

2014 CLEMSON TIGERS Football



Clemson (22 AP, 24 USA) vs. Florida State (1 AP, 1 USA)

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Kickoff: 8:18 PM

**Doak Campbell Stadium
Tallahassee, FL**

Television : ABC

(Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit, Heather Cox)

Clemson Radio

(Don Munson, Rodney Williams, Patrick Sapp)

National Radio:

Westwood One (Jason Benetti, Chris Doering)

Satellite Radio: TBA

Series Record: FSU Leads 19-8

at Florida State: FSU leads 11-3

at Clemson: FSU Leads 8-5

First Meeting: FSU 38-13 in 1970

Last Meeting: FSU 51-14 at Clemson

Last Clemson Win: 35-30 in 2011

Last Clemson Win at FSU: 27-20 in 2006

CLEMSON 2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Score/Time
Aug. 30	at Georgia	ESPN	21-45
Sept. 6	SC STATE	RSN	73-7
Sept. 20	at Florida State	ABC	8:18 pm
Sept. 27	NORTH CAROLINA		
Oct. 4	NC STATE		
Oct. 11	LOUISVILLE		
Oct. 18	at Boston College		
Oct. 25	SYRACUSE		
Nov. 6	at Wake Forest	ESPN	7:30
Nov. 15	at Georgia Tech		
Nov. 22	GEORGIA STATE		
Nov. 29	SOUTH CAROLINA		

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Clemson Tigers

Record, 2014 1-1, 0-0 ACC
Location Clemson, SC
Colors Clemson Orange and Regalia
Enrollment 20,768
Athletic Director Dan Radakovich (Indiana, PA, '80)
Head Coach **Dabo Swinney, Alabama '93**
Clemson Record/6th full year 52-24 (.684)
Home Record 33-6 (.846)
Away Record 14-14 (.500)
Neutral Record 5-4
vs. ACC Teams 34-13 (.723)
Record against Florida State 2-4
Twitter @clemsonfb
Website: clemsontigers.com

Florida State Seminoles

Record, 2014 **2-0, 0-0 in ACC**
Location Tallahassee, Fla
Colors Garnet & Gold
Enrollment 41,477
Athletic Director Stan Wilcox (Notre Dame '81)
Head Coach **Jimbo Fisher(Samford '87)**
School Record 47-10 (5th season)
Overall 47-10 (5th season)
Offensive Coordinator: Lawrence Dawsey,
..... Randy Sanderson
Defensive Coordinator Charles Kelly
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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 Bobby Petrino, Louisville
11:00 AM Scott Shafer, Syracuse
11:10 AM Dave Clawson, 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 Al Golden, Miami (FL)
Noon Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech
12:10 PM Mike London, Virginia
12:20 PM Steve Addazio, Boston College
12:30 PM David Cutcliffe, Duke
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.

Credentials: Credentials to Clemson football games are available on the Sports System website.

Clemson Player Interviews

Contact Football Communications Director 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 1:45 PM at the second floor player lounge of the West Endzone at Memorial Stadium.

Offensive Coordinator Chad Morris is available on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Defensive Coordinator Brent Venables is available Tuesdays during the lunch hour.

Bi-Lo Tiger Calls

Each Monday night during the season Coach Swinney and Don Munson will host Bi-Lo Tiger calls from the studio at the Jervey Athletic Center. The program begins at 8:00 PM and will be broadcast over the Clemson Radio Network and clemsontigers.com.

Clemson Personnel Update

***Tyson Dye (RB)**--Out, Recovering from Achilles Tendon injury suffered in February

***Zac Brooks (RB)** Out, foot injury sustained August 18 in practice. Will redshirt the season.

Oliver Jones (OL)--Out, torn ACL in practice on August 26. Out for season.

Sam Cooper (TE)--Questionable vs. Florida State with broke leg suffered during pregame warmups at Georgia.

Travis Blanks (SAF)--Recovering from torn ACL suffered last year. Could redshirt this season.



2014 STANDINGS

Atlantic Division	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Louisville	1-1	2-0	0-1	2-1
NC State	0-0	2-0	1-0	3-0
Florida State	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Syracuse	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0
Clemson	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1
Wake Forest	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-2
Boston College	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-1

Coastal Division	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Pittsburgh	1-0	1-0	2-0	3-0
Virginia	1-0	2-1	0-0	2-1
Duke	0-0	2-0	1-0	3-0
Georgia Tech	0-0	2-0	1-0	3-0
North Carolina	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
Virginia Tech	0-0	1-1	1-0	2-1
Miami (FL)	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-1

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday, Sept. 20

Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech	ESPN	Noon
Iowa at Pittsburgh	ESPNU	Noon
Maryland at Syracuse	ACC	12:30 p.m.
Tulane at Duke	RSN	12:30 p.m.
Maine at Boston College	ESPN3	1 p.m.
North Carolina at E. Carolina,	ESPNU	3:30 p.m.
Louisville at Florida International	FOX 1	3:30 p.m.
Virginia at BYU	ESPN	3:30 p.m.
Army at Wake Forest	ESPN3	3:30 p.m.
Presbyterian at NC State	ESPN3	6 p.m.
Miami at Nebraska,	ESPN2	8 pm
Clemson at Florida State	ABC	8 p.m.

NEXT WEEK'S ACC GAMES

Saturday, September 27

- Colorado State at Boston College
- North Carolina at Clemson
- Duke at Miami (FL)
- Florida State at NC State
- Wake Forest at Louisville
- Akron at Pittsburgh
- Notre Dame vs. Syracuse (at Meadowlands)
- Kent State at Virginia
- Western Michigan at Virginia Tech

Clemson Pronunciations

Dabo Swinney	DA-boh SWEE-nee
Stephone Anthony	steh-FAHN
Kalon Davis	KAY-lehn
Jay Guillermo	gee-AYR-mo
Germone Hopper	juhr-MAHN
Jadar Johnson	juh-DAHR
Jayron Kearse	JAY-rahn
Ammon Lakip	A-muhn LAY-kihp
Eric Mac Lain	mak-LAYN
Ebenezer Ogundeko	oh-guhn-DEH-koh
Charone Peake	shuh-RAHN
Nick Schuessler	SHOOS-luhr
Cordrea Tankersley	cohr-DRAY
Korrin Wiggins	kohr-RIHN

If Clemson Defeats Florida State

•Would give Clemson its first win over the number-one ranked team in football. The highest ranked team Clemson has defeated is #3. The Tigers defeated #3 Florida State in 2003 and #3 Virginia Tech in the 2011 ACC Championship game.

•Would be just the fourth time this century the number-one ranked team in the nation has been defeated on its home field. Illinois did it at Ohio State in 2007, Arkansas beat number-one LSU in overtime in 2007 and Texas A&M beat #1 Alabama at Tuscaloosa in 2012. Stanford beat #1 Oregon in Oregon in 2012 as well.

•Would make Clemson just the second ACC team to beat a number-one ranked team on its home field. Georgia Tech beat #1 Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. In 1990 by a 41-38 score.

•Would make Clemson just the second team in college football history and first since 1963 to beat the number-one team in the nation on the road in the month of September. Oklahoma won at #1 Southern Cal in September of 1963.

*Would be the seventh win over a top 10 team in Dabo Swinney's career. It would tie him with Danny Ford for the most top 10 coaching wins in school history.

•Would be Clemson's second win at Florida State since 1989. The only other victory since 1989 was in 2006, a 27-20 Clemson victory. Dabo Swinney was an assistant coach for the Tigers in that game.

Playing a Tough Schedule

This will be Clemson's second road game against a top 12 team within the first three games of the season for Dabo Swinney's Tigers. It is the first time since 1996 that Clemson has played just one home game through the first four weeks of the season. It is the first time in history Clemson has played two top 12 teams within the first three games of the season, never mind playing both on the road.

Clemson is one of seven schools from the Power Five conferences who will enter the fifth week of the season having playing just one home game. The others Indiana, Arizona State, California, Mississippi, UCLA and Southern Cal.

Clemson vs. Florida State Series

Florida State has a 19-8 advantage in the series with Clemson that dates to 1970, a 38-13 Florida State win in Tallahassee. While Florida State has the decisive all-time lead in the series, Clemson has won six of the last 11. Clemson had a five game winning streak in the series at home prior to last year when Florida State won 51-14. The home team has won 10 of the last 12 games. Each team has one victory on the opponent's home field since 2003.

•Clemson has won just once in Tallahassee since the Seminoles joined the ACC for the 1992 season. That came in 2006 when the Tigers were victorious 27-20 on a one-yard run by James Davis with just eight seconds left.

•Each of the last five years the winner of the Clemson vs. Florida State game has gone on to win the Atlantic Division Championship. Each of the last three years the winner of this game has won the ACC Championship.

•In 2003, Clemson upset a third-ranked Florida State team by a 26-10 score in a nationally televised Saturday night game at Death Valley. Florida State was coming off a 37-0 win at Notre Dame and Clemson was coming off a 45-17 loss at Wake Forest. It is tied for the highest ranked team Clemson has defeated in its

history.

•Clemson defeated eventual ACC Champion Florida State, 35-14, in Memorial Stadium in 2005 behind quarterback Charlie Whitehurst. The two teams were tied, 14-14, at the half before Clemson dominated the second half behind Whitehurst and receiver Chansi Stuckey.

•Clemson won in 2007 on Labor Day night behind the running of James Davis. Davis had earlier scored the winning touchdown at Florida State in 2006 and the 2007 victory gave Clemson three straight wins over the Seminoles, the first ACC team to do that.

•Then, in 2009, C.J. Spiller put on a show for the ages with 312 all-purpose yards, the all-time Clemson record at the time, in a 40-24 victory. It was a big Clemson win on the way to Clemson's Atlantic Division championship.

•In 2010, Florida State won 16-13 on a 55-yard field goal on the last play of the game by Dustin Hopkins. Clemson was 9-18 on third down and had a 25-16 advantage in first downs, but still lost the game. Jamie Harper, had 143 yards rushing and 54 yards receiving for 197 yards from scrimmage.

•Both teams are ranked in the top 25 of both polls this year, the fourth straight year that has been the case. In 2011 Clemson was 21st and Florida State 11th entering the game that the Tigers won 35-30. In 2012 and 2013 both teams were ranked in the top 10. This year Florida State is number-one in both polls and Clemson is 22 in AP and 24 in USA Today.

•This is the 10th time in the history of the series that both teams have entered the game in the top 25 of the AP poll. In 2000, both teams were ranked in the top 10 as Clemson was 10th and Florida State #4 before Florida State's 54-7 victory.

•Clemson is 2-7 when entering a game against Florida State with both teams ranked. That first win took place in Tallahassee in 1989 when Clemson was 10th and Florida State 16th. Clemson was 3-0 and Florida State was 1-1 and had just been upset the week before by Southern Mississippi and quarterback Brett Favre. Florida State did not lose the rest of the year and finished #2 in the AP poll, the highest ranked team Clemson has defeated in final ranking. The other Clemson victory in a battle of top 25 teams took place in 2011 at Clemson.

