

ACC Weekly Football News & Notes - Week 3

2024 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 | | | | | | |
| Boston College | 1-0 | 1.000 | 2-0 | 1.000 | 84 | 13 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Syracuse | 1-0 | 1.000 | 2-0 | 1.000 | 69 | 50 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Virginia | 1-0 | 1.000 | 2-0 | 1.000 | 65 | 43 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Georgia Tech | 1-1 | .500 | 2-1 | .667 | 87 | 64 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | L1 | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| California | 0-0 | .000 | 2-0 | 1.000 | 52 | 27 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Duke | 0-0 | .000 | 2-0 | 1.000 | 52 | 23 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Louisville | 0-0 | .000 | 2-0 | 1.000 | 111 | 14 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Miami | 0-0 | .000 | 2-0 | 1.000 | 97 | 26 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Pitt | 0-0 | .000 | 2-0 | 1.000 | 83 | 51 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| North Carolina | 0-0 | .000 | 2-0 | 1.000 | 57 | 37 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| SMU | 0-0 | .000 | 2-1 | .667 | 103 | 49 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | L1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Clemson | 0-0 | .000 | 1-1 | .500 | 69 | 54 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | W1 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Stanford | 0-0 | .000 | 1-1 | .500 | 68 | 41 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Virginia Tech | 0-0 | .000 | 1-1 | .500 | 58 | 48 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | W1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| NC State | 0-0 | .000 | 1-1 | .500 | 48 | 72 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | L1 | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Wake Forest | 0-1 | .000 | 1-1 | .500 | 75 | 44 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Florida State | 0-2 | .000 | 0-2 | .000 | 34 | 52 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | L2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |

2024 SCHEDULE - WEEK 3

| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | TIME, TV | SIRIUSXM | APP/WEB |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Louisiana Tech at NC State Series: NC State leads series, 2-0; Last meeting: NC State, 34-27 (2021) ACCN: Jorge Sedano (play-by-play), Orlando Franklin (analyst), Morgan Uber (sideline) | Noon ET, ACCN | 162 or 194 | 956 or 983 |
| [RV] Memphis at Florida State Series: Florida State leads series, 10-7-1; Last meeting: Florida State, 35-3 (1990) ESPN: Bob Wischusen (play-by-play), Louis Riddick (analyst), Kris Budden (sideline) | Noon ET, ESPN | 119, 193, or 381 | 955 or 971 |
| #24 Boston College at #6 Missouri Series: Boston College leads series, 1-0; Last meeting: Boston College, 41-34 (2021) SECN: Taylor Zarzour (play-by-play), Matt Stinchcomb (analyst), Alyssa Lang (sideline) | 12:45 p.m. ET, SECN | 161, 190, or 371 | 371 or 960 |
| West Virginia at Pitt Series: Pitt leads series, 62-41-3; Last meeting: West Virginia, 17-6 (2023) ESPN2: Mike Monaco (play-by-play), Kirk Morrison (analyst), Dawn Davenport (sideline) | 3:30 p.m. ET, ESPN2 | 119, 139, 193, or 198 | 952 or 955 |
| Ball State at #10 Miami Series: First Meeting; Last meeting: N/A ACCN: Chris Cotter (play-by-play), Mark Herzlich (analyst), Coley Harvey (sideline) | 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN | 162 or 194 | 956 or 989 |
| VMI at Georgia Tech Series: Georgia Tech leads series, 14-1; Last meeting: Georgia Tech, 34-7 (1988) ACCNX: Shawn Kenney (play-by-play), Forrest Conoly (analyst) | 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCNX / ESPN+ | 113 or 202 | 964 |
| NC Central at [RV] North Carolina Series: First Meeting; Last meeting: N/A ACCNX: Kevin Fitzgerald (play-by-play), Charlie Strong (analyst), Ashley Stroehlein (sideline) | 6 p.m. ET, ACCNX / ESPN+ | 103 or 206 | 968 |
| UConn at Duke Series: UConn leads series, 2-1; Last meeting: Duke, 41-7 (2023) ACCNX: Clay Matvick (play-by-play), Steve Addazio (analyst), Marilyn Payne (sideline) | 6 p.m. ET, ACCNX / ESPN+ | 94, 205 or 390 | 967 or 980 |
| Virginia Tech at Old Dominion Series: Virginia Tech leads series, 3-2; Last meeting: Virginia Tech, 36-17 (2023) ESPN+: Chip Tarkenton (play-by-play), Andy Mashaw (analyst) | 6 p.m. ET, ESPN+ | 146 or 204 | 966 |
| #5 Ole Miss at Wake Forest Series: Wake Forest leads series, 2-0; Last meeting: Wake Forest, 30-28 (2008) The CW: Thom Brennaman (play-by-play), Max Browne (analyst), Treavor Scales (sideline) | 6:30 p.m. ET, The CW | 132, 192, or 371 | 371 or 962 |
| Maryland at Virginia Series: Maryland leads series, 45-32-2; Last meeting: Maryland, 42-14 (2023) ACCN: Wes Durham (play-by-play), Tom Luginbill (analyst), Dana Boyle (sideline) | 8 p.m. ET, ACCN | 119, 138, 193, or 196 | 955 or 958 |
| San Diego State at [RV] California Series: Series is tied, 4-4; Last meeting: San Diego State, 45-40 (2016) ESPN: Dave Flemming (play-by-play), Brock Osweiler (analyst), Stormy Buonantony (sideline) | 10:30 p.m. ET, ESPN | 371 or 390 | 371 or 980 |

ACC NOTES

GREATNESS JUST GOT GREATER

■ The ACC Board of Directors voted on Sept. 1, 2023, to formally admit the University of California (Cal), Southern Methodist University (SMU) and Stanford University to the Atlantic Coast Conference. Cal, SMU and Stanford joined the ACC as full members with full voting participation effective July 1, 2024 (SMU) and August 2, 2024 (Cal and Stanford). The decision followed the submission of letters of application from all three institutions.

■ The additions of Cal, SMU and Stanford enhance and strengthen the ACC academically, athletically and financially and create a true national conference that spans coast to coast. The incoming universities enrich the league's competitiveness in all sports and further demonstrate the ACC's commitment to broad-based programs for both women and men.

■ Cal, SMU and Stanford will begin competing in the ACC across their respective sponsored sports starting this year, 2024-25.

GREATNESS IS WHAT WE DO

■ The ACC announced its new creative campaign, "ACCOMPLISH GREATNESS," a multi-part brand campaign highlighting the vast success of the ACC's athletics and academics alike ahead of the ACC's official college football season on Week 1 of last year. The campaign is set to commence its second year around the start of the 2024 ACC football season.

WEEK 0 TV VIEWERSHIP LOVE

■ The 2024 college football season opener between Georgia Tech and No. 10 Florida State in the *Aer Lingus College Football Classic Game* in Dublin, Ireland, Week 0 (August 24) had 5.0 million viewers.

■ The conference contest was the most-watched Week 0 game on any network since 2019. The viewership was up 40 percent over 3.56 million viewers that watched last year's *Aer Lingus College Football Classic* in 2023 between Notre Dame and Navy on NBC.

WEEK 1 TV VIEWERSHIP HISTORY

■ The ACC was part of history on Saturday, August 31, as it was ABC's second-most-watched Kickoff Saturday on record. (*ESPN PR*)

■ The ACC had teams in two of the three games that were part of the historical day in Clemson and Miami.

ABC's Second Best Kickoff Saturday on Record

| Matchup | Viewers |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| #7 Notre Dame at #20 Texas A&M | 8.2 million |
| #14 Clemson vs. #1 Georgia | 7.9 million |
| #19 Miami at Florida | 6.6 million |

■ The Clemson versus Georgia *Aflac Kickoff Game* in Atlanta was the most-watched Week 1 Noon Game on record, peaking at 9.5 million viewers.

■ The in-state rivalry contest between Miami and Florida in Gainesville, Florida, was the most-watched Week 1 Late Afternoon Game since 2017.

FOUR TEAMS RANKED IN MOST RECENT AP TOP 25 POLL

■ Four ACC teams were ranked in this week's Associated Press Top 25 Poll (September 8). Miami continued its climb, moving into the top 10 this week at No. 10. Louisville and Clemson both moved up three spots to No. 19 and No. 22, respectively, while Boston College jumped into the top 25 at No. 24.

■ Miami jumped into the top 10 of the AP Poll for the first time since the 2020 season. The Hurricanes were last ranked in the top 10 at No. 9 in the Week 14 poll (December 6, 2020).

■ Boston College is ranked in the AP Top 25 this week for the first time since coming in at No. 22 in the Week 12 poll in 2018 (November 11, 2018).

■ Three other ACC teams received votes in the poll - Syracuse (63), North Carolina (7) and California (3).

TRIO OF TEAMS RANKED IN LATEST COACHES POLL

■ Three ACC teams were ranked in the latest top 25 of the US LBM Coaches Poll, powered by USA TODAY Sports (September 8). Miami moved up three spots to No. 12, while Clemson climbed two spots to No. 20. Louisville also moved up three spots to No. 21.

■ Six other ACC teams received votes in the coaches poll - Boston College (36), Syracuse (33), NC State (10), California (5), North Carolina (5) and Pitt (2).

1 OF 2 TOP-25 MATCHUPS AGAIN, THIS TIME IN WEEK 3

■ For the second consecutive week, the ACC will be part of one of the only two top-25 matchups, when No. 24 Boston College travels to No. 6 Missouri on Saturday, September 14, at 12:45 p.m. ET.

Top-25 Matchups Thus Far This Season

| Matchup | Time/Result |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| #14 Clemson vs. #1 Georgia | UGA, 34-3 |
| #7 Notre Dame at #20 Texas A&M | ND, 23-13 |
| #23 USC vs. #13 LSU | USC, 27-20 |
| #3 Texas at #10 Michigan | Texas, 31-12 |
| #14 Tennessee vs. #24 NC State | UT, 51-10 |
| #24 Boston College at #6 Missouri | Sept. 14 - 12:45 p.m. ET |

■ In addition to the top-25 matchup, Wake Forest will host No. 5 Ole Miss on Saturday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. ET.

ACC IN NON-CONFERENCE PLAY

■ Through Week 2 of the 2024 college football season, the ACC is 23-5 overall in non-conference play and has posted the second-best winning percentage in non-conference play among Power 4 conferences at 82.1 percent.

■ The ACC has recorded five wins against its peer conferences in the Power 4, with all five wins coming on the road (5-1). The ACC has one non-conference road loss versus a Power 4 opponent this year.

Non-Conference Power 4 Wins On the Road

| Date | Matchup | Result |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 8/29/24 | North Carolina at Minnesota | W, 19-17 |
| 8/31/24 | #19 Miami at Florida | W, 41-17 |
| 9/6/24 | Duke at Northwestern | W, 26-20 (2OT) |
| 9/7/24 | Pitt at Cincinnati | W, 28-27 |
| 9/7/24 | California at Auburn | W, 21-14 |

■ Overall, the ACC has five non-conference wins versus fellow Power 4 conference foes (5-5), which is tied for the most among all four leagues.

3 WEEKS IN, 3 TOP-25 WINS

■ With the first three weeks of the season (Week 0, Week 1 and Week 2 complete), the ACC has already recorded three wins over AP Top-25 teams this season, albeit all three coming in conference play.

■ The three top-25 ranked wins are tied for the most among all FBS conferences (SEC) and makeup over 27 percent of all the top-25 wins across FBS football this season (11).

■ In Week 0, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets defeated No. 10 Florida State 24-21 on a 44-yard field goal as time expired at the *Aer Lingus Football Classic* in Dublin, Ireland (August 24).

■ With the top-10 win, Georgia Tech moved to 5-0 against nationally ranked ACC opponents under head coach Brent Key.

■ The top-10 win was the first for the Yellow Jackets since GT defeated No. 9 Florida State on October 24, 2015, in what has been named the "Miracle on Techwood Drive".

■ The top-10 win was Georgia Tech's first in a season opener since a 24-21 win at No. 4 Alabama on September 12, 1981.

■ The Boston College Eagles capped Week 1 of the college football season with a 28-13 road win over No. 10 Florida State on Labor Day (September 2).

■ BC earned its first win over a top-10 team since defeating No. 9 USC in 2014 and opened the year with a top-10 win for the first time since taking down No. 7 Texas in 1976.

■ Georgia Tech and Boston College became two of just six unranked teams to beat an AP Top 10 conference opponent in its season opener in the last 40 years.

■ Syracuse picked up its first top-25 win under first-year head coach Fran Brown and the Orange's first ranked win since 2022 with a 31-28 home win over No. 23 Georgia Tech in ACC play on Saturday, September 7.

CONFERENCE PLAY HIATUS FOR WEEK 3

■ The ACC, the only conference to have played conference games in each of the first three weeks (Week 0, Week 1 and Week 2) of the season, will have a hiatus in league play in Week 3, with all 12 games coming in non-conference play.

ACC Conference Games in Weeks 0-2

| Date | Matchup | Result |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 8/24/24 | #10 Florida State vs. Georgia Tech | GT, 24-21 |
| 9/2/24 | Boston College at #10 Florida State | BC, 28-13 |
| 9/7/24 | #23 Georgia Tech at Syracuse | SU, 31-28 |
| 9/7/24 | Virginia at Wake Forest | UVA, 31-30 |

■ Following the Week 3 hiatus in conference play, the ACC will have four conference games in Week 4, including the first-ever ACC league games for both Stanford and Cal.

ACC Conference Games in Week 4

| Date | Matchup | TIME / NETWORK |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 9/20/24 | Stanford at Syracuse | 7:30 p.m. ET / ESPN |
| 9/21/24 | NC State at Clemson | Noon ET / ABC |
| 9/21/24 | Georgia Tech at Louisville | 3:30 p.m. ET / TBA |
| 9/21/24 | Cal at Florida State | 7 p.m. ET / TBA |

CLOSE CALLS CONTINUE IN ACC PLAY

■ Over the last few years, the ACC has been known for close games each year throughout conference play. Prior to the start of this season, the ACC has had 73 league games decided by eight points or less over the last three years (2021-23).

■ The 73 one-touchdown score games come over 168 total conference games during the three-year span, 43.5 percent.

■ The trend has continued this season in 2024, as three of the four ACC league games thus far this season have been decided by less than eight points.

Close Calls 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 | 3 | 4 | 75.0 |

CLOSING IN ON A MILESTONE

■ The Clemson Tigers are closing in on a major milestone as a football program this season.

■ Clemson earned its 799th all-time win last week at home versus App State (September 7) to pull within one victory of becoming the 14th FBS program, and first ACC program, ever to win 800 games.

■ Four other ACC schools in Virginia Tech (774), Pitt (763), Georgia Tech (758) and Syracuse (745) rank in the top 25 among the programs with the most all-time wins in FBS history.

ACC FOOTBALL ON LABOR DAY

■ Boston College and No. 10 Florida State capped off Week 1 of the 2024 college football season with a Labor Day showdown in ACC play on Monday, September 2, at 7:30 p.m. ET on ESPN.

■ All 17 teams were in action over Labor Day weekend, August 29 through September 2, with 16 games spanning four days - Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday.

ACC KICKED OFF 2024 COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON

■ Florida State and Georgia Tech kicked off the 2024 college football season at the *Aer Lingus College Football Classic* on Saturday, August 24, in Dublin, Ireland.

■ Georgia Tech upended No. 10 Florida State 24-21, as Yellow Jackets' kicker Aidan Birr made a 44-yard field goal as time expired in the first major college football game of the 2024 season.

SMU & CAL WIN IN DEBUTS AS ACC MEMBERS

■ In its first game football game as an official member of the ACC, the SMU Mustangs outscored Nevada 16-0 in the fourth quarter to defeat the Wolf Pack 29-24 on August 24.

■ One week later in Week 1, California defeated UC Davis 31-13 in the Golden Bears' first game as an official member of the ACC.

■ SMU and Cal joined nine other schools in recording a win in their first-ever football game as a full-time member of the ACC.

Teams that Won Its First Game as an ACC Member

| Team | Date | Opponent | Result |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Clemson | 9/19/53 | Presbyterian | W, 33-7 |
| Duke | 9/19/53 | at South Carolina* | W, 20-7 |
| Maryland | 9/19/53 | at Missouri | W, 20-6 |
| North Carolina | 9/26/53 | NC State* | W, 29-7 |
| Virginia | 9/25/54 | Lehigh | W, 27-21 |
| Florida State | 9/5/92 | Duke * | W, 48-21 |
| Miami | 9/10/04 | Florida State* | W, 16-10 |
| Boston College | 9/3/05 | at BYU | W, 20-3 |
| Louisville | 9/1/14 | Miami * | W, 31-13 |
| SMU | 8/24/24 | at Nevada | W, 29-24 |
| Cal | 8/31/24 | UC Davis | W, 31-13 |

*Conference game

STRONG START TO THE SEASON

■ Several ACC players are off to a strong start to the 2024 season, ranking among the FBS leaders in several statistical categories.

