN

DUKE (3-2, 2-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 28	Elon	W, 45-17
Sept. 6	#11 Illinois	L, 19-45
Sept. 13	at Tulane	L, 27-34
Sept. 20	NC State *	W, 45-33
Sept. 27	at Syracuse *	W, 38-3
Oct. 4	at California *	10:30 p.m. ET ESPN
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 (3-1, 0-1 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	#8 Alabama	W, 31-17
Sept. 6	East Texas A&M	W, 77-3
Sept. 13	OPEN	
Sept. 20	Kent State	W, 66-10
Sept. 26	at Virginia *	L, 38-46 (2OT)
Oct. 4	#3 Miami *	7:30 p.m. ET ABC
Oct. 11	Pitt *	Noon ET ESPN
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 (5-0, 2-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	at Colorado	W, 27-20
Sept. 6	Gardner-Webb	W, 59-12
Sept. 13	#12 Clemson *	W, 24-21
Sept. 20	Temple	W, 45-24
Sept. 27	at Wake Forest *	W, 30-29 (OT)
Oct. 4	OPEN	
Oct. 11	Virginia Tech *	3:30 p.m. ET ACCN
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 (4-0, 1-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Eastern Kentucky	W, 51-17
Sept. 5	James Madison	W, 28-14
Sept. 13	OPEN	
Sept. 20	Bowling Green	W, 40-17
Sept. 27	at Pitt *	W, 34-27
Oct. 4	#24 Virginia *	3:30 p.m. ET ESPN2
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 *	7:30 p.m. ET ESPN
Nov. 22	at SMU *	
Nov. 29	Kentucky	

MIAMI (4-0, 0-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 31	#6 Notre Dame	W, 27-24
Sept. 6	Bethune-Cookman	W, 45-3
Sept. 13	#18 South Florida	W, 49-12
Sept. 20	Florida	W, 26-7
Sept. 27	OPEN	
Oct. 4	at #18 Florida State *	7:30 p.m. ET ABC
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 (2-2, 0-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 1	TCU	L, 14-48
Sept. 6	at Charlotte	W, 20-3
Sept. 13	Richmond	W, 41-6
Sept. 20	at UCF	L, 9-34
Sept. 27	OPEN	
Oct. 4	Clemson *	Noon ET ESPN
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 (3-2, 1-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 28	East Carolina	W, 24-17
Sept. 6	Virginia	W, 35-31
Sept. 11	at Wake Forest *	W, 34-24
Sept. 20	at Duke *	L, 33-45
Sept. 27	Virginia Tech *	L, 21-23
Oct. 4	Campbell	2 p.m. ET ACCNX
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 (2-2, 0-1 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Duquesne	W, 61-9
Sept. 6	Central Michigan	W, 45-17
Sept. 13	at West Virginia	L, 24-31 (OT)
Sept. 20	OPEN	
Sept. 27	Louisville *	L, 27-34
Oct. 4	Boston College *	Noon ET ACCN
Oct. 11	at Florida State *	Noon ET ESPN
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 (2-2, 0-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	East Texas A&M	W, 42-13
Sept. 6	Baylor	L, 45-48 (2OT)
Sept. 13	at Missouri State	W, 28-10
Sept. 20	at TCU	L, 24-35
Sept. 27	OPEN	
Oct. 4	Syracuse *	3:30 p.m. ET ACCN
Oct. 11	Stanford *	Noon ET The CW
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 (2-3, 1-1 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 23	at Hawai'i	L, 20-23
Aug. 30	OPEN	
Sept. 6	at BYU	L, 3-27
Sept. 13	Boston College *	W, 30-20
Sept. 20	at Virginia *	L, 20-48
Sept. 27	San José State	W, 30-29
Oct. 4	OPEN	
Oct. 11	at SMU *	Noon ET The CW
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 (3-2, 1-1 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.		
Aug. 30	vs. #24 Tennessee	L, 26-45
Sept. 6	UConn	W, 27-20 (OT)
Sept. 12	Colgate	W, 66-24
Sept. 20	at Clemson *	W, 34-21
Sept. 27	Duke *	L, 3-38
Oct. 4	at SMU *	3:30 p.m. ET ACCN
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 (4-1, 2-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Coastal Carolina	W, 48-7
Sept. 6	at NC State	L, 31-35
Sept. 13	William & Mary	W, 55-16
Sept. 20	Stanford *	W, 48-20
Sept. 26	#8 Florida State *	W, 46-38 (2OT)
Oct. 4	at Louisville *	3:30 p.m. ET ESPN2
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 (2-3, 1-0 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.		
Aug. 31	vs. #13 South Carolina	L, 11-24
Sept. 6	Vanderbilt	L, 20-44
Sept. 13	Old Dominion	L, 26-45
Sept. 20	Wofford	W, 38-6
Sept. 27	at NC State *	W, 23-21
Oct. 4	Wake Forest *	1 p.m. ET The CW
Oct. 11	at Georgia Tech *	3:30 p.m. ET ACCN
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 (2-2, 0-2 ACC)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	Kennesaw State	W, 10-9
Sept. 6	Western Carolina	W, 42-10
Sept. 11	NC State *	L, 24-34
Sept. 20	OPEN	
Sept. 27	#16 Georgia Tech *	L, 29-30 (OT)
Oct. 4	at Virginia Tech *	1 p.m. ET The CW
Oct. 11	at Oregon State	3:30 p.m. ET The 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 *	

