

# 2012 CLEMSON TIGER FOOTBALL



**Clemson (11 BCS, 12 AP, 9 USA) vs. South Carolina (12 BCS, 13 AP, 12 USA)**

## Game 12:

**Clemson vs. South Carolina**  
**Saturday, November 24, 2012**  
**Kickoff: 7 PM**  
**Memorial Stadium**  
**Clemson, SC**

**Television : ESPN**  
**Joe Tessitore, Matt Millen, Shannon Spake**

### Radio

**Clemson:** Pete Yanity, Will Merritt, Patrick Sapp

### Series: Clemson Leads 65-40-4

At Clemson: Clemson leads 16-9-1  
 First Meeting: South Carolina 12-6, 1896  
 Last Meeting: South Carolina 34-13 in 2011  
 Last Clemson Win: 31-14 in 2008 at Clemson  
 Streak: South Carolina won 3 in a row

## CLEMSON 2012 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Score/Time
Sept. 1	Auburn	ESPN	W, 26-19
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>BALL STATE</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>W, 52-27</b>
<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>FURMAN</b>	<b>FSS</b>	<b>W, 41-7</b>
Sept. 22	at Florida State	<b>ABC</b>	<b>L, 37-49</b>
Sept. 29	at Boston College	ESPN2	W, 45-31
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>GEORGIA TECH</b>	<b>ESPN</b>	<b>W, 47-31</b>
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>VIRGINIA TECH</b>	<b>ABC</b>	<b>W, 38-17</b>
Oct. 25	at Wake Forest	ESPN	W, 42-13
Nov. 3	at Duke	<b>ESPN2</b>	<b>W, 56-20</b>
<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>MARYLAND</b>	ESPNU	W, 45-10
<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>NC STATE</b>	<b>ABC</b>	<b>W, 62-48</b>
<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>ESPN</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

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## Clemson Tigers

**Record, 2012**..... 10-1, 7-1 ACC  
 Location .....Clemson, SC  
 Colors ..... Clemson Orange and Regalia  
 Enrollment ..... 19,911  
 Athletic Director ..... Dr. Terry Don Phillips  
**Head Coach**.....**Dabo Swinney, Alabama '93**  
 Clemson Record/4th full year as head coach.....39-20  
 Home Record ..... 26-4 (.867)  
 Away Record .....10-12  
 Neutral Record .....3-4  
 vs. ACC Teams (includes Champ Games) .....27-12  
 Career Record/4th full season..... 39-20 (.661)  
 Record against South Carolina.....1-3  
 Offensive Coordinator..... Chad Morris  
 Defensive Coordinator.....Brent Venables

## South Carolina

**Record, 2012**..... 9-2, 6-2 in SEC  
 Location .....Columbia, SC  
 Colors ..... Red and white  
 Enrollment .....30,271  
**Head Coach**.....**Steve Spurrier (Florida '67)**  
 School Record/8th season) ..... 64-37 (.634)  
 Overall (23rd Season) .....206-77-2  
 Record vs Clemson ..... 5-5 (4-3 at South Carolina)  
 In Memorial Stadium..... 2-3 (2-1 as S. Carolina Coach)  
 Offensive Coordinator.....Steve Spurrier  
 Defensive Coordinator..... Lorenzo Ward  
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## MEDIA INFORMATION

### Dabo Swinney Press Conference

Head Coach Dabo Swinney holds his weekly press conference each Tuesday at the West Endzone Team Room of Memorial Stadium. He will be available at 11:00 AM. The press conference will also be available over ClemsonTigers.com.

Clemson players will be available after Swinney's press conference. Coach Swinney is also available each Sunday after a game at 6:00 PM. Contact Tim Bourret for the number. Swinney is also available on the ACC teleconference on Wednesday and after practice on Wednesday.

### ACC Teleconference

Each head coach is available on the ACC teleconference every Wednesday throughout the season for 10 minutes. Coach Swinney is available at 10:40 AM each Wednesday. To access the number contact the ACC office.

10:30 AM Frank Spaziani, Boston College

**10:40 AM Dabo Swinney, Clemson**

10:50 AM Jimbo Fisher, Florida State

11:00 AM Randy Edsall, Maryland

11:10 AM Tom O'Brien, NC State

11:20 AM Jim Grobe, Wake Forest

11:30 AM Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech

11:40 AM Larry Fedora, North Carolina

11:50 AM Mike London, Virginia

12:00 PM Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech

12:10 PM David Cutcliffe, Duke

12:20 PM Al Golden, Miami (FL)

**For ACC Information go to:** www.TheACC.com.

This site will have the latest ACC release and a link to the football media guide.

### Clemson Player Interviews

Contact SID Tim Bourret each Sunday before 4:00 PM at (864) 656-1926 with specific player requests for the week. We will conduct player interviews on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30 to 2:30 PM at the second floor player lounge of the West Endzone at Memorial Stadium. Offensive Coordinator Chad Morris is available on Mondays during the lunch hour and Defensive Coordinator Brent Venables is available Tuesdays during the lunch hour.

### ACC Satellite Feed

Broadcast media outlets will be able access ACC football highlights and press conference excerpts via the ACC Video Clip Service (AVCS) throughout the football season. This video content will only be available for download in a digital file format that can be accessed on the AVCS. To register for this service contact Scott McBurney, Assistant Commissioner/ACC Advanced Media, at smcburney@theacc.org or call 336.851.6067.

### Clemson Personnel Update

**Darius Robinson (DB)** Suffered ankle injury vs. Virginia Tech. Lost for the remainder of the regular season.

**Jerrodd Williams (DB)** Suffered broken leg in practice on October 23, out for season.

**Bashaud Breeland (DB)** Groin injury. Questionable for South Carolina.



2012 STANDINGS

Atlantic Division				
Team	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Florida State	7-1	6-0	4-1	10-1
<b>Clemson</b>	<b>7-1</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>10-1</b>
NC State	3-4	4-1	2-3	6-5
Wake Forest	3-5	4-2	1-4	5-6
Maryland	2-5	2-3	2-4	4-7
Boston College	1-6	2-4	0-5	2-9

Coastal Division				
Team	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Georgia Tech	5-3	4-3	2-2	6-5
North Carolina	4-3	5-1	2-3	7-4
Miami	4-3	4-2	2-3	6-5
Duke	3-4	5-1	1-4	6-5
Virginia Tech	3-4	4-1	1-4	5-6
Virginia	2-5	3-4	1-3	4-7

THIS WEEK'S ACC GAMES

**Saturday, November 24**

Boston College at NC State	ÉSPN3	3:00 PM
South Carolina at Clemson	ESPN	7 PM
Miami (FL) at Duke	ACC	12:30
Florida at Florida State	TBA	3:30 PM
Georgia Tech at Georgia	ESPN	Noon
Maryland at North Carolina	RSN	3:00 PM
Virginia at Virginia Tech	ESPNU	Noon
Vanderbilt at Wake Forest	ESPNU	3:30 PM

NEXT WEEK'S ACC GAMES

**ACC Championship Game**  
**Charlotte, NC**  
**Saturday, December 1**

Florida State vs. Georgia Tech	ABC	8 PM
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Clemson Pronunciations

Dabo Swinney	DA-boh SWEE-nee
Stephone Anthony	steh-FAHN
Tajh Boyd	as in Taj Mahal
Jaron Brown	juh-RAHN
Quandon Christian	KWAHN-duhn
Kalon Davis	KAY-lehn
Patrick DeStefano	deh-STEH-feh-noh
Philip Faigenbaum	FAY-gehn-bahm
Ammon Lakip	A-muhn LAY-kihp
Charone Peake	shuh-RAHN
Darrell Smith	DAYR-uhl
Brian Symmes	SIHMZ

**In the Press Box:** Danny Pearman  
 All other full time coaches on the field.

Clemson and South Carolina Meet for 110th time

•This will be meeting number-110 between Clemson and South Carolina and the 104th consecutive year the two schools have met. That is the second longest active streak of consecutive years played in a rivalry in the nation. The only rivalry longer is Minnesota vs. Wisconsin at 106 games (including the game already played this year).

•The series dates to 1896 and the first year of football at Clemson, the fourth season for South Carolina. Clemson holds the advantage 65-40-4 since that first meeting in Columbia, a game won by South Carolina 12-6. Clemson's first win took place the following year, an 18-6 victory in Columbia.

•Clemson has won 61 percent of its games against South Carolina and has a .592 overall winning percentage in its history (667-449-45).

•Clemson has more wins over South Carolina than any other school and those victories represent nearly 10 percent of Clemson's all-time victory total (667). When Clemson won in 2004 it was Clemson's 600<sup>th</sup> all-time win.

•The two teams played in Columbia as part of Big Thursday every meeting until 1960. For the 57 Big Thursday games, Clemson had a 33-21-3 advantage. Since the teams have gone to a home and home schedule in 1960, Clemson has a 32-19-1 advantage. Clemson's winning percentage is nearly identical home and away over that time. Clemson is 16-9-1 against South Carolina at home since 1960 and 16-10-0 in Columbia.

\*South Carolina has beaten Clemson each of the last three years, the first time the Gamecocks have done that since the 1968-70 era when they won three straight. South Carolina has not beaten Clemson four straight games since 1951-54 era. Clemson only won one game in the series from 1945-54 (1-7-2).

•The Clemson and South Carolina seniors of 1965 experienced four consecutive games decided by four points or less and that is the only time it has happened in the history of the series. Clemson won in 1962 (20-17) and 1963 (24-20), then South Carolina won in 1964 (7-3) and 1965 (17-16). But, even those players did not play in all four games. In 1962 freshmen were not eligible, so those 1965 seniors didn't even dress for the 1962 game.

•While South Carolina has won three in a row, Clemson has won six of the last 10 and 10 of the last 15.

•The visiting team won seven years in a row between 1991-97.

•Clemson classes who have beaten South Carolina four consecutive years were the seniors of 1900, 1919, 1930, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1983, 1991, 2000 and 2005. In 2005, Charlie Whitehurst became the only quarterback for either team in the series to start four victories.

•Clemson has an overall record of 49-31-3 in Columbia over the years, including a 30-19-2 mark in Williams-Brice Stadium. Clemson has been especially successful in Columbia since 1988. The Tigers are 9-3 in Columbia since then with the only losses coming in 2001, 2009 and 2011.

•This weekend's game will be played on the Saturday after Thanksgiving for the seventh year in a row. Clemson has a 9-6 record against South Carolina when the game is played the Saturday after Thanksgiving or on Thanksgiving Day. The only game played on Thanksgiving was the 1963 contest that was

moved from the Saturday before Thanksgiving to Thanksgiving due to the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Last Year vs. South Carolina

Andre Ellington rushed for 66 yards and Tajh Boyd completed a nine-yard touchdown pass to Dwayne Allen, but it was not enough, as #13 South Carolina topped #17 Clemson 34-13 at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.

The Gamecocks, who reached the 10-win mark for just the second time in school history, were led by quarterback Connor Shaw. The sophomore rushed for 107 yards and threw three touchdown passes, as South Carolina defeated the Tigers for the third time in a row.

Shaw threw touchdowns passes of 49, two, and 18 yards to Bruce Ellington, Rory Anderson, and Alshon Jeffery, respectively. He also finished the game 14-20 passing for 210 yards and no interceptions.

Trailing 10-0 in the second quarter, the Tigers charged back when Boyd capped a 12-play, 61-yard drive with his nine-yard touchdown pass to Allen with 11:32 left in the second quarter.

Clemson then tied the score after South Carolina failed to pick up a first down on its next possession. Gamecock punter Joey Scribner-Howard dropped the snap and Drew Traylor blocked the punt. Several plays later, Chandler Catanzaro kicked a 32-yard field goal to tie the score (10-10).

Shaw answered the Clemson rally with a nine-play, 60-yard drive that took 4:19 off the clock. He capped it with a 15-yard touchdown run to give the Gamecocks a 17-10 lead with 1:55 remaining in the second quarter.

The Gamecocks started the second half like the first. They shut down the Clemson offense on its first possession, then Shaw led a five-play, 66-yard drive, capped by a two-yard touchdown pass to Anderson. That gave South Carolina a 24-10 lead with 9:52 left in the third quarter.

Catanzaro added a 40-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, but the Gamecocks kicked another field goal and Shaw threw his third touchdown pass of the game following a Clemson turnover to put the game away.

South Carolina sacked Boyd five times and held the Tigers to 153 yards. Boyd finished the night with only 83 yards on 11-29 passing.

The Gamecocks finished with 420 total yards, including 210 yards on 53 carries and 210 yards passng.

Top 10 Unusual Facts about the Clemson vs. South Carolina Series

10. Twenty-nine is an unusual number for a point total in football. Yet four times in the last 31 years the winner of the Clemson-South Carolina game has scored 29 points. That includes 2010 when South Carolina defeated Clemson 29-7. Clemson beat South Carolina by the same score in 2004. Clemson won 29-10 in 1988 and 29-13 in 1981.

9. Charlie Whitehurst is the only starting quarterback to lead a team to four wins in the history of the series. He did that for the Tigers between 2002-05.

8. Josh Cody had a 4-0 record for Clemson against South Carolina between 1927-30. He is the only coach in the series to have a perfect record, given a minimum of three games coached.

7. Paul Williams is the last player to letter for both schools. He lettered for Clemson

**NATIONAL RANKINGS**

**Associated Press Top 25**

(November 18, 2012)

Rk	School (First Place)	Rec	Pts	LW
1.	Notre Dame (60)	11-0	1500	3
2.	Alabama	10-1	1399	4
3.	Georgia	10-1	1316	5
4.	Ohio State	11-0	1292	6
5.	Oregon	10-1	1246	1
6.	Florida	10-1	1171	7
7.	Kansas State	10-1	1064	2
8.	LSU	9-2	1048	8
9.	Texas A&M	9-2	1028	9
10.	Florida State	10-1	1026	10
11.	Stanford	9-2	991	14
12.	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>10-1</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>11</b>
13.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>9-2</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>12</b>
14.	Oklahoma	8-2	734	13
15.	UCLA	9-2	624	17
16.	Oregon State	8-2	599	15
17.	Nebraska	9-2	559	16
18.	Texas	8-2	498	18
19.	Louisville	9-1	362	20
20.	Michigan	8-3	282	23
21.	Rutgers	9-1	265	22
22.	Oklahoma State	7-3	240	NR
23.	Kent State	10-1	155	25
24.	Northern Illinois	10-1	144	NR
25.	Mississippi State	8-3	82	NR
	Utah State	9-2	82	NR

**Others:** Boise State 20, Northwestern 20, Washington 20, Arizona 13, Southern Cal 12, Tulsa 10, San Jose State 8, Fresno State 7, Louisiana Tech 4, Wisconsin 4, San Diego State 2, TCU 1, Iowa State 1, Baylor 1, Vanderbilt

**USA Today/Coaches Top 25**

(November 18, 2012)

Rk.	Team (First Place)	(W-L)	Pts.	Prv
1.	Notre Dame (56)	11-0	1469	3
2.	Alabama (2)	10-1	1386	5
3.	Georgia (1)	10-1	1348	4
4.	Oregon	10-1	1227	1
5.	Florida State	10-1	1199	6
6.	Florida	10-1	1166	7
7.	LSU	9-2	1062	8
8.	Kansas State	10-1	1056	2
9.	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>10-1</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>9</b>
10.	Texas A&M	9-2	994	10
11.	Stanford	9-2	934	13
12.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>9-2</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>11</b>
13.	Oklahoma	8-2	798	12
14.	Nebraska	9-2	654	14
15.	Texas	8-2	593	15
16.	UCLA	9-2	590	16
17.	Oregon State	8-2	563	17
18.	Louisville	9-1	453	18
19.	Rutgers	9-1	408	20
20.	Michigan	8-3	289	23
21.	Oklahoma State	7-3	258	24
22.	Boise State	9-2	243	22
23.	Northern Illinois	10-1	149	NR
24.	Mississippi State	8-3	99	NR
25.	Kent State	10-1	86	NR

**Others:** Utah State 74, Northwestern 59, Louisiana Tech 36, Washington 36, Tulsa 14, Southern Cal 14, San Jose State 7, San Diego State 6, Arizona 5, Vanderbilt 4, Wisconsin 4, Fresno State 3, Middle Tennessee 3, Arkansas State 2, Cincinnati 1, Texas Tech 1.

in 1978 and for South Carolina in 1980.

6. A Clemson captain actually played for South Carolina. Cary Cox lettered for the Gamecocks in 1943. After the war, he enrolled at Clemson and served as captain for the Tigers in 1947. Cox died in 2008.

5. Clemson had three touchdown plays of at least 76 yards against South Carolina in 2006, yet lost the game. Jacoby Ford scored on 76-yard touchdown pass, C.J. Spiller on a 80-yard run and Jock McKissic on a 82-yard interception return. It is the only game in Clemson history in which Clemson has had three scoring plays of at least 75 yards....and Clemson lost the game.

4. In 1948 and 1981 a blocked punt returned for a touchdown proved to be the pivotal play in a Clemson victory, victories that allowed Clemson to go on to an undefeated season. In both instances, the original line of scrimmage was the South Carolina 28-yard-line.