ACC Players Among the FBS Leaders

| Statistic | NCAA Ranking | Player |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Passing TDs | t-1st | Kyle McCord (SU) - 8 |
| | t-6th | Thomas Castellanos (BC) - 6 |
| | t-6th | Tyler Shough (UL) - 6 |
| | t-6th | Eli Holstein (Pitt) - 6 |
| | t-6th | Cam Ward (UM) - 6 |
| | Passing Yards | 3rd |
| t-5th | | Cam Ward (UM) - 689 |
| 7th | | Haynes King (GT) - 687 |
| 9th | | Hank Bachmeier (WF) - 666 |
| 10th | | Anthony Colandrea (UVA) - 654 |
| Passing YPG | 3rd | Kyle McCord (SU) - 367.5 |
| | t-5th | Cam Ward (UM) - 344.5 |
| | 8th | Hank Bachmeier (WF) - 333.0 |
| | 9th | Anthony Colandrea (UVA) - 327.0 |
| Passing Efficiency | 9th | Cam Ward (UM) - 199.5 |
| | 14th | Tyler Shough (UL) - 188.8 |
| | Rushing TDs | t-5th |
| t-14th | | Brashard Smith (SMU) - 3 |
| t-14th | | Haynes King (GT) - 3 |
| Rushing Yards | 5th | Desmond Reid (Pitt) - 293 |
| | 11th | Brashard Smith (SMU) - 253 |

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| Rushing YPG | 5th | Desmond Reid (Pitt) - 146.5 |
| | 19th | Demond Claiborne (WF) - 110.5 |
| | Receiving TDs | t-1st |
| t-2nd | | Nyziah Hunter (Cal) - 3 |
| Receiving Yards | t-2nd | Eli Pancol (DU) - 3 |
| | t-2nd | KC Concepcion (NCSU) - 3 |
| | t-2nd | Konata Mumpfield (Pitt) - 3 |
| | t-2nd | Oronde Gadsden II (SU) - 3 |
| | 11th | Malachi Fields (UVA) - 248 |
| Receiving YPG | 16th | Donavon Greene (WF) - 238 |
| | 17th | Malik Rutherford (GT) - 235 |
| | 18th | Jordan Moore (DU) - 233 |
| Total Offense YPG | 4th | Kyle McCord (SU) - 372.0 |
| | 5th | Cam Ward (UM) - 367.5 |
| | 6th | Anthony Colandrea (UVA) - 363.0 |
| All-Purpose YPG | 10th | Hank Bachmeier (WF) - 346.5 |
| | 13th | Eli Holstein (Pitt) - 337.5 |
| | 13th | Eli Holstein (Pitt) - 337.5 |
| Scoring (PPG) | 1st | Desmond Reid (Pitt) - 244.0 |
| | t-15th | Taylor Morin (WF) - 153.5 |
| | t-3rd | Trebor Pena (SU) - 15.0 |
| Total Tackles | t-2nd | Kyle Efford (GT) - 29 |
| | t-12th | Nick Anderson (WF) - 23 |
| | t-15th | Alex Howard (DU) - 21 |
| Tackles Per Game | t-15th | Shyheim Brown (FSU) - 21 |
| | t-11 | Nick Anderson (WF) - 11.5 |
| | t-15th | Alex Howard (DU) - 10.5 |
| Total TFLs | t-15th | Shyheim Brown (FSU) - 10.5 |
| | 1st | Fadil Diggs (SU) - 6.0 |
| | t-2nd | Tyler Baron (UM) - 5.5 |
| TFLs Per Game | t-4th | Alex Howard (DU) - 5.0 |
| | t-4th | Jahvaree Ritzie (UNC) - 5.0 |
| | t-1st | Fadil Diggs (SU) - 3.0 |
| Sacks Per Game | t-4th | Tyler Baron (UM) - 2.8 |
| | 6th | Jahvaree Ritzie (UNC) - 2.5 |
| | t-7th | Alex Howard (DU) - 2.3 |
| Interceptions | 1st | Jahvaree Ritzie (UNC) - 5.0 |
| | 2nd | Tyler Baron (UM) - 4.0 |
| | t-5th | Tramel Logan (UL) - 3.0 |
| FGs Made | 1st | Jahvaree Ritzie (UNC) - 2.5 |
| | t-2nd | Tyler Baron (UM) - 2.0 |
| | t-6th | Tramel Logan (UL) - 1.5 |
| FGs Made Per Game | t-1st | Nohl Williams (Cal) - 3 |
| | 1st | Collin Rogers (SMU) - 8 |
| | t-4th | Noah Burnette (UNC) - 5 |
| Punting Avg. | t-4th | Ben Sauls (Pitt) - 5 |
| | 4th | Collin Rogers (SMU) - 2.67 |
| | t-5th | Noah Burnette (UNC) - 2.50 |
| Kickoff Return TDs | t-5th | Ben Sauls (Pitt) - 2.50 |
| | 3rd | Alex Mastromanno (FSU) - 49.9 |
| | 7th | Kade Reynoldson (DU) - 47.0 |
| Punt Return Avg. | t-1st | Nohl Williams (Cal) - 1 |
| | 1st | Tiger Bachmeier (STAN) - 34.0 |
| | 9th | Taylor Morin (WF) - 21.5 |
| Punt Return TDs | t-1st | Desmond Reid (Pitt) - 1 |
| | t-1st | Tiger Bachmeier (STAN) - 1 |
| | t-1st | Jaylin Lane (VT) - 1 |
| Punt Return TDs | t-1st | Taylor Morin (WF) - 1 |

TAKING OFFENSE

■ The ACC has four teams in the top 25 in scoring offense heading into Week 3, with all four offenses averaging over 41 points per game this year.

ACC's Top Scoring Offenses

| NCAA Rank | Team | PPG |
|-----------|----------------|------|
| 3rd | Louisville | 55.5 |
| 12th | Miami | 48.5 |
| 23rd | Boston College | 42.0 |
| 25th | Pitt | 41.5 |

■ The ACC also has seven teams that rank in the top 25 in passing offense on the season.

ACC's Top Passing Offenses

| NCAA Rank | Team | YPG |
|-----------|-------------|-------|
| 4th | Syracuse | 367.5 |
| 5th | Wake Forest | 361.5 |
| 7th | Miami | 354.5 |
| 11th | Pitt | 335.5 |
| 14th | Louisville | 327.5 |
| 15th | Virginia | 327.0 |
| 25th | Clemson | 301.0 |

■ The ACC has five teams ranked in the top 25 of all of FBS in total offense on the season.

ACC's Top Offenses in Total Offense

| NCAA Rank | Team | YPG |
|-----------|-------------|-------|
| 4th | Louisville | 590.5 |
| 11th | Miami | 539.0 |
| 12th | Pitt | 534.0 |
| 13th | Wake Forest | 528.5 |
| 22nd | Syracuse | 497.5 |

CAL-CULATED DEFENSE

■ The California Golden Bears have been very calculated on defense once again this season, as Cal is tied for the NCAA lead with eight takeaways (7 INTs, 1 FR) and a turnover Margin of +7 on the season.

■ Last season, the Cal Golden Bears finished the year tied for first nationally in takeaways with 28 (12 INTs, 16 FR).

SACKED LUNCH

■ Six ACC teams rank in the top 25 in total sacks through Week 2 of the season.

ACC's Team Sack Leaders

| NCAA Rank | Team | Total Sacks |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| t-4th | Louisville | 9.0 |
| t-6th | Pitt | 8.0 |
| t-6th | North Carolina | 8.0 |
| t-6th | Duke | 8.0 |
| t-6th | Miami | 8.0 |
| t-23rd | Virginia | 6.0 |

LET'S MEET BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE

■ The ACC has five teams ranked in the top 25 in total tackles-for-loss on the year.

ACC's Team Tackles-for-Loss Leaders

| NCAA Rank | Team | Total TFLs |
|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1st | Duke | 27.0 |
| t-5th | SMU | 21.0 |
| t-8th | Louisville | 19.0 |
| t-15th | Miami | 18.0 |
| t-15th | Pitt | 18.0 |

CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS

- The ACC is the Conference of Quarterbacks:
 - *13 quarterbacks named to the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award preseason watch list, the most of any conference.
 - *10 quarterbacks named to the Maxwell Award preseason watch list, no other conference had more.
 - * 8 quarterbacks named to the Davey O'Brien Award preseason watch list, no other conference had more.
 - * top-ranked group of quarterback transfers in 2024 by CBS Sports.
 - * 13 QBs in the league enter the 2024 season with over 20 career TD passes and 3,500 career passing yards.
 - * Since 2018, the ACC has had at least one quarterback drafted in the first round in five different drafts — the only conference to do that.
- ACC Quarterbacks entering Week 3 of the season:
 - * 5 quarterbacks are ranked in the top 15 of FBS in passing yards per game - most of any conference
 - * 5 quarterbacks are ranked in the top 15 of FBS in total yards per game - most of any conference
 - * 5 quarterbacks are ranked in the top 15 of ESPN's Total QBR - most of any conference
 - * 7 quarterbacks are ranked in the top 25 of FBS in total passing yards - most of any conference
 - * 8 quarterbacks are ranked in the top 25 of FBS in passing touchdowns - the second-most of any conference

■ Over the first part of the 2024 season, the ACC has had four different quarterbacks named the ACC Quarterback of the Week, as voted on by a select media panel.

ACC Quarterbacks of the Week

| Week | Winner |
|--------|--|
| Week 0 | Haynes King, Georgia Tech |
| Week 1 | Cam Ward, Miami |
| Week 2 | Cade Klubnik, Clemson (co) Kyle McCord, Syracuse (co) |

■ The ACC returns several full-time starters at quarterback in Thomas Castellanos at Boston College, Cade Klubnik at Clemson, Haynes King at Georgia Tech, Preston Stone at SMU, and Kyrion Drones at Virginia Tech, and adds transfers Maalik Murphy at Duke, DJ Uiagalelei at Florida State, Tyler Shough at Louisville, Cam Ward at Miami, Max Johnson at North Carolina, Grayson McCall at NC State, and Kyle McCord at Syracuse among others.

■ The ACC has been flooded with elite transfers at the quarterback position in 2024.

Player, School - National Ranking among all transfers

Cam Ward, Miami - No. 5 (On3); No. 14 (247sports)
 Maalik Murphy, Duke - No. 40 (247sports)
 DJ Uiagalelei, FSU - No. 47 (On3); No. 79 (247sports)
 Kyle McCord, Syracuse - No. 49 (On3); No. 80 (247sports)
 Grayson McCall, NCSU - No. 267 (On3); No. 121 (247sports)
 Chandler Rogers, Cal - No. 153 (On3)
 Max Johnson, UNC - No. 247 (On3)
 Jacoby Criswell, UNC - No. 289 (On3)

Other quarterback transfers include:

Hank Bachmeier, Wake Forest
 Gavin Frakes, Virginia
 CJ Harris, Cal
 Eli Holstein, Pitt
 Grayson James, Boston College
 Reese Poffenbarger, Miami
 Collin Schlee, Virginia Tech
 Tyler Shough, Louisville

CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS - NFL EDITION

■ The ACC is well-represented among NFL active rosters in 2024, as the league has 23 quarterbacks from an ACC school on 15 different teams in the preseason.

Lamar Jackson, Baltimore Ravens (Louisville)
 Devin Leary, Baltimore Ravens (NC State)
 Mitchell Trubisky, Buffalo Bills (North Carolina)
 Shane Buechele, Buffalo Bills (SMU)
 Jack Plummer, Carolina Panthers (Louisville)
 Deshaun Watson, Cleveland Browns (Clemson)
 Jameis Winston, Cleveland Browns (Florida State)
 Jared Goff, Detroit Lions (Cal)
 Davis Mills, Houston Texans (Stanford)
 Trevor Lawrence, Jacksonville Jaguars (Clemson)
 Jacoby Brissett, New England Patriots (NC State)
 Drake Maye, New England Patriots (North Carolina)
 Nathan Peterman, New Orleans Saints (Pitt)
 Tommy DeVito, New York Giants (Syracuse)
 Daniel Jones, New York Giants (Duke)
 Aaron Rodgers, New York Jets (Cal)
 Tyrod Taylor, New York Jets (Virginia Tech)
 Jordan Travis, New York Jets (Florida State)
 Tanner McKee, Philadelphia Eagles (Stanford)
 Kenny Pickett, Philadelphia Eagles (Pitt)
 Russell Wilson, Pittsburgh Steelers (NC State)
 Sam Howell, Seattle Seahawks (North Carolina)
 Sam Hartman, Washington Commanders (Wake Forest)

■ A total of seven quarterbacks with ties to current ACC schools started in Week 1 of the 2024 NFL season.

Lamar Jackson, Baltimore Ravens (Louisville)
 Deshaun Watson, Cleveland Browns (Clemson)
 Jared Goff, Detroit Lions (Cal)
 Trevor Lawrence, Jacksonville Jaguars (Clemson)
 Jacoby Brissett, New England Patriots (NC State)
 Daniel Jones, New York Giants (Duke)
 Aaron Rodgers, New York Jets (Cal)

MORE THAN JUST QBS IN THE ACC

■ The ACC is more than just great quarterbacks, as several players have stood out on the defensive side of the ball so far this year.

■ The ACC has three of the top 11 sack leaders through Week 2 of the season, including the top two players in all of FBS.

ACC Players Ranked in the Top 15 in NCAA in Sacks

| Rank | Player, School | Sacks |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1st | Jahvaree Ritzie, North Carolina | 5.0 |
| 2nd | Tyler Baron, Miami | 4.0 |
| t-7th | Tramel Logan, Louisville | 3.0 |

■ The ACC also has four of the top 10 FBS players in tackles-for-loss this season, led by Fadil Diggs of Syracuse.

ACC Players Ranked in the Top 10 in NCAA in TFLs

| Rank | Player, School | TFLs |
|-------|---------------------------------|------|
| 1st | Fadil Diggs, Syracuse | 6.0 |
| t-2nd | Tyler Baron, Miami | 5.5 |
| 3rd | Jahvaree Ritzie, North Carolina | 5.0 |
| t-5th | Alex Howard, Duke | 4.5 |

■ Cal's Nohl Williams is tied for the FBS lead in interceptions with three thus far this season.

■ Pitt's Desmond Reid leads all of FBS with an average of 244.00 all-purpose yards per game.

■ Stanford's Tiger Bachmeier leads all of FBS with a punt return average of 34.0 yards per return.

MOST CHALLENGING NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

■ The ACC is off to a solid start in non-conference play heading into Week 3 of the 2024 season. Teams in the ACC have posted a non-conference record of 23-5 over Weeks 0 through Week 2.

■ The ACC will play 12 non-conference games in Week 3, highlighted by a top-25 matchup between No. 24 Boston College and No. 6 Missouri in Columbia, Missouri (September 14 at 12:45 p.m. ET on SEC Network).

■ Overall, the ACC will play four Power 4 non-conference games in Week 3, only one of which is on the road.

ACC P4 Non-Conference Games in Week 3

| Matchup | Time |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| #24 Boston College at #6 Missouri | Sat., 12:45 p.m. ET |
| West Virginia at Pitt | Sat., 3:30 p.m. ET |
| #5 Ole Miss at Wake Forest | Sat., 6:30 p.m. ET |
| Maryland at Virginia | Sat., 8 p.m. ET |

■ The ACC's non-conference schedule continues to be the most challenging in the country.

This year's non-conference slate includes:

* 26 games against Power 4 opponents, including Notre Dame, the most of any conference. ^

* Nine non-conference games against teams ranked in the final 2023 AP Top 25 Poll, the most of any conference.

* 10 non-conference games against teams in ESPN's 2024 Way-Too-Early Top 25, the most of any conference.

^ does not include one game versus Oregon State.

■ Eleven schools – Boston College, California, Clemson, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Pitt, SMU, Stanford, Virginia and Virginia Tech – are scheduled to play two Power 4 conference opponents (including Notre Dame) this season.

TOUGH SLED AHEAD OVERALL

■ All 17 ACC teams are scheduled to play at least six games versus bowl teams from last season, highlighted by Georgia Tech slated to play 11 games against a team that played in a postseason bowl game last year.

RETURNING ALL-ACC PERFORMERS

■ Led by first-team selections Omarion Hampton (RB) and Bryson Nesbit (TE) of North Carolina, Xavier Restrepo (WR) and Andy Borregales (PK) of Miami, Darius Washington (OT) of Florida State, Ashton Gilotte (DE) of Louisville and Jonas Sanker (S) of Virginia, the ACC returns 42 players who earned first-, second-, or third-team All-ACC honors last year in 2023.

(7 first-team; 16 second-team; 19 third-team selections)

INCOMING IMPACT PLAYERS FROM THE PORTAL

■ According to On3.com, nine of the top 50 college football transfers are entering the ACC. They include No. 8 Cam Ward, QB, Miami; No. 17 Damien Martinez, RB, Miami; No. 20 Marvin Jones Jr., DE, Florida State; No. 32 Tyler Baron, DE, Miami; No. 37 Caullin Lacy, WR, Louisville, No. 46 Justin Joly, TE, NC State; No. 47 Noah Rogers, WR, NC State; No. 49 Kyle McCord, QB, Syracuse; No. 50 DJ Uiagalelei, QB, Florida State.

PREEMINENT PLAYERS

■ Once again, the ACC boasts some of the most preeminent players in all of college football in 2024. This year the ACC has the top returning passer, top returning receiver and the number three returning rusher in all of FBS from last year.

Top Returning Passer in FBS from 2023

Cam Ward (Miami) 311.3 passing yards per game

Top Returning Receiver in FBS from 2023

Caullin Lacy (Louisville) 109.7 receiving yards per game

Third Top Returning Rusher in FBS from 2023

Omarion Hampton (North Carolina) 1,504 rushing yards

ACC FIRSTS IN 2024

■ The three newest members of the ACC in Cal, SMU and Stanford will have several "ACC firsts" in 2024.

First Game as an ACC Member

| Team | Date | Opponent | Location/Result |
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------------|
| SMU | 8/24/24 | at Nevada | W, 29-24 |
| Stanford | 8/30/24 | TCU | L, 27-34 |
| Cal | 8/31/24 | UC Davis | W, 31-13 |

First ACC Game as an ACC Member

| Team | Date | Opponent | Location |
|----------|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| Stanford | 9/20/24 | at Syracuse | Syracuse, N.Y. |
| Cal | 9/21/24 | at Florida State | Tallahassee, Fla. |
| SMU | 9/28/24 | Florida State | Dallas, Texas |

First ACC Home Game as an ACC Member

| Team | Date | Opponent | Location |
|----------|---------|---------------|------------------|
| SMU | 9/28/24 | Florida State | Dallas, Texas |
| Cal | 10/5/24 | Miami | Berkeley, Calif. |
| Stanford | 10/5/24 | Virginia Tech | Stanford, Calif. |

■ Counting the head coaches from the three new schools in Cal, SMU and Stanford, as well as the two new head coaches at Boston College and Syracuse, a total of five coaches made their ACC coaching debuts this season.*

First Game as a head coach of an ACC School

| Coach, Team | Date | Opponent (Result) |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Rhett Lashlee, SMU | 8/24/24 | at Nevada (W, 29-24) |
| Troy Taylor, Stanford | 8/30/24 | TCU (L, 27-34) |
| Justin Wilcox, Cal | 8/31/24 | UC Davis (W, 31-13) |
| Fran Brown, Syracuse | 8/31/24 | Ohio (W, 38-22) |
| Bill O'Brien, BC | 9/2/24 | at FSU (W, 28-13) |

* Duke first-year head coach Manny Diaz coached in the ACC from 2019-21 at Miami.

AMONG THE NATION'S CAREER LEADERS

■ Several ACC players are among the nation's career leaders among active players.

