



GAME 1: CLEMSON (0-0) AT AUBURN (0-0)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

Jordan-Hare Stadium, Auburn, Ala. (87,451)
Kickoff: 9:05 p.m. (EST)

TV: ESPN

(Brent Musburger, Jesse Palmer, Kaylee Hartung)

CLEMSON RADIO NETWORK

(Don Munson, Rodney Williams, Michael Palmer)
(Sirius Radio ch. 145, XM Radio ch. 193)
Touchdown Radio: Gino Torretta, Taylor Zarzour

SERIES HISTORY

Overall Record: Auburn leads 34-13-2

at Auburn: Auburn leads 20-4

at Clemson: Auburn leads 10-6-1

at Neutral Site: Auburn leads 4-3-1

First Meeting: Auburn 34-0 at Auburn 1899

Last Meeting: Clemson 26-19 in 2012
(at the Georgia Dome)

Last Auburn Win: 27-24 (OT), at Auburn 2010

Streak: Clemson won 2 in a row
Auburn won 14 of last 16

Last Clemson win at Auburn: 41-0 in 1950

2016 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	TV	W-L	Score/Time
Sept. 3	at Auburn	ESPN		9:05 p.m.
Sept. 10	Troy	RSN		12:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	South Carolina St.	ACCN		12:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	#at Georgia Tech	ESPN		7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Louisville	TBA		
Oct. 7	*at Boston College	ESPN		7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	NC State	TBA		
Oct. 29	at Florida State	TBA		
Nov. 5	Syracuse	TBA		
Nov. 12	Pittsburgh	TBA		
Nov. 19	at Wake Forest	TBA		
Nov. 26	South Carolina	TBA		

#Thursday, * Friday

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CLEMSON TIGERS

2015 Record	14-1 8-0 ACC
Location	Clemson, S.C.
Colors	Clemson Orange & Regalia
Enrollment	22,698
Director of Athletics	Dan Radakovich (Indiana (Pa.) '80)
Head Coach	Dabo Swinney (Alabama '93)
Clemson Record (8th full season)	75-27 (.735)
Away & Neutral Record	29-21 (.580)
Home	46-6 (.885)
vs. ACC regular season	47-14 (.770)
vs. Auburn	2-1
Clemson Rankings	#2 AP, #2 USA
Co-Offensive Coordinators	Tony Elliott, Jeff Scott
Defensive Coordinator	Brent Venables
Twitter /Instagram	@ClemsonFB
Web	ClemsonTigers.com

AUBURN TIGERS

2015 Record:	7-6 overall, 2-6 in SEC
Location:	Auburn, Ala.
Colors:	Burnt Orange & Navy Blue
Enrollment:	25,912
Athletics Director:	Jay Jacobs
Head Coach:	Gus Malzahn (Henderson State '90)
Auburn Record:	27-13 (4th year)
Overall:	36-16 (5th year)
vs Clemson:	0-0
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MEDIA INFORMATION

DABO SWINNEY PRESS CONFERENCE

Head Coach Dabo Swinney will hold his weekly press conference at the Team Room on the second floor of the West Endzone at Memorial Stadium each Tuesday at 11 a.m. Clemson players will be available after Swinney's press conference on the fourth floor of the West Endzone.

Coach Swinney's press conference will be available over clemson.tigers.com. An abbreviated transcript of his press conference also will be available.

SWINNEY SUNDAY TELECONFERENCE

Head Coach Dabo Swinney will hold a teleconference each Sunday evening. The first will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 28. The subsequent Sunday teleconferences will be at 6:30 p.m.

CLEMSON PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Clemson student-athlete interviews are held each Monday and Tuesday on the fourth floor of the West Endzone at Memorial Stadium. Quarterback Deshaun Watson is available each Monday at 11:15 pm.

Contact Tim Bourret each Sunday by 4 p.m. with your requests for the week. The first players on Monday usually start at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until 2 p.m. Players are available after Coach Swinney's Tuesday press conference at the West Endzone.

CLEMSON COORDINATORS

A Clemson offensive coordinator, either Tony Elliott or Jeff Scott, will be available on Mondays at 11:45 a.m. at the fourth floor of the West Endzone. Defensive Coordinator Brent Venables will be available on the fourth floor of the West Endzone on Tuesdays some time after Dabo Swinney's press conference.

CLEMSON PERSONNEL UPDATE

- Adrian Baker, DB, Knee, out
- Austin Bryant, DE, foot, out
- Brian Dawkins, Jr, DB, knee, out
- Xavier Kelly, DE, Foot, Questionable
- Chandler Reeves, OL, Knee, Out

ACC TELECONFERENCE

The ACC holds a teleconference for the media every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. throughout the season. The first teleconference will be Wednesday, August 31.

Each coach has a 10 minute period on the conference. Each teleconference available at theacc.com. Contact the ACC for the teleconference phone number.

Head Coach, School

#Brian Kelly, Notre Dame 10:20 a.m.

Bronco Mendenhall, Virginia 10:30 a.m.

Dabo Swinney, Clemson 10:40 a.m.

Jimbo Fisher, Florida State 10:50 a.m.

Bobby Petrino, Louisville 11:00 a.m.

Dino Babers, Syracuse 11:10 a.m.

Steve Addazio, Boston College 11:20 a.m.

Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech 11:30 a.m.

Larry Fedora, North Carolina 11:40 a.m.

Justin Fuente, Virginia Tech 11:50 a.m.

Dave Clawson, Wake Forest Noon

Pat Narduzzi, Pittsburgh 12:10 p.m.

David Cutcliffe, Duke 12:30 p.m.

Dave Doeren, NC State 12:40 p.m.

Mark Richt, Miami (FL) 12:50 p.m

#Coach Kelly on call when Notre Dame playing an ACC opponent.

TIGER CALLS

Tiger Calls with Head Coach Dabo Swinney is aired every Monday night on the Clemson Radio Network and over the internet on clemson.tigers.com. The show is aired from 8-9 p.m. The first program, which is broadcast from the Clemson studios in the Jervey Athletic Center, will be August 29.



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2015 STANDINGS

Atlantic Division	ACC	Home	Away	Overall
Clemson	8-0	7-0	5-0	14-1
Florida State	6-2	7-0	3-2	10-3
Louisville	5-3	4-2	3-2	8-5
NC State	4-4	3-3	4-2	7-6
Syracuse	2-6	4-3	0-5	4-8
Wake Forest	1-7	1-5	2-4	3-9
Boston College	0-8	3-4	0-4	3-9

Coastal Division	ACC	Home	Away	Overall
North Carolina	7-0	7-0	4-0	11-3
Pittsburgh	6-2	3-3	5-1	8-5
Miami (Fla.)	5-3	5-1	3-3	8-5
Duke	4-4	3-3	4-2	8-5
Virginia Tech	4-4	2-4	4-2	7-6
Virginia	3-5	4-3	0-5	4-8
Georgia Tech	1-7	3-4	0-5	3-9

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Thursday, September 1			
Charlotte at Louisville	RSN		7:00 p.m.
Tulane at Wake Forest	ESPN3		7:00 p.m.
William & Mary at NC State	SN		7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 2			
Colgate at Syracuse	ESPN3		7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 3			
Georgia Tech vs. Boston College	ESPN2		7:30 a.m.
Liberty at Virginia Tech	ACCN		12:30 p.m.
Villanova at Pittsburgh	ESPN3		1:30 p.m.
Richmond at Virginia	ESPN3		3:30 p.m.
North Carolina vs. Georgia	ESPN		5:30 p.m.
NC Central at Duke	ESPN3		6 p.m.
Florida A&M at Miami (FL)	ESPN3		6 p.m.
Clemson at Auburn	ESPN		9:00 p.m.
Monday, September 5			
Florida State vs. Mississippi	ESPN		9:00 p.m.

