



2026 STANDINGS

TEAM	ACC		OVERALL	
	W-L	PCT.	W-L	PCT.
Boston College	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
California	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Clemson	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Duke	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Florida State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Georgia Tech	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Louisville	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Miami	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
North Carolina	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
NC State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Pitt	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
SMU	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Stanford	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Syracuse	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Virginia	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Virginia Tech	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Wake Forest	0-0	.000	0-0	.000

THIS WEEK * WEEK 0

FEATURED GAMES

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 29
NOON ET




NORTH CAROLINA
VS.
TCU

ESPN
Aer Lingus College Football Classic

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 29
3:30 P.M. ET




NC STATE
AT
VIRGINIA

ESPN
ACC HUDDLE

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 29
7 P.M. ET




NEW MEXICO STATE
AT
FLORIDA STATE

THE CW

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 29
7 P.M. ET




HAWAII
AT
STANFORD

ACC NETWORK

2026 SCHEDULE * WEEK 1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

#7 Miami at Stanford * 9 p.m. ET (ESPN)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

*Liberty Mutual Music City Kickoff -
Nashville, Tennessee*
#24 Louisville vs. #9 Ole Miss 7:30 p.m. ET (ABC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

#19 SMU at Florida State * 7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Open: North Carolina, NC State, Virginia

QUICK HITS

STRONGEST NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE IN 2026

- ACC teams are scheduled to play 25 non-conference games against Power Four + Notre Dame – most of any conference.
- Includes nine games vs. SEC, 5 vs. B1G, 5 vs. Big 12 and 6 vs. Notre Dame.
- Two-thirds of the ACC's non-conference games are against Power Four or bowl-eligible teams.
- All 17 ACC teams will play at least 10 games vs. Power Four + Notre Dame.
- Three of the five FBS teams playing 11 or more games vs. Power Four + Notre Dame are from the ACC.
- 12 non-conference games against teams ranked in ESPN's 2026 Way-Too-Early Top 25.
- 12 games against teams ranked in the final 2025 College Football Playoff rankings and AP Top 25.
- 29 games against 23 teams that received a 2025 bowl invitation.

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

- 14 teams will compete in 12 games across five days (Thursday, September 3 – Monday, September 7).
- SMU at Florida State on Labor Day Monday marks the ACC's 17th consecutive year playing on Labor Day (excluding 2020) and 20th since 2005.

- ACC leads all conferences in Week 1 with five Power Four non-conference games.

ACC FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

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

STRENGTH AND DEPTH OF ACC FOOTBALL

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



FULL STANDINGS

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

ACC IN THE POLLS

2026 ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25 POLL

Preseason Poll * August 17, 2026

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Ohio State (40)	1672
2.	Oregon (14)	1597
3.	Georgia	1513
4.	Notre Dame (6)	1510
5.	Texas	1483
6.	Indiana (8)	1440
7.	Miami (1)	1379
8.	Texas A&M	1131
9.	Ole Miss	1102
10.	Oklahoma	1047
11.	LSU	988
12.	Texas Tech	983
13.	Alabama	904
14.	BYU	839
	USC	839
16.	Michigan	718
17.	Washington	501
18.	Penn State	482
19.	SMU	434
20.	Tennessee	394
21.	Utah	304
22.	Iowa	260
23.	Houston	252
24.	Louisville	198
25.	Missouri	117

(first-place votes in parentheses)

Others Receiving Votes:

Clemson 112; Florida 51; Boise State 43; Arizona 32; TCU 11; Navy 10; South Carolina 10; Illinois 9; Oklahoma State 8; Vanderbilt 8; **Pitt 7**; **Virginia Tech 6**; Minnesota 5; UNLV 4; New Mexico 4; **Georgia Tech 4**; James Madison 3; Auburn 3; Memphis 2; **California 2**; Liberty 1; Western Michigan 1; Tulane 1; **Virginia 1**

2026 US LBM COACHES POLL TOP 25

Preseason Poll * August 4, 2026

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Ohio State (38)	1741
2.	Oregon (6)	1637
3.	Georgia (7)	1591
4.	Texas (2)	1544
5.	Notre Dame (5)	1524
6.	Indiana (14)	1522
7.	Miami	1409
8.	Texas A&M	1174
9.	Oklahoma	1104
10.	Ole Miss	1096
11.	Alabama	1050
12.	Texas Tech	1034
13.	LSU	951
14.	USC	838
15.	BYU	781
16.	Michigan	719
17.	Penn State	463
18.	Tennessee	428
19.	Washington	406
20.	SMU	378
21.	Utah	313
22.	Iowa	291
23.	Clemson	235
24.	Houston	194
25.	Missouri	158

(first-place votes in parentheses)

Others Receiving Votes:

Louisville 153; Florida 147; TCU 63; Illinois 62; South Carolina 50; Arizona 50; **Virginia 40**; Vanderbilt 37; Auburn 29; **Georgia Tech 26**; Boise State 24; Oklahoma State 22; UNLV 17; **NC State 13**; **Florida State 13**; **Virginia Tech 12**; Nebraska 12; Memphis 9; Arizona State 8; James Madison 6; **Duke 6**; **Pitt 4**; New Mexico 4; Western Michigan 3; Navy 3; San Diego State 2; Kansas State 1; Jacksonville State 1; Hawaii 1; **California 1**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS

First Rankings * November 3, 2026

Rk.	Team	Record
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ACC NOTES

THREE TEAMS RANKED IN PRESEASON AP TOP 25 POLL

■ The ACC has nine programs receiving recognition in the preseason poll when combining ranked teams and those receiving votes: Miami, SMU, Louisville, Clemson, Pitt, Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, California and Virginia.

■ Three ACC teams are ranked in the 2026 AP Preseason Top 25, led by No. 7 Miami, followed by No. 19 SMU and No. 24 Louisville. Six additional ACC teams received votes, led by Clemson with 112 points. Pitt (7), Virginia Tech (6), Georgia Tech (4), California (2) and Virginia (1) also received votes.

■ Clemson is the first team outside the Top 25, finishing just five points behind No. 25 Missouri (117). Clemson's 112 points are more than twice as many as the next team outside the Top 25, Florida (51).

■ More than half of the ACC — nine of 17 football members — received at least one vote in the preseason AP poll.

THE ACC IN THE PRESEASON COACHES POLL

■ 12 ACC programs received votes in the 2026 preseason US LBM Coaches Poll, the second-most of any conference nationally, trailing only the SEC (13).

■ Three ACC teams open in the preseason Top 25 — No. 7 Miami, No. 20 SMU and No. 23 Clemson — while nine additional teams received votes: Louisville, Virginia, Georgia Tech, Florida State, NC State, Virginia Tech, Duke, Pitt and California.

■ Over two-thirds of the league was recognized, as 12 of the ACC's 17 football programs (71%) received at least one vote from the coaches entering the 2026 season.

■ The ACC and SEC combined for 25 of the 44 Power Four programs receiving votes, accounting for more than half (57%) of all Power Four teams recognized in the preseason poll.

2026 ACC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

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

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

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

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

NINE-GAME CONFERENCE SLATE BEGINS IN 2026

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

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

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

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

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

FBS TEAMS WITH DOUBLE-DIGIT POWER FOUR GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACC TEAMS KICK OFF IN IRELAND

■ North Carolina will take on TCU in the 2026 *Aer Lingus College Football Classic* on Saturday, August 29, at Aviva Stadium in Dublin, Ireland.

ACC Teams in the Aer Lingus College Football Classic

Year	Matchup	Result
2016	Georgia Tech vs. Boston College	GT, 17-14
2024	Georgia Tech vs. #10 Florida State	GT, 24-21
2026	North Carolina vs. TCU	Aug. 29
2027	Pitt vs. Wisconsin	Aug. 28

ACC'S GROWING GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

■ The ACC will kick off the 2026 season on the international stage, as North Carolina takes on TCU in the *Aer Lingus College Football Classic* in Dublin, Ireland, on August 29.

