

2013 CLEMSON TIGER FOOTBALL



Clemson (4 AP, 5 USA) vs. South Carolina State

Game 2:

Clemson vs. SC State

Saturday, September 7, 2013

Kickoff: 12:30 PM

Memorial Stadium

Frank Howard Field (81,500)

Clemson, SC

Television : RSN

Wes Durham, Dave Archer, Jenn Hildreth

Radio

Clemson: Pete Yanity, Will Merritt, Patrick Sapp
XM Channel 190, Sirius channel 136

Series: Clemson leads 1-0

At Clemson: Clemson leads 1-0

at Memorial Stadium: Clemson leads 1-0

Last Meeting: Clemson 54, SC State 0 in 2008

CLEMSON 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Score/Time
Aug. 31	GEORGIA	ABC	38-35
Sept. 7	SC STATE	RSN	12:30 PM
Sept. 19	at NC State	ESPN	7:30 PM
Sept. 28	WAKE FOREST		
Oct. 5	at Syracuse		
Oct. 12	BOSTON COLLEGE		
Oct. 19	FLORIDA STATE		
Oct. 26	at Maryland		
Nov. 2	at Virginia		
Nov. 14	GEORGIA TECH	ESPNU	7:30 PM
Nov. 23	THE CITADEL		
Nov. 30	at South Carolina		

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Clemson Tigers

Record, 2013 1-0, 0-0 ACC
Location Clemson, SC
Colors Clemson Orange and Regalia
Enrollment 20,768
Athletic Director Dan Radakovich
Head Coach..... **Dabo Swinney, Alabama '93**
Clemson Record/5th full year) 41-21 (.661)
Home Record 27-5 (.844)
Away Record 10-12
Neutral Record 4-4
vs. ACC Teams 27-12 (.692)
Record against SC State 0-0
Offensive Coordinator..... Chad Morris
Defensive Coordinator..... Brent Venables
Website:..... clemson.tigers.com

South Carolina State

Record, 2013 0-1, 0-0 in MEAC
Location Orangeburg, SC
Colors Garnet and blue
Enrollment 3500
Athletic Director Charlene Johnson
Head Coach..... **Buddy Pough (S.C. State '75)**
School Record/ season) 88-40 (12th season)
Overall (Season)..... same
Record vs Clemson 0-1
Offensive Coordinator..... Joe Blackwell
Defensive Coordinator..... Mike Adams
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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 10:30 AM each Wednesday. To access the number contact the ACC office.

10:30 AM Dabo Swinney, Clemson

10:40 AM Jimbo Fisher, Florida State
10:50 AM Randy Edsall, Maryland
11:00 AM Scott Shafer, Syracuse
11:10 AM Jim Grobe, Wake Forest
11:20 AM Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech
11:30 AM Larry Fedora, North Carolina
11:40 AM Paul Chryst, Pittsburgh
11:50 AM Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech
Noon Mike London, Virginia
12:10 PM Steve Addazio, Boston College
12:20 PM David Cutcliffe, Duke
12:30 PM Al Golden, Miami (FL)
12:40 PM Dave Doeren, NC State

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.

Clemson vs. South Carolina State TV

Network	Also Known as
Fox Sports Carolinas	FS Carolinas
Fox Sports South	FS South
Fox Sports Florida	FS Florida
New England Sports Network	NESN
Fox Sports Arizona Plus	FS Arizona
Fox Sports Indiana Plus	FS Indiana Plus
Fox Sports North Plus	FS North
Fox Sports West	FS West
Madison Square Garden Plus	MSG Plus
ROOT Sports Pittsburgh	Same
Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlan.	CSN-MA
Fox Sports Midwest Plus	FS Midwest
ESPN 3	ESPN3

Clemson Personnel Update

***Tyson Dye (RB)**, out with back

***MacKensie Alexander (DB)**, Questionable with groin

***Joe Gore (OL)**, out with knee injury

***Scott Pagano (DT)**, out with ankle

***Sam Cooper (TE)**, Questionable with knee

***Jordan Leggett (TE)**, questionable with knee

•Jayron Kearsse (DB), Questionable with shoulder

•Martin Jenkins (DB), Questionable with shoulder



2013 STANDINGS

Atlantic Division	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Florida State	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Clemson	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
NC State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Wake Forest	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Maryland	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Boston College	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Syracuse	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1

Coastal Division	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Georgia Tech	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Duke	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Virginia	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Miami	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
North Carolina	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Virginia Tech	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Pittsburgh	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1

THIS WEEK'S ACC GAMES

Friday, September 6

Wake Forest at Boston College ESPN2 8 PM

Saturday, September 7

Florida at Miami ESPN Noon
SC State at Clemson RSN 12:30
 Middle Tenn at UNC ACC 12:30
 W. Carolina at Virginia Tech ESPN3 1:30
 Oregon at Virginia ABC 3:30
 ODU at Maryland ESPN3 4:00
 Duke at Memphis ESPN3 4:30
 Richmond at NC State ESPN3 6 PM
 Syracuse at Northwestern BTN 6 PM

NEXT WEEK'S ACC GAMES

Saturday, September 14

Virginia Tech at East Carolina FSN Noon
 New Mexico at Pittsburgh ACC 12:30
 Louisiana Monroe at Wake Forest RSN 12:30
 Georgia Tech at Duke ESPN3 3:30
 Nevada at Florida State ESPN 3:30
 Wagner at Syracuse ESPN3 4:00
 Boston College at Southern Cal Pac 12 TBA
 Maryland at Connecticut ESPN3 7:30

Clemson Pronunciations

Dabo Swinney	DA-boh SWEE-nee
Stephone Anthony	steh-FAHN
Tajh Boyd	as in Taj Mahal
Quandon Christian	KWAHN-duhn
Kalon Davis	KAY-lehn
Patrick DeStefano	deh-STEh-feh-noh
Philip Fajgenbaum	FAY-gehn-bahm
Ammon Lakip	A-muhn LAY-kih-p
Charone Peake	shuh-RAHN
Darrell Smith	DAYR-uhl

In the Press Box: Only full time coach in press box is Danny Pearman. Both coordinators on the field.

Clemson Ranked Fourth by AP and Fifth by USA Today

Highest AP Ranking since 1988

Clemson is ranked fourth by Associated Press and fifth by USA Today Coaches poll this week. It is the highest ranking for the Clemson program by Associated Press since September 12, 1988 when the Tigers were ranked third by AP.

The Tigers also received a first-place vote this week by the Associated Press, the first time Clemson has had a first-place vote since the preseason poll of 1991. It is the first time Clemson has received a first place vote after the season has started since 1988 when Clemson had three in the September 12, 1988 poll.

Overall it is the 31st consecutive poll that Clemson has been ranked in the top 25 of both polls, something only five other schools can claim.