CLEMSON PRONUNCIATIONS

Dabo Swinney	DA-boh SWEE-nee
Justin Falcinelli	fal-sih-NEHL-ee
Clelin Ferrell	CLEE-lihn
Zach Giella	jee-EH-luh
Jay Guillermo	gee-AYR-moh
Greg Huegel	HYOO-guhl
Jadar Johnson	juh-DAHR
Cordrea Tankersley	cohr-DRAY
Andy Teasdall	TEEZ-dahl
Trevion Thompson	TRAY-vee-ahn
Korrin Wiggins	kohr-RIHN

Clemson vs. Auburn Series

- Auburn has a 34-13-2 lead in the series with Clemson. Auburn had won 14 straight in the series prior to Clemson's 38-24 win in 2011 at Clemson. Prior to that game Clemson had not beaten Auburn since 1951.

- Clemson has won each of the last two meetings against Auburn. The two teams played a neutral site game in the Georgia Dome to open the 2012 season. The Tigers were victorious, 26-19.

- Auburn won the last time the two teams met at Auburn, a 27-24 overtime contest. So Dabo Swinney is 2-1 in his head coaching career against Auburn.

- Two of the last four meetings between the two teams have gone to overtime, and Auburn has won both, 23-20 in the 2007 season Chick-fil-A Bowl and 27-24 at Auburn line 2010.

- Clemson beat Auburn five times in six meetings under Head Coach Frank Howard from 1946-51. Included in that stretch was a 34-18 Clemson win in 1947 as Bobby Gage threw four touchdown passes and gained 374 yards of total offense, both single game records at the time.

- Auburn and Clemson first met in 1899 and Auburn came away with a 34-0 win at Auburn. That was just the 14th game in Clemson history. John Heisman coached Auburn in that game. Clemson won three of the next four, including a 16-0 win at Auburn in 1902. Clemson's coach in that game was John Heisman. So Heisman gained wins for both teams in this series and both games were played at Auburn.

- The two schools have met just five times since 1971, and three of those meetings took place in Atlanta at the Georgia Dome, with two of them being Chick-fil-A Bowl games. Auburn won both of those bowl games, 21-17 at the 1998 Chick-fil-A bowl (1997 season), and on New Year's Eve of 2007 by a 23-20 score in overtime. That is Clemson's only overtime game in a bowl contest.

- In that 21-17 Auburn victory in the 1998 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Clemson gained just 146 yards of total offense, 60 rushing and 86 passing. Despite the offensive problems, Clemson had a 17-6 lead entering the fourth period. But, Auburn scored 15 points in the fourth period to gain the victory. Clemson had just four first downs in the game, fewest in history for the Tigers in a bowl game. Two blocked punts by Clemson kept the Tigers in the game.

Terry Bowden was the head coach for Auburn in that game. Two years later his brother came to Clemson as the head coach and coached against Auburn for Clemson in the 2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl, a game won by Auburn in overtime 23-20

- When Auburn played at Clemson in 2011, it was their first appearance at Clemson since 1970. That year Auburn beat Clemson 44-0 on Clemson's Homecoming. After the game first-year head coach Hootie Ingram started his postgame press conference by asking, "Who is on the Homecoming Committee."

Auburn will play at Clemson in Sep-

tember of next season.

Last Meeting at Auburn September 18, 2010 at Auburn, AL Auburn 27, Clemson 24 (OT)

Wes Byrum kicked a 39-yard field goal in overtime and No. 16 Auburn beat Clemson 27-24 in a thrilling game at Auburn. The game appeared headed to another OT when Chandler Catanzaro made a 27-yard field goal on Clemson's possession, but a penalty was called on Clemson snapper Matt Skinner for flinching on his snap. After a 5-yard illegal procedure penalty on the kick, the ensuing attempt by Catanzaro was missed and Auburn had the victory, its only overtime victory in its 2010 National Championship season.

Clemson, which had opened with lopsided wins over North Texas and Presbyterian, had a fast start in front of the biggest crowd the program had played in front of (87,451). The Tigers jumped to a 17-0 lead behind the passing of Kyle Parker who threw a pair of scoring passes to running back Jamie Harper.

Auburn's normally prolific offense didn't get a first down, or a completion until the 6:54 mark of the second quarter. Auburn's only points of the first half came on Wes Byrum's 35-yard field goal as time expired.

Parker was 20-34 for 220 yards and the two scores for the game. He was not as effective in the second half after he suffered a rib injury on a hit by an Auburn defensive player. Running back Andre Ellington had 22-140 rushing and 4-48 receiving, giving the sophomore 188 yards from scrimmage. Harper had three catches for 48 and added 44 rushing, while tight end Dwayne Allen had five catches for 66 yards.

Cam Newton completed just 7-14 passes, but they went for 203 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including a 78-yarder to Terrell Zachery in the third quarter to give Auburn its first lead at 24-17. Newton also ran for 68 yards but was intercepted twice. Auburn scored 21 points in the third quarter thanks to 258 yards of total offense to take a 21-17 lead. The big play was the 78-yard scoring pass from Newton to Zachery. Clemson tied the game at 24-24 on a two-yard run by Ellington with 12:36 left, but neither team could get a scoring drive going over the remainder of regulation.

Last Meeting at Clemson Clemson 38, Auburn 24 September 17, 2011 at Clemson

The nation's longest winning streak ended thanks to a 386-yard, four-touchdown afternoon from Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd and 155 receiving yards from freshman-sensation Sammy Watkins, who was named ACC Receiver-of-the-Week and ACC Rookie-of-the-Week for his efforts. In all, the Tigers amassed 624 yards while outscoring Auburn 31-3 from the middle of the second quarter on. It was the most yards gained by a Clemson team against an SEC team.

Trailing by 14 points on two different occasions, including 21-7 following Michael Dyer's second touchdown of the game in the



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NATIONAL RANKINGS

ASSOCIATED PRESS (PRESEASON 2016)

Rk	School (1st place)	Rec	Pts
1.	Alabama (33)	0-0	1469
2.	Clemson (16)	0-0	1443
3.	Oklahoma (4)	0-0	1352
4.	Florida State (5)	0-0	1325
5.	LSU (1)	0-0	1269
6.	Ohio State (1)	0-0	1224
7.	Michigan (1)	0-0	1147
8.	Stanford	0-0	1029
9.	Tennessee	0-0	1021
10.	Notre Dame	0-0	1006
11.	Mississippi	0-0	718
12.	Michigan State	0-0	710
13.	TCU	0-0	707
14.	Washington	0-0	651
15.	Houston	0-0	644
16.	UCLA	0-0	496
17.	Iowa	0-0	484
18.	Georgia	0-0	448
19.	Louisville	0-0	447
20.	Southern California	0-0	344
21.	Oklahoma State	0-0	316
22.	North Carolina	0-0	283
23.	Baylor	0-0	280
24.	Oregon	0-0	218
25.	Florida	0-0	180

Others Receiving Votes: Miami 159, Texas A&M 81, Utah 74, Washington State 68, Boise State 49, San Diego State 46, Wisconsin 42, Auburn 22, Pittsburgh 15, Arkansas 14, Texas 12, Nebraska 11, Navy 8, Northwestern 5, Western Kentucky 4, South Florida 2, Toledo 2.