•Florida State defeated Clemson 24-21 in 1988. The key play was an intricate fake punt executed by Bobby Bowden's team against the Tigers. The fake punt went for 78 yards on a run by Leroy Butler, and a first down at the Clemson two that led to the winning field goal for Florida State. Clemson's defense stiffened and Richie Andrews kicked a 19-yard field goal with 32 seconds left to give Florida State the victory. Both teams finished that season in the top 10.

•Five of Clemson's last six wins against Florida State the Seminoles have been ranked in the top 25.

Other Series Notes

•Florida State had won 11 consecutive games in the series prior to Clemson's victory in 2003. All the wins were recorded by Bobby Bowden, who had a 14-7 all-time record against Clemson. Bobby Bowden lost his last four appearances at Clemson's Death Valley, but his 6-4 record in the facility is still the most victories by an opposing head coach. Vince Dooley (Georgia) is second with five.

•The Clemson vs. Florida State games between 1999-07 were known as The Bowden Bowl, as Clemson was coached by Tommy

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Associated Press Top 25

(September 13, 2014)

Rk	School (First Place)	Rec	Pts
1.	Florida State (38)	2-0	1466
2.	Oregon (16)	3-0	1424
3.	Alabama (1)	3-0	1346
4.	Oklahoma (2)	3-0	1325
5.	Auburn	2-0	1252
6.	Texas A&M (3)	3-0	1195
7.	Baylor	3-0	1134
8.	LSU	3-0	1114
9.	Notre Dame	3-0	917
10.	Mississippi	3-0	840
11.	Michigan State	1-1	815
12.	UCLA	3-0	807
13.	Georgia	1-1	729
14.	South Carolina	2-1	718
15.	Arizona State	3-0	680
16.	Stanford	2-1	560
17.	Southern Cal	2-1	459
18.	Missouri	3-0	446
19.	Wisconsin	1-1	414
20.	Kansas State	2-0	326
21.	BYU	3-0	246
22.	Clemson	1-1	209
23.	Ohio State	2-1	204
24.	Nebraska	3-0	172
25.	Oklahoma State	2-1	126

Others: North Carolina 82, Duke 55, Mississippi State 55, Virginia Tech 54, Penn State 51, East Carolina 44, TCU 42, Pittsburgh 40, Florida 31, Marshall 28, Boston College 22, West Virginia 14, Washington 14, Cincinnati 10, Virginia 6, Arkansas 3, Arizona 3, North Dakota State 3, Louisville 2.

USA Today/Coaches Top 25

(September 13 2014)

Rk.	Team (First Place)	(W-L)	Pts.
1.	Florida State (50)	2-0	1502
2.	Alabama (1)	3-0	1408
3.	Oregon (6)	3-0	1399
4.	Oklahoma (4)	3-0	1390
5.	Auburn	2-0	1297
6.	Baylor	2-0	1179
7.	Texas A&M	3-0	1159
8.	LSU	3-0	1107
9.	Notre Dame	3-0	966
10.	UCLA	3-0	861
11.	Michigan State	1-1	776
12.	Mississippi	3-0	769
13.	Arizona State	3-0	732
14.	Georgia	1-1	693
15.	Stanford	2-1	561
16.	South Carolina	2-1	529
17.	Wisconsin	1-1	436
18.	Ohio State	2-1	402
19.	Missouri	3-0	382
20.	Kansas State	2-0	381
21.	Southern California	2-1	338
22.	Nebraska	3-0	325
23.	BYU	3-0	222
24.	Clemson	1-1	207
25.	North Carolina	2-0	128

Others receiving votes: Duke 100, Mississippi State 92, Oklahoma State 83, Florida 72, TCU 50, Virginia Tech 47, Washington 44, East Carolina 35, Penn State 26, Marshall 25, West Virginia 19, Arizona 18, Cincinnati 15, Northern Illinois 10, Oregon State 8, Louisville 8, Arkansas 7, Pittsburgh 5, Boston College 4, NC State 4, Memphis 2, Virginia 1, Boise State 1.

Bowden and Florida State by Bobby Bowden. Bobby had a 5-4 advantage in those nine games, but Tommy won the last three. They are the only meetings of father and son head coaches in Division FBS history.

The first Bowden Bowl came in 1999, a 17-14 victory for Florida State. That FSU team went on to win the national championship and the 17 points and three-point victory margin were the smallest for Florida State in that championship season. It is the closest Clemson has come to beating the number-one ranked team in the nation.

•Clemson and Florida State are tied for the ACC lead in conference football championships with 14 apiece.

Rundown of Recent Clemson vs. FSU Games

1999—The 1999 game was a festive atmosphere at Clemson as an all-time record crowd of 86,092 attended the game. That record will probably stand for many years due to existing fire codes at Clemson Memorial Stadium. In addition to the hype concerning the first coaching match-up of father vs. son, Bobby Bowden was going for his 300th career victory. He got the win with a struggle, 17-14. It was the closest the Seminoles came to losing in their 1999 National Championship season. Clemson had two offensive touchdowns to Florida State's one and the Florida State 17 points were the fewest scored by the Seminoles in 1999. Clemson drove to the FSU 25 with two minutes left, but a 41-yard field goal attempt by Tony Lazzara was tipped at the line of scrimmage and FSU ran out the clock from there.

2000—Florida State won in Tallahassee by a 54-7 score. Clemson entered the game with an 8-1 record and #10 national ranking, while FSU was fourth in the nation. It was just the third meeting of top 10 teams in ACC history. Clemson was coming off a 31-28 last second loss to Georgia Tech that had broken an eight-game winning streak, the longest for the Tigers under Tommy Bowden. Florida State gained 771 yards of total offense, most ever against the Tigers, including an opponent record 521 through the air. Florida State running back Davy Ford, the brother of former Clemson receiver Jacoby Ford, had an 82-yard run in the game, longest against a Tommy Bowden coached Clemson team.

2001—In a game at Death Valley, Clemson gained 463 yards of total offense, its high total ever against Florida State, but still lost 41-27. The Tigers could not stop freshman quarterback Chris Rix, who threw for 369 yards, leading FSU to 557 yards of total offense. Woody Dantzler kept it interesting with 336 yards of total offense, but it was not enough as FSU won for the sixth straight time under Bobby Bowden in Death Valley. Clemson ran a fake punt for a touchdown, but the play was called back because Clemson only had 10 men on the field (not enough on the line of scrimmage)

2002—Florida State came away with a 48-31 victory in a game that was televised on a Thursday night in Tallahassee by ESPN. Clemson's 31 points were the most for the Tigers in Tallahassee since 1989. Clemson won the total offense battle, 441-386, as Willie Simmons had career high 343 yards of offense. J.J. McKelvey had five catches for 117 yards to help the offense. Florida State got a 97-yard kickoff return from Leon Washington and Greg Jones had 165 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Clemson did successfully execute an on-side kick, first first for the Clemson program since 1979.

2003—Clemson finally defeated Bobby

Bowden in Death Valley with a 26-10 victory. He had been 6-0 at Clemson prior to this game. It was the second of what would be just three losses for Florida State in 2003. They were coming off a 37-0 win at Notre Dame, and Clemson was coming off a 45-17 loss at Wake Forest. Florida State was ranked third in the nation entering the game and that is still the highest ranked team Clemson has defeated in its history. Charlie Whitehurst threw for 272 yards to lead Clemson as Bobby Bowden suffered a loss on his birthday (Nov. 8) for the only time in his career.

2004—Justin Miller set an NCAA record with 282 kickoff return yards, but the eighth-ranked Seminoles defeated Clemson, 41-22, in Tallahassee. Clemson had five turnovers on offense and gained just 173 yards. The Seminoles had 33 more plays than Clemson. However, it was still a 24-22 game with four minutes left in the third period. But, FSU scored the last 17 points of the game. Leon Washington's 35-yard touchdown run in the third period was the key. Miller and Washington would go on to be teammates in the NFL with the New York Jets.

2005—Clemson won for the second time in three years with a 35-14 victory at Death Valley. Clemson scored 21 points in the third period to blow the game open. Charlie Whitehurst threw for 269 yards on his Senior Day and Chansi Stuckey caught 11 passes for 156 yards and two touchdowns. Clemson did not allow an offensive touchdown by the 16th ranked Seminoles. The victory was the 50th for Tommy Bowden in his Clemson career.

2006—James Davis scored on a one-yard run with just eight seconds left to lead Clemson to a 27-20 victory at Florida State. It was the closest score in a Bowden Bowl since the first Bowden Bowl in 1999. Florida State was ranked ninth in the nation entering the contest and the Tigers were unranked after losing the previous week to Boston College in overtime. Clemson held Florida State to 204 yards of total offense, and it was just the third home ACC loss for Florida State in 57 home ACC games. Senior Gaines Adams had seven tackles, including 2.5 sacks to key the Clemson defense.

2007—Clemson had a 24-3 halftime lead, then hung on for a 24-18 win over Florida State in the season opener on Labor Day night. Clemson defeated a 19-ranked Florida State team in the process. Cullen Harper became the first Clemson quarterback in history to beat a ranked team in his first start. James Davis had 102 yards rushing on 18 carries to lead the Tigers.

2008—Florida State handed Clemson a 41-27 defeat in Tallahassee in Dabo Swinney's third game as Clemson Head Coach. Bobby Bowden turned 79 on this day and used an outstanding rushing game to record the victory as the Seminoles gained 266 yards on the ground to just 79 for Clemson. C.J. Spiller had a touchdown rushing and receiving to lead Clemson. Clemson got off to a 10-0 lead to start the game.

2009—Florida State got off to a 17-7 lead to open the game, then C.J. Spiller took over. He rushed for 165 yards in 22 attempts and finished with 67 more receiving. He ended the evening with 312 all-purpose yards, an all-time Clemson record. Clemson intercepted Christian Ponder four times. The win put the Tigers in great position to win the Atlantic Division of the ACC. Kyle Parker completed 18-30 passes for 242 yards and four touchdowns.

2010—Florida State kicker Dustin Hopkins boomed a 55-yard field goal on the last play of the game to give Florida State a 16-13 win over Clemson on November 13, 2010. Had Clemson

won the game, it would have been the Atlantic Division champion. Instead, FSU went to the title game. Clemson was led by Jamie Harper, who had 143 yards rushing and 54 yards receiving on nine catches. He had 36 offensive touches for 197 yards. Kyle Parker was 28-44 for 239 yards. Manuel was 15-24 for 210 yards and had 71 yards rushing in 15 attempts and scored the only touchdown for the Seminoles.

2011—Rennie Moore had a sack on Florida State's final offensive play to clinch a 35-30 Clemson win over 11th ranked Florida State at Death Valley. It marked the second straight week Clemson had beaten a top 20 team. Clemson gained 445 yards on 85 plays, including 344 passing. Tajh Boyd was 22-35 for those 344 yards and three scores. Sammy Watkins had seven receptions for 141 yards and two scores, while Andre Ellington had 23-71 on the ground and also scored a touchdown. Florida State averaged 6.9 yards per play, yet lost the game. Clint Trickett was the Florida State QB that day. He is now the starter at West Virginia.