This week is the 22nd time in history Clemson has had a top five national ranking by Associated Press, the 91st time the Tigers have been ranked in the top 10. Overall, Clemson has been ranked in 344 of the 1056 Associated Press polls in history.

Clemson made the jump from eighth in the preseason AP poll to fourth after defeating fifth-ranked Georgia, 38-35 on August 31. It tied for the fifth highest ranked team Clemson has beaten in its history.

Clemson vs. South Carolina State

Clemson and South Carolina State have met previously just once. Below is a review of the only previous meeting, a 54-0 Clemson win at Clemson in 2008.

Clemson 54, South Carolina State 0

James Davis scored three rushing touchdowns to lead #21 Clemson to a 54-0 victory over S.C. State at Memorial Stadium on September 20, 2008. It was the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The Tigers scored their most points in a shutout win in 18 years.

Clemson overcame two first-quarter interceptions and scored 23 second-quarter points to post a 30-0 halftime lead. The Tigers added 24 more points in the second half to cruise to the victory while wearing purple jerseys and white pants. It was only the second time in history and first time since 1991 that Clemson wore that color combination for a home contest.

Clemson totaled 416 yards, including 227 through the air, and held the ball for 36:38. Clemson was aided by an average starting field position at its own 45, 18 yards more on average than S.C. State. The Tigers also had eight red-zone possessions to none for S.C. State and scored touchdowns on all five of their first-and-goal situations.

Davis had a game-high 95 yards on only 11 carries and three scores, while C.J. Spiller added 63 yards on 14 carries. Cullen Harper and Willy Korn both had one-yard quarterback sneaks for touchdowns as well.

Harper was 15-24 for 151 yards, but he threw two interceptions. Korn came off the bench to complete all seven of his pass attempts for 76 yards and a touchdown. Jacoby Ford had a team-high five catches, while Michael Palmer had Clemson's lone receiving touchdown.

The stingy Tiger defense limited the Bulldogs to just 152 total yards, including -10 on the ground. S.C. State's longest rush was just nine yards, while Malcolm Long was sacked three times. The Bulldogs also committed 18 penalties for 134 yards, one reason their deep-

est penetration of the game was Clemson's 22. Only four of S.C. State's 13 drives netted more than six yards as well.

Long was 22-35 for 162 yards and three interceptions. Oliver Young and former Tiger signee Phillip Morris had seven receptions apiece.

DeAndre McDaniel led the Clemson defense with nine tackles, while Kavell Conner totaled eight stops. Dorell Scott added five tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, and a sack. Thompson had two tackles for loss and a sack as well.

A total of 72 Tigers saw action in the game, including 37 on offense.

South Carolina State Update

South Carolina State is coming off a 27-20 loss to Coastal Carolina in the season opener. The Bulldogs of Head Coach Buddy Pugh had a lead in the second half, but a blocked field goal return for a touchdown proved too much to overcome.

Quinn Backus blocked field goal return for a touchdown for Coastal Carolina and a defensive goal-line stand were the game-changers. Coastal Carolina scored 15 unanswered points, including a game-winning 99-yard drive capped by a 1-yard run by Lorenzo Taliafero, who also scored in the first quarter on a 3-yard Alex Ross pass.

Richard Cue led South Carolina State from the quarterback position. He connected on 13-23 passes for 178 yards and a score. Justin Taylor was the top rusher with 24-80, including a 25-yard run for a score. Tyler McDonald had four receptions for 108 yards, including a 74-yard scoring pass from Cue.

South Carolina had excellence balance in its attack, as they passed for 178 and rushed for 187. But in the end, it was special teams that did in South Carolina State, something that happens to many teams during the first few weeks of the season.

Buddy Pough is the head coach of the Bulldogs. The 1975 South Carolina State graduate has taken South Carolina State to a 88-40 record in his 12 seasons in Orangeburg. His team won three of its last four games a year ago.

Clemson Radio Booth to Be Named in Honor of Jim Phillips

The home radio booth at Clemson Memorial Stadium will be named in honor of Jim Phillips this Saturday against South Carolina State during a ceremony at the end of the first quarter. Phillips was the "Voice of the Tigers" for 35 years between 1968 and 2003. He died suddenly the Monday after broadcasting the Clemson vs. Furman game in Memorial Stadium on September 8, 2003.

Phillips voice was synonymous with many of the great moments of Clemson sports history. His career behind the microphone spanned eight Clemson football coaches and six Clemson basketball coaches. He broadcast 401 Clemson football games and over 1000 men's basketball games. He missed just one game in Littlejohn Coliseum over his 35 seasons behind the microphone. Combined with his work with baseball and women's basketball, he broadcast over 2000 Clemson sporting events.

During the 1998-99 academic year he handled broadcasts for football, men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball, the only ACC broadcaster to cover four sports at the same time.

The Youngstown, OH native was inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Associated Press Top 25

(September 3, 2013)

Rk	School (First Place)	Rec	Pts
1.	Alabama (58)	1-0	1497
2.	Oregon	1-0	1355
3.	Ohio State (1)	1-0	1330
4.	Clemson (1)	1-0	1304
5.	Stanford	0-0	1277
6.	South Carolina	1-0	1181
7.	Texas A&M	1-0	1085
8.	Louisville	1-0	1073
9.	LSU	1-0	971
10.	Florida State	1-0	953
11.	Georgia	0-1	894
12.	Florida	1-0	875
13.	Oklahoma State	1-0	780
14.	Notre Dame	1-0	707
15.	Texas	1-0	674
16.	Oklahoma	1-0	612
17.	Michigan	1-0	583
18.	UCLA	1-0	387
19.	Northwestern	1-0	320
20.	Washington	1-0	315
21.	Wisconsin	1-0	287
22.	Nebraska	1-0	219
23.	Baylor	1-0	150
24.	TCU	0-1	148
25.	Southern Cal	1-0	135

Others: Miami (FL) 127, Mississippi 50, Arizona State 48, Michigan State 42, Northern Illinois 27, Cincinnati 27, Fresno State 22, Virginia Tech 12, Bowling Green 9, Georgia Tech 8, Arizona 6, Penn State 4, Boise State 3, Virginia 2, Arkansas 1.