AMWAY USA TODAY COACHES (PRESEASON 2016)

Rk	School (1st place)	Rec	Pts
1.	Alabama (55)	0-0	1585
2.	Clemson (6)	0-0	1524
3.	Oklahoma	0-0	1398
4.	Florida State (1)	0-0	1351
5.	Ohio State	0-0	1321
6.	LSU	0-0	1241
7.	Stanford	0-0	1149
8.	Michigan	0-0	1062
9.	Notre Dame	0-0	1034
10.	Tennessee (1)	0-0	960
11.	Michigan State	0-0	901
12.	Mississippi	0-0	792
13.	Houston	0-0	668
14.	TCU	0-0	649
15.	Iowa	0-0	579
16.	Georgia	0-0	525
17.	Southern California	0-0	468
18.	Washington	0-0	454
19.	Oklahoma State	0-0	426
20.	North Carolina	0-0	422
21.	Baylor	0-0	383
22.	Oregon	0-0	361
23.	Louisville	0-0	331
24.	UCLA	0-0	296
25.	Florida	0-0	245

Others Receiving Votes:

Miami (FL) 120, Wisconsin 82, Utah 73, Boise State 73, Washington State 47, Texas A&M 37, Texas 34, Arkansas 34, Northwestern 31, Navy 30, Mississippi State 19, San Diego State 18, Nebraska 17, Auburn 17, Western Kentucky 11, Pittsburgh 8, BYU 6, Appalachian State 4, Duke 3, South Florida 2, Arizona 2, Marshall 2, Toledo 2, Northern Illinois 1, Memphis 1, Indiana 1.

Fulltime Coaches in Press Box: Tony Elliott, Danny Pearman.

second quarter, Boyd got Clemson rolling with a four-yard touchdown pass to DeAndre Hopkins, a six-yard score to tight end Dwayne Allen, who tight-roped the back of the endzone, and then 65 and 19-yard touchdown passes to Watkins in the third quarter.

Auburn had no answer for Boyd, as he completed 30-42 passes on his way to earning ACC Offensive Back-of-the-Week honors.

Once Boyd found his rhythm, Clemson did not miss a step, as it scored on six of seven possessions. The Tigers' 624 yards of total offense were third-most in history and just the eighth time a Clemson team topped the 600-yard mark in a contest.

Auburn had won 14 straight games over Clemson. Some thanks also goes to a defense that did not allow a touchdown in the second half for the third straight week. Auburn amassed just 150 yards and three points in the second half after totaling 285 yards and three touchdowns in the first half.

Last Meeting

2012 Game vs. Auburn Clemson 26, Auburn 19

September 1, 2012 at Georgia Dome

Clemson snapped a six-game losing streak in the city of Atlanta with a 26-19 win over Auburn in the opener of the 2012 season. DeAndre Hopkins caught a four-yard scoring pass from Tajh Boyd to put Clemson ahead 23-19 in the fourth period and Chandler Catanzaro booted an 18-yard field goal with 1:24 left to give the Tigers a seven point win. The score was tied 16-16 entering the fourth period.

Hopkins, now a Pro Bowl receiver with the Houston Texans, had a career high and Clemson record at the time 13 catches for 119 yard to lead the Clemson offense. Boyd completed 24-38 passes for 208 yards and a touchdown. Andre Ellington had a career high 228 yards rushing in 25 attempts as the Tigers gained 320 yards rushing and 208 passing for 528 total. Clemson ran 87 plays to just 64 for Auburn.

Vic Beasley recorded the first sack of his career on Auburn's final drive to ice the victory. Beasley now plays for the Atlanta Falcons so his first career sack came in the stadium he now plays in.

Comeback Victories for Clemson and Auburn

Getting off to a good start was not the key to victory in games between Auburn and Clemson in 2010 and 2011.

In the 2010 game at Auburn, Clemson jumped out to a 17-0 lead in the second period. Auburn did not get on the scoreboard until the final play of the first half on a field goal. Auburn then won in overtime, 27-24.

In 2011, Auburn got off to a 21-7 lead in the second period before Clemson scored two touchdowns in the final five minutes of the first half to tie the score at halftime. Clemson actually scored 38 of the last 41 points of the game to win 38-24.

Clemson's Last win at Auburn

Clemson is just 4-20 all-time in

games played at Auburn and the Tigers have not won there since 1950, a 41-0 triumph a game played on November 25, the last game of the regular season.

The game was played in very cold weather. According to Brent Breedin, then Clemson's beat writer for the Anderson Daily Mail, who is still going strong in his 90s, Coach Frank Howard sent his managers into Auburn to buy up all the long Johns they could find the morning of the game. It was the first time a Clemson football team wore long Johns under their uniform pants.

Fred Cone, playing in his final regular season game for the Tigers, had 33 carries for 163 yards and scored four touchdowns, three on the ground and one on a 28-yard reception. Glenn Smith added six catches for 114 yards. It was just the third game in Clemson history the Tigers had a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver in the same game.

Clemson and Auburn Ties in History

- The first three coaches in Clemson football history were Auburn graduates. Walter Riggs, Clemson's first head coach and later University President, was Clemson's head coach in 1896 and 1899. He was an 1893 Auburn graduate. William Williams, Clemson's head coach in 1897, was an 1896 Auburn graduate, while John Penton, Clemson's head coach in 1898, had graduated from Auburn in the spring of 1898.

- John Heisman was not an Auburn graduate, but he came to Clemson from Auburn. He coached at Auburn from 1895-1899 and came to Clemson to coach the 1900-03 era. Heisman was 12-4-2 at Auburn before coming to Clemson. He was 19-3-2 as head coach of the Tigers for those four years. He then left Clemson to become the head coach at Georgia Tech. His .833 winning percentage is the best in Clemson history.

Heisman coached for each school within the first two games of this series. He defeated Clemson for Auburn in 1899 by a 34-0 score, then defeated Auburn as Clemson's head coach by a 16-0 score in 1902.

- Both schools have a main administration building on campus that is virtually the same architecture. Clemson's Tillman Hall was modeled after Auburn's Langdon Hall. In fact, noted **Atlanta Constitution** columnist and humorist Lewis Grizzard used to refer to Clemson as "Auburn with a Lake."

- Both Clemson and Auburn were among the top programs in college football in the 1980s. Clemson won 87 games in the 1980s and Auburn won 86. Clemson had the fifth best winning percentage in college football in that decade with an 87-25-4 record for a .767 mark. Auburn had the 10th best winning percentage with a 86-31-1 record, a .733 winning percentage.

- Bill Oliver was a defensive coordinator at both schools. He served on Clemson's staff under Danny Ford from 1986-89. He then served as Auburn's defensive coordinator against Clemson in the 1998 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

- Cliff Ellis was the head basketball

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coach at Clemson from 1984-94. He announced his retirement in January of 1994 during his final season at Clemson, then was hired as head coach at Auburn for the 1994-95 season. He led both programs to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. He is now the head coach at Coastal Carolina.

- Both schools had a Bowden serve as head coach of their program. Terry Bowden served as head coach at Auburn from 1993-98 and Tommy Bowden coached Clemson from 1999-08. Tommy also served as an assistant coach at Auburn from 1991-96. Terry coached against Clemson for Auburn in the 1997 season Chick-fil-a Bowl and Tommy Bowden coached for Clemson against Auburn in the 2007 season Chick-fil-A Bowl.