2012—Clemson jumped out to a 28-14 lead, but the Seminoles went on a 35-9 run to close the game and won the battle of top 10 teams in Tallahassee, 49-37. Florida State rolled up 667 yards of total offense, led by 380 passing yards and 102 rushing yards by EJ Manuel, who became the first Seminole to pass for 300 yards and rush for 100 yards in one game since Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward did so in 1992.

Clemson stretched its lead to 14 points early in the third quarter after forcing a Seminole punt to open the second half. On a second-down play, Boyd threw a quick lateral to Sammy Watkins in his wide-receiver post. Watkins gathered himself and fired a strike across the field to a wide-open Ellington for a 52-yard touchdown that gave the Tigers a 28-14 lead with 11:48 left in the third quarter.

Last Year vs. Florida State

Florida State 51, Clemson 14

October 19, 2013, At Clemson, SC

The turnover battle had been a big part of the formula for success in Clemson's 6-0 start to the season. It was just as key an ingredient in a recipe for disaster against #5 Florida State.

Jameis Winston finished the day 22-34 for 444 yards and three touchdowns passing. He had seven rushes for two yards and a touchdown on the ground. Nick O'Leary had 5-161 receiving for the Seminoles.

In the first clash of top-five teams in Death Valley history, #3 Clemson turned the ball over three times in the first half, more than it had in a game all season, and never recovered, as it fell to Florida State 51-14. The loss snapped Clemson's 11-game winning streak, all by double-digits, against ACC teams.

Clemson had won five straight home games in the series with the Seminoles and had turned the ball over just six times in those contests. By contrast, it committed four turnovers and the Seminoles scored 24 points off those miscues. Florida State also scored the most points by an opposing team in Memorial Stadium history.

The turnover woes began for the Tigers on the game's first play from scrimmage, as Stanton Seckinger fumbled after a reception.

Florida State recovered the fumble at the Clemson 34, and three plays later, it found the endzone on a 22-yard pass from Jameis Winston to Kelvin Benjamin for a 7-0 lead just 82 seconds into the game.

After the Seminoles upped their lead to 10-0 with a field goal, Clemson coughed up the football again. Mario Edwards, Jr. picked up Tajh Boyd's fumble and rumbled 37 yards for a touchdown to give Florida State a 17-0 lead with 3:07 left in the first quarter.

Clemson stemmed the tide briefly by putting together an 11-play, 65-yard drive to score its first points of the game on a two-yard slant pass from Boyd to Sammy Watkins, who made a juggling grab in the endzone.

But the Seminoles added a long touchdown from Winston to Rashad Greene in the second quarter and a field goal just before halftime, as they took a 27-7 into the locker room.

The Seminoles scored on the opening drive of the second half to make it 34-7 on a 17-yard pass from Winston to Greene. Clemson committed its fourth turnover of the night when Boyd was picked off by Ronald Darby midway through the fourth quarter.

For the game, Boyd finished 17-37 passing for 156 yards and a touchdown against two interceptions.

Winston scored on a four-yard run a few minutes later to make the score 41-7 with 4:04 left in the third quarter. Florida State added another touchdown early in the fourth quarter on a two-yard run by Devonta Freeman, and it tacked on a field goal with 4:41 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Cole Stoudt engineered a 16-play, 71-yard march for the Tigers and finished it off himself with a two-yard plunge on fourth down with 13 seconds left in the game to provide the final margin.

Clemson-Florida State Connections

There are many connections between Clemson and Florida State in

terms of coaching and administrative personnel:

*Clemson football administrator **Brad Scott** served as offensive coordinator of Florida State's National Championship team of 1993. He served as an assistant with the Florida State program from 1983-93, including the 1990-93 era when he was offensive coordinator. Florida State won the National Championship in 1993. He has a master's degree from Florida State in athletic administration, a degree he earned in 1984. He was on the Florida State sideline in 1988 when the Seminoles executed the "Puntrookie play".

•**Jeff Scott**, Brad's son, obviously grew up in Tallahassee when Brad was an assistant coach and saw many Florida State games from the sidelines as a youth. He is Clemson's wide receivers coach and has been successful recruiting players for Clemson from Florida.

•**Hootie Ingram**, now retired and living in Alabama, was Clemson's head football coach from 1970-72, then served as Florida State's Athletic Director in the 1980s. It was basically Ingram's idea to change Clemson's logo to the Tiger paw in 1970. He succeeded Clemson legend Frank Howard as Clemson's head coach in 1970. He was Clemson's head coach in the first game against Florida State in 1970.

•Former Clemson head coach **Tommy Bowden** (1999-08) is the son of former Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden. Tommy Bowden finished his Clemson career third in school history in total victories. Clemson never had a losing season in his 10 seasons leading the program.

Clemson Veterans vs. Florida State

Stephone Anthony (LB)—Played one snap in 2011 game at Clemson. Started and played 73 snaps in 2012 at Florida State. Had season high 11 tackles. Started and played 74 snaps in 2013 at Clemson. Had six tackles including a sack. Has 17 career tackles in three games, two as a starter.

Tavaris Barnes (DE)— Played two snaps in 2011 game at Clemson. Played 15 snaps in 2012 at Florida State and had three tackles. Played 23 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson and had one tackle. Has played in three games and has four tackles.

Vic Beasley (DE)— Did not play any snaps on defense in 2011 game at Clemson. Played seven snaps in 2012 game at Florida State. Started and played 51 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson and had two tackles. In two games has two career tackles vs. FSU.

Corey Crawford (DE)— Played 12 snaps in 2011 game at Clemson. Started and played 43 snaps in 2012 game at Florida State. Had four tackles including one tackle for loss. Started and played 54 snaps in game at Clemson in 2013. Had three tackles, including one sack for five yards. Has played in three games, two as a starter and has seven career tackles, including two tackles for loss, one of which is a sack.

Germone Hopper (WR)— Played 29 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson and had one catch for four yards.

D.J. Howard (RB)— Played five snaps in 2012 game at Florida State. Played 13 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson and had 7-26 rushing last year. Has played in two games and has had 7-26 rushing against Florida State.

Adam Humphries (WR)— Played 15 snaps in 2011 game at Clemson and had one reception for 6 yards. Played 14 snaps in 2012 game. Started and played 60 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson and had one reception for 12 yards. Also had one punt return for 45 yards. Has played in three games, one as a starter. Has two career receptions for 18 yards and one punt return for 45 yards, his career long return.

Grady Jarrett (DT)— DNP in 2011 game in Clemson. Started in 2012, played 38 snaps and had 1 tackle. Started in 56 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson and had two tackles including 1 TFL for 2 yards. Has played in two games, started in 2 and has had three career tackles including one TFL.

Martin Jenkins (DB)— Only active Tiger to play in 2010 game at Tallahassee. Played on special teams in 2010 game at Florida State and 2011 game at Clemson. Sat out 2012 due to injury. Played career high 60 snaps last year and had three tackles last year.

Jayron Kearse (S)— Played three snaps in 2013 game at Clemson and had two tackles.

Shaq Lawson (DE)— Played 26 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson and had

one tackle.

Jordan Leggett(TE)--- Played 29 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson. Had one reception for 10 yards.

Charone Peake (WR)---Played 16 snaps in 2011 game at Clemson. Played 12 snaps in 2012 game at Florida State. DNP in 2013 game a Clemson due to torn ACL. Has played 28 snaps without catching a pass against FSU.

Bradley Pinion (P/PK)--- Started in 2013 game at Clemson and had 5 punts for 189 yards, a 37.8 average.

D.J. Reader (DT)---Played 14 snaps in 2012 game at Florida State and had two tackles. Played 37 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson. Had two tackles including a sack.

Stanton Seckinger (TE)---DNP in 2012 game at Florida State. Started and Played with 28 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson. Had one reception for 9 yards.

Robert Smith (S)--- Played on special teams in Clemson win in 2011. Also played special teams in 2012. Started and played 71 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson. Had nine tackles and 1 PBU.

Tony Steward (LB)--- DNP in 2011 game at Clemson. Played special teams in 2012 game in Tallahassee. Played 11 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson and had three tackles. Has played in two games and had four career tackles.

Cole Stoudt (QB)--- DNP in 2011 game at Clemson. Played one snap in 2012 game at Florida State. Played 17 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson, and was 5-8 for 47 yards. Also had two carries for seven yards and a TD.

Josh Watson (DT)--- DNP in 2011 game at Clemson. Played 33 snaps in 2012 game at Florida State, had four tackles. Started and played 45 snaps in 2013 game at Clemson, and had five tackles. Has nine career tackles in two games vs. Seminoles

Deshawn Williams (DT)--- Played three snaps in 2011 game at Clemson, had one tackle. Played 31 snaps and had five tackles in 2012 game at Florida State. Played 15 snaps and had one tackle in 2013 game at Clemson. Has played in three games and has had seven career tackles.

Clemson's Highest Ranked Victories

Clemson will face a number-one ranked Florida State Saturday night in Tallahassee. A victory would give Clemson its 12th win over a top eight (at least one poll) team in history. Of the 11 recorded so far, Dabo Swinney already has five of them, four in the last four years. Swinney has led Clemson to a top eight win three consecutive years entering this year. Clemson's highest ranked wins are over #3 Florida State in 2003 at Clemson and over #3 (Coaches' poll) Virginia Tech in the 2011 ACC Championship game in Charlotte.

Clemson's Highest Ranked Wins

Year	Opponent	Site	AP-Coach	CU-Opp
2003	Florida State	H	3-3	26-10
2011	Virginia Tech	N4	5-3	38-10
1981	Georgia	H	4-4	13-3
1981	Nebraska	N1	4-4	22-15
2013	Georgia	H	5-5	38-35
2003	Tennessee	N2	7-6	27-14
2013	Ohio State	N1	6-7	40-35
2012	LSU	N	9-7	25-24
1959	TCU	N3	7-8	23-7
1981	North Carolina	A	8-9	10-8
2009	Miami (FL)	A	8-9	40-37

N1 at Orange Bowl; N2 at Georgia Dome, N3 at Bluebonnet Bowl
N4 ACC Championship game in Charlotte, NC

Games won by Dabo Swinney in bold

Clemson vs. Defending National Champion

In addition to facing number-one ranked Florida State on Saturday, the Tigers are also facing the defending national champion. While Clemson has never beaten the team currently ranked number-one heading into a game, the Tigers have defeated the defending National Champion four times, including a 3-0 mark in games at Memorial Stadium.

Clemson defeated the defending champion as recently as 2011

when Auburn came to Memorial Stadium. Auburn had won the title with a 14-0 record the year before behind Cam Newton. But the Tigers ended Auburn's 17-game winning streak with a 38-24 win behind sophomore Tajh Boyd.

Clemson has also defeated the defending National champion at Memorial Stadium in 1981, 13-3 win over Georgia, and in 1991, a 9-7 win over Georgia Tech. Tech had won the UPI National Championship in 1990.

Overall, Clemson is 4-5 against the defending National Champion. The other victory took place at the Citrus Bowl that concluded the 1987 season when Clemson defeated Penn State 35-10. Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions had won the 1986 National Championship. It was the largest margin of defeat for Paterno in a bowl game.