3. Willie Underwood had two interceptions to lead Clemson to victory over South Carolina in 1980. A starter for four years, the strong safety never had recorded an interception in any of his first 46 games as a Tiger, then had two against the Gamecocks in his 47<sup>th</sup> and final game.

2. In a placekicking career that spanned five years, Bob Paulling made 107 of 109 extra points. Both of his misses were at South Carolina, one in 1981 and one in 1983. He had a streak of 70 consecutive made extra points (second longest in Clemson history) in between the two miscues.

1. In the 30 games that Frank Howard coached at Clemson against South Carolina, Clemson scored 411 points and South Carolina scored 411 points.

**• Memorable Clemson Plays vs. South Carolina**

- **1948** --Phil Prince blocked a punt and Oscar Thompson returned the ball for a touchdown that gave Clemson a 13-7 win in Columbia and allowed Clemson to keep an undefeated season. The play took place with 4:15 left in the game.
- **1959**--Harvey White connected with future Super Bowl Champion Bill Mathis for a 26-yard touchdown pass in the third period to put Clemson up 19-0 in the final Big Thursday game in Columbia. White completed 9-10 passes on the day and led the Tigers to the 27-0 victory.
- **1962**--Don Chuy and Billy Weaver combined to sack Dan Reeves for a 13-yard loss on fourth down with just 33 seconds left, preserving Clemson's 20-17 victory. South Carolina had driven to the Clemson 25 for that last play.
- **1966**--Harry Olszewski, an All-America offensive guard, picked off a fumbled snap in mid-air and ran 12-yards for a touchdown. The 35-10 victory allowed Clemson to win the ACC title. No Clemson offensive lineman has scored a touchdown in a game in Death Valley since.
- **1967**--Buddy Gore's 43-yard run in the third period led to a Tiger touchdown, and was a momentum swaying play in Clemson's victory over the Gamecocks, a win that allowed Clemson to clinch a tie for the ACC championship. That was the key run on this day that saw Gore become the first Clemson back in history to go over 1000 yards in a season and break Brian Piccolo's ACC single season rushing record.
- **1971**--Eddie Seigler kicked a 52-yard field goal

to lead Clemson to a 17-7 win over the Gamecocks. It was the first field goal of at least 50 yards in Clemson history.

- **1972**--With Clemson leading 7-6 in the fourth period, Jimmy Williamson batted down a Dobby Grossman two-point conversion pass to preserve the victory for the Tigers.
  - **1977**--Jerry Butler made a 20-yard touchdown catch of a Steve Fuller pass with 49 seconds left to give Clemson a 31-27 win in Columbia. It clinched a Gator Bowl bid for the Tigers, Clemson's first bowl bid in 18 years.
  - **1980**--Willie Underwood had a 37-yard interception return for a touchdown that clinched Clemson's upset of South Carolina and Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers in 1980. Underwood was named **Sports Illustrated** Player of the Week for his performance in that game.
  - **1981**--Just as it had happed 33 years previously, a blocked punt played a big part in a Clemson victory over South Carolina that allowed the Tigers to have an undefeated season. Rod McSwain blocked a South Carolina punt and Johnny Remberter recovered in the endzone for the touchdown. Just as it had been 33 years previous, the line of scrimmage was the South Carolina 28.
  - **1988**--Rodney Williams, a native of Columbia, led Clemson to a 29-10 victory in his final game at Death Valley. Clemson's winningest starting quarterback in history threw for 192 and rushed for 38 and scored a touchdown.
  - **1990**--Chris Gardocki made his final punt in Death Valley memorable when he had a 78-yard boot in the fourth quarter to give South Carolina bad field position and clinch Clemson's 24-15 victory over the Gamecocks. It remains the third longest punt in Clemson history.
  - **1995**--Emory Smith carried South Carolina tacklers 20 yards on the way to a 54-yard run that led to the game clinching touchdown in Columbia. Smith ended the game with 101 yards rushing.
  - **2000**--Rod Gardner's 50-yard reception from Woody Dantzler with 10 seconds left led to Aaron Hunt's game winning 25-yard field goal with three seconds left.
  - **2007**--Mark Buchholz kicked a 35-yard field goal on the last play of the game, to give Clemson a 23-21 victory in Columbia.
- Clemson's most significant wins in the South Carolina Series**
- **1900** 51-0 Part of a perfect 6-0 season under first-year head coach John Heisman
  - **1928** 32-0 Clemson wins battle of unbeatens. Both teams were 5-0 entering the game. Clemson went on to an 8-3 record, a season mark for wins in a season at the time.
  - **1939** 27-0 Banks McFadden leads Clemson to victory, important win in 9-1 season that ended with win over Boston College in the Cotton Bowl
  - **1948** 13-7 Phil Prince blocks a field goal late in the game, leading to Clemson victory that preserves unbeaten season. Clemson went on to perfect 11-0 record
  - **1956** 7-0 A 20th ranked Clemson team downs South Carolina in ACC rival game. Tigers went on to win the ACC Championship
  - **1959** 27-0 Clemson wins final Big Thursday game in Columbia behind Harvey White. Tigers went on to 9-2 record and number 11 final ranking and the ACC title.
  - **1960** 12-2 Clemson wins first ever game between the two schools in Clemson



- **1967** 23-12 Clemson wins game in final game of season to clinch ACC Championship. The last time Clemson won an ACC title by beating South Carolina in final game (it also happened in 1966)
- **1977** 31-27 Jerry Butler's catch in final seconds gives Tigers come from behind victory. Victory sends Clemson to the Gator Bowl, its first bowl game in 18 years
- **1980** 27-6 Clemson upsets 14<sup>th</sup>-ranked South Carolina team behind Willie Underwood's two interceptions and 17 tackles. South Carolina had Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers and had won at Michigan earlier in the year. South Carolina was 8-2 entering the game.
- **1981** 29-13 Clemson closes out perfect regular season on way to National Championship.
- **1988** 29-10 Clemson won battle of top 25 teams in Rodney Williams final home game. Clemson then beats Oklahoma in bowl game to finish season in top 10.
- **2000** 16-14 Clemson wins battle of top 25 teams thanks to Rod Gardner's 50-yard reception from Woody Dantzler in final seconds, and a 25-yard field goal by Aaron Hunt with three seconds left.
- **2003** 63-17 Clemson's most points scored against the Gamecocks and largest victory margin since 1900. Charlie Whitehurst threw for four touchdown passes and Chad Jasmin scored four.
- **2005** 13-9 Clemson defeats 19<sup>th</sup> ranked South Carolina team in Columbia, only time it has beaten top 20 South Carolina team in Columbia.
- **2007** 23-21 Mark Buchholz booted a 35-yard field goal on the last play of the game to give Clemson a 23-21 victory, the only time Clemson has beaten South Carolina with a scoring play on the last play of the game.
- **2008** 31-14 Dabo Swinney defeated South Carolina in his last game as interim head coach, a victory that assured him of retaining the position in a full time capacity.

### Clemson and South Carolina Both Ranked in top 25

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> time Clemson has faced a top 25 South Carolina, the third year in a row. It is the first time that Clemson has faced three straight top 25 South Carolina teams.

South Carolina was ranked 18<sup>th</sup> by AP and 17<sup>th</sup> by USA Today entering the 2010 game at Clemson. Last year both teams were ranked in the top 20, as South Carolina was 13<sup>th</sup> in AP and 14<sup>th</sup> in USA Today, while Clemson was 18<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively. Both are ranked in the top 25 again coming into this year's game. The Tigers are ninth in USA Today and 12<sup>th</sup> in AP, while South Carolina is 12<sup>th</sup> by USA Today and 13<sup>th</sup> by AP.

This will be the sixth time both schools have entered the game ranked in the top 25 of at least one of the polls. South Carolina has a 3-2 lead in games in which both teams are ranked in the top 25 entering the contest.

This is the second time in history both teams enter the game ranked in the top 15. The only other time was in 1987 in Columbia when Clemson was eighth in both polls and South Carolina was 12<sup>th</sup>. South Carolina won that contest 20-7.

### Clemson vs. Top 25 South Carolina Teams

Year	Clemson		South Carolina		Result
	AP	Coaches	AP	Coaches	
1979	13,13		19, NR		L, 9-13
1980	NR		14,15		W, 27-6
1984	NR		9,9		L, 21-22
1987	8,8		12,12		L, 7-20
1988	15,15		25,21		W, 29-10
2000	16,14		25, NR		W, 16-14
2001	NR		22, 22		L, 15-20
2005	NR		19, 21		W, 13-9
2010	NR		18, 17		L, 7-29
2011	18,17		13,14		L, 34-13
2012	12,9		13,12		??

### Clemson and South Carolina Have Combined for 19 Wins

This will be the biggest game in the history of the Clemson vs. South Carolina rivalry when it comes to combined victories for the two programs entering the game. The two schools have combined for 19 wins entering the regular season final, more than any other meeting in the history of the event. Clemson is 10-1 and South Carolina 9-2 entering the contest. It is actually the second straight year that record has been broken. Last year both schools were 9-2 entering the game for a total of 18 wins.

Both schools also combined for 16 wins entering the 1981 game, the 1984 game, and the 1987 contest.

### Most Combined Wins Entering the Game

Year	Clem	USC	Total	Result
2012	10-1	9-2	19-3	??
2011	9-2	9-2	18-4	USC, 34-13
1981	10-0	6-4	16-4	Clem, 29-13
1984	7-3	9-1	16-4	USC, 22-21
1987	9-1	7-2	16-3	USC, 20-7
1988	8-2	8-2	16-4	Clem, 29-10
1979	8-2	7-3	15-5	USC, 13-9
2000	8-2	7-3	15-5	Clem, 16-14

### Combined Wins Record will be Broken Saturday

Clemson and South Carolina have already combined for 19 wins this year. With someone gaining a victory on Saturday that means this will be just the second time Clemson and South Carolina have combined for at least 20 wins in a year. The previous time was last year when Clemson won 10 and South Carolina won 11.

### Most Combined Wins at End of Season

Year	Clem	USC	Total
2011	10-4	11-2	21-6
2012	10-1	9-2	19-3
1981	12-0	6-6	18-6
1987	10-2	8-4	18-6
1988	10-2	8-4	18-6
1984	7-4	10-2	17-6
2000	9-3	8-4	17-7

### Clemson Has Record Setting Offense

Clemson's offense already has a number of school records this year and is getting close to many others. The Tigers set the single season scoring record last week and now have 491 points for the season, 21 more than last year's team had. The Tigers already have 63 touchdowns for the year, five more than last year's record setting total of 58.

Last week Clemson scored 62 points in the 62-48 win over NC State the most by the Clemson team since scoring 70 in a 70-14 win over Central Michigan in 2007. It was the most in an ACC game since the Tigers scored 82 in an 82-24 win over Wake Forest in 1981. The 62 points against NC State were the second most in history by a Clemson team against an ACC team.

Clemson has been especially effective in the second quarter this year with 191 points, most in Clemson history in one quarter. There are six FBS schools who have not scored 191 points for the entire season, never mind just one quarter.

Clemson has already clinched the school record for scoring average in a season. The existing mark is 37.0 points per game in 1900 when John Heisman's first team averaged 37 points per game in six games. This Clemson team has 491 total points. If the Tigers don't score a point in the last two games, the average would still be 37.78 points per game.

### Throw out the Record Books?

We always hear the phrase, "You can throw out the record books when these two teams get together." While there have been some upsets in this series, usually the team with the better record comes away with the victory. The team entering the game with the better overall record has a 19-7-1 record in the series since 1981. That computes to 72 percent over a 31-year period. Four times during that era both teams had the same record, including last year.

However, the norm has been broken in recent years. Five of the last seven years the team with the better overall record entering the game has lost. In 2004, South Carolina had the better record entering the game at 6-4 compared to Clemson's 5-5, but the Tigers won the game, 29-7.

In 2005, South Carolina had the upper hand with a 7-3 mark compared to the 6-4 for Clemson, but Clemson won the game, 13-9. In 2006, Clemson had the better record at 8-3, while South Carolina was 6-5, but South Carolina won, 31-28. In 2008 South Carolina was 7-4 and Clemson 5-5, but the Tigers won. In 2009, Clemson had an 8-3 record and South Carolina was 6-5, but the Gamecocks won 34-17.

For the history of the series, Clemson has a 40-16-3 record when it enters the contest with the better record, a 71 winning percentage. Clemson has had the better record in 59 of the 109 previous meetings. The teams have had the same winning percentage entering the game nine times and Clemson has a 6-3 record in those situations.

Thus, Clemson is 47-19-3 (.720) against South Carolina over the years when the Tigers enter the game with at least the same record as South Carolina. Clemson has a 65-40-4 advantage in the series overall,

so the Gamecocks have a 21-18-1 record in the series when they enter the game with the better record.

**Longest Uninterrupted Series (Must have played every year) (Entering 2012 season)**

- 105 games—Kansas-Nebraska (1906-2010)
  - 105 games—Minnesota-Wisconsin (from 1907)
  - 103 games—Clemson-South Carolina (from 1909)**
  - 102 games—Wake Forest-North Carolina St. (from 1910)
  - 101 games—Kansas-Kansas St. (from 1911)
  - 100 games—North Carolina-Virginia (from 1910)#
  - 97 games—Kansas-Oklahoma (1903-97)
  - 97 games—Texas-Texas A&M (from 1915)
  - 97 games—Ole Miss-Mississippi St. (from 1915)\*\*\*
  - 94 games—Michigan-Ohio St. (from 1918)
  - 93 games—Kansas-Missouri (from 1919)
  - 93 games—Missouri-Iowa St. (from 1919)
  - 92 games—Tennessee-Kentucky (from 1919)\*\*
  - 92 games—Auburn-Georgia (from 1919)\*\*
  - 92 games—Indiana-Purdue (from 1920)
- #Neither school fielded a team in 1917-18 due to World War I.

**Most Played Rivalries in College Football (Entering 2012)**

Gms	Match-up	First-game
121	Minnesota-Wisconsin	1890
120	Kansas-Missouri	1891
118	Texas-Texas A&M	1894
117	Nebraska-Kansas	1892
116	Miami (OH)—Cincinnati	1888
116	North Carolina-Virginia	1892
115	Auburn-Georgia	1892
115	Oregon-Oregon State	1894
114	Purdue-Indiana	1891
114	Stanford-California	1892
112	Army-Navy	1890
109	Utah-Utah State	1892
<b>109</b>	<b>Clemson-South Carolina</b>	<b>1896</b>
109	Kansas-Kansas State	1902
108	Ohio State-Michigan	1897
108	Mississippi-Mississippi State	1901

**Swinney Played vs. South Carolina**

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney has an 8-4 all-time record against South Carolina as a player, assistant coach and head coach. Swinney first competed against the Gamecocks in 1992 as a player. It was his senior year. In a 48-7 Alabama victory in Tuscaloosa, Swinney had two receptions for 22 yards, the only game in his career he had more than one catch, and his single game career high for reception yards.

He was then on the Alabama coaching staff that defeated South Carolina in 1993 and 2000. He came to Clemson in 2003 and Clemson has played South Carolina each year. Clemson has a 5-4 record against South Carolina since Swinney came to Clemson. He has a 1-3 record as head coach.

**Ellington Cousins Meet Again Saturday**

Cousins Andre Ellington and Bruce Ellington will be on the field in the same uniform numbers (23) for their respective schools on Saturday. Andre Ellington is Clemson's leading rusher with 959 yards and eight rushing touchdowns, while Bruce Ellington is first in receiving on the South Carolina team with 31 receptions for 492 yards and four touchdowns.

Andre Ellington is in his fifth year on the Clemson team, his fourth as an active player. He is Clemson's fourth leading rusher of all-time with 3,314 yards. He also has 36 career touchdowns to rank fourth in school history.

Bruce Ellington is in his second year on the South Carolina football team. He came to South Carolina on a basketball scholarship, and was the Gamecocks leading scorer on the basketball court the last two years. He was South Carolina's leading scorer in a 64-60 Gamecock basketball win over Clemson in Columbia on December 5, 2010. He had 14 points including 3-3 shooting on three-point shots in that South Carolina win.

Bruce Ellington had three catches for 71 yards and a touchdown against Clemson last year. It was his first career touchdown at South Carolina.

**Streaks on the Line**

Clemson has won seven games in a row, all by at least 14 points. That is the longest active streak of its kind in college football and a school record for consecutive wins by at least 14 points.

Nationally, Clemson's seven game winning streak is the fifth best active streak in the nation. Notre Dame and Ohio State have both won 11 in a row, followed by Northern Illinois and Kent State, who have won 10 in succession.

In terms of conference winning streak, Clemson has won seven in a row and that is tied for third best in the nation. Northern Illinois has won 15 straight MAC games, followed by Utah State with 10 in a row. Clemson, Ohio State and Kent State have all won seven straight conference games.

The Tigers have won 13 in a row in Death Valley and that streak is third best in the nation. Northern Illinois has won 21 straight at home, followed by Michigan with 14. Clemson is third with 13, while Georgia and South Carolina have each won 11 in a row at home.