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

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

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

■ With games in Ireland and Canada on the horizon, the ACC continues to showcase its programs and student-athletes on an international stage while extending the reach of ACC Football to fans around the world.

ACC IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN IN WEEK 0

■ The ACC will be the only conference to play a league game in Week 0 of the 2026 season, as NC State will travel to Virginia for a 3:30 p.m. ET kickoff on Saturday, August 29.

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

ACC PART OF ANOTHER HISTORIC COLLEGE GAMEDAY

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

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

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

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

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



ACC NOTES

ACC AVAILABILITY REPORTING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACC FOOTBALL TIEBREAKER POLICY

■ The Atlantic Coast Conference Football Champion will be decided by a game (the "ACC Football Championship Game") between the Top Two Teams.

■ The Top Two Teams shall be the two ACC teams with the highest percentage of Conference wins during all regular-season Conference competition and/or team(s) which played an alternate number of Conference games and have either the same number of Conference wins or the same number of Conference losses as the team(s) with the highest percentage of Conference wins.

■ To be among the Top Two Teams, a team must be eligible to compete in the postseason. Conference games against otherwise postseason ineligible teams will always be counted in the league standings and in application of the tiebreaker policy.

■ If three (3) or more teams are tied with the highest percentage of wins or two (2) or more teams are tied with the second highest percentage of wins, the following tiebreaker shall be administered to determine the representative(s) in the ACC Football Championship Game.

ACC Football Tiebreaker

1. Defining Tied Teams:

a. Step 1: Identify the team or teams with the best Conference win percentage; plus,

b. Step 2: Any team or teams which played an alternate number of Conference games and have either the same number of Conference wins or the same number of Conference losses as the team(s) identified in Step 1.

c. No other teams may be defined as Tied Teams.

2. Once the Tied Teams have been identified:

a. In the event of a tie involving teams which played an alternate number of Conference games, all ties will be broken starting with the highest win percentage, working downward.

1. Two-Team Tie

a. The tied team which defeated the other tied team in head-to-head Conference competition.

b. The tied team with the better ranking in the Team Success Ranking provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of all regular-season games.

c. The participant shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee.

2. Three (or More) Team Tie

a. If all the Tied Teams are common opponents:

i. The Tied Team with the best record among the Tied Teams; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.

ii. The Tied Team with the best ranking in the Team Success Ranking provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular-season games; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.

iii. The participant shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.

b. If all the Tied Teams are not common opponents:

i. The Tied Team which defeated each of the other Tied Teams is placed into the Championship Game and removed from the tie. The tied team which lost to each of the other Tied Teams is removed from the tie; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.

ii. The Tied Team with the best ranking in the Team Success Ranking provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular-season games is placed into the Championship Game and removed from the tie; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.

iii. The participant shall be chosen by a draw as administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee; if necessary, the tiebreaker will restart, including the definition of tied teams.



ACC NOTES

CAL, STANFORD & VIRGINIA TECH WITH NEW HEAD COACHES IN 2026

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

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

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

Franklin has coached 18 All-Americans, produced 59 NFL Draft picks and developed more than 100 future NFL players, further cementing his reputation as one of college football's premier program builders. He becomes one of the ACC's new head football coaches entering the 2026 season.

ACC X NFL

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

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

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

2026 DODD TROPHY PRESEASON WATCH LIST

■ Three ACC head coaches were named to the 2026 Dodd Trophy Preseason Watch List: Louisville's Jeff Brohm, Miami's Mario Cristobal and Georgia Tech's Brent Key.

TRIO OF ACC HEAD COACHES WITH MULTIPLE CFP WINS

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

Conferences with Head Coaches with Multiple CFP Wins

Conference	# of Coaches
SEC	4
ACC	3
Big Ten	3

ELITE HEAD COACHES IN THE ACC

■ The ACC has nine coaches with a career winning percentage of at least .560 at the power conference level entering the 2026 season - tied for the most of any league.

ACC Coaches with Career Winning Pct. over .560

Coach (School)	Winning Pct.
Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	.779
Rhett Lashlee (SMU)	.704
James Franklin (Virginia Tech)	.681
Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	.627
Manny Diaz (Duke)	.619
Dave Doeren (NC State)	.615
Mike Norvell (Florida State)	.608
Brent Key (Georgia Tech)	.574
Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)	.567

COACHING RECORDS

CAREER VICTORIES - FBS ACTIVE COACHES

Rk. Coach (Current School)	Wins
1. K.C. Keeler (Temple)	276
2. Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)	221
Willie Fritz (Houston)	221
4. Chris Creighton (Eastern Michigan)	200
5. Rich Rodriguez (West Virginia)	194
6. Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	187
7. Kyle Whittingham (Michigan)	177
8. Lance Leipold (Kansas)	173
9. Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	146
Chuck Martin (Miami (OH))	146
Bronco Mendenhall (Utah State)	146
12. Troy Calhoun (Air Force)	139
13. Bret Bielema (Illinois)	134
14. Bob Chesney (UCLA)	132
15. James Franklin (Virginia Tech)	128
16. Pete Lembo (Buffalo)	126
17. Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	125
Jeff Monken (Army)	125
19. Jamey Chadwell (Liberty)	122
20. Ken Niumatalolo (San Jose State)	119
21. Dave Doeren (NC State)	118
22. Kirby Smart (Georgia)	117
23. Lane Kiffin (LSU)	116
24. Dan Mullen (UNLV)	113
25. Pat Fitzgerald (Michigan State)	110
Butch Jones (Arkansas State)	110

30. Mario Cristobal (Miami)	97
33. Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	94
41. Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)	80
43. Mike Norvell (Florida State)	76

CAREER WINNING % - FBS ACTIVE COACHES

Rk. Name (Current School)	Record	Pct. ^A
1. Ryan Day (Ohio State)	82-12	.872
2. Kalen DeBoer (Alabama)	125-20	.862
3. Dan Lanning (Oregon)	48-8	.857
4. Kirby Smart (Georgia)	117-21	.848
5. Matt Entz (Fresno State)	69-15	.821
6. Mike Jacobs (Toledo)	94-23	.803
7. Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	146-37	.798
8. Jimmy Rogers (Iowa State)	33-9	.786
9. Marcus Freeman (Notre Dame)	43-12	.782
10. Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	187-53	.779
11. Jon Sumrall (Florida)	43-13	.768
12. Lincoln Riley (USC)	90-28	.763
13. Spencer Danielson (Boise State)	24-8	.750
14. Blake Harrell (East Carolina)	14-5	.737
15. Josh Heupel (Tennessee)	73-28	.723
16. Bob Chesney (UCLA)	132-52	.717
17. Willie Simmons (FIU)	73-30	.709
18. Rhett Lashlee (SMU)	38-16	.704
19. Lance Leipold (Kansas)	173-74	.700
20. K.C. Keeler (Temple)	276-119-1	.698
21. Lane Kiffin (LSU)	116-53	.686
22. Mike Elko (Texas A&M)	35-16	.686
23. Brian Newberry (Navy)	26-12	.684
24. James Franklin (Virginia Tech)	128-60	.681
25. Matt Drinkall (Central Mich.)	49-23	.681

- Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	94-56	.627
- Manny Diaz (Duke)	39-24	.619
- Dave Doeren (NC State)	118-74	.615
- Mike Norvell (Florida State)	76-49	.608

^A minimum one full season as a coach



ACC NOTES

CHASING CAREER WIN NUMBER 100

■ Several ACC head coaches are approaching the 100-career-win milestone, with two within reach of the mark this season.

