



#### ACC Weekly Football News & Notes - Week 2

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California	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	34	15	0-0	1-0	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
Duke	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	45	17	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
Florida State	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	31	17	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	1-0	1-0
Georgia Tech	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	27	20	0-0	1-0	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
Louisville	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	51	17	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
Miami	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	27	24	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	1-0	1-0
NC State	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	24	17	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
Pitt	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	61	9	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
SMU	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	42	13	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
Virginia	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	48	7	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
Wake Forest	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	10	9	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	0-0
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2025 SCHEDULE - WEEK 2				
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	TIME	TV	SIRIUSXM	APP/WEB
James Madison (1-0) at Louisville (1-0)	7 p.m. ET	ESPN2	84	84 or 971
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	TIME	TV	SIRIUSXM	APP/WEB
#11 Illinois (1-0) at Duke (1-0)	Noon ET	ESPN	137 or 194	956
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Series: Series tied, 1-1-0; Last meeting: Illinois, 28-14		١		
ESPN: Dave Pasch (play-by-play), Dusty Dvoracek (ana	llyst), raylor wiceregor (sidellile	)		
Virginia (1-0) at NC State (1-0)	Noon ET	ESPN2	111, 193 or 381	955 or 971
Series: NC State leads series, 37-22-1; Last meeting: 1		LOFINZ	111, 193 01 301	333 01 37 1
ESPN2: Bob Wischusen (play-by-play), Sam Acho (analy	vet) Toylor Davis (sideline)			
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Central Michigan (1-0) at Pitt (1-0)	Noon ET	ESPNU	139 or 202	964
Series: First Meeting	NOON ET	LOFINO	133 01 202	304
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ESPNU: Brian Custer (play-by-play), Max Starks (analys	st)			
East Texas A&M (0-1) at #14 Florida State (1-0)	Noon ET	ACCN	145	145
Series: First Meeting	NOON ET	ACCIV	143	140
ACCN: Jorge Sedano (play-by-play), Rodney McLeod (a	unalyat) Viatoria Arlan (aidalina)			
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Baylor (0-1) at #17 SMU (1-0)	Noon ET	The CW	80 or 82	80 or 82
Series: Baylor leads series, 39-36-7; Last meeting: Bay		THE CVV	00 01 02	00 01 02
The CW: Rick Allen (play-by-play), Will Blackmon (analy				
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UConn (1-0) at Syracuse (0-1)	Noon ET	ACCNX	138 or 203	965
Series: Syracuse leads series, 7-6-0; Last meeting: Sy		ACCIVA	130 01 203	303
ACCNX: Bill Spaulding (play-by-play), Craig Hauber (an				
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Western Carolina (0-1) at Wake Forest (1-0)	2 p.m. ET	ACCNX	386	976
Series: Wake Forest leads series, 3-0-0; Last meeting:		AUUIIA	000	010
ACCNX: Doug Sherman (play-by-play), Reggie Walker (				
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Troy (1-0) at #8 Clemson (0-1)	3:30 p.m. ET	ACCN	111 or 193	955
Series: Clemson leads series, 2-0-0; Last meeting: Cle				
ACCN: Chris Cotter (play-by-play), Max Browne (analysi				
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Gardner-Webb (1-0) at Georgia Tech (1-0)	3:30 p.m. ET	ACCNX	137 or 194	956
Series: Georgia Tech leads series, 1-0-0; Last meeting	: Georgia Tech, 10-7 (2008)			
ACCNX: Justin Kutcher (play-by-play), Forrest Conoly (a				
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Texas Southern (0-1) at California (1-0)	6 p.m. ET	ACCNX	384	974
Series: First Meeting	·			
ACCNX: Chris Sylvester (play-by-play), Ahman Green (a	analyst)			
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North Carolina (0-1) at Charlotte (0-1)	7 p.m. ET	ESPN+	137 or 194	956
Series: North Carolina leads series, 1-0-0; Last meeting				
ESPN+: Chuckie Kempf (play-by-play), Tom Luginbill (ar				
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Bethune-Cookman (0-1) at #5 Miami (1-0)	7 p.m. ET	ACCNX	145	145
Series: Miami leads series, 7-0-0; Last meeting: Miami	, 48-7 (2023)			
ACCNX: Mike Corey (play-by-play), Tyoka Jackson (ana	alyst), Madison Hock (sideline)			
Boston College (1-0) at Michigan State (1-0)	7:30 p.m. ET	NBC	388	978
Series: Boston College leads series, 5-1-1; Last meeting	ng: Boston College, 23-19 (2024	)		
NBC: Noah Eagle (play-by-play), Todd Blackledge (anal	yst), Kathryn Tappen (sideline)			
Vanderbilt (1-0) at Virginia Tech (0-1)	7:30 p.m. ET	ACCN	111 or 193	955
Series: Virginia Tech leads series, 6-4-0; Last meeting	: Vanderbilt, 34-27 (OT) (2024)			
ACCN: Wes Durham (play-by-play), Steve Addazio (ana				
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Stanford (0-1) at BYU (1-0)	10:15 p.m. ET	ESPN	137 or 194	956
Series: Stanford leads series, 2-1-0; Last meeting: BYU				
ESPN: Mark Jones (play-by-play), Roddy Jones (analyst	t), Quint Kessenich (sideline)			

### **QUICK HITTERS**

#### HISTORICAL WEEK 1 FOR THE ACC

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

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

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

- The ACC's two top-10 non-conference wins in Week 1 last week marked only the second time since 1980 that a single conference has achieved two such victories to start the season; the previous instance was when the SEC did so in 2018. (Stats Perform)
- The ACC's two top-10 non-conference wins in Week 1 this year marked only the 10th time since 1980 that a conference posted two top-10 non-conference victories in the same week, and the first time since the Sun Belt accomplished the feat in Week 2 of the 2022 season. (Stats Perform)

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

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



### **ACC AVAILABILITY REPORTING**

- The ACC announced on July 22, 2025, two new policies to enhance the safety and well-being of ACC student-athletes in the 2025-26 academic year.
- (1) Institutional event security plans will limit access to the competition area in football and men's and women's basketball.
- (2) the availability status of student-athletes will be reported before each conference game in football, baseball, men's and women's basketball.
- Before each conference game, a team will disclose any student-athlete whose availability for the upcoming game is in question. A student-athlete can be listed on the Availability Report if their status is uncertain for any reason (e.g., injury or illness, academic or other eligibility issue, personal or family matter, etc.); however, only the status and not the specific reason will be publicly reported.
- In football, a report will be submitted two days before each Conference game (e.g., Thursday before a Saturday game) with an update on the day before the game and on game day.
- For each report submitted before game day, studentathletes will be designated as Available, Probable, Questionable, or Out for the upcoming game. Game Day Reports will be submitted two hours before each game. For this report, student-athletes will be designated as Available, Game Time Decision, or Out.
- All availability reports and the full conference policy will be available to the public and media on the ACC's website www.theACC.com.

  (starts Week 3 with Conference play).
- \* This policy is intended to help protect student-athletes and staff members from outside entities seeking to obtain inside information about availability and participation, including but not limited to injuries. It will also reinforce to athletes and staff the sensitivity of such information.

# AP TOP 25

#### September 2, 2025

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Ohio State (55)	1636
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.	Penn State (7)	1558
3.	LSU (3)	1514
4.	Georgia	1410
5.	Miami	1360
6.	Oregon (1)	1302
7.	Texas	1293
8.	Clemson	1135
9.	Notre Dame	1068
10.	South Carolina	882
11.	Illinois	855
12. 13.	Arizona State	850
13.	Florida	737
14.	Florida State	705
15.	Michigan	686
16.	Iowa State	566
<i>17.</i>	SMU	561
18.	Oklahoma	519
19.	Texas A&M	424
20.	Ole Miss	393
21.	Alabama	360
22.	Tennessee	339
23.	Indiana	257
24.	Texas Tech	247
25.	Utah	227

(first-place votes in parenthesis)

#### **US LBM COACHES POLL**

#### September 2, 2025

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Ohio State (59)	1666
2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.	Penn State (6)	1574
3.	Georgia (1)	1518
4.	LSU (1)	1469
5.	Oregon	1381
6.	Texas	1339
7.	Miami	1304
<b>8.</b> 9.	Clemson	1067
9.	Notre Dame	1038
10.	Arizona State	957
<u>11.</u>	South Carolina	915
12.	Illinois	909
13.	Michigan	725
14.	Ole Miss	668
15.	Florida	638
16.	SMU	602
<u>17.</u>	Tennessee	563
<u>18.</u>	Iowa State	518
19.	Florida State	491
20.	Alabama	390
21.	Indiana	369
22.	Texas A&M	363
23.	Texas Tech	253
24.	Oklahoma	251
25.	BYU	163

(first-place votes in parenthesis)

### **2025 ACC FOOTBALL NOTES**

#### FOUR TEAMS RANKED IN COACHES POLL

- Following Week 1 of the 2025 football season, the ACC had four teams ranked in the US LBM Coaches Poll, with all four teams coming in the top 20.
- Miami and Clemson both remain in the top 10 at No. 7 and No. 8, respectively, making the ACC one of three conferences with multiple teams in the top 10.
- SMU held steady at No. 16, while Florida State jumped to No. 19 after its season-opening win over previously No. 8 Alabama.
- Three other ACC teams received votes: Louisville (95), Georgia Tech (17) and Duke (5).

#### MIAMI AND FSU CLIMB IN AP TOP 25 POLL

- Backed by a pair of top-10 victories, the ACC placed four teams in this week's Associated Press (AP) Top 25 Poll.
- Miami surged from No. 10 to No. 5 after its Week 1 win over then-No. 6 Notre Dame, while Clemson held firm in the top 10 at No. 8.
- Florida State went from unranked to No. 14 by way of its double-digit win over then-No. 8 Alabama last weekend, while SMU stayed in the top 20 at No. 17 this week.
- Five other ACC teams received votes in the AP Top 25 Preseason Poll: Georgia Tech (67), Louisville (59), Duke (4), Pitt (2) and Virginia (2).

#### **WEEK 1 FIREWORKS ON THE SCOREBOARD**

- All 16 ACC teams in action in Week 1 scored doubledigit points in their season-opening contests, highlighted by three teams breaking the 50-point mark - Boston College (66 points), Pitt (61) and Louisville (51).
- Five ACC teams scored 45 points or more over Week 1, the second-most of any conference in the first week of play.

#### Teams That Scored 45 or More Points in Week 1

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

■ Over Week 0 and Week 1, ACC teams are averaging 32.2 points per game, the third-most among all conferences.

#### **ACC POWERHOUSE OFFENSES**

- The ACC has a combined yards per catch of 12.57 so far this season, the highest of any FBS conference. (*Stats Perform*)
- This season, ACC teams have combined for 39 offensive plays that went for at least 30 yards this season, the most of any FBS conference. (Stats Perform)





#### **ACC FOOTBALL FRIDAYS**

- ACC Football is set to dominate Fridays this fall, with a league-record 12 games scheduled for Fridays in 2025, the most of any conference.
- 12 of the ACC's 17 football programs will participate in at least one primetime Friday night game.
- ACC on Friday nights continues in Week 2, as Louisville will play host to James Madison at 7 p.m. ET on ESPN2.

#### 2025 Scheduled Friday Games with ACC Teams

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

#### STRONGEST NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- ACC teams are scheduled to play 26 games against peer Power 4 Conference opponents and Notre Dame in 2025, the most of any conference by at least eight games.
- ACC teams are scheduled to play 15 non-conference games against opponents ranked in the 2025 Preseason AP Poll, five more than any other conference. Nine of those contests will come versus foes ranked in the top 10, also the most of any conference.
- ACC teams will play 35 non-conference games against opponents that appeared in a bowl game last year, including eight against teams that made the 12-team College Football Playoff.
- Based on team records from last season, the ACC is slated to play the toughest strength of schedule (.591) in non-conference play this season (considers FBS opponents only). (Stats Perform)
- After playing a national-best seven non-conference games against peer Power 4 opponents (plus Notre Dame) in Week 1, the ACC will face five more in Week 2 totaling 12 such matchups over the first two weeks of the season.

#### ACC IS LOADED WITH PREEMINENT PLAYERS

- The ACC is stacked with preeminent players again heading into the 2025 season, including:
- Five ACC players are ranked on ESPN's list of 25 non-QB playmakers to watch.
- ACC has 10 of the top 50 best players in college football (PFF College 50).
- ACC has 1 of the 3 top returning players across six different positions (Pro Football Focus).
- ACC has 3 of the top 10 teams in the 247Sports 2025 Transfer Football Team Rankings.
- ACC has 22 of the top 100 transfers in the 247Sports 2025 College Football Transfer Portal Top Prospects.

