**ACC Weekly Football News & Notes - Week 0**

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### 2022 SCHEDULE - WEEK 0 (AUG. 27)

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### ACC NETWORK

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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 27 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 ACC 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 - CONFERENCE OF QUARTBACKS

“**You have to go back to 2016 to find a quarterback group as deep, talented and experienced as the one in the ACC. Hands down, this is the best collective group of talent in the country.”**

ESPN.com (8/15/22)

### ACC NOTES

**TWO ACC TEAMS OPEN SEASON IN WEEK ZERO**

- Florida State and North Carolina will open the 2022 football season on Saturday, Aug. 27 as part of the Week Zero schedule. The Seminoles face Duquesne at Doak Campbell Stadium at 5 p.m. The Tar Heels welcome Florida A&M to Kenan Stadium for an 8:15 p.m. kickoff. ACCN will originate its signature football program The ACC Huddle from Chapel Hill that evening.

**FIVE ACC TEAMS IN AP TOP 25**

- Five ACC teams are ranked in the preseason AP Top 25 poll. The five teams are the second-most of any conference and match the league’s highest ever total set previously on four occasions (2017, 2010, 2005, 2004).

- No. 4 Clemson leads the way and is joined by No. 13 NC State, No. 16 Miami, No. 17 Pitt and No. 22 Wake Forest. Clemson has been ranked in the preseason AP Top 5 each of the last six seasons - the second-longest active streak in the country.

- NC State equaled its highest preseason ranking ever in the AP poll, matching the 1975 Wolfpack, which also began the year at No. 13. Wake Forest claimed its highest ever ranking in the preseason poll at No. 22. Defending ACC champ Pitt holds its highest preseason spot since 2010.

**FIVE ACC TEAMS IN USA TODAY COACHES TOP 25**

- No. 4 Clemson leads a group of five ACC teams ranked among the top 25 of the preseason USA TODAY Sports AFCA coaches poll released on Monday.

- The Tigers are joined by No. 13 NC State, No. 16 Pitt, No. 17 Miami and No. 19 Wake Forest. The ACC’s five ranked teams are second-most among all conferences.

- NC State and Wake Forest claimed their highest preseason ranking ever in the coaches poll, and defending ACC champ Pitt holds its highest preseason spot since 2010.

**CLEMSON FAVORED IN 2022 ACC FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL**

- Clemson is favored to claim the 2022 Atlantic Coast Conference football title for the seventh time in the last eight years, according to a preseason poll of 164 media voters.

- The Tigers, who recorded their 11th consecutive double-digit win season with a 10-3 finish in 2021, were also chosen as likely Atlantic Division winners. Miami was picked to finish atop the Coastal Division following a 7-5 campaign last season that included wins in five of the final six games.
The 2022 ACC Preseason Poll was conducted via a vote of a media panel, including those who were credentialed for the ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Clemson was named the likely 2022 ACC champion on 103 ballots. NC State picked up 38 votes, followed by Miami with eight and Wake Forest with four. Pitt (3), Virginia (3), Florida State (2), North Carolina (2), and Boston College (1) also received votes.

In the Atlantic Division preseason voting, Clemson led the way with 111 first-place votes and 1,080 total points. NC State, which was tabbed as the likely second-place finisher, picked up 44 first-place votes while accumulating 959 points.

Defending Atlantic Division Champion Wake Forest (six first-place votes, 783 points) was picked for a third-place finish this season, followed by Louisville (591), Florida State (two first-place votes, 509) Boston College (one first-place vote, 469) and Syracuse (201).

In the Coastal Division forecast, Miami received 98 first-place votes and amassed 1,038 total points. Defending Coastal champion Pitt (38 first-place votes) was next with 911 points, followed by North Carolina (16 first-place votes, 823 points) and Virginia (six first-place votes, 667 points).

Virginia Tech (three first-place votes, 592 points), Georgia Tech (one first-place vote, 343 points) and Duke (220 points) closed out the voting.

Clemson was selected as the likely ACC champion in the media preseason poll for the fifth consecutive season and the eighth time in the last 10 years.

Miami was projected as the preseason Coastal Division champion for the fifth time and the first time since 2018. The Hurricanes’ lone Coastal Division championship came in 2017.

The Atlantic and Coastal Division winners will meet in the 2022 ACC Football Championship Game on Saturday, December 3, at Charlotte’s Bank of America Stadium.