USA Today/Coaches Top 25

(September 3, 2013)

Rk.	Team (First Place)	(W-L)	Pts.
1.	Alabama (58)	1-0	1545
2.	Ohio State (3)	1-0	1444
3.	Oregon	1-0	1420
4.	Stanford	0-0	1292
5.	Clemson	1-0	1275
6.	South Carolina	1-0	1220
7.	Texas A&M (1)	1-0	1181
8.	Louisville	1-0	1051
9.	Florida	1-0	974
10.	Florida State	1-0	946
11.	LSU	1-0	926
12.	Georgia	0-1	875
13.	Notre Dame	1-0	840
14.	Oklahoma State	1-0	798
15.	Oklahoma	1-0	666
16.	Texas	1-0	660
17.	Michigan	1-0	623
18.	UCLA	1-0	368
19.	Nebraska	1-0	357
20.	Northwestern	1-0	348
21.	Wisconsin	1-0	301
22.	Southern Cal	1-0	176
23.	Washington	1-0	145
24.	Miami (FL)	1-0	140
	TCU	0-1	140

Others receiving votes: Baylor 125, Michigan State 167, Mississippi 54, Fresno State 46, Northern Illinois 31, Arizona State 28, Cincinnati 19, Arkansas 12, San Jose State 12, Georgia Tech 10, Arizona 7, Boise State 5, Virginia Tech 5, UCF 4, Texas Tech 3, Arkansas State 3, Kansas State 3, East Carolina 1, Bowling Green 1, Utah State 1, Missouri 1, North Carolina 1

in 1992 and was a five-time recipient of the South Carolina Broadcaster of the Year Award. In 1992 he was presented the Master Broadcaster Award by the South Carolina Association of Broadcasters, the highest honor presented by that organization.

In 1998 he received the Skeeter Francis Award from the Atlantic Coast Conference for his contributions to ACC athletics. He was the first broadcaster to win that award. This past May he was inducted into the State of South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.

Clemson Undefeated vs. FCS Teams

Clemson is a perfect 26-0 against Division I-AA (now Football Championship Sub-Division) teams since the NCAA formed the division prior to the 1978 season. Southern Conference schools became I-AA in 1982. The Tigers face South Carolina State of the FCS this Saturday.

Clemson has outscored Football Championship Sub-Division teams by a 969-179 margin, an average victory of 37-7. Clemson has won 25 of the 26 games by at least double digits. The only exception came when Clemson defeated Wofford 35-27 in 2011. Wofford's 27 points are the most by an FCS school against Clemson.

Clemson vs. FCS Opponents (26-0)

Year	Opponent	W	CU-OP	Mar
1982	Western Carolina	W	21-10	+11
1983	Western Carolina	W	44-10	+34
1984	Appalachian State	W	40-7	+33
1986	The Citadel	W	24-0	+24
1987	Western Carolina	W	43-0	+43
1988	Furman	W	23-3	+20
1989	Furman	W	30-0	+30
1990	Appalachian State	W	48-0	+48
1991	Appalachian State	W	34-0	+34
1992	Chattanooga	W	54-3	+51
1993	ETSU	W	27-0	+27
1994	Furman	W	27-6	+21
1995	Western Carolina	W	55-9	+46
1996	Furman	W	19-3	+16
1997	Appalachian State	W	23-12	+11
1998	Furman	W	33-0	+33
2000	The Citadel	W	38-0	+38
2001	Wofford	W	38-14	+24
2003	Furman	W	28-17	+11
2007	Furman	W	38-10	+28
2008	The Citadel	W	45-17	+28
2008	South Carolina State	W	54-0	+54
2009	Coastal Carolina	W	49-3	+46
2010	Presbyterian	W	58-21	+37
2011	Wofford	W	35-27	+8
2012	Furman	W	41-7	+34
	Total		969-179	+790

Another Big Play by C.J.

A guy named C.J. is regarded as one of the greats in Clemson history. C.J. Spiller, now Pro Bowl running back with the Buffalo Bills, was the ACC Player of the Year in 2009 and a unanimous All-American when he set the ACC career record for all-purpose running, a record he still holds by 1700 yards.

Another C.J. turned in a great play in Memorial Stadium on Saturday night. We aren't sure C.J. Spiller had a bigger impact in as important a game.

With the score, 38-28 in favor of the Tigers and under six minutes left, Clemson senior walk-on C.J. Jones picked up a loose ball on the dead run that had been touched by a Clemson player in the endzone on a punt return and brought it out to the nine-yard line. Had Jones not had the presence of mind to get the

ball, it likely would have been recovered for a Georgia touchdown.

It was Jones only appearance in the game all night.

Jones is from Lincolnton, GA and Lincolnton Country High School. The graphic communications major has played just 17 plays in his career and appeared in three games a year ago. He has not lettered previously, but we guarantee he will letter this year.

31 Straight Polls

Clemson has a streak of 31 straight polls with a top 25 ranking in at least one poll, including every week during the 2012 season. This is the longest streak Clemson has been ranked in at least one poll since the October 23, 1989 to October 24, 1992 era when the Tigers were ranked in 50 consecutive polls (at least one). This streak is the third longest in Clemson history. Clemson also had a 45-poll streak in the 1980s.

Alabama, Clemson, LSU, Oregon, South Carolina, Oklahoma and Stanford are the only schools in the nation with an active streak of at least 31 polls.

Clemson has also been ranked in the top 20 of every BCS poll over the last two years, a total of 16 consecutive polls. That includes a 14th place ranking in the final BCS poll of 2012 and a number-15 ranking in the final 2011 BCS Poll.

FCS School Successful in First Weekend

Eight FCS schools defeated FBS schools in the first weekend of college football. The list included North Dakota State defeated defending Big 12 Champion Kansas State and Eastern Washington over 25th ranked Oregon State. It was just the fourth time an FCS school has beaten an Associated Press top 25 team. Overall, FCS teams were 8-22 against FBS level schools in the first weekend of college football.

FCS over FBS in Week I

North Dakota State over Kansas State
E. Washington over Oregon State
Eastern Illinois over San Diego State
McNeese State over South Florida
Northern Iowa over Iowa State
Towson State over UCONN
Southern Utah over South Alabama
Samford over Georgia State.

Pinion Has Outstanding Opener

Clemson sophomore punter and kicker Bradley Pinion, the tallest kicker in Clemson history at 6-6, had an outstanding performance in Clemson's season opener. The native of Concord, NC made his first career start against fifth ranked Georgia and responded with an outstanding day as a punter and kicker.

First, he had seven kickoffs and all seven went for touchbacks. It was among the top performances in terms of kickoffs in the first weekend of college football. Aaron Jones was 8-8 in terms of touchbacks for Baylor and Nick Hodgson of Oklahoma was also 7-7 in terms of touchbacks.

As a punter, Pinion had seven punts for a 41.0 average. But only one of his punts was returned for a total of four yards and he had three punts downed inside the 20. He had a long punt of 55 yards. So on 14 kicks by Pinion, Georgia only had four return yards.

Win over Georgia Landmark Victory

Clemson is coming off its top season

opening win in school history after defeating fifth-ranked Georgia at Clemson on August 31, 38-35. It was the highest ranked team Clemson has beaten to open the season and the fifth highest ranked team Clemson has defeated at any time during the season.

Here are some other accomplishments registered by the Clemson team in its victory over the Bulldogs:

- Clemson became first non-SEC team in college football history to defeat top 10 SEC teams in consecutive games. Clemson had ended the 2012 season with a 25-24 win over seventh ranked LSU.