#### RETURNING ALL-ACC PERFORMERS

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

(7 first-team; 7 second-team; 9 third-team selections)

#### INCOMING IMPACT PLAYERS FROM THE PORTAL

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

### **ACC IS THE CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS**

- The ACC had 13 quarterbacks named to the 2025 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List – no other conference had more.
- The ACC also had seven quarterbacks named to the 2025 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award Watch List
- Five ACC quarterbacks were ranked in ESPN's Top 15 QBs in College Football in 2025 – Cade Klubnik of Clemson, Carson Beck of Miami, Haynes King of Georgia Tech, Kevin Jennings of SMU and Darian Mensah of Duke.
- The ACC features nine of the top 30 quarterback transfers heading into the 2025 season and has seen a strong influx of talent at the position, including notable names like Carson Beck (Miami), Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (California), Darian Mensah (Duke), Miller Moss (Louisville), Steve Angeli and Rickie Collins (Syracuse), Dylan Lonergan (Boston College), Chandler Morris (Virginia), Gio Lopez (North Carolina), Devin Brown (California), Daniel Kaelin (Virginia), and Deshawn Purdie (Wake Forest).
- Of the seven active FBS quarterbacks with at least 7,000 passing yards, Cade Klubnik is the only one with fewer than 20 interceptions thrown (18). (StatsPerform)
- Quarterback Carson Beck, who transferred to Miami this offseason and led the Hurricanes to a 27-24 win over No. 6 Notre Dame in the season opener on August 31, has a 25-3 (.893) record as a starting FBS quarterback, the best of any active player (min. 5 GP) (*StatsPerform*).
- Duke's Darian Mensah's 389 passing yards versus Elon in his Blue Devils' debut are the fourth-most by a quarterback in a single game this season to date. He etched his name in elite company with 350-plus passing yards and 3+ passing touchdowns in his first game with an ACC team, joining Cam Ward (Miami, 2024), Kyle McCord (Syracuse, 2024), Jameis Winston (Florida State, 2013) and Philip Rivers (NC State, 2000) since 2000. (Stats Perform)
- Georgia Tech's Haynes King became just the second FBS player since 2000 to record 140+ passing yards, 140+ rushing yards and 3+ rushing touchdowns in a season opener, joining Jalen Hurts (Oklahoma) in 2019.

#### **CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS - NFL EDITION**

■ Former ACC QBs are well-represented among NFL rosters in 2025, as the league has 24 quarterbacks from an ACC school on 19 different teams. (as of Sept. 2)

Jacoby Brissett, Arizona Cardinals (NC State) Lamar Jackson, Baltimore Ravens (Louisville) Mitchell Trubisky, Buffalo Bills (North Carolina) Shane Buechele, Buffalo Bills (SMU)<sup>^</sup> Deshaun Watson, Cleveland Browns (Clemson) (PUP) Jared Goff, Detroit Lions (California) Davis Mills, Houston Texans (Stanford) Daniel Jones, Indianapolis Colts (Duke) Riley Leonard, Indianapolis Colts (Duke)\* Trevor Lawrence, Jacksonville Jaquars (Clemson) Kenny Pickett, Las Vegas Raiders (Pitt) Drake Maye, New England Patriots (North Carolina) Tyler Shough, New Orleans Saints (Louisville) Russell Wilson, New York Giants (NC State)\* Jameis Winston, New York Giants (Florida State) Tyrod Taylor, New York Jets (Virginia Tech) Sam Howell, Philadelphia Eagles (North Carolina) Kyle McCord, Philadelphia Eagles (Syracuse)^ Tanner McKee, Philadelphia Eagles (Stanford) Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers (California) DJ Uiagalelei, Los Angeles Chargers (Florida State) Cam Ward, Tennessee Titans (Miami) Teddy Bridgewater, Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Louisville) Sam Hartman, Washington Commanders (Wake Forest)<sup>^</sup>

\*finished career in a school outside of the ACC ^ practice squad

#### **ACC X NFL**

- No conference blends college football and NFL experience quite like the ACC in 2025, with three former NFL head coaches now leading programs: Bill O'Brien (Boston College), Bill Belichick (North Carolina), and Frank Reich (Stanford), the most of any conference.
- Belichick (six Super Bowl wins) and Reich (one) are the only two college football head coaches who have also won a Super Bowl as either a head coach or coordinator in the NFL.
- Several ACC programs also feature General Managers with deep NFL ties, including Ron Rivera (Cal), John Garrett (Duke), Michael Lombardi (North Carolina) and Andrew Luck (Stanford), along with a growing number of former NFL stars contributing across coaching staffs and player development roles.

#### ACC OWNED LABOR DAY ONCE AGAIN

- The ACC was the only league to compete across five days Thursday through Monday, August 28 through September 1 during Week 1 of the 2025 season.
- This marked the sixth time this has happened for the ACC in the regular season since 2017 (2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023). No other FBS conference has done so even once over that same period. (Stats Perform)
- The ACC once again anchored Labor Day Weekend with the lone game on Labor Day as North Carolina played host to TCU in Bill Belichick's collegiate coaching debut.
- It marked the 16th consecutive Labor Day game for the ACC (excluding the 2020 COVID season), and the 19th time since the tradition began with Florida State versus Miami in 2005.





#### CLEMSON PICKED AS PRESEASON FAVORITE IN 2025 ACC FOOTBALL MEDIA POLL

- Defending ACC Champion Clemson has been selected as the preseason favorite to win the 2025 Atlantic Coast Conference football title, following a vote of more than 180 media members credentialed for the 2025 ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- The Tigers are coming off a strong 2024 campaign in which they posted a 10–4 overall record, went 7–1 in conference play, and captured the ACC Championship title. Clemson also made its seventh College Football Playoff appearance and finished the season ranked No. 11 in the final AFCA Coaches Poll and No. 14 in the AP Poll.
- In the media voting, Clemson was picked to repeat as ACC Champion on 167 ballots.
- Miami received seven first-place votes, followed by Florida State with four, while SMU and Georgia Tech each garnered two. Virginia Tech received one first-place vote.
- Clemson led all teams with 3,083 points, while Miami (2,679) and SMU (2,612) were second and third, respectively. Georgia Tech (2,397) was picked fourth, while Louisville (2,370) came in fifth.
- Duke (1,973) was picked to finish sixth in the preseason predictions, ahead of Florida State (1,920) in seventh, North Carolina (1,611) in eighth, Pitt (1,571) in ninth, NC State (1,505) in 10th, Virginia Tech (1,412) in 11th and Syracuse (1,381) in 12th.
- Rounding out the preseason poll were Boston College (953) in 13th, Virginia (871) in 14th, California (659) in 15th, Wake Forest (576) in 16th and Stanford (426) in 17th.

#### 2025 ACC Football Predicted Order of Finish

Rank	Team	Points
1.	Clemson (167)	3083
2.	Miami (7)	2679
3.	SMU (2)	2612
4.	Georgia Tech (2)	2397
5.	Louisville	2370
6.	Duke	1973
7.	Florida State (4)	1920
8.	North Carolina	1611
9.	Pitt	1571
10.	NC State	1 <u>505</u>
11.	Virginia Tech (1)	1412
12.	Syracuse	1381
13.	Boston College	953
14.	Virginia	871
15.	California	659
16.	Wake Forest	576
<u>17.</u>	Stanford	426

First-place votes in parentheses 183 media voters

#### KLUBNIK NAMED PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Clemson senior quarterback Cade Klubnik was voted the 2025 ACC Preseason Player of the Year, receiving 146 votes.
- Klubnik is coming off a breakout 2024 season, leading the Tigers to an ACC title and a College Football Playoff berth. He accounted for 43 total touchdowns, completing 308-of-486 passes for 3,639 yards and 36 touchdowns, while rushing for 463 yards and seven scores. He ranked in the top 20 nationally in five major categories, including third in both passing touchdowns (36) and total touchdowns (43). His 21 passing touchdowns of 20-plus yards were the most in the FBS.
- Georgia Tech's Haynes King (9), SMU's Kevin Jennings (5), Miami's Carson Beck (4) and Virginia Tech's Kyron Drones (4) also received votes, as did eight other players.

# 2025 ACC Preseason Player of the Year Rk. Name. Position. School

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

Votes in parentheses 183 media voters

#### **CLEMSON LEADS ALL-ACC PRESEASON TEAM**

- Powered by a conference-best 11 selections, preseason favorite Clemson headlines the 2025 All-ACC Preseason Football Team. A total of 10 ACC programs were represented on the 27-player squad, which was voted on by over 180 credentialed media members at the 2025 ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte.
- Behind Clemson, Pitt had three players named to the preseason team, while Duke, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Miami and SMU each had two. Florida State, NC State and Syracuse each placed one.
- This year's preseason squad includes 16 returning All-ACC honorees from 2024, including 10 first-team selections, five second-team picks and one third-team honoree. Notably, it features both of last season's ACC Rookies of the Year: Louisville running back Isaac Brown (Offensive) and Clemson linebacker Sammy Brown (Defensive).

# 2025 All-ACC Preseason Football Team Offense

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

#### Defense

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

#### **Specialists**

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

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

- The 2025 ACC Football Championship Game will kick off at 8 p.m. ET on Saturday, December 6, at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina, on ABC. The league's football championship game will showcase the top two teams based on regular-season conference winning percentage.
- The 8 p.m. ET kickoff marks the 16th time in the last 17 years that the game will be held in primetime. Since its inception in 2005, a total of 14 different teams have competed in the championship game.
- Bank of America Stadium, home of the NFL's Carolina Panthers, has hosted 14 of the last 15 ACC Football Championship Games. The ACC, Carolina Panthers, and the Charlotte Sports Foundation have an agreement to keep the championship game in Charlotte through the 2030 season.
- The winner of the conference championship game has advanced to the National Championship Game or competed in the College Football Playoff in nine of the last 12 seasons, including both of the two participating teams last year, with the ACC being one of only three multi-bid leagues in 2024.





ACC HEAD COACHING RECORDS						
	Overall at an ACC School				ol	
Head Coach, School	Year	Record	Pct.	Year	Record	Pct.
Bill O'Brien, Boston College	4th	23-15	.605	2nd	8-6	.571
Justin Wilcox, California	9th	43-50	.462	2nd	7-7	.500
Dabo Swinney, Clemson	18th	180-48	.789	18th	180-48	.789
Manny Diaz, Duke	5th	31-19	.620	5th	31-19	.620
Mike Norvell, Florida State	10th	72-42	.632	6th	34-27	.557
Brent Key, Georgia Tech	4th	19-16	.543	4th	19-16	.543
Jeff Brohm, Louisville	12th	86-52	.623	3rd	20-8	.714
Mario Cristobal, Miami	15th	85-76	.528	4th	23-16	.590
Bill Belichick, North Carolina	1st	0-1	.000	1st	0-1	.000
Dave Doeren, NC State	15th	111-69	.617	13th	88-65	.575
Pat Narduzzi, Pitt	11th	73-56	.566	11th	73-56	.566
Rhett Lashlee, SMU	4th	30-12	.714	2nd	12-3	.800
Frank Reich, Stanford	1st	0-1	.000	1st	0-1	.000
Fran Brown, Syracuse	2nd	10-4	.714	2nd	10-4	.714
Tony Elliott, Virginia	4th	12-23	.343	4th	12-23	.343
Brent Pry, Virginia Tech	4th	16-22	.421	4th	16-22	.421
Jake Dickert, Wake Forest	5th	24-20	.545	1st	1-0	1.000

#### ACC ALUMNI ON AP ALL-TIME ALL-AMERICA TEAM

- Current Atlantic Coast Conference football members had 12 former Associated Press (AP) All-Americans named to the Associated Press (AP) All-Time All-America Team, as part of the news organization's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the storied honor for the top players in college football.
- The 12 honorees from current ACC schools include nine members of the National Football Foundation (NFF) College Football Hall of Fame, five recipients of ACC Football Legend honors, and two standouts named to the ACC 50th Anniversary Team in 2003.
- To be eligible for the AP All-Time All-America Team, a player had to have been named an AP First-Team All-American at least once during his college career. The selection process did not consider a player's professional career.