**Meeting of Strong Offense vs. Strong Defense**

This will be a matchup of one of the nation's top offenses against one of the nation's top defenses. Clemson enters this game ranked fourth in the nation in scoring (44.6), sixth in total offense (535.64) and ninth in passing offense (332.0). Clemson leads the ACC in all three categories.

South Carolina ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation in total defense allowing just 310 yards per game and is 13<sup>th</sup> in scoring defense at 17.45 points per game. Clemson has averaged 318 yards and 29 points per first half this year. South Carolina is also eighth in the nation in sacks and tied for 19<sup>th</sup> in tackles for loss per game.

Individually, there will be some outstanding offensive and defensive stars on the field. Clemson is led on offense by quarterback Tajh Boyd who ranks second in the nation in passing efficiency with a 172.73 figure. He trails only Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray nationally.

Boyd is coming off one of the greatest performances in ACC history. He completed 30-44 passes for 426 yards and five touchdowns. He also ran for 103 yards and three rushing touchdowns, giving him an ACC record eight total touchdowns. He concluded the game with 529 yards of total offense, breaking the record of 517 that had been held by Woody Dantzler against NC State in 2001.

Clemson wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins ranks eighth in the nation in receiving yards per game with 106.5 per game and he is second in total touchdown receptions with 15. He became Clemson's career leader in reception yards in the win over NC State and now has 2786, ahead of the 2733 by Aaron Kelly. Hopkins can tie the ACC record for consecutive games with a touchdown reception. He has caught at least one in eight straight games and the record is nine set by Herman Moore of Virginia in 1990.

South Carolina counters with defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, who ranks 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation in sacks and seventh in tackles for loss per game. He sat out the recent game with Wofford, but will be healthy for Saturday's contest in Death Valley.

**Both Quarterbacks in Top 20 in Passing Efficiency**

Two of the top quarterbacks in the nation in terms of passing efficiency will go head to head in Memorial Stadium on Saturday. As stated above Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd is second in the nation in that category. The native of Hampton, VA has completed 240-343 passes for 3367 yards and 33 touchdowns. He has tied his own Clemson record for scoring passes in a season, so one touchdown pass will set the record.

Boyd has averaged 9.54 yards per pass attempt this year, on a Clemson record pace and second best in the nation. Aaron Murray of Georgia has averaged 9.85 yards per attempt and that is best in the nation.

Shaw has had a strong year and is 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation in passing efficiency. He is 136-202 for 1732 yards and 15 touchdowns against just seven interceptions. He was 20-21 in a game against Missouri to establish a South Carolina single game mark for completion percentage. He has completed 67.3 percent of his pass attempts and has a passing efficiency rating of 156.9. He threw for a career high 356 yards in South Carolina's win over Tennessee.

**Ellington Closing in on 1000 Yards**

Senior running back Andre Ellington has 959 yards rushing this year and obviously needs 41 yards to reach 1000 for the season. It would give him his second straight 1000-yard season as he finished last year with 1178. There have been 15 1000-yard seasons so far. Raymond Priestler, Woody Dantzler and James Davis had two 1000-yard seasons over their careers and Ellington hopes to join them.

The school record is 1345 rushing yards by Raymond Priestler in

1996. He also had the second most in a season with 1322 in 1995.

If Ellington reaches 1000 rushing yards this 2012 team will be just the fourth in Clemson history with a 1000-yard rusher and a 1000-yard receiver. DeAndre Hopkins already has 1000 yards receiving with 1171. The only other Clemson teams to do it are the 2000, 2007 and 2011 Clemson teams.

This Clemson team would also be the second with a 1000-yard rusher, 1000-yard receiver and a 3000-yard passer. Tajh Boyd already is over the 3000-yard passing mark with 3367. The 2011 team accomplished the feat last year.

**Clemson Teams with 1000-Yard Rusher and 1000-yard Receiver**

Year	Rusher	Receiver
2000	Woody Dantzler (1028) Travis Zachery (1027)	Rod Gardner (1050)
2007	James Davis (1064)	Aaron Kelly (1081)
2011	Andre Ellington (1178)	Sammy Watkins (1219)

**Notes on the Clemson Offense in Win over NC State**

Clemson's 62-48 victory over NC State was one of the more unusual games in Clemson history from an offensive standpoint.

**Clemson Team**

- Gained 754 yards of total offense, second in Clemson history, just two yards short of Clemson single game record.
- Clemson scored 62 points, most by a Clemson team in an ACC game since 1981 (82-24 against Wake Forest) and second most in school history vs. ACC opponent.
- Clemson had two 100-yard rushers and two 100-yard receivers, a first in Clemson history.
- Clemson gained 441 yards of total offense in the first half, second most in a half in school history. Record of 487 was set just two weeks previous at Duke.
- Clemson ran 102 plays, the most in a game in Clemson history. The Tigers also had 34 first downs, second most in Clemson history.

**Clemson Individuals**

- Tajh Boyd set Clemson record for total offensive yards with 529, breaking the record of 517 set by Woody Dantzler at NC State in 2001.
- Boyd accounted for eight touchdowns, five passing and three rushing. That is an ACC record for touchdown responsibility in a game.
- Dalton Freeman played all 102 snaps at center, a record for a Clemson player in a game. He also became Clemson's career leader in plays for a career with 3208.
- DeAndre Hopkins became Clemson's career leader in reception yardage when he caught a 62-yard scoring pass from Boyd. He now has 2786 for his career.

**Beasley Has Eight Sacks**

Clemson sophomore defensive end Vic Beasley recorded three sacks in Clemson's win over NC State. The tackles resulted in 21 negative yards against Pack quarterback Mike Glennon. The performance moves Beasley into third place on the ACC list for quarterback sacks trailing only Florida State defensive linemen, Cornelius Carradine (10.5) and Bjoern Werner (9.5).

What is amazing is that Beasley has not started a game and has played only 252 snaps all year. He also has two pass deflections, 18 total tackles and six quarterback pressures. So eight of his 18 tackles are sacks. Beasley did play a career high 44 snaps against NC State. He has averaged 32 plays a game over the last four contests and has six sacks in those games.

Beasley has averaged a sack every 31.5 snaps this year. When DaQuan Bowers led the nation in sacks in 2010, he averaged a sack every 44.1 plays. Gaines Adams averaged a sack every 46 plays in 2006 when he was ACC Defensive Player of the Year. Keith Adams averaged a sack every 54 plays when he set the Clemson single season record with 16 sacks in 1999.

**Records Set in 2012**

Clemson has set of tied 42 records so far this year. That is broken down to 23 individual records set by six different players on a game, season or career basis. The offense has established or tied 19 team records. This list does not count season records that are established on a per game basis unless they have been clinched. (For instance, Clemson has already established the season points per game record even if it is shut out the last two games. So there will be many more to establish once the season has ended.

**Records Set in 2012 (42)**

**Individual (23)**

**Tajh Boyd (11)**

- Game (4)
- Most yards passing: 428 vs. Duke
- Most Touchdown Passes: #5 vs. NC State, Duke, Wake Forest
- Most Total Offense: 529 vs. NC State
- Most Touchdown Responsibility: 8 vs. NC State
- Season (3)
- Most Touchdown Passes: #33
- Most Touchdown Responsibility: 41
- \*300-yard Passing Games: 6
- Career (4)
- Most Touchdown Passes: 70
- Most Touchdown Responsibility: 84
- Most 300-Yard Passing Games: 10
- Consecutive Games with a Touchdown Pas: 14

**DeAndre Hopkins (6)**

- Game (2)
- Receptions: 13 vs. Auburn
- TD Receptions: 3 vs. Ball State, Duke
- Season (1)
- TD Receptions: 15
- Career (3)
- TD Receptions: 24
- Reception Yards: 2786
- 100-yard Receiving Games: 11

**Sammy Watkins (2)**

- Game
- Reception Yards: 202 vs. Wake Forest
- Career
- Most 150-Yard Receiving Games: 4

**Brandon Ford (1)**

- Season
- TD Receptions by Tight End: #8

**Dalton Freeman (1)**

- Career
- Most Plays: 3208

**Chandler Catanzaro (2)**

- Season
- Extra Points Made: 54
- Career:
- Consecutive Field Goals Made: 20

**Team (19)**

**Game (3)**

- Total Offense Plays: 102 vs. NC State
- Passing Yards: 433 vs. Wake Forest
- Touchdown Passes: #6 vs. Duke

**Season (16)**

- Total Touchdowns: 63
- Touchdowns on Offense: 61
- Passing Touchdowns: 37
- Total Points: 491
- Consecutive 40 Point Scoring Games: 4 (active)
- Consecutive games at least 37 points: 10 (ACC record)
- Consecutive Games at least 5 touchdowns: 10
- Extra Point Kicks: 57
- Points per game: 44.6
- Points in a Quarter: 191 (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 400-Yard Total Offense Games: #10
- 500-yard Total Offense Games: 7
- 700-Yard Total Offense Games: 2
- 300-Yard Passing Games: 8
- Conference Wins: 7
- Wins by 14 Points or More: 10

#Denotes Tied record



Records in Range

Individual

**Tajh Boyd**

- Needs 214 yards for season total offense record
- Needs one touchdown pass to break his own season record
- Needs 461 passing yards for season record

**Brandon Ford**

- Needs one TD catch for season record for a tight end.

**DeAndre Hopkins**

- Needs 49 yards receiving for season record
- Needs 100 Yards against South Carolina to tie season record for 100-yard Receiving Games.

Team

**Season**

- Total Offense: need 280
- First Downs: need 25
- Passing Yards: Need 301

Clemson Records vs. South Carolina

Individual

<b>Rushes:</b>	32, Buddy Gore, 1968
<b>Rushing Yards:</b>	197, Ken Callicut, 1974
<b>Rushing Touchdowns:</b>	4, Boo Armstrong, 1918, Chad Jasmin 2003
<b>Pass Attempts:</b>	42, Kyle Parker, 2009
<b>Pass Completions</b>	28, Cullen Harper, 2007
<b>Passing Yards:</b>	302, Charlie Whitehurst, 2003
<b>Completion Percentage:</b> (Min 10 attempts)	.857 (12-14), DeChane Cameron, 1991
<b>Passing Efficiency</b> (Min 10 attempts)	282.1, Harvey White, 1957
<b>Touchdown Passes:</b>	4, Charlie Whitehurst, 2003
<b>Receptions</b>	9, Aaron Kelly, 2007
<b>Reception Yards</b>	138, Rod Gardner, 1999
<b>Reception touchdowns</b>	2 by many
<b>All-Purpose Yards:</b>	252, Ken Callicut, 1974
<b>Total Offense</b>	345, Charlie Whitehurst, 2003
<b>Wins by a QB:</b>	4, Charlie Whitehurst, 2002-05
<b>Field Goals:</b>	3, by many (last Mark Buchholz, 2007)
<b>Touchdowns:</b>	4, Boo Armstrong, 1918, Chad Jasmin, 2003
<b>Kickoff Return Yards:</b>	158, Terrance Roulhac, 1986
<b>Punting Average:</b>	50.0 (5 punts) Chris Gardocki, 1990
<b>Interceptions:</b>	2, Willie Underwood, 1980
<b>Interception Return Yds:</b>	101 (2 Interceptions) Willie Underwood, 1980
<b>Tackles:</b>	27, Keith Adams, 1999
<b>Fumble Recoveries:</b>	2, Bob Coleman, 1960; Tyron Mouzon, 1989
<b>Sacks:</b>	3, Chester McGlockton, 1990

Long Plays

<b>Overall:</b>	88 Kickoff Return, C.J. Spiller, 2009
<b>Rush</b>	80, C.J. Spiller, 2006
<b>Pass:</b>	81, Joel Wells to Joe Pagliei, 1954
<b>Kickoff Return</b>	88 Kickoff Return, C.J. Spiller, 2009
<b>Interception Return</b>	82, Jock McKissic, 2006
<b>Field Goal</b>	52, Eddie Seigler, 1971
<b>Punt</b>	78, Chris Gardocki, 1990

Clemson Team

<b>Rushes:</b>	70 in 1978
<b>Rushing Yards:</b>	433 in 1974
<b>Pass Attempts</b>	42 in 2009
<b>Pass Completions:</b>	28 in 2007
<b>Passing Yards:</b>	302 in 2003
<b>Completion %:</b>	.867 (13-15) in 1991
<b>Pass Efficiency:</b>	233.9 in 1997
<b>Touchdown Passes:</b>	4 in 2003
<b>Total Offense:</b>	556 in 1974
<b>Touchdowns:</b>	9 in 2003
<b>Total Points:</b>	63 (63-17) in 2003
<b>Victory Margin:</b>	+51 (51-0) in 1900
<b>Field Goals</b>	3 vs. many
<b>Interceptions:</b>	6 in 1971
<b>Interception Return Yds:</b>	104 (3 interceptions)

Senior Class Has 35 Wins

Clemson's senior class will play its final home game on Saturday against South Carolina. Here are some of their significant accomplishments.

- Established Clemson class record for conference victories with 23 (regular season)
  - Won Atlantic Division of ACC three of four years
  - Won program's first ACC Championship in 20 years
  - Recorded 35 victories, most by a Clemson senior class since 1991.
- Tied for 7<sup>th</sup> most wins in school history.
- Recorded two seasons with at least 10 wins, first class to do that since seniors of 1992
  - Won 10 games in the regular season for first time since 1981 with 10 in 2012.
  - Set Clemson record in 2012 with 10 wins by two touchdowns or more.
  - Took Clemson to four bowl games, including first BCS Bowl appearance in 30 years.
  - Beat seven top 25 teams in last four years, including season record four in 2011.
  - Set ACC record for consecutive wins over top 25 teams with three in 2011.
  - Helped establish record for consecutive home wins with 13 in a row.
- Record for any home site.
- Overall home record of 24-3 entering final home game
  - Active streak of 26 consecutive weeks ranked in both polls, third longest streak in Clemson history
  - Ranked in final BCS Poll three of four years.
  - Contributed to Clemson having the seventh best APR score (983) in FBS in 2012. Clemson and Ohio State only schools in top 10 of both the USA Today poll and the APR.

Clemson 2012 Senior Class

No	Name	Pos.	Hometown
13	*Spencer Benton	P/PK	Myrtle Beach, SC
9	*Xavier Brewer	DB	Jacksonville, FL
18	*Jaron Brown	WR	Cheraw, SC
23	*Andre Ellington	RB	Moncks Corner, SC
80	*Brandon Ford	TE	Wando, SC
55	*Dalton Freeman	C	Pelion, SC
97	Malliciah Goodman	DE	Florence, SC
31	*Rashard Hall	S	Saint Augustine, FL
5	Jonathan Meeks	S	Rock Hill, SC
56	*Sam Van Gieson	LS	Greer, SC
46	*Jonathan Willard	LB	Loris, SC
42	Corico Wright	LB	Milledgeville, GA

\* - fifth-year senior; Note: Bold denotes player who has already graduated.

Most Wins by a Clemson Senior Class

Rk	Class	Record
1.	1990	40-8
2.	1991	39-8-1
3.	1989	38-8-2
4.	1984	37-6-2
	1981	37-10
6.	1983	36-7-2
7.	1982	35-10-1
	<b>2012</b>	<b>35-17</b>
8.	1992	34-12-1
	1988	34-12-2
11.	2009	33-20
	1993	33-13-1
	1980	33-13-1

Seeking a Perfect Home Season

Clemson will be looking to complete a perfect season at home with a victory over South Carolina. If Clemson gains victory Saturday it would be the second consecutive perfect home season for Clemson, something the program has never done given a minimum of at least three home games each season. Clemson has had consecutive unbeaten seasons at home, but not perfect years. Clemson was 6-0 in 1981, 5-0-1 in 1982 and 6-0-1 in 1983.

A win Saturday would also make this just the third time Clemson has won seven home games in a season. Clemson was 7-1 at home in 1987 and 7-0 last year.

Given a minimum of five games Clemson has had a perfect home record seven times: 1958 (5-0), 1960 (5-0), 1974 (6-0), 1978 (6-0),

1981 (6-0), 1990 (6-0) and 2011 (7-0).

Overall, Clemson has a 345-123-15 record (.726) at home for its 116-year history, including 268-99-7 in Memorial Stadium (.721).

**Hopkins Named Semifinalist for Biletnikoff Award**

Second Consecutive Year Clemson Has had Semifinalist

Clemson wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins has been named one of 10 semifinalists for the Fred Biletnikoff Award. The honor is presented each year to the top receiver in college football.

This is the second consecutive year a Clemson receiver has made the final 10 for the award. In 2011 Sammy Watkins was named a semifinalist.

Hopkins is the only ACC player on the list. He currently ranks second in the nation in touchdown receptions with 15, already a Clemson single season mark. He also is Clemson's career leader with 24.

Hopkins has 68 catches for 1171 yards this season, an average of 17.2 yards per reception. He has caught at least one touchdown pass in eight consecutive games, a Clemson record, and 10 of the 11 contests this season. He now ranks second in school history in career receptions with 192 and first in yardage with 2786.

