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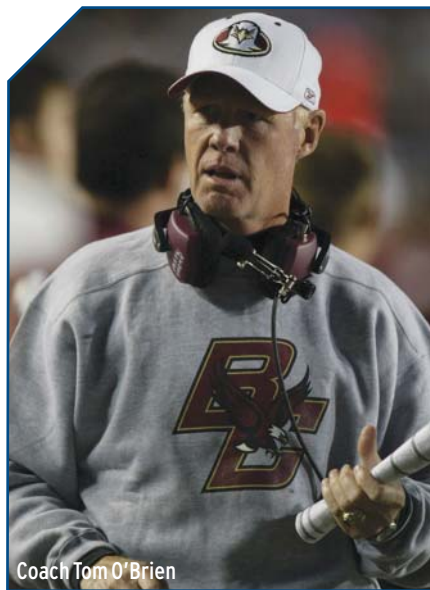
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BIGGER & BETTER

The new-look Atlantic Coast Conference is set to flex its football muscle.

With its newly expanded footprint, the Atlantic Coast Conference now has a presence in an area that extends from South Florida to Massachusetts. This summer's addition of Boston College, just a year after Miami and Virginia Tech joined, has placed the ACC in a new football stratosphere. Says ACC Commissioner John Swofford, "I feel at this point we can look anybody in the eye in football." (That sentiment would also seem to apply to the economics of this growth spurt, including more marketing opportunities for the ACC's official corporate partners: Alltel, Aquafina, Chick-fil-A, Food Lion, Geico, Jeep/Chrysler, Pepsi, Progress Energy, and RBC Centura.) ACC football now features two six-team divisions. The Atlantic consists of Boston College, Clemson, Florida State, Maryland, North Carolina State, and Wake Forest. In the Coastal are Duke, Georgia Tech, Miami, North Carolina, Virginia, and Virginia Tech. Division winners will meet in the Dr Pepper ACC Football Championship Game on Dec. 3 at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla., with a Bowl Championship Series bid on the line. With college football kicking off this month, here's an overview of the "new" ACC.





Coach Tom O'Brien

Like fellow former Big East members

Virginia Tech and Miami, the Eagles arrive as instant title contenders. Seventeen starters return from a 9-3 team that ninth-year head coach Tom O'Brien led to a fifth-consecutive bowl victory—the only school in the nation that can make that claim. Nestled in the western suburb of Chestnut Hill, Mass., more than 10,000 fans make the five-minute ride on the “T” from downtown Boston to Alumni Stadium on game day. BC students conduct their pre-game festivities at The Mods, a popular student housing complex. And there is no shortage of public gathering spots, from nearby

Mary Ann’s—a notable watering hole off-limits to athletes—to the strip at Allston, conveniently equidistant between the BC and Boston University campuses. And a trip to Boston would not be complete without paying homage to Fenway Park, taking a stroll along Freedom Trail, or visiting Quincy Market or Faneuil Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was first read.



2005 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3	@ Brigham Young
Saturday, September 10	Army
Saturday, September 17	Florida State
Saturday, September 24	@ Clemson
Saturday, October 1	Ball State
Saturday, October 8	Virginia
Saturday, October 15	Wake Forest
Thursday, October 27	@ Virginia Tech
Saturday, November 5	@ North Carolina
Saturday, November 12	NC State
Saturday, November 19	@ Maryland

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Maintaining the fire that helped make him an All-ACC linebacker two decades ago, second-year head coach Ted Roof is bent on beating the odds and bringing the Blue Devils back up to competitive speed. It's a tall task, though Duke returns seven starters on both sides of the ball following a 2-9 campaign. Blue Devil Alley, where live bands provide entertainment as fans stroll through a gauntlet of vendors and fan-friendly activities, is a favorite stop on the way to the game at Wallace Wade Stadium. (Interesting historical note: The horseshoe-shaped stadium played host to the 1942 Rose Bowl, during the onset of World War II—the only time the prestigious game has been played outside California.) Many visitors will undoubtedly make weekend plans to stay at the Washington

Duke Inn & Golf Club on the Durham, N.C., campus, attend a multi-denominational service at the landmark Duke Chapel, or pass the pre-game hours wandering the trails through Duke Forest.