ACC Players Among the Active FBS Career Leaders*

| Statistic | NCAA Ranking, Player |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Passing TDs | 3rd, Grayson McCall (NCSU) - 91 |
| | 10th, DJ Uiagalelei (FSU) - 58 |
| Passing Yards | 4th, Grayson McCall (NCSU) - 10,427 |
| | 7th, Hank Bachmeier (WF) - 9,329 |
| | 8th, DJ Uiagalelei (FSU) - 8,784 |
| Passing YPG | 4th, Cam Ward (UM) - 283.6 |
| | 8th, Grayson McCall (NCSU) - 237.0 |
| | 9th, Hank Bachmeier (WF) - 233.2 |
| Passing Efficiency | 1st, Grayson McCall (NCSU) - 175.80 |
| | 5th, Kyle McCord (SU) - 164.04 |
| | 8th, Preston Stone (SMU) - 155.27 |
| Total Offense | 4th, Grayson McCall (NCSU) - 11,562 |
| | 6th, DJ Uiagalelei (FSU) - 9,918 |
| | 10th, Hank Bachmeier (WF) - 9,420 |
| Total Offense YPG | 4th, Cam Ward (UM) - 292.8 |
| | 5th, Anthony Colandrea (UVA) - 290.9 |
| Rushing YPG | 7th, Jaydn Ott (Cal) - 87.4 |
| | 9th, Damien Martinez (UM) - 86.0 |
| Yards Per Carry | 8th, Damien Martinez (UM) - 6.1 |
| | 9th, Treshaun Ward (BC) - 6.1 |
| Receptions | 7th, Caullin Lacy (UL) - 207 |
| Receiving Yards | 8th, Caullin Lacy (UL) - 2,517 |
| All-Purpose Yards | 7th, Jaylin Lane (VT) - 3,715 |
| All-Purpose YPG | 2nd, Bhayshul Tuten (VT) - 126.80 |
| | 5th, Jaydn Ott (Cal) - 114.00 |
| Points Per Game | 2nd, Collin Rogers (SMU) - 8.7 |
| | 4th, Noah Burnette (UNC) - 8.2 |
| | 8th, Andres Borregales (UM) - 7.9 |
| Points | 4th, Andres Borregales (UM) - 308 |
| | t-5th, Ryan Fitzgerald (FSU) - 304 |
| Total Tackles | 6th, Marlowe Wax (SU) - 300 |
| | 7th, Antavious Lane (UNC) - 297 |
| Total TFLs | 1st, Kameron Butler (UVA) - 41.5 |
| | t-2nd, Jasheen Davis (WF) - 40.5 |
| | 5th, Marlowe Wax (SU) - 37.0 |
| | 10th, Tyler Baron (UM) 32.5 |
| TFLs Per Game | 5th, Jasheen Davis (WF) - 1.01 |
| Total Sacks | 3rd, Ashton Gillotte (UL) - 23.0 |
| | 4th, Kameron Butler (UVA) - 22.5 |
| | 6th, Jasheen Davis (WF) - 21.0 |
| | t-7th, Akheem Mesidor (UM) - 17.5 |
| | t-7th, Marlowe Wax (SU) - 17.5 |
| Sacks Per Game | 4th, Ashton Gillotte (UL) - 0.56 |
| | 7th, Jasheen Davis (WF) - 0.53 |
| Passes Defended | 3rd, Aydan White (NCSU) - 36 |
| | t-7th, Corey Thornton (UL) - 30 |
| | t-9th, Bryquice Brown (BC) - 29 |
| Interceptions | 1st, Antavious Lane (UNC) - 11 |
| | t-2nd, Nohi Williams (Cal) - 10 |
| Forced Fumbles | 1st, Marlowe Wax (SU) - 9 |
| | t-3rd, DK Kaufman (NCSU) - 6 |
| | t-3rd, Francisco Mauigoa (UM) - 6 |
| | t-3rd, Antwaun Powell-Ryland (VT) - 6 |
| | t-3rd, Cale Sanders Jr. (SMU) - 6 |
| Field Goal Pct. | 3rd, John Love (VT) - .897 |
| Field Goals Made Per Game | 5th, John Love (VT) - 1.53 |
| | 6th, Andres Borregales (UM) - 1.51 |
| | 7th, Todd Pelino (DU) - 1.50 |
| | 8th, Collin Rogers (SMU) - 1.47 |
| | t-9th, Noah Burnette (UNC) - 1.44 |
| Field Goals Made | 4th, Andres Borregales (UM) - 59 |
| Extra Points Made | 3rd, Ryan Fitzgerald (FSU) - 157 |
| | 10th, Andres Borregales (UM) - 131 |

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|---------------------|---|
| Punt Average | 7th, Lachlan Wilson (Cal) - 44.4 |
| | 8th, Daniel Sparks (UVA) - 44.2 |
| Total Punt Yards | 2nd, Lachlan Wilson (Cal) - 10,025 |
| | 6th, Peter Moore (VT) - 9,016 |
| | 7th, Alex Mastromanno (FSU) - 8,993 |
| | 10th, Ivan Mora (WF) - 8,137 |
| Punt Return Avg. | 1st, Tucker Holloway (VT) - 15.5 |
| | 3rd, Jaylin Lane (VT) - 12.5 |
| | 7th, Roderick Daniels, Jr. (SMU) - 10.7 |
| | 9th, Taylor Morin (WF) - 10.0 |
| Kickoff Return Avg. | 4th, Trebor Pena (SU) - 27.0 |
| | 6th, Key'Shawn Smith (SMU) - 26.8 |
| | 7th, Jaylin Lucas (FSU) - 26.6 |

*includes only stats years playing at an FBS school

■ Of the 13 active players with 4,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards, three hail from the ACC.

ACC Players with 4,000 passing & 1,000 rushing yards

| Rank | Player, School | Passing / Rushing |
|------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2nd | Grayson McCall, NCSU | 10,427 / 1,135 |
| 4th | DJ Uiagalelei, Florida State | 8,784 / 1,134 |
| 9th | Haynes King, Georgia Tech | 5,108 / 1,045 |

ACC IN THE CFP RANKINGS

■ In the final CFP top 25 rankings over the last four years there are only seven programs that have been in each – Clemson and NC State are included from the ACC. No conference has more than two teams that can state that claim.

■ Heading into the 2024 season, the ACC is the only conference to have every team ranked at least once in the first 10 years of the CFP rankings (2014-2023).

ACC in the CFP Rankings (2014-2023)

| Team | First Year |
|----------------|------------|
| Clemson | 2014 |
| Duke | 2014 |
| Florida State | 2014 |
| Georgia Tech | 2014 |
| Louisville | 2014 |
| North Carolina | 2015 |
| Pitt | 2016 |
| Virginia Tech | 2016 |
| Miami | 2017 |
| NC State | 2017 |
| Boston College | 2018 |
| Syracuse | 2018 |
| Virginia | 2018 |
| Wake Forest | 2019 |

■ With the addition of the three new schools in Cal, SMU and Stanford, 16 of the 17 current ACC programs have been ranked in the CFP rankings.

New Members in the CFP Rankings History

| Team | First Year |
|----------|------------|
| Stanford | 2014 |
| SMU | 2019 |
| Cal | N/A |

GAM WARD OF MIAMI NAMED PRESEASON POTY

■ Miami senior quarterback Cam Ward was voted the 2024 ACC Preseason Player of the Year, which was selected via a vote of 170 media members who were among those credentialed at the ACC Football Kickoff.

■ The nation's leading returner in passing yards per game this season, Ward finished the regular season last year leading the Pac-12 Conference with 323 completions while at Washington State in 2023. He ranked fourth in the country with an average of 311.3 passing yards per game and was sixth nationally with an average of 323.3 yards of total offense per game. Ward tallied seven 300-passing yard games, threw 25 touchdown passes, rushed for eight touchdowns and recorded five games with one rushing touchdown and at least two touchdown passes.

■ Ward led the 2024 ACC Preseason Player of the Year balloting with 71 votes, followed by North Carolina running back Omarion Hampton. Clemson linebacker Barrett Carter received 15 votes, Virginia Tech quarterback Kyron Drones garnered 13 votes and Georgia Tech quarterback Haynes King received 12 votes, as 11 players received at least one vote for Preseason Player of the Year.

2024 ACC Preseason Player of the Year

Rk. Name, Position, School

1. Cam Ward, QB, Miami (71)
2. Omarion Hampton, RB, North Carolina (38)
3. Barrett Carter, LB, Clemson (15)
4. Kyron Drones, QB, Virginia Tech (13)
5. Haynes King, QB, Georgia Tech (12)
6. Jaydn Ott, RB, Cal (8)
7. Ashton Gillotte, DL, Louisville (5)
8. Jordan Moore, WR, Duke (3)
9. Preston Stone, QB, SMU (2)
10. Bhayshul Tuten, RB, Virginia Tech (2)
11. Antwaun Powell-Ryland, DL, Virginia Tech (1)

*Votes in parentheses
170 media voters*

MIAMI PACES ALL-ACC PRESEASON TEAM

■ Led by Miami with five selections, nine Atlantic Coast Conference football programs had multiple players named to the 27-member 2024 All-ACC Preseason Football Team, which was announced on August 1.

■ A total of 12 teams had at least one representative on the All-ACC Preseason Team, selected via a vote of 170 media members who were among those credentialed at the ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte, North Carolina.

■ For the second consecutive year, Florida State had four selections. Clemson followed with three honorees, while Cal, Louisville, North Carolina, NC State, Syracuse and Virginia Tech all had two players each. SMU, Stanford and Virginia each had one player named to the team.

■ The preseason team features 20 returning All-ACC honorees from the 2023 season, including six first-team selections, seven second-team honorees and seven third-team picks. The list also includes 2023 All-Pac-12 First-Team selection in Cal running back Jaydn Ott, who was named to the preseason team at both running back and all-purpose back after leading the Pac-12 last year in rushing yards per game (109.6) and all-purpose yards per game (135.7) which both ranked in the top 10 in all of FBS football.

2024 Preseason All-ACC Football Team

Offense

QB: Cam Ward, Miami (85)
 RB: Omarion Hampton, North Carolina (114)
 RB: Jaydn Ott, Cal (70)
 WR: Kevin "KC" Concepcion, NC State (119)
 WR: Xavier Restrepo, Miami (93)
 WR: Elic Ayomanor, Stanford (42)
 TE: Oronde Gadsden II, Syracuse (48)
 AP: Jaydn Ott, Cal (49)
 OT: Darius Washington, Florida State (93)
 OT: Blake Miller, Clemson (53)
 OG: Willie Lampkin, North Carolina (64)
 OG: Michael Gonzalez, Louisville (56)
 C: Maurice Smith, Florida State (62)

Defense

DE: Ashton Gillotte, Louisville (52)
 DE: Rueben Bain, Jr., Miami (49)
 DT: Joshua Farmer, Florida State (75)
 DT: Aeneas Peebles, Virginia Tech (64)
 LB: Barrett Carter, Clemson (129)
 LB: Francisco Mauigoa, Miami (72)
 LB: Marlowe Wax, Syracuse (67)
 CB: Dorian Strong, Virginia Tech (65)
 CB: Aydan White, NC State (56)
 S: Jonas Sanker, Virginia (73)
 S: R.J. Mickens, Clemson (44)

Specialists

PK: Andres Borregales, Miami (92)
 P: Alex Mastromanno, Florida State (81)
 SP: Brashard Smith, SMU (36)

FLORIDA STATE FAVORED TO REPEAT IN 2024

■ Florida State, the 2023 defending ACC Champions, has been picked to win the 2024 Atlantic Coast Conference football title.

■ The 2024 ACC Preseason Poll was conducted via a vote of a media panel, including those who were credentialed at the ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte, North Carolina.

■ The Seminoles went 13-1 overall last season, including a perfect 8-0 record in conference play, on their way to winning the 2023 ACC title and the program's first ACC Championship since 2014. Florida State was predicted as the 2024 ACC champion on 81 ballots.

■ Coming off a 9-4 season last year, which ended with five-straight wins, including a victory in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, Clemson garnered 55 first-place votes. Miami racked up 17 first-place votes, while NC State (8), Virginia Tech (5) and Cal (2) also received multiple first-place votes. Boston College and Georgia Tech each received one first-place vote.

■ Florida State led all teams with 2,708 points, while Clemson was second with 2,657 points. Miami placed third with 2,344 points, and NC State captured fourth with 2,318 points. The next two teams were tightly bunched, with Louisville in fifth with 1,984 points and Virginia Tech in sixth with 1,968 points.

2024 ACC Preseason Poll

| Rank | Team | Points |
|------|--------------------|--------|
| 1. | Florida State (81) | 2708 |
| 2. | Clemson (55) | 2657 |
| 3. | Miami (17) | 2344 |
| 4. | NC State (8) | 2318 |
| 5. | Louisville | 1984 |
| 6. | Virginia Tech (5) | 1968 |
| 7. | SMU | 1798 |
| 8. | North Carolina | 1712 |
| 9. | Georgia Tech (1) | 1539 |
| 10. | Cal (2) | 1095 |
| 11. | Duke | 1056 |
| 12. | Syracuse | 1035 |
| 13. | Pitt | 1016 |
| 14. | Boston College (1) | 890 |
| 15. | Wake Forest | 784 |
| 16. | Virginia | 629 |
| 17. | Stanford | 477 |

*First-place votes in parentheses
170 media voters*

20TH ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SET FOR 8 P.M. ET

■ The 2024 ACC Football Championship Game will be the 20th ACC Football Championship Game.

■ The championship game will kick off at 8 p.m. ET on ABC on Saturday, December 7, at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte. For the second consecutive season, the championship game will feature the top two teams based on regular-season conference winning percentage.

■ This is the 15th time in the last 16 years that the game will be held in primetime. A total of 13 different teams have competed in the game since it began in 2005. Last season, No. 4 Florida State used a dominant defensive performance to defeat No. 14 Louisville 16-6 to win its fifth ACC Football Championship Game (2005, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2023) and its 16th ACC title.

■ Bank of America Stadium, home of the NFL's Carolina Panthers, has been the site of 13 of the last 14 ACC Football Championship Games. In 2018, the ACC and the Charlotte Sports Foundation reached an agreement to keep the game in Charlotte through 2030. Not including the 2020 game, which had limited attendance due to the pandemic, ACC Football championship games played at Bank of America Stadium have had an average attendance of nearly 70,000 fans. The ACC has the second-highest average attendance of any Power 5 conference championship game since 2010.

■ The winner of the conference championship game has gone on to play in the National Championship Game or compete in the College Football Playoff in eight of the last 11 seasons, including two teams in 2020.

2024-30 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE MODEL ANNOUNCED

■ The ACC announced its future football schedule model for the next seven years, 2024-2030. With the addition of the ACC's three new member institutions beginning this fall – Cal, SMU and Stanford – the new model will go into effect starting with the 2024 season.

■ The new schedule will continue with no divisions, feature 17 schools and will increase the number of annual conference matchups from 56 to 68. The top two teams based on conference winning percentage will compete in the ACC Football Championship Game on the first Saturday in December at Bank of America Stadium.

■ The approved format will continue to have each member institution play eight conference games per season, with all 17 teams playing each other at least twice over the next seven seasons – once at home and once on the road. The previous 14 conference teams from 2023 will play a total of three times each in California over the seven years, and none will travel west to California in back-to-back seasons.

■ The new model protects 16 annual matchups. Of the 16 matchups, 11 were retained from the current 3-5-5 schedule model, two were restored rivalries from the divisional format in Miami-Virginia Tech and NC State-Wake Forest and the three new schools fill the remaining three. The annual protected matchups are Boston College-Syracuse, Boston College-Pitt, Syracuse-Pitt, North Carolina-Virginia, North Carolina-Duke, North Carolina-NC State, NC State-Wake Forest, NC State-Duke, Duke-Wake Forest, Virginia Tech-Virginia, Florida State-Clemson, Miami-Florida State, Miami-Virginia Tech, Stanford-Cal, Stanford-SMU, and Cal-SMU.

CHASING A COACHING LEGEND

■ Clemson head football coach Dabo Swinney, in his 17th season at the helm of the Tigers' program, has recorded 171 wins overall. His 171 wins are just two behind legendary Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden for the most overall wins by a head coach while coaching at an ACC member school.

Most Wins Overall While Coaching at an ACC School

| Rank | Coach (Team) | Wins |
|------|------------------------------|------|
| 1. | Bobby Bowden (Florida State) | 173 |
| 2. | Dabo Swinney (Clemson) | 171 |
| 3. | George Welsh (Virginia) | 134 |
| 4. | Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech) | 113 |
| 5. | Mack Brown (North Carolina) | 109 |

ACC COACHING NOTES

■ ACC head football coaches headlined the 2024 Dodd Trophy Preseason Watch List, as announced by the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Foundation and the Peach Bowl, as six coaches across the ACC were named to the preseason watch list, the most of any conference.

■ The six head coaches hailing from the ACC included Jeff Brohm of Louisville, Mario Cristobal of Miami, Dave Doeren of NC State, Mike Norvell of Florida State, Brent Pry of Virginia Tech and Dabo Swinney of Clemson.

■ Among active FBS head coaches, the ACC's Dabo Swinney (Clemson), Mike Norvell (Florida State), Rhett Lashlee (SMU), Mack Brown (North Carolina), Troy Taylor (Stanford), Bill O'Brien (Boston College), Dave Doeren (NC State) and Jeff Brohm (Louisville) rank among the top 50 in the nation in career winning percentage.

■ North Carolina's Mack Brown is tied with Brian Kelly of LSU for the most career wins among all active coaches with 284 career wins.

■ North Carolina's Mack Brown made college football history last season in 2023, becoming the first head coach to win 100 games at two different FBS schools. He recorded 158 wins at Texas from 1998-2013 and has posted 109 wins at North Carolina in what is now his 16th season in Chapel Hill.

■ Clemson's Dabo Swinney owns 171 career wins, the eighth-most among active coaches. Swinney joins Bobby Bowden (173) as the only two head coaches to lead an ACC program to 150 wins.

■ Two of the three active coaches to win a national title reside in the ACC. Dabo Swinney led Clemson to national titles in 2016 and 2018. North Carolina's Mack Brown won a national title at Texas in 2005.

■ Four current league coaches have won ACC Coach of the Year honors - North Carolina's Mack Brown (1996), Clemson's Dabo Swinney (2015 & 2018), Wake Forest's Dave Clawson (2021) and Florida State's Mike Norvell (2023).

■ Four current ACC coaches have won over 100 games in their coaching careers - Mack Brown (North Carolina), Dabo Swinney (Clemson), Dave Clawson (Wake Forest) and Dave Doeren (NC State).

CONSISTENT COACHING STAFFS

■ Entering the 2024 season, there were just seven FBS programs in the country to return its entire staff from the 2023 season, five of which are in the ACC.

Teams with 100% of the Coaching Staff Returning

| Team | Conference |
|---------------|------------|
| Florida State | ACC |
| Liberty | CUSA |
| Louisville | ACC |
| NC State | ACC |
| Stanford | ACC |
| Utah | Big 12 |
| Wake Forest | ACC |

SYRACUSE, DUKE & BC HIRE NEW HEAD COACHES

■ Fran Brown was named the 31st head coach at Syracuse on November 28, 2023. A native of Camden, New Jersey, Brown spent the past two seasons with Georgia (2022-23), including a part of the national championship team in 2022. He has also coached at Rutgers (2020-21), Baylor (2017-18), and Temple (2011-16).

■ Manny Diaz was named the 23rd head football coach at Duke on December 7, 2023. The former Miami head coach, most recently served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Penn State for the past two seasons. In Diaz's 26 years of coaching, three have been spent as a head coach and 15 as a defensive coordinator.

■ Bill O'Brien becomes the 37th head coach in Boston College history, it was announced on February 9, 2024. A 32-year coaching veteran in the college and professional ranks, O'Brien was elevated to his first head coaching post at Penn State in 2012. He guided the Nittany Lions to an overall record of 15-9 and 10-6 Big Ten mark during the span of two seasons while directing the program through a postseason ban. He was named the head coach of the NFL's Houston Texans in 2014, leading the franchise to a 52-48 record, four AFC South Division titles, and four playoff appearances - including two Wild Card round wins - between 2014 and 2020. After his time in Houston, O'Brien returned to the college game as the quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator at Alabama under Nick Saban in 2021 and 2022.