- The last coach to lead Auburn to the National Championship was Gene Chizik in 2010. Chizik also coached at Clemson as a graduate assistant in 1988 and 1989. The Tigers finished both seasons with a 10-2 record, and the 1988 team won the ACC Championship.

Dabo vs. Auburn

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney is a 1993 graduate of the University of Alabama, so playing against Auburn is special to the Tigers mentor. He played in three games against Auburn as a student at Alabama, the games of 1990, 1991 and 1992. Alabama won all three of those games, including by a 17-0 score in 1992, the year Alabama won the National Championship.

As a graduate assistant coach and a full-time assistant at Alabama, the Crimson Tide had a 4-4 record with Swinney on the sidelines against the Auburn Tigers. That includes a 28-17 victory in 1999.

Swinney has coached against Auburn four times since he has been at Clemson, an overtime loss to Auburn in the Chick –Fil-A Bowl that ended the 2007 season as an assistant, then the three games as head coach since 2010. Clemson has won two of those three. The 2011 Clemson win at Clemson ended Auburn's 17-game winning streak.

So, overall, Swinney is 9-6 as a player and coach against Auburn. This does not count a 1989 loss to Auburn when Swinney was on the Alabama roster as a freshman walk-on, but he did not play in the game.

Swinney vs. Auburn (9-6)

Year	Role	Site	W	L	AL-AU
1990	Player	Birmingham	W		16-7
1991	Player	Birmingham	W		13-6
1992	Player	Birmingham	W		17-0
1993	Grad Ast	Auburn		L	14-22
1994	Grad Ast	Birmingham	W		21-14
1995	Grad Ast	Auburn		L	27-31
1996	Ast Coach	Birmingham	W		24-23
1997	Ast Coach	Auburn		L	17-18
1998	Ast Coach	Birmingham	W		31-17
1999	Ast Coach	Auburn	W		28-17
2000	Ast Coach	Tuscaloosa		L	0-9
2007	Ast Coach	Atlanta		L	#20-23
2010	Head Coach	Auburn		L	#24-27
2011	Head Coach	Clemson	W		38-24
2012	Head Coach	Atlanta	W		26-19

#Overtime

Clemson Opens on Road vs. SEC Opponent

Clemson has had many significant accomplishments the program has not done in many years under Dabo Swinney. His team has a chance to do something that hasn't been done since 1903 on Saturday night.

This will be just the 10th time Clemson has opened the season on the road against a team that is **currently in the SEC**. Clemson is 1-8 in those previous nine games with the only win coming in 1903 when Clemson coach John Heisman led the Tigers to a 29-0 win at Athens over Georgia.

This is just the fourth time in the last 34 years Clemson has opened on the road against an SEC team. All of those were at Georgia, a 13-7 loss in 1982, a 31-28 loss in 2002 and a 45-21 loss at Georgia in 2014.

Clemson did open the 2012 season with a win away from home

against an SEC team. The Tigers defeated Auburn in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, 21-9.

Swinney Successful vs. SEC

Dabo Swinney has been successful against the SEC over the years. He has eight wins over his head coaching career against SEC teams, including six in the last five years. His six wins over SEC teams since 2011, is the most in the country among non-SEC coaches. Florida State's Jimbo Fisher is second with five and Charlie Strong, now of the University of Texas, is third with four.

As you can see by the chart below, Swinney's six wins over SEC teams since 2011 have come against four different teams. He has beaten South Carolina twice, Auburn twice, LSU once and Georgia once. Swinney is the only non SEC coach to beat four different SEC teams over the last five years. In fact, no other non-SEC coach has defeated more than two different SEC teams.

Swinney is 8-8 vs. SEC teams as Clemson head coach, including a 6-5 mark the last five years.

Dabo Swinney vs. the SEC as Clemson Head Coach (8-8)

Year	Opponent	W-L	CU-Opp
2008	South Carolina	W	31-14
2009	at South Carolina	L	17-34
	Kentucky (N)	W	21-13
2010	at Auburn	L	24-27 (OT)
	South Carolina	L	7-29
2011	Auburn	W	38-24
	at South Carolina	L	13-34
2012	Auburn (N)	W	26-19'
	South Carolina	L	17-27
	LSU (N)	W	25-24
2013	Georgia	W	38-35
	at South Carolina	L	17-31
2014	at Georgia	L	21-45
	South Carolina	W	35-17
2015	at South Carolina	W	37-32
	Alabama (N)	L	40-45

Clemson in Season Openers

Clemson has won 24 of its last 31 season openers. That includes an 11-5 record the last 16 years when Clemson has played its most challenging season-opening games.

Clemson has lost four of its last 14 season opening games, but all four were to top 25 teams, three times to Georgia (2002, 2003 and 2014) and in 2008 to Alabama in a game played in Atlanta. Clemson has played eight openers against top 25 teams in the last 17 years after having played just five top 25 teams in opening games between 1936 (first year of the AP poll) and 1999.

Clemson has had some exciting season openers in recent years. In 2004, against Wake Forest, Clemson won a thriller 37-30 in overtime in a game that was televised by ABC. Clemson won at home in 2005, a 25-24 win over 17th ranked Texas A&M on a 42-yard field goal by Jad Dean with two seconds left. Clemson also beat a 19th ranked Florida State team in the season opener of 2007.

Clemson has won a pair of openers in the last four years by a touchdown or less, the 26-19 win over Auburn in 2012 and 38-35 against fifth ranked Georgia in 2013.

The Auburn game will be Clemson's first opener away from home since the 2014 season when Georgia defeated the Tigers in Athens. Clemson has not won a season opener on an opponent's home field since 1985 when the Tigers won at Virginia Tech 20-17 on a field goal by David Treadwell on the last play of the game.

The Tigers are 89-23-8 (.775), regardless of site, in their first game in the previous 120 seasons. Even though this is the 121th season of Clemson football, Clemson has had just 115 home openers in its history because five seasons Clemson did not play a game at home. In the 115 home openers, Clemson has a 90-17-8 record (.817) against 36 different opponents. Clemson's home opener is against Troy on September 10.



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Clemson Top Performances on Opening Day

Below are Clemson's top performances by individual category in the opening game of the season, regardless of site. One of the records date back over 60 years.

Clemson Opening Day Individual Records:

Total Offense: 312 by Tajh Boyd vs. Georgia, 2013
Rushing Yards: 228 by Andre Ellington vs. Auburn, 2012
Passing Yards: 288 by Charlie Whitehurst vs. Wake Forest, 2004
Pass Attempts: 41 vs. Charlie Whitehurst vs. Wake Forest, 2004
Pass Completions: 24 by Tajh Boyd vs. Auburn 2012
Completion Percentage: .941 (16-17) by Woodrow Dantzler vs. The Citadel, 2000
Passing Efficiency: 247.1 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. The Citadel, 2000
Receptions: 13 by DeAndre Hopkins vs. Auburn, 2012
Reception Yards: 152 (9 receptions) by Airese Currie vs. Wake Forest, 2004
All Purpose Yards: 246 by Buck George vs. Presbyterian vs. Presbyterian, 1952
Field Goals: 6 by Jad Dean vs. Texas A&M, 2005
Tackles: 18 by Jeff Davis vs. Rice, 1980
 18 by Chad Carson vs. The Citadel, 2000

Clemson Preseason Pick to Win ACC

Clemson is the preseason favorite to repeat as Atlantic Coast Conference football champion, according to a poll of 191 media members in attendance at the 2016 ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte

The Tigers, who posted a 14-1 overall record last season and reached the College Football Playoff national title game, are also picked to again capture the Atlantic Division, while North Carolina is favored to repeat as the Coastal Division winner.