ACC Preseason Poll
(164 total votes)

Overall Champion
Clemson - 103
NC State - 38
Miami - 8
Wake Forest - 4
Pitt - 3
Virginia - 3
Florida State - 2
North Carolina - 2
Boston College - 1

Atlantic Division
(First-place votes in parenthesis)
Clemson (111) - 1,080
NC State (44) - 959
Wake Forest (6) - 783
Louisville - 591
Florida State (2) - 509
Boston College (1) - 469
Syracuse - 201

Coastal Division
(First-place votes in parenthesis)
Miami (98) - 1,036
Pitt (38) - 911
North Carolina (18) - 823
Virginia (6) - 667
Virginia Tech (3) - 592

Georgia Tech (1) - 343
Duke - 220

THE CONFERENCE OF QUARTERBACKS

Ten of 14 ACC teams return a quarterback with at least nine career starts, led by Louisville’s Malik Cunningham with 38 and Wake Forest’s Sam Hartman with 33. Both NC State’s Devin Leary and Virginia’s Brennan Armstrong have 20 career starts. Kedon Slovis started 26 games at USC before transferring to Pitt for the 2022 season.

Name, School .............................. Career Starts
Malik Cunningham, Louisville .................. 38
Sam Hartman, Wake Forest .......................... 33
Kedon Slovis, Pitt ............................... 26
Grant Wells, Virginia Tech .......................... 23
Brennan Armstrong, Virginia .......................... 20
Devin Leary, NC State .............................. 20
Phil Jurkovec, Boston College ....................... 16
Jeff Sims, Georgia Tech ............................. 16
D.J. Uiagalelei, Clemson .............................. 15
Jordan Travis, Florida State .......................... 14
Garrett Shadrack, Syracuse .......................... 14
Tyler Van Dyke, Miami .............................. 9
26 starts at USC before transferring to Pitt
*23 starts at Marshall before transferring to VT

Wake Forest’s Hartman ranks second in career touchdown passes (72) among active FBS quarterbacks entering the 2022 season. He ranks ninth all-time in the ACC record book. Wake Forest announced in the preseason that Hartman is out indefinitely following a medical evaluation due to treatment for a non-football related medical condition.

Hartman threw 39 touchdown passes in 2021 to rank second in the conference and leads returning ACC quarterbacks this season. Leary threw for 35 touchdowns last fall and Armstrong for 31. Twenty-seven of Leary’s TDs came against ACC competition.

The ACC has three of the top 12 returning quarterbacks in the country based on last season’s passing yards per game. Virginia’s Armstrong is the top returning player in the country after finishing last season with 404.5 passing yards per game. Wake Forest’s Hartman is eighth (302.0 ypg). Miami’s Van Dyke is 11th (293.1 ypg) and NC State’s Leary is 12th (286.1 ypg).

Three of the top seven quarterbacks in the country entering the 2022 season are from the ACC, according to USA Today – No. 3 Hartman of Wake Forest, No. 4 Van Dyke of Miami and No. 7 Leary of NC State. Last season, Armstrong ranked fourth nationally in total passing yards (4,449) while Hartman (4,228) ranked seventh. Hartman’s 39 touchdown passes tied for fifth nationally, and Leary’s 35 TD passes ranked 10th. Armstrong stood second nationally in total yards per game (427.3), and Hartman (327.9) placed seventh.

Louisville’s Cunningham led the league and ranked fourth in the country with 20 rushing touchdowns last season, while also averaging 218.5 yards passing.

Boston College’s Jurkovec (255.8 passing ypg in 2021), Clemson’s Uiagalelei (196.5 total offense/game in 2021), Florida State’s Travis (holds school career record for QB rushing yards and rushing touchdowns), Georgia Tech’s Sims (top 10 in school history with 3,349 passing yards) and Syracuse’s Shadrack (14 rushing TDs in 2021) also have extensive starting experience.

2022 SUBWAY CHAMP GAME SET FOR PRIMETIME

The 2022 Subway Atlantic Coast Conference Football Championship Game will kick off at 8 p.m. on ABC on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina. The game will feature the winner of the Atlantic Division vs. the winner of the Coastal Division.

This is the 13th time in the last 14 years that the game has been held in primetime, and 12 different teams have competed in the game since it began in 2005. Last season, No. 15 Pitt, behind the play of ACC Player of the Year Kenny Pickett, captured its first ACC football title with a 46-21 victory over No. 16 Wake Forest.

Bank of America Stadium, home of the NFL’s Carolina Panthers, has been the site of 11 of the last 12 ACC Football Championship Games. In 2018, the ACC and the Charlotte Sports Foundation reached an agreement to keep the game in Charlotte through 2030. Not including the 2020 game, which had limited attendance due to the pandemic, ACC Football Championship Games played at Bank of America Stadium have had an average attendance of nearly 70,000 fans. The ACC has the second-highest average attendance of any Power 5 conference championship game since 2010.

The winner of the conference championship game has gone on to play in the National Championship Game or compete in the College Football Playoff in eight of the last nine seasons, including two teams in 2020. The ACC has the second most CFP appearances of any conference.