- Third highest ranked team Clemson has defeated in Death Valley. Only wins that are better are over third ranked Florida State in 2003 and win over fourth ranked Georgia in 1981.

- Mark Richt had been 49-8 in his career against non-conference opponents. He had been 41-11 in opponent's stadiums and was the fourth winningest active coach in the nation entering the game with a .747 percentage.

- The victory was the seventh over a top 25 opponent for Tajh Boyd, tying him with Rodney Williams and Charlie Whitehurst for the most for a Clemson starting quarterback.

Clemson's Highest Ranked Wins

(top 10 in at least one poll)

Year	Opponent	Site	Rankings	Score
2003	Florida State	H	3-3	26-10
2011	Virginia Tech	N	5-3	38-10
1981	Georgia	H	4-4	13-3
1981	Nebraska	N	4-4	22-15
2013	Georgia	H	5-5	38-35
2003	Tennessee	N	6-7	27-14
1959	TCU	N	7-8	23-7
2012	LSU	N	9-7	25-24
1981	North Carolina	A	8-9	10-8
2009	Miami (FL)	A	8-9	40-37
2006	Florida State	A	9-10	27-20
2001	Georgia Tech	A	9-11	47-44
1983	North Carolina	A	10-9	16-3
1983	Maryland	H	11-9	52-27
1986	Georgia	A	14-10	31-28
2011	Virginia Tech	A	11-10	23-3

Wins in bold face by Dabo Swinney

Adding to the #93 Legend

The number 93 holds legendary status in recent Clemson history. It was the number worn by the late Gaines Adams from 2003-06. He was the number-four selection of the NFL draft after being named ACC Defensive Player of the Year in 2006. Four years later Da'Quan Bowers wore the same number and was named the ACC Defensive Player of the Year after leading the nation in sacks. He was also the winner of the Bronko Nagurski Award, which goes to the top defender in college football.

Now, Corey Crawford sports the number and he made a big play in the win over Georgia on August 31. The native of Columbus, GA had his first career interception in the second quarter of the Tigers 38-35 victory. The defensive end dropped 15 yards down field and picked off an Aaron Murray pass at the Clemson 18 yard line. Clemson had just fumbled a punt the play changed the momentum and allowed Clemson to stay in a tie with Georgia at halftime.

Hot Rod Off and Running

Clemson senior running back Roderick McDowell had 22 carries for 132 yards in the season opening win over Georgia. It was his first career start and his career high in terms of yardage by a wide margin. His previous best came last year NC State and at Duke when he had 83 yards in each game.

For the game, McDowell averaged 6.0 yards per rush, an improvement on his career average of 5.22 entering the game.

McDowell's 132 yards rushing were the most by a Clemson back in his first career start since Ronald Williams had 183 yards in 14 carries against Appalachian State in 1990. Williams is the father of McDowell's current teammate DeShawn Williams, a defensive tackle for the Tigers.

Four Tigers Named ACC Player of the Week

Four Clemson players were named ACC Player of the Week for their respective performances against Georgia in the season opener. Tajh Boyd was named ACC Offensive Back of the Week after he completed 18-30 passes for 270 yards and three scores. He also had 42 yards rushing and scored two more TDs, giving him five for the game.

His favorite receiver, Sammy Watkins, was named the ACC Receiver of the Week for his six catches for 127 yards and a score

performance. One of his catches was a 77-yard reception from Boyd, the longest catch of his career.

Ryan Norton, making his first career start at center, was named ACC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week. Norton played 78 of 79 snaps and had a film grade of 91 percent, best among all Clemson offensive linemen.

Spencer Shuey was named the ACC Linebacker of the Week. He had 18 tackles off the Clemson coaches film to lead the Tigers defense.

This was the first time Clemson has had four ACC Players of the Week for the same game since 2006 when Clemson played Georgia Tech. Ironically, that was also a game that featured ESPN College Gameday.

Norton Has Good First Game

Clemson sophomore center Ryan Norton was Clemson's highest graded offensive lineman in terms of blocking grade in the win over Georgia. The native of Simpsonville, SC played 78 of the 79 Clemson offensive snaps and had a 91 percent grade from the Clemson coaches. He did not allow a sack and had four knockdown blocks.

Norton is the only newcomer to the starting lineup in the offensive line for Dabo Swinney's Tigers. Dalton Freeman had started the previous 49 games at center for the Tigers, so this was the first game that Tajh Boyd did not have Freeman with him as the center.

Watkins Brothers Meet on the Gridiron

The Watkins brothers will be on either side of the field on Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. Clemson's roster has starting defensive tackle Carlos Watkins, a sophomore from Chase High School in Mooresville, NC. South Carolina State's roster has starting defensive end Trayshaun Watkins, who played at the same high school. Trayshaun is a freshman on the South Carolina State roster.

Carlos Watkins started and played 34 snaps against Georgia. He had three tackles, including one tackle for loss.

Six of Swinney's 41 Wins over Top 11 Teams

Clemson Coach Dabo Swinney registered his ninth career win over a top 25 team when the Tigers defeated fifth ranked Georgia, 38-35 on August 31.

It was also his sixth win over a top 11 team according to the AP poll. That ties for first in Clemson history in top 11 AP wins with Danny Ford. It was significant that Swinney accomplished that against Georgia because it was the same night that Ford went into the Clemson Ring of Honor. Both Ford and Swinney are Alabama graduates, so there were interesting ties all around. All six of Ford's top 11 wins are top 10 wins, so he has Swinney by one in that category.

Overall, Ford is the Clemson coaching leader in wins over top 25 teams with 20. Tommy Bowden is second with 13 and Swinney is tied with Frank Howard for third with nine (ranked in either poll). In fairness to Howard, seven of the years he coached in the 1960s the AP only ranked 10 teams each week.

It is interesting to note that in three of the nine wins over ranked opponents by Swinney Clemson has scored exactly 38 points. Clemson has averaged 31 points per game in those nine wins.

Dabo Swinney's Wins over Top 25 Opponents

Year	Opponent	AP-UsA	Cu-Opp
2009	at Miami (FL)	8-9	40-37
2010	NC State	23-25	14-13
2011	Auburn	21-19	38-24
2011	Florida State	11-14	35-30
2011	at Virginia Tech	11-10	23-3
2011	Virginia Tech (N)	5-3	38-10
2012	Auburn (N)	NR, 25	26-19
2012	LSU (N)	9-7	25-24
2013	Georgia	5-5	38-35

Most Wins over Top 25 Teams in Clemson Coaching History

Coach	Years	Top 25 Wins
Danny Ford	1979-89	20
Tommy Bowden	1999-08	13
Frank Howard	1940-69	9
Dabo Swinney	2008-13	9
Ken Hatfield	1990-93	8
Tommy West	1994-98	4
Cahrlay Pell	1977-78	2
Jess Neely	1931-40	1
Hootie Ingram	1970-73	1

Boyd Approaching 100 Touchdowns

Tajh Boyd began his senior season in grand style last week by accounting for five touchdowns in Clemson's 38-35 win over fifth ranked Georgia. Boyd threw three touchdown passes and ran for two.