Clemson junior quarterback Deshaun Watson was the overwhelming choice to repeat as ACC Player of the Year after his record-setting 2015 campaign. Watson was also the media's preseason selection as conference player of the year last season.

The Tigers were picked the likely 2016 ACC champions on 144 ballots, followed by Florida State with 39 votes and North Carolina with seven. One voter chose Louisville.

In the Atlantic Division preseason voting, Clemson received 148 first-place votes and finished with 1,293 total points. Florida State received 42 first-place votes and placed second with 1,176 points, while Louisville had one first-place vote and was third in the voting with 961 points.

North Carolina was selected the likely Coastal winner by 121 voters and finished with 1,238 total points, followed by Miami with 50 first-place votes and 1,108 points. Pitt received 14 first-place votes and was third in the balloting with 859 points.

If the overall prediction of the voters proves correct, the 2016 ACC Dr Pepper Football Championship on December 3 at Charlotte's Bank of America Stadium will be a rematch of last year's event. Clemson defeated North Carolina 45-37 for the 2015 ACC title after both teams posted 8-0 records in conference play during the regular season.

Watson led the preseason ACC Player of the Year balloting with 164 votes, followed by Florida State running back Dalvin Cook with 18. North Carolina running back Elijah Hood received four votes, while Miami quarterback Brad Kaaya and Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson picked up two votes apiece. Duke cornerback/return specialist DeVon Edwards received one vote.

The ACC Male Athlete of the Year and the MVP of both the Dr Pepper ACC Football Championship Game and the Capital One Orange Bowl, Watson ranked fifth nationally in pass completion percentage (67.8) and was voted the ACC Offensive Back of the Week four times in 2015. Watson is bidding to become the first student-athlete to be named ACC Football Player of the Year in back-to-back seasons since Florida State's Charlie Ward in 1992-93.

ACC Championship Votes

Clemson – 144, Florida State 39, North Carolina 7, Louisville 1.

Atlantic Division

(First place votes in parenthesis)

- 1 Clemson (148) – 1,293
- 2 Florida State (42) – 1,176
- 3 Louisville (1) - 961
- 4 NC State - 704
- 5 Boston College - 441
- 6 Syracuse - 426
- 7 Wake Forest - 347

Coastal Division

(First place votes in parenthesis)

- 1 North Carolina (121) – 1,238
- 2 Miami (50) – 1,108
- 3 Pitt (14) - 859
- 4 Virginia Tech (3) - 697
- 5 Duke (2) - 597
- 6 Georgia Tech (1) -588
- 7 Virginia -261

ACC Player of the Year

Deshaun Watson, QB, Clemson – 164, Dalvin Cook, RB, Florida State 18, Elijah Hood, RB, North Carolina 4, Brad Kaaya, QB, Miami 2, Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville 2, DeVon Edwards, CB, Duke 1

Fifth Straight Game Away from Death Valley

Clemson will open the 2016 season at Auburn and it will be Clemson's fifth straight game away from home. This is the longest streak of games away from home since the 2012 season, but just the second time it has happened since 1964.

Clemson finished the 2015 regular season by playing at South Carolina. The Tigers then won the ACC Championship game against North Carolina in Charlotte. The first College Football Playoff game was in Miami against Oklahoma, then the National Championship game was in Phoenix. That makes the Auburn opener the fifth straight game away from Death Valley.

Ironically, the only other time since 1964 Clemson has played five in a row away from home, the final game of the streak was against Auburn in 2012. That game was in the Georgia Dome and the Tigers were victorious 26-19. The streak ends on September 10 when Clemson plays its home opener against Troy.

Watson Has Top Winning Percentage

Of all the records Deshaun Watson owns, winning percentage would have to be the one he covets the most. The junior has an 18-2 record as a starter for a 90 percent mark, ahead of the .813 by another DeChane, (pronounced the same) DeChane Cameron, who quarterbacked the Tigers in 1990 and 1991. He was 19-4-1 as a starter.

As far as total wins is concerned Tajh Boyd and Rodney Williams have the record with 32 wins apiece. Boyd was 32-8 between 2010-13 and Williams was 32-10-2 between 1985-88. Williams is now the color commentator on Clemson's radio network.

Clemson's Winningest Starting Quarterbacks

(Min 20 Starts, Percentage basis)

Rk	Player	Years	W-L-T	Pct
1.	Deshaun Watson	2014-15	18-2-0	.900
2.	DeChane Cameron	1988-91	19-4-1	.813
3.	Tajh Boyd	2010-13	32-8	.800
4.	Mike Eppley	1980-84	21-5-1	.796
5.	Homer Jordan	1979-82	22-6-1	.776
6.	Harvey White	1957-59	18-7	.720
7.	Bobby Gage	1946-48	17-7	.708
8.	Woody Dantzler	1998-01	20-11	.645
9.	Steve Fuller	1975-78	21-11-3	.643
10.	Cullen Harper	2005-08	16-9	.640

Watson Named Top College Player by ESPN

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson was named the No. 1 college football player in the nation by ESPN.com over the summer. The

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website took votes from 32 ESPN college football media and came up with a top 100 players in the nation.

Watson was ranked No. 22 in the nation entering last year and finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting, the first Clemson player to be a Heisman finalist. He led the Tigers to a 14-1 record and No. 2 national ranking at season's end. He became the first FBS player in history to throw for over 4,000 yards and rush for over 1,000 in the same season. He was a first-team All-American and ACC Player of the Year.

Eight different media outlets selected top 40, 50 or 100 players this off season and Watson was named the nation's top player by five of them. The others to pick him No. 1 were Sporting News, CBS Sports, NFL.com and Athlon Sports. Bleacher Report chose Watson No. 2, while Sports Illustrated and Pro Football Focus chose Watson sixth.

ESPN.com had six Tigers in their top 100. Wide receiver Mike Williams was ranked 48th, offensive tackle Mitch Hyatt was 55th, running back Wayne Gallman was 58th, wide receiver Artavis Scott was 76th and defensive lineman Christian Wilkins was 85th.

Ten current Clemson players were listed as top 100 players by at least one of the eight media outlets. Ben Boulware was ranked 23rd by Si.com and 32nd by Sporting News. Jordan Leggett was ranked 79th by NFL.com and 92nd by Si.com. Carlos Watkins was ranked in the top 50 by NFL.com (14), Sporting News (38) and Si.com (49). Cordrea Tankersley was ranked 57th by Pro Football Focus and 90th by NFL.com.

Watson was the only Tiger ranked in the top 100 by all eight services. Gallman was ranked in six of the eight, Mike Williams was ranked in five of the eight, Hyatt, Watkins and Scott were listed in three of the eight.

Clemson Players in Top 100 Preseason Rankings for 2016

Deshaun Watson: ESPN.com (1), Sporting News (1), CBS (1), NFL.com (1), Athlon (1), Bleacher Report (2), Pro Football Focus (6), Si.com (6).

