

2008 ACC Football Notes

Making A First Impression

This season 13 ACC quarterbacks made their career debuts as starters at Boston College, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Miami, NC State and Virginia. Miami freshmen Jacory Harris and Robert Marve made back-to-back career debuts against Charleston Southern and Florida

First Time Starting Quarterbacks

Name, School	Cm	Att	Int	Yds	TD	TO	Date, Opponent	Result
Chris Crane, Boston College	12	18	0	106	0	153	8/30 at Kent State	BC d. KS, 21-0
Dominique Davis, Boston College	12	24	0	134	2	147	11-29 Maryland	BC d. Md, 28-21
*Willy Korn, Clemson (Inj.)	4	6	1	28	0	34	10-18 Georgia Tech	GT d. CL, 21-17
Christian Ponder, Florida State	11	17	0	196	3	196	9/6 Western Carolina	FSU d. WCU, 69-0
Calvin Booker, Georgia Tech	3	11	1	120	1	155	10/11 Gardner Webb	GT d. GW, 10-7
Josh Nesbitt, Georgia Tech	5	12	0	82	0	142	8/28 Jacksonville State	GT d. Jack. St., 41-14
#Jaybo Shaw, Georgia Tech	9	14	0	230	1	243	10/4 Duke	GT d. Duke, 27-0
#Jacory Harris, Miami	16	26	0	190	1	212	8/28 Charleston Sou.	MIA d. CS., 52-7
*Robert Marve, Miami	10	18	0	69	0	75	9/6 at Florida	Fla. d. MIA, 26-3
*Mike Paulus, North Carolina	1	4	0	10	0	7	9/27 North Carolina	NC d. MIA, 28-24
*Russell Wilson, NC State (Inj.)	1	5	0	12	0	19	8/28, at South Carolina	NCS 1st to USC, 34-0
Peter Lalich, Virginia	18	35	1	155	0	133	8-30 Southern California	UVA 1st to USC, 52-7
Marc Verica, Virginia	22	30	1	158	1	143	9-13 at Connecticut	UVA 1st to Conn., 45-10

*Denotes redshirt freshman; # Denotes true freshman.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE LEADS ALL CONFERENCES IN NFL PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

ACC Schools Have 20 Former Players Honored on 84-Member Teams

There were multiple winners when the National Football League announced its 2008 Pro Bowl Football Teams.

One of the winners was the New York Jets, which led all NFL teams with 7 selections, and another was the Manning family which saw two sons tabbed for the prestigious teams--accomplishments impressive under any light.

Perhaps the biggest winner, though, from the Pro Bowl selections was the Atlantic Coast Conference which saw more players who played for its current 12 league schools named to the NFL's Pro Bowl teams than any other conference.

In all 20 former standouts who played for current ACC schools were honored by selection to this year's NFL Pro Bowl, tabbed as the best of the best in the highest level of the game of football.

The next closest collegiate athletic conference was the Southeastern Conference with 13 Pro Bowl selections, followed by the Big 12 (8) and the Big Ten (7).

Miami led all the ACC and all schools with seven of its former players honored in wide receivers Andre Johnson (Houston) and Reggie Wayne (Indianapolis), running back Clinton Portis (Washington), linebackers Ray Lewis (Baltimore) and Jon Beason (Carolina), safety Ed Reed (Baltimore) and punter Jeff Feagles (New York Giants).

Florida State was next with five honorees including kick return specialist Leon Washington (New York Jets), wide receiver Anquan Boldin (Arizona), offensive tackle Walter Jones (Seattle), linebacker Derrick Brooks (Tampa Bay) and safety Chris Hope (Tennessee).

Virginia, with running back Thomas Jones (New York Jets) and linebacker James Farrior (Pittsburgh), and NC State, with defensive end Mario Williams (Houston) and

safety Adrian Wilson (Arizona) were next with two selections each.

Four ACC schools each had one former player tabbed in offensive guard Chris Snee of Boston College, defensive end Julius Peppers of North Carolina (Carolina), nose tackle Kris Jenkins of Maryland (New York Jets) and safety Brian Dawkins of Clemson (Philadelphia).

Perhaps there should have been no surprise that the ACC would have more former

players selected to the National Football League Pro Bowl team in that, over the past three years, the league has led all conferences in terms of most players selected on the first round of the annual NFL Draft (25) and the most players drafted overall (115). An ACC player has also been tabbed as the top defensive player in the NFL Draft in each of the past three years—an unprecedented feat for a conference in the history of the draft.