Boyd now has 94 touchdowns in his Clemson career in terms of touchdown responsibility, 76 passing and 18 rushing. He already has the Clemson record. The ACC mark is 112 by Philip Rivers of NC State from 2000-03.

Boyd Pays Tribute to Jordan...statistically

One of the strange statistical quirks of the season opener against Georgia involved Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd and former All-ACC Clemson quarterback Homer Jordan.

Jordan, served as one of the honorary captains for the Tigers against Georgia in the season opener. Jordan, a native of Athens, GA, quarterbacked Clemson to the 1981 National Championship. His best all-around game as a Tiger took place against Maryland in 1981. In that game he threw for 270 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for 42 yards, leading the Tigers to a win that clinched the ACC title.

Incredibly, Boyd had the exact same numbers in all three categories in the win over Georgia.

Another interesting tie between Boyd and Jordan in that game surrounds career wins for a starting quarterback. Boyd moved into a tie for fourth place in Clemson history in that category with 22 wins. The quarterback he tied with the win over Georgia? Jordan.

Twenty-Six Former Clemson Players on NFL Rosters

A total of 26 former Clemson players are on NFL rosters heading into the first weekend of play in the National Football League. The list includes three players on practice squads and one on an injury list. So 22 of the players are currently on active rosters. Twenty-two of the 26 played on Clemson's 2009 team.

The list includes seven players from last year's 11-2 Clemson team. DeAndre Hopkins, Jaron Brown, Malliciah Goodman, Andre Ellington and Jonathan Meeks are all on active rosters, while Tig Willard, Dalton Freeman. So seven of the 11 seniors on that team are on rosters at the moment.

Recent moves over the weekend include the signing of Antoine McClain to the Oakland Raiders and the signing of Thomas Austin (Colts), Dalton Freeman (Jets) and Tig Willard (Titans) to their respective teams practice squads.

Barry Richardson is a free agent and is not on a roster at the moment. The offensive tackle has started 64 games in a row in the NFL.

Former Clemson Players on NFL Training Camp Rosters in 2013

Player, Pos	Team	CU years
Dwayne Allen, TE	Indianapolis Colts	2009-11
@Thomas Austin, C	Indianapolis Colts	2006-09
Da'Quan Bowers, DE	Tampa Bay Bucs	2008-10
Andre Branch, DE	Jacksonville Jags	2008-11
Jaron Brown, WR	Arizona Cardinals	2009-12
Chris Clemons, FS	Miami Dolphins	2005-08
Kavell Connor, LB	Indianapolis Colts	2006-09
Andre Ellington, RB	Arizona Cardinals	2009-12
Jacoby Ford, WR	Oakland Raiders	2006-09
@Dalton Freeman, C	New York Jets	2009-12
Marcus Gilchrist, CB	San Diego Chargers	2007-10
Malliciah Goodman, DE	Atlanta Falcons	2009-12
#Chris Hairston, OT	Buffalo Bills	2007-10
DeAndre Hopkins, WR	Houston Texans	2010-12
Jarvis Jenkins, DT	Washington Redskins	2007-10
Byron Maxwell, SS	Seattle Seahawks	2007-10
Antoine McClain, OT	Oakland Raiders	2008-11
Jonathan Meeks, SS	Buffalo Bills	2009-12
Phillip Merling, DE	Washington Redskins	2005-07
Michael Palmer, TE	Pittsburgh Steelers	2006-09
Ricky Sapp, DE	New York Jets	2006-09
Coty Sensabaugh, CB	Tennessee Titans	2008-11
C.J. Spiller, RB	Buffalo Bills	2006-09
Brandon Thompson, DT	Cincinnati Bengals	2008-11
Charlie Whitehurst, QB	San Diego Chargers	2002-05
@Jonathan Willard, LB	Tennessee Titans	2009-12
@ Practice Squad, #Injured reserve		

Clemson and Georgia Unanimous Top 15 Teams

Clemson is one of 10 schools ranked in the top 15 of 15 different major preseason college football publications. The range of Clemson's ranking is from sixth to 15th with an average ranking of 9.27.

The highest Clemson is ranked is sixth, by Athlon and Scout.com. Clemson is also seventh according to Lindy's Magazine and eighth by USA Today. Clemson is in the top 10 in 12 of the 15 publications.

Of the 10 schools ranked in the top 15 of all 15 publications, Clemson's average ranking of 9.27 is ninth best. Alabama is the consensus number-one, as the two-time defending champions are ranked first in 13 of the 15 polls. Only CBSSports.com and ESPN.com have Alabama ranked second. Ohio State is the number-one team in both of those polls.

The other schools ranked in the top 15 of all 15 publications are Alabama, Ohio State, Oregon, Texas A&M, Stanford, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisville and Notre Dame. Clemson plays two of the other nine schools on the list, Georgia in the opener and South Carolina in the season finale. The Tigers will begin playing Louisville on an every year basis in 2014 when Louisville joins the ACC.

Clemson was ranked ninth in the final USA Today Coaches poll and 11th by Associated Press after defeating LSU in the Chick-fil-A Bowl. As stated above, Clemson and Georgia are both in the top 15 of all 15 polls. But Georgia is ranked higher than Clemson in 12 of the 15. The only three polls that had Clemson higher were Scout.com, Sporting News, and Si.com.

Clemson defeated the Bulldogs in the opener 38-35.

Clemson and Georgia in Preseason Polls

Poll	Clemson	Georgia
ESPN.com	12	7
Phill Steele	15	9
Fox.com	9	5
Scout.com	6	7
Si.com	10	11
Athlon	6	4
Lindy's	7	6
Sporting News	9	12
USA Today Sports	8	4
CBSSportsline	12	6
Bleacher Report	10	9
ESPN Magazine	9	6
USA Today Coaches	8	5
Associated Press	8	5
Sports Illustrated Magazine	10	12

Seckinger Scores Game Winner

Sophomore tight end Stanton Seckinger caught a nine-yard touchdown reception from Tajh Boyd in the fourth period that proved to be the game winner in Clemson's 38-35 win over Georgia in the season opener.

We could have figured that Seckinger would score the game winner on this night. During pre-game ceremonies, former Clemson Head Coach Danny Ford, who led Clemson to the 1981 National Championship, was inducted into the Ring of Honor. Then Seckinger, who wears number-81, caught the game winner. Seckinger finished the game with two receptions for 26 yards.