RETURNING LEAGUE LEADERS

In addition to the prolific quarterbacks, several other statistical leaders from last year return in 2022, including Syracuse running back Sean Tucker, North Carolina wide receiver Josh Downs and Virginia linebacker Nick Jackson.

Tucker led the ACC and ranked fourth in the country with 124.7 rushing yards per game. He shattered the Syracuse single-season rushing record (1,496) in 2021 and was named a first-team FWAA All-American. Tucker headlines a contingent of five returning rushers who ranked among last season’s top 10 in yards per game – Boston College’s Patrick Garwo (87.1 ypg), Louisville’s Cunningham (79.3 ypg), Clemson’s Will Shipley (73.9 ypg) and Syracuse’s Shadrack (65.1 ypg).

A Biletnikoff semifinalist, UNC’s Downs led the league in receptions per game (7.8) and was second in receiving yards per game (102.7). He set program records with 101 receptions and 1,335 receiving yards. Returning standouts Dontayvon Wicks of Virginia (100.3 ypg), A.T. Perry of Wake Forest (92.4 ypg), Keytaon Thompson of Virginia (82.5 ypg) and Ray Flowers of Boston College (62.2 ypg) all ranked among the top 10 in receiving yards per game last season.

More than half of the top 20 tacklers from a year ago return in 2022, including three players – Virginia’s Jackson (117), Syracuse’s Mikel Jones (111) and NC State’s Drake Thomas (100) – who had at least 100 tackles. NC State’s Payton Wilson, who led the league in tackles in 2020, but missed most of last season with an injury, also returns. Georgia Tech’s Ayinde Eley, Duke’s Shaka Heyward, North Carolina’s Cedric Gray, Florida State’s Jammie Robinson, Virginia Tech’s Dax Holtfield, NC State’s Tanner Ingle, Pitt’s SirVocea Dennis, Virginia Tech’s Chamarri Conner, and Syracuse’s Stefan Thompson all ranked in the top 20 of ACC tacklers last year.

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**ACC NOTES**

**RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE**
- The ACC returns 47 players who earned first-, second-, or third-team All-ACC honors from a year ago, including five first-team offensive players and seven first-team defensive players. Another 37 who were honorable-mention picks also return.

**ACC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE NOTES**
- The 70th season of ACC Football will feature 56 league games and 56 non-conference contests. Each team will play eight league contests, which includes six division games, one permanent non-division opponent and one rotating opponent from the opposite division. The 2022 schedule includes a minimum of one open date for each team, and at least one conference contest is scheduled each week, except for Week Zero.

- Once again, the ACC’s non-conference schedule is arguably the most difficult in the country. In addition to 21 games against Power 5 opponents, the ACC will play eight non-conference games against teams ranked in the final 2021 AP Top 25 poll. All 14 ACC teams play at least one Power 5 non-conference opponent, while seven schools – Boston College, Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Pitt and Syracuse – play two. ACC teams will play 27 games against opponents that appeared in a bowl game last year.

- The season gets underway on Saturday, Aug. 27, when North Carolina hosts Florida A&M and Florida State hosts Duquesne in Week Zero. It marks the first August season opener for the league since 2019.

**Five Days of Football**
- The ACC will be featured throughout the Labor Day Weekend with 12 games over a five-day span, Sept. 1-5. No other league plays across all five days in Week One. This is the fourth time in the last six years the ACC has played over five consecutive days in Week One.

- The Labor Day weekend begins on Thursday, Sept. 1, with both of last year’s ACC division champions in action. ACC and Coastal Division Champion Pitt hosts West Virginia and Atlantic Division champion Wake Forest opens against VMI in Winston-Salem. On Friday, Sept. 2, Duke plays host to Temple and Virginia Tech travels to Old Dominion.

- Saturday’s slate includes the first league matchup of the year – Louisville at Syracuse, and Boston College vs. Rutgers. Other games on Sept. 3 include Bethune-Cookman at Miami, North Carolina at Appalachian State, NC State at East Carolina and Richmond at Virginia.

- On Sunday, Sept. 4, Florida State travels to New Orleans to face LSU at the Caesars Superdome. The 2022 season opener is the first of two games between the teams over the next two seasons. In 2023, the teams will play in Orlando, Florida.

- In the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game on Labor Day Monday, Georgia Tech hosts Clemson at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. The Tigers, who beat Iowa State in the Cheez-It Bowl, won 10 games for the 11th consecutive season in 2021.