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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.

Two-Team Tie

- Head-to-head competition between the two tied teams.
- Win-percentage against all common opponents.
- Win-percentage against 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.
- Combined win-percentage of conference opponents.
- The tied team with the higher ranking by the Team Rating Score metric provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular-season games.
- The participant shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee.

Three (or More) Team Tie

The three (or more) team tiebreaker procedure will be used to either (a) identify one championship game participant, (b) identify both championship game participants, 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 participants have not been determined, the tiebreaker procedure will restart for remaining tied teams.

- Combined head-to-head win-percentage among the tied teams if all tied teams are common opponents.
- If all tied teams are not common opponents, the tied team that defeated each of the other tied teams.
- If all tied teams are not common opponents and no tied team defeated each of the other tied teams, but a tied team lost to each of the other tied teams, such team shall be eliminated and removed from the tie.
- Win-percentage against all common opponents.
- Win-percentage against 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.
- Combined win-percentage of conference opponents.
- The tied team with the highest ranking by the Team Rating Score metric provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular season games.
- The participant shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee.

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





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
JLab 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	Friday, Jan. 2, 2026	8 p.m.	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**

- Atlantic Coast Conference teams 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 19th consecutive year, 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* on September 23, 2025.
 - The ACC once again boasts the best average ranking among all FBS conferences, with an impressive 50.7 average, outpacing its peers for the 19th year in a row.
 - Two ACC institutions rank among the nation's top 10, making it the only FBS conference with multiple universities in the top 10.
 - Four ACC schools landed in the top 25, more than any other FBS conference.
 - Six ACC schools are ranked in the top 30, leading all FBS conferences.
 - A record 16 ACC schools are ranked among the top 75, the most of any FBS conference.
 - 11 of the 18 ACC institutions either maintained or improved their position from last year's rankings.



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.

Quarterback

Sept. 2	Haynes King (QB), Georgia Tech
Sept. 8	Dylan Loneragan (QB), Boston College
Sept. 15	Haynes King (QB), Georgia Tech
Sept. 22	Chandler Morris (QB), Virginia
Sept. 29	Chandler Morris (QB), Virginia
Oct. 6	
Oct. 13	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27	
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	
Dec. 1	

Running Back

Sept. 2	Isaac Brown (RB), Louisville
Sept. 8	Demond Claiborne (RB), Wake Forest
Sept. 15	Micah Ford (RB), Stanford
Sept. 22	Anderson Castle (RB), Duke
Sept. 29	Nate Sheppard (RB), Duke
Oct. 6	
Oct. 13	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27	
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	
Dec. 1	