COACHING RECORDS

*as of Sept. 10, 2024

CAREER VICTORIES - ACTIVE COACHES

| Rk | Name (Current School) | Wins |
|-----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Mack Brown (North Carolina) | 284 |
| | Brian Kelly (LSU) | 284 |
| 3. | K.C. Keeler (Sam Houston) | 263 |
| 4. | Kirk Ferentz (Iowa) | 209 |
| 5. | Willie Fritz (Houston) | 208 |
| 6. | Chris Creighton (Eastern Michigan) | 192 |
| 7. | Rich Rodriguez (Jacksonville State) | 181 |
| 8. | Dabo Swinney (Clemson) | 171 |
| 9. | Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State) | 168 |
| 10. | Lance Leipold (Kansas) | 164 |
| | Kyle Whittingham (Utah) | 164 |
| 12. | Dave Clawson (Wake Forest) | 154 |
| 13. | Bronco Mendenhall (New Mexico) | 135 |
| 14. | Troy Calhoun (Air Force) | 131 |
| 15. | Chuck Martin (Miami (OH)) | 130 |
| 16. | Curt Cignetti (Indiana) | 121 |
| 17. | Bret Bielema (Illinois) | 117 |
| 18. | James Franklin (Penn State) | 114 |
| 19. | Pete Lembo (Buffalo) | 113 |
| | Bob Chesney (James Madison) | 113 |
| | Chris Klieman (Kansas State) | 113 |
| 22. | Jamey Chadwell (Liberty) | 112 |
| 23. | Ken Niumatalolo (San Jose State) | 111 |
| 24. | Jeff Monken (Army) | 108 |
| 25. | Kalen DeBoer (Alabama) | 107 |
| 27. | Dave Doeren (NC State) | 105 |
| 39. | Jeff Brohm (Louisville) | 78 |
| 40. | Mario Cristobal (Miami) | 76 |
| 47. | Mike Norvell (Florida State) | 69 |
| 48. | Pat Narduzzi (Pitt) | 67 |

CAREER WINNING PERCENTAGE - ACTIVE COACHES

| Rk | Name (Current School) | Record | Pct. ^ |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. | Kalen DeBoer (Alabama) | 107-12 | .899 |
| 2. | Ryan Day (Ohio State) | 58-8 | .879 |
| 3. | Kirby Smart (Georgia) | 96-16 | .857 |
| 4. | Dan Lanning (Oregon) | 24-5 | .828 |
| 5. | Lincoln Riley (USC) | 76-18 | .809 |
| 6. | Jon Sumrall (Tulane) | 24-6 | .800 |
| 7. | Dabo Swinney (Clemson) | 171-44 | .795 |
| 8. | Curt Cignetti (Indiana) | 121-35 | .776 |
| 9. | Chris Klieman (Kansas State) | 113-37 | .753 |
| 10. | Josh Heupel (Tennessee) | 57-20 | .740 |
| 11. | Brian Kelly (LSU) | 284-104-2 | .731 |
| 12. | Lance Leipold (Kansas) | 164-61 | .729 |
| 13. | Jeff Traylor (UTSA) | 40-15 | .727 |
| 14. | Bob Chesney (James Madison) | 113-46 | .711 |
| 15. | K.C. Keeler (Sam Houston) | 263-110-1 | .705 |
| 16. | Luke Fickell (Wisconsin) | 73-31 | .702 |
| 17. | Marcus Freeman (Notre Dame) | 20-9 | .690 |
| 18. | Brian Bohannon (Kennesaw State) | 71-32 | .689 |
| 19. | Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State) | 168-79 | .680 |
| 20. | James Franklin (Penn State) | 114-54 | .679 |
| 21. | Kyle Whittingham (Utah) | 164-79 | .675 |
| 22. | Deion Sanders (Colorado) | 31-15 | .674 |
| 23. | Mike Norvell (Florida State) | 69-34 | .670 |
| 24. | Rhett Lashlee (SMU) | 20-10 | .667 |
| | G.J. Kinne (Texas State) | 10-5 | .667 |
| | Tim Beck (Coastal Carolina) | 10-5 | .667 |

- Mack Brown (North Carolina) 284-149-1 .656
- Troy Taylor (Stanford) 34-18 .654
- Bill O'Brien (Boston College) 17-9 .654
- Dave Doeren (NC State) 105-63 .625
- Jeff Brohm (Louisville) 78-48 .619

^ minimum one full season as a coach

ACC HEAD COACHING RECORDS

| Head Coach, School | Year | Overall | | | at an ACC School | | |
|------------------------------|------|-----------|-------|------|------------------|----------|-------|
| | | Record | Pct. | Pct. | Year | Record | Pct. |
| Bill O'Brien, Boston College | 3rd | 17-9 | .654 | | 1st | 2-0 | 1.000 |
| Justin Wilcox, California | 8th | 38-43 | .469 | | 1st | 2-0 | 1.000 |
| Dabo Swinney, Clemson | 17th | 171-44 | .795 | | 17th | 171-44 | .795 |
| Manny Diaz, Duke | 4th | 23-15 | .605 | | 4th | 23-15 | .605 |
| Mike Norvell, Florida State | 9th | 69-34 | .670 | | 5th | 31-19 | .620 |
| Brent Key, Georgia Tech | 3rd | 13-11 | .542 | | 3rd | 13-11 | .542 |
| Jeff Brohm, Louisville | 11th | 78-48 | .619 | | 2nd | 12-4 | .750 |
| Mario Cristobal, Miami | 14th | 76-73 | .510 | | 3rd | 14-13 | .519 |
| Mack Brown, North Carolina | 36th | 284-149-1 | .656 | | 16th | 109-73-1 | .598 |
| Dave Doeren, NC State | 14th | 105-63 | .625 | | 12th | 82-59 | .582 |
| Pat Narduzzi, Pitt | 10th | 67-50 | .573 | | 10th | 67-50 | .573 |
| Rhett Lashlee, SMU | 3rd | 20-10 | .667 | | 1st | 2-1 | .667 |
| Troy Taylor, Stanford | 5th | 34-18 | .654 | | 1st | 1-1 | .500 |
| Fran Brown, Syracuse | 1st | 2-0 | 1.000 | | 1st | 2-0 | 1.000 |
| Tony Elliott, Virginia | 3rd | 8-16 | .333 | | 3rd | 8-16 | .333 |
| Brent Pry, Virginia Tech | 3rd | 11-15 | .423 | | 3rd | 11-15 | .423 |
| Dave Clawson, Wake Forest | 25th | 154-142 | .520 | | 11th | 64-62 | .508 |

PRESEASON WATCH LISTS

■ Below is a full list of ACC football players named to national preseason watch lists for 2024.

Lott IMPACT Trophy

Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB
Tre Freeman, Duke, LB
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DL
Rueben Bain, Jr., Miami, DE
Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina, RUSH
David Bailey, Stanford, LB
Marlowe Wax, Syracuse, LB

Maxwell Award

Thomas Castellanos, Boston College, QB
Jaydn Ott, Cal, RB
Cade Klubnik, Clemson, QB
Phil Mafah, Clemson, RB
Jordan Moore, Duke, WR
DJ Uiagalelei, Florida State, QB
Haynes King, Georgia Tech, QB
Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech, RB
Tyler Shough, Louisville, QB
Damien Martinez, Miami, RB
Xavier Restrepo, Miami, WR
Cam Ward, Miami, QB
Grayson McCall, NC State, QB
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB
Preston Stone, SMU, QB
Elic Ayomanor, Stanford, WR
Kyle McCord, Syracuse, QB
LeQuint Allen, Syracuse, RB
Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech, QB
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech, RB

Patrick Mannelly Award

Philip Florenzo, Clemson, LS

Bronko Nagurski Trophy

Peter Woods, Clemson, DE
Joshua Farmer, Florida State, DT
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE
Francisco Mauigoa, Miami, LB
Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina, DE
Jonas Sanker, Virginia, S
Aeneas Peebles, Virginia Tech, DT

Outland Trophy

Ozzy Trapilo, Boston College, OT
Blake Miller, Clemson, OT
Joshua Farmer, Florida State, DT
Darius Washington, Florida State, OT
Weston Franklin, Georgia Tech, C
Michael Gonzalez, Louisville, OG
Jalen Rivers, Miami, OT
Zeke Correll, NC State, C
Justin Osborne, SMU, C

Paycom Jim Thorpe Award

Shyheim Brown, Florida State, DB
Quincy Riley, Louisville, DB
Aydan White, NC State, CB
Donovan McMillon, Pitt, DB
Jonas Sanker, Virginia, S

Jet Award

Brashard Smith, SMU, RB
Tucker Holloway, Virginia Tech, WR
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech, RB

Ray Guy Award

Lachlan Wilson, Cal, P
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P
Daniel Sparks, Virginia, P
Peter Moore, Virginia Tech, P
Ivan Mora, Wake Forest, P

Lou Groza Award

Todd Pelino, Duke, PK
Ryan Fitzgerald, Florida State, PK
Aidan Birr, Georgia Tech, PK
Andres Borregales, Miami, PK
Noah Burnette, North Carolina, PK
Will Bettridge, Virginia, PK
John Love, Virginia Tech, PK

Paul Hornung Award

Jayden McGowan, Boston College, WR
Jaydn Ott, Cal, RB
Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech, RB
Caulin Lacy, Louisville, WR
Alijah Huzzie, North Carolina, DB
Kenny Johnson, Pitt, WR
Trebora Pena, Syracuse, WR
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech, RB

Wuerffel Trophy

Donovan Ezeiruaku, Boston College, DE
Jaydn Ott, Cal, RB
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB
Maurice Smith, Florida State, OL
Clayton Powell-Lee, Georgia Tech, DB
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DL
Jaden Harris, Miami, DB
Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina, RUSH
Brandon Cleveland, NC State, DT
Brandon George, Pitt, LB
Jonathan McGill, SMU, S
Tristan Sinclair, Stanford, ILB
Justin Barron, Syracuse, DB
Will Bettridge, Virginia, PK
Jaylin Lane, Virginia Tech, WR
Justin Cody, Wake Forest, DL

Walter Camp Award

D.J. Uiagalelei, Florida State, QB
Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech, RB
Cam Ward, Miami, QB
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB
Grayson McCall, NC State, QB
Elic Ayomanor, Stanford, WR
Kyle McCord, Syracuse, QB

Doak Walker Award

Kye Robichaux, Boston College, RB
Jaydn Ott, Cal, RB
Phil Mafah, Clemson, RB
Jaquez Moore, Duke, RB
Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech, RB
Donald Chaney, Louisville, RB
Damien Martinez, Miami, RB
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB
Jordan Waters, NC State, RB
Rodney Hammond Jr., Pitt, RB
Jaylan Knighton, SMU, RB
Ryan Butler, Stanford, RB
LeQuint Allen, Syracuse, RB
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech, RB
Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest, RB

Biletnikoff Award

Jordan Moore, Duke, WR
Caulin Lacy, Louisville, WR
Samuel Brown, Miami, WR
Jacolby George, Miami, WR
Xavier Restrepo, Miami, WR
Kevin "KC" Concepcion, NC State, WR
Elic Ayomanor, Stanford, WR
Malachi Fields, Virginia, WR

Comeback Player of the Year Award

Bryce Steele, Boston College, LB
CJ Harris, Cal, QB
Cole Turner, Clemson, WR
Eli Pancol, Duke, WR
Leo Blackburn, Georgia Tech, WR
Sylvain Yondjouen, Georgia Tech, DL
Ja'Corey Brooks, Louisville, WR
Tyler Shough, Louisville, QB
Emory Williams, Miami, QB
Kobe Paysour, North Carolina, WR
Grayson McCall, NC State, QB
Trebora Pena, Syracuse, WR
Oronde Gadsden II, Syracuse, TE
Kam Butler, Virginia, DE
Nick Gallo, Virginia Tech, TE
Ali Jennings, Virginia Tech, WR
Donavon Greene, Wake Forest, WR

Davey O'Brien Award

Cade Klubnik, Clemson, QB
DJ Uiagalelei, Florida State, QB
Haynes King, Georgia Tech, QB
Cam Ward, Miami, QB
Grayson McCall, NC State, QB
Preston Stone, SMU, QB
Kyle McCord, Syracuse, QB
Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech, QB

John Mackey Award

Jack Endries, Cal, TE
Jake Briningstool, Clemson, TE
Kyle Morlock, Florida State, TE
Mark Redman, Louisville, TE
John Copenhaver, North Carolina, TE
Bryson Nesbit, North Carolina, TE
Justin Joly, NC State, TE
Gavin Bartholomew, Pitt, TE
R.J. Maryland, SMU, TE
Sam Roush, Stanford, TE
Nick Gallo, Virginia Tech, TE

Rimington Trophy

Drew Kendall, Boston College, C
Maurice Smith, Florida State, C
Weston Franklin, Georgia Tech, C
Pete Nygra, Louisville, C
Zeke Correll, NC State, C
Justin Osborne, SMU, C
Levi Rogers, Stanford, C
Brian Stevens, Virginia, C
Luke Petitbon, Wake Forest, C

Dick Butkus Award

Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB
Francisco Mauigoa, Miami, LB
Power Echols, North Carolina, LB
Sean Brown, NC State, LB
Gaethan Bernadel, Stanford, LB
Marlowe Wax, Syracuse, LB
Sam Brumfield, Virginia Tech, LB

Bednarik Award

Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB
Peter Woods, Clemson, DT
Tre Freeman, Duke, LB
Joshua Farmer, Florida State, DT
Patrick Payton, Florida State, DE
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE
Quincy Riley, Louisville, CB
Rueben Bain, Jr., Miami, DE
Francisco Mauigoa, Miami, LB
Power Echols, North Carolina, LB
Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina, Edge
Davin Vann, NC State, DE
Donovan McMillon, Pitt, S
Elijah Roberts, SMU, DE
Marlowe Wax, Syracuse, LB
Jonas Sanker, Virginia, S
Aeneas Peebles, Virginia Tech, DT
Antwaun Powell-Ryland, Virginia Tech, DE
Jasheen Davis, Wake Forest, DE

Manning Award

Thomas Castellanos, Boston College, QB
Cade Klubnik, Clemson, QB
Haynes King, Georgia Tech, QB
Preston Stone, SMU, QB
Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech, QB

Lombardi Award

Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB
Blake Miller, Clemson, OT
Peter Woods, Clemson, DT
Darius Washington, Florida State, OT
Patrick Payton, Florida State, DE
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE
Rueben Bain, Jr., Miami, DE
Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina, DE
Logan Parr, SMU, OG
Aeneas Peebles, Virginia Tech, DT
Antwaun Powell-Ryland, Virginia Tech, DE

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award

Thomas Castellanos, Boston College, QB
Fernando Mendoza, Cal, QB
Cade Klubnik, Clemson, QB
DJ Uiagalelei, Florida State, QB
Haynes King, Georgia Tech, QB
Tyler Shough, Louisville, QB
Cam Ward, Miami, QB
Grayson McCall, NC State, QB
Nate Yarnell, Pitt, QB
Preston Stone, SMU, QB
Ashton Daniels, Stanford, QB
Kyle McCord, Syracuse, QB
Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech, QB

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award

Chandler Rogers, Cal, QB
 Cade Klubnik, Clemson, QB
 Jeremiah Byers, Florida State, OL
 Haynes King, Georgia Tech, QB
 Damien Martinez, Miami, RB
 Cam Ward, Miami, QB
 Nate Yarnell, Pitt, QB
 Preston Stone, SMU, QB
 J'Onre Reed, Syracuse, C
 Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech, QB

Reese's Senior Bowl

Kam Arnold, Boston College, LB
 Bryquice Brown, Boston College, DB
 Donovan Ezeiruaku, Boston College, DL
 Cam Horsley, Boston College, DL
 Amari Jackson, Boston College, DB
 Ozzy Trapilo, Boston College, OL
 Treshaun Ward, Boston College, RB
 Teddye Buchanan, Cal, LB
 Kadarius Calloway, Cal, RB
 Xavier Carlton, Cal, DL
 Ricky Correia, Cal, DL
 Marcus Harris, Cal, DB
 Jaydn Ott, Cal, RB
 David Reese, Cal, DL
 Rush Reimer, Cal, OL
 T.J. Session, Cal, OL
 Nohl Williams, Cal, DB
 Craig Woodson, Cal, DB
 Jake Briningstool, Clemson, TE
 DeMonte Capehart, Clemson, DL
 Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB
 Phil Mafah, Clemson, RB
 R.J. Mickens, Clemson, DB
 Blake Miller, Clemson, OL
 Walker Parks, Clemson, OL
 Aidan Swanson, Clemson, P
 Marcus Tate, Clemson, OL
 Jaquez Moore, Duke, RB
 Jordan Moore, Duke, WR
 Ozzie Nicholas, Duke, LB
 Malik Benson, Florida State, WR
 Jeremiah Byers, Florida State, OL
 Fentrell Cypress II, Florida State, DB
 Joshua Farmer, Florida State, DL
 Ryan Fitzgerald, Florida State, K
 Darrell Jackson Jr., Florida State, DL
 Marvin Jones Jr., Florida State, DL
 DJ Lundy, Florida State, DL
 Alex Mastroanno, Florida State, P
 Patrick Payton, Florida State, DL
 Cam Riley, Florida State, LB
 Azareye'h Thomas, Florida State, DB
 Lawrence Tafilli, Florida State, RB
 DJ Uigalelei, Florida State, QB
 Darius Washington, Florida State, OL
 Roydell Williams, Florida State, RB
 Zeek Biggers, Georgia Tech, DL
 Weston Franklin, Georgia Tech, OL
 Kevin Harris, Georgia Tech, DL
 Jordan Williams, Georgia Tech, OL
 Sylvain Yondjouen, Georgia Tech, DL
 Ja'Corey Brooks, Louisville, WR
 Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DL
 Thor Griffith, Louisville, DL
 Caullin Lacy, Louisville, WR
 Tamarion McDonald, Louisville, DB
 Jonathan Mendoza, Louisville, OL

Tahveon Nicholson, Louisville, DB
 Mark Redman, Louisville, TE
 Quincy Riley, Louisville, DB
 Tyler Shough, Louisville, QB
 Corey Thornton, Louisville, DB
 Tyler Baron, Miami, DL
 Simeon Barrow Jr., Miami, DL
 Andres Borregales, Miami, K
 Samuel Brown, Miami, WR
 Jacolby George, Miami, WR
 Damien Martinez, Miami, RB
 Francisco Mauigoa, Miami, LB
 Akheem Mesidor, Miami, DL
 Daryl Porter Jr., Miami, DB
 Mishael Powell, Miami, DB
 Xavier Restrepo, Miami, WR
 Jalen Rivers, Miami, OL
 Cam Ward, Miami, QB
 Marcus Allen, North Carolina, DB
 Power Echols, North Carolina, LB
 Desmond Evans, North Carolina, LB
 Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, LB
 Max Johnson, North Carolina, QB
 J.J. Jones, North Carolina, WR
 Willie Lampkin, North Carolina, OL
 Bryson Nesbit, North Carolina, TE
 Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina, DL
 Anthony Belton, NC State, OL
 Sean Brown, NC State, DL
 Zeke Correll, NC State, OL
 Grayson McCall, NC State, QB
 Caden Noonkester, NC State, P
 Davin Vann, NC State, DL
 Jordan Waters, NC State, RB
 Aydan White, NC State, DB
 Gavin Bartholomew, Pitt, TE
 Donovan McMillon, Pitt, DB
 Konata Mumpfield, Pitt, WR
 Branson Taylor, Pitt, OL
 Jake Bailey, SMU, WR
 Anthony Booker Jr., SMU, DL
 Brandon Crossley, SMU, DB
 Jared Harrison-Hunte, SMU, DL
 Jahfari Harvey, SMU, LB
 Jaylan Knighton, SMU, RB
 Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU, DB
 Elijah Roberts, SMU, DL
 Preston Stone, SMU, QB
 Elic Ayomanor, Stanford, WR
 Gaethan Bernadel, Stanford, LB
 Zahran Manley, Stanford, DB
 Dion Wilson Jr., Syracuse, DL
 Justin Barron, Syracuse, DB
 Aljiah Clark, Syracuse, DB
 Fadil Diggs, Syracuse, LB
 Oronde Gadsden II, Syracuse, TE
 Kyle McCord, Syracuse, QB
 Savion Washington, Syracuse, OL
 Marlowe Wax, Syracuse, LB
 Chico Bennett Jr., Virginia, LB
 Jonas Sanker, Virginia, DB
 Brian Stevens, Virginia, OL
 Chris Tyree, Virginia, WR
 Sam Brumsfield, Virginia Tech, LB
 Mansoor Delane, Virginia Tech, DB
 Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech, QB
 Da'Quan Felton, Virginia Tech, WR
 Ali Jennings, Virginia Tech, WR
 Jaylin Lane, Virginia Tech, WR
 Keli Lawson, Virginia Tech, LB

Kaden Moore, Virginia Tech, OL
 Antwaun Powell-Ryland, Virginia Tech, LB
 Jalen Stroman, Virginia Tech, DB
 Dorian Strong, Virginia Tech, DB
 Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech, RB
 Branson Combs, Wake Forest, LB
 Jasheen Davis, Wake Forest, DL
 Donavon Greene, Wake Forest, WR
 Taylor Morin, Wake Forest, WR

Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year

Sammy Brown, Clemson, LB
 TJ Moore, Clemson, WR
 Elija Lofton, Miami, TE
 Samson Okunlola, Miami, OG
 Noah Rogers, NC State, WR

ACC NOMINEES FOR AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

■ The ACC had 16 student-athletes recognized as nominees for the 2024 AFCA Good Works Team.