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

#### First-Team Offense

WR - Larry Fitzgerald, Pitt (2003)

OT - Bill Fralic, Pitt (1982-83-84)

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

#### First-Team Defense

DE - Hugh Green, Pitt (1978-79-80)

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

S - Ed Reed, Miami (2000-01)

#### Second-Team Offense

OT - Bryant McKinnie, Miami (2001)

RB - Tony Dorsett, Pitt (1976)

#### Second-Team Defense

DE - Bruce Smith, Virginia Tech (1984)

DT - Warren Sapp, Miami (1994)

LB - Lawrence Taylor, North Carolina (1980)

S - Bennie Blades, Miami (1986-87)

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

# NORTH CAROLINA, STANFORD & WAKE FOREST HIRE NEW HEAD COACHES

- After over two decades of dominance in the NFL, Bill Belichick was hired for his first-ever college head coaching job at North Carolina in December 2024. Widely considered one of the greatest coaches in football history, Belichick won six Super Bowls and 17 division titles over his time in the NFL, which also includes 333 career wins to make him the second-winningest head coach in NFL history, behind only Don Shula, who holds the all-time record with 347 total wins.
- Frank Reich was named Stanford's interim head football coach by Stanford Football General Manager Andrew Luck on March 31. The 36th head coach in program history, Reich is one of the sport's most wellrespected offensive minds thanks to over 30 years in professional football, combining a 14-year playing career as an NFL quarterback with 18 seasons in various coaching roles. Reich was a member of six Super Bowl teams overall, four as a player with the Buffalo Bills (1991-94), and twice as a coach. Highly regarded in NFL circles with a knack for building lasting relationships, Reich's six-year head coaching tenure included five seasons with the Indianapolis Colts (2018-22) before his final stop at the helm of the Carolina Panthers (2023). Reich's NFL resume also includes four years as an offensive coordinator, including two seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles (2016-17), the second of which resulted in the franchise's first Super Bowl title in Super Bowl LII (2018).
- Jake Dickert was named the head coach at Wake Forest in December 2024, following the resignation of longtime head coach Dave Clawson. Dickert took over Washington State as interim head coach in 2021 and earned the permanent role, leading the Cougars for four years from 2021-24. In four seasons, Dickert compiled a 23-20 record (.534) and led the Cougars to three bowl games. Last season proved to be his best work, going 8-4 in the regular season

#### **COACHING RECORDS**

CAREER VICTORIES - ACTIVE COACHES	IN 2025
Rk. Name (Current School)	Wins
Brian Kelly (LSU)	293
2. K.C. Keeler (Temple)	272
Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)	217
Willie Fritz (Houston)	213
5. Chris Creighton (Eastern Michigan)	196
6. Rich Rodriguez (West Virginia)	191
7. Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	180
Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State)	170
Lance Leipold (Kansas)	170
10. Kyle Whittingham (Utah)	168
11. Bronco Mendenhall (Utah State)	141
12. Chuck Martin (Miami (OH))	139
13. Troy Calhoun (Air Force)	136
14. Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	131
15. Bret Bielema (Illinois)	126
James Franklin (Penn State)	126
17. Pete Lembo (Buffalo)	121
Bob Chesney (James Madison)	121
Chris Klieman (Kansas State)	121
20. Jamey Chadwell (Liberty)	119
21. Jeff Monken (Army)	118
22. Ken Niumatalolo (San Jose State)	116
23. Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	114
24. Dave Doeren (NC State)	111
25. Lane Kiffin (Ole Miss)	106
Kirby Smart (Georgia)	106
35. Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	86
36. Mario Cristobal (Miami)	85
41. Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)	73
44. Mike Norvell (Florida State)	72

#### **CAREER WINNING % - ACTIVE COACHES IN 2025**

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Rk.Name (Current School)	Record	Pct.^
1. Jimmy Rogers (Washington State	e) 28-3	.903
2. Ryan Day (Ohio State)	71-10	.877
3. Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	114-17	.870
4. Dan Lanning (Oregon)	36-6	.857
5. Kirby Smart (Georgia)	106-19	.848
6. Matt Entz (Fresno State)	61-12	.836
7. Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	180-48	.789
8. Spencer Danielson (Boise State)	15-4	.789
9. Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	131-37	.780
10. Lincoln Riley (USC)	82-24	.774
11. Jon Sumrall (Tulane)	33-10	.767
12. Marcus Freeman (Notre Dame)	33-11	.750
13. Chris Klieman (Kansas State)	121-42	.742
14. Josh Heupel (Tennessee)	66-23	.742
15. Willie Simmons (FIU)	67-24	.736
16. Brian Kelly (LSU) 29	3-107-2	.731
17. Lance Leipold (Kansas)	170-67	.717
18. Matt Drinkall (Central Michigan)	43-17	.717
19. Rhett Lashlee (SMU)	30-12	.714
20. Fran Brown (Syracuse)	10-4	.714
21. Ryan Carty (Delaware)	27-11	.711
22. K.C. Keeler (Temple) 27	2-112-1	.708
23. Bob Chesney (James Madison)	121-50	.708
24. James Franklin (Penn State)	126-57	.689
25. Jeff Traylor (UTSA)	46-21	.687
- Mike Norvell (Florida State)	72-42	632

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-	Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	86-52	.623
-	Manny Diaz (Duke)	31-19	.620
-	Dave Doeren (NC State)	111-69	.617
	Bill O'Brien (Boston College)	23-15	.605

<sup>^</sup> minimum one full season as a coach \*coaches active in 2025 season







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

- For the 2025 season, audiences watching ACC officiated matchups on Friday night on either ESPN/ ESPN2 or ACC Network and ACC Network's primetime Saturday games will hear the real-time discussions among the Referee, instant replay official in the stadium, and the ACC's Collaborative Instant Replay Official located in the ACC's Game Day Operations Center in Charlotte.
- While the ACC began sharing Game Day Operations Center video with ESPN in 2023, sharing audio of the replay discussions represents a significant next step in transparency. Last season, the ACC conducted a limited experiment, allowing ESPN officiating analyst Matt Austin to listen to replay conversations during a November 21 Thursday night game between NC State and Georgia Tech.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **ACC NETWORK**



#### About ACC Network

Owned and operated by ESPN in partnership with the Atlantic Coast Conference, ACC Network (ACCN) and its digital platform ACCNX is a 24/7 national network dedicated to ACC sports that launched on August 22, 2019. ACCN televises more than 500 regular-season and tournament games from across the conference's 28 sponsored sports plus a complement of news and information shows and original

programming. Together, ACCN and its digital platform, ACCNX, combine to feature more than 1,500 ACC events each year. ESPN has been televising ACC content since 1979 and has exclusive rights to every conference-controlled game across all sports and championships. Carriage agreements are in place with the following video providers: Comcast, Cox, DIRECTV, DIRECTV STREAM, DISH Network, Frontier, fuboTV, Google Fiber, Hulu+ Live TV, Mediacom, Optimum, Sling TV, Spectrum TV, Suddenlink, Verizon Fios, YouTube TV, members of the NCTC, NRTC and Vivicast, among others. All ACCN games will also be available on the ESPN App to authenticated subscribers. Fans interested in learning more about ACCN can visit www.GetACCN.com.



#### **ACC HUDDLE STOPS IN 2025**

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

#### ACC Huddle Stops this Season

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



<sup>\*</sup>Subject to change

## ACC PRESEASON HONORS



#### PRESEASON HONORS & RECOGNITION

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

#### 2025 Walter Camp Preseason All-America

#### First Team

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

OL - Francis Mauigoa, Miami

DL - Peter Woods, Clemson

LB - Kyle Louis, Pitt

KR - Keelan Marion, Miami

#### Second Team

TE - Justin Joly, NC State

RB - Isaac Brown, Louisville

DL - T.J. Parker, Clemson

DB - Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

### 2025 Associated Press (AP) Preseason

All-America

First-Team Offense

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

AP - Desmond Reid, Pitt

First-Team Defense

DT - Peter Woods, Clemson

LB - Kyle Louis, Pitt

#### Second-Team Offense

RB - Isaac Brown. Louisville

OT - Francis Mauigoa, Miami

OT - Blake Miller, Clemson

OG - Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech

WR - Antonio Williams, Clemson

#### Second-Team Defense

DE - T.J. Parker, Clemson

CB - Chandler Rivers, Duke

# The Sporting News 2025 Preseason All-America

#### First-Team Offense

RB - Isaac Brown, Louisville

OT - Francis Mauigoa, Miami

AP - Desmond Reid, Pitt

#### First-Team Defense

DL - Peter Woods, Clemson

DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson

LB - Kyle Louis, Pitt

#### First-Team Specialists

KR - Keelan Marion, Miami

#### Second-Team Offense

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

WR - Eric Rivers, Georgia Tech

WR - Antonio Williams, Clemson

#### Second-Team Defense

DL - Rueben Bain Jr., Miami

CB - Chandler Rivers, Duke

DB - Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

#### 2025 Athlon Sports' Preseason All-America

#### First Team

AP - Desmond Reid, Pitt

OL - Francis Mauigoa, Miami

DL - T.J. Parker, Clemson

DL - Peter Woods, Clemson

LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt KR – Keelan Marion, Miami

#### **Second Team**

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville

WR - Antonio Williams, Clemson

DL - Rueben Bain Jr., Miami

CB - Chandler Rivers, Duke

#### Third Team

WR - Bryant Wesco, Clemson

TE - Justin Joly, NC State

OL - Blake Miller, Clemson

CB - Avieon Terrell, Clemson

S - Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

#### Fourth Team

OL - Brian Parker. Duke

LB - Wade Woodaz, Clemson

LB - Rasheem Biles, Pitt

S – Terry Moore, Duke

K – Collin Rogers, SMU

### CBS Sports 2025 Preseason College

#### Football All-America

#### First Team

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami

DT – Peter Woods, Clemson

LB - Kyle Louis. Pitt

AP - Desmond Reid, Pitt

#### Second Team

RB - Isaac Brown, Louisville

DF - T J Parker Clemson

CB - Chandler Rivers, Duke

CB - Avieon Terrell, Clemson

RET - Keelan Marion, Miami

#### ESPN's 2025 Preseason All-America First Team

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

AP - Desmond Reid, Pitt

DT – Peter Woods, Clemson

DE - T.J. Parker, Clemson

LB - Kyle Louis, Pitt

#### Second Team

WR - Antonio Williams, Clemson

OT - Francis Mauigoa, Miami

AP - Isaac Brown, Louisville

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

CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke

#### Phil Steele's 2025 Preseason All-America

#### First Team

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

DE - T.J. Parker. Clemson

DT – Peter Woods, Clemson

LB - Kyle Louis, Pitt

KR - Keelan Marion, Miami

AP - Desmond Reid, Pitt

#### Second Team

RB - Desmond Reid, Pitt

WR - Eric Rivers, Georgia Tech

OG - Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech

OT – Blake Miller, Clemson

CB - Chandler Rivers. Duke

CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson

AP – Isaac Brown, Louisville

#### Third Team

WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson

OT - Brian Parker, Duke

OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami

DE - Rueben Bain Jr., Miami

LB – Wade Woodaz, Clemson

LB - Cade Uluave, Cal

S – Terry Moore, Duke

#### Fourth Team

RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville

TE - Justin Joly, NC State

OG - Anez Cooper, Miami

S – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU AP – Demond Claborne, Wake Forest

### 2025 College Football News (CFN)

#### Preseason All-America First Team

OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami

Edge/DE – T.J. Parker, Clemson

DT – Peter Woods, Clemson

CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke KR/PR – Desmond Reid. Pitt

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Second Team

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

Honorable Mention HC – Dabo Swinney, Clemson

QB - Carson Beck, Miami

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

RB - Isaac Brown, Louisville

WR - Chris Bell, Louisville

TE – Justin Joly, NC State

OT - Darrell Jackson, Florida State

OT – Blake Miller, Clemson OG – Logan Parr. SMU

OG – Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech

C – Pete Nygra, Louisville

DE - Rueben Bain Jr., Miami

CB – Thaddeus Dixon, North Carolina CB – Avieon Terrell, Clemson

C - Luke Petitbon, Florida State

S – Duce Chestnut, Syracuse

S – Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU PK – John Love, Virginia Tech

P – Kade Reynoldson, Duke

P – Jack Stonehouse, Syracuse S – Samuel Singleton Jr., Florida State

#### The Athletic 2025 Preseason All-America

#### First-Team Offense

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

#### First-Team Defense

DL – Peter Woods, Clemson

DE - T.J. Parker, Clemson

#### First-Team Specialists

AP - Desmond Reid, Pitt

### Second-Team Offense

RB – Isaac Brown, Louisville

WR – Antonio Williams, Clemson

OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami

OG – Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech

### Second-Team Defense

LB – Kyle Louis. Pitt

CB – Chandler Rivers, Duke

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PFF's Preseason 2025 All-America
QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson

DL - Peter Woods, Clemson

LS – Bryce Robinson, Virginia KR – Keelan Marion, Miami

## Lindy's Sports 2025 Preseason All-

### <u>America</u>

First-Team Offense
QB – Cade Klubnik, Clemson

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First-Team Defense
DE – T.J. Parker. Clemson

DT – Peter Woods, Clemson

LB – Kyle Louis, Pitt

Second-Team Offense

OT – Francis Mauigoa, Miami OT – Blake Miller, Clemson

PK - Collin Rogers, SMU

### Second-Team Defense



## ACC PRESEASON HONORS

#### PRESEASON WATCH LISTS

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

#### Lott IMPACT Trophy

DT - Peter Woods, Clemson Edge - Rueben Bain Jr., Miami Edge - T. J. Parker, Clemson