ACC Coaches Closing in on Career Win No. 100

Head Coach	Career Wins
Mario Cristobal (Miami)	97
Jeff Brohm (Louisville)	94
Pat Narduzzi (Pitt)	80
Mike Norvell (Florida State)	76

WINNINGEST COACHES IN THE ACC

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

Most Wins Overall While Coaching at an ACC School

Rank	Coach (School)	Wins
1.	Dabo Swinney (Clemson)	187
2.	Bobby Bowden (Florida State)	173
3.	George Welsh (Virginia)	134
4.	Mack Brown (North Carolina)	113
	Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech)	113
6.	Bill Dooley (UNC & Wake Forest)	98

ELITE PRESENCE IN THE CFP & BCS CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

ACC Teams in the College Football Playoff

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

* played the season as a member of the ACC

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

UNMATCHED DEPTH IN BOWL SEASON

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

■ The 2024 season saw a league-record 13 ACC teams earn bowl eligibility, tying for the most among all Power 4 conferences.

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



HEISMAN

"HEISMAN HOPEFULS" FAN VOTING PLATFORM

■ Heisman Hopefuls is a new season-long platform designed to give student-athletes from every program and every position an opportunity to be part of the Heisman Trophy conversation.

■ The Heisman Hopefuls Fan Vote opens September 9, allowing fans to vote once per day throughout the season. Vote here: <https://hopefuls.heisman.com/>

■ The fan vote uses a weighted model developed with Carnegie Mellon's Sports Analytics Center, giving greater weight to votes later in the season as players build their résumés.

■ The top three finishers in the Fan Vote will make up one official fan ballot in the final Heisman Trophy voting.

■ Fan Vote results will be announced live on ESPN during Conference Championship Weekend and before Heisman electors begin voting, giving fans a more meaningful voice in the process.

■ The Heisman Hopefuls Field tracks stats and player rankings for more than 11,000 student-athletes, using official NCAA data from Genius Sports and updated EA SPORTS College Football player ratings.

■ The program also gives schools a new way to spotlight their student-athletes and engage fans throughout the college football season.

ACC HEAD COACHING RECORDS

Head Coach, School	Year	Overall		at an ACC School		
		Record	Pct.	Year	Record	Pct.
Bill O'Brien, Boston College	5th	24-25	.490	3rd	9-16	.360
Tosh Lupoi, California	1st	0-0	.000	1st	0-0	.000
Dabo Swinney, Clemson	19th	187-53	.779	19th	187-53	.779
Manny Diaz, Duke	6th	39-24	.619	6th	39-24	.619
Mike Norvell, Florida State	11th	76-49	.608	7th	38-34	.528
Brent Key, Georgia Tech	5th	27-20	.574	5th	27-20	.574
Jeff Brohm, Louisville	13th	94-56	.627	4th	28-12	.700
Mario Cristobal, Miami	16th	97-79	.551	5th	35-19	.648
Bill Belichick, North Carolina	2nd	4-8	.333	2nd	4-8	.333
Dave Doeren, NC State	16th	118-74	.615	14th	95-70	.576
Pat Narduzzi, Pitt	12th	80-61	.567	12th	80-61	.567
Rhett Lashlee, SMU	5th	38-16	.704	3rd	20-7	.741
Tavita Pritchard, Stanford	1st	0-0	.000	1st	0-0	.000
Fran Brown, Syracuse	3rd	13-12	.520	3rd	13-12	.520
Tony Elliott, Virginia	5th	22-26	.458	5th	22-26	.458
James Franklin, Virginia Tech	16th	128-60	.681	1st	0-0	.000
Jake Dickert, Wake Forest	6th	32-24	.571	2nd	9-4	.692



ACC NETWORK NOTES

YEAR TWO OF THE ACC'S ENHANCED REPLAY ACCESS

- The ACC will expand its Enhanced Instant Replay Access in 2026, giving audiences even more opportunities to hear real-time replay discussions during more games across ACC football.
- The initiative builds on its 2025 launch, when viewers heard live discussions among the Referee, stadium replay official and ACC Collaborative Instant Replay Official in Charlotte.
- After featuring select Friday night and primetime Saturday games in 2025, Enhanced Instant Replay Access will expand to more games in 2026.
- The expansion reinforces the ACC's commitment to transparency, innovation and greater insight into the officiating process.
- Enhanced access gives viewers a real-time look at how replay decisions are discussed and determined.
- The initiative has evolved from sharing Game Day Operations Center video in 2023, to limited replay audio access in 2024, to a broader rollout in 2025.

ACC Games with Enhanced Instant Replay Access for Weeks 0-3 *

Date	Game (Network)
Saturday, 8/29	NC State at Virginia (ESPN)
Saturday, 8/29	New Mexico St. at Florida State (CW)
Thursday, 9/3	Colorado at Georgia Tech (ESPN)
Friday, 9/4	Miami at Stanford (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/5	Miami (OH) at Pitt (CW)
Saturday, 9/5	VMI at Virginia Tech (ACCN)
Monday, 9/7	SMU at Florida State (ESPN)
Thursday, 9/10	Florida A&M at Miami (ACCN)
Friday, 9/11	Richmond at NC State (ESPNU)
Saturday, 9/12	ETSU at North Carolina (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/12	California at Syracuse (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/12	Tennessee at Georgia Tech (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/12	Georgia Southern at Clemson (ACCN)
Thursday, 9/17	Syracuse at Pitt (ESPN)
Friday, 9/18	Miami at Wake Forest (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/19	North Carolina at Clemson (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/19	Mercer at Georgia Tech (ACCN)
Saturday, 9/19	SMU at Louisville (ESPN)
Saturday, 9/19	Stanford at Duke (CW)

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

Friday, 9/25	Clemson at California (ESPN)
Friday, 10/2	Pitt at Virginia Tech (ESPN)
Friday, 10/9	Florida State at Louisville (ESPN)
Friday, 10/23	Duke at Virginia (ESPN)
Friday, 10/23	NC State at Stanford (ESPN)
Friday, 11/6	Virginia Tech at SMU (ESPN)
Friday, 11/13	Florida State at Pitt (ESPN)
Friday, 11/20	Clemson at Duke (ESPN)

*Subject to change

ACC NETWORK'S ACC HUDDLE RETURNS TO CAMPUSES

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

ACC Huddle Stops in 2026

Week	Location	Game
Week 0	Charlottesville, Va.	NC State at Virginia
Week 1	Tallahassee, Fla.	SMU at Florida State
Week 2	Atlanta, Ga.	Tennessee at Georgia Tech
Week 3	Clemson, S.C.	North Carolina at Clemson

- Week 1 will also include live on-site coverage from Stanford surrounding the Friday night matchup against Miami (9 p.m. ET, ESPN) and Berkeley, California, as Cal hosts UCLA in a marquee West Coast showdown on Saturday night (10:30 p.m. ET, ESPN).

- Beginning in Week 4, *ACC Huddle* destinations will be determined on a week-to-week basis.

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 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Quarterback	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 8	
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Offensive Lineman	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 8	
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Defensive Back	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 8	
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Running Back	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 8	
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Defensive Lineman	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 8	
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Specialist	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 8	
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Offensive Receiver	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 8	
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Linebacker	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 8	
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	

Rookie	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 8	
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	
Nov. 30	



ACC FOOTBALL COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

WEEK 0

Saturday, August 29

Aer Lingus College Football Classic - Dublin, Ireland

North Carolina vs. TCU.....	Noon ET (ESPN)
NC State at Virginia *.....	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Hawai'i at Stanford.....	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
New Mexico State at Florida State.....	7 p.m. ET (CW)

WEEK 1

Thursday, September 3

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

Friday, September 4

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

New Hampshire at Syracuse.....	Noon ET (ACCN)
Miami (OH) at Pitt.....	12:30 p.m. ET (CW)
Tulane at Duke.....	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Boston College at Cincinnati.....	3:30 p.m. ET (FOX)
Clemson at #11 LSU.....	7:30 p.m. ET (ABC)
VMI at Virginia Tech.....	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
UCLA at California.....	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Sunday, September 6

Liberty Mutual Music City Kickoff - Nashville, Tennessee

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

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

WEEK 2

Thursday, September 10

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

Richmond at NC State.....	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Villanova at #24 Louisville.....	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Norfolk State at Virginia.....	7 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Rutgers at Boston College.....	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)