Receiver

Sept. 2	Cam Ross (WR), Virginia
Sept. 8	Duce Robinson (WR), Florida State
Sept. 15	Darrell Gill Jr. (WR), Syracuse
Sept. 22	Trell Harris (WR), Virginia
Sept. 29	Chris Bell (WR), Louisville
Oct. 6	
Oct. 13	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27	
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	
Dec. 1	

Offensive Line

Sept. 2	Luke Petitbon (C), Florida State
Sept. 8	Adrian Medley (RG), Florida State
Sept. 15	Keylan Rutledge (RG), Georgia Tech
Sept. 22	McKale Boley (LT), Virginia
Sept. 29	Brian Parker II (RT), Duke
Oct. 6	
Oct. 13	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27	
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	
Dec. 1	

Defensive Line

Sept. 2	Rueben Bain Jr. (DL), Miami
Sept. 8	Vincent Anthony Jr. (DE), Duke
Sept. 15	Isaiah Shirley (DT), NC State
Sept. 22	Rueben Bain Jr. (DL), Miami
Sept. 29	Mitchell Melton (DE), Virginia
Oct. 6	
Oct. 13	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27	
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	
Dec. 1	

Linebacker

Sept. 2	Kyle Louis (LB), Pitt
Sept. 8	T.J. Quinn (LB), Louisville
Sept. 15	Mikai Gbayor (LB), North Carolina
Sept. 22	Antonio Deslauriers (LB), Syracuse
Sept. 29	T.J. Quinn (LB), Louisville
Oct. 6	
Oct. 13	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27	
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	
Dec. 1	

Defensive Back

Sept. 2	Ahmaad Moses (S), SMU
Sept. 8	Omar Thornton (DB), Boston College
Sept. 15	Omar Daniels (DB), Georgia Tech
Sept. 22	DaShawn Stone (S), Duke
Sept. 29	Ja'son Prevard (DB), Virginia
Oct. 6	
Oct. 13	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27	
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	
Dec. 1	

Specialist

Sept. 2	Cam Ross (WR/RS), Virginia
Sept. 8	Cam Ross (WR/RS), Virginia
Sept. 15	Aidan Birr (PK), Georgia Tech
Sept. 22	Marshall Nichols (P), Georgia Tech
Sept. 29	John Love (PK), Virginia Tech
Oct. 6	
Oct. 13	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27	
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	
Dec. 1	

Rookie

Sept. 2	Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (QB), California
Sept. 8	Aaron Philo (QB), Georgia Tech
Sept. 15	Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (QB), California
Sept. 22	Micahi Danzy (WR), Florida State
Sept. 29	Nate Sheppard (RB), Duke
Oct. 6	
Oct. 13	
Oct. 20	
Oct. 27	
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	
Dec. 1	

National Weekly Awards

Bear Bryant Awards Coach of the Week

September 2 Mike Norvell, Florida State
 September 23 Fran Brown, Syracuse
 September 30 Tony Elliott, Virginia

Davey O'Brien Award National Quarterback of the Week

September 2 Tommy Castellanos (QB), Florida State

Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week

September 2 Mike Norvell, Florida State
 September 29 Tony Elliott, Virginia

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award National Player of the Week

September 3 Haynes King (QB), Georgia Tech
 September 30 Chandler Morris (QB), Virginia

Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week

September 3 Rueben Bain Jr. (DE), Miami
 September 17 Omar Daniels (DB), Georgia Tech

Lou Groza Award Stars of the Week (Placekickers)

September 16 Aidan Birr, Georgia Tech
 September 30 Aidan Birr, Georgia Tech
 John Love, Virginia Tech

Manning Award Quarterback of the Week

September 17 Haynes King (QB), Georgia Tech

Maxwell Award Player of the Week

September 3 Haynes King (QB), Georgia Tech

Outland Trophy Player of the Week (Interior Lineman)

September 3 Luke Petitbon (C), Florida State

Panini Senior Bowl Player of the Week

September 15 Haynes King (QB), Georgia Tech (Offensive)

Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Player of the Week (Defensive Back)

September 30 Ja'son Prevard (DB), Virginia

Pro Football Focus (PFF) Player of the Week

September 22 Rueben Bain Jr. (DL), Miami (Defensive)

Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Week

September 3 Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (QB), California
 September 23 Demetres Samuel Jr. (CB), Syracuse

Shrine Bowl Players of the Week

September 22 Rueben Bain Jr. (DL), Miami (Defensive)
 Akheem Mesidor (DL), Miami (Defensive)
 September 29 Chris Bell (WR), Louisville (Offensive)

Pop-Tarts Crazy Good Team of the Week

September 3 Florida State
 September 15 Georgia Tech
 September 29 Virginia

Cheez-It Crunch Time Play of the Week

September 3 CJ Daniels (WR), Miami

Honorable Mention / Honor Rolls

Associated Press Player of the Week (Honorable Mention)

September 2 Tommy Castellanos (QB), Florida State
 September 15 Carson Beck (QB), Miami (Runner-Up)

Davey O'Brien "Great 8" Quarterbacks

September 2 Tommy Castellanos, Florida State
 Carson Beck, Miami
 September 15 Haynes King, Georgia Tech
 September 22 Chandler Morris, Virginia
 September 29 Haynes King, Georgia Tech
 Miller Moss, Louisville
 Ben Gulbranson, Stanford
 Chandler Morris, Virginia

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award - Honorable Mention

September 9 Bryant Wesco, Jr. (WR), Clemson
 September 16 Haynes King (QB), Georgia Tech
 Darrell Gill Jr. (WR), Syracuse
 September 23 Chandler Morris (QB), Virginia
 Kyron Drones (QB), Virginia Tech
 September 30 Haynes King (QB), Georgia Tech

John Mackey Award (Tight Ends) - Honorable Mention

September 9 Jeremiah Franklin, Boston College
 September 16 Sam Roush, Stanford

Manning Award Stars of the Week (Quarterback)

September 2 Tommy Castellanos, Florida State
 Haynes King, Georgia Tech
 September 8 Steve Angeli, Syracuse
 September 15 Carson Beck, Miami
 Haynes King, Georgia Tech
 September 22 Chandler Morris, Virginia

Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (All-Purpose Player)

September 3 Cam Ross (WR/RS), Virginia
 September 9 Adam Randall (RB/RS), Clemson
 September 23 Caullin Lacy (WR/RS), Louisville

Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Honorable Mention (Defensive Back)

September 30 Hezekiah Masses (CB), California

Ray Guy Award - Ray's 8 (Punters)

September 2 Wade McSparron, SMU
 September 8 Jack Stonehouse, Syracuse
 September 15 Dylan Joyce, Miami
 September 22 Marshall Nichols, Georgia Tech
 September 29 Marshall Nichols, Georgia Tech
 Cade Noonkester, NC State
 Jack Stonehouse, Syracuse

ACC IN THE RANKINGS - TOP 25 POLLS



	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/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 2	-/-	-/-	8/8/-	RV/RV/-	14/19/-	RV/RV/-	RV/RV/-	5/7/-	-/-	-/-	RV/-/-	17/16/-	-/-	-/-	RV/-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 7	-/-	-/-	12/11/-	-/-	10/12/-	RV/RV/-	RV/RV/-	5/6/-	-/-	-RV/-	RV/RV/-	RV/RV/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 14	-/-	-RV/-	RV/RV/-	-/-	7/9/-	18/19/-	RV/RV/-	4/6/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 21	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	8/8/-	16/17/-	RV/RV/-	2/6/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-RV/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 28	-/-	-/-	-/-	-RV/-	18/19/-	17/16/-	RV/RV/-	3/3/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	24/RV/-	-/-	-/-
Oct. 5																	
Oct. 12																	
Oct. 19																	
Oct. 26																	
Nov. 2																	
Nov. 9																	
Nov. 16																	
Nov. 23																	
Nov. 30																	
Dec. 7																	
Final																	

ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKINGS

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

ACC ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKING HISTORY

School	Consecutive		No.1	Weeks Ranked
	Polls	Top 10		
Boston College	-	34	1	145
California	-	92	4	200
Clemson	-	220	25	516
Duke	-	57	-	180
Florida State	5	388	72	589
Georgia Tech	3	146	-	310
Louisville	-	42	-	161
Miami	23	325	68	541
North Carolina	-	80	1	280
NC State	-	12	-	191
Pitt	-	125	21	319
SMU	-	75	2	196
Stanford	-	97	-	303
Syracuse	-	69	7	213
Virginia	1	21	3	175
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)



Saturday, October 4
Clemson (1-3, 0-2 ACC)
at North Carolina (2-2, 0-0 ACC)
Noon ET; ESPN
Clemson leads series, 40-19-1
Last Meeting: Clemson, 31-20 (2023)

Head Coaches

Clemson:Dabo Swinney
 (181-50 in 18th season at CU; 181-50 in 18th season overall)
Virginia:Bill Belichick
 (2-2 in 1st season at UNC; 2-2 in 1st collegiate season overall)

Notes:

- Clemson leads the all-time series against North Carolina 40-19-1, including six straight wins dating back to the 2011 season.
- The Tigers' offensive line has been a strength this season, allowing an ACC-low 2.75 tackles-for-loss per game and ranking third in fewest sacks allowed at just 1.00 per game.
- Defensively, Clemson is also strong up front, ranking fifth in the ACC in both sacks (2.50 per game) and tackles-for-loss (6.50 per game).
- Wide receiver Bryant Wesco Jr. is tied for the ACC lead with five receiving touchdowns and leads the conference in receiving yards per game (97.3).
- Linebackers Wade Woodaz and Ronan Hanafin are tied for the ACC lead in solo tackles per game, averaging 5.5 each.
- North Carolina counters with a disciplined and opportunistic defense, ranking second in the ACC in red zone defense by allowing scores on just 64.7% of opponent trips.
- The Tar Heels also protect the ball well, ranking among the top five in the ACC in both fewest interceptions thrown and fumbles lost.
- North Carolina is the least penalized team in the ACC, averaging 4.25 penalties per game.



Saturday, October 4
Boston College (1-3, 0-2 ACC)
at Pitt (2-2, 0-1 ACC)
Noon ET; ACCN
Pitt leads series, 18-16-0
Last Meeting: Boston College, 34-23 (2024)

Head Coaches

Boston College:Bill O'Brien
 (8-9 in 2nd season at BC; 23-18 in 4th collegiate season overall)
Pitt:Pat Narduzzi
 (74-58 in 11th season at Pitt; 74-58 in 11th season overall)

Notes:

- Boston College and Pitt have met 34 times, with the Panthers holding a narrow 18-16 edge in the all-time series.
- BC quarterback Dylan Loneran has been outstanding this season, averaging 297.0 passing yards per game with 1,188 total yards and a completion rate of over 69 percent.
- BC's Lewis Bond leads the ACC and ranks second nationally with 9.0 receptions per game. He has recorded at least seven catches in every game this season.
- The Eagles lead the ACC in passing offense, averaging 344.5 yards per game — a mark that ranks fourth nationally.
- Pitt isn't far behind, ranking fourth in the ACC with 301.0 passing yards per game, and second in the conference in yards per completion (14.00).
- Defensively, Pitt's Rasheem Biles (1.75 TFL/game) and BC's Omar Thornton (1.50 TFL/game) rank first and second in the ACC in tackles-for-loss.
- The Panthers boast the ACC's top rushing defense, allowing just 74.0 yards per game — seventh-best in the country.
- Offensively, Eli Holstein leads the ACC in points responsible for per game (18.5).



