

# STATE AND LOCAL

## ACC Teams Face Mixed Expectations in 2012

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Ready, set, hike! At the start of September, college football is back in action with our favorite local teams already hitting the field.

The football program at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC) seems to stay in the news year round with talk about the football scandal that rocked the sports world in 2010. Now two years later, with new coach Larry Fedora the Carolina Tar Heels are ready to redeem their name. While not ranked on the AP Top 25 Preseason NCAA Football Ranking, UNC did manage to get thirty-two votes that put them into consideration. Carolina Athletics reports that Fedora brings new tactics to the program including a new offensive spread and an attacking defense with a 4-2-5 scheme that includes multiple fronts and blitzes. The Tar Heels also have seven returning starters on offense, including quarterback, Bryn Renner. UNC student Barker Wiggins is looking forward to Carolina's new era under Fedora saying, "His attacking offense and defense could give the Heels an opportunity to win any game on their schedule. He is clearly the right man for the job." In support of Fedor's leadership, UNC kicked off their season against Elon and won 62-0. Taking a look at the season ahead, Carolina has tough opponents in 16th ranked Virginia Tech and 25th ranked Louisville, and will also tackle local rivals Duke University, East Carolina University and North Carolina State University (NCSU).

Duke University is well known for its basketball team, but not as much for football. Athlon Sports reports that Duke only won six games in the last two seasons under coach, David Cutcliffe and argues that Duke needs to work on their rushing attack and defense in order to win more games this season. Duke returns with quarterback Sean Renfree but have lost several key players. However, despite those losses, Duke opened their season against Florida International with a 46-26 win. Duke will have to see if they can continue their winning streak when they face off against tough opponents, 7th ranked Florida State, 14th ranked

Clemson and 21st ranked Stanford. The Blue Devils will also get their shot at playing local foes N.C. Central University, Wake Forest University, and their biggest rival, UNC.

A lot of preseason excitement surrounded NCSU, even though they did not make the AP Top 25. NCSU returns to the field with several key players including quarterback, Mike Glennon and several members of their defense. However, the Wolfpack does have to face the loss of several of their key receivers. In their pre-season predictions, Bleacher Report predicted that NCSU had what it takes to compete for the ACC title. With all of the preseason excitement, the Wolfpack did not live up to the expectations in their season opener against University of Tennessee, losing 21-35. The Wolfpack still has the chance to redeem themselves with upcoming games against University of Miami, University of Maryland, Virginia Tech University and Wake Forest University. The Wolfpack will also come head-to-head with local rival UNC.

Our local teams are not the only ACC schools with exciting seasons ahead. Florida State, Clemson and Virginia Tech were the only three ACC teams ranked in the AP's Top 25 Preseason Rankings. Athlon Sports predicts that the 2012 ACC Championship game will come down between the top ranked Florida State Seminoles and the Virginia Tech Hokies. Wiggins has high hopes for Florida State as well, "I am even picking them to be a contender for the National Championship." The University of Virginia Cavaliers are also hoping to return continuing their winning streak this season after Athlon Sports called them one of the biggest ACC surprises of 2011 with their coach, Mike London, leading his team to their first bowl game since the 2007 season.

Whether you bleed Carolina blue, Duke blue, State red or cheer for another team, it looks like an exciting college football season is fast approaching. Conference play is just around the corner so get ready to face your rivals and cheer on your team to victory! Happy tailgating!

## Campaign ads (continued from front page)

by 10 percent – a million barrels per day." The same article reports that the Obama administration has supported the research and development of alternative energy solutions: "Thanks in part to the Obama Administration's investment in clean energy—the largest in American history—the United States has nearly doubled renewable energy generation from wind, solar, and geothermal sources since 2008."

While the ad's first claim does not pan out, another attack on Obama is accurate. The president made a campaign promise four years ago to cut the deficit by half, but the deficit has actually grown during his term. A Congressional Budget Office report lists the deficit at -458.6 billion in 2008. After Obama's first year in office, it stood at -1,412.7 billion, largely due to the stimulus bill. For 2011, the deficit was reported to be at -1,295.6 billion—more than twice the size it was in 2008. Here, the NRSC ad was correct in implying that Obama's campaign promise was unfulfilled.

President Obama's campaign, Obama for America, has also released several ads attacking Mitt Romney. One of them is titled "Revealed—VA" and questions Romney's promise to bring jobs to Virginia by observing how his former company, Bain Capital, outsourced jobs overseas. The ad's narrator says, "The Washington Post has just revealed that Romney's companies were pioneers at shipping U.S. jobs overseas, investing in firms that specialized in relocating jobs done by American workers to new facilities in low wage countries like China and India. Does Virginia really want an outsourcer-in-chief in the White House?"

Despite Obama for America's claims, the Washington Post article the ad cites, written by Tom Hamburger and published on June 21, 2012, does not actually prove that Romney was involved in outsourcing jobs to China and India. The first instance of Bain supporting outsourcing is its 1993 investment in Corporate Software, Inc., a company that pioneered setting up call centers outside the United States in early 1990s. In 1995, CSI merged with another enterprise to form Stream International, for whom Bain was providing "general executive and management services." By 1997 Stream

had call centers in Europe and Japan and plans to introduce more, but, as Hamburger writes, "[Bain] ultimately became the majority shareholder in Stream in 1999 several months after Romney left Bain to run the Salt Lake City Olympics." Here, Romney's level of involvement with Stream outsourcing is unclear, as Bain was not the majority shareholder in Stream until after Romney left. In reference to specific outsourcing to China and India, the article offers no mention of outsourcing to India and only tenuous ties between Romney and China. Bain bought GT Bicycles in 1993 and was a leading shareholder when the company was sold to Schwinn in 1998. The article reports that much of Schwinn's labor was done in Chinese factories, but Schwinn was not a Bain company. The other reference to Chinese production occurs with Bain's purchase of Chippac -- a company that supplied Chinese-produced computer chips to US companies -- but, as with Stream, this purchase occurred just after Romney's time at Bain ended. So while The Washington Post article offers many circumstantial connections between Romney, Bain and outsourcing, voters can only speculate as to whether Romney would actually be an "outsourcer-in-chief."

Already this election season, negative campaigning is a tactic that both sides have utilized to make grandiose claims about their opponents. While the NRSC asserts that Obama sees NCAA betting as a challenge of our nation, Obama for America argues that Romney has outsourced jobs to India while claiming to support jobs for Americans. Both parties have distorted reality in these ads and others on television and radio to further their political appeal. It seems they've justified the opinion of the 40% of Americans that believe negative campaigns ads to be untruthful.

## Convention (cont.)

families that make over \$250,000 -- thereby, giving the middle class tax cuts and potentially allowing the poor to work their way into middle class.

Both the Republican and the Democratic National Conventions set the stage for this fall's presidential race which will culminate in the elections on Tuesday, November 6.

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