AFCA Good Works Team Nominees

Donovan Ezeiruaku, Boston College
 Jaydn Ott, Cal
 Barrett Carter, Clemson
 Maurice Smith, Florida State
 Clayton Powell-Lee, Georgia Tech
 Ashton Gillotte, Louisville
 Jaden Harris, Miami
 Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina
 Brandon Cleveland, NC State
 Brandon George, Pitt
 Jonathan McGill, SMU
 Tristan Sinclair, Stanford
 Justin Barron, Syracuse
 Will Bettridge, Virginia
 Jaylin Lane, Virginia Tech
 Justin Cody, Wake Forest

PRESEASON HONORS & RECOGNITION

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

Action Network Preseason All-America

Kevin "KC" Concepcion, NC State, WR (2nd)
Darius Washington, Florida State, OT (2nd)
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE (2nd)
Antwaun Powell-Ryland, Virginia Tech, DE (2nd)
Francisco Mauigoa, Miami, LB (2nd)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (2nd)

Associated Press Preseason All-America

Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB (1st)
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE (1st)
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (1st)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (1st)
Andrew Borregales, Miami, PK (2nd)

Athlon Sports Preseason All-America

Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (1st)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (1st)
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB (2nd)
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE (2nd)
Andrew Borregales, Miami, PK (2nd)
Damien Martinez, Miami, RB (3rd)
Jaydn Ott, Cal, RB/AP (3rd)
Kevin "KC" Concepcion, NC State, WR (3rd)
Xavier Restrepo, Miami, WR (3rd)
Jalen Rivers, Miami, OL (3rd)
Darius Washington, Florida State, OL (3rd)
Rueben Bain, Jr., Miami, DL (3rd)
Patrick Payton, Florida State, DL (3rd)
Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina, LB (3rd)
Francisco Mauigoa, Miami, LB (3rd)
Brashard Smith, SMU, KR (3rd)
Tucker Holloway, Virginia Tech, PR (3rd)
Caullin Lacy, Louisville, WR (4th)
Blake Miller, Clemson, OL (4th)
Antwaun Powell-Ryland, Virginia Tech, DL (4th)
Aydan White, NC State, CB (4th)
Jonas Sanker, Virginia, S (4th)
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech, AP (3rd)

The Athletic Preseason All-America

Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE (1st)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (1st)
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB (2nd)
Kevin "KC" Concepcion, NC State, WR (2nd)
Rueben Bain, Jr., Miami, DE (2nd)
Marlowe Wax, Syracuse, LB (2nd)
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (2nd)
Quincy Riley, Louisville, CB (2nd)

College Football Network Preseason All-America

Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, Flex (1st)
Kevin "KC" Concepcion, NC State, WR (2nd)
RJ Maryland, SMU, TE (2nd)
Maurice Smith, Florida State, C (2nd)
Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina, Edge (2nd)
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, Edge (2nd)
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (2nd)
Francisco Mauigoa, Miami, LB (2nd)
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech, KR (2nd)
Kobe Wilson, SMU, ST (2nd)
Jaydn Ott, Cal, RB (3rd)
DJ Lundy, Florida State, LB (3rd)
Rueben Bain, Jr., Miami, Flex (3rd)

College Football News Preseason All-America

Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB (2nd)
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE (2nd)
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (2nd)
Andrew Borregales, Miami, PK (2nd)

ESPN Preseason All-America

Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB (1st)
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (1st)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (1st)
Peter Woods, Clemson, DT (2nd)
Andrew Borregales, Miami, PK (2nd)

Lindy's Sports Preseason All-America

Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE (1st)
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (1st)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (1st)
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB (2nd)
Jonas Sanker, Virginia, S (2nd)

Phil Steele Preseason All-America

Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB (1st)
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE (1st)
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (2nd)
Francisco Mauigoa, Miami, LB (2nd)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (2nd)
Damien Martinez, Miami, RB (3rd)
Kevin "KC" Concepcion, NC State, WR (3rd)
Xavier Restrepo, Miami, WR (3rd)
Joshua Farmer, Florida State, DT (3rd)
Rueben Bain, Jr., Miami, DE (3rd)
Jonas Sanker, Virginia, S (3rd)
Andrew Borregales, Miami, PK (3rd)
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech, AP (3rd)
Jaydn Ott, Cal, RB (4th)
Caullin Lacy, Louisville, WR (4th)
Bryson Nesbitt, North Carolina, TE (4th)
Darius Washington, Florida State, OT (4th)
Blake Miller, Clemson, OT (4th)
Antwaun Powell-Ryland, Virginia Tech, DE (4th)
Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina, LB (4th)
Aydan White, NC State, CB (4th)

PFF Preseason All-America

Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (one team)

The Sporting News Preseason All-America

Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB (1st)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (1st)
Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, LB (2nd)
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (2nd)
Tucker Holloway, Virginia Tech, PR (2nd)

USA TODAY Sports preseason All-America

Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE (1st)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (1st)
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, RB (2nd)
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Ashton Gillotte, Louisville, DE (1st)
Alex Mastromanno, Florida State, P (1st)
Bryson Nesbit, North Carolina, TE (2nd)
Andrew Borregales, Miami, PK (2nd)
Peter Woods, Clemson, DT (2nd)
Barrett Carter, Clemson, LB (2nd)

AROUND THE ACC

◆ **Boston College:** The Eagles returned to the Associated Press Top 25 Poll with a No. 24 ranking in this week's poll (September 8). The Eagles are 2-0 with wins over No. 10 Florida State on the road and a home shutout of Duquesne in the home opener. BC was last ranked in the polls at No. 20 on Nov. 12, 2018. Boston College ranks seventh nationally in rushing defense (40.5) and ninth in rushing offense (282.5). The Eagles are also 10th in scoring defense (6.5) and 23rd in scoring offense (42.0). BC is also first in the nation in team passing efficiency (245.83).

◆ **California:** The Golden Bears recorded their first win ever against Auburn in their first-ever game played at Auburn last week. Cal has won four of its last five games against SEC teams with the lone loss in the stretch the home loss to Auburn in 2023. Cal leads the nation with eight takeaways this season, highlighted by five takeaways at Auburn, most since also getting five in a 2018 regular-season home win over Colorado. In 2023, Cal tied for the nation's lead with 28 takeaways (12 interceptions).

◆ **Clemson:** The Tigers bounced back from the season-opening loss to No. 1 Georgia two weeks ago in a big way in the home opener versus App State. Clemson reached 700 yards of total offense for the seventh time in team history and for the first time since 2019 in the win over the Mountaineers. The Tigers's 712 yards of offense were the sixth-most in school history, while the 460 passing yards also ranked sixth in school history. Clemson's 66 points were tied for the 14th-most in school history. It was Clemson's 25th game with 60 or more points all-time and its ninth such game under Dabo Swinney.

◆ **Duke:** With the Blue Devils' road win at Northwestern, Duke improved to 2-0 for the third consecutive season, a first for the program since 2013-15, and just the second time since 1956. The Blue Devils finished with 11 tackles-for-loss in the win over the Wildcats, bringing their season total to 27.0 (13.5 TFL/game) which leads all of FBS.

◆ **Florida State:** The Seminoles will play their first non-conference game of 2024 this week at home versus Memphis after opening with two ACC games to start a season for the first time since 2003 (excluding 2020). Florida State was the only team in the country to open with two conference games and the only member of a P4 conference to open with two P4 opponents. FSU's Mike Norvell was the head coach at Memphis from 2016-19, leading the Tigers to four consecutive bowl games.

◆ **Georgia Tech:** Georgia Tech's offensive line play has been stellar this season, as the frontline unit did not allow a sack for the third-consecutive game to open the season in the road game at Syracuse last week. It marks the first time that Tech has gone three straight games without surrendering a sack since 2014. The Yellow Jackets are one of 15 teams to not have allowed a sack this season and the only team of those 15 to have played more than two games to date.

◆ **Louisville:** The Cardinals' offense ranks third nationally in scoring with an average of 55.5 points per game and is fourth in total offense with an average of 590.5 yards per game following back-to-back home wins over Austin Peay and Jacksonville State. The Cards reached 500 yards of total offense in back-to-back games for the first time since 2021 in back-to-back games versus Wake Forest and Virginia. Louisville also scored seven or more touchdowns in back-to-back games for the first time since doing so in each of the first four games of the 2016 season.

◆ **Miami:** Following a 56-9 win over Florida A&M last week, the Hurricanes moved up two spots to No. 10 in the Associated Press Top 25, while also ascending three spots to No. 12 in the US LBM Coaches Poll. The Hurricanes cracked the top 10 for the first time since December 6, 2020, when Miami checked in ninth nationally. The Canes rank in the top 25 nationally in both total offense (11th - 539.0 ypg) and total defense (21st - 225.5 ypg). Quarterback Cam Ward has been spreading the wealth, as more than 10 players have caught at least one pass in each of the Canes' first two games of the season.

◆ **North Carolina:** Graduate defensive lineman Jahvaree Ritzie leads the nation with five sacks through two games. Overall, the Carolina defense as a whole is also getting after the quarterback, as the Tar Heels rank eighth in the nation in team sacks with 4.0 per game after two wins. The Heels are also averaging 6.5 TFLs per game.

◆ **NC State:** The Wolfpack return home to host Louisiana Tech this week, where they have won 24 of its last 28 games inside Carter-Finley Stadium. Receiver Kevin "KC" Concepcion crossed the 1,000 receiving yards mark for his career last week versus Tennessee in only his 15th career game. Only Koren Robinson reached that milestone mark quicker in his career for the Wolfpack, doing it in just 13 games from 1999-2000.

◆ **Pitt:** The Panthers are 2-0 for the first time since its 2021 ACC championship season. Pitt is coming off a dramatic 28-27 win at Big 12 foe Cincinnati, rallying from a 21-point second-half deficit last Saturday. Transfer running back Desmond Reid became the first Pitt player on record to compile 100 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in a game in the road win over the Bearcats last week. Reid leads the nation in all-purpose yards (244.0 per game) and ranks fifth in rushing (146.5 per game; 293 total). Reid and redshirt freshman quarterback Eli Holstein have helped to turn the Pitt offense around, as the Panthers rank 12th nationally in total offense with an average of 534.0 yards per game this season. Last year, Pitt finished the year ranked 114th in total offense with an average of 317.9 yards per game.

◆ **SMU:** The Mustangs' kicker Collin Rogers set a single-game record, tied a career record and set a new career-long in SMU's 18-15 loss at home to BYU last week. The junior from Prattville, Ark. delivered on all five of his field goal attempts to score all 15 points for the Mustangs in the loss. The five field goals broke a record that Rogers tied in the American Athletic Conference championship game at Tulane last season. He also tied the SMU career record, joining Eddie Garcia (1978-81) and Chase Hover (2011-13) with 44 makes. Rogers leads all of FBS with eight made field goals this year.

◆ **Stanford:** The Cardinal enter an open week this week coming off a 41-7 win at home over Cal Poly, marking second-year head coach Troy Taylor's first home win as the head coach at Stanford. In the four wins under Coach Taylor over the last two seasons, Stanford is allowing an average of just 39 rushing yards per game to opponents (156 yards in four wins). Following the open week, Stanford will play its first ACC game when the Cardinal travels to the JMA Wireless Dome to take on Syracuse on Friday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. ET on ESPN.

◆ **Syracuse:** Transfer quarterback Kyle McCord has been stellar in his first season at Syracuse. Through two games, McCord leads the nation in passing touchdowns (8), ranks second in completions per game (29.5 per game), third in passing yards (735), fourth in total offense (372.0 per game) and fourth in points responsible for (48). McCord set new career highs with 32 completions and 381 yards and tied his personal best of four touchdown passes in the win over the Yellow Jackets last week, aiding first-year head coach Fran Brown in recording his first ACC win.

◆ **Virginia:** The Cavaliers' win at Wake Forest last Saturday could be a turning point in the program. The win snapped a five-game losing skid in the series with Wake Forest and was the first win in Winston-Salem since 2002. With the win, the Cavaliers won their first ACC opener on the road since knocking off Pitt in 2019 and ended their streak of consecutive losses in ACC openers at three. Virginia is off to its first 2-0 start since 2021 and only the third since the 2013 season.

◆ **Virginia Tech:** The Hokies' 31-14 win at home over Marshall last week marked the 372nd consecutive game during which Virginia Tech has scored. The Hokies are in fourth place in both the all-time and active streak lists. However, it is how the Hokies scored that is impressive, scoring points on a punt return for a touchdown, a field goal, a rushing touchdown from a running back, a rushing touchdown from a quarterback and a passing touchdown.

◆ **Wake Forest:** Under Dave Clawson, the Demon Deacons are a perfect 4-0 against SEC opponents, including going 2-0 in 2022. Wake Forest will look to build on Hank Bachmeier's first career start for the Deacs last week, as the veteran quarterback completed 27 of 42 pass attempts for 403 yards and a touchdown in the ACC opener against Virginia. WF's offense ranks first nationally in red zone offense, scoring all 12 times that the Demon Deacons have been inside the opponent's 20-yard line this season.

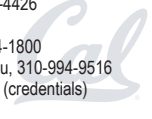
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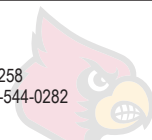
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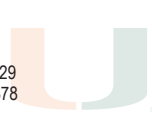
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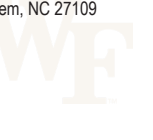
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR COVERING ACC FOOTBALL

Saturday, August 24

• The 2024 football season kicks off in Week 0 beginning with Florida State versus Georgia Tech at the Aer Lingus College Football Classic in Dublin, Ireland.

Monday, August 26

• The first ACC Football Player of the Week Awards will be announced on Monday at 2 p.m. ET.
• Each week of the 2024 season, the ACC Player of the Week honors are announced on Monday at 2 p.m. ET.*

* After week one, ACC Player of the Week honors will be announced each Tuesday at 2 p.m. ET due to a Labor Day game on Monday night.

Monday, November 4

• The ACC Football Championship Game credential application website opens.

Sunday, December 1

• 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 ACC Football Championship Game is at 5 p.m. ET

Sunday, December 1 - Thursday, December 5

• 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 6

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

Saturday, December 7

• 2024 ACC Football Championship Game
Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, N.C. - 8 p.m. ET



COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

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.

The selection committee ranks the teams based on the members' evaluation of the teams' performance on the field, using conference championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, and comparison of results against common opponents to decide among teams that are comparable.

Starting in the 2024 season, the format of the College Football Playoff is built on a 12-team bracket. The 12 participating teams are the five conference champions ranked highest by the CFP selection committee, plus the next seven highest-ranked teams. The four highest-ranked conference champions 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.

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

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. This year's Championship game is on Monday, January 20, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
JANUARY 20 | ATLANTA

CFP FIRST ROUND (ON-CAMPUS)

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| Fri., Dec. 20, 2024: One Game | Sat., Dec. 21, 2024: Three Games |
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PLAYOFF QUARTERFINALS

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| Tue., Dec. 31, 2024: Vrbo Fiesta Bowl | Wed., Jan. 1, 2025: Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl (early afternoon) | Wed., Jan. 1, 2025: Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential (late afternoon) | Wed., Jan. 1, 2025: Allstate Sugar Bowl (primetime) |
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PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS

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| Thur., Jan. 9, 2025: Capital One Orange Bowl | Fri., Jan. 10, 2025: Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic |
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2025 CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mon., Jan. 20, 2025
Mercedes Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia

2024 ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The 2024 Atlantic Coast Conference Football Championship Game will be held on Saturday, December 7, at 8 p.m. ET at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina.

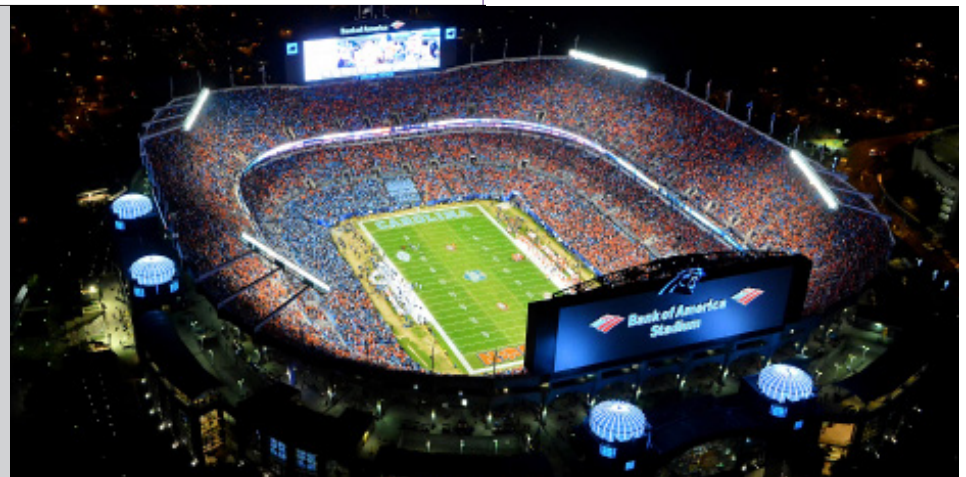
2024 ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

Friday, December 6
ACC Football Championship Game Press Conference - TBD

Saturday, December 7
2024 ACC Football Championship Game - 8 p.m. ET

ACC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HEADQUARTERS - THE CHARLOTTE MARRIOTT CITY CENTER

The Charlotte Marriott City Center will serve as the headquarters for the ACC Football Championship Game. The Marriott is located at 100 W Trade St, Charlotte, NC 28202, (704) 333-9000.