Saturday, October 4
Wake Forest (2-2, 0-2 ACC)
at Virginia Tech (2-3, 1-0 ACC)
1 p.m. ET; The CW
Virginia Tech leads series, 26-13-1
Last Meeting: Virginia Tech, 30-13 (2023)

Head Coaches

Wake Forest:Jake Dickert
 (2-2 in 1st season at WF; 25-22 in 5th season overall)
Virginia Tech:Phillip Montgomery (Interim)
 (2-0 in 1st season as interim at VT; 45-53 in 9th season overall)

Notes:

- Virginia Tech leads the all-time series 26-13-1 and won the most recent meeting in 2023, defeating Wake Forest 30-13 in Blacksburg.
- Wake Forest has consistently disrupted opposing offenses, averaging 7.8 tackles for loss per game — second-most in the ACC.
- Running back Demond Claiborne continues to make history for the Demon Deacons. With 22 career rushing touchdowns, he now holds the program's record for the most in the College Football Playoff era, surpassing Cade Carney (21). Claiborne scored twice in Wake's recent loss to Georgia Tech.
- The Hokies enter the matchup on a two-game winning streak, most recently edging NC State 23-21 in Week 5.
- Defensively, Virginia Tech ranks fourth in the ACC in sacks (2.60 per game) and averages 6.4 tackles-for-loss per game.
- VT quarterback Kyron Drones has been a dual-threat weapon, ranking in the top eight in the ACC in both passing touchdowns (8) and rushing touchdowns (4). He is averaging 14.4 points responsible for per game.



Saturday, October 4
Campbell (1-4, 1-1 CAA)
at NC State (3-2, 1-2 ACC)
2 p.m. ET; ACCNX
First Meeting

Head Coaches

Campbell:Braxton Harris
 (4-13 in 2nd season at CAM; 16-41 in 6th season overall)
NC State:Dave Doeren
 (90-67 in 13th season at NCSU; 113-71 in 15th season overall)

Notes:

- Despite being separated by just 35 miles, this will be the first-ever meeting between NC State and Campbell.
- Wolfpack running back Hollywood Smothers leads the ACC and ranks fourth nationally with 570 rushing yards this season.
- NC State quarterback CJ Bailey ranks second in the ACC in both passing yards (1,323) and completion percentage (72.8%). He has posted two 300-yard passing games this season — including a career-high 364 yards against Duke.
- NC State is 2-1 in one-score games this year, earning close wins over East Carolina and Virginia before falling to Virginia Tech 23-21 last weekend.
- Campbell enters the matchup with a 1-4 record, including a 1-1 mark in CAA play.
- The Fighting Camels picked up their first win of the season in double overtime against Bryant, a team receiving votes in the FCS national poll.
- Campbell quarterback Kamden Sixkiller leads the Campbell offense with 1,098 passing yards and eight touchdowns on the season.



Saturday, October 4
Syracuse (3-2, 1-1 ACC)
at SMU (2-2, 0-0 ACC)
3:30 p.m. ET; ACCN
SMU leads series, 1-0-0
Last meeting: SMU, 16-6 (1932)

Head Coaches

Syracuse: Fran Brown
(13-5 in 2nd season at SU; 13-5 in 2nd season overall)
SMU: Rhett Lashlee
(31-14 in 4th season at SMU; 31-14 in 4th season overall)

Notes:

- Syracuse and SMU meet for the first time since 1932 — a 16-6 win by the Mustangs — and for the first time as ACC opponents.
- Syracuse is coming off a 38-3 home loss to Duke, its first game without starting QB Steve Angeli, who suffered a season-ending injury at Clemson.
- Under head coach Fran Brown, the Orange are 4-0 following a loss.
- QB Rickie Collins, an LSU transfer, made his first career start vs. Duke, going 24-of-37 for 229 yards — all career highs.
- SMU had an open week last week and opens ACC play this weekend.
- The Mustangs enter on a 17-game regular-season conference winning streak, the longest active streak in FBS (dating back to 2022).
- SMU leads the ACC and ranks seventh nationally in turnovers gained (9), including six interceptions and two defensive touchdowns.
- SMU WR Romello Brinson ranks second in the ACC and 15th nationally in receiving yards per game (91.3). He's one of four ACC players with multiple 100-yard receiving games this season.