Hopkins is joined in the final 10 by Tavon Austin of West Virginia, Stedman Bailey of West Virginia, Brandin Cooks of Oregon State, Austin Franklin of New Mexico State, Cobi Hamilton of Arkansas, Austin Hill of Arizona, Marqise Lee of Southern California, Quinton Patton of Louisiana Tech and Terrance Williams of Baylor.

**Boyd Named to Walter Camp Player of the Year Players to Watch List**

One of 15 Players on the List

The Walter Camp Football Foundation has announced the names of 15 "Players to Watch" for its 2012 Player of the Year award, the fourth-oldest college football award in the nation.

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd is among the 15 players named. Boyd ranks second in the nation in passing efficiency with a 172.7 figure, on pace for a Clemson single season record. He has 33 touchdown passes and eight rushing scores for an ACC record 41 total touchdowns this year. He has thrown 18 touchdown passes in the last four games. The 15-player watch list includes nine quarterbacks, three running backs, two defensive players and one wide receiver. Boyd and Florida State quarterback E.J. Manuel are the only ACC players in the final 15.

**Clemson 11<sup>th</sup> in Latest BCS Rankings**

Clemson is number-11 ranking in the latest Bowl Championship Series college football rankings released on November 18. The Tigers have a rating of .6056, just behind ACC Atlantic Division rival Florida State, who stands at .6363 in 10<sup>th</sup> position.

The Tigers are ranked ninth in the Harris Poll and ninth in the latest USA Today poll. Clemson is also 12<sup>th</sup> in the Associated Press poll, but that ranking is not factored into the BCS formula. Clemson's average ranking in the computer aspect of the BCS poll is 15<sup>th</sup>.

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive BCS ranking that Clemson is in the top 20. The Tigers are one of eight schools that can make that claim and are joined by Kansas State, Oregon, Alabama, LSU, South Carolina, Oklahoma and Stanford as programs that have been listed in the top 20 of every BCS poll the last two years.

Clemson has made a steady climb since the first BCS ranking on October 14. Clemson has gone from 19<sup>th</sup> in the first poll to 18<sup>th</sup> in the second, to 13<sup>th</sup> in the third, 13<sup>th</sup> in the fourth and now 11<sup>th</sup> in the fifth and sixth polls. There will be two more rankings. The final ranking on December 2 will be used to determine the teams that will be selected for the five BCS Bowls.

Clemson has won each of its last seven games by at least 14 points, the only school in the nation that can make that claim and it is a school record.

Clemson played in a BCS Bowl, the FedX Orange Bowl last year. Clemson is attempting to join Florida State and Virginia Tech as the only ACC programs to play in BCS bowls in consecutive years.

**Tigers Get 10th Victory**

Clemson got its 10th win of the year, its seventh in a row, in a 62-48 win over NC State. This is the first time since the 1987-90 era that Clemson has had consecutive 10-win seasons. Last year Clemson had a 10-4 record, including the ACC Championship.

Clemson now has nine seasons of at least 10 wins for the Clemson program. The first double digit victory season came in 1948 when Frank Howard's team had a perfect 11-0 season, including a Gator Bowl championship win over Missouri. Clemson also won the Southern Conference that year under Howard's leadership.

The Clemson record for wins in a season is 12, set by the 1981

Clemson team. That team was 11-0 in the regular season, then won the Orange Bowl against fourth-ranked Nebraska to win the National Championship.

The win over NC State gave Clemson 10 wins in the **regular season** for the first time since the 1981 season. Clemson has won at least 10 games in the regular season just four times, the 1981 team the 1948 team, the 1978 team and this year.

**Clemson's 10-Win Seasons**

Year	Coach	W-L	Pct	Bowl
1981	Danny Ford	12-0	1.000	Orange, W, Nebraska
1948	Frank Howard	11-0	1.000	Gator, W, Missouri
1978	Pell/Ford	11-1	.917	Gator, W, Ohio State
1987	Danny Ford	10-2	.833	Citrus, W, Penn State
1988	Danny Ford	10-2	.833	Citrus, W, Oklahoma
1989	Danny Ford	10-2	.833	Gator, W, West Virginia
1990	Ken Hatfield	10-2	.833	Hall of Fame, W, Illinois
2011	<b>Dabo Swinney</b>	<b>10-4</b>	<b>.714</b>	<b>Orange, L, West Virginia</b>
2012	<b>Dabo Swinney</b>	<b>10-1</b>	<b>.909</b>	<b>????</b>

**Boyd Having Another Banner Year**

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd now has the top two touchdown pass seasons in Clemson history. He had 33 last year in 14 games to set the record, but he has 33 in just 11 games this year. Boyd also has 3367 yards passing so far this year, third best in school history, and his 3833 total offense yards stand second best.

**Clemson Single Season Touchdown Passes**

Rk	Player	Year	Comp	Att	Yards	TD
1.	<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>3828</b>	<b>33</b>
	<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>3367</b>	<b>33</b>
3.	Cullen Harper	2007	282	433	2991	27
4.	Woodrow Dantzler	2001	203	334	2578	21
	Charlie Whitehurst	2003	288	465	3561	21
6.	Kyle Parker	2009	205	369	2526	20

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7.	Kyle Parker	2009	205	369	2526

**Clemson Single Season Total Offense Yards**

Rk	Player	Year	Rush	Pass	Total
1.	<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>3828</b>	<b>4046</b>
2.	<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>2941</b>	<b>3833</b>
3.	Woodrow Dantzler	2001	1061	2578	3639
4.	Charlie Whitehurst	2003	49	3561	3610
5.	Cullen Harper	2007	-89	2991	2902

**Ford Ties Allen's TE Touchdown Record**

Clemson graduate tight end Brandon Ford had his seventh and eighth touchdown receptions of the season in the win over NC State. The eighth came on a 69-yard touchdown pass from Tajh Boyd in the third period. Ford has those eight touchdowns on 29 receptions for 398 yards.

Dwayne Allen, now in the NFL with the Indianapolis Colts, also had eight TD receptions last year. Bennie Cunningham had seven in 1974. Cunningham of course went on to a long NFL career with the Pittsburgh Steelers. So Ford is in good company.

Ford is now tied for first in Clemson history in career touchdown receptions for a tight end with 12. Allen and John McMakin, another former Pittsburgh Steeler tight end, also had 12.

In his first year as a starter after playing behind Allen and current Atlanta Falcons tight end Michael Palmer, Ford has exceeded his first three years of productivity so far this year. He had 25 catches for 248 yards and four scores coming into this year. He has 29 for 398 and eight touchdowns this year.

Ford's eight touchdown receptions rank second in the nation to the 10 caught by Gator Hoskins of Marshall.

**Tajh Boyd National Rankings**

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney has been saying for some time that he believes his quarterback Tajh Boyd has been the best in the nation at his position, especially over the last half of the season.



A look to specialty statistics on cfbstats.com indicates he might be correct. He leads the nation in touchdown passes in the month of November and is third in the nation in passing efficiency in the most important month of the year. Here are some of Boyd's rankings in various categories.

Category	Ranking	Figure
Passing Efficiency/vs. Teams winning Record	1 <sup>st</sup>	174.60
TD Passes vs. Conference Teams	1 <sup>st</sup>	27
TD Passes month of November	1 <sup>st</sup>	13
TD Passes in First Half	1 <sup>st</sup>	24
Passing Yards in First Half	1 <sup>st</sup>	2284
Completions of 25 yards or more first half	1 <sup>st</sup>	26
Overall passing efficiency	2 <sup>nd</sup>	172.73
Passing Efficiency/Road Games	2 <sup>nd</sup>	172.87
TD Passes vs. Winning Record Teams	2 <sup>nd</sup>	18
Passing Efficiency, second quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup>	211.45
Passing Efficiency, 3 <sup>rd</sup> down	2 <sup>nd</sup>	187.28
Passing Efficiency, in November	3 <sup>rd</sup>	197.32
Passing Efficiency, 3 <sup>rd</sup> down 4-6 yards to go	3 <sup>rd</sup>	193.82
Total Touchdown Passes	4 <sup>th</sup>	33
Touchdown Passes, road games	4 <sup>th</sup>	17

**Boyd is 20-Game Winner as Junior**

Tajh Boyd is having an outstanding season. The junior is second in the nation and first in the ACC in passing efficiency with a 172.7 rating. That would be a Clemson record if the season ended today. He is trying to become just the second quarterback in school history to rank in the top 10 in the nation in passing efficiency. Mike Eppley was third in 1983 with a 146.0 rating.

Boyd continues to chase school records, some marks that he already owns. He has 33 touchdown passes for the season, tying his own record. He has thrown 18 touchdown passes in the last four games. Clemson has scored at least 35 points in the first half in each of the last four games.

Boyd now has a 20-5 career record as a starting quarterback, the seventh player in Clemson history to quarterback the Tigers to at least 20 wins in a career. That 20-5 record includes a 13-0 mark at Memorial Stadium. He has been the common denominator to Clemson's 13-game winning streak at home, the longest in Clemson history.

The all-time leader is Rodney Williams, who won 32 between 1985-88. Charlie Whitehurst is second at 25.

**Clemson's Winningest Starting Quarterbacks**

Rk	Player	Years	Record
1.	Rodney Williams	1985-88	32-10-2
2.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	25-15
3.	Nealon Greene	1994-97	24-16
4.	Homer Jordan	1979-82	22-6-1
5.	Steve Fuller	1975-78	21-11-3
	Mike Eppley	1980-84	21-5-1
7.	<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>2010-12</b>	<b>20-5</b>
8.	DeChane Cameron	1989-91	19-4-1
	Woodrow Dantzler	1998-01	19-11
10.	Harvey White	1957-59	18-7

**Hopkins Over 1000 Receiving Yards**

DeAndre Hopkins has 1171 receiving yards his year and is on pace to break the Clemson single season mark of 1219 by Sammy Watkins last year. His 1171 yards this year already rank second best. So the players with each of the top receiving yardage seasons in school history lineup together in this year's offense.

**Clemson 1000-yard Receivers**

Rk	Player	Year	G	Rec	Avg	Yds
1.	<b>Sammy Watkins</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>1219</b>
2.	<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>1171</b>
3.	Rod Gardner	1999	12	80	13.6	1084
4.	Aaron Kelly	2007	13	88	12.3	1081
5.	Rod Gardner	2000	12	58	18.1	1050
6.	Derrick Hamilton	2003	13	62	16.5	1026

**Hopkins Second in Nation in Touchdown Receptions**

DeAndre Hopkins has 15 touchdown receptions this year to rank second in the nation. Overall, he has 106.5 receiving yards per game, which ranks eighth. The native of Central, SC broke Aaron Kelly's career record of 2733 receiving yards in the win over NC State when he caught a 62-yard scoring pass from Tajh Boyd.

As stated above he has caught at least one touchdown pass

in eight straight games and has a streak of 11 straight games with a touchdown catch against FBS opponents. The only opponent to keep him out of the endzone since last year's Orange Bowl was Furman in the third game this year.

He is second in the nation in touchdown catches to Stedman Bailey of West Virginia, who has 20.

**Freeman and Brown Named Academic All-District**

Clemson graduates Dalton Freeman and Jaron Brown have both been named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team. Freeman is Clemson's starting center and Brown is a starting wide receiver. Both have had a positive impact on Clemson's top 10 national ranking and Both will now be listed on the national ballot for the Academic All-America team that will be announced early next month. Brown and Freeman have already earned their undergraduate degrees and have career GPAs of over 3.3.

Freeman has started every game this year at center, and in fact has a streak of 47 consecutive starts entering Saturday's game with South Carolina. He has started more games at center than anyone else in Clemson history, in fact 11 more than any other center. He should tie the record held for any player by former teammate Landon Walker (49) by the end of the year.

Freeman has played 3,208 career offensive plays most in Clemson history. He broke the mark when he played 102 plays in the win over NC State.

Brown is in his third year as a starter at wide receiver. So far this year he has 17 catches for 265 yards. For his career the native of Cheraw, SC has 83 receptions for 1106 yards and eight touchdowns.

**Tigers Set School Record for Touchdowns**

Clemson has scored 63 touchdowns this year, 37 passing, 24 rushing and two by defensive returns. That is the most in Clemson history. The previous record was 58 set last year. So Chad Morris has been the offensive coordinator of the top two seasons in that area.

Clemson has scored 491 points so far this year in 11 games and that 44-point average is fourth best in the nation. That is a Clemson record for total points scored and average per game.

This year's Clemson team is outscoring the opposition by 19.9 points per game. That is on pace to become the sixth best scoring margin in Clemson history, but the best since 1978 when the Tigers won by an average of 19.9 points per game under Danny Ford. The record is +35.3 points per game set by the 1900 team that was coached by John Heisman. Heisman had three of the top four scoring margin seasons in Clemson history.

**Top Scoring margin Seasons in Clemson History**

Rk	Year	Pts For	Against	GP	Mar/Game	Coach
1.	1900	37.0	1.7	6	+35.3	John Heisman
2.	1901	38.0	7.6	5	+30.4	John Heisman
3.	1950	34.3	7.6	10	+26.7	Frank Howard
4.	1903	27.8	3.7	6	+24.2	John Heisman
5.	1898	27.5	5.0	4	+22.5	John Penton
6.	<b>2012</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>+19.9</b>	<b>Dabo Swinney</b>
	1978	30.7	8.8	12	+19.9	Pell/Ford
8.	1981	28.2	8.8	12	+19.4	Danny Ford
9.	1989	30.7	11.5	12	+19.2	Danny Ford
10.	1990	27.8	9.1	12	+18.7	Ken Hatfield

**Humphries Scores First Touchdown**

Clemson wide receiver Adam Humphries had a team best five catches for 41 yards and a touchdown in the win over Maryland. It marked the first time the sophomore had led the Tigers in total catches in a game and it was his first career touchdown. Humphries is now third on the Clemson team in receptions with 32 for 231 yards. He has also picked up the punt return duties and has 16 returns for 89 yards. Humphries had 15 receptions for 130 yards as a freshman backup to Sammy Watkins.

**Goodman Has Seven Career Caused Fumbles**

Malliciah Goodman may have the biggest and strongest hands in the nation. He wears a size 4X glove for his hands that are 11.5 inches wide. Those hands have had a big impact on his ability to jar the ball loose from the opposition. He did that in the win against Maryland when he had sack, caused fumble and recovered fumble on the same play.

Goodman now has three caused fumbles this year and seven for his career. He is now tied for sixth in Clemson history in career caused fumbles with Levon Kirkland and Keith Adams. The record is held by Jeff Davis and Ed McDaniel, who had 10 apiece.

**Boyd Breaks Touchdown Responsibility Record**

Tajh Boyd broke the Clemson touchdown responsibility record

when he connected on a 58-yard scoring pass to DeAndre Hopkins against Duke on November 3. It gave him 69 touchdowns rushing and passing in his career, one more than Woody Dantzler had between 1998-2001.

Boyd went on to tie the Clemson single game record for touchdown responsibility with six, five passing and one rushing, in the win over Duke. He then trumped that with eight touchdowns against NC State, the ACC single game mark by two scores.

He enters the South Carolina game with 84 total touchdowns, 70 passing and 14 rushing. He has 33 passing and eight rushing so far this season, so he has 41 total. That has broken his own ACC record of 38 set last year.

**Clemson First Half Performances at Record Rate**

To say Clemson has gotten off to a good start in each of its first 11 games this year would be an understatement. Clemson has had the lead at the half of every game so far this year and the average margin has been 16 points, 29-13.

A look to the stats shows that Clemson has averaged 29 points, 7.2 yards per play, 318 yards of total offense, 211 yards passing and 107 rushing in the first half this year. Over the last four games Clemson has averaged 38.3 points, 395 yards of total offense and 18 first downs by halftime. Clemson has had at least 35 points at the half in each of the last four games, a first in Clemson history.

Ten of the 11 games this year Clemson has had at least 250 yards of total offense by halftime and eight of the 11 Clemson has had at least 190 yards passing in the opening half. Clemson has scored at least 13 points in the first half of all 11 games this year and has scored at least 20 in nine of the 11 games. Only Auburn (13) and Virginia Tech (17) held Clemson under 20 in the first half this year.

**Clemson Offensive Stats for the First Halves in 2012**

Opponent	FD	Pass	Rush	Pl-Yards	Pts
Auburn	16	128	147	48-275	13
Ball State	21	269	113	52-382	45
Furman	12	192	106	32-298	20
Florida State	14	195	58	39-253	21
Boston College	15	158	99	43-257	24
Georgia Tech	16	251	70	50-321	27
Virginia Tech	8	72	65	34-137	17
Wake Forest	14	286	57	39-343	35
Duke	20	314	173	43-487	42
Maryland	18	213	97	47-310	35
NC State	20	247	194	61-441	41

**Clemson Has over 700 Yards Two of last Three Games**

Clemson gained 718 yards of total offense at Duke on November 3, 334 yards rushing and 384 passing. It was just the second time in school history the Tigers gained at least 300 yards rushing and 300 yards passing in the same game. The other instance was in a 70-14 win over Central Michigan in 2007. So this was the first time Clemson accomplished the feat on the road and the first time it was accomplished in an ACC game by the Tigers.