Clemson vs. Defending National Champion (4-5)

Year	Opponent	Site	W-L	CU-Opp
1954	Maryland	A	L	0-16
1966	Alabama	A	L	0-26
1977	Pittsburgh	N1	L	3-34
1981	Georgia	H	W	13-3
1987	Penn State	N2	W	35-10
1991	Georgia Tech	H	W	9-7
1994	Florida State	A	L	0-17
2000	Florida State	A	L	7-54
2011	Auburn	H	W	38-24

N1 at Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. , N2 at Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

Clemson Poll Streak at 50

Clemson has a streak of 50 consecutive polls ranked in the top 25 of both polls. It is tied for the longest streak in Clemson history and is the seventh longest active streak in college football. Clemson also appeared in 50 straight polls between 1989 and 1992. Alabama has the longest active streak with 102 in a row dating to 2008.

Longest Active AP Poll Streaks

Rk	School	Polls	Since
1.	Alabama	102	2008
2.	LSU	85	2009
3.	Oregon	81	2009
4.	Oklahoma	69	2010
5.	South Carolina	68	2010
	Stanford	68	2010
7.	Clemson	50	2011
8.	Florida State	40	2011
9.	Ohio State	37	2012
10.	Texas A&M	31	2012

Clemson's Longest AP Poll Streaks

1.	Streak	Years
1.	50	1989-92
	50	2011-Present
3.	41	1986-89
4.	21	2000-01
5.	15	1981-82
6.	14	1959-60
7.	11	1983-84
8.	10	1982-82

Stopping Streaks

Florida State enters Saturday's game on an 18-game winning streak, the longest winning streak in the nation. If Clemson gains victory it will be the longest streak stopped by a Tigers football team. The previous long streak stopped by the Clemson grid program took place in September of 2011 when the Tigers defeated defending National Champion Auburn 38-24. Those Tigers had a 17-game winning streak entering the game at Clemson.

Clemson has stopped two other double digit streaks. Clemson ended Georgia's 15-game winning streak in 1981 with a 13-3 win at Clemson. Georgia was fourth ranked entering the game and was the defending National Champion.

The only other double digit streak Clemson has stopped in its history took place in 1950. In the Jan. 1, 1951 Orange Bowl at the end of that 1950 season, the Tigers ended Miami (FL) 10-game unbeaten streak with a 15-14 victory. Miami had been 9-0-1 entering that game.

Clemson ended an eight-game winning streak by Nebraska in the 1982 Orange Bowl, giving the Tigers the National Championship. So that great 1981 Clemson team ended two of the four longest streaks in Clemson football history.

Longest Winning Streaks Stopped by Clemson

Year	Opponent	Site	Cu-Opp	Streak
2011	Auburn	H	38-24	17
1981	Georgia	H	13-3	15
1950	#Miami (FL)	N1	15-14	10
1981	Nebraska	N1	22-15	8
1923	Furman	A	7-6	8
1989	NC State	H	30-10	8
1991	NC State	H	29-19	8
1939	Boston College	N2	6-3	7
1959	TCU	N3	23-7	7
#Unbeaten Streak				
N1—Orange Bowl, Miami, FL; N2—Cotton Bowl, Dallas, TX; N3 Blue-bonnet Bowl, Houston, TX; N4—Chick-fil-A Bowl, Atlanta, GA				

Clemson vs. Number-One

Clemson has never defeated the number-one team in the nation, but has faced the top ranked team in either poll four times. The first occurrence was at the 1959 Sugar Bowl when the Tigers faced LSU and Heisman Trophy Winner Billy Cannon. LSU won that game 7-0. They had already captured the National Championship because in those days there was no poll after the bowl games.

The last three meetings against number-one have all been against Florida State. Number-one ranked Florida State teams beat Clemson 57-0 in 1993, 45-26 in 1995 and 17-14 in 1999. The 1993 and 1999 Florida State teams went on to win the national championship.

Clemson vs. Number-One Ranked Teams

Date	Opponent	Site	CU-Opp
1-1-1959	LSU	N-Sugar Bowl	0-7
9-11-1993	Florida State	A	0-57
9-9-1995	Florida State	H	26-45
10-23-1999	Florida State	H	14-17

Swinney Has Played Tough Schedule over his Clemson Career

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney likes to play a tough schedule and that has certainly been the case over his career and of late. When Clemson meets #1 Florida State on September 20 **it will be the eighth time in the last 18 games** Clemson has faced a team ranked in the top 12 in the nation. Not the top 25, the top 12 in at least one of the polls. Six of the previous seven have been against non-conference opponents.

It will be Swinney's 25th game against a top 25 team in his 77 games as Clemson head coach. That means he has faced a top 25 team 32.5 percent of his games. That will be the second highest percentage among Clemson coaches over the years. Ken Hatfield faced 15 top 25 teams in his 46 games as head coach for a 32.6 percentage. By comparison, Tommy Bowden faced a top 25 team just 31 percent of the time and Danny Ford just 25.6 percent of his games.

Clemson Coaches % of Games vs. Top 25 Teams

Rk	Coach	Years	Rk-Games	Pct
1.	Ken Hatfield	1990-93	15-46	.326
2.	Dabo Swinney	2008-Present	#25-77	.325
3.	Tommy Bowden	1999-08	36-117	.308
4.	Tommy West	1994-98	16-59	.271
5.	Danny Ford	1978-89	33-129	.256
6.	Charley Pell	1977-78	5-23	.217
7.	Hootie Ingram	1970-72	7-33	.212
8.	Frank Howard	1940-69	41-295	.139

#Includes Florida State game Saturday night.

Top 12 Teams Clemson Has Played over Last 18 Contests

Date	Opponent	Site	AP-USA	CU-Opp
11-24-12	South Carolina	H	13-12	17-27
12-31-12	LSU	N	9-7	25-24
8-31-13	Georgia	H	5-5	38-35
10-19-13	Florida State	H	5-5	14-51
11-30-13	South Carolina	A	10-9	17-31
1-3-14	Ohio State	N	7-6	40-35
8-30-14	Georgia	A	12-12	21-45
9-20-14	Florida State	A	1-1	?

Clemson Players from Sunshine State

Clemson has nine players on its roster from the state of Florida. Two of the nine are in the process of redshirting and are not expected to play against Florida State. But four of the other seven are starters. That list includes Mackensie Alexander (CB), Jayron Kearse (SAF), Jordan Leggett (TE), and Tony Steward (LB). Tavaris Barnes (DE) and Artavis Scott

(WR) are key reserves. In fact Scott leads Clemson in receiving yardage.

Clemson Players from Florida

Name	Pos	Hometown	High School
#McKensie Alexander	CB	Immokalee	Immokalee
Adrian Baker	CB	Hallandale	Chaminade Madonna
Tavaris Barnes	DE	Jacksonville	First Coast
Travis Blanks	LB	Tallahassee	North Florida Christian
#Jayron Kearse	SAF	Fort Myers	S. Fort Myers
#Jordan Leggett	TE	Navarre	Navarre
Artavis Scott	WR	Oldsmar	East Lake
#Tony Steward	LB	Hastings	Pedro Menendez
Richard Yeargin	LB	Lauderdale Lakes	Nova Southeastern
#Expected to start at Florida State			

Scott Breaks Watkins Record

It didn't take Artavis Scott long to break a record held by former Tiger Sammy Watkins, the number-four selection of the 2014 NFL draft. Scott had six receptions for 164 yards and two scores in the win over South Carolina State and the yardage total was a Clemson record for a freshman.

Sammy Watkins and Aaron Kelly were co-holders of the previous mark. Watkins had 155 as a freshman in a win over Auburn and Kelly had 155 as a freshman in a victory over Temple.

Scott's day included a 69-yard reception from quarterback Cole Stoudt, a 37-yard scoring pass from Stoudt and an eight-yard scoring reception from freshman Deshaun Watson.

For his efforts, Scott was named ACC Receiver of the Week. He was just the fourth freshman since 2000 to be named an ACC Player of the Week. The other Tigers to do it were Charlie Whitehurst (vs. Duke, 2002), James Davis (2005 vs. South Carolina) and Watkins on three occasions during the 2011 season.

Dabo Swinney 6-3 vs. Top 10 Teams

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney can tie Danny Ford's school record for top 10 wins in a career if the Tigers win at Florida State. In just seven years (including 2008 when he coached seven of 13 games), Swinney has six top 10 wins, just one behind the seven Ford accumulated in his 129 games and 11 years as head coach.

Swinney is 6-3 against teams ranked in the top 10 by at least one poll. Ford was 7-4-1 for his time at Clemson (1978-89). Tommy Bowden is third on Clemson's all-time list of wins over top 10 teams with five, while Frank Howard had two and Ken Hatfield had one.

What is most impressive about Swinney's list is that five of his six top 10 wins so far have been away from home, two on the opponent's home site and three at neutral site. He is tied with Ford for most top 10 wins away from home with five.

Dabo Swinney's Top 10 Wins

Date	Opponent	Opp Rank	CU-Opp
10-24-2009	at Miami (FL)	8-9	40-37 (OT)
10-1-2011	at Virginia Tech	11-10	23-3
12-3-2011	N-Virginia Tech	5-3	38-10
12-31-2012	N-LSU	9-7	25-24
8-31-2013	H-Georgia	5-5	38-35
1-3-2014	N-Ohio State	7-6	40-35.

Steward Top Tackler

One of the best stories of the 2014 season so far has been the play of linebacker Tony Steward. The native of Hastings, Fla, was a five-star linebacker out of high school, and a first-team USA Today All-American. But he suffered a torn ACL in each knee, one in high school and then one at Clemson as a freshman in 2011.

Steward is finally healthy as a senior and has been making the most of his opportunity. He has 16 tackles so far to lead the team, including a team best 12 at Georgia when he made four special teams tackles. He has played 66 snaps on defense so far this year.

Clemson Top 25 Rankings

- 1st in nation in fewest penalties/game with 2.0 per game
- Second in fewest first downs allowed with 27
- Second in pass defense, allowing 84 yards per game.
- Fourth in tackles for loss per game, 9.5
- Fifth in pass efficiency defense, 82.57 rating points.
- 6th in total defense, allowing 251.5 yards per game
- 6th in fewest penalty yards per game, 22.5 yards per game.

Offense

- 10th in scoring offense at 47 points per game
- 16th in passing offense at 335.0 yards per game
- 19th in fewest turnovers with three.
- 18th in fewest interceptions thrown, 3.

Clemson in Top 20 by US News

Clemson University is now ranked among the top 20 National Public Universities according to U.S. News & World Report's annual guide to "America's Best Colleges" for 2015. The university is No. 20 on the list, its highest ranking and seventh consecutive year the school has been in the top 25.

"To be ranked among the nation's top public universities is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, students and trustees and the support of our alumni, donors, friends and volunteers," said Clemson President James P. Clements. "I congratulate the entire Clemson family on this well-deserved recognition, especially President Emeritus Jim Barker, who started us on this path 15 years ago."

Additionally, Clemson ranks eighth among "up-and-coming schools" that have made "the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus or facilities." The university also is recognized for "writing in the disciplines." This recognition highlights outstanding academic programs commonly linked to student success.