2024 TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

BOSTON COLLEGE (2-0, 1-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|--|
| Sept. 2 | at #10 Florida State * (Mon.) W, 28-13 |
| Sept. 7 | Duquesne W, 56-0 |
| Sept. 14 | at #6 Missouri 12:45 p.m. ET, SECN |
| Sept. 21 | Michigan State..... 8 p.m., ACCN |
| Sept. 28 | Western Kentucky |
| Oct. 5 | at Virginia * |
| Oct. 12 | OPEN |
| Oct. 17 | at Virginia Tech * (Thur.)7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Oct. 25 | Louisville * (Fri.).....7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN2 |
| Nov. 2 | OPEN |
| Nov. 9 | Syracuse * |
| Nov. 16 | at SMU * |
| Nov. 23 | North Carolina * |
| Nov. 30 | Pitt * |

CALIFORNIA (2-0, 0-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|---|
| Aug. 31 | UC DavisW, 31-13 |
| Sept. 7 | at AuburnW, 21-14 |
| Sept. 14 | San Diego State.....10:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Sept. 21 | at Florida State * 7 p.m. ET, ESPN or ESPN2 |
| Sept. 28 | OPEN |
| Oct. 5 | Miami * |
| Oct. 12 | at Pitt * |
| Oct. 19 | NC State * |
| Oct. 26 | Oregon State |
| Nov. 2 | OPEN |
| Nov. 8 | at Wake Forest * (Fri.) 8 p.m. ET, ACCN |
| Nov. 16 | Syracuse * |
| Nov. 23 | Stanford * |
| Nov. 30 | at SMU * |

CLEMSON (1-1, 0-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|---|
| Aug. 31 | Aflac Kickoff Game (Atlanta, Ga.) vs. #1 Georgia L, 3-34 |
| Sept. 7 | App State..... W, 66-20 |
| Sept. 14 | OPEN |
| Sept. 21 | NC State * noon ET, ABC |
| Sept. 28 | Stanford * |
| Oct. 5 | at Florida State * |
| Oct. 12 | at Wake Forest * |
| Oct. 19 | Virginia * |
| Oct. 26 | OPEN |
| Nov. 2 | Louisville * |
| Nov. 9 | at Virginia Tech * |
| Nov. 16 | at Pitt * |
| Nov. 23 | The Citadel |
| Nov. 30 | South Carolina |

DUKE (2-0, 0-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
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| Aug. 30 | Elon (Fri.) W, 26-3 |
| Sept. 6 | at Northwestern (Fri.) W, 26-20 (2OT) |
| Sept. 14 | UConn 6 p.m. ET, ACCNX |
| Sept. 21 | at Middle Tennessee 4 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Sept. 28 | North Carolina * |
| Oct. 5 | at Georgia Tech * |
| Oct. 12 | OPEN |
| Oct. 18 | Florida State * (Fri.) 7 p.m. ET, ESPN2 |
| Oct. 26 | SMU * |
| Nov. 2 | at Miami * |
| Nov. 9 | at NC State * |
| Nov. 16 | OPEN |
| Nov. 23 | Virginia Tech * |
| Nov. 30 | at Wake Forest * |

FLORIDA STATE (0-2, 0-2 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|--|
| Aug. 24 | Aer Lingus College Football Classic (Ireland) vs. Georgia Tech * L, 21-24 |
| Sept. 2 | Boston College * (Mon.)..... L, 13-28 |
| Sept. 7 | OPEN |
| Sept. 14 | Memphis noon ET, ESPN |
| Sept. 21 | California * 7 p.m. ET, ESPN or ESPN2 |
| Sept. 28 | at SMU * |
| Oct. 5 | Clemson * |
| Oct. 12 | OPEN |
| Oct. 18 | at Duke * (Fri.)7 p.m. ET, ESPN2 |
| Oct. 26 | at Miami * |
| Nov. 2 | North Carolina * |
| Nov. 9 | at Notre Dame 7:30 p.m. ET, NBC |
| Nov. 16 | OPEN |
| Nov. 23 | Charleston Southern |
| Nov. 30 | Florida |

GEORGIA TECH (2-1, 1-1 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|---|
| Aug. 24 | Aer Lingus College Football Classic (Ireland) vs. #10 Florida State * W, 24-21 |
| Aug. 31 | Georgia State W, 35-12 |
| Sept. 7 | at Syracuse * L, 28-31 |
| Sept. 14 | VMI 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCNX |
| Sept. 21 | at Louisville * 3:30 p.m. ET, ESPN or ESPN2 |
| Sept. 28 | OPEN |
| Oct. 5 | Duke * |
| Oct. 12 | at North Carolina * |
| Oct. 19 | Notre Dame |
| Oct. 26 | at Virginia Tech * |
| Nov. 2 | OPEN |
| Nov. 9 | Miami * |
| Nov. 16 | OPEN |
| Nov. 21 | NC State * (Thur.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Nov. 29 | at Georgia 7:30 p.m. ET, ABC |

LOUISVILLE (2-0, 0-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|--|
| Aug. 31 | Austin Peay..... W, 62-0 |
| Sept. 7 | Jacksonville State..... W, 49-14 |
| Sept. 14 | OPEN |
| Sept. 21 | Georgia Tech * 3:30 p.m. ET, ESPN or ESPN2 |
| Sept. 28 | at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET, Peacock |
| Oct. 5 | SMU * |
| Oct. 12 | at Virginia * |
| Oct. 19 | Miami * |
| Oct. 25 | at Boston College * (Fri.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN2 |
| Nov. 2 | at Clemson * |
| Nov. 9 | OPEN |
| Nov. 16 | at Stanford * |
| Nov. 23 | Pitt * |
| Nov. 30 | at Kentucky |

MIAMI (2-0, 0-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|---|
| Aug. 31 | at Florida..... W, 41-17 |
| Sept. 7 | Florida A&M W, 56-9 |
| Sept. 14 | Ball State 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN |
| Sept. 21 | at South Florida 7 p.m. ET, ESPN or ESPN2 |
| Sept. 27 | Virginia Tech * (Fri.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Oct. 5 | at California * |
| Oct. 12 | OPEN |
| Oct. 19 | at Louisville * |
| Oct. 26 | Florida State * |
| Nov. 2 | Duke * |
| Nov. 9 | at Georgia Tech * |
| Nov. 16 | OPEN |
| Nov. 23 | Wake Forest * |
| Nov. 30 | at Syracuse * |

NORTH CAROLINA (2-0, 0-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Aug. 29 | at Minnesota (Thur.).....W, 19-17 |
| Sept. 7 | Charlotte W, 38-20 |
| Sept. 14 | N.C. Central 6 p.m. ET, ACCNX |
| Sept. 21 | James Madison noon ET, ACCN |
| Sept. 28 | at Duke * |
| Oct. 5 | Pitt * |
| Oct. 12 | Georgia Tech * |
| Oct. 19 | OPEN |
| Oct. 26 | at Virginia * |
| Nov. 2 | at Florida State * |
| Nov. 9 | OPEN |
| Nov. 16 | Wake Forest * |
| Nov. 23 | at Boston College * |
| Nov. 30 | NC State * |

NC STATE (1-1, 0-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|--|
| Aug. 29 | Western Carolina (Thur.).....W, 38-21 |
| Sept. 7 | Duke's Mayo Classic (Charlotte, N.C.) vs. #14 Tennessee..... L, 10-51 |
| Sept. 14 | Louisiana Tech noon ET, ACCN |
| Sept. 21 | at Clemson * noon ET, ABC |
| Sept. 28 | Northern Illinois |
| Oct. 5 | Wake Forest * |
| Oct. 12 | Syracuse * |
| Oct. 19 | at California * |
| Oct. 26 | OPEN |
| Nov. 2 | Stanford * |
| Nov. 9 | Duke * |
| Nov. 16 | OPEN |
| Nov. 21 | at Georgia Tech * (Thur.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Nov. 30 | at North Carolina * |

PITT (2-0, 0-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|---|
| Aug. 31 | Kent State..... W, 55-24 |
| Sept. 7 | at Cincinnati W, 28-27 |
| Sept. 14 | West Virginia 3:30 p.m. ET, ESPN2 |
| Sept. 21 | Youngstown State..... 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCNX |
| Sept. 28 | OPEN |
| Oct. 5 | at North Carolina * |
| Oct. 12 | California * |
| Oct. 19 | OPEN |
| Oct. 24 | Syracuse * (Thur.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Nov. 2 | at SMU * |
| Nov. 9 | Virginia * |
| Nov. 16 | Clemson * |
| Nov. 23 | at Louisville * |
| Nov. 30 | at Boston College * |

SMU (2-1, 0-0 ACC)

| Date | Opponent |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| Aug. 24 | at Nevada.....W, 29-24 |
| Aug. 31 | Houston Christian W, 59-7 |
| Sept. 6 | BYU (Fri.) L, 15-18 |
| Sept. 14 | OPEN |
| Sept. 21 | TCU..... 5 p.m. ET, The CW |
| Sept. 28 | Florida State * |
| Oct. 5 | at Louisville * |
| Oct. 12 | OPEN |
| Oct. 19 | at Stanford * |
| Oct. 26 | at Duke * |
| Nov. 2 | Pitt * |
| Nov. 9 | OPEN |
| Nov. 16 | Boston College * |
| Nov. 23 | at Virginia * |
| Nov. 30 | California * |

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2024 TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

| STANFORD (1-1, 0-0 ACC) | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Date | Opponent |
| Aug. 30 | TCU (Fri.) L, 27-34 |
| Sept. 7 | Cal Poly..... W, 41-7 |
| Sept. 14 | OPEN |
| Sept. 20 | at Syracuse * (Fri.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Sept. 28 | at Clemson * |
| Oct. 5 | Virginia Tech * |
| Oct. 12 | at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET, NBC |
| Oct. 19 | SMU * |
| Oct. 26 | Wake Forest * |
| Nov. 2 | at NC State * |
| Nov. 9 | OPEN |
| Nov. 16 | Louisville * |
| Nov. 23 | at California * |
| Nov. 29 | at San José State 4 p.m. ET, CBS |

| SYRACUSE (2-0, 1-0 ACC) | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Date | Opponent |
| Aug. 31 | Ohio W, 38-22 |
| Sept. 7 | #23 Georgia Tech * W, 31-28 |
| Sept. 14 | OPEN |
| Sept. 20 | Stanford * (Fri.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Sept. 28 | Holy Cross..... noon ET, ACCNX |
| Oct. 4 | at UNLV (Fri.) 9 p.m. ET, FS1 |
| Oct. 12 | at NC State * |
| Oct. 19 | OPEN |
| Oct. 24 | at Pitt * (Thur.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Nov. 2 | Virginia Tech * |
| Nov. 9 | at Boston College * |
| Nov. 16 | at California * |
| Nov. 23 | UConn |
| Nov. 30 | Miami * |

| VIRGINIA (2-0, 1-0 ACC) | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Date | Opponent |
| Aug. 31 | Richmond W, 34-13 |
| Sept. 7 | at Wake Forest * W, 31-30 |
| Sept. 14 | Maryland 8 p.m. ET, ACCN |
| Sept. 21 | at Coastal Carolina 2 p.m. ET, ESPN+ |
| Sept. 28 | OPEN |
| Oct. 5 | Boston College * |
| Oct. 12 | Louisville * |
| Oct. 19 | at Clemson * |
| Oct. 26 | North Carolina * |
| Nov. 2 | OPEN |
| Nov. 9 | at Pitt * |
| Nov. 16 | at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET, NBC |
| Nov. 23 | SMU * |
| Nov. 30 | at Virginia Tech * |

| VIRGINIA TECH (1-1, 0-0 ACC) | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Date | Opponent |
| Aug. 31 | at Vanderbilt L, 27-34 (OT) |
| Sept. 7 | Marshall W, 31-14 |
| Sept. 14 | at Old Dominion 6 p.m. ET, ESPN+ |
| Sept. 21 | Rutgers 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN |
| Sept. 27 | at Miami * (Fri.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Oct. 5 | at Stanford * |
| Oct. 12 | OPEN |
| Oct. 17 | Boston College * (Thur.) 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN |
| Oct. 26 | Georgia Tech * |
| Nov. 2 | at Syracuse * |
| Nov. 9 | Clemson * |
| Nov. 16 | OPEN |
| Nov. 23 | at Duke * |
| Nov. 30 | Virginia * |

| WAKE FOREST (1-1, 0-1 ACC) | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Date | Opponent |
| Aug. 29 | North Carolina A&T (Thur.) W, 45-13 |
| Sept. 7 | Virginia * W, 30-31 |
| Sept. 14 | Ole Miss..... 6:30 p.m. ET, The CW |
| Sept. 21 | OPEN |
| Sept. 28 | Louisiana |
| Oct. 5 | at NC State * |
| Oct. 12 | Clemson * |
| Oct. 19 | at UConn noon ET, CBSN |
| Oct. 26 | at Stanford * |
| Nov. 2 | OPEN |
| Nov. 8 | California * (Fri.) 8 p.m. ET, ACCN |
| Nov. 16 | at North Carolina * |
| Nov. 23 | at Miami * |
| Nov. 30 | 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 number one seed for the Championship Game.

A. Two-Team Tie

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

B. Three (or More) Team Tie

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

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

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NO DIVISIONS

ALL 17 LEAGUE TEAMS WILL PLAY EACH OTHER AT LEAST TWICE IN 7 YEARS

68 CONFERENCE GAMES EACH SEASON WITH 16 ANNUALLY PROTECTED MATCHUPS

TOP 2 TEAMS
* BY CONFERENCE WIN PERCENTAGE
1ST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

2024 COMPOSITE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



WEEK 0

Saturday, Aug. 24

Aer Lingus College Football Classic - Dublin, Ireland
#10 Florida State 21 vs. Georgia Tech 24 * noon ET, ESPN
SMU 29 at Nevada 24 8 p.m. ET, CBSN

WEEK 1

Thursday, Aug. 29

Western Carolina 21 at #24 NC State 38 7 p.m. ET, ACCN
NC A&T 13 at Wake Forest 45 7 p.m. ET, ACCN
North Carolina 19 at Minnesota 17 8 p.m. ET, FOX

Friday, Aug. 30

Elon 3 at Duke 26 7:30 p.m. ET, ACCN
TCU 34 at Stanford 27 10:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

Saturday, Aug. 31

Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.
#14 Clemson 3 vs. #1 Georgia 34 noon ET, ABC
Virginia Tech 27 at Vanderbilt 34 (OT) noon ET, ESPN
Kent State 24 at Pitt 55 noon ET, ESPN
Austin Peay 0 at Louisville 62 noon ET, ACCN
#19 Miami 41 at Florida 17 3:30 p.m. ET, ABC
Ohio 22 at Syracuse 38 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN
UC Davis 13 at California 31 5 p.m. ET, ACCN
Richmond 13 at Virginia 34 6 p.m. ET, ACCN
Georgia State 12 at Georgia Tech 35 8 p.m. ET, ACCN
Houston Christian 7 at SMU 59 8 p.m. ET, ACCN

Monday, Sept. 2

Boston College 28 at #10 Florida State 13* ..7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

WEEK 2

Friday, Sept. 6

BYU 18 at SMU 15 7 p.m. ET, ESPN2
Duke 26 at Northwestern 20 (2OT) 9 p.m. ET, FS1

Saturday, Sept. 7

Pitt 28 at Cincinnati 27 noon ET, ESPN2
#23 Georgia Tech 28 at Syracuse 31 * noon ET, ACCN
California 21 at Auburn 14 3:30 p.m. ET, ESPN2
Charlotte 20 at North Carolina 38 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN
Duquesne 0 at Boston College 56 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN
Jax State 14 at #22 Louisville 49 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN
Marshall 14 at Virginia Tech 31 4:30 p.m. ET, The CW
Florida A&M 9 at #12 Miami 56 6 p.m. ET, ACCN
Virginia 31 at Wake Forest 30 * 7 p.m. ET, ESPN2
Cal Poly 7 at Stanford 41 7 p.m. ET, ACCN
Duke's Mayo Classic - Charlotte, N.C.
#24 NC State 10 vs. #14 Tennessee 51 7:30 p.m. ET/ABC
App State 20 at #25 Clemson 66 8 p.m. ET, ACCN
Open: Florida State

WEEK 3

Saturday, Sept. 14

Memphis at Florida State noon ET, ESPN
Louisiana Tech at NC State noon ET, ACCN
#24 Boston College at #6 Missouri 12:45 p.m. ET, SECN
West Virginia at Pitt 3:30 p.m. ET, ESPN or ESPN2
Ball State at #10 Miami 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN
VMI at Georgia Tech 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN
N.C. Central at North Carolina 6 p.m. ET, ACCN
UConn at Duke 6 p.m. ET, ACCN
Virginia Tech at Old Dominion 6 p.m. ET, ESPN+
#5 Ole Miss at Wake Forest 6:30 p.m. ET, The CW
Maryland at Virginia 8 p.m. ET, ACCN
San Diego State at California 10:30 p.m. ET, ESPN
Open: Clemson, Louisville, SMU, Stanford, Syracuse

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WEEK 4

Friday, Sept. 20

Stanford at Syracuse * 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

Saturday, Sept. 21

NC State at Clemson * noon ET, ABC
James Madison at North Carolina noon ET, ACCN
Virginia at Coastal Carolina 2 p.m. ET, ESPN+
Georgia Tech at Louisville * 3:30 p.m. ET, ESPN or ESPN2
Rutgers at Virginia Tech 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN
Youngstown State at Pitt 3:30 p.m. ET, ACCN
Duke at Middle Tennessee 4 p.m. ET, ESPN
TCU at SMU 5 p.m. ET, The CW
California at Florida State * 7 p.m. ET, ESPN or ESPN2
Miami at South Florida 7 p.m. ET, ESPN or ESPN2
Michigan State at Boston College 8 p.m. ET, ACCN
Open: Wake Forest

WEEK 5

Friday, Sept. 27

Virginia Tech at Miami * 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

Saturday, Sept. 28

Holy Cross at Syracuse noon ET, ACCN
Louisville at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET, Peacock
Western Kentucky at Boston College
Stanford at Clemson *
North Carolina at Duke *
Florida State at SMU *
Northern Illinois at NC State
Louisiana at Wake Forest
Open: California, Georgia Tech, Pitt, Virginia

WEEK 6

Friday, Oct. 4

Syracuse at UNLV 9 p.m. ET, FS1

Saturday, Oct. 5

Boston College at Virginia *
Miami at California *
Clemson at Florida State *
Duke at Georgia Tech *
SMU at Louisville *
Pitt at North Carolina *
Wake Forest at NC State *
Virginia Tech at Stanford *

WEEK 7

Saturday, Oct. 12

Stanford at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET, NBC
California at Pitt *
Clemson at Wake Forest *
Georgia Tech at North Carolina *
Louisville at Virginia *
Syracuse at NC State *
Open: Boston College, Duke, Florida State, Miami, SMU, Virginia Tech

WEEK 8

Thursday, Oct. 17

Boston College at Virginia Tech * 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

Friday, Oct. 18

Florida State at Duke * 7 p.m. ET, ESPN2

Saturday, Oct. 19

Wake Forest at UConn noon ET, CBSN
NC State at California *
Virginia at Clemson *
Miami at Louisville *
SMU at Stanford *
Notre Dame at Georgia Tech
Open: North Carolina, Pitt, Syracuse

WEEK 9

Thursday, Oct. 24

Syracuse at Pitt * 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

Friday, Oct. 25

Louisville at Boston College * 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN2

Saturday, Oct. 26

SMU at Duke *
Florida State at Miami *
Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech *
North Carolina at Virginia *
Wake Forest at Stanford *
Oregon State at California
Open: Clemson, NC State

WEEK 10

Saturday, Nov. 2

Louisville at Clemson *
Duke at Miami *
North Carolina at Florida State *
Stanford at NC State *
Pitt at SMU *
Virginia Tech at Syracuse *
Open: Boston College, Cal, Georgia Tech, Virginia, Wake Forest

WEEK 11

Friday, Nov. 8

California at Wake Forest * 8 p.m. ET, ACCN

Saturday, Nov. 9

Florida State at Notre Dame 7:30 p.m. ET, NBC
Syracuse at Boston College *
Clemson at Virginia Tech *
Duke at NC State *
Miami at Georgia Tech *
Virginia at Pitt *
Open: Louisville, North Carolina, SMU, Stanford

WEEK 12

Saturday, Nov. 16

Virginia at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET, NBC
Boston College at SMU *
Syracuse at California *
Clemson at Pitt *
Louisville at Stanford *
Wake Forest at North Carolina *
Open: Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Miami, NC State, Virginia Tech

WEEK 13

Thursday, Nov. 21

NC State at Georgia Tech * 7:30 p.m. ET, ESPN

Saturday, Nov. 23

North Carolina at Boston College *
Stanford at Cal *
Virginia Tech at Duke *
Pitt at Louisville *
Wake Forest at Miami *
SMU at Virginia *
UConn at Syracuse
The Citadel at Clemson
Charleston Southern at Florida State

WEEK 14

Friday, Nov. 29

Stanford at San José State 4 p.m. ET, CBS
Georgia Tech at Georgia 7:30 p.m. ET, ABC

Saturday, Nov. 30

Pitt at Boston College *
Cal at SMU *
Duke at Wake Forest *
Miami at Syracuse *
NC State at North Carolina *
Virginia at Virginia Tech *
South Carolina at Clemson
Florida at Florida State
Louisville at Kentucky



| Bowl Game | Matchup | Game Date | Time (ET) / Network |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl | ACC vs. AAC or SEC | Friday, Dec. 20, 2024 | 3:30 p.m. / ESPN |
| Birmingham Bowl | ACC vs. SEC or AAC | Friday, Dec. 27, 2024 | Noon or 3:30 p.m. / ESPN |
| Wasabi Fenway Bowl | ACC vs. AAC | Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024 | 11 a.m. / ESPN |
| Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl | ACC vs. Big Ten | Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024 | Noon / ABC |
| Pop-Tarts Bowl | ACC vs. Big 12 | Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024 | 3:30 p.m. / ABC |
| Military Bowl presented by GoBowling.com | ACC vs. AAC | Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024 | 5:45 p.m. / ESPN |
| Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl | ACC vs. Pac-12 * | Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 | 3 p.m. / ABC |
| TaxSlayer Gator Bowl | ACC vs. SEC | Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025 | 7:30 p.m. / ESPN |
| SERVPRO First Responder Bowl | ACC vs. SEC or AAC | Friday, Jan. 3, 2025 | 4 p.m. / ESPN |
| Duke's Mayo Bowl | ACC vs. Big Ten | Friday, Jan. 3, 2025 | 7:30 p.m. / ESPN |
| DIRECTV Holiday Bowl | ACC vs. Pac-12 * | TBD | TBD |

* teams in the Pac-12 from 2020-23.