2005 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3	@ East Carolina
Saturday, September 10	Virginia Tech
Saturday, September 17	VMI
Saturday, September 24	@ Virginia
Saturday, October 1	Navy
Saturday, October 8	@ Miami
Saturday, October 15	Georgia Tech
Saturday, October 22	Florida State
Saturday, October 29	Wake Forest
Saturday, November 5	@ Clemson
Saturday, November 19	@ North Carolina



Coach Ted Roof

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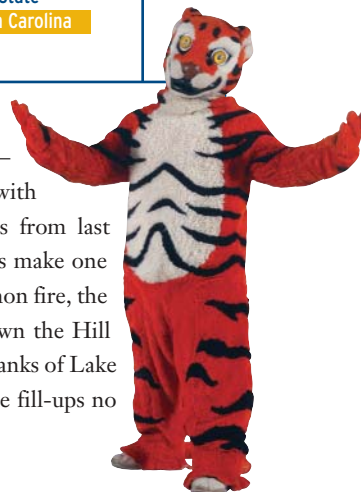
The painted Tiger paw prints on the road leading from Interstate 85 to this tiny South Carolina burg are the first sign of just how important football is here. Every

home game at Memorial Stadium (a.k.a. “Death Valley”) draws a sellout of 81,000-plus as Clemson swells to become the state’s third-largest city on game days. Tommy Bowden, entering his seventh season as the Tigers’ head coach, has continued Clemson’s winning tradition.

Tiger loyalists have celebrated a league-leading 13 ACC championships—not to mention the 1981 national title. Expectations remain high with senior quarterback Charlie Whitehurst among 15 returning starters from last season’s 6-5 squad. Fans arrive early to tailgate, then watch the Tigers make one of the most celebrated entrances in college football, complete with cannon fire, the Clemson band’s rendition of the “Tiger Rag,” and the team’s run down the Hill and into the east end zone. For many fans, a trip to the school on the banks of Lake Hartwell means a stop at the Esso Club, a converted gas station where fill-ups no longer mean putting a Tiger in the Tank.

2005 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3	Texas A&M
Saturday, September 10	@ Maryland
Saturday, September 17	Miami
Saturday, September 24	Boston College
Saturday, October 1	@ Wake Forest
Thursday, October 13	@ NC State
Saturday, October 22	Temple
Saturday, October 29	@ Georgia Tech
Saturday, November 5	Duke
Saturday, November 12	Florida State
Saturday, November 19	@ South Carolina



Coach Tommy Bowden

Info/tickets: clemson.com
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Home to the Seminoles and Bobby Bowden, the winningest coach in Division I-A history, Florida State has left

an indelible mark on ACC football with 11 league and 2 national championships. The Seminoles are an amazing 52-1 in ACC play at Tallahassee’s Doak Campbell Stadium, where the field bears Bowden’s name. A bronze statue and an enormous stained-glass window stand as additional tributes for what he has accomplished since taking over the program in 1976. With tailback Leon Washington returning as an All-America candidate from last season’s 9-3 team, the ‘Noles will be formidable again. The university’s long-standing association with the Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida is readily evident on game days, when Chief Osceola rides his horse, Renegade, into the stadium and plants a flaming spear into the ground at the 50-yard line, whipping crowds of 85,000 into a frenzy prior to kickoff.