Then in the win over NC State, the Tigers did it again. Clemson had 754 yards against the Pack, 328 rushing and 426 passing.

Overall, it was the second best total offense game in school history and is topped only by the 756 yards the Tigers gained in a win over Wake Forest in 1981. That day Clemson had a school record 536 yards rushing and 220 yards passing in an 82-24 win at Death Valley.

Clemson had an incredible 487 yards on 43 plays in the first half against Duke, then had 441 in the first half against NC State. Those are the top two halves in Clemson history.

There have been just 13 games in ACC history in which a team has had at least 700 yards of total offense. Clemson has done it two of the last three weeks.

**Top Team Total Offense Games in ACC History**

Year	Team	Opponent	Yards
1992	Florida State	Maryland	858
1975	Maryland	Virginia	802
1995	Florida State	Duke	797
2000	Florida State	Clemson	771
2011	Georgia Tech	Kansas	768
1981	Clemson	Wake Forest	756
2012	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>NC State</b>	<b>754</b>
1995	Florida State	Wake Forest	749
1995	Florida State	NC State	745
1994	Florida State	Maryland	731

Year	Clemson	Duke	718
1993	North Carolina	Maryland	714
1982	Duke	Wake Forest	706

**Boyd passing Efficiency 2nd in the Nation, Challenging ACC Record**

With four consecutive games over the 178-mark in terms of passing efficiency, Tajh Boyd has increased his passing efficiency rating to 172.7 for the 2012 season. He is on a record pace as far as Clemson history, is currently second in the nation in that category, and on pace to have the second most efficient season in ACC history.

Boyd is also moving up the ACC career list as far as career passing efficiency is concerned. His career efficiency is 151.04, which is fourth best in ACC history entering this weekend. It is amazing to see that three of the top four quarterbacks in ACC history are active. It also may be an example of how the game has changed.

**ACC Career Leaders in Passing Efficiency**

Rk	Player	School	Years	C-Att	Yds	TD-Int	Eff
1.	E.J. Manual	Florida St.	2009-12	540-805	7129	45-24	153.95
2.	Bryn Renner	N. Carolina	2010-12	488-735	6151	49-20	153.25
3.	Chris Weinke	Florida St.	1997-00	650-1107	9839	79-32	151.15
4.	<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>2010-12</b>	<b>571-915</b>	<b>7524</b>	<b>70-26</b>	<b>151.04</b>
5.	Joe Hamilton	GA Tech	1996-99	629-1020	8882	65-39	148.19
6.	Thad Busby	Florida St.	1994-97	411-694	5916	46-27	144.89
7.	Philip Rivers	NC State	2000-03	1087-1710	13,484	95-34	144.16

**Hopkins Sets Receiving Yardage mark**

DeAndre Hopkins is having a career year. The native of Central, SC has 68 receptions for 1,171 yards and 15 touchdowns in 11 games so far.

Hopkins had another incredible game at Duke with four receptions for 128 yards and three touchdowns. All three touchdowns came in the first period and he became the first player in the nation this year to catch three TD passes in the first quarter of any game.

With his three TD catches (all within 7:47 of the first period), he became Clemson's career leader in touchdown receptions and broke the season mark. It was the second time this year he scored three touchdowns in a quarter, the other time was just 8:11 apart against Ball State.

Hopkins now has 24 career TD catches, four more than Aaron Kelly had between 2005-08. Hopkins has 15 this season, three more than Watkins had last year as a freshman when he set the single season mark.

**Clemson Career Leaders in Reception Yards**

Rk	Player	Years	Rec	Yards
1.	<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>2010-12</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>2786</b>
2.	Aaron Kelly	2005-08	232	2733
3.	Terry Smith	1990-93	162	2681
4.	Perry Tuttle	1978-81	150	2534
5.	Rod Gardner	1997-00	166	2498
6.	Derrick Hamilton	2001-03	167	2312
7.	Jerry Butler	1975-78	139	2223
8.	Airese Currie	2001-04	138	2030

**Clemson Career Leaders in Touchdown Receptions**

Rk	Player	Years	Rec	TD
1.	<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>2010-12</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>24</b>
2.	Aaron Kelly	2005-08	232	20
3.	Glenn Smith	1949-51	88	18
4.	Perry Tuttle	1978-81	150	17
5.	Terrance Roulhac	1983-86	92	16
	Derrick Hamilton	2001-03	167	16
	Jacoby Ford	2006-09	143	16
8.	Terry Smith	1990-93	162	15
.	<b>Sammy Watkins</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>15</b>

**Clemson Breaks Home Winning Streak Record**

Clemson set the school record for consecutive wins in Memorial Stadium with the win over the Maryland Terps on November 10. Currently, Clemson has won 13 in a row at home, breaking the school standard for any site on campus.

Clemson has been outstanding in the 13-game home winning streak. The Tigers have scored at least 31 points in all 13 games and at least 35 points in 12 of the 13.

Clemson has the third longest home winning streak in the nation at the moment. Northern Illinois has the longest with 21 consecutive. Michigan is second with 14, followed by the Tigers are 13 and Georgia and South Carolina at 11.

**Clemson's Longest Winning Streaks in Memorial Stadium**

No.	Start of Streak	End of Streak
13	43-19, Troy, 9-3-2011	????
11	30-10, NC State, 10-21-1989	20-20 tie vs. Virginia, 10-12-1991
11	46-0 Presbyterian, 9-18-1937	7-0 loss to George Wash, 11-7-42
10	33-20, Duquesne, 11-12-1949	14-7 loss to Villanova, 9-27-1952
10	41-14, Georgia Tech, 9-24-1983	22-21 loss to S. Carolina, 11-24-84

**Clemson at Memorial Stadium by Decade**

Decade	W-L-L	Pct
1940s	17-8-1	.673
1950s	32-7	.821
1960s	28-15-1	.648
1970s	32-22-1	.591
1980s	49-10-3	.815
1990s	43-18-1	.702
2000s	50-17	.746
2010s	18-2	.900
Totals	268-99-7	.725

**Watkins Approaching a Career Record**

One of the most telling statistics on the impact of Clemson sophomore Sammy Watkins and junior DeAndre Hopkins has been their ability to have big receiving yardage games. There have been only 19 games of 150 receiving yards by Tigers over the years and they have combined for seven of them.

Watkins already has the Clemson record for 150-yard receiving games and he set the record with his 202 yard game at Wake Forest on October 25. He was tied with Hopkins, who has two such games this year and three for his career. Watkins set that record in just 18 career games by the way.

**Clemson Career Leaders in Receiving Games of 150 Yards or More**

Rk	Player	Years	GP	140 Games
1.	Sammy Watkins	2011-12	18	4
2.	DeAndre Hopkins	2010-12	34	3
3.	Perry Tuttle	1978-81	46	2
	Aaron Kelly	2005-08	51	2

**Clemson Sets Record for Consecutive Quarters Scoring**

Clemson set a school record for consecutive quarters scoring when it had 28 points in the second period at Wake Forest this year. That gave the Tigers 23 consecutive scores with at least a field goal, breaking the record of 22 in a row set just last year from September 17 through October 22.

Ironically, the Tigers got the record with a 28-point second quarter at Wake Forest, then the streak stopped when the Tigers were shut out in the third period by the Deacs. It is interesting to note that the two longest streaks have taken place with Chad Morris as offensive coordinator.

It is also interesting to note that four of the top six quarter scoring streaks have been stopped by North Carolina.

Clemson has scored in 41 of 44 quarters so far this year.

**Most Consecutive Quarters Scoring, Clemson History**

Year	Started	Ended	Qtrs
2012	9/8/12	10/25/12 vs. Wake Forest (3)	23
2011	9/17/11	10/22/11 vs. UNC (4 <sup>th</sup> )	22
1983	9/24/83	11/5/83 vs. UNC (1 <sup>st</sup> )	20
2001	9/8/11	10/20/11 vs. UNC (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	17
2003	11/1/03	1/2/04 vs. Tennessee (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	15
1978	10/14/78	11/11/78 vs. UNC (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	15

**Tigers Have Owned Second Quarter**

Clemson has owned the second quarter this year. The Tigers have a scoring margin of 191-68 in the second period a school mark for most points scored in a quarter over a season. The previous mark was 154 points scored in the second period by the 2009 team.

One of the reasons for Clemson's success in the period this year has been the passing of quarterback Tajh Boyd. Boyd is 78-101 for 1121 yards and 16 touchdowns in the second period this year. That is a completion percentage of 77 percent and a passing efficiency figure of 214. Clemson has averaged 17.4 points per game in the second period this year.

**Two Numbers for Same Player?**

Is Eric Mac Lain number-88 or number-78 in your program? The answer is yes.

Mac Lain started the season as a tight end, but he has been working as a tackle as well and that appears to be his future position. He is a valuable member of the Tigers in short yardage as a tight end and on special teams and he wears 88 for those chores. When he plays in the game at tackle, however, he switches jerseys on the sidelines to 78. Against Duke he wore both numbers during the game as he got some action at offensive tackle in the fourth period.

**Shuey Top Tackler Second Half of Season**

Clemson has made a strong improvement in terms of defense over the last five games and it appears the improvement coincides with increased playing time for linebacker Spencer Shuey. Shuey has started each of the last five games, the first five starts of his career, and he has 58 tackles in those five games.

Shuey had 15 in his first start against Virginia Tech, then 10 in the win at Wake Forest and 12 in the win over Duke. His 37 tackles over three games are the most by a Clemson player over a three-game period since the 2006 season when Nick Watkins and Chris Clemons both did it over the three game period when Clemson finished the regular season with home games against Maryland, NC State and South Carolina.

**Seven Straight Wins by at Least 14 Points**

Clemson has won seven consecutive games by at least 14 points. It is the longest streak of its kind in Clemson history. Clemson had a six game streak between 1989-90. Clemson also won six in a row by at least 14 in 1978. Clemson is the only team in the nation with a current winning streak of at least seven games by 14 points or more.

**Ten Straight Games with at least 37 Points**

Clemson has scored at least 37 points in 10 straight games. The only game all year the Tigers failed to score at least 37 was the opening win over Auburn, 26-19. Clemson is the only school in the nation with a streak of 10 straight with at least 37. Oregon had 10 in a row stopped last week in its loss to Stanford.

This is the first time in Clemson history the Tigers have scored at least 37 points in 10 straight games. During the streak, Clemson has had one 60-point game, two 50-point games, six games in the 40s and one in the 30s.

**Bryant Averaging 30 Yards/Reception**

Martavis Bryant scored on a 48-yard reception from Tajh Boyd in the win over Maryland. This year Bryant, who missed some time with injury, has 10 catches for 305 yards and four scores. Last year as a freshman he had nine catches for 221 yards and two scores. So, for his career he has 19 catches for 516 yards and six scores. That computes to 27.2 yards per reception.

**Swinney in Top 10 in ACC History in Career Winning Percentage**

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney has moved into the top 10 in ACC history among the winningest coaches on a percentage basis. That list includes coaches who have been in the ACC at least three years, and it applies to overall games and conference games. In fact, Swinney has a better record in league games than he does outside the conference.

So far Swinney has a 39-20 overall record for a .661 percentage, which is eighth. In league play he is 26-12 (including ACC Championship games), and the .684 winning percentage in league play ranks eighth, just ahead of former Clemson coach Frank Howard.

**ACC's Winning Percentage Leaders**

(All Games, minimum 3 years)

Rk	Coach	School	W-L-T	Pct
1.	Bobby Bowden	Florida State	173-53-1	.764
2.	Danny Ford	Clemson	96-29-4	.760
3.	Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	87-28-0	.757
4.	Lou Holtz	NC State	33-12-3	.719
5.	Ken Hatfield	Clemson	32-13-1	.707
6.	Jim Tatum	MD and UNC	41-19-2	.677
7.	Larry Coker	Miami (FL)	25-12	.675
8.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	39-20	.661
9.	Jerry Claiborne	Maryland	72-37-3	.656
10.	Dick Sheridan	NC State	52-29-3	.637
11.	Dick Crum	North Carolina	72-41-3	.633
12.	Bill Murray	Duke	80-45-8	.631
13.	Tommy Bowden	Clemson	72-45-0	.615



**ACC Winning Percentage Leaders**  
(ACC Games only)

Rk	Coach	School	W-L-T	Pct
1.	Bobby Bowden	Florida State	118-27-0	.814
2.	Jerry Claiborne	Maryland	46-11-1	.802
3.	Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	58-16	.784
4.	Bill Murray	Duke	54-15-2	.775
5.	Danny Ford	Clemson	44-14-1	.754
6.	Lou Holtz	NC State	16-5-2	.739
7.	Jim Tatum	Md and UNC	21-9-2	.687
8.	<b>Dabo Swinney</b>	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>26-12</b>	<b>.6842</b>
9.	Frank Howard	Clemson	66-30-2	.6837
10.	Bo Rein	NC State	15-8-0	.652
11.	Ken Hatfield	Clemson	19-10-1	.650

**Notes on the Clemson Offense against Duke**

- Had 11 plays of 20 yards or more in the first half. Clemson came into the contest averaging six plays of 20 yards or more per game. Clemson ended the contest with 14 plays of 20 yards or more, a season high.
- Clemson had 487 yards at halftime, the most in one half in Clemson history by 95 yards. The previous best was 392 against Wake Forest in 1981.
- Clemson scored 56 points, the most ever by the Tigers in Wallace Wade Stadium.
- Tigers had at least 300 yards rushing and 300 yards passing in the same game for just the second time in school history.
- Tigers had 718 yards of total offense on 81 plays, an average of 8.86 yards per play.
- Clemson had 33 first downs, tied for third best in school history.
- Team had 13 rushes of 10 yards or more and had 14 plays of 20 yards or more.
- Tigers converted on their first seven third-down conversion attempts and finished 7-10.
- \*Clemson offense scored 56 points even though the Tigers had a -4 turnover margin for the game.

**Tigers Win By 20 with 100 Less Yards**

Clemson was outgained by 111 yards against Virginia Tech (406-295), yet won the contest by over 20 points (38-17). Getting outgained by 100 yards in a 20-point win is a rare situation. In fact, it was only the second time in Clemson history it has happened. Both have taken place during Coach Dabo Swinney's career. The only previous 20-point victory by the Tigers when Clemson was outgained by at least 100 yards took place during the 2010 season. Clemson was outgained by Maryland 360-213, but the Tigers won the contest 31-7. A common denominator in both games was a touchdown on a return. In this year's win over Virginia Tech, Jonathan Meeks went 74 yards for a touchdown with a Logan Thomas interception. In the win over Maryland in 2010, Xavier Brewer, who is now a senior, had a 61-yard interception return for a touchdown. Andre Ellington also had an 87-yard kickoff return for a score in that game, giving Maryland two more possessions on offense, contributing to the difference in total offense numbers.

**Meeks Named National Defensive Back of the Week vs. Virginia Tech**

Clemson senior safety Jonathan Meeks was named the National Defensive Back of the Week by the Jim Thorpe Award Committee for his performance in the win over Virginia Tech on October 20. He had two interceptions and a pass deflection to go with four tackles in the game. His 74-yard interception return for a score turned the momentum in Clemson's favor. He was also named the ACC Defensive Back of the Week for the first time in his career.

**Watkins and Hopkins Have Top Two Receiving Yardage Games**

How many schools can boast that the players who have accounted for the top two receiving yardage games in their history are both on their current team. Probably Southern California, but there aren't many.

But that is the case at Clemson. Each of the top two reception yardage games in school history have taken place over the last seven games by two different players. In fact, they account for four of the top nine games in school history.

Against Boston College on September 29, DeAndre Hopkins had 11 receptions for 197 yards the Tigers win in Boston to break Rod Gardner's 12 year old record by 15 yards. Hopkins also had 173 yards on seven catches in Clemson's win over Georgia Tech on October 6. Then, on Thursday night at Wake Forest, October 25, Sammy Watkins broke the record with eight catches for 202 yards

Hopkins and Watkins have had quite a two-year run. Over Clemson's last 25 games (Watkins has played just 21 of those), they have combined for 275 receptions for 4039 yards and 35 touchdowns. That computes to 11.0 receptions for 161.2 yards and 1.4 touchdowns per game.

Over the last two years their combined stats are pretty similar. Hopkins has 140 catches for 2149 yards and 20 touchdowns, while Watkins has 135 catches for 1910 yards and 15 scores. Remember Watkins has missed four games in that time period.

**Clemson's Single Game Reception Yardage Best**

Player	Opponent	Year	Rec-Yards
<b>Sammy Watkins</b>	<b>A-Wake Forest</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>8-202</b>
<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>A-Boston College</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>11-197</b>
Rod Gardner	A-North Carolina	2000	7-182
Derrick Hamilton	A-Maryland	2003	7-175
Aaron Kelly	H-Virginia Tech	2007	7-174
<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>H-Georgia Tech</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>7-173</b>
Jerry Butler	A-Georgia Tech	1977	5-163
Perry Tuttle	H-Wake Forest	1981	7-161
<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>H-North Carolina</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>9-157</b>
Terry Smith	A-Florida State	1993	8-156
Chansi Stuckey	H-Florida State	2005	11-156

**Boyd Sets Two Records at Wake Forest**

Tajh Boyd set multiple records in Clemson's win at Wake Forest on October 25. He completed 27 of 38 passes for 428 yards and five touchdowns in the contest. His 428 yards broke the school record of 420 set by Charlie Whitehurst at Duke in 2002.