Watkins Over 2000 Receiving Yards

Sammy Watkins went over the 2000-yard mark in receiving yards in grand style in the win over Georgia. He entered the game needing 73 yards to become the ninth member of the Clemson 2000-yard club. He went over the mark with a 77-yard touchdown catch from Tajh Boyd that gave Clemson a 14-7 lead in the first period. He out-ran three Georgia defenders who seemed to have the angle on him.

Watkins finished the game with six receptions for 127 yards and the touchdown. It was his eighth career 100-yard receiving game and his 16th career touchdown reception. He now has 145 career receptions, seventh best in school history and his receiving touchdown total is tied for fifth.

Clemson Ranked Eighth in Preseason Polls

Clemson is ranked eighth in the preseason USA Today Coaches Poll and the Associated Press. It is the highest preseason ranking for the Clemson football program since 1988 when Clemson was fourth in the preseason for both the AP and Coaches (UPI at the time) polls.

Clemson is the highest ranked ACC team in the preseason poll. Florida State, a Clemson opponent at Death Valley on October 19, is ranked 12th.

This is the eighth time Clemson has been ranked in the top 10 of at least one preseason poll. The highest preseason ranking Clemson has had is number-four. Clemson was number-four by Associated Press in 1984 and fourth in 1988 by both polls.

Clemson's Preseason Poll History

Year	AP	USA/Coaches
1958	18	NP
1959	18	NP
1960	9	NP
1978	18	NP
1982	11	9
1984	4	8
1987	9	NP
1988	4	4
1989	12	NP
1990	10	NP
1991	9	NP
1992	13	NP
1993	23	NP
1994	25	24
1996	25	23
1997	20	21
2000	17	19
2001	19	18
2006	18	18
2009	9	9
2012	14	14
2013	8	8

NP denotes no poll

Four Wins over Top 25 SEC Teams

Clemson has four wins over Top 25 SEC teams since the 2011 season started, the only non-SEC school nationally that can make that claim. In fact there have been only eight non-conference wins over top 25 SEC teams the last two years combined and Clemson has four of the seven. That includes two top 10 wins, over LSU and Georgia.

Non-Conference Wins over Top 25 SEC Teams Last Two years

School	SEC Opp	AP-USA	Year	Site	Score
Clemson	Auburn	21-19	2011	Clemson, SC	38-24
Clemson	Auburn	25-NR	2012	Atlanta, GA	26-19
Clemson	LSU	9-7	2012	Atlanta, GA	25-24
Clemson	Georgia	5-5	2013	Clemson, SC	38-35
Boise St.	Georgia	19-22	2011	Atlanta, GA	35-21
LA Monroe	Arkansas	8-10	2012	Fayetteville, AR	34-31
Louisville	Florida	3-4	2012	New Orleans, LA	33-23
Michigan St	Georgia	18-18	2011	Tampa, FL	33-30

Shuey, Beasley Lead the Defense

Senior linebacker Spencer Shuey was Clemson's leading tackler in the victory over Georgia with 18 stops. Defensive end Vic Beasley added two sacks to pace the defensive line.

Shuey is the top returning Clemson tackler from last year when he had 93 tackles, including 69 in the last seven games. His 18 tackles against Georgia give him double figures in tackles in five of the last eight games.

Beasley had eight sacks in just 288 plays last year as a sophomore. He got his junior year off to a great start with two sacks. He had a career high three sacks against NC State last year.

Boyd Returning ACC Player of the Year

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd won ACC Player of the Year honors in 2012 and is back for his senior year. There have been just five repeat winners of the award in history. Roman Gabriel of NC State (1960-61), Mike Voight of North Carolina (1975-76), Steve Fuller of Clemson (1977-78), Don McCauley of North Carolina (1969-70), and Charlie Ward of Florida State (1992-93). So as you can see by the list that no one has done it since 1993 and when Ward did it he won the Heisman.

Maryland linebacker E.J. Henderson repeated as ACC Defensive Player of the Year in 2002, but not as player of the year, which he won in 2001. Matt Schaub of Virginia is the last player to win the award (2002) as a junior and return for his senior year, but he did not win player of the year as a senior in 2003.

Clemson Award Candidates

Seven different Clemson players are on award watch lists for the 2013 season. The list is led by Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd, who is a candidate for the Maxwell and Walter Camp Player of the Year Awards, and two quarterback awards, the Manning and O'Brien Awards. Sammy Watkins is a candidate for three different awards, while senior offensive tackle Brandon Thomas is up for two honors, the Outland and the Lombardi.

Clemson Players on 2013 Watch Lists Announced So Far

Player	Yr	Pos	Award	For Outstanding...
Tajh Boyd	Sr	QB	Maxwell	Player
			Walter Camp	Player
			Manning	Quarterback
			O'Brien	Quarterback
Sammy Watkins	Jr	WR	Maxwell	Player
	Jr.	WR	Hornung	All-Purpose Player
	Jr.	WR	Biletnikoff	Wide Receiver
Charone Peake	Jr.	WR	Biletnikoff	Wide Receiver
Vic Beasley	Jr.	DE	Bednarik	Defensive Player
Brandon Thomas	Gr.	OT	Outland	Interior Lineman
			Lombardi	Interior Lineman
Chandler Catanzaro	Gr.	PK	Groza	Kicker
Spencer Shuey	Gr.	LB	Lott	Defensive Player

Only 10 Scholarship Seniors

Once again Clemson has a small senior class. The Tigers had just 13 seniors last year (all of whom graduated) during last year's 11-2 season. The Tigers have 18 seniors this year, but just 10 are on scholarship.

The list includes two returning first team All-ACC players in Tajh Boyd and Brandon Thomas and second-team All-ACC kicker Chandler Catanzaro. As you can see by the list below, seven of the 10 seniors already have their degree.

Clemson scholarship Seniors

Name	Pos	Yr.	Hometown
Tajh Boyd	QB	Sr.	Hampton, VA
Chandler Catanzaro	PK	Gr.	Greenville, SC
Quandon Christian	LB	Sr.	Lake View, SC
Phillip Fajgenbaum	SN	Gr.	Raleigh, NC
Roderick McDowell	RB	Gr.	Sumter, SC
Darius Robinson	CB	Sr.	College Park, GA
Tyler Shatley	OG	Gr.	Icard, NC
Spencer Shuey	LB	Gr.	Charlotte, NC
Darrell Smith	TE	Gr.	Gadsden, AL
Brandon Thomas	OT	Gr.	Spartanburg, SC

21 Wins over Two Years

Clemson has had back-to-back seasons of at least 10 victories. The Tigers are the only ACC team and one of just 13 programs nationally to win at least 10 games each of the last two seasons. Clemson also has consecutive top 25 seasons, also a first for the program since the 1986-91 era, including a top 10 finish in the final USA Today poll in 2012, Clemson's highest final ranking since 1990. Clemson is 21-6 over the last two years combined and the 21 combined wins are the most for the Clemson program since 1981-82.