Clemson consistently receives recognition for making writing a priority at all levels of instruction and across the curriculum. Clemson is identified as one of 11 colleges and universities in the nation that make writing a priority across all disciplines. Among national public universities, Clemson is 31st in best undergraduate engineering programs and 50th in best undergraduate business programs.

Clemson on September 20

Clemson has a lot of success in games played on September 20. The Tigers are 9-3 overall on that date and two wins stand out. On September 20, 1986, Clemson won at Georgia by a 31-28 score on a 46-yard field goal by David Treadwell on the last play of the game. It is one of just two Clemson wins in Athens in the last 100 years.

In 2003, Clemson also had a big win in the state of Georgia, a 39-3 victory at Georgia Tech behind quarterback Charlie Whitehurst. That was Clemson's largest margin of victory in Atlanta since a 73-0 win over Georgia Tech in 1903.

Twenty-Seven Former Tigers on 53-Man Active Rosters

According to NFL rosters on the nfl.com website on Monday night, September 8, 27 former Clemson players were on NFL teams. Twenty-six of the 27 were on the active 53-man roster. The only one who was not was rookie offensive lineman Brandon Thomas, who is on injured reserve with the San Francisco 49ers.

Here are some other notes about former Tigers in the NFL:

•Thirteen former Tigers on NFL rosters are offensive players, 13 are defensive players, and one (Chandler Catanzaro) is a special teams player.

•Sixteen of the 27 former Tigers on NFL rosters were on the Clemson 2011 roster that won the ACC Championship.

•Nine of the teams have multiple Clemson players on their roster. The list is led by the Buffalo Bills, who have four former Tigers (C.J. Spiller, Sammy Watkins, Chris Hairston, Jonathan Meeks.). The Arizona Cardinals have three in Andre Ellington, Jaron Brown and Chandler Catanzaro. San Diego, Tampa Bay, Pittsburgh, Houston, Washington and Jacksonville all have two apiece.

•Six members of the 2013 Clemson team that finished in the top 10 in both wire service polls, made NFL rosters as rookies. Bashaud Breeland (Washington), Martavis Bryant (Pittsburgh), Chandler Catanzaro (Arizona), Tyler Shatley (Jacksonville), Brandon Thomas (San Francisco) and Sammy Watkins (Buffalo) all made rosters in their first season.

•The veteran of the list is quarterback Charlie Whitehurst, who will be in his ninth year in the league. He is with the Tennessee Titans.

*Clemson has at least one former player on 15 of the 32 NFL teams.

•Clemson's top two all-purpose yardage players of all time are on the same NFL roster. C.J. Spiller and Sammy Watkins combined for 317 yards in the Buffalo Bills victory over Miami on September 14. Spiller had a 102 yard kickoff return for a score and Watkins had eight catches for 117 yards and a score.

•Former Clemson kicker Chandler Catanzaro was 4-4 on field goals for the Arizona Cardinals in their 25-14 win over the New York Giants that same day.

•12 former Tigers started and nine more played as reserves in games played the weekend of September 14.

Former Clemson Players on NFL Roster

(September 15, 2014)

No	Name	Pos	Team	#Yrs	CU Yrs
83	Dwayne Allen	TE	Indianapolis Colts	2	2009-11
91	DaQuan Bowers	DE	Tampa Bay Bucs	3	2008-10
90	Andre Branch	DE	Jacksonville Jaguars	2	2008-11
26	Bashaud Breeland	CB	Washington Redskins	R	2011-13
13	Jaron Brown	WR	Arizona Cardinals	1	2009-12
10	Martavis Bryant	WR	Pittsburgh Steelers	R	2011-13
26	Crezdon Butler	CB	Tampa Bay Bucs	5	2006-09
7	Chandler Catanzaro	PK	Arizona Cardinals	R	2010-13
53	Kavell Conner	LB	San Diego Chargers	4	2006-09
38	Andre Ellington	RB	Arizona Cardinals	1	2009-12
63	Dalton Freeman	C	New York Jets	1	2009-12
38	Marcus Gilchrist	DB	San Diego Chargers	3	2007-10
75	Chris Hairston	OL	Buffalo Bills	3	2007-10
93	Malliciah Goodman	DE	Atlanta Falcons	1	2009-12
10	DeAndre Hopkins	WR	Houston Texans	1	2010-12
99	Jarvis Jenkins	DT	Washington Redskins	3	2007-10
41	Byron Maxwell	CB	Seattle Seahawks	3	2007-10
36	Jonathan Meeks	S	Buffalo Bills	1	2009-12
74	*Antoine McClain	OT	New Orleans Saints	1	2009-12
82	Michael Palmer	TE	Pittsburgh Steelers	4	2006-09
24	Coty Sensabaugh	CB	Tennessee Titans	2	2008-11
69	Tyler Shatley	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	R	2010-13
28	C.J. Spiller	RB	Buffalo Bills	4	2006-09
60	@Brandon Thomas	OT	San Francisco 49ers	R	2010-13
98	Brandon Thompson	DT	Cincinnati Bengals	2	2008-11
14	Sammy Watkins	WR	Buffalo Bills	R	2011-13
12	Charlie Whitehurst	QB	Tennessee Titans	8	2002-05

#Years denotes years completed on an NFL roster

. @injured reserve. *Practice squad

Pinion Punting Opponents

Clemson punter Bradley Pinion has 10 punts this year, all in the season opener at Georgia, and has a 45.1 average. He has two punts inside the 20 and no touchbacks, giving him 26 punts inside the 20 and no touchbacks over the last two years. A year ago he had an incredible 24/0 ratio on that category. The 24 total punts inside the 20 tied a Clemson season record. Pinion also handles Clemson's kickoffs and has six touchbacks in 13 kickoffs.

Pinion is 19th in the nation in punting average this week at 45.1 yards per punt.

Freshmen Productive vs. Bulldogs

Clemson freshmen combined for 432 yards from scrimmage in the victory over South Carolina State on September 6. Six different freshmen combined for 36 rushes for 230 yards and 10 receptions for 202.

Artavis Scott led the way with six catches for 164 yards, a school record for receiving yards by a Clemson freshman. True Freshman Adam Choice had 12-74 rushing and 2-15 receiving for a combined 89 yards from scrimmage, while redshirt freshman Wayne Gallman had 77 yards rushing and seven yards receiving for 84 yards from scrimmage.

The yards from scrimmage stats do not include the fine passing performance by Deshaun Watson. The true freshman completed 8-9 passes for 154 yards and three touchdowns.

Field Position a Big Key So Far

One statistic stuck out when examining the Clemson vs. Georgia game in the season opener. Field position was in Georgia's favor by a wide distance. The Bulldogs average starting field position was its own 39-yard-line, while Clemson's average start was its own 19. Georgia punters pinned Clemson inside its own 20 four times and had just one touchback.

The average start of the 39 yard line does not include Todd Gurley's 100-yard kickoff return because Georgia never started an offensive possession after the kickoff.

To put those stats in perspective, Clemson has had an average start inside its own 20 just one other game in the last 17 years. The 20-yard advantage in starting field position for Georgia was the longest since 2006 when Wake Forest had an average drive start of midfield and Clemson's average start was its own 21, a 29-yard advantage.

In the win over South Carolina State, Clemson's average starting position was its own 35 and South Carolina State's was its own 26.

Watkins, Dodd and Peake All Make Comebacks

Carlos Watkins, Kevin Dodd and Charone Peake all received injury redshirt years for the 2013 season. All were back in action at

Georgia in the season opener and made contributions. Watkins played 16 snaps at defensive tackle and had three tackles. Dodd played 18 snaps and had half a tackle for loss and two tackles. Peake scored a touchdown on a 30-yard reception from freshman Deshaun Watson to tie the score in the second period. It was his first touchdown since last year against South Carolina State.

Four Touchdown Passes for Watson

Clemson freshman quarterback Deshaun Watson is off to a good start as Clemson's backup quarterback. The true freshman has completed 10-13 passes for 213 yards and four touchdowns. He is averaging 16.4 yards per attempt and 21.3 yards per completion. The four touchdown passes are just one short of the Clemson record for touchdown passes in a season by a true freshman. Willie Jordan set the record in 1975 when he had five.

**Superlatives from Clemson's 73-7 win over South Carolina State
Clemson defeated South Carolina State 73-7 on September 6 at Clemson. Here are a few notes on Clemson's victory:**

- Clemson gained 735 yards of total offense, third highest total in school history.
- Tigers threw for 467 yards, second highest figure in school history. It was just one yard short of the school record 468 accumulated at Syracuse in 2013.
- Clemson had 32 first downs, 15 rushing and 17 passing.
- Clemson scored nine touchdowns and they were scored by eight different players. Artavis Scott was the only Tiger with two touchdowns.
- Clemson allowed just 44 yards of total offense, the best defense by a Clemson team since 1963 when Virginia had just 41 against the Tigers.
- Clemson's 691-yard advantage in total offense was the largest in Clemson history.

Clemson again among Nation's Best in WSJ Chart

Following three consecutive 10-win seasons, including back-to-back top 10 finishes on the field, coupled with four straight years ranked among the top 10 percent in the NCAA's Academic Progress Report, Clemson football again is perched in the top right corner of the Wall Street Journal's grid of "admirable" and "powerhouse" programs.

Clemson is the only FBS program nationally to finish each of the last three seasons in the top 25 of both polls on the field, and in the top 10 percent of APR scores in the classroom. Clemson and Stanford are the only two FBS programs with a top 10 final ranking in the USA Today Coaches poll and a top 10 percent ranking in FBS APR scores each of the last two years.

The Journal places teams across an x-axis based upon on-field success with a y-axis correlated to off-field reputation. According to the article: This is the Wall Street Journal's fourth annual grid, and Clemson has been in the top right quadrant each of the last two years.

Beasley Ranked among Top 10 Players by ESPN and Sporting News

Vic Beasley was listed as the ninth best player in the nation, third among defensive players by the Sporting News in its Pre-Spring Practice ranking. The Clemson graduate is one of just three 2013 Consensus All-Americans returning for the 2014 season. He was also listed ninth by ESPN.com

The only defensive players ranked ahead of Beasley by the Sporting News are Leonard Williams of Southern California, and Randy Gregory of Nebraska. He is also third among ACC players, trailing only Jameis Winston and Cameron Erving of Florida State.

Last year Beasley was a consensus All-American and first-team All-ACC defensive end. He had 23 tackles for loss and 13 sacks to help Clemson lead the nation in tackles for loss as a team and rank 13th in sacks per game. His 23 tackles for loss in 13 games ranked second in the nation on a total basis and his sacks per game figure ranked third best. He was also tied for 10th in the nation in caused fumbles with four.

Top 10 for 2014 by Sporting News

Rk	Player	Pos	School
1.	Marcus Mariota	QB	Oregon
2.	Jameis Winston	QB	Florida State
3.	Todd Gurley	RB	Georgia
4.	Leonard Williams	DL	USC
5.	Randy Gregory	DE	Nebraska
6.	Bryce Petty	QB	Baylor
7.	Brett Hundley	QB	UCLA
8.	Cameron Erving	OT	Florida State
9.	Vic Beasley	DE	Clemson

Four Clemson Players on Preseason Lists

•Four Clemson players are on preseason watch lists. Defensive players Vic Beasley, Stephone Anthony and Grady Jarrett are all on multiple lists, while center Ryan Norton is on the Dave Rimington Award List.