Wayne Gallman: CBS (35), Athlon (35), Bleacher Report (38), Si.com (41), ESPN.com (58), Pro Football Focus (92).

Mike Williams: NFL.com (18), CBS (42), Si.com (42), ESPN.com (48), Pro Football Focus (58).

Mitch Hyatt: Athlon (25), CBS (39), ESPN.com (55)

Carlos Watkins: NFL.com (14), Sporting News (38), Si.com (49).

Artavis Scott: Bleacher Report (28), ESPN (76), Si.com (98).

Ben Boulware: Si.com (23), Sporting News (32).

Jordan Leggett: NFL.com (79), Si.com (92).

Cordrea Tankersley: Pro Football Focus (57), NFL.com (90)

Christian Wilkins: ESPN.com (85).

Deshaun Watson Summary of Accomplishments in 2015

Awards

- Finalist (one of three) for the Heisman Trophy, Clemson's first Heisman finalist.
- Davey O'Brien Award Winner
- Manning Award Winner
- Archie Griffin Award Winner
- Maxwell Award Finalist
- Walter Camp Player of the Year Award Finalist
- Sullivan Award semifinalist
- ACC Most Valuable Player by Media and Coaches
- ACC Championship Game Most Valuable Player
- Most Valuable Offensive Player of Orange Bowl
- Consensus First-team All-American
- South Carolina Player of the Year by South Carolina Hall of Fame
- First-team All-ACC
- ACC Male Athlete of the Year (Just second in Clemson History)

Major Records and Accomplishments

- First quarterback in FBS history to pass for 4,000 yards and rush for 1,000 in same season
- Set ACC record for total offense yards in a season with 5,209, first 5,000-yard player in ACC history.
- Set ACC record for touchdown responsibility in a season with 47, 35 passing and 12 rushing.
- Set Clemson record for total completions with 333

- Set Clemson season record for passing yards with 4,104
- Set Clemson record for wins by a starting quarterback (14)
- Tied Clemson record for wins over top 25 teams by starting quarterback (four)

Watson National Rankings

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson became the first quarterback in FBS history to reach 4,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing in the same season in 2015. He had some high national rankings in other areas as well. His 1,105 rushing yards were third best among FBS quarterbacks, he was fifth in completion percentage (.678) eighth in total offense/game (347.3) and 12th in passing efficiency (156.25).

It is interesting to note that Homer Jordan ranked 12th in the nation in passing efficiency in 1981 when he quarterbacked Clemson to a 12-0 record and the national title. So both quarterbacks, from the state of Georgia, who led Clemson to its top two winningest seasons had the same national ranking in passing efficiency.

Below is a list of some of his national rankings and how they ranked in Clemson history:

Category	Figure	Nat Rk	CU Hist.
Total Yards	5209	1 st	1 st
Completion %	.678	5 th	3 rd
Passing Efficiency	156.25	12 th	5 th
TD Passes	35	8 th	2 nd
Total Offense/Game	347.3	8 th	1 st
Passing Yards/Game	273.6	23 rd	4 th
Rushing Yards by QB	1,105	3 rd	1 st
1 st down rush on 3 rd Down	21	8 th	1 st
Total Off Dec./Jan	410	8 th	1 st
Total offense vs. Top 25	362.2	6 th	1 st
Completion % on Road	.679	5 th	1 st
Completion % vs. Conf.	.694	5 th	1 st
Completion % 4 th Quarter	.726	6 th	
Rushing Yards on Road	774	13 th	

Watson Recipient of Jerry Richardson Community MVP Award

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson received the Jerry Richardson Community MVP Award in July at the Seventh Annual South Carolina Coaches for Charity at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Greenville. The award is named in honor of former Baltimore Colts receiver and current Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson.

Fisher DeBerry, a South Carolina native and Hall of Fame former head football coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy, hosts the event through the Fisher DeBerry Foundation, which assists children of single parent families.

Football coaches from around the state were together for the evening, all in the name of charity. The list of college head coaches included Dabo Swinney, Will Muschamp, Brent Thompson, Mike Ayers, Bruce Fowler and Buddy Pough.

Each coach chose a charity that benefits from his participation, as well as his Jerry Richardson Community MVP Award honoree, who were recognized during the evening.

Watson had an outstanding year on the field, helping the Tigers to a 14-1 record and the ACC Championship. The Tigers finished second in both wire service polls after reaching the national championship game against Alabama. Off the field, he received much acclaim for his work with Habitat for Humanity and was named to the ACC Academic honor roll. He is slated to graduate in December in just three years.

Deshaun Watson records (39)

Game (1)

- Passing Touchdowns (6), 2014

Season (31)

- Rushing Yards by a QB (1,105), 2015
- Pass Completions (333), 2015
- Pass Completions / Gm (22.2), 2015



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- Consecutive Games with Completions (15), 2015
- Passing Yards (4,104), 2015
- Passing Yards / Attempt (10.7), 2014
- Passing Efficiency (188.6), 2014
- Wins as Starting QB (14), 2015
- Wins as True Freshman QB (4), 2014
- Top-25 Wins as QB (4), 2015
- Total Offense Plays (698), 2015
- Total Offense (5,209), 2015
- Total Offense / Gm (347.3), 2015
- Total Offense Yards Per Play (8.3), 2014
- 200-Yard Total Offense Games (14), 2015
- 300-Yard Total Offense Games (9), 2015
- 300-Yard Total Offense / 100-Yard Rushing Games (5), 2015
- Passing Yards by a Sophomore (4,104), 2015
- Passing Yards by a True Freshman (1,466), 2014
- Passing Efficiency by a True Freshman (188.6), 2014
- Passing Efficiency by a Freshman (188.6), 2014
- Passing Efficiency by a Sophomore (156.3), 2015
- Completion Percentage by a True Freshman (67.9), 2014
- Completion Percentage by a Freshman (67.9), 2014
- Completion Percentage by a Sophomore (67.8), 2015
- Passing Touchdowns by a True Freshman (14), 2014
- Passing Touchdowns by a Sophomore (35), 2015
- Total Offense by a True Freshman (1,666), 2014
- Total Offense by a Sophomore (5,209), 2015
- Snaps by a Sophomore (1,121), 2015
- Snaps by a QB (1,121), 2015

Career (7)

- Completion Percentage (67.8)
- Passing Yards/ Attempt (8.87)
- Passing Efficiency (163.3)
- Interception Avoidance (2.39)
- Winning Percentage as Starting QB (90.0)
- Total Offense / Gm (298.9)
- Total Offense Yards Per Play (7.7)

Summary of Watch List selections for Clemson Players

Clemson has 36 selections among 18 awards that have announced Watch Lists for the 2016 season. It is the most Watch List selections in Clemson history. That includes the recently announced Lombardi Award that has expanded its field to all positions. Eight different Clemson players were on the Watch List for the Lombardi Award.