A look to the chart below shows that Boyd has seven of the top nine passing yardage games in Clemson history. five of them have come in the first 11 games this year.

**Clemson Single Game Passing yardage Bests**

Quarterback	Opponent	Year	Com-Att	Yards
<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>Wake Forest</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>27-38</b>	<b>428</b>
<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>NC State</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>30-44</b>	<b>426</b>
Charlie Whitehurst	Duke	2002	34-52	420
<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>Georgia Tech</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>26-41</b>	<b>397</b>
<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>Auburn</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>30-42</b>	<b>386</b>
Cullen Harper	Virginia Tech	2007	38-66	372
<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>Boston College</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>28-38</b>	<b>367</b>
<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>27-46</b>	<b>367</b>
<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>Florida State</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>22-35</b>	<b>344</b>
<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>Duke</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>16-23</b>	<b>344</b>

**Freeman Has 47 Consecutive Starts**

Dalton Freeman has started 47 games in his career, all in a row as we head into the South Carolina game. He is on track to tie the Clemson record for total starts in a career. Landon Walker had 49 in a career tha ended last year. Freeman is an All-America candidate and Academic All-America candidate and a Rimington Award candidate as Clemson's starting center.

Freeman has played 806 snaps this year and has 3208 for his career. He became Clemson's career leader in plays in the win over NC State..

**Clemson Career Leaders in Scrimmage plays**

Rk	Player	Pos	Years	*Snaps
1.	<b>Dalton Freeman</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>2009-12</b>	<b>3208</b>
2.	Landon Walker	OT	2008-11	3131
3.	Kyle Young	C	1998-01	3097
4.	Glenn Rountree	OG	1994-97	3048
5.	Charlie Whitehurst	QB	2002-05	2875
6.	Eric Harmon	OG	1987-90	2870
7.	Barry Richardson	OG	2004-07	2778
8.	Jim Bundren	OT	1994-97	2772
9.	Robert Carswell	FS	1997-00	2760
10.	DeAndre McDaniel	FS	2007-10	2750

\*Does not count special teams Plays

**Catanzaro's Streak Fourth Best in ACC History**

Clemson kicker Chandler Catanzaro saw his streak of consecutive made field goals end at 20 when he missed from 48 yards at Wake Forest on October 25. Ironically, his previous miss was also against Wake Forest, last year at Clemson. Still he is 15-16 so far this year.

The 20 consecutive made field goals by Catanzaro are a Clemson record. The previous mark was 14 in a row by Obed Ariri in 1980,

so Catanzaro has eclipsed a 32-year record by 43 percent. Seven of his 20 consecutive made field goals were from 40 yards or more, including a career long 50 yarder at Florida State, the kick that broke Ariri's record. He made three during the streak from 30-39 and 10 from 18-29 yards.

Catanzaro is the most accurate kicker in Clemson history from the 40 and beyond. For his career he has made 20-27 field goals on attempts from the 40 and beyond and the 74 percent accuracy is the best in school history. His 20 made field goals of 40 yards or more rank second in school history behind Chris Gardocki, who made 23 of 39 attempts from that distance between 1988-90.

Catanzaro was named one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award on November 5. It is the second consecutive year he has been a semifinalist.

**ACC List for Most Consecutive Field Goals Made**

Rk	Name	School	Years	FG
1.	Marc Primanti	NC State	1995-96	27
2.	Brandon Pace	Virginia Tech	2005-06	22
3.	Chris Hazley	Virginia Tech	2010-11	21
4.	<b>Chandler Catanzaro</b>	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>20</b>
5.	Connor Barth	North Carolina	2007-10	19
6.	Will Snyderwine	Duke	2010	18
	Graham Gano	Florida State	2008	18

**Watkins Accounts for TD Three Different Ways**

Sammy Watkins has played in just five games this year, but has already accounted for a touchdown three different ways, a pass, a rush and a reception. First, he scored on a 58 yard run against Furman in the third game of the year, his first. Then, he threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Andre Ellngton at Florida State on September 22. Then, at Wake Forest, he caught a 61-yard scoring pass at Wake Forest.

**Clemson Has Strong Defensive Game vs. Virginia Tech**

Clemson had one of its best defensive game of the year in the 38-17 win over Virginia Tech:

- Held Virginia Tech to 17 points, fewest points allowed by Clemson this year and the fewest allowed since the last time the Tigers faced the Hokies, the 38-10 Clemson win in the ACC Championship game last year.
  - Held Virginia Tech to just one touchdown over the last 55 minutes of the game.
  - Had a season high three interceptions for 86 return yards.
- Clemson forced season high four turnovers overall.
- Allowed just seven red-zone points.
  - Held Virginia Tech to a team passing efficiency rating of 102.4, best by Clemson against an FBS opponent this year.
  - Did not allow a run of over 20 yards the entire day, first time that has happened this year.
  - Allowed just 1-6 on third down conversions in the second half.

**Boyd Running Much Improved**

One of the areas where Clemson has improved on offense this year has been the running of quarterback Tajh Boyd. Boyd has 466 yards rushing in 140 attempts and has scored eight touchdowns so far this year. He had three rushing scores and 103 yards in the win over NC State. It was the first time a Clemson quarterback had at least 100 yards rushing since Woody Dantzler had 135 against Duke in 2001. It was the first time a Clemson quarterback had at least three touchdowns in a game since 2000 when Dantzler had three at Duke.

Boyd's 466 yards rushing are also already more than any other Clemson quarterback in the last 11 years. In fact the previous high since 2002 was Boyd's 218 last year.

In Boyd's first 19 games as a starter he had 16 rushes of 10 yards or more. In his last six games, he has 17 rushes for 10 yards or more. He has 24 rushes of 10 yards or more this year, tied for the most on the team.

**Meeks and Hall Both in Top 6 in Interception Return Yards**

Clemson senior defensive backs Jonathan Meeks and Rashard Hall are both in the top six in Clemson history in interception return yards. Meeks moved from 20<sup>th</sup> into the top five with one play against Virginia Tech on October 20. The senior from Rock Hill, SC had a 74-yard interception return for a score in the 38-17 Clemson victory.

That interception, his second of the game, gave him 192 interception return yards for his career on seven interceptions and moved him into fifth place in school history. It actually moved him ahead of teammate Rashard Hall, who has 186 career interception return yards, now sixth.

Hall had 13 tackles in the win over Virginia Tech, tying his career

high, which he also recorded in his first career game against Middle Tennessee State in 2009.

One other thing on Meeks's interception. It was the longest interception return for a touchdown by a Clemson player since 2006 when Jock McKissick went 82 yards against South Carolina. But, it was the longest interception return for a touchdown by a Clemson defensive back since 1978 when Rex Varn went 94 yards for a score at NC State.

**Clemson Career Leaders in Interception Return Yards**

Rk	Player	Years	Int	Avg	Yards
1.	Rex Varn	1976-79	10	27.5	275
2.	Michael Hamlin	2005-08	14	17.4	243
	Crezdon Butler	2006-09	11	22.1	243
4.	Antwan Edwards	1995-98	8	24.4	195
5.	<b>Jonathan Meeks</b>	<b>2009-12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>192</b>
6.	<b>Rashard Hall</b>	<b>2009-12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>186</b>
7.	Don Kelley	1969-71	6	29.7	178
8.	DeAndre McDaniel	2007-10	15	10.8	162
9.	Alex Ardley	1998-00	12	12.6	151

**Tigers on Record Pace Offensively**

Clemson is on a school record pace in 10 different offensive categories. The categories range from scoring offense to total offense to passing efficiency to plays per game. Clemson's 535.6 yard average is nearly 100 yards per game ahead of the existing full season standard of 440.8 set just last year. The Tigers are scoring 44.6 points per game, ahead of the 37.0 scored in five games in 1900. So that record has stood for 112 years.

Below is a list of the records Clemson is on pace to break this year:

**Clemson Offense Record Chase**

Category	2012	Existing Season Record
Plays/Game	82.1	78.8 in 1978
Total Offense/Game	535.6	440.8 in 2011
Points/Game	44.6	37.0 in 1900 (6 games)
Touchdowns/Game	5.7	4.8 in 1950
Third Down Conv. %	52.8	51.6 in 1978
First Downs/Game	26.4	23.5 in 2001
Completion %	67.8	65.8 in 2005
Pass Efficiency	169.0	148.2 in 1950
Passing Yards/Game	332.0	283.6 in 2003
TD Passes/Game	3.0	2.36 in 2011

**Blanks First Winner of PAT Award**

Freshman defender Travis Blanks, the third leading tackler on the Clemson team, is the first recipient of the Swinney Huddle PAT (Point after Touchdown) Award. The award is presented each month and is presented to a football student-athlete who personifies manhood through leadership, ethics, demeanor and community involvement. Candidates are recommended by members of the coaching or administrative staff. A banner is displayed at the West Endzone of Memorial Stadium for each monthly recipient.

Blanks has been exemplary among the freshmen for his leadership on and off the field so far this year. On the field he has 32 tackles to rank in a tie for third on the team. He has 35 first hits and nine assists for 44 total tackles in his 10 games, six as a starter. He had a season high eight tackles at Florida State.

**Tigers Score Every Way Possible**

Clemson scored every possible way in its victory over Georgia Tech on October 6, a 47-31 victory. The Tigers scored five touchdowns, had three field goals, five kicking extra points, a two-point conversion and a safety. It marked the first time Clemson had scored every possible way since the 2007 Virginia Tech game, a contest the Tigers lost 41-23. Clemson also scored every possible way against NC State in 1998, a 46-39 defeat.

**Clemson in Polls for 26th straight Week**

Clemson is ranked in the top 25 of the AP and USA Today polls for the 26th straight week. This is the longest streak Clemson has been ranked in at least one polls since the October 23, 1989 to October 24, 1992 era when the Tigers were ranked in a record 50 consecutive polls (at least one). Clemson was also ranked in 45 straight polls (at least one each week) between November 3, 1986 to October 9, 1989. The only week Clemson was not ranked in a 95-poll streak between 1986 and 1992 was on October 16, 1989 after a loss to Georgia Tech at Clemson.

So, this streak of 26 in a row is the third longest streak in

Clemson history. Clemson, Alabama, LSU, Oregon, Stanford and South Carolina are the only schools in the nation who have also been ranked 65 consecutive polls.

**Clemson's Poll Streak (26 in a row)**

Date	Record	AP	USA
9-18-11	3-0	21	22
9-25-11	4-0	13	15
10-2-11	5-0	8	8
10-9-11	6-0	8	8
10-16-11	7-0	8	8
10-23-11	8-0	6	6
10-30-11	8-1	11	12
11-6-11	8-1	9	10
11-13-11	9-1	7	8
11-20-11	9-2	18	17
11-27-11	9-3	21	21
12-4-11	10-3	14	14
1-10-12	10-4	22	22
Preseason, 2012			
9-4-12	1-0	12	12
9-9-12	2-0	11	11
9-16-12	3-0	10	9
9-23-12	4-0	17	16
9-30-12	4-1	15	15
10-7-12	5-1	16	13
10-14-12	5-1	14	13
10-21-12	6-1	14	13
10-28-12	7-1	10	9
11-4-12	8-1	10	8
11-11-12	9-1	11	9
11-18-12	10-1	12	9

**Hopkins and Freeman Mid-Season All-Americans**

Clemson junior DeAndre Hopkins and center Dalton Freeman were both named to mid-season All-America teams by Phil Steele. Hopkins was listed as a second-team All-American at wide receiver, while Freeman was a fourth-team center. Both players have been big reasons Clemson ranks in the top 15 in the nation in passing yards, total offense and scoring offense.

Hopkins was at a record pace in every category at midseason with 49 receptions for 777 yards and eight touchdowns. He now has 68 catches for 1171 yards and 15 scores.

Freeman is in his fourth year as a starter at center, the first Clemson center to start for four years since the 1940s (Ralph Jenkins). He has started 47 games in a row at center for the Tigers and has played in 52 overall. He is the only returning finalist for the Rimington Award (top center) from last year. He is the leader of Clemson's offensive line as its only senior and is a big reason Clemson has scored at least 37 points in eight straight games.

**Morris Stats Better than Rodriguez**

Clemson has a 20-5 record and has averaged 38 points per game since Chad Morris became offensive coordinator at the beginning of the 2011 season. A look to Clemson's numbers below shows the comparison between Morris's two years at Clemson and the 1999-00 era when Rich Rodriguez was the offensive coordinator.

**Comparison Chad Morris vs. Rich Rodriguez**

Category	Morris	Rodriguez
Years	2011-12	1999-00
Record	<b>20-5</b>	15-9
Points	<b>961</b>	738
Points/Game	<b>38.4</b>	30.8
Touchdowns by Offense	<b>116</b>	98
Total Offense	<b>12,063</b>	10,073
Total Offense/Game	<b>482.5</b>	419.7
Turnovers	<b>41</b>	42
Total Plays	<b>1958</b>	1851
Plays/Game	<b>78.3</b>	77.1
Yards/Play	<b>6.16</b>	5.50
Rushing Yards	4459	<b>4500</b>
Rush Attempts	1033	<b>1088</b>
Rush Yards/Game	178.3	<b>187.5</b>

Yards/Rush	<b>4.31</b>	4.14
Passing Yards	<b>7604</b>	5573
Pass Attempts	<b>925</b>	751
Completions	<b>582</b>	444
Completion %	<b>.629</b>	.591
TD/Int Ratio	<b>70/24</b>	36/26
Pass Efficiency	<b>152.5</b>	127.2
Pass Yards/Game	<b>304.2</b>	233.3
Yards/Completion	<b>13.1</b>	12.6
Yards/Attempt	<b>8.22</b>	7.54

Better or higher figure in bold

**Hopkins Sets Record for 100-Yard Receiving Games**

DeAndre Hopkins had seven catches for 173 yards in the win over Georgia Tech. It was his fourth game with at least 100 yards this year and 10<sup>th</sup> of his career. He became Clemson's career leader in 100-yard receiving games with that performance, breaking the record of nine held by Rod Gardner, who played for the Tigers from 1997-2000 before going on to the NFL as a first-round draft choice.

He now has five 100-yard games this year and 11 for his career after getting 128 receiving yards at Duke. Hopkins has jumped from 13<sup>th</sup> to second in Clemson history in career receptions and now has 192.

**Clemson Career Leaders in 100-Yard Receiving Games**

Player	Years	Games
<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>2010-12</b>	<b>11</b>
Rod Gardner	1997-00	9
Perry Tuttle	1978-81	8
Tony Horne	1994-97	7
Chansi Stuckey	2003-06	7

**Clemson Career Leaders in Reception**

Rk	Player, Pos	Years	Yards	Avg.	TD	Rec
1.	Aaron Kelly, WR	2005-08	2733	11.8	20	232
2.	<b>DeAndre Hopkins, WR</b>	<b>2010-12</b>	<b>2786</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>192</b>
3.	Derrick Hamilton, WR	2001-03	2312	13.8	16	167
4.	Rod Gardner, WR	1997-00	2498	15.0	13	166
5.	Terry Smith, WR	1990-93	2681	16.5	15	162
6.	Perry Tuttle, WR	1978-81	2534	16.9	17	150
7.	Jacoby Ford, WR	2006-09	1986	13.9	16	143
8.	Kevin Youngblood, WR	2000-03	1713	12.1	6	142
9.	Chansi Stuckey, WR	2003-06	1760	12.5	7	141
10.	Jerry Butler, WR	1975-78	2223	16.0	11	139

**Hopkins Sets Clemson Record**

DeAndre Hopkins established a Clemson record for receptions in a single game when he had 13 catches for 119 yards and a touchdown against Auburn. He broke the record of 12 catches by Airese Currie against Middle Tennessee State in 2003. Currie's position coach that year was current Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

Hopkins had eight catches in the first half for 80 yards to help the Tigers to 275 yards of total offense. In the fourth quarter he tied the Clemson record for catches on a diving four-yard touchdown receptions in which he overcame an interference penalty on an Auburn defensive back.

**Clemson Single Game Reception Bests**

Rk	Player	Opponent	Rec-Yds
1.	<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>N-Auburn</b>	<b>13-119</b>
2.	Airese Currie	Middle Tennessee State	12-133
3.	Phil Rogers	at-North Carolina	11-129
	<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>A-Boston College</b>	<b>11-197</b>
	Rod Gardner	Marshall	11-111
	Chansi Stuckey	Florida State	11-156
	Chansi Stuckey	at Boston College	11-124
	Aaron Kelly	Virginia Tech	11-174
	Tyler Grisham	Virginia Tech	11-100
	<b>Sammy Watkins</b>	<b>NC State</b>	<b>11-110</b>

**Boyd, Hopkins and Ellington All in Top Five in Clemson History**

Clemson has an active passer (Tajh Boyd), active receiver (DeAndre Hopkins) and active rusher (Andre Ellington) in the top five in Clemson history. It is an example of the veteran talent on the Clemson offense. Especially when you consider sophomore All-America receiver Sammy Watkins is not one of the players on this list. But we are sure he will join that top five pretty soon.