**Games Against Notre Dame**
- ACC teams will play four non-conference games against Notre Dame in 2022:
  - Notre Dame at North Carolina, Sept. 24 (Chapel Hill, North Carolina)
  - Notre Dame at Syracuse, Oct. 29 (Syracuse, New York)
  - Clemson at Notre Dame, Nov. 5 (Notre Dame, Indiana)
  - Boston College at Notre Dame, Nov. 19 (Notre Dame, Indiana)

**Subway ACC Football Championship Game**
- The 2022 Subway ACC Football Championship Game will be played Dec. 3 at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina, and feature the winner of the Atlantic Division vs. the winner of the Coastal Division. The ACC and the Charlotte Sports Foundation have an agreement in place to keep the championship game in Charlotte through the 2030 season.

**ACC COACHING NOTES**

- Four new football coaches have been hired in the ACC for the 2022 season: Duke’s Mike Elko, Miami’s Mario Cristobal, Virginia’s Tony Elliott and Virginia Tech’s Brent Pry.

- Among active head coaches, the ACC’s Dabo Swinney (Clemson), Mack Brown (North Carolina), Mike Norvell (Florida State), Dave Doeren (NC State) and Scott Satterfield (Louisville) rank among the top 30 in the nation in career winning percentage. Swinney’s .806 winning percentage ranks second in the nation. Brown is second among all active coaches with 265 victories.

- Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney secured his 150th career win in the Cheez-It Bowl vs. Iowa State. Swinney joins Bobby Bowden as the only head coaches ever to lead an ACC program to 150 wins. It was Swinney’s 11th bowl victory, which ties Bowden’s record (11) for the most career bowl wins leading an ACC program.


The ACC Media Portal (New in 2022-23)

Press Conferences and ACC Events: The ACC Media Portal has moved to a new service provider. The Conference 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 Slim Vollinger, svollinger@theacc.org to gain access and for additional information. The use of ACC Championship highlights provided through the ACC Media Portal remain 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

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**
- First ACC Player of the Week Awards announced at 1 p.m. After week one, ACC Player of the Week honors will be announced each Monday at 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 2**
- Subway ACC Football Championship Game credential application website opens.

**Sunday, Nov. 27**
- Subway ACC Football Championship Game participating coaches teleconference, TBD
- All-ACC Football Team voting ends at 5 p.m.
- Deadline for media credential applications to Subway ACC Football Championship Game, 5 p.m. (Sunday)

**Sunday, Nov. 27-Thursday, Dec. 1**
- 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) and Brian Piccolo Award, (Most Courageous Football Student-Athlete)
  - All-ACC Football Team
  - ACC Offensive, Defensive and Overall Rookies of the Year
  - ACC Offensive, Defensive and Overall Players of the Year
  - ACC Coach of the Year

**Friday, Dec. 2**
- Subway ACC Football Championship Game Press Conference (participating coaches)

**Saturday, Dec. 3**
- 2022 Subway ACC Football Championship Game Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, N.C.

**December 14, 2022 & February 1, 2023**
- National Football Signing Days

The 2022 Subway Atlantic Coast Conference Football Championship Game will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**2022 ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Dec. 2**
- ACC Football Championship Game Press Conference

**Saturday, Dec. 3**
- 2022 Subway ACC Championship Game

**ACC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HEADQUARTERS – THE WESTIN CHARLOTTE**

The Marriott City Center will serve as the headquarters for the ACC Football Championship Game. The Marriott is located at 100 W Trade St, Charlotte, NC 28202, (704) 339-9000.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF**

The College Football Playoff matches the No. 1 ranked team vs. No. 4, and No. 2 vs. No. 3 in semifinal games that rotate annually among six bowl games – the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic, Fiesta Bowl, Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Capital One Orange Bowl, Allstate Sugar Bowl and Rose Bowl Game. This season’s Playoff Semifinals will take place Saturday, December 31, 2022, at the Fiesta Bowl and the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. The College Football Playoff National Championship will be Monday, January 9, 2023, at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles.

Each fall, the CFP Selection Committee meets in person to produce interim rankings before Selection Day. During each meeting, the selection committee ranks 25 teams.

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## 2022 Composite Football Schedule

### WEEK 0
- **Saturday, Aug. 27**
  - Duquesne at Florida State .................. 5 p.m., ACCN
  - Florida A&M at North Carolina .......... 8:15 p.m., ACCN

### WEEK 1
- **Thursday, Sept. 1**
  - West Virginia at No. 17 Pitt .......... 7 p.m., ESPN
  - VMU at No. 22 Wake Forest .......... 7:30 p.m., ACCN

- **Friday, Sept. 2**
  - Virginia Tech at Old Dominion .......... 7 p.m., ESPNU
  - Temple at Duke .................. 7:30 p.m., ACCN

- **Saturday, Sept. 3**
  - Rutgers at Boston College ........... Noon, ACCN
  - North Carolina at Appalachian State .. Noon, ESPNU
  - No. 13 NC State at East Carolina .. Noon, ESPN
  - Richmond at Virginia ............ 12:30 p.m., RSN
  - Bethune-Cookman at No. 16 Miami ... 3:30 p.m., ACCN
  - Louisville at Syracuse ........ 8 p.m., ACCN