Saturday, September 12

Wake Forest at Purdue.....	Noon ET (FS1)
ETSU at North Carolina.....	Noon ET (ACCN)
Old Dominion at Virginia Tech.....	Noon ET (CW)
California at Syracuse *.....	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
UCF at Pitt.....	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Duke at Illinois.....	3:30 p.m. ET (FS1)
UC Davis at #19 SMU.....	4 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
#20 Tennessee at Georgia Tech.....	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Georgia Southern at Clemson.....	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)

Open: Florida State, Stanford

WEEK 3

Thursday, September 17

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

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

North Carolina at Clemson *.....	Noon ET (ESPN)
Mercer at Georgia Tech.....	Noon ET (ACCN)
NC State at Vanderbilt.....	12:45 p.m. ET (SECN)
Maine at Boston College.....	2 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Florida State at #13 Alabama.....	3:30 p.m. ET (ABC)
#19 SMU at #24 Louisville *.....	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN or ESPN2)
Wagner at California.....	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Stanford at Duke *.....	4 p.m. ET (CW)
Virginia Tech at Maryland.....	7:30 p.m. ET (FOX or FS1)

Duke's Mayo Classic - Charlotte, North Carolina

West Virginia vs. Virginia.....	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
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WEEK 4

Friday, September 25

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

Bucknell at Pitt.....	Noon ET (ACCNX)
William & Mary at Duke.....	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Central Michigan at #7 Miami.....	6:30 p.m. ET (CW)
Georgia Tech at Stanford *.....	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Virginia Tech at Boston College *.....	
Wake Forest at #24 Louisville *.....	
Appalachian State at NC State.....	
Missouri State at #19 SMU.....	
Delaware at Virginia.....	
Central Arkansas at Florida State.....	

Open: North Carolina, Syracuse

WEEK 5

Friday, October 2

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

California at UNLV.....	3:30 p.m. ET (CBSSN)
Boston College at #19 SMU *.....	
#7 Miami at Clemson *.....	
Virginia at Florida State *.....	
#24 Louisville at NC State *.....	
Stanford at Wake Forest *.....	
#4 Notre Dame at North Carolina.....	
Syracuse at UConn.....	

Open: Duke, Georgia Tech



ACC FOOTBALL COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

WEEK 6

Friday, October 9

Florida State at #24 Louisville * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Saturday, October 10

Virginia Tech at California *
 Duke at Georgia Tech *
 North Carolina at Pitt *
 Wake Forest at NC State *
 Syracuse at Virginia *
 Stanford at #4 Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET (NBC/Peacock)
 Open: Boston College, Clemson, Miami, SMU

WEEK 7

Saturday, October 17

Pitt at Boston College *
 Wake Forest at California *
 North Carolina at Duke *
 Florida State at #7 Miami *
 Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech *
 #24 Louisville at Syracuse *
 Virginia at #19 SMU *
 Charleston Southern at Clemson
 Elon at Stanford 7:30 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
 Open: NC State

WEEK 8

Friday, October 23

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

Saturday, October 24

Boston College at Georgia Tech *
 California at #19 SMU *
 Virginia Tech at Clemson *
 Pitt at #7 Miami *
 Syracuse at North Carolina *
 Open: Florida State, Louisville, Wake Forest

WEEK 9

Saturday, October 31

Boston College at Duke *
 Clemson at Florida State *
 California at NC State *
 #19 SMU at Syracuse *
 Georgia Tech at Pitt *
 Stanford at #24 Louisville *
 #7 Miami at North Carolina *
 Virginia at Wake Forest *
 Open: Virginia Tech

WEEK 10

Friday, November 6

Virginia Tech at #19 SMU * 7 p.m. ET (ESPN)

Saturday, November 7

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

North Carolina at UConn
 Merrimack at Wake Forest
 #7 Miami at #4 Notre Dame 7:30 p.m. ET (NBC/Peacock)
 Open: California, Pitt, Stanford, Virginia

WEEK 11

Friday, November 13

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

Saturday, November 14

California at Virginia *
 Georgia Tech at Clemson *
 Duke at #7 Miami *
 #24 Louisville at North Carolina *
 Syracuse at NC State *
 Wake Forest at #21 SMU *
 Stanford at Virginia Tech *
 Boston College at #4 Notre Dame 3:30 p.m. ET (NBC/Peacock)

WEEK 12

Friday, November 20

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

Saturday, November 21

Syracuse at Boston College *
 Stanford at California *
 NC State at Florida State *
 Wake Forest at Georgia Tech *
 Virginia Tech at #7 Miami *
 Pitt at #24 Louisville *
 North Carolina at Virginia *
 #19 SMU at #4 Notre Dame 7:30 p.m. ET (NBC/Peacock)

WEEK 13

Friday, November 27

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

Saturday, November 28

Boston College at #7 Miami *
 Pitt at California *
 Duke at Wake Forest *
 NC State at North Carolina *
 #19 SMU at Stanford *
 Virginia at Virginia Tech *
 South Carolina at Clemson
 Georgia Tech at #3 Georgia
 #24 Louisville at Kentucky
 #4 Notre Dame at Syracuse

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

Saturday, December 5

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

* Denotes ACC game



ACC FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

BOSTON COLLEGE		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	at Cincinnati	3:30 p.m. ET (FOX)
Sept. 11	Rutgers	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Sept. 19	Maine	2 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Sept. 26	Virginia Tech *	
Oct. 3	at #19 SMU *	
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	Pitt *	
Oct. 24	at Georgia Tech *	
Oct. 31	at Duke *	
Nov. 7	Florida State *	
Nov. 14	at #4 Notre Dame	3:30 p.m. ET (NBC)
Nov. 21	Syracuse *	
Nov. 28	at #7 Miami *	

CALIFORNIA		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	UCLA	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 12	at Syracuse *	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 19	Wagner	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 25	Clemson *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 3	at UNLV	3:30 p.m. ET (CBSSN)
Oct. 10	Virginia Tech *	
Oct. 17	Wake Forest *	
Oct. 24	at #19 SMU *	
Oct. 31	at NC State *	
Nov. 7	OPEN	
Nov. 14	at Virginia *	
Nov. 21	Stanford *	
Nov. 28	Pitt *	

CLEMSON		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	at #11 LSU	7:30 p.m. ET (ABC)
Sept. 12	Georgia Southern	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 19	North Carolina *	Noon ET (ESPN)
Sept. 25	at California *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 3	#7 Miami *	
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	Charleston Southern	
Oct. 24	Virginia Tech *	
Oct. 31	at Florida State *	
Nov. 7	at Syracuse *	
Nov. 14	Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 20	at Duke *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 28	South Carolina	

DUKE		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	Tulane	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 12	at Illinois	3:30 p.m. ET (FS1)
Sept. 19	Stanford *	4 p.m. ET (The CW)
Sept. 26	William & Mary	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Oct. 3	OPEN	
Oct. 10	at Georgia Tech *	
Oct. 17	North Carolina *	
Oct. 23	at Virginia *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	Boston College *	
Nov. 7	at NC State *	
Nov. 14	at #7 Miami *	
Nov. 20	Clemson *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 28	at Wake Forest *	

FLORIDA STATE		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	New Mexico State	7 p.m. ET (The CW)
Sept. 7	#19 SMU *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 12	OPEN	
Sept. 19	at Alabama	3:30 p.m. ET (ABC)
Sept. 26	Central Arkansas	
Oct. 3	Virginia *	
Oct. 9	at #24 Louisville *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 17	at #7 Miami *	
Oct. 24	OPEN	
Oct. 31	Clemson *	
Nov. 7	at Boston College *	
Nov. 13	at Pitt *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 21	NC State *	
Nov. 27	Florida	3:30 p.m. ET (ABC)

