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## 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. Now in its 52nd year of competition, 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 91 national championships, including 47 in women's competition and 44 in men's. In addition, NCAA individual titles have gone to ACC student-athletes 116 times in men's competition and 57 times in women's action.

The Conference had an immediate impact in women's soccer on the national college scene in the fall of 1987 when North Carolina captured the first of what would eventually be 13 national titles for the ACC. Since becoming a league sponsored sport, the Tar Heels have laid claim to 13 of the last 16 national championships, including a streak of eight consecutive between 1987 and 1994.

In 2003, North Carolina capped off a perfect 27-0-0 record by claiming its 18th NCAA Women's Soccer title defeating Connecticut 6-0 in the championship game. Florida State rewrote the school's record book when the Seminoles advanced to the semifinals of the Women's College Cup for the first time ever. The conference went on to tie a league record with seven teams qualifying for the NCAA Championship including Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and Wake Forest.

Six teams finished in the top 25 of the Soccer America Poll including three in the top 10, while four teams ranked in the top 25 of the final NSCAA Poll. North Carolina's Catherine Reddick (Honda, MAC/Hermann Trophy) and Lindsay Tarpley (Soccer America) earned National Player of the Year accolades. Patrick Baker of Florida State was awarded National Coach of the Year honors by Soccer America.

The ten schools that take to the field this fall under the ACC banner have garnered 83 first or second team NSCAA All-America distinctions, 47 National Player of the Year titles and 11 National Rookie of the Year honors.

## 2003-04 IN REVIEW

The 2003-04 academic year concluded with the league pocketing three more national team titles and six individual NCAA crowns. In all, the ACC has won 48 national team titles over the last 14 years.

The ACC's 2003-04 national championships were Wake Forest in field hockey, North Carolina in women's soccer and Virginia in women's lacrosse. Overall, 66 ACC teams

took part in post-season play compiling a 101-66-4 (.596) record.

A total of 169 student-athletes from the ACC earned first, second or third-team All-America honors this past year. In addition, the ACC produced nine national Players of the Year, two national Rookies of the Year and three national Coaches of the Year recipients.

The ACC placed at least one team in the top 10 nationally in 17 sports. In all, 31 ACC teams finished their season with a top 10 ranking.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The conference will conduct championship competition in 25 sports during the 2004-05 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.

## 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 conference expanded to 11 members on July 1, 2004, with the addition of the University of Miami and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. On October 17, 2003, Boston College accepted an invitation to become the league's 12th member starting with the 2005-06 academic year.

## 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.

**MIAMI** — Charter member of the Big East Football Conference in 1991; joined the ACC in July, 2004.

**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.

**VIRGINIA TECH** — Charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921; withdrew from the Southern Conference in June, 1965; became a charter member of the Big East Football Conference in Feb. 5, 1991; joined the ACC in July, 2004.

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



# THIS IS ACC SOCCER

## 2003 ACC FINAL STANDINGS

| Team     | Conference |      |   |       |     |      | Overall |      |   |       |     |      |
|----------|------------|------|---|-------|-----|------|---------|------|---|-------|-----|------|
|          | Won        | Loss | T | Pct.  | For | Opp. | Won     | Loss | T | Pct.  | For | Opp. |
| UNC      | 7          | 0    | 0 | 1.000 | 28  | 3    | 27      | 0    | 0 | 1.000 | 113 | 11   |
| FSU      | 4          | 2    | 1 | .643  | 9   | 5    | 17      | 8    | 1 | .673  | 60  | 28   |
| Clemson  | 4          | 3    | 0 | .571  | 11  | 11   | 11      | 7    | 1 | .600  | 37  | 20   |
| Duke     | 4          | 3    | 0 | .571  | 6   | 9    | 14      | 7    | 1 | .659  | 48  | 27   |
| Virginia | 3          | 3    | 1 | .500  | 15  | 10   | 12      | 5    | 4 | .667  | 41  | 18   |
| Maryland | 2          | 5    | 0 | .286  | 8   | 11   | 11      | 8    | 2 | .571  | 36  | 26   |
| WFU      | 1          | 4    | 2 | .286  | 7   | 17   | 10      | 7    | 3 | .575  | 33  | 28   |
| NC State | 1          | 6    | 0 | .143  | 3   | 21   | 9       | 9    | 1 | .500  | 37  | 37   |

Record vs. Non-ACC opponents: 78-18-10 (.783)

