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(LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER)



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Away from the playing field our league made great strides with a record number of student-athletes being named to the ACC's Academic Honor Roll by earning a 3.0 grade point average or better for the entire academic year. The 2006-07 ACC Honor Roll listed 2,710 student-athletes. In addition to the honor roll, Duke's Chas Salmen and Wake Forest's Michelle Sikes were named Rhodes Scholars, marking the second straight year that the ACC has been represented.

In football, Wake Forest claimed its first ACC Football Title since 1970, with a 9-6 win over Georgia Tech in the ACC Football Championship Game. A record eight teams were selected to compete in bowl games for the second straight year and in television history, the Florida State vs. Miami game was the most viewed football game ever. Turning our attention to basketball, the league's men's programs were the top-ranked conference by both the RPI and the Sagarin Computer. In addition, a league-record 10 teams took part in post-season play, including an all-time high seven teams earning NCAA Tournament berths. ACC Women's Basketball also set new marks with a record 69,159 fans attending the four-day ACC Women's Basketball Tournament. ACC Women's Basketball also sent eight teams to post-season competition including six to the NCAA Tournament.

The ACC and its member institutions have a tremendous tradition of academic and athletic balance and success. As a conference we are extremely excited to reflect on last year's success while preparing for the upcoming year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Swofford". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John D. Swofford
Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner

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Yet the Atlantic Coast Conference has defied the odds. Now in its 55th 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 105 national championships, including 56 in women's competition and 49 in men's. In addition, NCAA individual titles have gone to ACC student-athletes 139 times in men's competition and 86 times in women's action.

2006-07 IN REVIEW

The 2006-07 academic year concluded with league teams capturing five national team titles and 24 individual NCAA crowns. In all, the ACC has won 39 national team titles over the last 11 years. The ACC has won two or more NCAA titles in 25 of the past 27 years.

A total of 137 ACC teams placed in NCAA post-season competition in 2006-07. League teams compiled a 109-70-7 (.605) mark against non-conference opponents in NCAA championship competition. In addition, the ACC had 181 student-athletes earn first team All-America honors this past year. Overall, the league had 250 first, second or third team All-Americans. In addition, the ACC produced nine national Player of the Year and six national Coach of the Year honorees.

2006-07 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Field Hockey — Maryland
Women's Soccer — North Carolina
Women's Tennis — Georgia Tech
Women's Golf — Duke
Men's Track & Field — Florida State

THE SPONSORED SPORTS

The conference will conduct competition in 25 sports during the 2007-08 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.

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