2024-25 College Football Playoff

| Bowl Game | Bowl / Location | Game Date | Time (ET) / Network |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| CFP First Round | Home Field of the Higher Seed | Friday, Dec. 20, 2024 | 8 p.m. / ABC & ESPN |
| CFP First Round | Home Field of the Higher Seed | Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 | Noon / TNT |
| CFP First Round | Home Field of the Higher Seed | Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 | 4 p.m. / TNT |
| CFP First Round | Home Field of the Higher Seed | Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 | 8 p.m. / ABC & ESPN |
| CFP Quarterfinals | Vrbo Fiesta Bowl | Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. / ESPN |
| CFP Quarterfinals | Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl | Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 | 1 p.m. / ESPN |
| CFP Quarterfinals | Rose Bowl presented by Prudential | Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 | 5 p.m. / ESPN |
| CFP Quarterfinals | Allstate Sugar Bowl | Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 | 8:45 p.m. / ESPN |
| CFP Semifinals | Capital One Orange Bowl | Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025 | 7:30 p.m. / ESPN |
| CFP Semifinals | Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic | Friday, Jan. 10, 2025 | 7:30 p.m. / ESPN |
| CFP National Championship | Mercedes-Benz Stadium; Atlanta, Ga. | Monday, Jan. 20, 2025 | 7:30 p.m. / ESPN |

• The 12-team format for the College Football Playoff will feature, in order, the top four conference champions, followed by some combination of the top six at-large bids and two highest-ranked remaining conference champions. Teams will be ordered based on the College Football Playoff rankings.

• The ACC and its bowl partners will make team selections based on several factors, including geographic proximity, avoiding repeat appearances and matchups, and regular-season won-loss records.

• Former Pac-12 teams, including Cal and Stanford, will be eligible for historical Pac-12 non-CFP bowl slots. If not selected by the CFP, Cal and Stanford will join all Pac-12 teams from 2020-2023 in populating the Alamo, Holiday, Las Vegas, Sun, L.A., Independence and ESPN Events bowl games.

ACC EXPANSION

- The ACC Board of Directors voted on September 1, 2023, to formally admit the University of California (Cal), Southern Methodist University (SMU) and Stanford University to the Atlantic Coast Conference. Cal, SMU and Stanford joined the ACC as full members with full voting participation effective July 1, 2024 (SMU) and August 2, 2024 (Stanford and Cal). The decision followed the submission of letters of application from all three institutions.

- The additions of Cal, SMU and Stanford enhance and strengthen the ACC academically, athletically and financially and create a true national conference that spans coast to coast. The incoming universities enrich the league's competitiveness in all sports and further demonstrate the ACC's commitment to broad-based programs for both women and men. More than 2,200 student-athletes from Cal, SMU and Stanford will join the nearly 10,000 current ACC student-athletes competing at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics.

- Cal, SMU and Stanford will begin competing in the ACC across their respective sponsored sports starting this year, 2024-25. No FBS conference offers more than the ACC with 15 women's sports and 28 total sponsored sports.

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

- The ACC has had a team in either the College Football Playoff or the BCS National Championship Game in eight of the last 11 years, as Florida State defeated Auburn 34-31 in the final BCS National Championship game in 2014.

- The ACC has had three different teams reach the College Football Playoff in Clemson (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020), Florida State (2014), and Notre Dame (2020), who played as a full member in 2020 during the pandemic season. The three different teams is tied for the most among all conferences.

- The ACC has the second-best record overall in the College Football Playoff by conference, as the league is 6-6 overall. The six wins are behind only the SEC (16).

- The ACC had 11 bowl-eligible teams in the 2023 season, the most among all Power 5 conferences. It marked the 23rd consecutive season in which the ACC earned at least six bowl bids. Not including the pandemic-affected 2020 season, the ACC has sent at least nine teams to a bowl each year since 2016. Since 2013, the ACC is second among all conferences with 111 postseason appearances counting this season.

- Led by unanimous first-team All-America linebacker Payton Wilson of NC State, the ACC placed 12 players – representing eight different schools – on NCAA-recognized 2023 All-America teams. Florida State led the league with four selections, while NC State had two. The NCAA recognizes the All-America teams selected by AP, FWAA, The Sporting News, AFCA and Walter Camp to determine consensus All-Americans.

- Among active head coaches, the ACC's Dabo Swinney (Clemson), Mike Norvell (Florida State) Mack Brown (North Carolina), Dave Doeren (NC State) and Jeff Brohm (Louisville) rank among the top 40 in the nation in career winning percentage. Swinney's .798 winning percentage ranks eighth in the nation. Brown is second among all active coaches with 282 victories, while Swinney is 10th with 170.

- Seven ACC players have finished in the top three of the Heisman Trophy voting in the last 11 years, including 2013 winner Jameis Winston of Florida State and 2016 winner Lamar Jackson of Louisville. Clemson's Trevor Lawrence finished second in 2020, while Pitt's Kenny Pickett was third in 2021.

ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SUCCESS

- With Louisville making its first appearance in the championship game in 2023, 13 different ACC teams have played in the ACC Football Championship Game since its inception in 2005. Clemson leads all teams with nine appearances, followed by Virginia Tech (6) and Florida State (6).

- A total of six different schools have won an ACC Football Championship game since the inaugural title game in 2005. Clemson leads the way with eight wins, while Florida State follows with five championship game wins counting its victory in 2023. Virginia Tech has won the championship game three times, while Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, and Pitt have all won the title game once.

- The ACC Football Championship Game has sold out five times in Charlotte (2010, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2020).

- In April 2018, the ACC and the Charlotte Sports Foundation announced a 10-year agreement that keeps the ACC Football Championship Game in Charlotte through the 2030 season. The game will be played annually at Bank of America Stadium on the first Saturday in December.

ACC & THE NFL DRAFT

- Since the 2005 season, the ACC has had 707 players chosen in the NFL Draft, including 107 first-round picks, the second-highest total of any conference.

- Four ACC players were selected in the first round of the 2024 NFL Draft. North Carolina quarterback Drake Maye was the first ACC player selected, going No. 3 overall to the New England Patriots. Florida State defensive lineman Jared Verse was picked No. 19 overall by the Los Angeles Rams, Duke offensive lineman Graham Barton was taken No. 26 overall by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Clemson cornerback Nate Wiggins was selected No. 30 overall by the Baltimore Ravens.

- The ACC finished with 41 picks representing 11 different institutions in the 2024 NFL Draft. The 41 picks were the most in a single draft since the league had 42 players selected in 2021.

- The ACC has had 426 players selected since 2013 - the second-highest total among all conferences - and has had 40 or more players picked in six of the last 11 drafts.

- Current ACC teams have had a total of 16 players chosen as the first overall selection in the NFL Draft. The most recent was Clemson's Trevor Lawrence, who was tabbed first in 2021 by the Jacksonville Jaguars. New conference member Stanford (Bobby Garrett, 1954, Cleveland; Jim Plunkett, 1971, New England; John Elway, 1983, Baltimore Colts; and Andrew Luck, 2012, Indianapolis Colts) has had four No. 1 overall picks. Cal (Steve Bartkowski, 1975, Atlanta; and Jared Goff, 2016, Los Angeles Rams), Miami (Vinny Testaverde, 1987, Tampa Bay; and Russell Maryland, 1991, Dallas) and Virginia Tech (Bruce Smith, 1985, Buffalo; and Michael Vick, 2001, Atlanta) each have had two top selections while Clemson (Lawrence, 2021, Jaguars), Florida State (Jameis Winston, 2015, Tampa Bay), NC State (Mario Williams, 2006, Houston), SMU (Kyle Rote, 1951, New York Giants), Syracuse (Ernie Davis, 1962, Washington) and Virginia (Bill Dudley, 1942, Pittsburgh) each have had one. Also, NC State's Roman Gabriel, the No. 2 overall selection in the 1962 draft, was chosen No. 1 in the AFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- No conference has won more NCAA national championships in the last three academic years than the ACC. The ACC has won 23 NCAA team titles since the start of the 2021-22 season through the 2023-24 season.

- ACC has won seven or more national titles in each of the last three 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. In both 2021-22 and 2023-24, the ACC has won seven NCAA championships.

- The ACC won seven NCAA National Championships in 2023-24, all in ACC-sponsored sports, the second-most of all conferences. The seven NCAA titles were won by seven different schools - the first time in ACC history.

- The ACC brought home seven NCAA Championships in 2023-24 in Women's Cross Country (NC State), Field Hockey (North Carolina), Women's Soccer (Florida State), Men's Soccer (Clemson), Women's Swimming & Diving (Virginia), Women's Lacrosse (Boston College) and Men's Lacrosse (Notre Dame). ACC student-athletes also won 22 individual national titles in 2023-24.

- The ACC has won seven national championships in football, men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball since 2015. The ACC is the only conference to win each of those four titles over that stretch.

- Clemson (15-0) won the league's eighth football national championship in 2018 with a 44-16 win over previously unbeaten Alabama. The 28-point margin of victory was the largest over a No. 1 ranked team in ACC history.

ACC SUCCESS IN 2023-24

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- A total of 11 ACC programs finished the 2023-24 season ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in their respective sports - NC State (Women's Cross Country), North Carolina (Field Hockey), Florida State (Women's Soccer), Clemson (Men's Soccer), Notre Dame (Men's Soccer), Virginia (Women's Swimming & Diving), Notre Dame (Women's Fencing), Notre Dame (Men's Lacrosse), Boston College (Women's Lacrosse), Wake Forest (Women's Golf) and Florida State (Men's Golf).

- Six ACC schools placed among the top 25 of the final 2023-24 Division I LEARNFIELD College Directors' Cup standings. Virginia led all ACC schools with a fifth-place finish and was joined by North Carolina among the top 10 in seventh place. Notre Dame (10th), Florida State (12th), Duke (17th) and NC State (21st) were also ranked in the top 25. The feat marked the 22nd consecutive year that four or more ACC schools placed among the top 30 in the final rankings.

- Over two-thirds of the ACC was bowl eligible, as 11 of the 14 teams made a bowl game. The 11 ACC bowl-eligible teams were the most among all Power 5 conferences and matched a conference-high from 2018.

- The ACC had a team in both the NCAA Men's and Women's Final Fours. The ACC also had three teams in the NCAA Men's Basketball Elite Eight and four teams in the NCAA Men's Basketball Sweet 16, both the most of all conferences.

- The ACC had four teams in the College World Series, which was tied for the most among all conferences. The conference had five teams in the NCAA Baseball Championship Super Regionals and five teams hosted a Regional in the NCAA Baseball Championship, both tied for the most among all conferences.

- The 2023-24 season also saw four ACC teams finish among the NCAA men's golf final eight at the 2024 NCAA Men's Golf Championship.

- The ACC had three Honda Award winners in 2023-24 – North Carolina's Ryleigh Heck (Field Hockey), Florida State's Onyi Echegini (Women's Soccer) and Virginia's Gretchen Walsh (Women's Swimming & Diving).

- The 2023-24 academic year saw 12 different league members win a conference title, led by North Carolina (6), NC State (5), Florida State (4), Duke (3), Notre Dame (3), and Virginia (2) winning multiple conference crowns.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- A player from a current ACC school has won the William V. Campbell Trophy® five times, including three times in the last nine years. That is the most of any conference over that span. The award recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership.

- Eight ACC Football teams earned a graduation success rate (GSR) at or above the FBS average based on the report released by the NCAA in December 2023.

- The ACC remains the only conference to have multiple teams register GSR scores of 90 or higher every year since 2005. Boston College (97), Clemson (99), Duke (93), Louisville (96), Pitt (94), Virginia (91) and Wake Forest (93) reached that plateau in this year's report.

- For the 17th consecutive year, the ACC led the way among FBS conferences in the "Best Colleges" rankings released by U.S. News & World Report on Sept. 18, 2023.

- ACC teams continued to excel academically, again evident from the annual Academic Progress Rate (APR) team data released by the NCAA in June 2024. Every team among the ACC's 28-sponsored sports exceeded the NCAA's required APR (930), while 96 ACC teams recorded a perfect score of 1000, including at least one from each of the 15-member institutions led by Notre Dame with 16 teams and Duke with 14 teams. The ACC's average of 991 was up two points from last year's 989, while football, men's basketball and women's basketball all increased as well.

ACC STUDENT-ATHLETE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- The ACC's Committee for Racial and Social Justice (CORE - Champions of Racial Equity) continued its mission to promote and encourage inclusion, racial equity and social justice through education, partnerships, engagement and advocacy.

- Among CORE's accomplishments in 2023-24 were the third annual UNITE Award Class; the ACC's Fall, Winter and Spring UNITY Weeks (theme: "Civic Engagement"); mandatory staff education and the ACC Unity Tour in Charleston, South Carolina, in July 2024.

- The ACC conducted its third annual Health and Safety Summit in May, 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 ACC Career Trek in Charlotte, North Carolina, in May 2023. 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.



C.O.R.E.

- The ACC Committee for Racial and Social Justice (C.O.R.E.) was created in June 2020 to support the ACC's commitment to social justice and racial equity. Members of C.O.R.E. include conference office staff members and campus representatives from each of the league's now 18 institutions. C.O.R.E.'s mission is to promote and encourage racial equity through education, partnerships, engagement and advocacy.

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Quarterback

Aug. 26Haynes King, Georgia Tech
 Sept. 3 Cam Ward, Miami
 Sept. 9Cade Klubnik, Clemson / Kyle McCord, Syracuse
 Sept. 16
 Sept. 23
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 Oct. 14
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 Nov. 4
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 Nov. 25
 Dec. 2

Running Back

Aug. 26 Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech
 Sept. 3Treshaun Ward, Boston College
 Sept. 9 Desmond Reid, Pitt
 Sept. 16
 Sept. 23
 Sept. 30
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Receiver

Aug. 26RJ Maryland (TE), SMU
 Sept. 3 Kevin "KC" Concepcion (WR), NC State
 Sept. 9Konata Mumpfield, Pitt
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Offensive Line

Aug. 26 Weston Franklin (C), Georgia Tech
 Sept. 3 Zach Carpenter (C), Miami
 Sept. 9Da'Metrius Weatherspoon (LT), Syracuse
 Sept. 16
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Defensive Line

Aug. 26 N/A
 Sept. 3Jahvaree Ritzie (DL), North Carolina
 Sept. 9 Tyler Baron (DL), Miami
 Sept. 16
 Sept. 23
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 Dec. 2

Linebacker

Aug. 26 Kyle Efford, Georgia Tech
 Sept. 3 Marlowe Wax, Syracuse
 Sept. 9 Teddye Buchanan, Cal
 Sept. 16
 Sept. 23
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Defensive Back

Aug. 26Shyheim Brown (S), FSU
 Sept. 3 Jaden Harris (S), Miami
 Sept. 9 Nohl Williams (DB), Cal
 Sept. 16
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Specialist

Aug. 26 Ryan Fitzgerald (K), Florida State
 Sept. 3Noah Burnette (K), North Carolina
 Sept. 9 Ben Sauls (K), Pitt
 Sept. 16
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Rookie

Aug. 26 N/A
 Sept. 3 Eli Holstein (QB), Pitt
 Sept. 9 Eli Holstein (QB), Pitt
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Week 1

Davey O'Brien Award (Quarterback): Cam Ward, Miami
 Great 8 Quarterbacks Thomas Castellanos, Boston College
 Great 8 Quarterbacks Kyle McCord, Syracuse
 Great 8 Quarterbacks Cam Ward, Miami
 Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award: Cam Ward, Miami (honorable mention)
 Lou Groza Award (Kicker): Noah Burnette, North Carolina
 Manning Award Player of the Week (Quarterback): n/a
 Stars of the Week Kyle McCord, Syracuse
 Stars of the Week Cam Ward, Miami
 Maxwell Award Player of the Week (Overall Player): Cam Ward, Miami (QB)
 Outland Trophy (Interior Lineman): Jahvaree Ritzie, North Carolina (DT)
 Paul Hornung Award (All-Purpose Player): Desmond Reid, Pitt (honor roll)
 Ray Guy Award (Punter): Alex Mastromanno, Florida State
 Ray's 8 Alex Mastromanno, Florida State
 Ray's 8 Ivan Mora, Wake Forest

Week 2

Burlsworth Trophy (Walk-On): Treshaun Ward, Boston College (RB)
 Davey O'Brien Award (Quarterback): Cade Klubnik, Clemson
 Great 8 Quarterbacks Cade Klubnik, Clemson
 Great 8 Quarterbacks Kyle McCord, Syracuse
 Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award: Cade Klubnik, Clemson (honorable mention)
 Bryant Wesco, Jr., Clemson (honorable mention)
 Lou Groza Award (Kicker): Collin Rogers, SMU
 Ben Sauls, Pitt
 Manning Award Player of the Week (Quarterback):
 Stars of the Week Anthony Colandrea, Virginia
 Stars of the Week Cade Klubnik, Clemson
 Stars of the Week Kyle McCord, Syracuse
 Walter Camp Player of the Week (Offensive): Cade Klubnik, Clemson