GEORGIA TECH		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 3	Colorado	8 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 12	#20 Tennessee	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 19	Mercer	Noon ET (ACCN)
Sept. 26	at Stanford *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 3	OPEN	
Oct. 10	Duke *	
Oct. 17	at Virginia Tech *	
Oct. 24	Boston College *	
Oct. 31	at Pitt *	
Nov. 7	#24 Louisville *	
Nov. 14	at Clemson *	
Nov. 21	Wake Forest *	
Nov. 28	at #3 Georgia	

LOUISVILLE		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 6	vs. #9 Ole Miss (Nashville)	7:30 p.m. ET (ABC)
Sept. 11	Villanova	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 19	#19 SMU *	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN/ESPN2)
Sept. 26	Wake Forest *	
Oct. 3	at NC State *	
Oct. 9	Florida State *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 17	at Syracuse *	
Oct. 24	OPEN	
Oct. 31	Stanford *	
Nov. 7	at Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 14	at North Carolina *	
Nov. 21	Pitt *	
Nov. 28	at Kentucky	

MIAMI		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 4	at Stanford *	9 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 10	Florida A&M	8 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 18	at Wake Forest *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 26	Central Michigan	6:30 p.m. ET (The CW)
Oct. 3	at Clemson *	
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	Florida State *	
Oct. 24	Pitt *	
Oct. 31	at North Carolina *	
Nov. 7	at #4 Notre Dame	7:30 p.m. ET (NBC)
Nov. 14	Duke *	
Nov. 21	Virginia Tech *	
Nov. 28	Boston College *	

NORTH CAROLINA		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	vs. TCU (Ireland)	Noon ET (ESPN)
Sept. 5	OPEN	
Sept. 12	East Tennessee State	Noon ET (ACCN)
Sept. 19	at Clemson *	Noon ET (ESPN)
Sept. 26	OPEN	
Oct. 3	#4 Notre Dame	
Oct. 10	at Pitt *	
Oct. 17	at Duke *	
Oct. 24	Syracuse *	
Oct. 31	#7 Miami *	
Nov. 7	at UConn	
Nov. 14	#24 Louisville *	
Nov. 21	at Virginia *	
Nov. 28	NC State *	



ACC FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

NC STATE		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	at Virginia *	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 5	OPEN	
Sept. 11	Richmond	7 p.m. ET (ESPNU)
Sept. 19	at Vanderbilt	12:45 p.m. ET (SECN)
Sept. 26	Appalachian State	
Oct. 3	#24 Louisville *	
Oct. 10	Wake Forest *	
Oct. 17	OPEN	
Oct. 23	at Stanford *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	California *	
Nov. 7	Duke *	
Nov. 14	Syracuse *	
Nov. 21	at Florida State *	
Nov. 28	at North Carolina *	

PITT		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	Miami (OH)	12:30 p.m. ET (CW)
Sept. 12	UCF	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN2)
Sept. 17	Syracuse *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 26	Bucknell	Noon ET (ACCNX)
Oct. 2	at Virginia Tech *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 10	North Carolina *	
Oct. 17	at Boston College *	
Oct. 24	at #7 Miami *	
Oct. 31	Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 7	OPEN	
Nov. 13	Florida State *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 21	at #24 Louisville *	
Nov. 28	at California *	

SMU		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 7	at Florida State *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 12	UC Davis	4 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Sept. 19	at #24 Louisville *	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 26	Missouri State	
Oct. 3	Boston College *	
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	Virginia *	
Oct. 24	California *	
Oct. 31	at Syracuse *	
Nov. 6	Virginia Tech *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 14	Wake Forest *	
Nov. 21	at #4 Notre Dame	7:30 p.m. ET (NBC)
Nov. 28	at Stanford *	

STANFORD		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	Hawai'i	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 4	#7 Miami *	9 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 12	OPEN	
Sept. 19	at Duke *	4 p.m. ET (The CW)
Sept. 26	Georgia Tech *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 3	at Wake Forest *	
Oct. 10	at #4 Notre Dame	3:30 p.m. ET (NBC)
Oct. 17	Elon	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Oct. 23	NC State *	10:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	at #24 Louisville *	
Nov. 7	OPEN	
Nov. 14	at Virginia Tech *	
Nov. 21	at California *	
Nov. 28	#19 SMU *	

SYRACUSE		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	New Hampshire	Noon ET (ACCN)
Sept. 12	California *	3:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 17	at Pitt *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 26	OPEN	
Oct. 3	at UConn	
Oct. 10	at Virginia *	
Oct. 17	#24 Louisville *	
Oct. 24	at North Carolina *	
Oct. 31	#19 SMU *	
Nov. 7	Clemson *	
Nov. 14	at NC State *	
Nov. 21	at Boston College *	
Nov. 28	#4 Notre Dame	

VIRGINIA		
Date	Opponent	
Aug. 29	NC State *	3:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 5	OPEN	
Sept. 11	Norfolk State	7 p.m. ET (ACCNX)
Sept. 19	vs. WVU (Charlotte)	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 26	Delaware	
Oct. 3	at Florida State *	
Oct. 10	Syracuse *	
Oct. 17	at #19 SMU *	
Oct. 23	Duke *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 31	at Wake Forest *	
Nov. 7	OPEN	
Nov. 14	California *	
Nov. 21	North Carolina *	
Nov. 28	at Virginia Tech *	

VIRGINIA TECH		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 5	VMI	7:30 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 12	Old Dominion	Noon ET (The CW)
Sept. 19	at Maryland	7:30 p.m. ET (FOX/FS1)
Sept. 26	at Boston College *	
Oct. 2	Pitt *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Oct. 10	at California *	
Oct. 17	Georgia Tech *	
Oct. 24	at Clemson *	
Oct. 31	OPEN	
Nov. 6	at #19 SMU *	7 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Nov. 14	Stanford *	
Nov. 21	at #7 Miami *	
Nov. 28	Virginia *	

WAKE FOREST		
Date	Opponent	
Sept. 3	Akron	7 p.m. ET (ACCN)
Sept. 12	at Purdue	Noon ET (FS1)
Sept. 18	#7 Miami *	7:30 p.m. ET (ESPN)
Sept. 26	at #24 Louisville *	
Oct. 3	Stanford *	
Oct. 10	at NC State *	
Oct. 17	at California *	
Oct. 24	OPEN	
Oct. 31	Virginia *	
Nov. 7	Merrimack	
Nov. 14	at #19 SMU *	
Nov. 21	at Georgia Tech *	
Nov. 28	Duke *	

* Denotes ACC game





ACC BOWL PARTNERS & LINEUP

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

2026-27 College Football Playoff

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

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

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



ACC IN THE RANKINGS

	AP/COACHES/CFP																
	BC	CAL	CU	DU	FSU	GT	LOU	MIA	UNC	NCSU	PITT	SMU	STAN	SU	UVA	VT	WF
Preseason	-/-	RV/RV/-	RV/23/-	-/RV/-	-/RV/-	RV/RV/-	24/RV/-	7/7/-	-/-	-/RV/-	RV/RV/-	19/20/-	-/-	-/-	RV/RV/-	RV/RV/-	-/-
Aug. 30																	
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Nov. 8																	
Nov. 15																	
Nov. 22																	
Nov. 29																	
Dec. 6																	
Final																	

ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKINGS

	WEEK															
School	Pr	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14	Fin
Ohio State	1															
Oregon	2															
Georgia	3															
Notre Dame	4															
Texas	5															
Indiana	6															
Miami	7															
Texas A&M	8															
Ole Miss	9															
Oklahoma	10															
LSU	11															
Texas Tech	12															
Alabama	13															
BYU	14															
USC	14															
Michigan	16															
Washington	17															
Penn State	18															
SMU	19															
Tennessee	20															
Utah	21															
Iowa	22															
Houston	23															
Louisville	24															
Missouri	25															

