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Celebrate National College Football Day!

Honor the birth of an American institution this weekend with National College Football Day. Celebrated every year on the first Saturday of November, the holiday honors the first-ever college football game-Rutgers' 8-4 defeat of Princeton on November 8, 1869. While the game's 100-person crowd may not compare to the 45,000 fans we hope to see at RFK Stadium on December 28, the tradition so beloved in our country came to life that day in New Brunswick, N.J. For more information, check out <http://www.nationalcollegefootballday.com/>.

ACC Military Appreciation Day: Virginia of Maryland

Virginia is looking for its sixth win Saturday in College Park to clinch bowl eligibility. The matchup with the Cavaliers is also Maryland's Military Appreciation Day, part of [an ACC-wide initiative](#). Executive Director Steve Beck and the Military Bowl team will be in attendance as the Cavaliers look to take advantage of a rushing attack average of almost 200 yards per game against Maryland's last-ranked ACC rush defense.



Military Bowl Cheers on the Mids

After a rough stretch of six straight losses, Saturday's final home game of the season against Troy is a crucial one for the Midshipmen. Military Bowl President and Executive Director Steve Beck and the rest of the Military Bowl team will be on hand rooting for a Navy win. A loss this weekend would knock Navy out of bowl eligibility, snapping an eight-year streak of bowl appearances. Troy heads into the game on a three-game losing streak, with its only wins of the season against Middle Tennessee and UAB.



Bowl Eligibility Updates

The ACC has four bowl-eligible teams after Week 9, with three more teams just one win away. Florida State, Virginia and Wake Forest are each looking for that sixth win this weekend, while Miami needs just two more to hit the mark. Duke and NC State still need three wins to be eligible, but have four shots left to get there.



SGT Stripes Goes Viral

The Military Bowl's social media campaign, led by SGT Stripes, has made quite the statement in its first days on the scene. Posing with sports stars such as Cal Ripken Jr. and getting mentions on numerous blogs, the Chicago Tribune, and even the front page of Yahoo.com, SGT Stripes is making his mark in the region. Rumor has it he has some serious travel plans in the near future, looking to spread word about the Military Bowl beyond the District.



2008 Military Bowl Winner Wake Forest Looks to Clinch Bowl Eligibility Against Notre Dame

The Demon Deacons return home to BB&T Field this week to host Notre Dame in the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The game is the first in a three-game ACC stand for the Fighting Irish, who will face off against Maryland and BC in the coming weeks. Wake quarterback Tanner Price and wide receiver Robert Givens, the ACC's leading receiver going into last week, will test the Irish secondary in a crucial out-of-conference matchup.



2011 MILITARY BOWL MATCHUP



VS.



DECEMBER 28
4:30 PM
RFK STADIUM

NCAA Week 10 Preview

Virginia of Maryland
12:30 p.m. ET on ESPN2

UNC at NC State
12:30 p.m. on ESPN2

Troy at Navy
3:30 p.m. ET on CBSN

More Game of
Wake Forest
8 p.m. ET on ABC



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