10-Plus Win Seasons, 2011 and 2012

School	2011	2012
Alabama	12-1	13-1
Arkansas State	10-3	10-3
Boise State	12-1	11-2
Cincinnati	10-3	10-3
Clemson	10-4	11-2
Georgia	10-4	12-2
Kansas State	10-3	11-2
LSU	13-1	10-3
Northern Illinois	11-3	12-2
Oklahoma	10-3	10-3
Oregon	12-2	12-1
South Carolina	11-2	11-2
Stanford	11-2	12-2

Listed in alphabetical order

Top Seven in APR Scores

Clemson has ranked in the top seven of the APR each of the last two years, one of just five schools that can make that claim. The others are Northwestern, Duke, Boise State and Ohio State.

In 2011, the Tiger 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.

In 2012, the Clemson football team improved to a 985 score and a tie for fourth best in the nation. Clemson was the only program to rank in the top 10 of the final USA Today poll and post an APR score of at least

980 this year.

National Leaders in APR Scores 2011

Rk	School	Conference	APR
1.	Northwestern	Big 10	995
2.	Duke	ACC	989
	Boise State	MWC	989
4.	Ohio State	Big 10	988
5.	Northern Illinois	MAC	987
6.	Rice	Conf. USA	986
7.	Clemson	ACC	983
	Middle Tennessee	Sun Belt	983

National Leaders in APR Scores 2012

RK	School	Conference	APR
1.	Northwestern	Big 10	996
2.	Boise State	WAC	993
3.	Duke	ACC	989
4.	Clemson	ACC	985
	Wisconsin	Big 10	985
6.	Georgia Tech	ACC	983
7.	Boston College	ACC	982
	Ohio State	Big 10	982
	Missouri	SEC	982

Offensive Excellence

One of the reasons for Clemson's success over the last 2011 and 2012 seasons has been the production of the offense. Behind offensive coordinator Chad Morris, a period of 27 games, Clemson has averaged 37 points and 475.4 yards per game. The Tigers have converted on third down 47 percent of the time, completed 63 percent of their passes and averaged 6.06 yards per play.

Clemson Offensive Numbers over last Two Years Combined (2011 and 2012 seasons)

Category	Totals	Average
Points	1003	37.15
Touchdowns	121/27	4.48
Total Offense	12,836	475.4
Total Plays	2,117	78.4
Yards/Play	12,836/2117	6.06
Third Down Conv.	200/423	.473
Completions	629/27	23.3
Attempts	999/27	37.0
Passing Yards	8,133/27	301.2
TD Passes	73/27	2.70
TD/Int	73/26	2.81
Pass Efficiency		150.25
Completion %		.630
Rushing	4,703/27	174.2
Yards/Rush	4,703/1118	4.21
Rushing TD/Game	48/27	1.78

Back-to-Back Atlantic Division Crowns

Clemson has a 13-3 record over the last two years in the ACC and won the 2011 ACC title, the first league title for the Tigers in 20 years. Clemson won the Atlantic Division title in 2011 with a 6-2 record, then tied Florida State for the Atlantic Division title in 2012 with a 7-1 mark. The seven conference wins set a school record.

Clemson has now won or tied first in the ACC Atlantic three of the four full years Dabo Swinney has been Clemson's Head Coach.

Reader Two-Sport Athlete on Top 25 Teams

Clemson defensive tackle D.J. Reader was also a member of the Clemson baseball team in 2013. Clemson finished 25th in the final USA Today Coach's Baseball poll, meaning Reader was a member of two top 25 teams during the academic year. The Clemson football team finished ninth in the final USA Today poll and 11th by Associated Press after its 11-2 season.

Reader became the first Clemson athletes to play on a top 25 football team and baseball team in the same academic year since Kyle Parker in 2009-10. Parker helped the Tigers to a number-24 final football ranking in USA Today and a number-four final ranking in Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball that year. He was the starting quarterback on the football team and starting right fielder on the baseball team. He had 20 home runs and 20 touchdown passes that year, the only athlete in college

history to reach 20 of each in the same year. The baseball team reached the College World Series.

Below is a list of Clemson athletes who have played on a top 25 football team and baseball team in the same academic year.

Year	Athlete	FB Rankings Coach-AP	Baseball Ranking BA-CB-USA
1958-59	Lou Cordileone	12-13	7-NP-NP
1986-87	Bill Spiers	17-18	10-10-NP
	Ray Williams	17-18	10-10-NP
1991-92	Jeff Sauve	18-17	7-10
1993-94	Dexter McCleon	23-22	4-9-9
	Andre Humphrey	23-22	4-9-9
2009-10	Kyle Parker	24-NR	4-4-10
2012-13	D.J. Reader	9-11	NR-NR-25

Active Clemson Players on ACC Career Lists

Tajh Boyd and Chandler Catanzaro rank among the top 20 in ACC history in many categories. In fact, Boyd is in the top 20 in 10 areas including second in touchdown passes, second in 400-yard passing games, second in touchdown responsibility, second in 300 yard passing games and second in 400-yard total offense games.

Tajh Boyd Among ACC Career Leaders

Rank, Category, Figure	Record
2 nd in touchdown passes, 76	Philip Rivers, 95
2 nd in 400-yard Total Offense games: 6	Philip Rivers, 7
2 nd in 400-yard passing games, 6	Philip Rivers, 7
2 nd in 300-yard passing games, 13	Philip Rivers 18
2 nd in touchdown Responsibility, 94	Philip Rivers, 112
3 rd in passing efficiency, 150.1	Chris Weinke, 151.15
5 th in total offense/Game, 260.9	Charlie Ward, 296.5
6 th in passing yards/game, 237.8	Philip Rivers, 275.2
18 th in passing yards, 8323	Philip Rivers, 13,484
20 th Total Offense, 9130	Philip Rivers, 13,582

Chandler Catanzaro in ACC Career Leaders

Rank, Category, Figure	Record
9 th in extra points, 148	Dustin Hokins, 202
11 th in FG%, .797 (55-69)	Marc Primanti, .939 (31-33)
12 th in kick scoring, 313	Dustin Hopkins, 466
18 th in FGs/Game, 1.32	Sebastian Janokowski, 1.95
12 th in scoring, 313	Dustin Hopkins, 466

Clemson Players Among Active ACC Players

Tajh Boyd, QB

8th in points scored, 110
 4th in touchdowns scored, 18
 2nd in rushing touchdowns, 18
 1st in rushes by quarterback, 364
 10th in rushing yards, 807
 2nd in rushing yards by quarterbacks, 807
 1st in passing yards, 823
 1st in total offense, 9130
 1st in touchdown passes, 76
 1st in touchdown responsibility, 94
 1st in passing yards/game, 237.8

Sammy Watkins, WR

7th in points scored, 108
 3rd in touchdowns scored, 18
 1st in TD receptions, 16
 2nd in receptions, 145
 1st in receptions/game, 6.04
 1st in reception yardage, 2054
 1st in reception yards/game, 85.6
 1st in all-purpose yardage, 3514
 4th in kickoff return yards, 1107

Chandler Catanzaro, PK

1st in points, 313
 1st in kick scoring, 313
 1st in field goals, 55
 3rd in field goals/game, 1.32
 5th in field goal %, .797

Rod McDowell, RB

6th in yards/rush, 5.28

Dabo Swinney Top 10 Winniest ACC Head Coach

Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney has a 41-21 overall record for a .661 winning percentage, eighth best in ACC history given a minimum of three seasons as head coach. He is eighth in winning percentage in ACC games with a 27-12 mark, a .692 figure.