**Clemson's Top Five Rushers**

Rk	Player	Years	Yards
1.	Raymond Priester	1994-97	3966
2.	James Davis	2005-08	3881
3.	C.J. Spiller	2006-09	3547
4.	<b>Andre Ellington</b>	<b>2009-12</b>	<b>3314</b>
5.	Travis Zachery	1998-01	3058

**Clemson Top Five Passers**

Rk	Player	Years	Yards
1.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	9665
2.	<b>Tajh Boyd</b>	<b>2010-12</b>	<b>7524</b>
2.	Woody Dantizer	1998-01	6037
4.	Cullen Harper	2005-08	5762
5.	Nealon Greene	1994-97	5719

**Clemson's Top Five Receivers (Yardage)**

Rk	Player	Years	Yards
1.	<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>2010-12</b>	<b>2786</b>
2.	Aaron Kelly	2005-08	2733
3.	Terry Smith	1990-93	2681
4.	Perry Tuttle	1978-81	2534
5.	Rod Gardner	1997-00	2498

**Boyd Candidate for Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Semifinalist for Davey O'Brien Award**

The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award announced the 2012 candidates for its award October 11, and Clemson signal caller Tajh Boyd was one of the 15 candidates announced. Five ACC quarterbacks were among its group of 15 signal callers honored from around the nation, fully one-third of the eligible field.

Honored from the Atlantic Coast Conference were: Tajh Boyd, Clemson; EJ Manuel, Florida State; Bryn Renner, North Carolina; Mike Glennon, NC State and Logan Thomas, Virginia Tech.

Named after the man many refer to as the greatest quarterback ever to play the game of football, the prestigious Golden Arm Award is presented annually by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and Transamerica, a leading provider of innovative business and personal financial services.

The other honorees for this year are: Matt Barkley, Southern California; Nick Florence, Baylor; Landry Jones, Oklahoma; Collin Klein, Kansas State; AJ McCarron, Alabama; Aaron Murray, Georgia; Denard Robinson, Michigan; Geno Smith, West Virginia; Tyler Tetteleton, Ohio; and Tyler Wilson, Arkansas.

Boyd was also named a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award this year. This is the second straight year he has been in the final 16 for that award.

**Boyd Wins Another MVP Award**

Tajh Boyd won another MVP award for his performance in the win over Boston College. Last fall he was named the MVP of the ACC Championship game victory over Virginia Tech.

The junior signal caller completed 28-38 passes for 367 yards and three touchdowns in leading the Tigers to 45 points in the win at Chestnut Hill. He added 42 yards on the ground, giving him 409 yards of total offense in the contest, sixth highest in school history.

Boyd won the Leather Helmet Award, which goes to the most valuable player of the Clemson vs. Boston College game. It was the fourth time in the last five years that a Clemson player has won the award. Previous Tigers to win it were C.J. Spiller, Richard Jackson and Chandler Catanzaro.

**Ellington Posts Career High in All-Purpose Yardage**

Senior running back Andre Ellington is moving up career charts at an alarming rate as well. He had a career high 264 all-purpose running yards at Boston College, 132 rushing and 129 in kickoff returns. He became the first player in Clemson history to have at least 125 yards in two different all-purpose running categories in the same game. His performance at Boston College included a 46-yard run and a 39-yard kickoff return.

**Benton Top All-Purpose Special Teams Player in Nation?**

Spencer Benton might be the best all-around special teams player in the nation. So far this season, he has made a 61-yard field goal, the longest in ACC history, recorded seven special teams tackles, completed a pass on a fake field goal that led to a first down and eventually a touchdown at Florida State, and has 30 touchbacks on 61 kickoffs. He is also Clemson's first team punter and has a 38.2 yard punting average on 34 attempts, including

three over 50, and 12 inside the 20.

What is especially remarkable about Benton is his tackling. He had three special teams tackles at Florida State and now has 28 for his career, more than double the previous high for a Clemson kicker.

**Watkins Shows his Arm**

Clemson receiver Sammy Watkins still has not caught a touchdown pass this year, but he has run for one (58 yards vs. Furman) and thrown for one, a 52-yarder to Andre Ellington against Florida State.

Watkins had earlier attempted a pass that he over threw. He also completed a pass last year against Georgia Tech for nine yards. For his career, he is 2-3 for 61 yards and a score.

Watkins was the first Clemson receiver to throw a touchdown pass since 2009 when Jacoby Ford threw one against Coastal Carolina, a 23-yard scoring pass to Xavier Dye.

**Statistical Oddity of the Decade**

Here is one for the books from a statistical oddity standpoint. Clemson long snapper Phillip Fajgenbaum recovered a Florida State punt fumble in the first half. It set up a Clemson touchdown, helping the Tigers to a 21-14 lead at intermission. It was the first fumble recovery of Fajgenbaum's career.

What made it odd was that it marked the third straight trip to Tallahassee that a Clemson long snapper had recovered a Florida State fumble. And those are the only recovered fumbles by Clemson long snappers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In 2010, Matt Skinner recovered a Florida State fumble on a punt return and in 2008 Charles Roediger accomplished the same feat. So all three on the road at Florida State on each of Clemson's last three trips.

In fact, it was Roediger who called the unusual occurrence to the attention of Clemson Associate SID Brian Hennessy as he left the stadium.

**27 Pushups for President Barker**

It was a big week for Clemson President Jim Barker (September 9-15). First, he was acknowledged at the press conference as an ACC president that had much to do with Notre Dame's move to the ACC (announced on September 12). Then, on Saturday during the third period of Clemson's football game with Furman, Barker put on the Clemson Tiger mascot suit and did the Tiger's job of doing the pushups after Clemson scored to make the score, 27-7.

Barker put the Tiger suit on at halftime and walked around anonymously on the Clemson sidelines. When the Tigers scored at the 12:10 mark of the period, Barker did the required 27 pushups after Andre Ellington's touchdown. At the conclusion of the exercise, he took off the Tigers head, much to the delight of the Clemson sellout crowd.

**Hall Third in Takeaways**

Clemson senior safety Rashard Hall had his fourth interception of the year against NC State and he now has 14 for his career. He ranks in a tie for fourth in school history with those 14 thefts and he is fourth among all active FBS players.

David Amerson of NC State has the most interceptions among active players with 17. Hall is just three interceptions away from the Clemson record of 17, held by College Football Hall of Famer Terry Kinard, who had 17 between 1978-82. Hall's 186 interception return yards rank fifth in Clemson history as well.

In terms of takeaways, Hall now has 17 (14 interceptions and three fumble recoveries), and that is hrid in school history just behind Kinard and Michael Hamlin.

**Clemson Career Leaders in Takaways**

Rk	Player	Years	Int	FR	Tot
1.	Terry Kinard	1978-82	17	2	19
2.	Michael Hamlin	2005-08	14	4	18
3.	<b>Rashard Hall</b>	<b>2009-12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>
4.	DeAndre McDaniel	2007-10	15	1	16
5.	Brian Dawkins	1992-95	11	4	15
	Fred Knoebel	1950-52	15	NA	15
7.	Eddie Geathers	1977-80	12	2	14
	Robert O'Neal	1989-92	12	2	14
	Justin Miller	2002-04	13	1	14

**Two 100-Yard Passers**

Clemson had a pair of passers with at least 100 yards against Ball State, just the second time in 34 years that has happened. Starting signal caller Tajh Boyd threw for 229 yards in the first half. Then Cole Stoudt came on and threw for 123 yards over the last three quarters. Morgan Roberts added 20 to give Clemson 372 yards passing, tied for fourth best in school history.

The last time two quarterbacks threw for at least 100 yards in the same game took place at the 2010 Meineke Car Care Bowl in Charlotte at the end

of the 2010 season. Kyle Parker, now a professional baseball player in the Colorado Rockies organization, threw for 134 in the first half and Tajh Boyd, then a freshman, threw for 112 in the second half after Parker was injured.

Overall, the Ball State game was the seventh time in history Clemson had a pair of 100-yard passers in the same game.

**Williams and Anthony Making Dads Proud**

Two Clemson linemen are making their dad's proud. Shaq Anthony and DeShawn Williams are second generation Clemson football players who have each started one game so far this year. Anthony started at right tackle for injured Gifford Timothy in the win over Ball State, and started in the win over Furman. He played 56 snaps and helped Clemson to 45 first half points. His father, Vernie Anthony, played for the Tigers from 1979-82. He was a letter winner on Clemson's National Championship team.

DeShawn Williams had a sack against Ball State and had two tackles for loss. He was injured against Furman and played just nine snaps.

Williams has 44 tackles so far this year and is second on the team in tackles for loss with five. His father is Ronald Williams, who scored a touchdown against Ball State in 1992 and was a running back for Clemson from 1990-92. He still has the Clemson true freshman rushing record with 941 in 1990. He ranks 21<sup>st</sup> in Clemson history in rushing yards with 1824 and averaged 5.6 yards per carry for his career, sixth best in school history.

**Boyd First in Touchdown Passes**

Tajh Boyd threw two touchdown passes in the win over Georgia Tech to set the school record for touchdown passes in a career. He now has 70, 21 more than Charlie Whitehurst had.. Boyd has reached 52 TD passes in far fewer games and attempts than Whitehurst. Boyd had thrown just 784 passes, while Whitehurst had 1368 attempts. Whitehurst played 44 games at Clemson, while Boyd broke his record in just 28 games.

**Clemson Career Touchdown Pass Leaders**

Rk	Player	Years	Att	Int	TD
1.	Tajh Boyd	2010-12	914	26	70
2.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	1368	46	49
3.	Cullen Harper	2005-08	815	20	42
4.	Woodrow Dantzler	1998-01	796	24	41
5.	Nealon Greene	1994-97	805	26	35
6.	Kyle Parker	2009-10	710	23	32
7.	Mike Eppley	1980-84	449	26	28

**Six Graduates on Clemson Roster**

Clemson has 12 seniors on its roster and six of them already have their degrees. The six Clemson graduates are Dalton Freeman, Brandon Ford, Xavier Brewer, Jaron Brown, Rashard Hall and Sam Van Gieson. The first five players are all starters, while Van Gieson is a backup snapper.

**Reader Has Busy Schedule**

Clemson has a lot of freshmen on the roster, but the player with the busiest schedule is defensive lineman D.J. Reader. At 6-3 and 330 pounds, Reader is the consummate run-stopper and he has done that in the first five games. He has 36 tackles in 207 snaps as a defensive tackle, an average of a tackle every 5.4 plays, best among the defensive linemen.

Reader is also a baseball player and hopes to join the Clemson roster in the spring. He is a pitcher and a designated hitter who has been clocked with a fastball at 93 mph and a consistent fastball at 87-88. He also batted over .500 each of his last two years at Grimsley High School in Greensboro, NC.

Reader has been working out Mondays and Wednesdays on his own for 45 minutes just before football practice. He also has been doing some hitting on his own on Sundays.

**Benton Sets ACC Record**

Clemson punter Spencer Benton set an ACC kicking record in Clemson's win over Ball State. Benton booted a 61-yard field goal on the last play of the first half to establish an ACC record for the longest field goal. That is 60 years of place kicks, so that is quite a record. Benton broke the record of 60 yards by Gary Cismesia for Florida State against Florida in 2007.

Benton's field goal was four yards longer than the previous Clemson record. Obed Ariri had a 57-yarder against Wake Forest in 1977 and Chris Gardocki had a 57-yarder against Appalachian State in 1990. Each of those previous kicks were also made at Memorial Stadium.

It was quite a day for long field goals that day as Andrew Furney of Washington State made a 60 yarder in the Cougars victory over Eastern Washington. Imagine making a 60 yarder and it was not even the longest in the nation for the day.

Sixty-yard field goals are rare, especially since the NCAA outlawed the use of a tee for kickers in 1988. When Benton made his 61-yarder it was

just the fourth field goal of at least 60 yards this century. Then Furney made the fifth just hours later. September 8, 2012 was the first time since October 11, 1986 that two players made field goals of at least 60 yards in the same day. Ironically, Ball State was involved in that day.

**Longest Field Goals in FBS College Football in 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Kicker	School	Opponent	Date	Dist
Jose Martinez	UTEP	UCF	9-27-08	64
Spencer Benton	Clemson	Ball State	9-8-12	61
Matt Szymanski	SMU	Texas Tech	9-5-10	61
Gary Cismesia	Florida State	Florida	11-24-07	60
Andrew Furney	Washington State	E. Washington	9-8-12	60

**Ellington Has Career Day**

Andre Ellington had a career-high 228 rushing yards in Clemson's victory over Auburn in the season opener. The total broke a couple of records as it was the most in school history in a season opener and the most by a Tiger against an SEC team.

The record for an opener stood since 1952. Buck George had 204 rushing yards on 15 carries in the opener on Sep. 20, 1952 against Presbyterian.

Ellington's previous high was 212 at Maryland last year. Overall, it was the fifth highest total in Clemson history. The record is 263 by Raymond Priester against Duke in 1995, followed by 260 by Cliff Austin against Duke in 1982. Don King had 234 at Fordham in 1952, a total that is also the freshman record.

Ellington's performance against Auburn was the best by a Clemson back since C.J. Spiller had 233 against Georgia Tech in the 2009 ACC Championship game in Tampa. It was also the best by a Clemson running back against an SEC team. The previous best was 177 by Larry Gressette against Auburn in 1951. Gressette had 26 rushes in that game.

**Clemson Top Single Game Rushing Bests**

Player	Opponent	Year	Rus-Yds
Raymond Priester	Duke	1995	32-263
Cliff Austin	Duke	1982	27-260
Don King	at Fordham	1952	33-234
C.J. Spiller	N-Georgia Tech	2009	20-233
<b>Andre Ellington</b>	<b>N-Auburn</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>25-228</b>
Wesley McFadden	at Virginia Tech	1987	32-226
Woodrow Dantzler	at Virginia	2000	18-220
James Davis	Georgia Tech	2006	21-216
<b>Andre Ellington</b>	<b>at Maryland</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>24-212</b>

**Six Wins over Top-25 Teams in 21-game period**

When Clemson defeated Auburn in the season opener, it gave Clemson its sixth win over a top 25 ranked team in the last 21 games. Auburn was ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in the USA Today preseason poll for this year.

Clemson defeated four top 25 teams last year, the most in one season in school history, and downed a top 25 NC State team late in the 2010 season. Only three of the six victories were at Memorial Stadium.

**Clemson Wins over Top 25 Teams Since 2010**

Date	Opponent	AP-USA	CU-Opp
11-6-2010	NC State	23-25	14-13
9-17-2011	Auburn	21-19	38-24
9-24-2011	Florida State	11-14	35-30
10-1-2011	at Virginia Tech	11-10	23-3
12-3-2011	(N) Virginia Tech	5-3	38-10
9-1-2012	(N) Auburn	NR-25	26-19

**Eight Different Clemson Players on Watch Lists**

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd is on five Watch Lists for the 2012 season. The Clemson quarterback is on lists for the Davy O'Brien, Walter Camp, Johnny Unitas, Archie Manning and Maxwell Awards. Dalton Freeman is on lists for the Rimington Award, Outland Trophy and Lombardi Awards.

Clemson has eight different players who have been on 17 total lists in the preseason this year. Six of the eight players are offensive players. Last year Clemson established school records for total offense and points scored under first-team offensive coordinator Chad Morris.

Twelve different players are on preseason All-ACC teams. Sammy Watkins is listed as a wide receiver and kick returner. Five different offensive players are on some first-team All-ACC squads.

**Clemson Players on Preseason Watch Lists for 2012**

Player	Award	Honor
Andre Ellington	Doak Walker	Top Running Back
	Maxwell Award	Top Player
DeAndre Hopkins	Biletnikoff Award	Top Receiver

Dalton Freeman	Rimington Award	Top Center
	Outland Trophy	Top Lineman
	Lombardi Award	Top Lineman
Brandon Ford	John Mackey	Top Tight End
Chandler Catanzaro	Lou Groza	Top Place Kicker
Malliciah Goodman	Hendricks Award	Top Defensive End
Tajh Boyd	Davey O'Brien	Top Quarterback
	Walter Camp	Top Player
	Maxwell Award	Top Player
	Manning Award	Top Quarterback
	Unitas Award	Top Quarterback
Sammy Watkins	Maxwell Award	Top Player
	Walter Camp	Top Player
	Hornung Award	Top All-Purpose

**Clemson Preseason All-ACC Chart**

Player, Pos	Athlon	Lindy's	USA	Steele	BR
Andre Ellington, RB	1	1	1	1	1
Sammy Watkins, WR	1	1	1	1	1
Sammy Watkins, KR	2			1	1
Dalton Freeman, C	1	1	1	1	1
Tajh Boyd, QB	1	1	1	2	1
Chandler Catanzaro, PK	2	3		2	
DeAndre Hopkins, WR	2	1	1	1	
Rashard Hall, S	2	2		4	1
Malliciah Goodman, DE	2			1	
Stephone Anthony, LB				2	
Corico Wright, LB				3	
Brandon Ford, TE	3			3	
Brandon Thomas, OL				4	

USA—USA Today; Steele, Phil Steele, BR—Blue Ribbon

**Venables Leads the Defense**

Clemson has just one new coach on its full-time staff. That new member is Brent Venables, Clemson's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. Venables comes to Clemson from the University of Oklahoma where he spent the last 13 seasons.