•Beasley, Anthony and Jarrett are all on the Bednarik, Nagurski and Lombardi Award lists. Beasley is the only Tiger on the Lott Trophy List and is also on the Hendricks Watch List. Anthony is the only Tiger on the Butkus List, and Jarrett the only Tiger on the Outland Trophy List.

•Clemson is the only ACC school to have at least three Bednarik Award Watch List players, and one of 10 schools overall. Stanford has the most with four players, while Clemson, Texas, Michigan State, TCU, Alabama, Southern Cal, Georgia, Washington and Oklahoma all had three.

•Anthony, a third-team All-ACC player in 2013, was the top tackler on Clemson's defense that helped the Tigers to an 11-2 record and number-seven final national ranking by USA Today. The senior from Polkton, N.C. had 131 tackles, including 13.5 tackles for loss and four sacks. He also had five passes broken up. His only interception took place on the final defensive possession of the season in the 40-35 win over Ohio State.

•Jarrett had 83 tackles a year ago, including 11 tackles for loss, when he was named an honorable mention All-ACC player. His 83 tackles ranked third on the team overall, best among defensive linemen. He has 134 tackles for his 35-game career, 24 as a starter.

•Beasley was a semifinalist for the Bednarik Award last year when he was a consensus All-American, one of just three consensus selections returning for 2014. The senior ranked second in the nation in tackles for loss per game with 1.8, was third in sacks per game at 1.0 and was 13th in caused fumbles with 0.31 per game. Beasley had 44 total tackles, 23 of which were behind the line of scrimmage.

Clemson Players on Preseason Watch Lists

Vic Beasley, DE

- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Lott Trophy Watch List
- Nagurski Award Watch List
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- Hendricks Award Watch List
- Walter Camp National Player of the Year Watch List

Stephone Anthony, LB

- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Butkus Award Watch List
- Nagurski Award Watch List
- Lombardi Award Watch List

Grady Jarrett, DT

- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Nagurski Award Watch List
- Lombardi Award Watch List

Ryan Norton

- Dave Rimington Watch List

Clemson Seventh in Top 25 Wins over Last Three Years

•Clemson has eight wins over top 25 teams over the last three years, tied for seventh most in the nation. LSU and Stanford have the most with 14.

•Clemson had a 4-2 mark against top 25 teams in 2011, then had a 2-1 mark in 2012. Last year Clemson was 2-2 with all the games coming against top 10 teams. Five of Clemson's eight wins the last three years vs. top 25 teams have come against teams ranked in the top 10 of at least one of the major polls.

•Clemson's game with 12th ranked Georgia was its seventh against a top 13 over its last 16 games. Clemson is also slated to play #1 ranked Florida State in the third game of the season and that will make it eight of 18 games against a top 13 team.

Most Wins over Top 25 Teams 2011-13

Rk	School	2011	2012	2013	Total
1.	Stanford	3-0	5-2	6-2	14-4
	LSU	8-3	3-1	3-0	14-4
3.	Alabama	4-1	5-4	3-1	12-6
4.	Oklahoma St.	5-2	2-0	3-1	10-3
	Oregon	3-3	5-1	2-0	10-4
6.	Oklahoma	3-3	2-0	4-3	9-6
7.	Clemson	4-2	2-1	2-2	8-5
	Michigan State	3-2	2-0	3-2	8-4
	South Carolina	2-0	3-1	3-2	8-3

Clemson Ranked 16th in Both Preseason Polls

Clemson was ranked 16th in the preseason Associated Press College Football Poll released on Sunday, August 17. The ranking matches Clemson's number-16 ranking in the preseason USA Today poll released on July 31.

Clemson has four games against teams ranked in the preseason Associated Press Top 25 and three of those contests will be played before the end of September. In addition to games against #12 Georgia on August 30 and at #1 Florida State on September 20, the Tigers host #23 North Carolina on September 27, and #9 South Carolina on November 29.

This marks the third consecutive year Clemson has been ranked in the preseason top 16 of the Associated Press Poll. Clemson was 14th in the preseason for 2012 and eighth last year. Clemson finished 11th and eighth, respectively, according to AP each of the last two years. This is the first time Clemson has been ranked in the preseason for at least three consecutive years since a streak of eight years in a row from 1987-94.

Overall, this is the 23rd year Clemson has been ranked in the Associated Press preseason poll. The Tigers have gone on to finish in the top 25 of those seasons 13 times. But the Tigers have finished in the top 25 both times they have been ranked in the preseason under Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

Conversely, Clemson has ranked in the **final** top 25 nine seasons without a preseason top 25 ranking. Swinney's teams have done that twice, in 2009 and 2011. Additionally, Clemson won the 1981 National Championship without a preseason top 20 ranking.

Clemson 2014 Seniors Pursue School Wins Record

Clemson's 2014 senior class has a 33-9 record and needs just nine wins this season to establish the school record for wins in a four-year period. The record is 40 by the 1990 class that was 40-8 for its four years, four straight 10-2 seasons.

The 2014 seniors have a 20-4 mark in ACC games (not including ACC Championship games). The group needs just five ACC wins to establish the class record for that category as well.

The 2014 seniors are 20-2 at Death Valley and a six-win season at home (seven total games) will give this group the record for wins at home. The record is 24 by the seniors of 2012 and 2013.

A 10 win season would make this the eighth winningest class in ACC history and the winningest since the Virginia Tech seniors of 2011. (Note that Florida State's current senior class can also join the list.)

Clemson Senior Class Total Wins Bests

Rk	Class	Pct	W-L-T
1.	1990	.833	40-8
2.	1991	.823	39-8-1
3.	1989	.813	38-8-2
	2013	.717	38-15
5.	1984	.844	37-6-2
	1981	.787	37-10
7.	1983	.822	36-7-2
8.	2012	.679	36-17
9.	1982	.772	35-10-1
	2014	.786	33-9

Clemson Has Three on Preseason All-ACC

Clemson All-American defensive end Vic Beasley, Grady Jarrett and Stephone Anthony were all named to the first-team preseason All-ACC football team. The team was selected by media who attended the ACC Football Kickoff in Greensboro, N.C.

Clemson led all ACC teams with the three defensive selections. Florida State had the most overall selections to the team with nine. The Seminoles are the preseason favorite to win the ACC and the Atlantic Division, while Clemson was chosen second in the Atlantic Division.

Beasley was the leading votegetter on the defensive team with 96 votes. Only returning Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston, Florida State's quarterback, had more votes overall with 97.

Beasley was a consensus All-American last year when had 23 tackles for loss, including 13 sacks and four caused fumbles. He ranked in the top five in the nation in tackles for loss and sacks. He led the ACC in sacks, the third Clemson player in the last four years to lead that category.

Beasley has been named a preseason first-team All-American by virtually every publication this summer and is on the Watch List for the Lombardi Award, the Bednarik Award and the Nagurski Award. He was a finalist for the Ted Hendricks Award last year. That honor goes to the top defensive end in the nation.

Jarrett has been on the preseason watch lists for the Lombardi Award, Bednarik Award, the Nagurski Award and the Outland Trophy. He is the top returning tackler among Clemson defensive linemen with 83 last

season when he helped Clemson lead the nation in tackles for loss.

Anthony was the top tackler on Clemson's 11-2 team of 2013 that finished seventh in the final USA Today poll. He had 131 tackles overall, including 13.5 tackles for loss, four of which were sacks. He is on the Butkus Award Watch List in addition to being on the Watch List for the Lombardi Award, Bednarik Award and Nagurski Award.

Clemson's Balanced Offense under Morris

Clemson has had a balanced offense under Offensive Coordinator Chad Morris. One of the examples is a look nationally to the number of teams that have had a 3000-yard passer, a 1000-yard receiver and 1000-yard rusher each of the last three years. There have been just two, Baylor and Clemson, to do all three each of the last three years.

Below is a chart of the numbers for Clemson and Baylor and the players who recorded those gaudy statistics. Notice the consistency in the totals for Boyd, all three years within 68 yards). Give credit to Baylor, they accomplished the feat with eight different players.

School	Year	Passing	Rushing	Receiving
Clemson	2011	Tajh Boyd (3828)	Andre Ellington (1178)	Sammy Watkins (1219)
	2012	Tajh Boyd (3896)	Andre Ellington (1081)	Deandre Hopkins (1405)
	2013	Tajh Boyd (3851)	Rod McDowell (1025)	Sammy Watkins (1464)
Baylor	2011	Robert Griffin III (4293)	Terrance Garaway (1547)	Kendall Wright (1663)
	2012	Nick Florence (4309)	Lache Seastrunk (1012)	Terrence Williams (1832)
	2013	Bryce Petty (4200)	Lache Seastrunk (1177)	Antwan Goodley (1339)

Clemson Has had Success with First-Year Senior Starter

While it has not happened often, Clemson does have a history of success with a senior quarterback in his first year as a starter. If Cole Stoudt is the starter over the course of the season he will be just the fifth senior in his first year as starting quarterback since 1968, the first since Will Proctor in 2006.

The history of success in this situation for the Clemson program goes back to 1929 when Goat McMillan quarterbacked Clemson to an 8-3 season as a senior first year starter under Josh Cody.

In Coach Frank Howard's first year, Chippy Manness was the senior quarterback and led the Tigers to the Southern Conference Championship of 1940. Sixteen years later Charlie Bussey took Clemson to the Orange Bowl as a first-year starting quarterback as a senior. The Tigers also won the ACC that year.

The previous four examples started in 1974 when Mark Fellers led the Tigers to a 7-4 record, including a 6-0 mark at home. That home schedule included wins over Georgia, Georgia Tech and South Carolina.

Billy Lott was a first-year starter as a senior in 1979, taking Clemson to an 8-4 record and wins over Georgia and Notre Dame. Ten years later, Chris Morocco guided Clemson to a 10-2 mark as a senior first-year starter, including a 4-0 record against top 25 teams. Will Proctor led Clemson to a 7-1 mark and top 10 national ranking to start 2006 before the Tigers finished 8-5.

Most Recent Seasons Clemson Has Had Senior QB in First Year as Starter

Year	Quarterback	Record	Notes
1974	Mark Fellers	7-4	6-0 at home, most total wins since 1959
1979	Billy Lott	8-4	Beat Georgia, at Notre Dame
1989	Chris Morocco	10-2	Ranked 12 th in final AP poll, 4-0 vs. top 25
2006	Will Proctor	8-5	started 7-1, ranked 10th

Why Number-18?

Any Clemson fan who is also a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers of the late '70s and early '80s knows why Cole Stoudt wears number-18. It was the number worn by his dad, Cliff Stoudt, Terry Bradshaw's backup quarterback from 1977-82 and the starter for the Steelers in 1983.

But, why did Cliff wear number-18?

Growing up, Cliff Stoudt was a big fan of two quarterbacks, Joe Namath, who wore number-12 with the New York Jets, and Roman Gabriel, who wore number-18 with the Los Angeles Rams. Both were big, strong quarterbacks who could hold up in the pocket and Cliff played a similar style.