Maxwell Award: (Deshaun Watson, Wayne Gallman, Mike Williams)

Walter Camp Player of the Year: (Deshaun Watson, Wayne Gallman, Jordan Leggett)

Paul Hornung Award: (Artavis Scott)

Fred Biletnikoff Award: (Mike Williams and Artavis Scott)

Davey O'Brien Award: (Deshaun Watson)

Doak Walker Award: (Wayne Gallman)

Lou Groza Award: (Greg Huegel)

Dick Butkus Award: (Ben Boulware)

Dave Rimington Award: (Jay Guillermo)

Jim Thorpe Award: Cordrea Tankersley

Danny Wuerffel Award: (Deshaun Watson)

Outland Trophy: (Carlos Watkins, Jay Guillermo, Tyrone Crowder)

Chuck Bednarik Award: (Carlos Watkins, Ben Boulware, Cordrea Tankersley)

Bronko Nagurski Award: (Carlos Watkins, Ben Boulware, Cordrea Tankersley)

AFCA Goodworks Team: (Deshaun Watson)

Manning Award: (Deshaun Watson)

John Unitas Award: (Deshaun Watson)

Lombardi Award: (Ben Boulware, Tyrone Crowder, Wayne Gallman, Mitch Hyatt, Jordan Leggett, Carlos Watkins, Deshaun Watson, Christian Wilkins)

Swinney Fourth in ACC history in winning percentage

Dabo Swinney is fourth in ACC in winning percentage with a .735 mark. He is 75-27 so far in his Clemson career. Last year he moved ahead of Frank Beamer and Lou Holtz on the list. Next on the list is Danny Ford, who won .760 of his games for Clemson between 1978-89. Jimbo Fisher, Florida State's head coach, is first on the list with a .829 percentage.

Winningest Coaches in ACC History

(winning percentage basis)

Rk	Coach	School	Record	Pct
1.	Jimbo Fisher	Florida State	68-14	.829
2.	Bobby Bowden	Florida State	173-53-1	.764
3.	Danny Ford	Clemson	96-29-4	.760
4.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	75-27	.735
5.	Lou Holtz	N.C State	33-12-3	.719
6.	Ken Hatfield	Clemson	32-13-1	.707
7.	Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	113-47-0	.706
8.	Jim Tatum	Maryland, UNC	41-19-2	.677
9.	Larry Coker	Miami	25-12	.675
10.	Jerry Claiborne	Maryland	72-37-3	.656

Facts on Head Coach Dabo Swinney

- Clemson is the only program in the nation to finish in the top 25 of the AP poll and rank in the top 10 percent of the academic APR scores each of the last five years.
- Has led Clemson to at least the same, or higher final ranking than its preseason in the AP poll each of the last five years. Has tied the all-time record for that accomplishment. John Cooper of Ohio State and Bill Snyder of Kansas State also had a streak of five straight years.
- Has led Clemson to the same or higher final AP ranking than its preseason ranking six of his seven full seasons as head coach.
- Only coach in college football history to win a bowl game four consecutive years against a team led by a coach who already had won a national championship. Has defeated Les Miles (LSU), Urban Meyer (Ohio State) and Bob Stoops (Oklahoma, twice) over the last four years.
- National Coach of the Year according to 11 different selectors in 2015, including the Associated Press, ESPN, AFCA and the Bear Bryant Award.
- That included winning the Amos Alonzo Stagg Coach of the Year which takes into account all sports.
- Recipient of the Gene Stallings Award in the summer of 2015
- FCA National Coach of the Year in 2013
- Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year in 2011
- Clemson has won at least 10 games each of the last five years, joining Alabama as the only FBS schools who can make that claim.
- ^aClemson has finished in the top 25 of both polls each of the last five years, joining Florida State, Alabama and Oregon on that list.
- Led Clemson to a school record 17 wins over 2014 and 2015 seasons. It was longest active streak in the nation by six games.
- Has streak of 37 straight wins over non-ranked teams dating to 2011, the second longest active streak of its kind entering 2016.
- Won the ACC Championship in 2011 and 2015 and has four ACC Atlantic Division titles in last seven years.
- Clemson tied the FBS record for wins in a season with 14 in 2015, and ranked No. 1 in the nation in all six College Football Playoff Polls in 2015.
- Led Clemson to 56 wins over the last five years fourth most in the nation and most in Clemson history for a five-year period.
- Clemson program has been ranked in 76 of the last 83 AP polls, tied for the fifth most in the nation with Oregon.
- Clemson has 14 wins in its history over teams ranked eighth or higher and Swinney has been Clemson's coach for eight of those games, including wins over No. 6 Notre Dame, No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 8 North Carolina in 2015.
- Clemson had nine players drafted in 2016, second most in the nation. Clemson has had four first-round draft choices the last three years
- Swinney has a record of 75-27 for his career and the .735 winning percentage is fourth best in ACC history. His 75 wins through eight years rank first in ACC history.

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Clemson Second in Preseason Associated Press Poll

Clemson is ranked second in the preseason Associated Press and Amway Coaches polls.

This is the highest preseason ranking in Clemson history in either of the major polls. Clemson was fourth in the preseason poll by the Coaches and the Associated Press in 1988, and fourth by Associated Press in 1984.

This also marks the fifth straight year Clemson has been ranked in the preseason of both polls. Clemson was 14th in the preseason of both polls in 2012, eighth in 2013, 16th in 2014 and 12th in the preseason last year.

Clemson, Alabama, Oregon and Florida State are the only schools in the country to finish in the top 25 of the final AP poll each of the last five years. Dabo Swinney's program is the only school in the nation to finish the same or better in the final poll than its preseason ranking each of the last five years.

The appearance in the preseason AP poll means Clemson has appeared in 76 of the last 83 AP polls (all polls since beginning of 2011 season), tied for fifth in the nation with Oregon.

Clemson received 16 first-place votes, the most first-place votes Clemson has received in the preseason. The previous high was 11 in the 1984 preseason poll. It is the first time since 1991 that Clemson has received any first place votes in the preseason poll. Clemson had one that season.

2016 Preseason AP Poll

1. Alabama, **2. Clemson**, 3. Oklahoma, 4. Florida State, 5. LSU, 6. Ohio State, 7. Michigan, 8. Stanford, 9. Tennessee, 10. Notre Dame, 11. Mississippi, 12. Michigan State, 13. TCU, 14. Washington, 15. Houston, 16. UCLA, 17. Iowa, 18. Georgia, 19. Louisville, 20. Southern California, 21. Oklahoma State, 22. North Carolina, 23. Baylor, 24. Oregon, 25. Florida.

2016 Preseason Amway Coaches Poll

1. Alabama, **2. Clemson**, 3. Oklahoma, 4. Florida State, 5. Ohio State, 6. LSU, 7. Stanford, 8. Michigan, 9. Notre Dame, 10. Tennessee, 11. Michigan State, 12. Mississippi, 13. Houston, 14. TCU, 15. Iowa, 16. Georgia, 17. Southern California, 18. Washington, 19. Oklahoma State, 20. North Carolina, 21. Baylor, 22. Oregon, 23. Louisville, 24. UCLA, 25. Florida.

Clemson Has Two Ties to College Football Playoff Committee

Current Clemson Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich and former Clemson player Bobby Johnson are two of the 12 people on the College Football Playoff Committee for 2016. It is the third year on the committee for Radakovich and the second year for Johnson.

2016 College Football Playoff Committee

Kirby Hocutt, Chairman, Director of Athletics, Texas Tech
Barry Alvarez, Director of Athletics, Wisconsin
Jeff Bower, former head coach, Southern Mississippi
Herb Deromedi, former head coach Central Michigan
Tom Jernstedt, former NCAA Executive Vice President
Bobby Johnson former head coach, Vanderbilt, Furman
Jeff Long, Director of Athletics, Arkansas
Bob Mullens, Director of Athletics, Oregon

Dan Radakovich, Director of Athletics, Clemson

Condoleezza Rice, Stanford Professor, former Secretary of State
Steve Wieberg, former college football reporter, USA Today
Tyrone Willingham, former head coach, Stanford, Notre Dame, Washington

Offspring of Former Tigers

Eight members of the Clemson football team are offspring of former Tiger football players. That includes six players who are sons of members of Clemson's 1981 National Championship team. Two of them, J.D. Davis and Judah Davis, are twin sons of 1981 captain Jeff Davis, who is in the College Football Hall of Fame. Kanyan Tuttle is the son of former Clemson All-American Perry Tuttle, who was on the cover of **Sports Illustrated** the week after Clemson defeated Nebraska for the National

Championship.