2005 SCHEDULE

Monday, September 5	Miami
Saturday, September 10	The Citadel
Saturday, September 17	@ Boston College
Saturday, October 1	Syracuse
Saturday, October 8	Wake Forest
Saturday, October 15	@ Virginia
Saturday, October 22	@ Duke
Saturday, October 29	Maryland
Saturday, November 5	NC State
Saturday, November 12	@ Clemson
Saturday, November 26	@ Florida



Coach Bobby Bowden



Coach Chan Gailey

History has a way of repeating itself at

Georgia Tech, where head coach Chan Gailey and the Yellow Jackets capped their 2004 season with a 51-14 bowl victory over Syracuse to finish 7-5. It marked the eighth-consecutive bowl appearance—one of only eight schools that can make that claim—for college football's winningest bowl program (22-11, .667). Quarterback Reggie Ball, wide receiver Calvin Johnson, and tailback P.J. Daniels will be central figures in the quest for another postseason appearance for a program that can lay claim to four national titles, three prior to joining the ACC. Since



1961, the Yellow Jackets have been led onto the field at Bobby Dodd Stadium by the Ramblin' Wreck, a white-and-gold 1930 Model-A Ford. It is as much a part of the game-day experience as a two-block walk to The Varsity for a chili dog, onion rings, and a frosted orange, or the beauty of Atlanta's skyline, especially at night, from the stadium.

2005 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3	@ Auburn
Saturday, September 10	North Carolina
Saturday, September 17	Connecticut
Saturday, September 24	@ Virginia Tech
Thursday, October 6	NC State
Saturday, October 15	@ Duke
Saturday, October 22	@ Miami
Saturday, October 29	Clemson
Saturday, November 5	Wake Forest
Saturday, November 12	@ Virginia
Saturday, November 26	Georgia

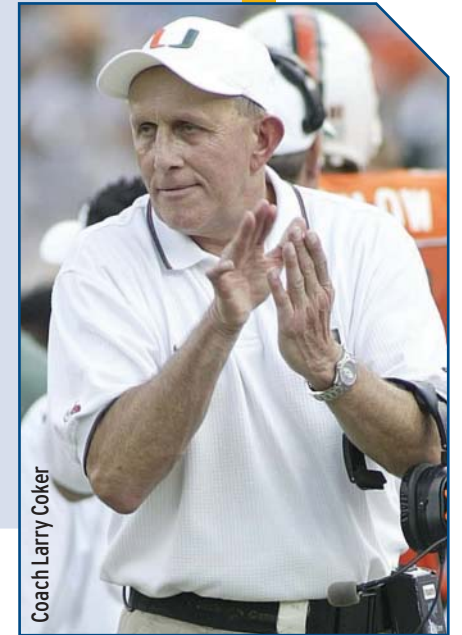
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With hurricane-warning flags flying and the music thumping, Miami takes

the field at the historic Orange Bowl through a shroud of smoke, with equal parts of swagger, style, and substance. Five-time national champions since 1983 and the producers of 21 first-round NFL draft picks since 2000, Miami's program has reached the point where last season's 9-3 finish was universally viewed as sub-par. The return of 10 defensive starters and electric multi-positional star Devin Hester should help head coach Larry Coker (44-6 in four seasons) avoid a repeat. Former "U" stars and celebrities are regular sideline guests at home, where the 'Canes once ran off an NCAA-record 58 consecutive victories. And for those not prone to the sensory overload offered up inside the stadium, Miami, of course, offers a wide array

of off-field distractions, from the shops and restaurants of nearby Coconut Grove to the sun, surf, and nightlife of the South Beach scene.



Coach Larry Coker

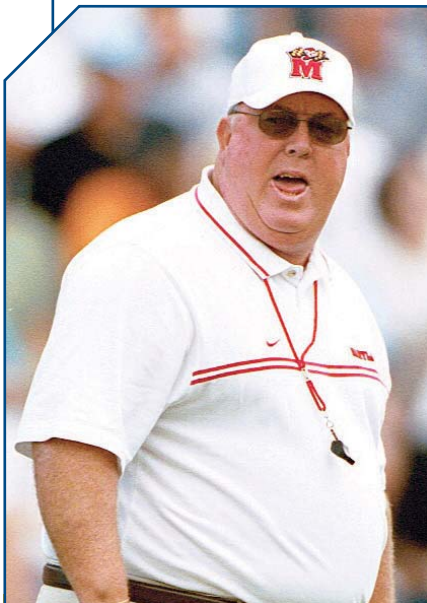
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Monday, September 5	@ Florida State
Saturday, September 17	@ Clemson
Saturday, September 24	Colorado
Saturday, October 1	South Florida
Saturday, October 8	Duke
Saturday, October 15	@ Temple
Saturday, October 22	Georgia Tech
Saturday, October 29	North Carolina
Saturday, November 5	@ Virginia Tech
Thursday, November 17	@ Wake Forest
Saturday, November 26	Virginia