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 | -/- | -/- | 14/14/- | -/- | 10/10/- | -/- | RV/RV/- | 19/19/- | -RV/- | 24/22/- | -/- | RV/RV/- | -/- | -/- | -/- | RV/RV/- | -/- |
| Sept. 3 | RV/RV/- | -/- | 25/22/- | -/- | -/- | 23/RV/- | 22/24/- | 12/15/- | RV/RV/- | 24/23/- | -/- | RV/RV/- | -/- | -RV/- | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| Sept. 8 | 24/RV/- | RV/RV/- | 22/20/- | -/- | -/- | -/- | 19/21/- | 10/12/- | RV/RV/- | -RV/- | -RV/- | -/- | -/- | RV/RV/- | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| Sept. 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Final | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKINGS

| School | Pr | S3 | S8 | S15 | S22 | S29 | O6 | O13 | O20 | O27 | N3 | N10 | N17 | N24 | D1 | D8 | F |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|
| Georgia | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Texas | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ohio State | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alabama | 5 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ole Miss | 6 | 6 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Missouri | 11 | 9 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | 15 | 14 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Penn State | 8 | 8 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oregon | 3 | 7 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miami | 19 | 12 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| USC | 23 | 13 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Utah | 12 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma State | 17 | 16 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kansas State | 18 | 17 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma | 16 | 15 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LSU | 13 | 18 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Michigan | 9 | 10 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notre Dame | 7 | 5 | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Louisville | - | 22 | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arizona | 21 | 20 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iowa State | - | - | 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clemson | 14 | 25 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nebraska | - | - | 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boston College | - | - | 24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Illinois | - | - | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kansas | 22 | 19 | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iowa | 25 | 21 | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Georgia Tech | - | 23 | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NC State | 24 | 24 | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Florida State | 10 | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Texas A&M | 20 | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

ACC ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKING HISTORY

| School | Consecutive | | | Weeks Ranked |
|----------------|-------------|--------|------|--------------|
| | Polls | Top 10 | No.1 | |
| Boston College | 1 | 34 | 1 | 145 |
| California | - | 92 | 4 | 200 |
| Clemson | 4 | 215 | 25 | 499 |
| Duke | - | 57 | - | 180 |
| Florida State | - | 385 | 72 | 584 |
| Georgia Tech | - | 146 | - | 307 |
| Louisville | 2 | 42 | - | 156 |
| Miami | 3 | 310 | 68 | 521 |
| North Carolina | - | 80 | 1 | 280 |
| NC State | - | 12 | - | 191 |
| Pitt | - | 125 | 21 | 314 |
| SMU | - | 73 | 2 | 183 |
| Stanford | - | 97 | - | 303 |
| Syracuse | - | 69 | 7 | 210 |
| Virginia | - | 21 | 3 | 174 |
| Virginia Tech | - | 95 | - | 311 |
| Wake Forest | - | 2 | - | 69 |

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS

| School | N5 | N12 | N19 | N26 | D2 | D9 |
|------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------------------------------|
| All-time CFP Rankings | | | | | | |
| Appearances | | | | | | |
| Highest Rank (Date) | | | | | | |
| Boston College | 3 | | | | | 17 (Nov. 16, 2018) |
| California | - | | | | | - |
| Clemson | 54 | | | | | 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 | 18 | | | | | 5 (Nov. 15, 2016) |
| Miami | 11 | | | | | 2 (Nov. 21, 2017) |
| North Carolina | 19 | | | | | 10, two times (Dec. 6, 2015) |
| NC State | 24 | | | | | 14 (Nov. 6, 2018) |
| Pitt | 9 | | | | | 12 (Dec. 5, 2021) |
| SMU | 3 | | | | | 24 (Dec. 3, 2023) |
| Stanford | 15 | | | | | 6 (Dec. 6, 2015) |
| Syracuse | 7 | | | | | 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, Sept. 14

**Louisiana Tech (1-0, 0-0 CUSA)
at NC State (1-1, 0-0 ACC)**

Noon ET; ACC Network

NC State leads series, 2-0

Last meeting: NC State, 34-27 (2021)



Head Coaches:

Louisiana Tech:Sonny Cumbie
(7-18 in third season at LaTech; 9-21 in third full season overall)

NC State:Dave Doeren
(82-59 in 12th season at NC State; 105-63 in 14th season overall)

Notes:

- NC State looks to get back in the win column following a neutral-site loss to No. 14 Tennessee last week. With the loss, NC State fell out of the AP Top 25 poll.
- NC State and Louisiana Tech have only met twice before with the Wolfpack winning both contests.
- In the past three seasons, no FBS team has intercepted more passes than NC State's 153.
- NC State has won 24 of its last 28 games at home inside Carter-Finley Stadium.
- KC Concepcion became the second-fastest player in NC State history to reach 1,000 receiving yards, needing just 15 games to do so.
- Louisiana Tech is 1-0 this season, winning 25-17 over Nicholls. The Bulldogs went just 3-9 in 2023.
- Former Louisiana Tech quarterback Hank Bachmeier is now the starting quarterback at Wake Forest.



Saturday, Sept. 14

**(RV) Memphis (2-0, 0-0 AAC)
at Florida State (0-2, 0-2 ACC)**

Noon ET; ESPN

Florida State leads series, 10-7-1

Last meeting: FSU, 35-3 (1990)



Head Coaches:

Memphis:Ryan Silverfield
(33-19 in sixth season at Memphis; 33-19 in sixth season overall)

Florida State:Mike Norvell
(31-19 in fifth season at FSU; 69-34 in ninth season overall)

Notes:

- Florida State's head coach will face his former team for the first time. Norvell went 38-15 in four seasons with the Tigers, leading Memphis to four bowl games, including the 2019 Cotton Bowl.
- The Seminoles are still seeking their first victory of the season. Both contests thus far have been ACC games against Boston College and Georgia Tech.
- Florida State holds a 10-7-1 advantage over Memphis in 18 previous meetings. The Seminoles have not lost to Memphis since 1976, going 8-0-1 through the stretch.
- Alex Mastromanno was named as the Week 1 Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week after punting six times against Boston College for 313 yards. Three punts went over 50 yards with two landing inside the 20-yard line.
- Florida State has allowed just 126.0 yards per game through the air, which is the second-best mark in the ACC.
- Memphis is off to a 2-0 start in 2024 with wins over North Alabama and Troy. The Tigers are outscoring opponents 78-17 through the first two games.
- Last season, Memphis went 10-3, finishing with a Liberty Bowl win over Iowa State.



Saturday, Sept. 14

**#24 Boston College (2-0, 1-0 ACC)
at #6 Missouri (2-0, 0-0 SEC)**

12:45 p.m. ET; SEC Network

Boston College leads series, 1-0

Last meeting: BC, 41-34 (2021)



Head Coaches:

Boston College:Bill O'Brien
(2-0 in first season at BC; 17-9 in third college season overall)

Missouri:Elijah Drinkwitz
(30-21 in fifth season at Mizzou; 42-22 in sixth season overall)

Notes:

- Boston College averaged 19.8 yards per pass attempt and 23.4 yards per catch versus Duquesne last time out - both single-game highs throughout the ACC this season.
- BC boasts the top rushing attack in the ACC and ninth nationally, averaging 282.5 yards per game this season. The Eagles are averaging 5.77 yards per carry.
- The Eagles' rush defense has been just as impressive, ranking seventh nationally and the best in the ACC, allowing just 40.5 yards per game.
- BC has been extremely disciplined, drawing just six penalties this season - ranking fifth nationally.
- Missouri has not allowed a point this season, outscoring Murray State and Buffalo, 89-0.
- The ninth-ranked Tigers are coming off of an 11-2 season in 2023, winning the Cotton Bowl over No. 7 Ohio State.



Saturday, Sept. 14

**West Virginia (1-1, 0-0 Big 12)
at Pitt (2-0, 0-0 ACC)**

3:30 p.m. ET; ESPN2

Pitt leads series, 62-41-3

Last meeting: WVU, 17-6 (2023)



Head Coaches:

West Virginia:Neal Brown
(32-30 in sixth season at WVU; 67-46 in 10th season overall)

Pitt:Pat Narduzzi
(67-50 in 10th season at Pitt; 67-50 in 10th season overall)

Notes:

- The 107th meeting of the Backyard Brawl will be highly anticipated. The Panthers lead the all-time series against West Virginia, 62-41-3.
- Pitt has been a pass-heavy offense in the early going, completing an ACC-best 34 passes versus Kent State in Week 1.
- Desmond Reid has also posted the two best-rushing efforts throughout the ACC this season, rushing for 148 and 145 yards thus far. Reid ranks fifth nationally with 293 rushing yards, as does his 146.5 rushing yards per game.
- Reid also leads all of FBS with an average of 244.00 all-purpose yards per game this season.
- Pitt ranks third in the ACC in total offense, averaging 534.0 yards per game. The Panthers are gaining 7.22 yards per play through the first two weeks of 2024.
- Pitt also ranks fourth in the ACC through the air, averaging 335.50 yards with seven touchdowns in 2024.
- West Virginia is off to a 1-1 start, falling to No. 8 Penn State, 34-12, at home in Week 1.
- WVU won the Duke's Mayo Bowl last year, capping a 9-4 season.



Saturday, Sept. 14

**Ball State (1-0, 0-0 MAC)
at #10 Miami (2-0, 0-0 ACC)**

3:30 p.m. ET; ACC Network

First Meeting



Head Coaches:

Ball State:Mike Neu
(38-56 in ninth season at BSU; 38-56 in ninth season overall)

Miami:Mario Cristobal
(14-13 in third season at UM; 76-73 in 14th season overall)

Notes:

- Cam Ward threw for more than 300 yards for the second straight week. Ward ranks fifth in the FBS in total offense, averaging 367.5 yards per game.
- Xavier Restrepo has been Ward's favorite target thus far, eclipsing 100 yards of receiving in both games. Restrepo logged 104 yards against Florida A&M - one of just eight ACC receivers to crack the 100-yard mark in Week 2.
- Miami boasts the second-highest scoring offense in the ACC this season, averaging 48.5 points per game.
- The Hurricanes' defense ranks fourth in the league, allowing just 225.5 yards per game.
- #10 is Miami's highest ranking in the AP poll since December 6, 2020.
- Ball State opened the season with a 42-34 win over Missouri State.
- The Cardinals went 4-8 in 2023, including a 3-5 mark in MAC play.



Saturday, Sept. 14

**VMI (0-2, 0-0 SoCon)
at Georgia Tech (2-1, 1-0 ACC)**

3:30 p.m. ET; ACCNX

Georgia Tech leads series, 14-1

Last meeting: GT, 34-7 (1988)



Head Coaches:

VMI:Danny Rocco
(5-8 in second season at VMI; 126-73 in 18th season overall)

Georgia Tech:Brent Key
(13-11 in second full season at GT; 13-11 in second full season overall)

Notes:

- Week 2 was Georgia Tech's first appearance in the AP Top 25 Poll in nine years.
- The Yellow Jackets lead the ACC in rushing touchdowns with nine, which is tied for ninth nationally.
- GT has recorded 527 rushing yards on the season, ranking third in the ACC.
- The Georgia Tech offensive line has not allowed a sack yet this season - one of just 15 FBS teams to do so.
- The Yellow Jackets have scored on 100 percent of their trips to the red zone this year, going a perfect 8-for-8 on touchdowns.
- Hayes King completed 29-of-39 pass attempts versus Syracuse, adding 67 rushing yards and two touchdowns on the ground.
- Kyle Eford is leading the GT defense through three games, logging 29 total tackles. Eford has also notched a sack and 2.5 tackles-for-loss.
- VMI went 5-6 in 2023, including a 4-4 mark in SoCon play.
- The Keydets are still searching for their first win of 2024, falling to #15/16 William & Mary and Bucknell.



Saturday, Sept. 14
NC Central (1-1, 0-0 MEAC)
at (RV) North Carolina (2-0, 0-0 ACC)
6 p.m. ET; ACCNX
First Meeting

Head Coaches:

North Carolina Central:Trei Oliver
 (30-19 in fifth season at NCCU; 30-19 in fifth season overall)

North Carolina: Mack Brown
 (109-73-1 in 16th season at UNC; 284-149-1 in 36th season overall)

Notes:

- Jahvaree Ritzie leads the ACC and FBS football with 5.0 sacks on the season. Ritzie also ranks fourth nationally with 5.0 tackles-for-loss on the season.
- Conner Harrell completed 16-of-25 passes for 219 yards and two touchdowns against Charlotte. Harrell moved into the QB1 role after Max Johnson suffered a season-ending injury in Week 1 in the road win at Minnesota.
- Davion Gause became the second Tar Heel to rush for 100+ yards in a game this season. Gause ran for 109 yards and a touchdown against the 49ers last week.
- The Tar Heels received seven votes in the Week 3 AP Poll. UNC has appeared in the AP Top 25 in each of the last four seasons.
- North Carolina Central is 1-1 on the season, winning its opening game versus Alabama State, 31-24, in the Orange Blossom Classic. The Eagles made the FCS Playoffs in 2023, falling to #22/25 Richmond in the first round.



Saturday, Sept. 14
UConn (1-1)
at Duke (2-0, 0-0 ACC)
6 p.m. ET; ACCNX
UConn leads series, 2-1
Last Meeting: DU, 41-7 (2023)

Head Coaches:

UConn: Jim Mora
 (10-17 in third season at UConn; 56-47 in ninth season overall)

Duke: Manny Diaz
 (2-0 in first season at Duke; 23-15 in fourth season overall)

Notes:

- The Blue Devils are coming off a Week 2 double-overtime win at Northwestern, 26-20.
- This will be just the fourth meeting between UConn and Duke with the Huskies holding a 2-1 advantage in the series. However, Duke's 41-7 victory in 2023 was the largest margin of victory in the series.
- Duke's Alex Howard is tied for fifth in the nation with 5.0 tackles-for-loss on the season.
- Duke leads the country in tackles-for-loss as a team, recording 13.5 on the season. The Blue Devils hold a half-tackle lead over East Carolina.
- The Blue Devils lead the ACC in red zone defense, holding opponents to just a 60 percent success rate.
- Jordan Moore is tied for second in the country in receptions per game, hauling in 9.0 passes each week. Moore has caught a pass in 27 consecutive games - the longest active streak in the ACC.
- After falling to Maryland in its season opener, UConn picked up a 63-17 win over Merrimack in Week 2.
- The FBS Independent Huskies went 3-9 in 2023 with wins over Rice, Sacred Heart and UMass.



Saturday, Sept. 14
Virginia Tech (1-1, 0-0 ACC)
at Old Dominion (0-2, 0-0 SBC)
6 p.m. ET; ESPN+
VT leads series, 3-2
Last meeting: Marshall, 24-17 (2023)

Head Coaches:

Virginia Tech: Brent Pry
 (11-15 in third season at VT; 11-15 in third season overall)

Old Dominion: Ricky Rahne
 (15-25 in fourth season at ODU; 15-25 in fourth season overall)

Notes:

- Virginia Tech and Old Dominion will meet for the sixth time on Saturday. The Hokies have won three of the five previous meetings, but have never won in Norfolk, Virginia.
- With just one turnover on the season, the Hokies rank second in the ACC.
- Mansoor Delane has logged three interceptions this season and ranks second in the ACC in interceptions per game (1.5).
- Jaylin Lane recorded a 58-yard punt return touchdown against Marshall. It was his second career punt return TD with the other coming in 2021 as a member of Middle Tennessee.
- Old Dominion is 0-2 on the season with two one-score losses to South Carolina and East Carolina.
- Last season, ODU went 6-7 (5-3 Sun Belt) and made an appearance in the Famous Toastery Bowl.



Saturday, Sept. 14
#5 Ole Miss (2-0, 0-0 SEC)
at Wake Forest (1-1, 0-1 ACC)
6:30 p.m. ET; The CW
WF leads series, 2-0
Last meeting: WF, 30-28 (2008)

Head Coaches:

Ole Miss: Lane Kiffin
 (36-15 in fifth season at Ole Miss; 97-49 in 13th season overall)

Wake Forest: Dave Clawson
 (64-62 in 11th season at WF; 154-142 in 24th season overall)

Notes:

- Wake Forest is looking for its first win over a top-five team since October 26, 1946, when it beat No. 4 Tennessee in Knoxville, 19-6.
- Both the Demon Deacons and Rebels have been playing quickly to begin the season, ranking inside the top 10 national in seconds per play. Ole Miss ranks seventh, averaging 21.7 seconds between snaps, while Wake Forest is tied for 10th, needing just 22.2 seconds.
- The Deacs' Hank Bachmeier ranks 10th in the FBS in total offense with an average of 346.5 yards per game.
- Wake Forest is looking to bounce back from a loss to Virginia to open ACC play.
- Demond Claiborne has run for 221 yards through the first two games for Wake Forest.
- Nick Andersen leads the Wake Forest defense with 23.0 stops through two weeks, including 15.0 solo tackles.
- Ole Miss has outscored its opponents 128-3 through the first two games of the season.
- The fifth-ranked Rebels went 11-2 in 2023 with a 38-25 victory over No. 10 Penn State in the Peach Bowl.



Saturday, Sept. 14
Maryland (1-1, 0-1 B1G)
at Virginia (2-0, 1-0 ACC)
8 p.m. ET; ACC Network
Maryland leads series, 45-32-2
Last meeting: Maryland, 42-14 (2023)

Head Coaches:

Maryland: Michael Locksley
 (30-34 in sixth full season at UMD; 32-60 in ninth full season overall)

Virginia: Tony Elliott
 (8-16 in third season at UVA; 8-16 in third season overall)

Notes:

- Virginia opened ACC play with a comeback victory over Wake Forest, 31-30, on the road last week. The Cavaliers won just two ACC games in 2023.
- The Cavaliers enter the week in a three-way tie atop the ACC standings alongside Syracuse and Boston College.
- Against Wake Forest, Anthony Colandrea completed 33 passes - the most of any ACC quarterback in a game this season. He finished with 357 yards and three touchdowns.
- Malachi Fields hauled in 11 receptions for 148 yards against the Demon Deacons, both of which are career-highs. His 11 receptions matched the single-game high in the ACC this season.
- Maryland opened Big Ten play with a 27-24 loss to Michigan State at home, falling to 1-1 on the season.
- The Terps went 8-5 in 2023, including a win over Auburn in the Music City Bowl.



Saturday, Sept. 14
San Diego State (1-1, 0-0 MW)
at (RV) California (2-0, 0-0 ACC)
10:30 p.m. ET; ESPN
Series tied, 4-4
Last meeting: SDSU, 45-40 (2016)

Head Coaches:

San Diego State: Sean Lewis
 (1-1 in first season at SDSU; 25-32 in sixth season overall)

Cal: Justin Wilcox
 (38-43 in eighth season at Cal; 38-43 in eighth season overall)

Notes:

- With its Week 2 win over Auburn, Cal has won four of its last five against SEC opponents.
- Cal leads all of FBS football with seven interceptions on the season. No other FBS team has more than five. Cal also leads the nation in turnover margin (+3.50) and takeaways (8).
- The Golden Bears have not thrown an interception yet, either - one of just 37 teams throughout the FBS ranks.
- The game against San Diego State will be Cal's final tune-up before beginning its first season of ACC play. Cal will travel to Florida State to open league play in Week 4.
- ACC Defensive Back of the Week, Nohl Williams, leads the FBS with three interceptions on the season. Williams snagged two INTs against Auburn, including one on the potential game-tying drive late in the fourth quarter.
- San Diego State opened the season with a win over Texas A&M - Commerce before falling in Week 2 to Oregon State.
- The Aztecs went 4-8 in 2023, posting a 2-6 mark in Mountain West play.