"When I went to Youngstown State I asked for number-12, but believe it or not, they didn't have a number-12 jersey in stock," said Cliff, who was a freshman in 1973. "So, I asked for number-18 in honor of Gabriel and that is what they gave me."

And that is the number Cliff Stoudt wore his entire college and professional career, and the number Cole Stoudt has had since day one at Clemson.

Clemson Defense

The ACC has 12 returning players who had at least 10 tackles for loss last year and five of the 12 play for Clemson. Vic Beasley leads the Clemson contingent with 23, while Stephone Anthony had 13.5. Grady Jarrett had 11 tackles for loss in 2013, while Corey Crawford had 10.5. Reserve Shaq Lawson had 10 tackles for loss as a freshman and made some freshman All-America teams.

Beasley's 23 Career Sacks Lead the Nation

Vic Beasley has recorded 23 career sacks more than any other active FBS player. Beasley has recorded the 23 sacks in 37 games, but nine games of those he did not play defensive end, he was a linebacker. All 23 of his sacks have come over the last three years in his 28 games played. Beasley is already sixth in Clemson history in sacks and needs just six to become Clemson's career leader.

Active FBS Players in Career Sacks

Rk	Player	School	Yr	GP	Sacks
1.	Vic Beasley	Clemson	Gr.	37	23
2.	Martin Ifedi	Memphis	Gr.	38	20
3.	Brock Hekking	Nevada	Sr.	38	18
4.	Leighton Gasque	Middle Tenn.	Sr.	39	18

Beasley in Pursuit of Clemson Sack Record

•Clemson All-America defensive end Vic Beasley' had an outstanding 2013 season with 23 tackles for loss, including 13 sacks. The 13 sacks ranked third best in Clemson history. Only the 16 by Keith Adams in 1999 and the 15.5 by Da'Quan Bowers in 2010 are better.

It was a remarkable rise for Beasley because he had not been a starter prior to 2013, but he did have eight sacks as a reserve in 288 plays, most on the Clemson team. He did not have a sack as a freshman and thus has 23 sacks in the last two years plus two games.

•Beasley started his senior season at Georgia with a sack and two total tackles for loss. He had another sack in the win over South Carolina State. He is now tied for fourth in Clemson history in career sacks with 23.

•The Clemson career record for sacks is 28, set by Michael Dean Perry between 1984-87 and Gaines Adams from 2003-06. Perry went on to be a six-time Pro Bowl player with Cleveland and Denver. Adams was the number-four selection of the NFL draft in 2007, but tragically died of a previously undetected heart condition on Jan. 17, 2010.

•Beasley is also first among active players in career tackles for loss yardage with 212. The second place player is Derrick Mathews of Houston with 164.

Clemson Career Sacks Leaders

Rk	Player	Years	Sacks
1.	Michael Dean Perry, DT	1984-87	28-188
	Gaines Adams, DE	2003-06	28-172
3.	William Perry, MG	1981-84	25-191
4.	Adrian Dingle, DE	1995-98	23-122
	Keith Adams, LB	1998-00	23-196
	Vic Beasley, DE	2011-13	23-175
7.	Brenton Buckner, DT	1990-93	22-144
	Bryant McNeal, DE	1999-02	22-124
9.	Chester McGlockton, DT	1989-91	20.5--127
10.	Da'Quan Bowers, OLB	2008-10	19.5-140

Beasley One of Three Returning Consensus All-Americans

•Vic Beasley was named a Consensus All-American by the NCAA for the 2013 season. He is the eighth Clemson **junior** to earn Consensus All-America honors, and is the first to return to Clemson for his senior year since the NFL started drafting players before the end of their eligibility.

•Bennie Cunningham (1974), Terry Kinard (1981) and William Perry (1983) were all named Consensus All-American as juniors, but had no option to turn professional. Since 1989, the first year juniors could turn pro early, Anthony Simmons (1997), Keith Adams (2000), Da'Quan Bowers (2010) and Dwayne Allen (2011) have all been named Consensus All-Americans as juniors. All four of those players decided to turn pro.

•So Beasley is the first Clemson junior Consensus All-American to return for his senior year since 1983.

•A look to the list below shows that the players who came back for their senior year benefitted. Cunningham, Kinard and Perry were all first-round draft picks after their senior years. All went on to win Super Bowl Championship Rings.

•Simmons was a first-round draft pick, but Adams, Bowers and Allen were not.

Clemson Consensus All-Americans as Juniors

Year	Player	Pos	Rd-Pick	NFL Yrs-GP
1974	Bennie Cunningham	TE	1-28	10-118
1981	Terry Kinard	SAF	1-10	8-121
1983	William Perry	MG	1-22	10-138
1997	Anthony Simmons	LB	1-15	7-87
2000	Keith Adams	LB	7-232	7-85
2010	Da'Quan Bowers	DE	2-51	2-17
2011	Dwayne Allen	TE	3-64	2-17
2013	Vic Beasley	DE	??	

Clemson Returns Veteran Defensive Line

Clemson might have the deepest defensive line in the nation. The 2014 Tigers have 12 returning lettermen for the four positions and those 12 players combined to play 3709 snaps, made 52 starts, recorded 400 tackles, 64.5 tackles for loss and 26 sacks in 2013. Eight of the 12 players appeared in all 13 games in 2014 and 10 played at least 90 snaps over the course of the season.

Clemson's Defensive Line Depth (2013 Stats)

Player, Pos	GP-S	Plays	Tac	TFL-Yds	Sacks
Grady Jarrett, DT	13-13	539	83	11-15	2-10
Corey Crawford, DE	13-12	569	52	10.5-32	3-14
Josh Watson, DT	13-5	402	47	2-6	1-4
Vic Beasley, DE	13-13	560	44	23-135	13-98
D.J. Reader, DT	13-3	342	43	5-16	3-13
DeShawn Williams, DT	13-4	359	37	1.5-1	
Shaq Lawson, DE	13-0	337	35	10-43	4-17
Tavaris Barnes, DE	13-1	292	14	2-16	
Martin Aikens, DE	12-0	60	8	0.5-1	
Rod Byers, DT	6-0	119	19	1-1	
Carlos Watkins, DT	3-1	90	11	1.5-2	
Kevin Dodd, DE	4-0	40	7	0.5	
Total	129-52	3709	400	64.5-152	26-156

Head Coach Dabo Swinney

ALS Bucket Challenge Special to Swinney

The ALS Bucket Challenge is special to Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney. One of Swinney's former Alabama teammates, Kevin Turner, is suffering from the disease. Swinney told the story in a video prior to the Clemson seniors and coaching staff dumping ice water on themselves after a preseason practice as part of the fund raising initiative that has gone viral on the internet.

Turner and Swinney were more than just Alabama teammates. They worked side-by-side for AIG Baker Corporation in Birmingham in 2001 and 2002. Those were the two seasons Swinney was out of coaching before he came to Clemson in 2003.

Turner actually came to Clemson as a volunteer assistant coach for December of 2008 in preparation for the Gator Bowl game with Nebraska. Swinney was short on staff at the time and enlisted Turner's help. Shortly after that in 2010 Turner was diagnosed with ALS. He played eight years in the National Football League (1992-1999) with New England and Philadelphia.

Recently the Kevin Turner Foundation was established and Swinney is an avid supporter of that foundation.

Two of the Top Coaches in Winning Percentage

Two of the top seven coaches in terms of winning percentage in ACC history will be on the respective sidelines Saturday night in Tallahassee. Given a minimum of four years experience as an ACC coach, Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher ranks first with a 47-10 record for a .825 winning percentage. Yes that is even better than former FSU legendary coach Bobby Bowden, who is second at .764 winning percentage at FSU as an ACC Coach.

Former Clemson Head Coach Danny Ford is third at .760 off a 96-29-4 mark for his 11 full seasons between 1978-89. Frank Beamer of Virginia Tech is fourth. Former Clemson Head Coach Ken Hatfield is sixth at .707.

Dabo Swinney stands seventh with a 52-24 mark and a .684 winning percentage, just ahead of the .677 by Jim Tatum, who coached at Maryland and North Carolina.

So five of the top seven coaches in the history of the ACC are from Clemson and Florida State, including both coaches in Saturday's game.

Top Winning Percentage in ACC History (Min 4 years experience)

Rk	Coach	Sch	Record	Pct
1.	Jimbo Fisher	Florida State	47-10-0	.825
2.	Bobby Bowden	Florida State	173-53-1	.764
3.	Danny Ford	Clemson	96-29-4	.760
4.	Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	100-35-0	.741
5.	Lou Holtz	NC State	33-12-3	.719
6.	Ken Hatfield	Clemson	32-13-1	.707
7.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	52-24	.684
8.	Jim Tatum	Mary, UNC	41-19-2	.677
9.	Jerry Claiborne	Maryland	72-37-3	.656
10.	Dick Sheridan	NC State	52-29-3	.637

Swinney Ranked Among Best College Coaches by Forbes Magazine

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney is ranked sixth in the nation when it comes to a school's return on its investment according to Forbes Magazine in a release made public in August.

The publication ranked college coaches, "not just based on the number of wins and losses alone, but the strength of those wins, as well as how much a coach wins and loses as compared to his salary and the total resources he has."

The data was considered for the last two years combined.

Swinney and the Tigers are 22-4 overall, 14-2 in the ACC in that time. The Tigers have finished in the top 10 in the nation in the USA Today poll each of the last two years and have recorded three wins over top 10 teams, including wins over LSU and Ohio State to conclude each of the last two seasons.

Notre Dame's Brian Kelly was first in the rankings, followed by Florida State's Jimbo Fisher and Alabama's Nick Saban.

Swinney's Success vs. the Southeastern Conference

Since Dabo Swinney became the head coach at Clemson in the middle of the 2008 season, he has six wins over SEC teams. That is the most in the nation among non-SEC coaches. Swinney is first with six, followed by Jimbo Fisher of Florida State with five, Texas head coach Charlie Strong with four. All of those were achieved as the Louisville head coach. Pat Fitzgerald (Northwestern), Paul Johnson (Georgia Tech), and former Wake Forest coach Jim Grobe (Wake Forest) all have three SEC wins apiece.

Four of Swinney's six wins over SEC teams have been against top-25 SEC squads, also more than any other non-SEC coach. Since 2011, top-25 SEC teams have lost just 10 games to non-SEC teams, and four of the 10 defeats have come against Swinney's Tigers.

Swinney beat South Carolina in the 2008 regular-season finale, defeated Kentucky in the 2009 Music City Bowl, downed top 25 Auburn teams in 2011 and 2012, #7 Louisiana State in the 2012 Chick-fil-A Bowl, and #5 Georgia to open 2013.

Coaching Wins Over SEC Teams (2008-13)

Rk	Coach	School	Wins
1.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	6
2.	Jimbo Fisher	Florida State	4
	Charlie Strong	Louisville	4
4.	Pat Fitzgerald	Northwestern	3
	Jim Grobe	Wake Forest	3
	Paul Johnson	Georgia Tech	3
7.	Mack Brown	Texas	2
	Kyle Flood	Rutgers	2
	Mike Gundy	Oklahoma State	2

Note: Non-SEC head coaches only.