ACC ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) RANKING HISTORY

School	Consecutive			
	Polls	Top 10	No. 1	Weeks Ranked
Boston College	-	34	1	145
California	-	92	4	200
Clemson	-	220	25	516
Duke	-	57	-	180
Florida State	-	388	72	590
Georgia Tech	-	148	-	320
Louisville	1	42	-	166
Miami	35	332	68	553
North Carolina	-	80	1	280
NC State	-	12	-	191
Pitt	-	125	21	321
SMU	1	75	2	198
Stanford	-	97	-	303
Syracuse	-	69	7	213
Virginia	-	21	3	186
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	12	11 (Dec. 2, 2014)
Louisville	22	5 (Nov. 15, 2016)
Miami	23	2 (Nov. 21, 2017)
North Carolina	19	10, two times (Dec. 6, 2015)
NC State	24	14 (Nov. 6, 2018)
Pitt	13	12 (Dec. 5, 2021)
SMU	10	8 (Dec. 3, 2024)
Stanford	15	6 (Dec. 6, 2015)
Syracuse	9	12 (Nov. 13, 2018)
Virginia	9	14 (Nov. 4, 2025)
Virginia Tech	10	13 (Oct. 31, 2017)
Wake Forest	8	9 (Nov. 2, 2021)



PRESEASON HONORS & ACCOLADES

NATIONAL PRESEASON HONORS & RECOGNITION

■ As anticipation builds for the 2026 college football season, ACC student-athletes continue to earn national recognition through preseason All-America team selections and appearances on award watch lists.

Preseason All-America Teams

Phil Steele's 2026 Preseason All-American Teams (June 11)

Malachi Toney, WR, Miami – First-Team Offense
 Duce Robinson, WR, Florida State – First-Team Offense
 PJ Williams, OT, SMU – Second-Team Offense
 Sammy Brown, LB, Clemson – Second-Team Defense
 Kade Reynoldson, P, Duke – Second-Team Special Teams
 Tre Richardson, KR, Louisville – Second-Team Special Teams
 Mark Fletcher Jr., RB, Miami – Third-Team Offense
 Isaac Brown, RB, Louisville – Third-Team Offense
 Ahmad Moten, DT, Miami – Third-Team Defense
 Aidan Birr, K, Georgia Tech – Third-Team Special Teams
 Carlos Hernandez, PR, Wake Forest – Third-Team Special Teams
 Morgan Tribbett, LS, SMU – Third-Team Special Teams
 Bryant Wesco Jr., WR, Clemson – Fourth-Team Offense
 McKale Boley, OT, Virginia – Fourth-Team Offense
 Brayden Jacobs, OT, Clemson – Fourth-Team Offense
 Melkart Abou Jaoude, DE, North Carolina – Fourth-Team Defense
 Kam Robinson, LB, Virginia – Fourth-Team Defense
 Chris Peal, CB, Syracuse – Fourth-Team Defense

Athlon Sports College Football 2026 All-America Teams (June 24)

Malachi Toney, AP, Miami – First-Team Offense
 Duce Robinson, WR, Florida State – First-Team Offense
 Isaac Brown, RB, Louisville – Second-Team Offense
 Mark Fletcher Jr., RB, Miami – Third-Team Offense
 Clev Lubin, DL, Louisville – Third-Team Defense
 Sammy Brown, LB, Clemson – Third-Team Defense
 Aidan Birr, K, Georgia Tech – Third-Team Specialists
 Malachi Toney, PR, Miami – Third-Team Specialists
 Justice Haynes, RB, Georgia Tech – Fourth-Team Offense
 Cooper Barkate, WR, Miami – Fourth-Team Offense
 Bryant Wesco Jr., WR, Clemson – Fourth-Team Offense
 PJ Williams, OL, SMU – Fourth-Team Offense
 Ahmad Moten, DL, Miami – Fourth-Team Defense

2026 Walter Camp Preseason All-America Teams (June 30)

Malachi Toney, WR, Miami – First-Team Offense
 Sammy Brown, LB, Clemson – First-Team Defense
 Bryce Fitzgerald, DB, Miami – Second-Team Defense

Sporting News 2026 College Football Preseason All-America Teams (August 6)

Malachi Toney, WR, Miami – First-Team Offense
 Isaac Brown, RB, Louisville – Second-Team Offense
 Duce Robinson, WR, Florida State – Second-Team Offense
 Clev Lubin, Edge, Louisville – Second-Team Defense
 Chris Peal, CB, Syracuse – Second-Team Defense

On3 Preseason All-America Teams (August 10)

Malachi Toney, WR, Miami – First Team Offense
 Isaac Brown, RB, Louisville – Second Team Offense
 Mark Fletcher Jr., RB, Miami – Third Team Offense
 PJ Williams, OT, SMU – Third Team Offense
 Ahmad Moten Sr., DT, Miami – Third Team Defense
 Clev Lubin, Edge, Louisville – Third Team Defense
 Aidan Birr, PK, Georgia Tech – Third Team Specialists
 Kade Reynoldson, P, Duke – Third Team Specialists

Pro Football Network's 2026 Preseason All-America Team (August 10)

Malachi Toney, WR, Miami – First Team Offense
 PJ Williams, OL, SMU – First Team Offense
 Jeremiah Hasley, TE, Duke – Second Team Offense
 Duce Robinson, WR, Florida State – Third Team Offense
 Ryan Baer, OL, Pitt – Third Team Offense
 Antonio Watts, LB, Louisville – First Team Defense
 Clev Lubin, Edge, Louisville – Second Team Defense
 Ahmad Moten Sr., DT, Miami – Second Team Defense
 Sammy Brown, LB, Clemson – Second Team Defense
 Bryce Fitzgerald, CB, Miami – Second Team Defense
 Kemari Copeland, DT, Virginia Tech – Third Team Defense
 Tayon Holloway, CB, Louisville – Third Team Defense
 Jay Green, S, Stanford – Third Team Defense
 Aidan Birr, K, Georgia Tech – Second Team Special Teams

ESPN's 2026 Preseason College Football All-America Team (August 13)

Malachi Toney, AP, Miami – First Team Offense
 Mark Fletcher Jr., RB, Miami – Second Team Offense
 Ahmad Moten Sr., DT, Miami – First Team Defense
 Sammy Brown, LB, Clemson – First Team Defense

CBS Sports Preseason All-America Team (August 18)

Sammy Brown, LB, Clemson – First Team Defense
 Mark Fletcher Jr., RB, Miami – Second Team Offense
 Malachi Toney, WR, Miami – Second Team Offense
 Ahmad Moten Sr., DT, Miami – Second Team Defense
 Malachi Toney, AP, Miami – First Team Special Teams

Preseason AP All-America College Football Team (August 18)

Malachi Toney, So, WR, Miami – First Team Offense
 Mark Fletcher Jr., Sr., RB, Miami – Second Team Offense
 Duce Robinson, Sr., WR, Florida State – Second Team Offense
 Sammy Brown, Jr., LB, Clemson – Second Team Defense

The Athletic's 2026 Preseason All-American Teams (August 19)

Malachi Toney, So., AP, Miami – First-Team Specialists
 Mark Fletcher Jr., Sr., RB, Miami – Second Team Offense
 Duce Robinson, Sr., WR, Florida State – Second Team Offense
 Clev Lubin, 5th, Edge, Louisville – Second Team Defense
 Sammy Brown, Jr., LB, Clemson – Second Team Defense
 Bryce Fitzgerald, So., CB, Miami – Second Team Defense



PRESEASON HONORS & ACCOLADES

NATIONAL PRESEASON AWARDS WATCH LIST

■ Below is a full list of ACC football players named to national preseason award watch lists for 2026.

Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List (May 20)

Sammy Brown, Jr., LB, Clemson
Fisher Camac, Sr., DE, Virginia
Bryce Fitzgerald, So., DB, Miami
Clev Lubin, Sr., DL, Louisville
Luke Mergott, Jr., LB, Duke
Damon Wilson II, Sr., DL, Miami

Jet Award Preseason Watch List (May 20)

Solomon Beebe, RB, Virginia
Kam Shanks, WR, Wake Forest
Malachi Toney, WR, Miami

Dodd Trophy Watch List (July 9)

Jeff Brohm, Louisville
Mario Cristobal, Miami
Brent Key, Georgia Tech

Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Nominees (July 20)

Josiah Griffin, R-Jr., DL, Boston College
Jordan King, R-Sr., WR, California
Gideon Davidson, So., RB, Clemson
Micah Sahakian, Gr., OL, Duke
Duce Robinson, Sr., WR, Florida State
Jordan Walker, R-Sr., DE, Georgia Tech
Clev Lubin, R-Sr., DL, Louisville
Ahmad Moten Sr., R-Sr., DL, Miami
Jordan Shipp, Jr., WR, North Carolina
Isaiah Shirley, Sr., DT, NC State
Mason Heintschel, So., QB, Pitt
Alexander Kilgore, So., LB, SMU
Braden Marceau-Olayinka, R-Jr., DL, Stanford
Cornell Perry, R-Sr., DB, Syracuse
Ethan Minter, Jr., S, Virginia
Marcellous Hawkins, R-Sr., RB, Virginia Tech

Maxwell Award Watch List (August 3)

Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele, So., QB, California
Nate Sheppard, So., RB, Duke
Duce Robinson, Sr., WR, Florida State
Justice Haynes, Sr., RB, Georgia Tech
Isaac Brown, Jr., RB, Louisville
Darian Mensah, Jr., QB, Miami
Malachi Toney, So., WR, Miami
Mark Fletcher, Sr., RB, Miami
CJ Bailey, Jr., QB, NC State
Mason Heintschel, So., QB, Pitt
Kevin Jennings, Sr., QB, SMU

Patrick Mannelly Award Watch List (August 3)

Adam Booker, R-Sr., LS, Miami
Christian Epling, R-Sr., LS, Virginia Tech
Morgan Tribbett, Jr., LS, SMU
Peyton Warford, R-Sr., LS, Stanford

Outland Trophy Watch List (August 4)

Malachi Carney, R-Sr., G, Georgia Tech
Lance Robinson, Gr., C, Louisville
Matthew McCoy, R-Sr., OT, Miami
Ahmad Moten Sr., R-Sr., DT, Miami
Ryan Baer, R-Sr., OT, Pitt
BJ Williams, Sr., G, Pitt
Joshua Bates, R-Jr., C, SMU
PJ Williams, R-Sr., OT, SMU
Noah Josey, Gr., G, Virginia
Kemari Copeland, R-Sr., DT, Virginia Tech

Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List (August 4)

Sammy Brown, Jr., LB, Clemson
Koen Entringer, Jr., S, Louisville
Clev Lubin, R-Sr., DE, Louisville
Bryce Fitzgerald, So., S, Miami
Ahmad Moten Sr., R-Sr., DT, Miami
Damon Wilson II, Sr., DE, Miami
Melkart Abou Jaoude, R-Sr., DE, North Carolina
Matt Rose, R-Sr., LB, Stanford
Kam Robinson, Sr., LB, Virginia
Kemari Copeland, R-Sr., DT, Virginia Tech

John Mackey Award Watch List (August 5)

Dorian Thomas, TE, California
Jeremiah Hasley, TE, Duke
Chris Corbo, TE, Georgia Tech
Brody Foley, TE, Louisville
Elija Lofton, TE, Miami
Jelani Thurman, TE, North Carolina
Randy Pittman Jr., TE, SMU
Luke Reynolds, TE, Virginia Tech

Rimington Trophy Watch List (August 6)

Matt Craycraft, Gr., C, Duke
Ryan Carretta, R-Jr., C, Pitt
Joshua Bates, R-Jr., C, SMU

Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Watch List (August 7)

Luca Lombardo, Sr., PK, Boston College
Nolan Hauser, Jr., PK, Clemson
Gabe Panikowski, Sr., PK, Florida State
Aidan Birr, Sr., PK, Georgia Tech
Jack Olsen, Sr., PK, Miami
Will Bettridge, Gr., PK, Virginia

Paul Hornung Award Watch List (August 10)

Adam Mohammed, Jr., RB, California
Tre Richardson, Sr., WR, Louisville
Malachi Toney, So., WR, Miami
Jayden "Duke" Scott, Jr., RB, NC State
Demetres Samuel Jr., So., DB/WR, Syracuse
Solomon Beebe, Jr., RB, Virginia

Lombardi Award Watch List (August 11)

Sammy Brown, Jr., LB, Clemson
Clev Lubin, R-Sr., Edge, Louisville

Allstate Wuerffel Trophy Watch List (August 11)

Josiah Griffin, Boston College
Jordan King, California
Gideon Davidson, Clemson
Micah Sahakian, Duke
Duce Robinson, Florida State
Jordan Walker, Georgia Tech
Clev Lubin, Louisville
Ahmad Moten Sr., Miami
Jordan Shipp, North Carolina
Isaiah Shirley, NC State
Mason Heintschel, Pitt
Alexander Kilgore, SMU
Braden Marceau-Olayinka, Stanford
Cornell Perry, Syracuse
Ethan Minter, Virginia
Marcellous Hawkins, Virginia Tech

Paycom Jim Thorpe Preseason Watch List (August 12)

Ashton Hampton, Jr., CB, Clemson
Bryce Fitzgerald, So., S, Miami
Chris Peal, Sr., CB, Syracuse

Butkus Award Collegiate Watch List (August 13)

Sammy Brown, Jr., LB, Clemson
Luke Mergott, Sr., LB, Duke
Kyle Efford, 5th, LB, Georgia Tech
Mohamed Toure, 8th, LB, Miami
Peyton Seelmann, Jr., LB, North Carolina
Braylan Lovelace, Sr., LB, Pitt
Matt Rose, 5th, LB, Stanford
Gary Bryant III, 5th, LB, Syracuse
Kam Robinson, Sr., LB, Virginia

Ray Guy Award Preseason Watch List (August 14)

Daniel Hughes, Sr., P, Florida State
Dylan Joyce, Sr., P, Miami
Daniel Sparks, 7th, P, Virginia

Walter Camp Player of Year Watch List (August 17)

Sammy Brown, Jr., LB, Clemson
Duce Robinson, Sr., WR, Florida State
Isaac Brown, Jr., RB, Louisville
Mark Fletcher Jr., Sr., RB, Miami
Darian Mensah, Sr., QB, Miami
Malachi Toney, So., WR/PR, Miami
CJ Bailey, Jr., QB, NC State
Kevin Jennings, 5th, QB, SMU



PRESEASON HONORS & ACCOLADES

Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List (August 18)

Evan Dickens, Sr., RB, Boston College
Adam Mohammed, Jr., RB, California
Ousmane Kromah, So., RB, Florida State
Quintrevion Wisner, Sr., RB, Florida State
Justice Haynes, Sr., RB, Georgia Tech
Malachi Hosley, Sr., RB, Georgia Tech
Mark Fletcher Jr., Sr., RB, Miami
Demon June, So., RB, North Carolina
Jayden "Duke" Scott, Jr., RB, NC State
Kendrick Raphael, Sr., RB, SMU
Peyton Lewis, Jr., RB, Virginia
Marcellous Hawkins, 5th, RB, Virginia Tech

Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List (August 19)

Chase Hendricks, Sr., WR, California
Ian Strong, Sr., WR, California
T.J. Moore, Jr., WR, Clemson
Javen Nicholas, 5th, WR, Duke
Duce Robinson, Sr., WR, Florida State
Tre Richardson, Sr., WR, Louisville
Cooper Barkate, 5th, WR, Miami
Malachi Toney, So., WR, Miami
Victor Snow, 5th, WR, NC State
Que'Sean Brown, Sr., WR, Virginia Tech

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List (August 19)

CJ Bailey, Jr., QB, NC State
Kevin Jennings, 5th, QB, SMU

Davey O'Brien Award Preseason Watch List (August 20)

Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele, So., QB, California
Darian Mensah, Sr., QB, Miami
CJ Bailey, Jr., QB, NC State
Kevin Jennings, 5th, QB, SMU

Comeback Player of the Year Watch List (August 20)