Info/tickets: hurricane.sports.com
800-GO-CANES

One of five ACC head football coaches leading his

alma mater from the sidelines, Ralph Friedgen has brought the Terrapins back to a place of prominence in league play.



Coach Ralph Friedgen

Maryland had won eight league titles before Friedgen delivered No. 9 in 2001, his first season, which helped win over the fans from the Baltimore/Washington corridor. Of course it doesn't hurt that the approachable Friedgen is widely regarded as one of the most innovative offensive coaches in the country. All-America senior linebacker D'Qwell Jackson, the ACC's top returning tackler, spearheads a group of 15 returning starters anxious to make amends for last season's disappointing 5-6 finish. The collegiate home of larger-than-life former NFL stars Randy White and Boomer Esiason, the College Park campus is just a stone's throw from the nation's power center. A short ride on the Metro can deliver fans to Washington's monuments and museums for a day of sightseeing—a favorite and inexpensive diversion for visitors.

2005 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3	Navy (@ Baltimore)
Saturday, September 10	Clemson
Saturday, September 17	West Virginia
Saturday, September 24	@ Wake Forest
Saturday, October 1	Virginia
Saturday, October 8	@ Temple
Thursday, October 20	Virginia Tech
Saturday, October 29	@ Florida State
Saturday, November 12	@ North Carolina
Saturday, November 19	Boston College
Saturday, November 26	@ NC State



MARYLAND

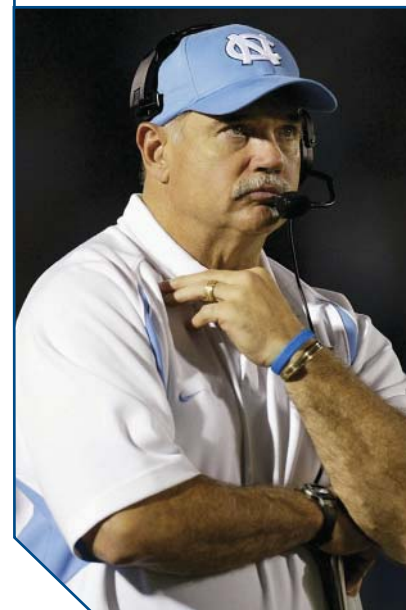
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NORTH CAROLINA

Pitted against the nation's toughest schedule,

the Tar Heels rallied to win three of their final four regular season games—highlighted by a stunning 31-28 upset of Miami—to earn their first bowl appearance in three years. Former Tar Heel linebacker and fifth-year head coach John Bunting hopes to build on that late-season momentum following a 6-6 finish. A star of Carolina's 1971 ACC championship team, Bunting knows that few schools can match the enthusiasm present in Chapel Hill when the Tar Heels are winning. At the epicenter of what has been described as "the perfect college town," Franklin Street comes to life on football weekends. At some point a trip to the Rathskellar—more intimately known as "The Rat"—for a Bowl of Cheese (lasagna) is a prerequisite. From there fans wander to Tar Heel Town, on the main quad on campus, to greet the team as it makes "The Old Well Walk" to Kenan Stadium.



