



# THIS IS THE ACC

## THE TRADITION

**C**onsistency. It's the mark of true excellence in any endeavor. However, in today's intercollegiate athletics, competition has become so balanced and so competitive that it is virtually impossible to maintain a high level of consistency.

Yet the Atlantic Coast Conference has defied the odds. Having celebrated its 50th year of competition a year ago, the ACC has long enjoyed the reputation as one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate conferences in the nation. And that is not mere conjecture, the numbers support it.

Since the league's inception in 1953, ACC schools have captured 88 national championships, including 44 in women's competition and 44 in men's. In addition, NCAA individual titles have gone to ACC student-athletes 115 times in men's competition and 51 times in women's action.

The conference had an immediate impact on the national college women's soccer scene in the fall of 1987 when the University of North Carolina captured the first of what would eventually be 12 national women's soccer titles for the ACC. Since becoming a league sponsored sport, North Carolina has laid claim to 12 of the last 15 national championships, including a streak of eight consecutive between 1987 and 1994.

The eight schools that take to the field this fall under the ACC banner have garnered 78 first or second team NSCAA All-America distinctions, 44 National Player of the Year titles and 11 National Rookie of the Year honors.

## 2002-03 IN REVIEW

The 2002-03 academic year concluded with the league pocketing three more national team titles and ten individual NCAA crowns. In all, the ACC has won 45 national team titles over the last 13 years.

The ACC's 2002-03 national champions were Wake Forest in field hockey, Virginia in men's lacrosse and Clemson in men's golf.

## 2003 ACC PRESEASON SOCCER POLL

SCHOOL	POINTS	2002 RECORD
1. North Carolina (7)	63	21-2-4 (4-1-2)
2. Virginia (1)	52	13-7-2 (4-3-0)
3. Florida State	37	13-7-3 (3-3-1)
4. Clemson	36	14-8-0 (4-3-0)
5. Maryland	34	13-8-1 (3-3-1)
6. Duke	32	9-9-2 (2-3-2)
7. Wake Forest	20	13-8-1 (2-4-1)
8. NC State	14	10-8-1 (2-4-1)

Overall, 95 ACC teams took part in post-season play compiling an 84-64 (.568) record.

A total of 167 student-athletes from the ACC earned first, second or third-team All-America honors this past year. In addition, the ACC produced three national Players of the Year, one national Rookie of the Year and four national Coach of the Year recipients.

The ACC placed at least one team in the top 10 nationally in 16 of the 21 sports sponsored by the league for which polls were available. In all, 28 ACC teams finished their season with a top 10 ranking.

## A HISTORY

The Atlantic Coast Conference was founded on May 8, 1953, at the Sedgefield Inn near Greensboro, N.C., with seven charter members — Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest — drawing up the conference by-laws.

The withdrawal of seven schools from the Southern Conference came early on the morning of May 8, 1953, during the Southern Conference's annual spring meeting. On June 14, 1953, the seven members met in Raleigh, N.C., where a set of bylaws was adopted and the name became officially the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Suggestions from fans for the name of the new conference appeared in the region's newspapers prior to the meeting in Raleigh. Some of the names suggested were: Dixie, Mid South, Mid Atlantic, East Coast, Seaboard, Colonial, Tobacco, Blue-Gray, Piedmont, Southern Seven and the Shoreline.

Duke's Eddie Cameron recommended that the name of the conference be the Atlantic Coast Conference, and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded with each member institution assessed \$200.00 to pay for conference expenses.

On December 4, 1953, conference officials met again at Sedgefield and officially admitted the University of Virginia as the league's eighth member. The first, and only, withdrawal of a school from the ACC came on June 30, 1971, when the University of South Carolina tendered its resignation.

The ACC operated with seven members until April 3, 1978, when the Georgia Institute of Technology was admitted. The Atlanta school had withdrawn from the Southeastern Conference in January of 1964.

The ACC expanded to nine members on July 1, 1991, with the addition of Florida State University.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The conference will conduct championship competition in 25 sports during the

2003-2004 academic year — 12 for men and 13 for women.

The first ACC championship was held in swimming on February 25, 1954. The conference did not conduct championships in cross country, wrestling or tennis during the first year.

The 12 sports for men include football, cross country, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, wrestling, baseball, tennis, golf and lacrosse. Fencing, which was started in 1971, was discontinued in 1981.

Women's sports were initiated in 1977 with the first championship meet being held in tennis at Wake Forest University.

Championships for women are currently conducted in cross country, volleyball, field hockey, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, golf, lacrosse, softball and rowing. ⚽

## SCHOOL AFFILIATIONS

**CLEMSON** — Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894, a charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, a charter member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in 1953.

**DUKE** — Joined the Southern Conference in December, 1928; charter member of the ACC in 1953.

**FLORIDA STATE** — Charter member of the Dixie Conference in 1948, joined the Metro Conference in July, 1976; joined the ACC July, 1991.

**GEORGIA TECH** — Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894, charter member of Southern Conference in 1921, charter member of the SEC in 1932, joined the ACC in April, 1978.

**MARYLAND** — Charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

**NORTH CAROLINA** — Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894, charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

**NC STATE** — Charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921; charter member of the ACC in 1953.

**VIRGINIA** — Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894, charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, resigned from Southern Conference in December 1936, joined the ACC in December, 1953.