Miami (7)

Name	Position	NFL Team	Conference
Jon Beason	Linebacker	Carolina Panthers	National
Jeff Feagles	Punter	New York Giants	National
Andre Johnson	Wide Receiver	Houston Texans	American
Ray Lewis	Linebacker	Baltimore Ravens	American
Clinton Portis	Running Back	Washington Redskins	National
Ed Reed	Safety	Baltimore Ravens	American
Reggie Wayne	Wide Receiver	Indianapolis Colts	American

Florida State (5)

Anquan Boldin	Wide Receiver	Arizona Cardinals	National
Derrick Brooks	Linebacker	Tampa Bay Bucs	National
Chris Hope	Safety	Tennessee Titans	American
Walter Jones	Offensive Tackle	Seattle Seahawks	National
Leon Washington	Kick Return Specialist	New York Jets	American

NC State (2)

Mario Williams	Defensive End	Houston Texans	American
Adrian Wilson	Safety	Arizona Cardinals	National

Virginia (2)

Thomas Jones	Running Back	New York Jets	American
James Farrior	Linebacker	Pittsburgh Steelers	American

Boston College (1)

Chris Snee	Offensive Guard	New York Giants	National
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Clemson (1)

Brian Dawkins	Safety	Philadelphia Eagles	National
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Maryland (1)

Kris Jenkins	Nose Tackle	New York Jets	American
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North Carolina (1)

Julius Peppers	Defensive End	Carolina Panthers	National
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ACC STRONGLY REPRESENTED AT SUPER BOWL XLIII

ACC Schools Have 22 Former Players On The Arizona Cardinals, Pittsburgh Rosters

There will be a definitive Atlantic Coast Conference presence when the Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers meet next week in Super Bowl XLIII as 22 of the participating players and five of the coaches—including Arizona Cardinals Head Coach Ken Whisenhunt—have ties to current ACC schools.

Whisenhunt played collegiately at Georgia Tech and is perhaps the only player in the history of the school to have lettered five times (he lettered in a year in which he received a hardship redshirt). He played six different positions for the Yellow Jackets and ended his career earning first-team All-ACC honors as a tight end in 1984. He also ended his career second on Georgia Tech's career receiving lists for receptions and reception yardage.

In addition to Whisenhunt, Arizona defensive back coach Teryl Austin spent three seasons (1993-95) in a similar capacity for Wake Forest. Cardinals offensive coordinator Todd Haley attended Miami, but did not play football, before graduating from North Florida University.

In all, the Cardinals have 101 players on their roster, all of them active, who played for current ACC schools including three from Miami in defensive end Calais Campbell, running back Edgerrin James and free safety Antrel Rolle; two from Florida State in wide receiver Anquan Boldin and defensive tackle Darnell Dockett, two from Boston College in center Pat Ross and quarterback Brian St. Pierre as well as one each from Virginia Tech, cornerback Eric Green; NC State, strong safety, Adrian Wilson; Virginia, tackle Elton Brown; and Duke, tight end Ben Patrick. Patrick spent four years at Duke and graduated before transferring to Delaware for his final season.

Pittsburgh has two coaches with ACC ties—offensive coordinator Bruce Arians, who played quar-

terback (1972-74) and served as an assistant coach (1975-77) for the Hokies, and Special Teams Coach Bob Ligashewsky who spent one year as an assistant coach at Wake Forest in 1985.

Overall, the Steelers boast 11 players with ACC ties, 10 of whom are on the active roster. Florida State and North Carolina lead the way with three each. Former Seminoles on the Steelers roster include cornerback Bryant McFadden, defensive end Orpheus Roye and linebacker Lawrence Timmons, while former Tar Heels include running back

Willie Parker, kicker Jeff Reed and long snapper Greg Warren. Warren is the lone ACC player on the teams' reserve list.

There are two former Virginia players on the Steelers—linebacker James Farrior and tight end Heath Miller; and one player each from Duke (linebacker Patrick Bailey), Georgia Tech (linebacker Keyaron Fox) and Clemson (defensive end Nick Eason).

In all, the ACC and Big Ten lead all conferences with 22 players on the two Super Bowl teams, followed by the SEC (14), PAC-10 (11) and the Big 12 (10).

FORMER PLAYERS OF ACC SCHOOLS IN SUPER BOWL XLIII

Florida State (5)	Position	Super Bowl Team
Name Anquan Boldin	Wide Receiver	Arizona Cardinals
Darnell Dockett	Defensive Tackle	Arizona Cardinals
Bryant McFadden	Cornerback	Pittsburgh Steelers
Orpheus Roye	Defensive Tackle	Pittsburgh Steelers
Lawrence Timmons	Linebacker	Pittsburgh Steelers
Miami (3)		
Calais Campbell	Defensive End	Arizona Cardinals
Edgerrin James	Running Back	Arizona Cardinals
Antrel Rolle	Free Safety	Arizona Cardinals
North Carolina (3)		
Willie Parker	Running Back	Pittsburgh Steelers
Jeff Redd	Kicker	Pittsburgh Steelers
Greg Warren	Long Snapper	Pittsburgh Steelers
Virginia (3)		
Elton Brown	Offensive Tackle	Arizona Cardinals
James Farrior	Linebacker	Pittsburgh Steelers
Heath Miller	Tight End	Pittsburgh Steelers
Boston College (2)		
Patrick Ross	Center	Arizona Cardinals
Brian St. Pierre	Quarterback	Arizona Cardinals
Duke (2)		
Patrick Bailey	Linebacker	Pittsburgh Steelers
Ben Patrick	Tight End	Arizona Cardinals
Clemson (1)		
Nick Eason	Defensive End	Pittsburgh Steelers
Georgia Tech (1)		
Keyaron Fox	Linebacker	Pittsburgh Steelers
NC State (1)		
Adrian Wilson	Safety	Arizona Cardinals
Virginia Tech (1)		
Eric Green	Cornerback	Arizona Cardinals