### ACC SOCCER IN 2003

- Seven of the conference's eight teams were in the 2003 NCAA Women's Soccer Championships, the highest percentage of any conference in America.
- North Carolina earned its 22nd consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament, Clemson and Virginia earned their ninth straight appearance, Wake Forest earned its seventh straight appearance while Maryland was invited for the eighth time in nine years and Florida State went to the NCAA's for the fourth consecutive time.
- 2003 NCAA Division I Soccer Final Four participants North Carolina and Florida State.
- The ACC was the only conference with two teams in the top five of the final NCSAA rankings and six of the conference's eight teams finished in the top 25 of the final Soccer America poll.
- Four ACC players named first team All-America by SoccerBuzz. Double that of any other conference.
- Six of the 12 freshmen named to the SoccerBuzz All-Freshman First Team were from ACC schools.
- 2003 SoccerBuzz Player and Freshman of the Year.

### ACC SOCCER LEGACY

- 18 NCAA Division I Championships
- 22 NCAA title match appearances
- 25 NCAA Final Four Appearances
- Seven gold medal winning Olympians
- 16 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
- Nine National Rookie of the Year Awards
- 118-62-7 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 two teams in the 2003 College Cup.

**All-ACC:** 1st Team: Allison Graham, Clemson; Casey McCluskey, Duke; Thora Helgadottir, Duke; **Kristin Boyce, Florida State; Leah Gallegos, Florida State;** Lori Chalupny, North Carolina; Catherine Reddick, North Carolina; Lindsay Tarpley, North Carolina; Kacey White, North Carolina; Kelly Hammond, Virginia; Sarah Huffman, Virginia

**2nd Team:** Courtney Foster, Clemson; Allison Mitchell, Clemson; Lauren Whitt, Clemson; Kate Seibert, Duke; Jenny Biscoe, Maryland; Mallory Mahar, Maryland; Heather O'Reilly, North Carolina; Alyssa Ramsey, North Carolina; Becky Sauerbrunn, Virginia; Melanie Schneider, Wake Forest; Alena Thom, Wake Forest

**ACC All-Freshman Team:** Courtney Foster, Clemson; Darby Kroyer, Duke; **Julia Schnugg, Florida State; India Trotter, Florida State;** Ashly Kennedy, Maryland; Elizabeth Guess, North Carolina; Jessica Maxwell, North Carolina; Heather O'Reilly, North Carolina; Shannon Foley, Virginia; Ariel Thompson, Virginia; Becky Sauerbrunn, Virginia; Elizabeth Remy, Wake Forest

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

**ACC ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Becky Sauerbrunn, Virginia

**ACC COACH OF THE YEAR:** Anson Dorrance, North Carolina

**ACC TOURNAMENT RESULTS:** (SAS Soccer Complex, Cary, NC) First Round: #2 Florida State d. #7 Wake Forest 2-1; #6 Maryland d. #3 Clemson 2-1; #1 North Carolina d. #8 NC State 6-2; #4 Duke d. #5 Virginia 2-1. Semifinals: Florida State d. Maryland 1-0; North Carolina d. Duke 6-0. Final: North Carolina d. Florida State 3-2.

**ACC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:** Casey McCluskey, Duke; **Katie Beal, Florida State; Leah Gallegos, Florida State; Kelly Rowland, Florida State; Joy McKenzie, Florida State;** Kimmy Francis, Maryland; Heather O'Reilly, North Carolina; Alyssa Ramsey, North Carolina; Lindsay Tarpley, North Carolina; Cat Reddick, North Carolina; Kacey White, North Carolina

**ACC TOURNAMENT MVP:** Lindsay Tarpley, North Carolina

**ACC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:** Sept. 1, Carolyn Riggs, Duke; Sept. 8, Lori Chalupny, North Carolina; Sept. 15, Kelly Hammond, Virginia; Sept. 22, Kimmy Francis, Maryland; Sept. 29, Kenna Healy, Wake Forest; Oct. 6, Lindsay Tarpley, North Carolina; Oct. 13, **Leah Gallegos, Florida State;** Oct. 20, Thora Helgdottir, Duke and Alyssa Ramsey, North Carolina; Oct. 27, Courtney Foster, Clemson; Nov. 3, Courtney Foster, Clemson

### ACC IN FINAL POLLS

| Team           | NCAA | Soccer America* | Soccer-Buzz | Soccer-Times.com* |
|----------------|------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| North Carolina | 1    | 1               | 1           | 1                 |
| Florida State  | 4    | 6               | 5           | 5                 |
| Virginia       | 17   | 10              | 18          | 16                |
| Duke           | 19   | 12              | 14          | 17                |
| Clemson        | --   | 17              | --          | --                |
| Maryland       | --   | 22              | --          | --                |

\*Final poll released before the NCAA Tournament