Oklahoma went to a bowl game all 13 years Venables was at Oklahoma, including the BCS Championship game in 2008. He was on the Oklahoma National Championship staff in 2000, a team that finished 13-0 with a 13-2 victory over Florida State in the championship.

Overall, Venables has been a college coach for 16 years and all 16 his teams have played in a bowl game. They have a collective record of 170-40 for a .810 winning percentage. He has coached in nine bowl games that are now considered BCS level bowls.

At Oklahoma he coached five Big 12 Defensive Players of the Year and two Butkus Award winners.

**Daniel Rodriguez Joins Clemson Roster**

Daniel Rodriguez, a 24-year old United States Army veteran, has joined the Clemson football team. The 5-8 receiver, began practice with the Tigers on August 3.

Rodriguez served for one and a half years in Iraq and a year in Afghanistan. Over his military career (2006-10) he earned a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal with Valor.

Rodriguez, who will wear number-83 for the Tigers, has not played football since he was in high school at Brooke Point High in Stafford, VA. He lettered three years (2003-05) in high school as a slot receiver, running back, cornerback, holder, quarterback and kick returner. He will work with the receivers this year at Clemson and have three years of eligibility.

It has been Rodriguez's dream to return to the football field at the college level. Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney offered him a spot on the team as a walk-on after seeing a video about Rodriguez on the internet.

Rodriguez, attends Clemson on the G.I. Bill, was featured on the front page of **USA Today**, the Washington Post and has been profiled on CNN and Dan Rather Reports.

Rodriguez realized the dream against Auburn when he played on the kickoff coverage units, his first college action and his first football game since 2005.

There is one other active FBS player with a Purple Heart. That player is Corey Sandberg of the University of Idaho.

So far this year Rodriguez has three receptions on offense and four special teams tackles.

**Football Program Lauded for APR Score Second Straight Year**

The Clemson football and golf programs were both honored in May when the NCAA released its Academic Performance Public Recognition Awards. Both Clemson programs rank among the top 10 percent of all programs nationally in terms of APR scores (Academic Progress Rate).

It is the second time both programs have been ranked among the top 10 percent in the nation. It is the second consecutive year for Dabo Swinney's football team, while Larry Penley's golf team was also honored in 2004-05.

Fourteen football programs were honored by the NCAA. The list included ACC schools Clemson, Duke and Miami (FL). The ACC was the only conference with three schools on the football list. The other institutions honored for football APR scores were Boise State, Middle Tennessee, Northern Illinois, Northwestern, Rice, Rutgers, Stanford, Ohio State, Air Force, Navy and Vanderbilt.

Clemson and Northern Illinois were the only schools in the nation to win their conference championship and rank in the top 10 percent in the nation in terms of APR scores this year. Clemson, Stanford and Boise State were the only schools to rank in the final AP top 25 and in the top 10 percent in terms of APR scores.

The scores include APR scores for the 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years.

**Clemson Football Program Has Nation's Seventh Best APR**

All 19 of Clemson's programs scored above the 925 APR threshold and 16 were above 970 according to data released by the NCAA on Wednesday.

The Clemson golf team had the highest among the 19 programs with a perfect 1000 score, the sixth time in the last eight years the program has had a perfect score under Head Coach Larry Penley.

The Clemson football team posted a 983 score, the seventh best score in the nation among FBS schools. The score was the second best in the nation among schools who finished the 2011 season in the final AP top 25. Only Boise State was better among the ranked schools with a 989 mark.

The NCAA also released data that was coach specific for the four-year period. Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney had a 991 score, fifth best in the nation among active coaches, and far above the national average of 948. His score was also best in the ACC.

Clemson's women's soccer program (992), volleyball (989), men's tennis (988), women's cross country (985) and baseball teams (980) also scored at 980 or better.

The 2012 report released today features a four-year compilation of APR data from the 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years. The APR uses a series of formulas related to student-athlete retention and eligibility to measure the academic performances of all participants who receive grants-in-aid on every team at every NCAA Division I college and university.

**Football National Leaders in APR Scores among FBS Schools**

1.	Northwestern	Big 10	995
2.	Duke	ACC	989
	Boise State	WAC	989
4.	Ohio State	Big 10	988
5.	Northern Illinois	MAC	987
6.	Rice	Conference USA	986
7.	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>983</b>
	Middle Tennessee St.	Sun Belt	983
9.	Rutgers	Big East	982
10.	Air Force	Mountain West	980

**Memorial Stadium Ranked Best in the Nation by Bleacher Report**

Clemson's Memorial Stadium has been ranked as the best football stadium in the nation by Bleacher Report.com, an internet site that covers college football and is known for its rankings in various areas of the game.

Below is how the website characterized the stadium in its review of all 124 Division I stadiums:

"Known nationwide as "Death Valley", this venue is the best place in the country to enjoy a college football game. It seats 80,301 and was built in 1942. The stadium will be filled with orange as the crowd loves to support their Tigers.

There are not many fans in the country that are more passionate about their team than this group. When Clemson is playing well and the game is going well, the noise in hear is as loud as it gets in college football."

Memorial Stadium was a great home to the Tigers in 2011 as Clemson and Head Coach Dabo Swinney posted a perfect 7-0 record at home and out-scored their opposition 277-180. Clemson's home victims in 2011 included defending National Champion Auburn and 11<sup>th</sup> ranked Florida State, victories that helped the Tigers gain momentum on the way the ACC Championship in December.

**Swinney In Fourth Full Season**

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney is in his fourth full season as Clemson head Coach. He first came to Clemson as an assistant in 2003 and served as wide receivers coach until the seventh game of the 2008 season when he was named interim head coach. He coached the rest of that regular



season, (4-2 record) then the interim tag was removed by Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips on December 1, 2008.

Swinney has achieved quite a bit in just three full seasons:

- Coached Clemson to its first ACC title in 20 years in 2011 when the Tigers defeated Virginia Tech 38-10 in the ACC Championship game.
- Has won two Atlantic Division titles in three years.
- Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year in 2011
- Bear Bryant Award Finalist in 2011
- \*Eddie Robinson Award Finalist in 2011
- Liberty Mutual Award Coach of the Year Finalist in 2009 and 2011
- Coached a National Position Award Winner each of the last two years
- Has two top 25 seasons in his three full years as head coach.
- Has a 20-4 career record at home
- Led Clemson to first Orange Bowl Berth in 20 years in 2011
- Coached Clemson to #5 BCS ranking after 8-0 start in 2011.

#### Ellington and Catanzaro Receive National Recognition vs. Auburn

Clemson senior running back Andre Ellington and junior kicker Chandler Catanzaro both received national honors on Tuesday for their performances in Clemson's 26-19 win over Auburn this past Saturday. Ellington was named the national Offensive Player of the Week by the Maxwell Football Club and Catanzaro was one of five Stars of the Week by the Lou Groza Award.

Ellington gained 228 yards rushing in 25 attempts against Auburn, the most yards by any running back at the FBS level in the first weekend of college football. Ellington's performance helped the Tigers to 320 yards rushing, the most by the Clemson program since 2009. His 228 yards were the most by a Clemson player against an SEC team and most by a Tiger in a season opener.

Catanzaro kicked four field goals in four attempts in the win over Auburn. His performance included a 40 yarder and a 37 yarder. The native of Greenville, SC has now made 12 consecutive field goals, just two short of the Clemson record of 14 in a row held by Obed Ariri in 1980.

#### Twenty-Three Former Tigers On NFL Rosters

According to rosters on the NFL website (November 1), 23 former Clemson football players are currently on NFL rosters. At least one former Tiger is represented on the rosters of 18 of the 32 teams.

#### Former Clemson Players in the NFL in 2012

Name	Pos	Team	NFL Yr	CU Yrs
Thomas Austin	OL	Carolina Panthers	3	2006-09
Dwayne Allen	TE	Indianapolis Colts	R	2008-11
DaQuan Bowers	DE	*Tampa Bay Bucs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2008-10
Andre Branch	DE	Jacksonville Jaguars	R	2008-11
#Crezdon Butler	CB	Arizona Cardinals	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2006-09
Chris Clemons	S	Miami Dolphins	4 <sup>th</sup>	2005-08
Kavell Conner	LB	Indianapolis Colts	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2006-09
Nick Eason	DT	Arizona Cardinals	10 <sup>th</sup>	1999-02
Jacoby Ford	*WR	Oakland Raiders	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2006-09
Marcus Gilchrist	SS	San Diego Chargers	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2007-10
Chris Hairston	OT	Buffalo Bills	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2007-10
Jamie Harper	RB	Tennessee Titans	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2008-10
Leroy Hill	LB	Seattle Seahawks	8 <sup>th</sup>	2001-04
Jarvis Jenkins	DE	Washington Redskins	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2007-10
Byron Maxwell	CB	Seattle Seahawks	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2007-10
Antoine McClain	OG	%Baltimore Ravens	R	2008-11
Michael Palmer	TE	Atlanta Falcons	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2006-09
Barry Richardson	OT	St. Louis Rams	5 <sup>th</sup>	2004-07
Ricky Sapp	DE	New York Jets	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2006-09
Coty Sensabaugh	CB	Tennessee Titans	R	2008-11
C.J. Spiller	RB	Buffalo Bills	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2006-09
Brandon Thompson	DT	Cincinnati Bengals	R	2008-11
Charlie Whitehurst	QB	San Diego Chargers	7 <sup>th</sup>	2002-05

\*injury list; % Practice squad, #cut in October

#### Clemson Players of the Week from Coaching Staff

Each week Clemson's coaching staff picks and offensive, defensive and special teams player of the week. Below is a game by game list of the recipients.

Clemson Players of the Game			
Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
Auburn	Andre Ellington	Stephone Anthony	Chandler Catanzaro
Ball St.	Tajh Boyd	Travis Blanks	Spencer Benton
Furman	Jaron Brown	Quandon Christian	Michael Sobeski
		Grady Jarrett	
Florida St.	Brandon Ford	-	Phillip Fajgenbaum
Boston C.	DeAndre Hopkins	DeShawn Williams	Andre Ellington

Georgia Tech	DeAndre Hopkins	Grady Jarrett	Josh Watson
Va Tech	Dalton Freeman	Jonathan Meeks	Tony Steward
Wake For.	Boyd/Watkins	Beasley, Willard	Bradley Pinion
Duke	Offensive Line	Spencer Shuey	Darrell Smith
Maryland	Adam Humphries	Stephone Anthony	Corico Wright
NC State	Boyd, Ellington	Beasley, Brewer	Catanzaro, Williams

#### ACC Players of the Week

Opponent	Players
Auburn	Andre Ellington (OB), Dalton Freeman (OL)
Ball State	Spencer Benton (Spec).
Georgia Tech	DeAndre Hopkins (WR), Tyler Shatley (OL)
Va Tech	Jonathan Meeks (DB)
Wake Forest	Tajh Boyd (QB), Sammy Watkins (WR)
Duke	Tajh Boyd (QB), Brandon Thomas (OL)
NC State	Tajh Boyd (QB), Dalton Freeman (C), Vic Beasley (DL)

#### Radakovich Named Clemson Athletic Director

Dan Radakovich, director of athletics at Georgia Tech, was introduced Monday (Oct. 29) as Clemson University's new AD, concluding a three-month national search that drew more than 30 candidates. In announcing the decision, Clemson President James F. Barker described Radakovich as the right person to build on the strong foundation created under the leadership of current AD Terry Don Phillips, who announced his plans to retire in August.

"Dan Radakovich understands the academic, business and competitive aspects of college athletics. He knows what it takes to win championships, he has a proven track record in fundraising and revenue growth, and he is committed to compliance and student-athlete welfare," Barker said. "He has been successful in the ACC and SEC, and he is known and respected among coaches and athletic directors nationwide."

Radakovich has served as Georgia Tech's AD since 2006, following a five-year tenure as senior associate athletics director at Louisiana State University – a period when LSU won a national championship in football. He previously served as athletics director at American University and associate athletics director at the University of South Carolina.

"I am truly honored to be joining the Clemson family, and I wish to express my appreciation to President Barker and the board of trustees for this incredible opportunity," he said. "Clemson is synonymous with success on and off the fields of competition, and I look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence."

Georgia Tech has had consistent success throughout its total sports program under Radakovich's guidance.

The program has had 51 teams advance to either NCAA team tournament play or bowl games. That includes six sports (football, baseball, women's basketball, softball, women's tennis and golf) that have made the postseason every year he has been in Atlanta.

Eleven different sports have finished in the final top 25 of at least one major poll 27 times in those six years. That includes a national championship women's tennis program in 2007, just the second NCAA team title in Georgia Tech history. There have been 13 ACC championships celebrated in addition to nine regular season conference or division titles.

On an individual basis, the program boasts 51 first-team All-Americans in 10 different sports, 30 academic All-Americans, two National Coach of the Year selections and two National Player of the Year selections. The program has had 13 ACC Coach of the Year and 13 ACC Player of the Year choices as well.

In making the announcement, Barker paid tribute to outgoing AD Phillips for helping make the position "one of the best jobs in America by building a program that is financially healthy, academically and athletically successful, and has some of the nation's best facilities, coaches, compliance and academic support programs."

#### Clemson Athletic Directors Through the years

1896-1910	Walter Merritt Riggs
1910-12	Frank Dobson
1913-15	Bob Williams
1916	Wayne Hart
1917-20	Edward Donahue
1921-22	E.J. Stewart
1927-30	Mutt Gee
1931-39	Jess Neely
1940-71	Frank Howard
1971-85	Bill McLellan
1985-2002	Bobby Robinson
2002-12	Terry Don Phillips
2012-	Dan Radakovich

### Clemson Has Strong Graduation Success Rate Statistics

Football Program Seventh among Top 25 Teams in USA Today Poll

According to data released by the NCAA, Clemson's football program has a graduation success rate of 75 percent, seventh best nationally among the top 25 teams in the latest USA Today poll, and 16th best in the nation among all FBS schools.

The data was derived after reviewing graduation rates from all student-athletes who entered school between 2002 and 2005, so the data examines a four-year cohort. Student-athletes have a six-year window to graduate. Unlike the federal graduation rate, student-athletes who transfer are not counted in the Graduation Success Rate data.

This year's 75 percent rate for the Clemson football program was the best in six years and just below the record rate of 77 percent announced for the 1995-99 cohort.

Clemson was tied for fifth among ACC schools and trailed only Boston College, Miami (FL), Duke and Wake Forest. Nationally Clemson was tied for 16<sup>th</sup> among FBS schools with Alabama, Florida, Illinois, North Carolina and Virginia Tech.

Clemson's men's basketball program also had a 75 percent rate and the overall rate for all Clemson sports was 84 percent, ahead of the national average of 80 percent.

Leading the way among Clemson's sports were the women's basketball, women's swimming and women's volleyball programs, which all posted a perfect 100 score. Clemson's women's rowing program was a 97 and the schools national top 10 women's track program was at 89. Larry Penley's golf program had the top figure among men's sports with an 88.

### The Top 20 Teams in USA Today Football Poll in Terms of GSR

GSR Rk	Team	Coach Poll	GSR
1.	Notre Dame	5	97
2.	Rutgers	15	91
3.	Stanford	19	90
4.	Boise State	18	81
5.	West Virginia	22	79
6.	LSU	6	77
7.	Alabama	1	75
	Florida	3	75
	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>75</b>
10.	Ohio University	23	74
11.	Georgia	11	69
	Michigan	20	69
	Texas A&M	21	69
14	Texas Tech	17	66
15	Wisconsin	25	65
16.	Oregon	2	64
17.	Louisville	14	63
19.	Oregon State	9	60
20	Kansas State	4	58

Source, USA Today

### Notre Dame Joins the ACC

On September 12, 2012 it was announced that Notre Dame would join the ACC for all sports but football. However the Irish will play five games a year against ACC teams starting in 2014.

Clemson has faced Notre Dame twice over the years, 1977 at Clemson and 1979 in South Bend. The road team won both games and overcame a 10-point deficit to do it. Notre Dame won at Clemson in 1977 by a 21-17 score behind two late touchdowns by Joe Montana. The game featured a matchup of future Super Bowl winning quarterbacks as Steve Fuller was Clemson's starter that day.

In 1979, Clemson won 16-10 after trailing 10-0 at halftime. Clemson ran the ball 74 times and completed just two passes. Billy Lott scored on a key 26-yard touchdown run in the third period and Obed Ariri kicked three field goals for the Tigers, who became just the third opponent over the last 41 year period to beat Notre Dame on its Senior Day.