LB - Kyle Louis. Pitt

CB - Chandler Rivers. Duke

#### Maxwell Award

DT - Peter Woods, Clemson

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

WR - Antonio Williams, Clemson

QB - Darian Mensah, Duke

QB – Tommy Castellanos, Florida State

QB - Haynes King, Georgia Tech RB – Jamal Havnes, Georgia Tech

QB - Miller Moss, Louisville

RB - Isaac Brown, Louisville

QB - Carson Beck, Miami

QB - CJ Bailey, NC State

QB - Eli Holstein. Pitt

RB - Desmond Reid, Pitt

QB - Kevin Jennings, SMU

QB - Chandler Morris, Virginia

QB - Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech

RB - Terion Stewart, Virginia Tech

RB - Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest

#### **Patrick Mannelly Award**

LS - Ben Mann, Boston College

LS – Curtis Cooper, Duke

LS - Mason Arnold, Florida State

LS - Shai Kochav. Louisville

LS - Adam Booker, Miami

LS - Spencer Triplett, North Carolina

LS - Morgan Tribbett, SMU

LS - Bryce Robinson, Virginia

LS - Christian Epling, Virginia Tech

#### Bronko Nagurski Trophy

DE - T.J. Parker, Clemson

CB - Avieon Terrell, Clemson

DT - Parker Woods, Clemson

CB - Chandler Rivers, Duke

DE - Rueben Bain Jr., Miami

LB - Kyle Louis, Pitt

S - Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

#### **Outland Trophy**

OT – Blake Miller. Clemson

DT - Peter Woods, Clemson

OT - Brian Parker II, Duke

OG - Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech

OG - Anez Cooper, Miami

OT - Francis Mauigoa, Miami

OT – PJ Williams, SMU

#### Paycom Jim Thorpe Award

CB - Avieon Terrell, Clemson

S - Terry Moore, Duke

CB - Chandler Rivers, Duke

S - Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

#### Jet Award

WR - Keelan Marion, Miami

WR - Chric Culliver, North Carolina

WR - Kenny Johnson, Pitt

#### Ray Guy Award

P – Jack Stonehouse, Syracuse

#### Lou Groza Award

PK - Nolan Hauser, Clemson

PK - Collin Rogers, SMU

PK – John Love, Virginia Tech

#### Paul Hornung Award

WR – Jacob De Jesus, California

WR - Antonio Williams, Clemson

RB - Peyton Jones, Duke

RB - Isaac Brown, Louisville

WR - Keelon Marion, Miami

RB - Hollywood Smothers, NC State

WR - Kenny Johnson, Pitt

RB - Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest

#### **Wuerffel Trophy**

RB – Alex Broome, Boston College

TE - Jeffrey Johnson, California

RB – Adam Randall, Clemson

CB - Chandler Rivers, Duke

OL - Richie Leonard IV, Florida State

QB - Haynes King, Georgia Tech

DL - Clev Lubin, Louisville

OT - Francis Mauigoa, Miami

DB - Will Hardy. North Carolina

DT - Brandon Cleveland, NC State

QB - Eli Holstein, Pitt

SMU - Alexander Kilgore, SMU

TE – Sam Roush, Stanford

LB - Derek McDonald, Syracuse

LB - Stevie Bracey, Virginia

S/NIC – Tyson Flowers, Virginia Tech

DB - Zamari Stevenson, Wake Forest

### Walter Camp Award

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

DT - Peter Woods, Clemson

RB – Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech

RB - Isaac Brown, Louisville

QB - Carson Beck, Miami

LB - Kyle Louis, Pitt

RB - Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest

#### **Doak Walker Award**

RB – Alex Broome, Boston College

RB – Jordan McDonald, Boston College

RB - Jaquez Moore, Duke

RB - Gavin Sawchuk, Florida State

RB – Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech

RB - Isaac Brown, Louisville

RB - Duke Watson, Louisville

RB - Davion Gause. North Carolina

RB - Hollywood Smothers, NC State

RB - Desmond Reid, Pitt

RB - Derrick McFall, SMU RB - Sedrick Irvin, Stanford

RB - Will Nixon. Syracuse

RB - Yasin Willis, Syracuse

RB - Xavier Brown, Virginia

RB - Terion Stewart, Virginia Tech RB - Demond Claiborne. Wake Forest

### **Biletnikoff Award**

WR - Bryant Wesco Jr., Clemson

WR - Antonio Williams, Clemson

WR - Eric Rivers, Georgia Tech

WR - Chris Bell, Louisville TE - Justin Joly, NC State

### Davey O'Brien Award

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

QB - Darian Mensah, Duke

QB - Haynes King, Georgia Tech

QB - Miller Moss. Louisville QB - Carson Beck, Miami

QB - Kevin Jennings, SMU QB - Chandler Morris, Virginia

#### John Mackey Award

TE – Jeremiah Franklin, Boston College

TE - Randy Pittman Jr., Florida State

TE - Landen Thomas, Florida State

TE – Elija Lofton, Miami

TE - Justin Joly, NC State

TE - Matthew Hibner, SMU

TE - RJ Maryland, SMU

TE - Sam Roush, Stanford

TE - Benji Gosnell, Virginia Tech

Rimington Trophy C - Ryan Linthicum, Clemson

C - Matt Craycraft, Duke

C - Luke Petitbon, Florida State

C - Pete Nygra, Louisville

C - James Brockermeyer, Miami

C - Austin Blaske, North Carolina

C - Lyndon Cooper, Pitt

C - Addison Nichols, SMU

C – Brady Wilson, Virginia

**Butkus Award** 

LB - Sammy Brown, Clemson LB - Wade Woodaz, Clemson

LB - Stanquan Clark, Louisville

LB - Wesley Bissainthe, Miami

LB - Andrew Simpson, North Carolina

LB - Rasheem Biles, Pitt

LB - Kyle Louis. Pitt LB - Caleb Woodson, Virginia Tech

Bednarik Award

LB - Cade Uluave, California

DE - T.J. Parker. Clemson CB - Avieon Terrell, Clemson

DT - Peter Woods, Clemson

S - Terry Moore, Duke CB - Chandler Rivers, Duke

DT - Darrell Jackson Jr., Florida State

LB - Kyle Efford, Georgia Tech

DE - Rueben Bain Jr., Miami CB – OJ Frederique Jr., Miami

LB - Sean Brown, NC State

LB - Caden Fordham, NC State

LB - Rasheem Biles, Pitt LB - Kyle Louis. Pitt

## S - Isaiah Nwokobia, SMU

Lombardi Award

LB - Sammy Brown, Clemson

OT - Blake Miller, Clemson

DE - T.J. Parker, Clemson DT - Peter Woods, Clemson

OT - Brian Parker II, Duke OG - Keylan Rutledge, Georgia Tech

DE - Rueben Bain Jr., Miami OT - Francis Mauigoa, Miami

## LB - Kyle Louis, Pitt

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm 2025 Watch List

QB - Grayson James, Boston College

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

QB - Darian Mensah, Duke

QB - Tommy Castellanos, Florida State QB - Haynes King, Georgia Tech

QB - Miller Moss, Louisville QB - Carson Beck, Miami

QB - Eli Holstein. Pitt QB - Kevin Jennings, SMU

QB - Steve Angeli, Syracuse QB – Chandler Morris, Virginia

QB - Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech QB - Robby Ashford, Wake Forest

#### **Manning Award**

QB - Cade Klubnik, Clemson

QB – Haynes King, Georgia Tech QB – CJ Bailey, NC State

QB - Kevin Jennings, SMU

### The Athletic's College Football Freaks

DT - Peter Woods (No. 5), Clemson

OT - Francis Mauigoa, (No.16), Miami

DL – Jordan van den Berg (No. 18), Georgia Tech

DL - Kemari Copeland (No. 23), Virginia Tech

DL - Francis Brewu (No. 24), Pitt

OL- Jacarrius Peak (No. 31), NC State

WR - Donavon Greene (No. 41), Virginia Tech

LB - Kam Robinson (No. 51), Virginia

RB - Demond Claiborne (No. 63), Wake Forest

LB - Kyle Louis (No. 65), Pitt

RB - Jayden "Duke" Scott (No. 66), NC State WR - Micahi Danzy (No. 68), Florida State

LB - Nick Morris Jr. (No. 69), Duke

WR - Cameron Seldon (No. 70), Virginia Tech LB - Sean Brown (No. 75), NC State

P - Daniel Sparks (No. 90), Virginia OL – Jude Bowry (No. 98), Boston College

### 2025 College Football Comeback Player

of the Year Preseason Watch List

RB – Alex Broome, Boston College

LB – Bryce Steele, Boston College RB - Javlin Lucas, Florida State

WR - Caullin Lacy, Louisville QB - Carson Beck, Miami

LB - Mohamed Toure, Miami

QB - Max Johnson, North Carolina LB - Caden Fordham, NC State

TE - RJ Maryland, SMU

RB - Will Nixon, Syracuse

S – Antonio Clary, Virginia WR/KR - Tucker Holloway, Virginia Tech

## DL - Kemari Copeland, Virginia Tech

Allstate AFCA Good Works Team

Alex Broome - Boston College

Jeffery Johnson - California Adam Randall - Clemson

Chandler Rivers - Duke Richie Leonard IV - Florida State

Haynes King – Georgia Tech

Clev Lubin - Louisville Francis Mauigoa - Miami

Will Hardy - North Carolina

Brandon Cleveland - NC State Eli Holstein – Pitt

Alexander Kilgore - SMU Sam Roush - Stanford

Derek McDonald – Syracuse Stevie Bracey – Virginia Tyson Flowers – Virginia Tech

Zamari Stevenson – Wake Forest

#### Fran Brown - Syracuse

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Brent Key - Georgia Tech Dabo Swinney - Clemson

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#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR COVERING ACC FOOTBALL

#### Saturday, August 23

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

#### Tuesday, September 2

- The first ACC Player of the Week Awards will be announced.

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

#### Monday, November 3

• The ACC Football Championship Game credential application website opens.

#### Sunday, November 30

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

#### Monday, December 1 - Thursday, December 4

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

The following awards will be announced.

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

#### Friday, December 5

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

#### Saturday, December 6

• 2025 ACC Football Championship Game Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, N.C. - 8 p.m. ET (ABC)



#### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

#### OVERVIEW

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

#### **RANKINGS**

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

#### THE BRACKET

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

#### TRADITION

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

#### CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY

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

#### **UNIVERSAL ACCESS**

Every Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team has equal access to the College Football Playoff based on its performance during the regular season. No team automatically qualifies.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

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

#### **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

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

#### **SELECTION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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







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# 2025 TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

BOSTON COLLEGE (1-0)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Fordham W, 66-10	
Sept. 6	at Michigan State 7:30 p.m. ET   NBC	
Sept. 13	at Stanford * 10:30 p.m. ET   ACCN	
Sept. 20	OPEN	
Sept. 27	California *	
Oct. 4	at Pitt *	
Oct. 11	Clemson *	
Oct. 18	UConn	
Oct. 25	at Louisville *	
Nov. 1	Notre Dame	
Nov. 8	SMU *	
Nov. 15	Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 22	OPEN	
Nov. 29	at Syracuse *	

CALIFORNIA (1-0)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	at Oregon State W, 34-15	
Sept. 6	Texas Southern 6 p.m. ET   ACCNX	
Sept. 13	Minnesota 10:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Sept. 20	at San Diego State 10:30 p.m. ET   CBSSN	
Sept. 27	at Boston College *	
Oct. 4	Duke *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 17	North Carolina * 10:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Oct. 24	at Virginia Tech * 7:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Nov. 1	Virginia *	
Nov. 8	at Louisville *	
Nov. 15	OPEN	
Nov. 22	at Stanford *	
Nov. 29	SMU *	

CLEMSON (0-1)			
Date	Opponent		
Aug. 30	#9 LSU	L, 10-17	
Sept. 6	Troy	3:30 p.m. ET   ACCN	
Sept. 13	at Georgia Tech *	at Georgia Tech * Noon ET   ABC or ESPN	
Sept. 20	Syracuse *		
Sept. 27	OPEN		
Oct. 4	at North Carolina	at North Carolina *	
Oct. 11	at Boston College	at Boston College *	
Oct. 18	SMU *		
Oct. 25	OPEN		
Nov. 1	Duke *		
Nov. 8	Florida State *		
Nov. 14	at Louisville *	8 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Nov. 22	Furman		
Nov. 29	at South Carolina	Noon ET   ABC or ESPN	

DUKE (1-0)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 28	Elon	W, 45-17
Sept. 6	#11 Illinois	Noon ET   ESPN
Sept. 13	at Tulane	8 p.m. ET   ESPN2
Sept. 20	NC State *	
Sept. 27	at Syracuse *	
Oct. 4	at California *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 18	Georgia Tech *	
Oct. 25	OPEN	
Nov. 1	at Clemson *	
Nov. 8	at UConn	3:30 p.m. ET   CBSSN
Nov. 15	Virginia *	
Nov. 22	at North Carolina	*
Nov. 29	Wake Forest *	

FLORIDA STATE (1-0)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	#8 Alabama	W, 31-17
Sept. 6	East Texas A&M	Noon ET   ACCN
Sept. 13	OPEN	
Sept. 20	Kent State	
Sept. 26	at Virginia *	7 p.m. ET   ESPN
Oct. 4	Miami *	
Oct. 11	Pitt *	
Oct. 18	at Stanford *	10:30 p.m. ET   ESPN
Oct. 25	OPEN	
Nov. 1	Wake Forest *	
Nov. 8	at Clemson *	
Nov. 15	Virginia Tech *	
Nov. 21	at NC State *	8 p.m. ET   ESPN
Nov. 29	at Florida	