Coach John Bunting

2005 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 10	@ Georgia Tech
Saturday, September 17	Wisconsin
Saturday, September 24	@ NC State
Saturday, October 1	Utah
Saturday, October 8	@ Louisville
Saturday, October 22	Virginia
Saturday, October 29	@ Miami
Saturday, November 5	Boston College
Saturday, November 12	Maryland
Saturday, November 19	Duke
Saturday, November 26	@ Virginia Tech





Coach Chuck Amato

Head coach Chuck Amato's vision for transforming the Wolfpack into a top 25 program comes from his experience as a linebacker for North Carolina State's legendary Earle Edwards and as an assistant under Lou Holtz. It was sharpened during an 18-year stint as a Florida State assistant under Bobby Bowden. Sellout crowds, the multimillion dollar Murphy Center (which houses the football program), and the ongoing expansion and renovation of Carter-Finley Stadium are tangible signs that the process is underway. It won't hurt that six starters return from the nation's top-rated defense,



a unit that always kept the 'Pack in the hunt despite a 5-6 finish in 2004. Wolfpack fans enjoy the best of both worlds for two weekends in October, when the North Carolina State Fair sprouts up on the fairgrounds adjacent to the stadium parking lot. The multitude of restaurants and bars along Hillsborough Street in Raleigh always draws a crowd on game days, and in the event of a significant Wolfpack upset victory, is often the final resting place for the goal posts from Carter-Finley.

2005 SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 4	Virginia Tech
Saturday, September 17	Eastern Kentucky
Saturday, September 24	North Carolina
Thursday, October 6	@ Georgia Tech
Thursday, October 13	Clemson
Saturday, October 22	@ Wake Forest
Saturday, October 29	Southern Mississippi
Saturday, November 5	@ Florida State
Saturday, November 12	@ Boston College
Saturday, November 19	Middle Tenn. State
Saturday, November 26	Maryland

Info/tickets: gopack.com, 800-310-PACK

Fifth-year head coach Al Groh spent much of his

coaching career in the NFL, but he's found a home at his alma mater. Revitalizing the program with a series of stellar recruiting classes, Groh's club is

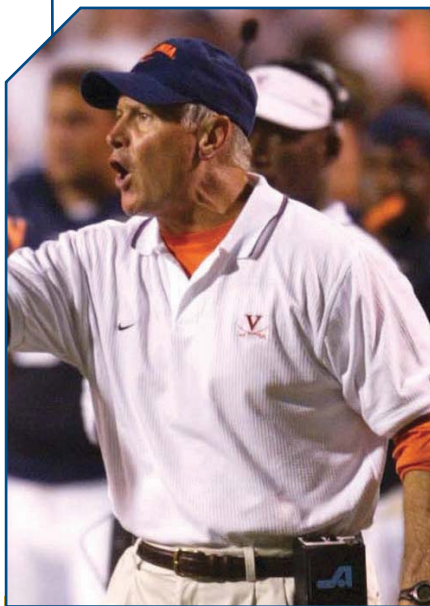
coming off an 8-4 season and a third-straight bowl appearance. With All-America tackle

D'Brickshaw Ferguson clearing paths for tailback Wali Lundy, and linebacker Ahmad Brooks leading

the defense, the Cavaliers are positioned to extend that streak. Scott Stadium comes to life in the pre-game with a video-board animated presentation of the Cavalier on horseback vanquishing that day's opposing mascot, followed by the dramatic entrance of a like-dressed Cavalier riding the real-life Sabre onto the playing field. Long rated one of the nation's best places to live, Charlottesville is rich in both history and scenic beauty. Visitors can tour the university grounds, designed by Founding Father Thomas Jefferson, or join the masses for the popular fall drive along the nearby Blue Ridge Parkway.

2005 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3	Western Michigan
Saturday, September 17	@ Syracuse
Saturday, September 24	Duke
Saturday, October 1	@ Maryland
Saturday, October 8	@ Boston College
Saturday, October 15	Florida State
Saturday, October 22	@ North Carolina
Saturday, November 5	Temple
Saturday, November 12	Georgia Tech
Saturday, November 19	Virginia Tech
Saturday, November 26	@ Miami



Coach Al Groh



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