Saturday, October 4
#24 Virginia (4-1, 2-0 ACC)
at [RV] Louisville (4-0, 1-0 ACC)
3:30 p.m. ET; ESPN2
Louisville leads series, 8-5-0
Last meeting: Louisville, 24-20 (2024)

Head Coaches

Virginia: Tony Elliott
(15-24 in 4th season at UVA; 15-24 in 4th season overall)
Louisville: Jeff Brohm
(23-8 in 3rd season at UL; 89-52 in 12th season overall)

Notes:

- Louisville leads the all-time series against Virginia, 8-5, including a current three-game winning streak dating back to 2022.
- Virginia enters the contest ranked No. 24 in the AP Poll. It marks Virginia's first appearance in the AP Poll since 2019.
- Virginia's double-overtime win over then-No. 8 Florida State last week was its highest-ranked home win in the last 20 years (since 2005).
- The Hoos boast the second-best offense in the ACC, logging 539.6 yards per game.
- Virginia also ranks second in rushing offense at 243.4 yards per game and in scoring offense this season, logging 45.6 points per game.
- Louisville is off to a 4-0 start for the eighth time in the last 23 seasons and is looking to move to 5-0 for the second time under head coach Jeff Brohm.
- The Cardinals have won seven-straight games, which is tied for the second-longest streak nationally among Power 4 teams behind Ohio State and Missouri with eight.
- Louisville's defense recorded three interceptions in the win over Pitt last week to lead the ACC and rank ninth nationally in interceptions on the season.



Saturday, October 4
#3 Miami (4-0, 0-0 ACC)
at #18 Florida State (3-1, 0-1 ACC)
7:30 p.m. ET; ABC
Miami leads series, 36-32-0
Last meeting: Miami, 36-14 (2024)

Head Coaches

Miami: Mario Cristobal
(26-16 in 4th season at UM; 88-76 in 15th season overall)
Florida State: Mike Norvell
(36-28 at 6th season at FSU; 74-43 in 10th season overall)

Notes:

- One of college football's most storied rivalries is renewed with both Florida State and Miami firmly in the College Football Playoff hunt.
- This marks the first time since 2013 that both teams are ranked in the top 20 entering the matchup, with Miami at No. 3 and Florida State at No. 18 in the AP Top 25 Poll.
- Miami boasts the ACC's top defense, allowing just 244.5 yards per game. The Hurricanes lead the conference — and rank in the top 10 nationally — in third-down defense (24.0%) and fewest first downs allowed (54). They also rank second in both rushing and passing defense.
- Miami quarterback Carson Beck leads the ACC in completion percentage (73.2%), while running back Mark Fletcher ranks second in the conference with 97.0 rushing yards per game.
- Florida State counters with the nation's top offense, averaging 600.0 yards and 53.0 points per game. The Seminoles also lead the ACC — and rank second nationally — in rushing offense at 336.3 yards per game.
- FSU quarterback Tommy Castellanos leads the nation in yards per completion (18.84).



Saturday, October 4
Duke (3-2, 2-0 ACC)
at California (4-1, 1-0 ACC)
10:30 p.m. ET; ESPN
Duke leads series, 1-0-1
Last meeting: Tied, 22-22 (1963)

Head Coaches

Duke: Manny Diaz
(12-6 in 2nd season at DU; 33-21 in 5th season overall)
California: Justin Wilcox
(46-51 in 9th season at CAL; 46-51 in 9th season overall)

Notes:

- California and Duke have met just twice, with the Blue Devils leading the all-time series 1-0-1. Their last meeting ended in a 22-22 tie in Berkeley (1963).
- Duke is aiming to start 3-0 in ACC play for the first time since 1994. The Blue Devils have only achieved that mark four times since 1963 (1963, 1970, 1975, 1994).
- Anderson Castle and Nate Sheppard have earned back-to-back ACC Running Back of the Week honors. Over the past two games, they've combined for 363 yards and six TDs.
- Duke is averaging 41.5 points per game in ACC play, with wins over NC State (45 points) and Syracuse (38 points).
- California is coming off a 28-24 win in its ACC opener at home.
- Freshman QB Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele leads all true freshmen in FBS with 1,242 passing yards.
- CB Hezekiah Masses leads the FBS with 11 passes defended and is tied for the national lead with four interceptions.
- Linebackers Cade Uluave (40 tackles) and Luke Ferrelli (38) rank fourth and sixth in the ACC, respectively, in total tackles.