Nate Burrell, DL, California
Isaiah Crosby, DB, California
Bryant Wesco Jr., WR, Clemson
Nick Morris Jr., LB, Duke
Ethan Pritchard, LB, Florida State
Justice Haynes, RB, Georgia Tech
Billy Edwards Jr., QB, North Carolina
Brody Barnhardt, S, NC State
Censere Lee, WR, Pitt
Jalen Hale, WR, SMU
Jonathan Jefferson, DL, SMU
Steve Angeli, QB, Syracuse
Xavier Brown, RB, Virginia
Monroe Mills, OL, Virginia

Bednarik Award Watch List (August 21)

Sammy Brown, Jr., LB, Clemson
Ashton Hampton, Jr., CB, Clemson
Ja'Bril Rawls, Sr., CB, Florida State
Clev Lubin, 5th, DE, Louisville
Ahmad Moten Sr., 5th, DT, Miami
Damon Wilson II, Sr., DE, Miami
Melkart Abou Jaoude, 5th, DE, North Carolina
Braylan Lovelace, Sr., LB, Pitt
Matt Rose, 5th, LB, Stanford
Kam Robinson, Sr., LB, Virginia
Kemari Copeland, 5th, DT, Virginia Tech
Langston Hardy, 5th, DE, Wake Forest

Manning Award Preseason Watch List (August 24)

Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele, So., QB, California
Walker Eget, 6th, QB, Duke
Darian Mensah, Sr., QB, Miami
CJ Bailey, Jr., QB, NC State
Mason Heintschel, So., QB, Pitt
Kevin Jennings, 5th, QB, SMU

The Athletic College Football Freaks List (August 10)

No. 4 – Jackson Cantwell, Miami (OT)
No. 7 – Kemari Copeland, Virginia Tech (DT)
No. 9 – Emmanuel Okoye, California (Edge)
No. 12 – Micah Danzy, Florida State (WR)
No. 18 – Jayden "Duke" Scott, NC State (RB)
No. 20 – Sammy Brown, Clemson (LB)
No. 22 – McKale Boley, Virginia (OT)
No. 41 – Colby Cronk, NC State (DL)
No. 43 – Jordan Walker, Georgia Tech (DE)
No. 44 – Makilan Thomas, Virginia (OL)
No. 45 – Chris D'Appolonia, Syracuse (LB)
No. 52 – Antoine Deslauriers, Syracuse (LB)
No. 55 – Jeremiah Hasley, Duke (TE)
No. 57 – Mandrell Desir, Florida State (DL)
No. 70 – Ryan Baer, Pitt (OT)
No. 76 – Yimir Knight, SMU (WR)
No. 83 – Kaleb Spencer, Virginia Tech (LB)
No. 90 – Beau Pribula, Virginia (QB)
No. 93 – Zach Rowell, Stanford (DL)
No. 100 – Israel Oladipupo, Boston College (DE)

2027 Senior Bowl Top 300 (August 20)

KP Price, S, Boston College
Max Tucker, CB, Boston College
Chase Hendricks, WR, California
Sammy Brown, LB, Clemson
Ashton Hampton, CB, Clemson
Will Heldt, Edge, Clemson
Jahiem Lawson, Edge, Clemson
T.J. Moore, WR, Clemson
Collin Sadler, OL, Clemson
Bryant Wesco Jr., WR, Clemson
Jeremiah Hasley, TE, Duke
Nick Morris Jr., LB, Duke
Xavier Chaplin, OL, Florida State
Daniel Lyons, DL, Florida State
Ja'Bril Rawls, CB, Florida State
Duce Robinson, WR, Florida State
Justice Haynes, RB, Georgia Tech
E.J. Lightsey, LB, Georgia Tech
Isaac Brown, RB, Louisville
Clev Lubin, DL, Louisville
Tre Richardson, WR, Louisville
Cooper Barkate, WR, Miami
Mark Fletcher Jr., RB, Miami
OJ Frederique Jr., CB, Miami
Darian Mensah, QB, Miami
Ahmad Moten Sr., DL, Miami
Mohamed Toure, LB, Miami
Damon Wilson II, DL, Miami
Melkart Abou Jaoude, DL, North Carolina
Teague Andersen, OL, NC State
Ryan Baer, OT, Pitt
Braylan Lovelace, LB, Pitt
Kevin Jennings, QB, SMU
Theo Melin Ohrstrom, TE, SMU
PJ Williams, OL, SMU
Niki Prongos, OL, Stanford
Matt Rose, LB, Stanford
Steve Angeli, QB, Syracuse
Chris Peal, CB, Syracuse
McKale Boley, OT, Virginia
Kam Robinson, LB, Virginia
Makilan Thomas, OT, Virginia
Kemari Copeland, DL, Virginia Tech
Luke Reynolds, TE, Virginia Tech
Davaughn Patterson, DB, Wake Forest



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2026 Shriners Children's East-West Bowl 1000 (July 20)

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 Harris Sewell, G, Clemson
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 Cason Henry, T, Louisville
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 Isaac Brown, RB, Louisville
 Keyjuan Brown, RB, Louisville
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FOOTBALL SUCCESS

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

Elite Presence on the National Stage

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

Five CFP Teams, One Conference

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

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

Playoff Success That Stands Out

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

Unmatched Depth in Bowl Season

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

• The 2024 season saw a league-record 13 ACC teams earn bowl eligibility, tying for the most among all Power 4 conferences.

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

Top Coaching Talent Across the Board

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

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

Heisman Pedigree

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

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

ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SUCCESS

Expanding the Field of Contenders

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

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

Champions Across the Conference

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

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

A Proven Draw in Charlotte

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

Charlotte: The Long-Term Home of ACC Championship Football

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

ACC & THE NFL DRAFT

Another Impressive Draft Class

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

Consistent Pipeline to the Pros

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

Top-Three in Recent Draft Production

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

No. 1 Overall Picks: A Legacy of Excellence

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

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

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



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NATIONAL SUCCESS

National Championships

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

Learfield Directors' Cup Standings

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

ACC STUDENT-ATHLETE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

ACC Student-Athletes Excel Once Again in NCAA APR Report

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

ACC Makes Another Strong Showing in NCAA Graduation Success Rates

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

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

- For the 19th consecutive year – and now with 18 member institutions – the ACC led the way nationally among Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conferences in the "Best Colleges" rankings released by U.S. News & World Report in September 2025.
 - The 50.7 average rank of ACC schools was the best among all FBS conferences.
 - Two ACC institutions ranked in the top 10, making the ACC the only FBS conference with multiple schools in the top 10 nationally.
 - Four ACC schools ranked in the top 25, more than any other FBS conference.
 - Six ACC schools were among the top 30, also the most among all FBS conferences.
 - A record 16 ACC schools were ranked among the top 75, the most of any FBS conference.
 - 11 of the 18 ACC institutions either maintained or improved their position from the previous year's rankings.



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ACC MEDIA PORTAL

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

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR COVERING ACC FOOTBALL

Saturday, August 29

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

Monday, August 31

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

Monday, November 2

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

Sunday, November 29

- The ACC Football Championship Game participating coaches teleconference - TBD
- All-ACC Football Team voting ends at 5 p.m. ET
- The deadline for media credential applications to the 2026 ACC Football Championship Game is at 5 p.m. ET

Monday, November 30 - Thursday, December 3

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

The following awards will be announced.

- Jacobs Blocking Trophy
- 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 4

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

Saturday, December 5

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



COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

OVERVIEW

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

RANKINGS

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

THE BRACKET

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

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

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

TRADITION

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

CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY

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

UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Every Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team has equal access to the College Football Playoff based on its performance during the regular season. 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 Troy Dannel, Mark Dantonio, Mark Harlan, Dr. Bryan Maggard, Ivan Maisel, Gus Malzahn, Chris Massaro, Randall McDaniel, Mike Riley, Jeff Tedford, Wesley Walls, Carla Williams and Hunter Yurachek (chair).

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