GEORGIA TECH (1-0)			
Date	Opponent		
Aug. 29	at Colorado	W, 27-20	
Sept. 6	Gardner-Webb 3:	30 p.m. ET   ACCNX	
Sept. 13	Clemson * Noc	on ET   ABC or ESPN	
Sept. 20	Temple		
Sept. 27	at Wake Forest *		
Oct. 4	OPEN		
Oct. 11	Virginia Tech *		
Oct. 18	at Duke *		
Oct. 25	Syracuse *		
Nov. 1	at NC State *		
Nov. 8	OPEN		
Nov. 15	at Boston College *		
Nov. 22	Pitt *		
Nov. 28	Georgia	3:30 p.m. ET   ABC	

TODIOAITTE (9T-11)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 30	Eastern Kentucky	W, 51-17
Sept. 5	James Madison 7	p.m. ET   ESPN2
Sept. 13	OPEN	
Sept. 20	<b>Bowling Green</b>	
Sept. 27	at Pitt *	
Oct. 4	Virginia *	
Oct. 11	OPEN	
Oct. 17	at Miami * 7 p.m. ET	ESPN or ESPN2
Oct. 25	Boston College *	
Nov. 1	at Virginia Tech *	
Nov. 8	California *	
Nov. 14	Clemson *	8 p.m. ET   ESPN
Nov. 22	at SMU *	
Nov. 29	Kentucky	

	MIAMI (1-0)
Date	Opponent
Aug. 31	#6 Notre Dame W, 27-24
Sept. 6	Bethune-Cookman 7 p.m. ET   ACCNX
Sept. 13	South Florida 4:30 p.m. ET   CW
Sept. 20	Florida
Sept. 27	OPEN
Oct. 4	at Florida State *
Oct. 11	OPEN
Oct. 17	Louisville * 7 p.m. ET   ESPN or ESPN2
Oct. 25	Stanford *
Nov. 1	at SMU *
Nov. 8	Syracuse *
Nov. 15	NC State *
Nov. 22	at Virginia Tech *
Nov. 29	at Pitt *

NORTH CAROLINA (0-1)			
Date	Opponent		
Sept. 1	TCU	L, 14-48	
Sept. 6	at Charlotte	7 p.m. ET   ESPN+	
Sept. 13	Richmond	3:30 p.m. ET   ACCN	
Sept. 20	at UCF		
Sept. 27	OPEN		
Oct. 4	Clemson *		
Oct. 11	OPEN		
Oct. 17	at California *	10:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Oct. 25	Virginia *		
Oct. 31	at Syracuse *	7:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Nov. 8	Stanford *		
Nov. 15	at Wake Forest *		
Nov. 22	Duke *		
Nov. 29	at NC State *		

NC STATE (1-0)			
Date	Opponent		
Aug. 28	East Carolina	W, 24-17	
Sept. 6	Virginia	Noon ET   ESPN2	
Sept. 11	at Wake Forest *	7:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Sept. 20	at Duke *		
Sept. 27	Virginia Tech *		
Oct. 4	Campbell		
Oct. 11	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m. ET, Peacock	
Oct. 18	OPEN		
Oct. 25	at Pitt *		
Nov. 1	Georgia Tech *		
Nov. 8	OPEN		
Nov. 15	at Miami *		
Nov. 21	Florida State *	8 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Nov. 29	North Carolina *		

PITT (1-0)			
Date	Opponent		
Aug. 30	Duquesne	W, 61-9	
Sept. 6	Central Michigan	Noon ET   ESPNU	
Sept. 13	at West Virginia	3:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Sept. 20	OPEN		
Sept. 27	Louisville *		
Oct. 4	Boston College *		
Oct. 11	at Florida State *		
Oct. 18	at Syracuse *		
Oct. 25	NC State *		
Nov. 1	at Stanford *		
Nov. 8	OPEN		
Nov. 15	Notre Dame		
Nov. 22	at Georgia Tech *		
Nov. 29	Miami *		

SMU (1-0)			
Date	Opponent		
Aug. 30	East Texas A&M	W, 42-13	
Sept. 6	Baylor	Noon ET   CW	
Sept. 13	at Missouri State	3:30 p.m. ET   CBSSN	
Sept. 20	at TCU		
Sept. 27	OPEN		
Oct. 4	Syracuse *		
Oct. 11	Stanford *		
Oct. 18	at Clemson *		
Oct. 25	at Wake Forest *		
Nov. 1	Miami *		
Nov. 8	at Boston College	*	
Nov. 15	OPEN		
Nov. 22	Louisville *		
Nov. 29	at California *		

\*denotes ACC game



## 2025 TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

STANFORD (0-1)			
Opponent			
at Hawai'i	L, 20-23		
OPEN			
at BYU	10:15 p.m. ET   ESPN		
Boston College *	10:30 p.m. ET   ACCN		
at Virginia *			
San José State			
OPEN			
at SMU *			
Florida State *	10:30 p.m. ET   ESPN		
at Miami *			
Pitt *			
at North Carolina	a *		
OPEN			
California *			
Notre Dame			
	at Hawai'i OPEN at BYU Boston College * at Virginia * San José State OPEN at SMU * Florida State * at Miami * Pitt * at North Carolina OPEN California *		

SYRACUSE (0-1)			
Date	Opponent		
Aflac Kicko	ff Game - Atlanta, G	a.	
Aug. 30	vs. #24 Tennessee	L, 26-45	
Sept. 6	UConn	Noon ET   ACCNX	
Sept. 12	Colgate	7 p.m. ET   ACCN	
Sept. 20	at Clemson *		
Sept. 27	Duke *		
Oct. 4	at SMU *		
Oct. 11	OPEN		
Oct. 18	Pitt *		
Oct. 25	at Georgia Tech *		
Oct. 31	North Carolina *	7:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Nov. 8	at Miami *		
Nov. 15	OPEN		
Nov. 22	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m. ET, NBC	
Nov. 29	Boston College *		

VIRGINIA (1-0)			
Date	Opponent		
Aug. 30	<b>Coastal Carolina</b>	W, 48-7	
Sept. 6	at NC State No	on ET   ABC or ESPN	
Sept. 13	William & Mary	Noon ET   ACCN	
Sept. 20	Stanford *		
Sept. 26	Florida State *	7 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Oct. 4	at Louisville *		
Oct. 11	OPEN		
Oct. 18	<b>Washington State</b>	6:30 p.m. ET   CW	
Oct. 25	at North Carolina *		
Nov. 1	at California *		
Nov. 8	Wake Forest *		
Nov. 15	at Duke *		
Nov. 22	OPEN		
Nov. 29	Virginia Tech *		



VIRGINIA TECH (0-1)			
Date	Opponent		
Aflac Kicko	ff Game - Atlanta, (	Ĝα.	
Aug. 31	vs. #13 South Car	olina L, 11-24	
Sept. 6	Vanderbilt	7:30 p.m. ET   ACCN	
Sept. 13	Old Dominion	7 p.m. ET   ACCN	
Sept. 20	Wofford		
Sept. 27	at NC State *		
Oct. 4	Wake Forest *		
Oct. 11	at Georgia Tech *		
Oct. 18	OPEN		
Oct. 24	California *	7:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	
Nov. 1	Louisville *		
Nov. 8	OPEN		
Nov. 15	at Florida State *		
Nov. 22	Miami *		
Nov. 29	at Virginia *		

WAKE FOREST (1-0)		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	Kennesaw State	W, 10-9
Sept. 6	Western Carolina	2 p.m. ET   ACCNX
Sept. 11	NC State *	7:30 p.m. ET   ESPN
Sept. 20	OPEN	
Sept. 27	Georgia Tech *	
Oct. 4	at Virginia Tech *	
Oct. 11	at Oregon State	3:30 p.m. ET   CW
Oct. 18	OPEN	
Oct. 25	SMU *	
Nov. 1	at Florida State *	
Nov. 8	at Virginia *	
Nov. 15	North Carolina *	
Nov. 22	Delaware	
Nov. 29	at Duke *	

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#### ACC TIEBREAKER POLICY

The Atlantic Coast Conference Football Champion will be decided by a game between the top two (2) post-season eligible teams. The two teams with the highest percentage of wins during all regular-season Conference competition shall play in the Championship Game. If three (3) or more such teams are tied with the highest percentage of wins or two (2) or more teams are tied with the second highest percentage of wins, the following tiebreaker procedure shall be administered to determine the representative(s) in the Championship Game. The team with the highest win percentage, either outright or after application of the tiebreaker, shall be declared the home team for the Championship Game.

#### Two-Team Tie

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

#### Three (or More) Team Tie

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

- a. Combined head-to-head win-percentage among the tied teams if all tied teams are common opponents.
- b. If all tied teams are not common opponents, the tied team that defeated each of the other tied teams.
- i. If all tied teams are not common opponents and no tied team defeated each of the other tied teams, but a tied team lost to each of the other tied teams, such team shall be eliminated and removed from the tie.
  - c. Win-percentage against all common opponents.
- d. Win-percentage against common opponents based upon their order of finish (overall conference win-percentage, with ties broken) and proceeding through other common opponents based upon their order of finish.
  - e. Combined win-percentage of conference opponents.
- f. The tied team with the highest ranking by the Team Rating Score metric provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular season games.
- g. The participant shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee.