Dabo Swinney's 10 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
2013	Ohio State (N)	7-6	40-35

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
Dabo Swinney	2008-13	10
Frank Howard	1940-69	9
Ken Hatfield	1990-93	8
Tommy West	1994-98	4
Charley Pell	1977-78	2
Jess Neely	1931-40	1
Hootie Ingram	1970-73	1

Facts on the Dabo Swinney Era

- Coached Clemson to three ACC Atlantic Division first-place finishes
- Only FBS Coach to Beat a top 10 team in a bowl Game in 2012 and 2013.
- Clemson program ranked in top 25 for 50 straight polls, seventh longest streak in nation and tied for the longest in Clemson history.
- Only non-SEC Coach to beat a top 10 SEC team in consecutive games in college football history.
- Won ACC Championship in 2011, Clemson's first league title in 20 years.
- Four top 25 finishes in five years, including a top 10 finish in USA Today poll each of last two years.
- The 11-wins in 2012 were most for the program since 1981. Did it again in 2013, first back to back 11-win seasons in Clemson history.
- Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year, 2011
- Bear Bryant Award and Eddie Robinson Award Finalist, 2011
- Four-time Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Finalist
- Had at least one first-team All-American each of his five years as head coach.
- Coached Bronko Nagurski winner and Ted Hendricks Award winner (Da'Quan Bowers) in 2010 and John Mackey Award winner (Dwayne Allen) in 2011
- Coached two ACC Player of the Year selections (C.J. Spiller, Tajh Boyd)
- Eight top 25 wins over the last three years, including five top 10 wins
- Made Death Valley a difficult place to play, 32-6 in his career at home. Set Death Valley record with 13 straight wins.
- Only FBS Coach to finish in top 25 on the field and have top 10 ranking in APR scores off the field each of last three years.

Indicators of Victory under Swinney

- Clemson is 46-4 under Dabo Swinney when it wins the total offense statistic, including 31-1 the last four years.
- Clemson is 33-3 under Swinney when Tigers win the turnover margin statistic.
- Clemson has won 19 consecutive games when it has at least 300 yards passing.
- Clemson is 39-4, including 29-0 the last four years, when it has more first downs than the opposition.
- Clemson is 37-5 under Swinney, 22-3 the last three years, when it has more rushing yards than the opposition.
- Clemson is 44-3 under Swinney, including 28-0, the last four years when leading heading into the fourth quarter.

Clemson Has Coaching Staff Stability

- Clemson's coaching staff has been very stable over the last four years, especially on the offensive side of the football. This will be the fourth straight year Clemson has entered a season with the same offensive coaches. That list includes offensive coordinator Chad Morris, tight ends coach Danny Pearman, offensive line coach Robbie Caldwell, running backs coach Tony Elliott and wide receivers coach Jeff Scott. Scott is actually in his seventh season at Clemson, while Pearman is in his sixth. Morris, Elliott and Caldwell are in their fourth.

•Clemson is the only ACC school that has not had an **offensive** staff change since the beginning of the 2011 season. That also just happens to be the year the Tigers started a streak of three consecutive seasons of at least 10 wins. Clemson is 32-8 since the beginning of the 2011 season.

•As far as Clemson history, this is just the fourth time in the last 25 years Clemson has had the same coaching staff on both sides of the ball in consecutive seasons, the first time since 2009-10. It also happened in 1999-00 and 1991-92.

•Clemson had the same staff on both sides of the ball three consecutive years from 1986-88. Clemson was 28-6-2 in those three years.

•The last coaching change Clemson had was at the end of the 2012 season when Charley Harbison left Clemson to go to Auburn and he was replaced by current defensive backs coach Mike Reed.

•Clemson has had just two total coaching changes since 2011.

Brent Venables replaced Kevin Steele as linebackers coach and defensive coordinator. The other change was the aforementioned hiring of Mike Reed in 2012.

Twenty-Four Tigers Named to ACC Academic Honor Roll for 2013

Twenty-four members of the Clemson football team were named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll in August. Recipients must have a 3.0 or better GPA for the entire academic year. The list of 24 included starters Ryan Norton, Giff Timothy and Robert Smith.

Making the list for the fourth consecutive year was walk-on wide receiver Wes Forbush. Below is the complete list of Tiger football players who were selected and the number of years they have made the ACC Academic Honor Roll.

Ben Boulware (1), Jim Brown (2), Alex Burdette (2), C.J. Davidson (1), Patrick DeStefano (2), Tyson Dye (1), Wes Forbush (4), Quintin Hall (1), Corbin Jenkins (2), Andrew Maass (1), Collins Mauldin (2), Justin Miller (1), Ryan Norton (1), Julian Patton (2), Charone Peake (1), Matt Porter (1), Spencer Region (1), Chad Richardson (2), Daniel Rodriguez (1), Robert Smith (2), Mike Sobeski (3), Daniel Stone (1), Giff Timothy (3), Harrison Tucker (1),

Radakovich Named to Football Selection Committee

Clemson Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich was named to the College Football Selection Committee for the FBS level last year. Below is a list of the committee members. The group will select the four schools who will be in the first FBS college football playoff in 2014.

The members of the selection committee are:

- **Jeff Long**, vice chancellor and director of athletics, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, Chair
- **Barry Alvarez**, director of athletics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Lieutenant General Mike Gould**, former superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy
- **Pat Haden**, director of athletics, University of Southern California
- **Tom Jernstedt**, former NCAA executive vice president
- **Oliver Luck**, director of athletics, West Virginia University
- **Archie Manning**, former University of Mississippi quarterback and all-pro NFL quarterback
- **Tom Osborne**, former head coach and director of athletics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- **Dan Radakovich**, director of athletics, Clemson University
- **Condoleezza Rice**, Stanford University professor, former Stanford provost and former United States Secretary of State
- **Mike Tranghese**, former commissioner of the Big East Conference
- **Steve Wieberg**, former college football reporter, USA Today
- **Tyrone Willingham**, former head coach of three FBS institutions

Three Former Tigers Return to Campus from NFL

Three former Clemson football players who recently concluded NFL careers will return to campus this fall to serve as student or graduate assistant coaches with Dabo Swinney's program.

Philip Merling, the 32nd selection of the 2008 NFL draft, is returning to Clemson to complete his education and will serve as a student assistant coach. Merling went pro after his junior year and played six years in the NFL. Leroy Hill, who last played for Clemson in 2004, also will return as a student assistant coach after eight years and 97 games in the NFL with Seattle.

Tyler Grisham, who earned his Clemson degree in 2009, will be a graduate assistant this year. He recently retired after playing with Pittsburgh and Denver of the NFL.

Clemson Preseason Rankings

Clemson Ranking in Various Preseason Polls, Summer of 2014

- 15—ESPN Power Index
- 16—Associated Press, USA Today, ESPN the Magazine, Sports Illustrated
- 17—Lindy's Magazine
- 18—ESPN.com
- 20—Fox Sports
- 21—Athlon
- 22—USA Today, CBSSportsline
- 23—Phil Steele

Tweets on the Clemson Football Program

•Eighty-three of the 90 senior lettermen (92 percent) in Dabo Swinney's five full years as head coach have graduated. The only seven who have not graduated are currently on NFL rosters.

•**Clemson is one of only five FBS programs ranked in the top 10 per-**

cent each of the last four years in APR scores, joining Boise State, Duke, Northwestern and Rutgers.

•**Clemson and Stanford are the only two FBS programs with a top 10 final ranking in the USA Today Coaches poll and a top 10 ranking in APR scores each of the last two years.**

•Clemson boasts 70 different players who have earned first, second, or third-team All-America honors in its history, including Vic Beasley and Sammy Watkins off the 2013 team.

•Vic Beasley is one of three returning consensus All-Americans to college football in 2014. The others are Jameis Winston of Florida State and Ty Montgomery of Stanford.

•Clemson has had at least one All-American in 34 of the last 37 years, including at least two selections the last five years.

•Clemson has had at least one First-Team All-ACC player each of the last 37 years, the longest active streak and the longest overall streak in ACC history.

•With wins over LSU and Ohio State in 2012 and 2013, Clemson is the only FBS school to defeat a top 10 team in a bowl game each of the last two years.

•Eight of Clemson's 18 bowl wins have come against coaches who have won the National Championship at some point in their career. That includes wins over Les Miles (LSU) and Urban Meyer (Ohio State) the last two years.

•The Tigers have been to a bowl game in 14 of the last 15 seasons and have been bowl-eligible 15 straight seasons, tied for the fifth-longest streak in the FBS.

•Since the ACC was formed, Clemson has more overall wins (433) and ACC wins (254) than any other school.

•Clemson and Florida State were the only FBS schools in 2013 to finish in the top 25 in the nation in scoring offense and defense, and total offense and defense.

•Clemson has 20 conference championships over the years, four SIAA, two Southern Conference and 14 ACC. Clemson has more conference championships than any other ACC program.

•Three former Tiger mentors (John Heisman, Frank Howard, Jess Neely) are in the College Football Hall of Fame.

•Danny Ford was the consensus national coach-of-the-year in 1981, and he remains the youngest coach (33) to win a national title. He was inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor in 2013.

•Current Head Coach Dabo Swinney was named Bobby Dodd National Coach-of-the-Year in 2011, and has been a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year four times in five years.

•Clemson's 2013 senior class had 48 of its 53 games on live television, including 41 on the ESPN/ABC family of networks.

•Three of the top seven rated ACC games in 2013 involved Clemson. Clemson's win over Ohio State in the Discover Orange Bowl drew a 6.7 rating with 11.4 million viewers.

•Clemson has led the ACC in average home attendance each of the last five years and ranked in the top 20 every year since 1981. The program averaged a record 82,048 per game last year, 15th best in the nation.

•Clemson has had at least four players taken in the NFL draft each of the last six years, the only ACC school that can make that claim.

•Clemson had five players taken in the 2014 draft, tied for the seventh most in the nation.

•Clemson has had a receiver taken in the first round of the NFL draft each of the last two years, the only FBS team that can make that claim since 2007.

•Since Dabo Swinney became Clemson's head coach, the Tigers have had 24 players drafted, the most in a five-year period since the 1990-93 era.

•Twenty-four former Tigers have combined to win 32 Super Bowl Championship rings. That includes 2013 when Byron Maxwell started in the Super Bowl for the victorious Seattle Seahawks.

•In the summer of 2014, the Buffalo Bills had five former Clemson players on its roster. The list included C.J. Spiller and Sammy Watkins, the two most productive all-purpose players in Clemson history.

•The 2013 season marked the 27th year that Clemson was ranked in the final AP poll. Clemson has been in the final top 25 each of the last three years and six of the last eight.

•Clemson was ranked every poll of the 2013 season and has a streak of 47 straight top-25 rankings entering Saturday's game with Georgia, seventh longest active streak in the nation and the second longest streak in Clemson history.

•Beating ranked opponents has been a hallmark of Clemson's success. The Tigers have beaten an AP top 25 opponent 24 of last 28 years, including 20 top-25 victories in the last 11 years and eight in the last three years.