- **Sunday, Sept. 4**
  - Allstate Louisiana Kickoff
  - Florida State at LSU (New Orleans, La.)
  - Caesars Superdome ................. 7:30 p.m., ABC

- **Monday, Sept. 5**
  - Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game
  - No. 4 Clemson at Georgia Tech (Atlanta, Ga.)
  - Mercedes-Benz Stadium ........ 8 p.m., ESPN

### WEEK 2
- **Friday, Sept. 9**
  - Louisville at UCF .................. 7:30 p.m., ESPN

- **Saturday, Sept. 10**
  - Duke at Northwestern ............ Noon, FS1
  - Southern Miss at Miami .......... Noon, ACCN
  - North Carolina at Georgia State .. Noon, ESPNU
  - Wake Forest at Vanderbilt .......... Noon, SECN
  - Charleston Southern at NC State .. 12:30 p.m., RSN
  - Furman at Clemson .............. 3:30 p.m., ACCN
  - Tennessee at Pitt ............ 3:30 p.m., ABC
  - Virginia at Illinois ........ 4 p.m., ESPNU
  - Western Carolina at Georgia Tech .. 7 p.m., ACCNX
  - Syracuse at UConn .......... 7 p.m., CBSSN
  - Boston College at Virginia Tech ... 8 p.m., ACCN
  - Open: Florida State

### WEEK 3
- **Friday, Sept. 16**
  - Florida State at Louisville ........ 7:30 p.m., ESPN

- **Saturday, Sept. 17**
  - Wofford at Virginia Tech ............ 11 a.m., ACCN
  - Purdue at Syracuse .......... Noon, ESPN
  - Old Dominion at Virginia .......... 2 p.m., ACCN
  - Ole Miss at Georgia Tech ........ 3:30 p.m., ABC
  - Liberty at Wake Forest .......... 5 p.m., ACCN
  - North Carolina A&T at Duke .... 6 p.m., ACCNX
  - Texas Tech at NC State .......... 7 p.m., ESPNU
  - Pitt at Western Michigan .... 7:30 p.m., ESPNU
  - Maine at Boston College ........ 7:30 p.m., RSN
  - Louisiana Tech at Clemson .......... 8 p.m., ACCN
  - Miami at Texas A&M ........ 9 p.m., ESPN
  - Open: North Carolina

### WEEK 4
- **Thursday, Sept. 22**
  - West Virginia at Virginia Tech .......... 7:30 p.m., ESPN

- **Friday, Sept. 23**
  - Virginia at Syracuse .................. 7 p.m., ESPN

- **Saturday, Sept. 24**
  - Boston College at Florida State
  - Clemson at Wake Forest
  - Duke at Kansas
  - Georgia Tech at UCF
  - South Florida at Louisville
  - Middle Tennessee at Miami
  - Notre Dame at North Carolina
  - UConn at NC State
  - Rhode Island at Pitt

### WEEK 5
- **Saturday, Oct. 1**
  - Louisville at Boston College
  - NC State at Clemson
  - Virginia at Duke
  - Wake Forest at Florida State
  - Georgia Tech at Pitt
  - Virginia Tech at North Carolina
  - Wagner at Syracuse
  - Open: Miami

### WEEK 6
- **Saturday, Oct. 8**
  - Clemson at Boston College
  - Duke at Georgia Tech
  - Florida State at NC State
  - Louisiana at Virginia
  - North Carolina at Miami
  - Virginia Tech at Pitt
  - Army at Wake Forest
  - Open: Syracuse

### WEEK 7
- **Saturday, Oct. 15**
  - Clemson at Florida State
  - North Carolina at Duke
  - Miami at Virginia Tech
  - NC State at Syracuse
  - Open: Boston College, Georgia Tech, Louisivle, Pitt, Virginia, Wake Forest

### WEEK 8
- **Thursday, Oct. 20**
  - Virginia at Georgia Tech .................. 7:30 p.m., ESPN

- **Saturday, Oct. 22**
  - Boston College at Wake Forest
  - Syracuse at Clemson
  - Duke at Miami
  - Pitt at Louisville
  - Open: Florida State, North Carolina, NC State, Virginia Tech

### WEEK 9
- **Thursday, Oct. 27**
  - Virginia Tech at NC State .................. 7:30 p.m., ESPN

- **Saturday, Oct. 29**
  - Boston College at UConn .................. Noon, CBSSN
  - Georgia Tech at Florida State
  - Wake Forest at Louisville
  - Miami at Virginia
  - Pitt at North Carolina
  - Notre Dame at Syracuse
  - Open: Clemson, Duke