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



# 2025 COMPOSITE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



WEEK O	WEEK 4	WEEK 10
Saturday, Aug. 23	Saturday, Sept. 20	Friday, Oct. 31
Stanford 20 at Hawai'i 237:30 p.m. ET   CBS	Syracuse at Clemson *	North Carolina at Syracuse * 7:30 p.m. ET   ESPN
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WEEK 1	Stanford at Virginia *	Saturday, Nov. 1
Thursday, Aug. 28	Florida at Miami	Virginia at California *
East Carolina 17 at NC State 247 p.m. ET   ACCN	SMU at TCU	Duke at Clemson *
Elon 17 at Duke 457:30 p.m. ET   ACCNX	North Carolina at UCF	Wake Forest at Florida State *
	Kent State at Florida State	Georgia Tech at NC State *
Friday, Aug. 29	Temple at Georgia Tech	Louisville at Virginia Tech *
Kennesaw State 9 at Wake Forest 10 7 p.m. ET   ACCN	Bowling Green at Louisville	Miami at SMU *
Georgia Tech 27 at Colorado 20 8 p.m. ET   ESPN	Wofford at Virginia Tech	Pitt at Stanford *
	California at San Diego State 10:30 p.m. ET   CBSSN	Notre Dame at Boston College
Saturday, Aug. 30	Open: Boston College, Pitt, Wake Forest	WEEK 44
Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.		WEEK 11
Syracuse 26 vs. #24 Tennessee 45Noon ET   ABC	WEEK 5	Saturday, Nov. 8
Duquesne 9 at Pitt 61 Noon ET   ACCN	Friday, Sept. 26	SMU at Boston College *
Fordham 10 at Boston College 662 p.m. ET   ACCNX	Florida State at Virginia * 7 p.m. ET   ESPN	California at Louisville *
Eastern Kentucky 17 at Louisville 513 p.m. ET   ACCN		Florida State at Clemson *
#8 Alabama 17 at Florida State 31 3:30 p.m. ET   ABC	Saturday, Sept. 27	Syracuse at Miami *
Coastal Carolina 7 at Virginia 48 6 p.m. ET   ACCN	California at Boston College *	Stanford at North Carolina *
#9 LSU 17 at #4 Clemson 10 7:30 p.m. ET   ABC	Duke at Syracuse *	Wake Forest at Virginia *
East Texas A&M 13 at SMU 42 9 p.m. ET   ACCN	Georgia Tech at Wake Forest *	Duke at UConn
California 34 at Oregon State 15 10:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	Louisville at Pitt *	Open: Georgia Tech, NC State, Pitt, Virginia Tech
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Sunday Aug 21	San Jose State at Stanford	WEEK 12
Sunday, Aug. 31	Ones, Clarese Misesi North Caroline CMII	
Aflac Kickoff Game - Atlanta, Ga.	Open: Clemson, Miami, North Carolina, SMU	Friday, Nov. 14 Clemson at Louisville *
Virginia Tech 11 vs. #13 S. Carolina 24 3 p.m. ET   ESPN	WEEK 6	Clemson at Louisville " 8 p.m. E1   ESPN
#6 Notre Dame 24 at #10 Miami 277:30 p.m. ET   ABC		
	Saturday, Oct. 4	Saturday, Nov. 15
Monday, Sept. 1	Boston College at Pitt *	Georgia Tech at Boston College *
TCU 14 at North Carolina 48 8 p.m. ET   ESPN	Duke at California *	Virginia at Duke *
Open: Stanford	Clemson at North Carolina *	Virginia Tech at Florida State *
WEEK 6	Miami at Florida State *	NC State at Miami *
WEEK 2	Virginia at Louisville *	North Carolina at Wake Forest *
Friday, Sept. 5	Syracuse at SMU *	Notre Dame at Pitt
James Madison at Louisville 7 p.m. ET   ESPN2	Wake Forest at Virginia Tech *	Open: California, SMU, Stanford, Syracuse
	Campbell at NC State	WEEK 40
Saturday, Sept. 6	Open: Georgia Tech, Stanford	WEEK 13
#11 Illinois at DukeNoon ET   ESPN		Friday, Nov. 21
Virginia at NC StateNoon ET   ESPN2	WEEK 7	Florida State at NC State * 8 p.m. ET   ESPN
Central Michigan at PittNoon ET   ESPNU	Saturday, Oct. 11	
East Texas A&M at Florida State Noon ET   ACCN	Clemson at Boston College *	Saturday, Nov. 22
Baylor at SMUNoon ET   The CW	Pitt at Florida State *	California at Stanford *
UConn at Syracuse Noon ET   ACCNX	Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech *	Duke at North Carolina *
Western Carolina at Wake Forest2 p.m. ET   ACCNX	Stanford at SMU *	Pitt at Georgia Tech *
Troy at Clemson3:30 p.m. ET   ACCN	NC State at Notre Dame3:30 p.m. ET   Peacock	Louisville at SMU *
Gardner-Webb at Georgia Tech3:30 p.m. ET   ACCNX	Wake Forest at Oregon State 3:30 p.m. ET   The CW	Miami at Virginia Tech *
Texas Southern at California6 p.m. ET   ACCNX	Open: California, Duke, Louisville, Miami,	Syracuse at Notre Dame3:30 p.m. ET   NBC or Peacock
North Carolina at Charlotte	North Carolina, Syracuse, Virginia	Furman at Clemson
Bethune-Cookman at Miami7 p.m. ET   ACCNX		Delaware at Wake Forest
Boston College at Michigan State7:30 p.m. ET   NBC	WEEK 8	Open: Boston College, Virginia
Vanderbilt at Virginia Tech7:30 p.m. ET   ACCN	Friday, Oct. 17	
Stanford at BYU	Louisville at Miami *7 p.m. ET   ESPN or ESPN2	WEEK 14
Stamora at 510 10.13 p.m. E1   E31 N	North Carolina at California * 10:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	Friday, Nov. 28
WEEK 3	North carolina at camornia 10.30 p.m. Er   Est N	Georgia at Georgia Tech
Thursday, Sept. 11	Saturday, Oct. 18	(at Mercedes-Benz Stadium)
NC State at Wake Forest *	SMU at Clemson *	(ut wercedes-benz stadium)
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F:1 0 : 40	Georgia Tech at Duke *	Saturday, Nov. 29
Friday, Sept. 12	Pitt at Syracuse *	Boston College at Syracuse *
Colgate at Syracuse7 p.m. ET   ACCN	UConn at Boston College	SMU at California *
	Washington State at Virginia 6:30 p.m. ET   The CW	Wake Forest at Duke *
Saturday, Sept. 13	Florida State at Stanford * 10:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	Miami at Pitt *
Clemson at Georgia Tech *Noon ET   ABC or ESPN	Open: NC State, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest	North Carolina at NC State *
William & Mary at Virginia Noon ET   ACCN		Virginia Tech at Virginia *
Pitt at West Virginia 3:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	WEEK 9	Clemson at South Carolina Noon ET   ABC or ESPN
Richmond at North Carolina3:30 p.m. ET   ACCN	Friday, Oct. 24	Florida State at Florida
SMU at Missouri State 3:30 p.m. ET   CBSSN	California at Virginia Tech * 7:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	Kentucky at Louisville
South Florida at Miami 4:30 p.m. ET   The CW		Notre Dame at Stanford
Old Dominion at Virginia Tech7 p.m. ET   ACCN	Saturday, Oct. 25	
Duke at Tulane	Boston College at Louisville *	ACC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Minnesota at California 10:30 p.m. ET   ESPN	Syracuse at Georgia Tech *	Saturday, Dec. 6
Boston College at Stanford *10:30 p.m. ET   ACCN	Stanford at Miami *	Bank of America Stadium - Charlotte, North Carolina
Open: Florida State, Louisville	Virginia at North Carolina *	2025 ACC Championship Game 8 p.m. ET   ABC
	NC State at Pitt *	

NC State at Pitt \* ..... SMU at Wake Forest \*....

Open: Clemson, Duke, Florida State

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# **ACC BOWL PARTNERS**



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

2024-25 College Football Playoff

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

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



### THIS IS THE ACC



#### **NATIONAL SUCCESS**

#### **National Championships**

- The ACC won six NCAA National Championships in 2024-25 in ACC-sponsored sports. In addition, Stanford won the NCAA Women's Water Polo Championship.
  - · North Carolina won the 2024 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship.
  - Virginia won the 2024-25 NCAA Women's Swimming & Diving Championship.
  - Notre Dame won the 2025 NCAA Fencing Championship.
  - · Wake Forest won the 2025 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship.
  - · North Carolina won the 2025 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship.
  - · Stanford won the 2025 NCAA Women's Rowing Championship.
- The ACC has won a combined 29 NCAA titles over the last four academic years, the most by any conference in their respective league-sponsored sports.
  - · ACC has won six or more national titles in each of the last four years, marking the best run in ACC history.
  - In 2022-23, the ACC won the most NCAA championships of any conference with a league-record nine.
- Over the last four years, an ACC team has had to beat another ACC team in either the NCAA semifinals or championship game 17 times.
  - In 2024-25, the ACC had multiple teams in the final four of several NCAA Championships:
    - · Women's Soccer: 4 of the final 4 teams; both teams in the championship.
    - · Volleyball: 2 of the final 4 teams.
    - Women's Lacrosse: 2 of the final 4 teams.
    - Men's Golf: 2 of the final 4 teams.
    - · Women's Golf: 2 of the final 4 teams.
    - · Women's Swimming & Diving: Top 2 teams in the team standings.
- ACC student-athletes won 32 individual NCAA Titles in 2024-25.

#### **LEARFIELD Directors' Cup Standings**

- Six ACC schools were ranked among the top 25, including three in the top 10, in the final Division I LEARFIELD College Directors' Cup standings following the 2024-25 academic year. All 18 ACC programs finished in the top 75 of the final standings.
- This marks the 23rd consecutive year that four or more ACC schools placed among the top 30 in the final LEARFIELD Directors' Cup standings. North Carolina and Virginia have ranked among the top 30 nationally in each of the 31 years the Directors' Cup has been
- The ACC was one of only two conferences with every school among the final top 75 this year. This marks just the second time in the last decade in which every ACC team finished in the top 75 (2020-21 was the other occurrence).

#### ACC STUDENT-ATHLETE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- The ACC conducted its fourth annual Health and Safety Summit in May 2025, this time in Charlotte, North Carolina, bringing together athletic trainers, team physicians, dietitians, mental health practitioners, sports performance coaches, and others within the ACC's health and sports performance community to collaborate and to share best practices.
- The ACC continued to provide leadership development programming to ACC coaches through the "Coaching the Whole Athlete Academy". The Coaching Academy is an eight-week virtual and immersive development program established by the league office that equips coaches with information, tools, and skills of a humanistic approach to better support the needs of the student-athlete.
- The ACC organized the second annual ACC Career Trek in Charlotte, North Carolina, in June 2025. The trek included 30 student-athletes across the league meeting with representatives and listening to panel discussions from five different categories including sports, real estate, finance/banking, consulting and government.

#### ACADEMIC SUCCESS

#### ACC Student-Athletes Excel Once Again in NCAA APR Report

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

#### ACC Makes Another Strong Showing in NCAA Graduation Success Rates

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

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

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





## THIS IS THE ACC

#### FOOTBALL SUCCESS

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

#### Elite Presence on the National Stage

• In eight of the past 12 seasons, the ACC has been represented in either the College Football Playoff or the BCS National Championship Game—an elite streak that began with Florida State's thrilling 34-31 win over Auburn in the final BCS title game in January 2014 (2013 season).

#### Four CFP Teams, One Conference

- The ACC is one of the few conferences to have sent four different programs to the College Football Playoff:
  - Clemson (2015-2020, 2024)
  - Florida State (2014)
  - Notre Dame (2020, as a full ACC member during the pandemic season)
  - SMU (2024)

#### **Playoff Success That Stands Out**

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

#### **Unmatched Depth in Bowl Season**

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

#### Top Coaching Talent Across the Board

- Seven active ACC head coaches currently rank among the top 60 in the FBS in career winning percentage (at least one full season of coaching):
  - Dabo Swinney (Clemson)
  - Fran Brown (Syracuse)
  - Rhett Lashlee (SMU)
  - Mike Norvell (Florida State)
  - Jeff Brohm (Louisville)
  - Dave Doeren (NC State)
  - Manny Diaz (Duke)

#### Heisman Pedigree

- Over the last 12 years, eight ACC players have finished in the top five of the Heisman Trophy voting a total of 10 times, including two winners:
  - Jameis Winston, Florida State 2013 winner
  - Lamar Jackson, Louisville 2016 winner, third in 2017
  - Deshaun Watson, Clemson 2nd in 2016, 3rd in 2015
  - Trevor Lawrence, Clemson 2nd in 2020
  - Kenny Pickett, Pitt 3rd in 2021
  - Andre Williams, Boston College 5th in 2013
  - Jordan Travis, Florida State 5th in 2023
  - Cameron Ward. Miami 4th in 2024

#### ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SUCCESS

#### **Expanding the Field of Contenders**

- With SMU making its first appearance in 2024, 14 different programs have now competed in the ACC Football Championship Game since it began in 2005—highlighting the league's depth and competitive balance.
- Clemson leads all schools with 10 appearances, followed by Virginia Tech and Florida State, each with six.

#### **Champions Across the Conference**

- Since the inaugural title game in 2005, six different schools have claimed the ACC Championship:
  - Clemson: 9 titles (most in league history)
  - Florida State: 5 titles, including the 2023 crown
  - Virginia Tech: 3 titles
  - Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, and Pitt: 1 title each

#### A Proven Draw in Charlotte

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

#### Charlotte: The Long-Term Home of ACC Championship Football

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

#### ACC & THE NFL DRAFT

#### **Another Impressive Draft Class**

• The ACC saw 42 players selected in the 2025 NFL Draft, representing 15 different institutions across the conference. This ties the league's highest single-draft total since 2021 (not including Notre Dame's nine picks that year).

#### **Consistent Pipeline to the Pros**

• Since the 2000 NFL Draft, the ACC has produced 853 total draft picks, including 122 first-round selections—ranking third among all conferences in both categories.

#### Top-Three in Recent Draft Production

• Over the last 12 drafts (2013–2025), the ACC has had 469 players selected, the thirdmost of any conference during that span. Notably, the ACC has seen 40 or more players drafted in three of the last five years.

#### No. 1 Overall Picks: A Legacy of Excellence

- Current ACC programs have produced 17 No. 1 overall picks in the history of the NFL Draft. Most recently, Miami quarterback Cameron Ward was selected first overall by the Tennessee Titans in the 2025 NFL Draft. Several ACC schools have contributed multiple top picks over the years:
- Stanford: 4 (Bobby Garrett 1954, Jim Plunkett 1971, John Elway 1983, Andrew Luck 2012)
- Miami: 3 (Vinny Testaverde 1987, Russell Maryland 1991, Cameron Ward 2025)
- Cal: 2 (Steve Bartkowski 1975, Jared Goff 2016)
- Virginia Tech: 2 (Bruce Smith 1985, Michael Vick 2001)
- Clemson: 1 (Trevor Lawrence 2021)
- Florida State: 1 (Jameis Winston 2015)
- NC State: 1 (Mario Williams 2006)
- SMU: 1 (Kyle Rote 1951)
- Syracuse: 1 (Ernie Davis 1962)
- Virginia: 1 (Bill Dudley 1942)

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



# 2025 ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS



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Sept. 15	Haynes King (QB), Georgia Tech	Sept. 2	Luke Petitbon (C), Florida State	Sept. 2	Ahmaad Moses (S), SML
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		Sept. 15		Sept. 15	
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Oct. 13		Oct. 13		Oct. 13	
Oct. 20		Oct. 20		Oct. 20	
Oct. 27		Oct. 27		Oct. 27	
Nov. 3		Nov. 3		Nov. 3	
Nov. 10		Nov. 10		Nov. 10	
Nov. 17		Nov. 17		Nov. 17	
Nov. 24		Nov. 24		Nov. 24	
Dec. 1		Dec. 1		Dec. 1	
	Running Back		Defensive Line		Specialist
Sept. 2	Isaac Brown (RB), Louisville	Sept. 2	Rueben Bain Jr. (DL), Miami	Sept. 2	Cam Ross (KR), Virginia
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### 2025 NATIONAL WEEKLY HONORS