Bobby Bowden is first on the list at .764 and Danny Ford is second at .760.

Winniest ACC Coach, All Games, % Basis

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.	Jimbo Fisher	Florida State	31-10-0	.756
4.	Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	91-30-0	.752
5.	Lou Holtz	NC State	33-12-3	.719
6.	Ken Hatfield	Clemson	32-13-1	.707
7.	Jim Tatum	Maryland, UNC	41-19-2	.677
8.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	41-21	.661
9.	Jerry Claiborne	Maryland	72-37-3	.6563
10.	Dick Sheridan	NC State	52-29-3	.637

Winniest ACC Coach, ACC Games, % Basis

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	60-17-0	.779
4.	Bill Murray	Duke	54-15-2	.775
5.	Danny Ford	Clemson	44-14-1	.754
6.	Jimbo Fisher	Florida State	18-6-0	.750
7.	Lou Holtz	NC State	16-5-2	.739
8.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	27-12-0	.692
9.	Jim Tatum	Maryland, UNC	21-9-2	.688
10.	Frank Howard	Clemson	66-30-2	.684

Dabo Record in Special Situations

- 33-6 when leading at the half, led 12 of 13 games in 2012
- 34-3 when leading after three quarters, 17-0 last 3 years
- 35-3 when winning total offense, 20-0 last two years
- 28-4 when winning the rushing game, 13-2 last two years
- 30-4 with more first downs, 20-0 last two years
- 22-4 when winning time of possession, 11-0 last two years
- 16-1 when rushing for at least 200 yards, 9-0 last two years

Swinney Honors

Head Coach Dabo Swinney won or has been a finalist for many Coach of the Year Awards the last two years. In 2011 he was the recipient of the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year Award, the first Clemson coach to win a national coach of the year award since Danny Ford in 1981.

In each of the last two years he has been a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year an honor that takes into account success on the field and community service.

In 2011, Swinney was a finalist for the Bear Bryant Award and the Eddie Robinson Award. In 2012 he was a semifinalist for the Maxwell Club National Coach of the Year. He was the only ACC coach on the list of 15 semifinalists.

Boyd Among Best in ACC History

Tajh Boyd set nine ACC records in 2012 and is among the best in league history for his performance this year.

Boyd's ACC Records

- Total offense by a junior (4,410). The previous record was 3,998 by Russell Wilson (N.C. State) in 2010.
- Points responsible for in a game (48) against N.C. State. The previous record was 36 by many.
- Points responsible for in a season (278). He had the previous mark (228).
- 4,000-yard total offense seasons (2).
- Touchdown responsibility in a season (46).
- Passing touchdowns in a season (36). Phillip Rivers had previous mark with 34.
- Passing yards by a junior (3,896).
- Touchdown responsibility (8) against N.C. State.
- Passing touchdowns in consecutive games (10) at Wake Forest. Duke.

Boyd's Improvement

One of the reasons for Clemson's improvement to a top-10 offense in 2012 was the running of quarterback Tajh Boyd. The junior from Hampton, VA had 514 yards on 186 carries and 10 touchdowns. That is the fifth-highest season rushing total for a quarterback in Clemson history. His 10 rush-

ing touchdowns are fourth-most among Clemson signal-callers as well.

In 2011, Boyd had 218 yards on 142 carries in 14 games and scored five touchdowns, so he had more than doubled his rushing yardage in one less game in 2012.

Boyd's 514 rushing yards were the most since Dantzler had a school-quarterback-record 1,061 rushing yards in 2001 in only 11 games.

Boyd picked up the pace in rushing in the second half of the year. He had 360 rushing yards in the last eight games. He had 161 rushing yards in the first five games (32.2 yards per game).

Boyd had a career-high 103 rushing yards in the win over N.C. State when he also scored three touchdowns on the ground. He became the first Clemson quarterback to score three touchdowns in a game since Dantzler in 2000 against Duke. He carried the ball 29 times against LSU, more than any quarterback in a game in Clemson history.

In the season opening win over Georgia, Boyd had 13 rushes for 42 yards and scored twice.

Top Tiger Quarterback Rushing Seasons

Rk	Player	Year	TD	Car	Yards
1.	Woodrow Dantzler	2001	10	221	1061
2.	Woodrow Dantzler	2000	13	190	1028
3.	Steve Fuller	1978	10	153	649
4.	Woodrow Dantzler	1999	4	146	586
5.	Tajh Boyd	2012	10	186	514
6.	Steve Fuller	1976	6	157	503
7.	Homer Jordan	1981	6	168	486
8.	DeChane Cameron	1991	5	127	458

Sack-Man Beasley

Sophomore defensive end Vic Beasley recorded three sacks in Clemson's 2012 win over N.C. State. The tackles resulted in 21 negative yards against Mike Glennon. He finished fifth in the ACC in sacks (8).

What is amazing is that Beasley did not start a game and played only 288 snaps. He also had 18 tackles, two pass breakups, and eight quarterback pressures. Therefore, eight of his 18 tackles were sacks. He averaged 28 snaps a game over the last six contests and had six sacks in those games.

Beasley averaged a sack every 36 snaps in 2012. When Da'Quan Bowers led the nation in sacks in 2010, he averaged a sack every 44.1 snaps. The late Gaines Adams averaged a sack every 46 snaps in 2006 when he was named ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year. Keith Adams averaged a sack every 54 snaps when he set the Clemson single-season record with 16 sacks in 1999.

Beasley continued his pace against Georgia with two sacks in just 47 plays.

Boyd 20-Game Winner

Tajh Boyd has a 22-6 career record as a starting quarterback, the seventh player in school history to quarterback the Tigers to at least 20 wins in a career. That 22-6 record includes a 14-1 mark at Memorial Stadium. He was the common denominator to Clemson's 13-game winning streak at home, the longest in school history. He has led Clemson to seven wins over top 25 teams in career as a starter.

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

Clemson's Winniest Starting Quarterbacks

Rk	Player	Years	W-L
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
	Tajh Boyd	2010-13	22-6
5.	Steve Fuller	1975-78	21-11-3
	Mike Eppley	1980-84	21-5-1