### WEEK 10
- **Friday, Nov. 4**
  - Duke at Boston College .................. 7 p.m., ESPNU

- **Saturday, Nov. 5**
  - Clemson at Notre Dame ........... 7:30 p.m., NBC
  - Florida State at Miami
  - Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech
  - James Madison at Louisville
  - North Carolina at Virginia
  - Wake Forest at NC State
  - Syracuse at Pitt

### WEEK 11
- **Saturday, Nov. 12**
  - Boston College at NC State
  - Louisville at Clemson
  - Virginia Tech at Duke
  - Florida State at Syracuse
  - Miami at Georgia Tech
  - North Carolina at Wake Forest
  - Pitt at Virginia

### WEEK 12
- **Saturday, Nov. 19**
  - Boston College at Notre Dame .......... 2:30 p.m., NBC
  - Miami at Clemson
  - Duke at Pitt
  - Louisiana at Florida State
  - Georgia Tech at North Carolina
  - NC State at Louisville
  - Syracuse at Wake Forest
  - Coastal Carolina at Virginia
  - Virginia Tech at Liberty

### WEEK 13
- **Friday, Nov. 25**
  - NC State at North Carolina ............ Noon or 1 p.m. or 3:30 p.m., ABC or ESPN
  - Florida at Florida State ............ 7:30 p.m., ABC

- **Saturday, Nov. 26**
  - Syracuse at Boston College
  - South Carolina at Clemson
  - Wake Forest at Duke
  - Georgia Tech at Georgia
  - Louisville at Kentucky
  - Pitt at Miami
  - Virginia at Virginia Tech

### SUBWAY ACC Football Championship Game
- **Saturday, Dec. 3**
  - Atlantic Division Champion vs. Coastal Division Champion
  - TBD, ABC
  - Bank of America Stadium
  - Charlotte, N.C.
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Goodyear Cotton Bowl: At-Large vs. At-Large: Mon., Jan. 2, 2023, 1 p.m., ESPN

CFP Semifinal - Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl: At-Large vs. At-Large: Sat., Dec. 31, 2022, 4 p.m. or 8 p.m., ESPN

CFP Semifinal - Fiesta Bowl: At-Large vs. At-Large: Sat., Dec. 31, 2022, 4 p.m. or 8 p.m., ESPN

*If the ACC’s opponent in a non-semifinal Capital One Orange Bowl is from the Big Ten.

- The Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl are national semifinal sites for the 2022 season. There is no limit on how many teams from one conference can appear in the CFP. If the ACC Champion is in the top four of the final CFP rankings, it will play in one of the national semifinal games. Additional ACC teams could also be selected for the CFP or Goodyear Cotton Bowl as at-large representatives. If the ACC Champion is not in the top four of the final CFP rankings, it will appear in the Capital One Orange Bowl against the highest ranked available non-champion team from the Big Ten or SEC, or Notre Dame.

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

- **Capital One Orange Bowl** - The Capital One Orange Bowl will host the ACC Champion (or highest ranked ACC team not ranked in the top four) against the highest ranked available non-Champion team from the Big Ten or SEC.
The 2021-22 season ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in their respective sports, and 12 of 15 member schools captured either an ACC or NCAA Championship.

Six ACC schools placed among the top 25 of the final Division I LEARFIELD College Directors’ Cup standings. North Carolina finished sixth and was joined in the top 10 by Notre Dame, which placed eighth. Virginia (11th), Florida State (14th), NC State (17th) and Duke (21st) completed the ACC’s top-25 contingent. Virginia Tech (33rd place), Louisville (34th), Wake Forest (45th) and Miami (50th) followed to give the ACC 10 institutions among the top 50. This marks the 20th consecutive year that four or more ACC schools placed among the top 30 in the final rankings.

The ACC had the most Honda Award winners of any conference in 2021-22 with four — Florida State’s Jaelin Howell (soccer), Virginia’s Kate Douglass (swimming), North Carolina’s Jamie Ortega (lacrosse) and Louisville’s Lauren Thibodeau (Inspiration Award).

The ACC placed 10 teams in football postseason bowl games in 2021. It is the 21st consecutive season in which the ACC earned at least six bowl bids. Not including the pandemic-affected 2020 season, the ACC has sent at least 10 teams to a bowl every year since 2016. Since 2013, the ACC is second among all conferences with 91 postseason appearances.

Four ACC teams finished the 2021 season ranked in the AP Top 25. In the AP poll, ACC Champion Pitt finished No. 13, its highest ranking since 1982. The Panthers were followed by No. 14 Clemson, No. 15 Wake Forest and No. 20 NC State.