National Player of the Week Awards

Associated Press Player of the Week

Bear Bryant Awards Coach of the Week Bednarik Award Player of the Week (Defensive Player) Bronko Nagurski Trophy Player of the Week (Defensive Player) Burlsworth Trophy Player of the Week (Walk-On) Davey O'Brien Award National Quarterback of the Week September 2......Tommy Castellanos, Florida State Doak Walker Award Player of the Week (Running Back) **Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week** September 2......Mike Norvell, Florida State The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award National Player of the Week Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Player of the Week Lou Groza Award Stars of the Week (Placekickers) Manning Award Quarterback of the Week Maxwell Award Player of the Week Outland Trophy Player of the Week (Interior Lineman) September 3.....Luke Petitbon (C), Florida State Ray Guy Award (Punter) Panini Senior Bowl Player of the Week Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Week Walter Camp Award National Player of the Week

Honororable Mention / Honor Rolls

Pop-Tarts Crazy Good Team of the Week
September 3 .......Florida State

Cheez-It Crunch Time Play of the Week
September 3......CJ Daniels (WR), Miami

# ACC IN THE RANKINGS - TOP 25 POLLS



AP/COACHES/CFP																	
	BC	CAL	CU	DU	FSU	GT	LOU	MIA	UNC	NCSU	PITT	SMU	STAN	SU	UVA	VT	WF
Preseason	-/-/-	-/-/-	4/6/-	RV/RV/-	RV/RV/-	RV/RV/-	RV/RV/-	10/10/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	RV/-/-	16/16/-	-/-/-	-/RV/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
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Oklahoma	18	18															
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### ACC ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKING HISTORY

	Consecutive			
School	Polls	Top 10	No.1	Weeks Ranked
Boston College	-	34	1	145
California	-	92	4	200
Clemson	20	220	25	515
Duke	-	57	-	180
Florida State	1	385	72	585
Georgia Tech	-	146	-	307
Louisville	-	42	-	161
Miami	19	321	68	537
North Carolina	-	80	1	280
NC State	-	12	-	191
Pitt	-	125	21	319
SMU	13	75	2	196
Stanford	-	97	-	303
Syracuse	-	69	7	213
Virginia	-	21	3	174
Virginia Tech	-	95	-	311
Wake Forest	-	2	-	69

### ACC COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF (CFP) RANKING HISTORY

All-time CFP Rankings	Appearances	Highest Rank (Date)
Boston College	3	17 (Nov. 16, 2018)
California	-	-
Clemson	60	1, eight times (Dec. 3, 2017)
Duke	3	21 (Nov. 11, 2014)
Florida State	30	2, two times (Nov. 4, 2014)
Georgia Tech	6	11 (Dec. 2, 2014)
Louisville	20	5 (Nov. 15, 2016)
Miami	17	2 (Nov. 21, 2017)
North Carolina	19	10, two times (Dec. 6, 2015)
NC State	24	14 (Nov. 6, 2018)
Pitt	10	12 (Dec. 5, 2021)
SMU	9	8, (Dec. 3, 2024)
Stanford	15	6 (Dec. 6, 2015)
Syracuse	9	12 (Nov. 13, 2018)
Virginia	3	23 (Dec. 3, 2019)
Virginia Tech	10	13 (Oct. 31, 2017)
Wake Forest	8	9 (Nov. 2, 2021)









Friday, September 5 [RV] James Madison (1-0, 0-0 SBC) at [RV] Louisville (1-0, 0-0 ACC) 7 p.m. ET; ESPN2

Louisville leads series, 1-0 Last Meeting: Louisville, 34-10 (2022)

#### **Head Coaches** James Madison: ...... Bob Chesney (10-4 in 2nd season at JMU; 121-50 in 16th season overall) Louisville: Jeff Brohm (20-8 in 3rd season at UL; 86-52 in 12th season overall)

- Louisville won its lone meeting against James Madison, 34-10, in 2022.
- Louisville opened the season with a 51-17 win over Eastern Kentucky. It marked the 15th consecutive home-opening win for Louisville.
- Running back Isaac Brown, the 2024 ACC Offensive Freshman of the Year, logged his sixth career 100-yard rushing performance, totaling 126 yards and two touchdowns against Eastern Kentucky in the season opener.
- The Cardinals amassed 542 yards of offense against the Colonels, the second-most in a game this season by an ACC team and the 15th-most in all of FBS.
- · Like Louisville, James Madison opened the season with a lopsided win over an FCS opponent, defeating Weber State, 45-10.
- The Dukes ran for 313 rushing yards in the win, recording over 68 percent of their 458 total yards on the ground.
- · James Madison was picked to finish atop the Sun Belt East Division in the Sun Belt Conference Football Preseason Coaches Poll. The Dukes claimed 11 of 14 first-place votes.



Saturday, September 6 #11 Illinois (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten) at [RV] Duke (1-0, 0-0 ACC) Noon ET; ESPN

Series tied at 1-1 Last Meeting: Illinois, 28-14 (1965)

Head Coaches	
Illinois:	Bret Bielema
	(29-22 in 5th season at ILL; 126-80 in 17th season overall)
Duke:	Manny Diaz
	(9-4 in 2nd season at DU; 31-19 in 5th season overall)

#### Notes:

- Duke and Illinois have split their two previous meetings, the last of which came in 1965. The two teams' only meeting in Durham came in 1958, with Duke winning 15-13.
- The Blue Devils are looking for a win versus a ranked opponent for the first time since opening the 2023 campaign with a 28-7 victory against No. 9 Clemson.
- In his Duke debut, Darian Mensah completed 27-of-34 (.794) passes for 389 yards with three touchdowns in the season opener versus Elon. The 389-yard outing marked the second-highest total by a Duke QB in a debut in program history.
- Duke's 45 points were the Blue Devils' most in a season-opener since 2017.
- Illinois opened the season with a 52-3 win over Western Illinois in Week 1.
- Illinois brings a five-game winning streak to Durham, tied for the longest active streak in the Big Ten with reigning national champion Ohio State.
- This is Illinois' first meeting against an ACC opponent since 2022, when the Fighting Illini defeated Virginia, 24-3.
- Illinois wide receiver set the Fighting Illini single-game record for punt return yardage against the Leathernecks with 133 yards.



Saturday, September 6 Virginia (1-0, 0-0 ACC) at NC State (1-0, 0-0 ACC) Noon ET; ESPN2

NC State leads series, 37-22-1 Last Meeting: NC State, 24-21 (2023)

**Head Coaches** 

Virginia: ......Tony Elliott (12-23 in 4th season at UVA; 12-23 in 4th season overall) 

(88-65 in 13th season at NCSU; 111-69 in 15th season overall)

#### Notes:

- NC State and Virginia will meet in a non-conference game on Saturday, marking the first time since 1948 that the two teams have met where the result did not count in the ACC standings.
- The Pack and Cavaliers played every year from 1960-2003, but have met just seven times since the ACC expanded in 2004.
- The two teams will be playing in Raleigh for the first time since 2018.
- The Wolfpack have won each of the last three meetings between the two ACC teams and five of the last six contests.
- QB CJ Bailey completed 24-of-34 passes for 318 yards and a touchdown in the seasonopening win over East Carolina on August 28.
- Virginia opened its season with a 48-7 win at home over Coastal Carolina on August 30, totaling 454 yards on offense and holding Coastal to just 254 yards for the game.
- In his Cavalier debut, Cam Ross had seven catches, 124 receiving yards, a TD catch and a KO return touchdown. Ross is the only ACC player over the last 30 seasons to hit all four of those marks in the same game. (Stats Perform)





Central Michigan (1-0, 0-0 MAC) at [RV] Pitt (1-0, 0-0 ACC) Noon ET; ESPN2

First Meeting

**Head Coaches** Central Michigan: ......Matt Drinkall (1-0 in 1st season at CMU; 43-17 in 6th season overall) (73-56 in 11th season at Pitt; 73-56 in 11th season overall)

#### Notes:

- This will be the first meeting between the Panthers and Chippewas.
- Pitt opened the season with a 61-9 win over crosstown foe Duquesne.
- Against Duquesne, Eli Holstein threw four touchdown passes, becoming the first Pitt QB to do so since Kenny Pickett in 2021.
- Pitt's Desmond Reid totaled 147 all-purpose yards, including a 53-yard touchdown run and an 88-yard punt return touchdown. Reid was just the third ACC player to have a 50+ yard scrimmage touchdown and a 50+ yard return touchdown in a season opener. 30 years (UNC's Giovani Bernard - 2012; UNC's Brandon Tate - 2008).
- · All-American linebacker Kyle Louis tallied six tackles, three tackles-for-loss and two sacks in the Week 1 win.
- Central Michigan is coming off a Week 1 win over San Jose State, powered by three field goals from Cade Graham. The Chipps entered the game as a two-touchdown underdog.
- The Week 2 test at Pitt will be Central Michigan's second of three consecutive road games to open the season.







#### Saturday, September 6 East Texas A&M (0-0, 0-1 SLC) at #14 Florida State (1-0, 0-0 ACC) Noon ET; ACCN

**First Meeting** 

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East Texas	A&M:Clint Dolezel
	I-19 in 3rd season at ETAMU; 4-19 in 3rd collegiate season overall)
Florida Sta	e:Mike Norvell
	(34-27 in 6th season at FSU; 72-42 in 10th season overall)



- Florida State was the epicenter of college football last weekend, topping No. 8 Alabama, 31-17, in the two teams' season opener.
- The victory over the Crimson Tide was the first time an unranked FSU team beat an AP Top 10 foe since November 3, 2007.
- The Seminoles ran for 230 yards against Alabama, the most by an FSU team against a Top 10 opponent since October 15, 2022.
- The win against the Crimson Tide was Florida State's ninth over an SEC opponent in the last 10 seasons, ranking second in the country.
- FSU's win marked Alabama's first non-conference regular-season road loss since 2003.
- In his first game for FSU, QB Tommy Castellanos threw for 152 yards and, while also rushing for a team-high 78 yards and a touchdown.
- Defensively, Daniel Lyons recorded a sack and a forced fumble against Alabama. The Seminoles logged three sacks as a team in the win.
- This will be East Texas A&M's second straight contest against an ACC opponent, falling 42-13 at SMU in Week 1.



Saturday, September 6 Baylor (0-1, 0-0 Big 12) at #17 SMU (1-0, 0-0 ACC) Noon ET; The CW

Baylor leads series, 39-36-7 Last Meeting: Baylor, 40-13 (2016)

Head Coaches	
Baylor:	Dave Aranda
-	(31-31 in 6th season at BU; 31-31 in 6th season overall)
SMU:	Rhett Lashlee
	(30-12 in 4th season at SMII: 30-12 in 4th season overall)

#### Notes:

- SMU trails the all-time series against the Bears, 39-36-7, with Baylor riding a 13-game winning streak over the Mustangs.
- · SMU is seeking its first win over Baylor since the 1986 season.
- In the win over East Texas A&M, the Mustangs recorded two interception returns for touchdowns, marking the first time SMU had multiple pick-sixes in a game since 2016.
- The Mustangs are 4-0 in season-openers under Rhett Lashlee, and have won seven straight season openers.
- The Mustangs are 27-2 under Lashlee when scoring 30+ points.
- Baylor is coming off of 14-point loss to Auburn in the season opener last week.
- The Bears allowed Auburn QB Jackson Arnold to throw for 137 yards and run for 108
- Baylor has not met an ACC school since Sept. 15, 2018, when the Bears fell 40-27 to Duke in Waco, Texas.



#### Saturday, September 6

UConn (1-0) at Syracuse (0-1, 0-0 ACC) Noon ET; ACCNX

Syracuse leads series, 7-6 Last meeting: Syracuse, 31-24 (2024)

Head	Coaches

(19-20 in 4th season at UConn; 65-50 in 10th season overall) Syracuse: ......Fran Brown (10-4 in 2nd season at SU; 10-4 in 2nd season overall)

- Syracuse enters Saturday's contest on a five-game winning streak against UConn, dating back to the 2012 season when the schools competed in the Big East.
- Syracuse leads the all-time series against UConn, 7-6.
- The Orange look to bounce back from a season-opening loss to No. 24 Tennessee in the Aflac Kickoff Game in Atlanta.
- Quarterback Steve Angeli threw for 274 yards and a touchdown in his Syracuse debut. Johntay Cook II was Angeli's favorite target, catching six passes for 58 yards and a touchdown.
- Running back Yasin Willis ran for three touchdowns against the Vols, totaling 91 yards on the ground.
- The Huskies enter the game at 1-0 after defeating Central Connecticut, 59-13.
- UConn went 9-4 in 2024, including a win over North Carolina, in the Wasabi Fenway
- The Huskies played four ACC teams last season, going 1-3 against the league.