**WAKE FOREST** — Joined the Southern Conference in February, 1936, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

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## 2002 ACC FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	WON	LOSS	T	PCT	FOR	OPP	WON	LOSS	T	PCT	FOR	OPP
UNC	4	1	2	.714	14	8	21	2	4	.885	84	19
Clemson	4	3	0	.571	14	12	14	8	0	.636	49	37
UVA	4	3	0	.571	8	7	13	7	2	.636	48	27
FSU	3	3	1	.500	15	15	13	7	3	.630	46	37
Maryland	3	3	1	.500	11	11	13	8	1	.625	47	33
Duke	2	3	2	.429	10	10	9	9	2	.500	37	25
NC State	2	4	1	.357	6	14	10	8	1	.553	41	30
WFU	2	4	1	.357	12	13	13	8	1	.625	46	28

Record vs. Non-ACC opponents: 75-24-6 (.743)

### ACC SOCCER IN 2002

- ◆ Six of the conference's eight teams were in the 2002 NCAA Women's Soccer Championships, equaling the PAC-10 and Big Ten for most participants
- ◆ Tied with the West Coast Conference with the most teams in the Round of Sixteen
- ◆ North Carolina earned its 21st consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament, Clemson and Virginia earned their eighth straight appearance, Wake Forest earned its sixth straight appearance while Maryland was invited for the seventh time in eight years and Florida State went to the NCAA's for the third consecutive time.
- ◆ 2002 NCAA Division I Soccer College Cup participant North Carolina
- ◆ Five teams in the final *SoccerBuzz* and *Soccer America* polls with all eight schools ranked during the season
- ◆ Two players named first team All-America by *SoccerBuzz* as part of eight total recipients
- ◆ Two freshmen named to the *SoccerBuzz* All-Freshman First Team
- ◆ 2002 *SoccerBuzz* Freshman of the Year

### ACC SOCCER LEGACY

- ◆ 17 NCAA Division I Championships
- ◆ 21 NCAA title match appearances
- ◆ 23 NCAA Final Four appearances
- ◆ Seven gold medal winning Olympians
- ◆ 15 National Player of the Year Awards
- ◆ *Soccer America's* Women's Player of the Decade

- ◆ Five members of *Soccer America's* All-Decade team
- ◆ Eight current or former ACC players were members of the 1999 U.S. Women's World Cup Championship Team
- ◆ 88 First Team All-Americans
- ◆ Eight National Rookie of the Year Awards
- ◆ 108-58-4 record in the NCAA Tournament
- ◆ Of the 287 teams participating in Division I women's soccer, the ACC is the only conference that can boast having four teams that have been to two of the last three Sweet 16's.

**All-ACC:** 1st Team: Deliah Arrington, Clemson; Adrienne Barnes, NC State; Heather Beem, Clemson; Thora Helgadottir, Duke; Katie Ludwig, Maryland; Casey McCluskey, Duke; Catherine Reddick, North Carolina; Annika Schmidt, NC State; **Cindy Schofield, Florida State**; Lindsay Tarpley, North Carolina; Kelly Worden, Virginia

**2nd Team:** Darci Borski, Virginia; Jenni Branam, North Carolina; Kimmy Francis, Maryland; Leslie Gaston, North Carolina; Gillian Hatch, Virginia; Paige Ledford, Clemson; Mallory Mahar, Maryland; Alyssa Ramsey, North Carolina; A.B. Robbins, Wake Forest; Liz Wagner, Duke; Katherine Winstead, Wake Forest

**ACC ALL-Freshman Team:** Ali Andrzejewski, Maryland; Lori Chalupny, North Carolina; **Leah Gallegos, Florida State**; Allison Graham, Clemson; Kelly Hammond, Virginia; Sarah Huffman, Virginia; Sarah Kozey, Wake Forest; Mallory Mahar, Maryland; Carolyn Riggs, Duke; Kat Seibert, Duke; Lindsay Tarpley, North Carolina

**ACC PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Deliah Arrington, Clemson

**ACC ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Lindsay Tarpley, North Carolina

**ACC COACH OF THE YEAR:** Shannon Higgins-Cirovski

### ACC TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

(Seminole Soccer Complex, Tallahassee, FL) First Round: #2 Clemson d. #7 NC State 5-2; #6 Duke d. #3 Virginia 1-0; #1 North Carolina d. #8 Wake Forest 3-0; #5 Maryland d. #4 Florida State 4-2. Semifinals: Clemson d. Duke 2-0; North Carolina d. Maryland 4-0. Final: North Carolina d. Clemson 6-0.

**ACC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:** Casey McCluskey, Duke; Thoa Helgadottir, Duke; Kimmy Francis, Maryland; Jen Biscoe, Maryland; Deliah Arrington, Clemson; Allison Mitchell, Clemson; Sarah Turner, Clemson; Jeni Branam, North Carolina; Susan Bush, North Carolina; Lindsay Tarpley, North Carolina.

**ACC TOURNAMENT MVP:** Leslie Gaston, North Carolina

**ACC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:** Sept. 3, Sarah Kozey, Wake Forest; Sept. 9, Alyssa Ramsey, North Carolina and Katherine Winstead, Wake Forest; Sept. 16, Lindsay Tarpley, North Carolina; Sept. 23, **Leah Gallegos, Florida State**; Sept. 30, Paige Ledford, Clemson and Adrienne Barnes, NC State; Oct. 7, Leslie Gaston, North Carolina; Oct. 14, Gretchen Lear, NC State; Oct. 21, Anne Morrell, North Carolina; Oct. 28, Darci Borski, Virginia; Nov. 4, Darci Borski, Virginia.

## ACC IN FINAL POLLS

Team	NCAA	Soccer-Buzz	Soccer America*	Soccer-Times.com*
North Carolina	3	4	2	2
Clemson	25	21	14	18
Maryland	24	19	19	15
Virginia	17	15	24	20
Florida State	19	14	—	—
Duke	—	—	21	—

\*Final poll released before the NCAA Tournament

championships including 44 in women's competition.

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