In ESPN’s Way Too Early Top 25 for 2022, NC State led the ACC at No. 7, followed by No. 11 Clemson, No. 15 Pitt and No. 17 Wake Forest. Four ACC teams are in The Athletic’s Too Early Top 25 – No. 8 Clemson, No. 9 NC State, No. 11 Pitt and No. 15 Wake Forest. In SI.com’s Way Too Early Top 25, Clemson is No. 4, followed by No. 8 Wake Forest and No. 19 NC State.

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Since the 2005 season, the ACC has had 634 players chosen in the NFL Draft, including 99 first-round picks, the second-highest totals of any conference.

Four ACC players were selected in the first round of the 2022 NFL Draft in Las Vegas, headlined by No. 6 pick Ikem Ekwonu (OL) of NC State to the Carolina Panthers. He was joined in the first round by Boston College OL Zion Johnson (17th, Los Angeles Chargers), Pitt QB Kenny Pickett (20th, Pittsburgh Steelers) and Florida State DE Jermaine Johnson II (26th, New York Jets). Clemson corner back Andrew Booth Jr. was taken in the second round and North Carolina offensive guard Joshua Ezeudu and Virginia tight end Jelani Woods were third round picks. Fourteen ACC players were taken in rounds four through seven.

Ekwonu is the first ACC offensive lineman taken in the top six picks since Virginia’s D’Brickashaw Ferguson was taken fourth overall in 2006.

The ACC has had 353 players selected since 2013 - the second-highest total among all conferences - and has had 40 or more players picked in five of the last nine drafts. The ACC’s 45 draftees in 2018 was its third-highest ever.

Current ACC teams have had a total of nine players chosen as the first overall selection in the NFL Draft. The most recent was Clemson’s Trevor Lawrence, who was tabbed first in 2021 by the Jacksonville Jaguars. Miami (Vinny Testaverde, 1987, Tampa Bay; and Russell Maryland, 1991, Dallas) and Virginia Tech (Bruce Smith, 1985, Buffalo; and Michael Vick, 2001, Atlanta) each had two top selections while Clemson (Lawrence, 2021, Jaguars), Florida State (Jameis Winston, 2015, Tampa Bay), NC State (Mario Williams, 2006, Houston), Virginia (Bill Dudley, 1942, Pittsburgh) and Syracuse (Ernie Davis, 1962, Washington) each had one. Also, NC State’s Roman Gabriel, the No. 2 overall selection in the 1962 draft, was chosen No. 1 in the AFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders.

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

Among CORE’s accomplishments in 2021-22 were the creation and recognition of the inaugural UNITE Award Class; the ACC’s Fall, Winter and Spring UNITY Weeks (theme: “Awareness to Action”); mandatory staff education and the ACC Unity Tour in Selma and Montgomery, Alabama in July, 2022.

The ACC conducted a Health and Safety Summit in Greensboro in May, in partnership with the ACC Sports Medicine Association, bringing together athletic trainers, team physicians, nutritionists, 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 2021 ACC/Big Ten Basketball Challenge used the series of 28 men’s and women’s games to bring awareness to the importance of mental health and to help to break down any stigma related to mental health struggles.

In December, the first cohort of “Coaching the Whole Athlete Academy” was completed. 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’s Professional Development Academy was completed in June and featured more than 60 student-athletes coming together as part of a four-week program. The Academy’s curriculum, designed and delivered by student-athlete development administrators from ACC member institutions, assisted participants in identifying core values, developing circles of influence, establishing effective communication and leadership skills, and charting career plans.

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

Ten of 14 ACC Football teams earned a graduation success rate (GSR) at or above the FBS average based on the report released by the NCAA last November. That tied for the most among Power 5 conferences.

The ACC remains the only conference to have multiple teams register GSR scores of 90 or higher every year since 2005. Duke (96), Louisville (93), Pitt (93) and Boston College (92) reached that plateau in this year’s report.

For the 15th consecutive year, the ACC led the way among FBS conferences in the “Best Colleges” rankings released by U.S. News & World Report.

ACC teams continue to stand out among those from Division I colleges and universities that meet standards and excel academically, as evidenced by the annual Academic Progress Rate (APR) team data released by the NCAA in January 2022. All ACC football, men’s basketball, women’s basketball and baseball programs exceeded the NCAA’s required APR. In football, 11 ACC teams have an APR above the Division I average 969 (second among peer conferences).

The ACC Network made its first-ever Road Trip in 2021, visiting each of the league’s football programs on their respective campuses, which resulted in an hour-long primetime show that included interviews, behind the scenes footage, tour of the football facilities and much more. Following this year’s ACC Football Kickoff, ACCN will embark on this year’s Road Trip, which promises to bring even more during each school visit.