#### Saturday, September 6

Western Carolina (0-1, 0-0 SoCon) at Wake Forest (1-0, 0-0 ACC)

2 p.m. ET; ACCNX

Wake Forest leads series, 3-0 Last meeting: Wake Forest, 40-24 (1991)

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Western Carolina: Kerwin Bell

(24-22 in 5th season at WCU; 117-64 in 17th season overall) Wake Forest: ......Jake Dickert

(1-0 in 1st season at WF; 24-20 in 5th season overall)

#### Notes:

- Wake Forest is 3-0 all-time versus Western Carolina, having outscored the Catamounts 92-34 across the previous three meetings.
- The Demon Deacons will look to go 2-0 to start the season, having defeated Kennesaw State in coach Jake Dickert's WF coaching debut in Week 1.
- The WF passing defense allowed just 149 yards in the air in the season opener and held the KSU Owls to just nine points, the fewest points allowed in a game since Oct. 30, 2021.
- The Deacs recorded nearly 350 yards of total offense, led by redshirt senior quarterback Robby Ashford, who was 20-of-28 for 218 yards through the air and 18 carries for 42 yards and a touchdown on the ground.
- Dating back to 2000, Wake Forest has won its last 19 games against FCS opponents.
- Western Carolina fell out of the Stats Perform FCS Top 25 rankings following a 52-45 loss to Gardner-Webb at home in the season opener last Saturday.
- Patrick Boyd Jr. led WCU's offensive attack, averaging nearly nine and a half yards per touch with a career-high 142 rushing yards and a touchdown.



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Saturday, September 6 Troy (1-0, 0-0 SBC) at #8 Clemson (0-1, 0-0 ACC) 3:30 p.m. ET; ACCN

Clemson leads series, 2-0 Last Meeting: Clemson, 30-24 (2016)

**Head Coaches** (5-8 in 2nd season at Troy; 5-14 in 3rd season overall) (180-48 in 18th season at CU; 180-48 in 18th season overall)

#### Notes:

- · Clemson will return to Death Valley on Saturday to host Troy in non-conference play. The Tigers are 2-0 all-time versus the Trojans.
- Last week, Clemson opened a season with an AP Top 10 opponent for the third time in five years, dropping a one-score game to No. 9 LSU, 17-10.
- The Tigers are 37-10 in games following losses under head coach Dabo Swinney.
- QB Cade Klubnik completed 19-of-38 passes for 230 yards, giving him 200 yards of total offense (combined rushing and passing yards) or more in 14 straight games to take sole possession of the school record in that category.
- Troy posted a 38-20 win over Nicholls in Week 1, overcoming a 10-0 deficit in the first
- Troy, which scored 28 points in the fourth quarter in the win, is one of only four teams to post 28 points or more in a quarter this season (Troy, WKU, USC, BYU).
- RB Tae Meadows rushed for 186 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries in the opener, the 19th-most yards in a game in Troy history.



#### Saturday, September 6

Gardner-Webb (1-0, 0-0 Big South/OVC) at [RV] Georgia Tech (1-0, 0-0 ACC) 3:30 p.m. ET; ACCNX

Georgia Tech leads series, 1-0 Last Meeting: Georgia Tech, 10-7 (2008)

**Head Coaches** Gardner-Webb: Cris Reisert (5-8 in 2nd season at GWU; 45-19 in 7th season overall) Georgia Tech: ......Brent Key (19-16 in 3rd full season at GT; 19-16 in 3rd full season overall)

#### Notes:

- Georgia Tech will host Gardner-Webb for the second time ever on Saturday afternoon in Bobby Dodd Stadium. The Yellow Jackets defeated the Runnin' Bulldogs 10-7 in 2008.
- The Jackets are coming off a 27-20 season-opening win at Colorado last Friday, August 29, their second straight season-opening victory.
- · Georgia Tech held significant statistical advantages in total yards (463-305), rushing yards (320-146) and first downs (27-19) over Colorado.
- In the season opener, QB Haynes King became just the second FBS player with 140+ passing yards, 140+ rushing yards and 3+ rushing touchdowns in a season opener since 2000 (Jalen Hurts, Oklahoma: 2019).
- Gardner-Webb opened up its 2025 campaign with a 52-42 win at No. 19 Western Carolina in Week 1, overcoming a 28-point deficit (35-7) in the largest come-from-behind win in program history.
- Led by graduate quarterback Nate Hampton, GWU's offense totaled 631 yards on 88 plays, an average of 7.2 yards per play, while 339 of those yards came on the ground in the season opener.



#### Saturday, September 6

Texas Southern (0-1, 0-0 SWAC) at Califronia (1-0, 0-0 ACC)

6 p.m. ET; ACCNX

First Meeting

(5-7 in 2nd season at TSU; 5-7 in 2nd season overall)

(43-50 in 9th season at CAL; 43-50 in 9th season overall)

California: .................Justin Wilcox



**Head Coaches** 

# Notes:

- · California will host Texas Southern for its 2025 home opener on Saturday night.
- The Golden Bears are coming off a season-opening road win at former Pac-12 foe Oregon State, 34-15, and have won four straight season openers.
- Cal, who is taking on Texas Southern for the first time, has never lost to an FCS-level opponent.
- QB Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele became the first Cal true freshman signal-caller to win a season opener and finished 20-for-30 for 234 yards passing with three touchdowns in the win over Oregon State.
- Texas Southern is coming off a 22-21 last-second loss to SWAC rival Prairie View A&M in the 40th Labor Day Classic on August 30.
- The Tigers, who play at the FCS level, have struggled to compete with FBS competition. In their past 10 matchups vs. FBS foes, they have been outscored by an average of 52-14.



#### Saturday, September 6

North Carolina (0-1, 0-0 ACC) at Charlotte (0-1, 0-0 AAC) 7 p.m. ET; ESPN+

North Carolina leads series, 1-0 Last Meeting: North Carolina, 38-20 (2024)

Head Coaches	
North Carolina:	Bill Belichick
	(0-1 in 1st season at UNC; 0-1 in 1st collegiate season overall)
SMU:	Tim Albin
	(0-1 in 1st season at CLT: 58-28 in 8th season overall)

#### Notes:

- North Carolina and Charlotte will face off for the second consecutive season when the 49ers host the Tar Heels on Saturday night. UNC defeated the 49ers 38-20 last year.
- Despite playing each other only a year ago, the two teams will both have new coaches on the sidelines for this matchup in Bill Belichick for UNC and Tim Albin for Charlotte.
- UNC QB Max Johnson recorded his first passing touchdown as a Tar Heel, coming off the bench to connect with his brother, TE Jack Johnson, who hauled in his first receiving
- Charlotte will look to bounce back from a 34-11 loss to in-state foe App State in the Duke's Mayo Classic at Bank of America Stadium on August 30.
- Head Coach Tim Albin is in his first year at Charlotte after four years as the head coach at Ohio University. He led Ohio to three consecutive 10-win seasons and a MAC Championship in 2024.
- North Carolina transfer Conner Harrell got the start for the 49ers in the season opener, completing 13-of-24 passes for 142 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He also rushed six times for 22 yards.









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### Saturday, September 6

Bethune-Cookman (0-1, 0-0 SWAC) at #5 Miami (1-0, 0-0 ACC)

7 p.m. ET; ACCNX

Miami leads series, 7-0 Last Meeting: Miami, 48-7 (2023)

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ethune-0	Cookman:	Raymond Woodie Jr.
	(5-19 in 3rd season at B-CU; 5	5-19 in 3rd collegiate season overall)
liami:		Mario Cristobal
	(23-16 in 4th season)	at LIM: 85-76 in 15th season overall)

#### Notes:

- Miami is unbeaten versus fellow Florida school Bethune-Cookman on the gridiron, going 7-0 versus the Wildcats, including a 48-7 win in Miami Gardens in 2023.
- The Hurricanes are coming off a thrilling 27-24 home win over No. 6 Notre Dame on Sunday, August 31, the Canes' highest ranked win since 2017 (also a win over ND).
- Transfer QB Carson Beck completed 20-of-31 passes for 205 yards and two touchdowns in his Miami debut, moving to 25-3 overall as a starter.
- · Miami's retooled defense forced two turnovers, posted three sacks and held Notre Dame's highly-touted rushing attack to just 93 yards on 28 carries.
- Bethune-Cookman is coming off a 42-9 season-opening loss at FIU on August 29.
- B-CU placekicker Juan Dominguez accounted for all nine of the Cats' points in the season-opener, making good on field goals from 35, 22 and 28 yards out in the loss.
- Bethune-Cookman was picked to finish fifth in the SWAC's Eastern Division in the preseason poll after a 2-10 finish last season, which saw five of the Wildcats' 10 losses coming within one score.



#### Saturday, September 6

Boston College (1-0, 0-0 ACC) at Michigan State (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten) 7:30 p.m. ET; NBC

Boston College leads series, 5-1-1 Last Meeting: Boston College, 23-19 (2024)

<b>Head Coaches</b>	
<b>Boston Colleg</b>	e:Bill O'Brien
	(8-6 in 2nd season at BC; 23-15 in 4th collegiate season overall)
Michigan State	Jonathan Smith
-	(6-7 in 2nd season at MSU; 40-42 in 8th season overall)

#### Notes:

- · Boston College will be looking for its third straight win over Michigan State and fifth in the last six matchups on Saturday in East Lansing, Michigan.
- The two teams met last year in Chestnut Hill, Mass., with BC winning 23-19 on a 42-yard TD reception from Lewis Bond with just 1:28 to play in the contest, followed by a Max Tucker interception in the end zone with 42 seconds left on the game clock.
- BC opened the season with a 66-10 win over Fordham last week, marking the most points the Eagles have scored since they blasted Howard 76-0 on September 12, 2015.
- Transfer QB Dylan Lonergan had a superb game in his first career start, completing 26of-34 pass attempts for 268 yards and four touchdowns in BC's season-opening win.
- Michigan State opened its season with a 23-6 win over Western Michigan on August 29, moving to 2-0 under second-year head coach Jonathan Smith in season openers.
- The Spartans' defense held Western Michigan to zero offensive points and just 29 rushing yards on 24 attempts, while also registering four quarterback sacks and 12 tackles-for-loss in the win.
- Michigan State ran for 181 yards and two touchdowns on the ground in a win over WMU.





Saturday, September 6 Vanderbilt (1-0, 0-0 SEC) at Virginia Tech (0-1, 0-0 ACC) 7:30 p.m. ET; ACCN

Virginia Tech leads series, 6-4 Last meeting: Vanderbilt, 34-27 (ot) (2024)

<b>Head Coaches</b>	
Vanderbilt:	Clark Lea
	(17-33 in 5th season at Vandy; 17-33 in 5th season overall)
Virginia Tech:	Brent Pry
-	(16-22 in 4th season at VT; 16-22 in 4th season overall)

- Virginia Tech will kick off its 2025 home slate with a contest versus Vanderbilt on Saturday night in Lane Stadium. Vandy defeated VT 34-27 in overtime last year in Nashville in the two teams' 2024 season opener.
- The Hokies are playing their second straight SEC opponent, having opened the season versus No. 13 South Carolina at the Aflac Kickoff Game in Week 1 on August 31.
- Virginia Tech head coach Brent Pry is 3-0 in home openers at Lane Stadium. Dating back to 2016, the Hokies have won each of their first home game of the season, including a shutout of Delaware in 2017 and three ACC contests in 2020, 2021 and 2022.
- In his first game as a Hokie, transfer Donavon Greene hauled in three passes for 94 yards, with each one of his catches going for 25 or more yards versus South Carolina.
- Vanderbilt opened its 2025 season with a 45-3 victory at home over Charleston Southern last Saturday, marking the Commodores' fourth-straight season-opening win.
- Vandy QB Diego Pavia picked up where he left off last year, as he tallied 319 total yards in the win over CSU in Week 1, the second-highest total offensive output in a single game at Vanderbilt.





#### Saturday, September 6 Stanford (0-1, 0-0 ACC)

at [RV] BYU (1-0, 0-0 Big 12) 10:15 p.m. ET; ESPN

Stanford leads series, 2-1 Last Meeting: BYU, 35-26 (2022)

Head Coach	es
Stanford:	Frank Reich
	(0-1 in 1st season at STAN; 0-1 in 1st collegiate season overall)
BYU:	Kalani Sitake
	(73-43 in 10th season at BYU; 73-43 in 10th season overall)

#### Notes:

- Stanford and BYU will meet for the fourth time overall on Saturday and just the second time in Provo, Utah. The Cardinal hold a 2-1 edge on the Cougars.
- The Cardinal are coming off an open week last week after playing at Hawai'i in Week 0.
- In the season opener, Micah Ford led Stanford with 113 rushing yards on 26 carries, including a 2-yard touchdown for his second career 100-yard rushing game.
- Ford's score snapped a streak of 20 straight games without a rushing touchdown by a Stanford running back since 2023.
- Interim head coach Frank Reich's emphasis on the ground game in Week 0 helped Stanford hold onto the ball for 36:07, the team's most time of possession since 39:01 against Washington in 2019.
- BYU is coming off a 69-0 win over Portland State on August 30, in which the Cougars totaled 606 yards of total offense in the win.
- BYU scored nine touchdowns, including five total from true freshman QB Bear Bachmeier (3 passing/2 rushing). Bachmeier, along with his brother Tiger, transferred to BYU from Stanford. Tiger graduated from Stanford in two-and-a-half years.