During the season, ACCN’s premier football program “The Huddle” took to the road with appearances at NC State, North Carolina, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, the Subway ACC Football Championship Game and the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

Following the 2021 season, ACC Network took its coverage of ACC Football to new heights. This included a two-hour primetime show to unveil the 2022 ACC Football Schedule, broadcasting all 14 ACC Spring Games and exclusive coverage of signing days and pro days.
# 2022 Player of the Week Honors

### Quarterback
- Sept. 6
- Sept. 12
- Sept. 19
- Sept. 26
- Oct. 3
- Oct. 10
- Oct. 17
- Oct. 24
- Oct. 31
- Nov. 7
- Nov. 14
- Nov. 21
- Nov. 28

### Running Back
- Sept. 6
- Sept. 12
- Sept. 19
- Sept. 26
- Oct. 3
- Oct. 10
- Oct. 17
- Oct. 24
- Oct. 31
- Nov. 7
- Nov. 14
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### Offensive Line
- Sept. 6
- Sept. 12
- Sept. 19
- Sept. 26
- Oct. 3
- Oct. 10
- Oct. 17
- Oct. 24
- Oct. 31
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### Receiver
- Sept. 6
- Sept. 12
- Sept. 19
- Sept. 26
- Oct. 3
- Oct. 10
- Oct. 17
- Oct. 24
- Oct. 31
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### Defensive Line
- Sept. 6
- Sept. 12
- Sept. 19
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- Oct. 3
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- Oct. 17
- Oct. 24
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### Linebacker
- Sept. 6
- Sept. 12
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ACC IN THE RANKINGS - TOP 25 POLLS

ACC ASSOCIATED PRESS RANKING HISTORY

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All-time CFP Rankings |Appearances|Highest Rank (Date)|
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Clemson              | 45         | 1, eight times (Dec. 3, 2017)|
Duke                 | 3          | 21 (Nov. 11, 2014) |
Florida State        | 19         | 2, two times (Nov. 4, 2014)|
Georgia Tech         | 11         | 11 (Dec. 2, 2014) |
Louisville           | 11         | 5 (Nov. 15, 2016) |
Miami                | 11         | 10 (Nov. 21, 2017) |
North Carolina       | 12         | 10, two times (Dec. 6, 2015)|
NC State             | 16         | 14 (Nov. 6, 2018) |
Pitt                 | 9          | 12 (Dec. 5, 2021) |
Syracuse             | 6          | 12 (Dec. 13, 2018) |
Virginia             | 3          | 23 (Dec. 3, 2019) |
Virginia Tech        | 18         | 13 (Oct. 31, 2017) |
Wake Forest          | 7          | 9 (Nov. 2, 2021) |

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Saturday, Aug. 27

Duquesne (0-0, 0-0 NEC)
at Florida State (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
5 p.m.; ACCN

First meeting

Head Coaches:
Duquesne - Jerry Schmitt (109-72 in 18th season at Duquesne and 137-93 in 23rd season overall)
Florida State - Mike Norvell (8-13 in second season at Florida State; 46-28 in sixth season overall)

Notes: The Seminoles will become the first ACC team to kick off the 2022 season when they take on Duquesne for the first time in program history • Nineteen starters return for FSU this season, including nine on offense and eight on defense • The returnees include safety Jammie Robinson, who tied for the conference lead in interceptions last season and received the second most votes of any defensive player on the 2022 All-ACC Preseason Team ballot • Duquesne was selected to finish second in the Northeast Conference (NEC) Preseason Coaches’ Poll • Saturday’s game will mark Duquesne’s sixth meeting against an opponent from the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) since the Dukes returned to the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) ranks in 1992 • Veteran head coach Jerry Schmitt has led the Dukes to five NEC titles and a pair of trips to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Playoffs.

Saturday, Aug. 27

Florida A&M (0-0, 0-0 SWAC)
at North Carolina (0-0, 0-0 ACC)
8:15 p.m.; ACCN

First meeting

Head Coaches:
Florida A&M - Willie Simmons (24-10 in fourth season at FAMU; 45-21 in seventh season overall)
UNC - Mack Brown (90-63-1 in 14th season at North Carolina; 265-139-1 in 34th season overall)

Notes: Events and activities are planned around the weekend to celebrate historically black colleges and universities • HBCU coaching greats Bill Hayes and Rod Broadway have been invited to be Honorary Captains for North Carolina • FAMU has invited Rattler coaching legend Rudy Hubbard to serve as its Honorary Captain • August 27 is the earliest date for a UNC football game since 2001, when the Tar Heels played at Oklahoma on August 25 • UNC returns 15 starters from 2021, including five on offense and seven on defense • That includes a three-man wide receiving corps that includes junior Josh Downs, who set UNC records in 2021 with 101 receptions and 1,335 receiving yards • The 265 career wins by UNC veteran head coach Mack Brown rank eighth on the FBS all-time list and second among active coaches • First of three non-league games to open the season for UNC, which visits Appalachian State and Georgia State the first two weekends in September.