Brian Dawkins, Jr. is the son of former Clemson All-American and NFL great Brian Dawkins. Junior is injured and will red-shirt this year. Amir Trapp is the son of James Trapp, who went on to win a Super Bowl Championship with the Baltimore Ravens.

It is interesting to point out that only one of the eight has the same number as dad had at Clemson. That is Cannon Smith, who has the same No. 84 that Bill Smith wore during his career at Clemson.

Offspring of Former Clemson Football Players

Current Player, Pos	Hometown	Dad (Clemson Years)
J.D. Davis, LB	Clemson, S.C	#Jeff Davis, LB, 1978-81
Judah Davis, LB	Clemson, S.C.	#Jeff Davis, LB, 1978-81
Brian Dawkins, Jr., DB	Parker, Colo.	Brian Dawkins, SAF, 1992-95
Jarvis Magwood, LB	Greenville, S.C.	#Frank Magwood, WR, 1979-82
Cannon Smith, TE	Columbia, S.C.	#Bill Smith, DE, 1977-81
Will Spiers, P	Camerson, S.C.	Bill Spiers, P, 1986
Amir Trapp, DB	Clemson, S.C.	James Trapp, DB, 1989-92
Kanyan Tuttle, WR	Charlotte, N.C.	#Perry Tuttle, WR, 1978-81

#Denotes played on 1981 National Championship team

Leggett Challenging Clemson Tight Ends Records

All-American tight end Jordan Leggett finished the 2015 season with 40 receptions for 525 yards and eight scores. His eight touchdowns tied a Clemson season record for a tight end.

The Mackey Award finalist did establish one record, as he had at least one touchdown reception in five consecutive games, a record for a Clemson tight end. He added a score in the ACC Championship game against North Carolina, and scored Clemson's last touchdown of the year against Alabama.

Leggett enters his senior year with 66 career receptions for 862 yards and 11 touchdowns. He needs just 28 receptions, 394 yards and two touchdowns to become Clemson's career leader in all three areas for a tight end. John McMakin had 93 catches for 1255 yards and 12 touchdowns for Clemson between 1969-71 at the tight end position. Dwayne Allen and Brandon Ford also had 12 touchdown receptions.

Tigers Prominent in Herbie Awards

For the 16th straight year, ESPN college football analyst Kirk Herbstreit released his preseason College Football Herbie Awards. The awards feature various categories of college football.

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson and wide receiver Hunter Renfrow both won awards, while wide receiver Mike Williams, linebacker Ben Boulware, and Watson, were finalists. Watson was a finalist for three awards, and won one.

Clemson Finalists for 2016 Herbie Awards

Award	Player	Result
4000/100	Deshaun Watson	Winner
Unsung Hero	Hunter Renfrow	Winner
Welcome Back	Mike Williams	Finalist
Throwback Player	Ben Boulware	Finalist
Ultimate Game Changer	Deshaun Watson	Finalist
Ultimate Herbie	Deshaun Watson	Finalist

Clemson Football Schedule Notes

•For the fourth time in in the last five years Clemson will open and close its season against teams from the Southeastern Conference. The Tigers open their 12-game slate at Auburn on September 3, and close it with a home game against South Carolina on November 26.

•Clemson opens the season at Auburn, the first time the Tigers have been to the Plains since the third week of the 2010 season when the Tigers took Cam Newton and his Tigers to overtime before dropping a 27-24 contest. Clemson has beaten Auburn twice since that meeting six years ago.

•Clemson plays its second game of the year against Troy, which is located in Troy, Alabama. This is just the second time since 1940 that Clemson has opened the season against two schools from the same state. The last time was in 1997 when Clemson opened against Appalachian State and NC State.



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•The Tigers have consecutive home games scheduled September 10 and 17, respectively. Troy comes to Clemson for the second time in history on September 10 and South Carolina State follows the next week. Clemson has a 16-game home winning streak entering 2016, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State's streak of 21.

•The Tigers go back on the road on September 22, just five days after the South Carolina State game, to face Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Clemson suffered its last regular season loss at Georgia Tech in November of 2014 and has not won a game there since 2003.

•Clemson's ACC home opener is against Louisville on October 1. The Tigers have won each of the first two meetings with the Cardinals since they joined the ACC, but both games have been close. Clemson won the meeting at Clemson in 2014 by a 23-17 score, then downed the Cardinals, 20-17, in Louisville last year. That was the second closest game Clemson had during its undefeated regular season in 2015.

•Clemson plays at Boston College on Friday night October 7. It will be Clemson's first Friday night regular season game in 60 years, but the Tigers did gain victory in their last Friday night game at any point in the season. That came in the 2014 Orange Bowl when Clemson beat a sixth-ranked Ohio State team in Miami, 40-35.

•It will be Clemson's first regular season game on a Friday since November 16, 1956 when the Tigers lost at Miami (FL), 21-0. Clemson's last regular season win on a Friday actually took place in Boston. The Tigers defeated Boston College at Braves Field, 13-0 on Halloween, 1952.

•Clemson plays at Florida State on October 29. Clemson has won in Tallahassee just once since 1989 and that was in 2006. The winner of the Clemson vs. Florida State game has won the ACC Atlantic Division every year since 2008, Swinney's first year at Clemson.

•Clemson closes the season with home games in three of its last four contests, the first time that has been the case since 2012. Syracuse comes to Clemson on November 5, then Pittsburgh plays at Clemson for the first time on November 12.

•Swinney's Tigers have 10 games on Saturdays, one on a Thursday and one on a Friday. All seven home games are on Saturdays, but the Tigers will play at Georgia Tech on a Thursday and at Boston College on a Friday night. As a result of the Thursday and Friday road games in the first half of the schedule, Clemson will not have a road Saturday game between September 4 and October 28.

Record Number of Returning All-ACC Players

Clemson had a record 17 players named first, second or third team All-ACC by the ACC media and the ACC Coaches last year. It was the most All-ACC players in one year in school history by a large margin. The previous record was 12, set in 1989 when Danny Ford's last team had nine first-team selections and three second-team choices, and in 1990 when Clemson had eight first-team and four second-team.

Clemson had 10 first team selections, three second-team and four third-team selections in 2015. (We use the highest ranking team for each player.) The 10 first-team selections tied the record for first team selections in one year set by the 1978 team. The 1989 and 1991 Clemson teams also had nine first team selections.

In terms of returning players who made any All-ACC team, Clemson has a record 11 players returning from 2015. The previous high was nine returning All-ACC players for the 1990 season off the 1989 team.

This year's 11 returning All-ACC players includes six first-team selections, two second-team and three third-team. It is the most returning first team selections since 1990 when Clemson had six returning first teamers off the 1989 team. The 1978 team had six returning first-team All-ACC players from the 1977 season.

Clemson actually has 12 returning All-ACC players overall because Mike Williams was a second-team receiver during the 2014 season, but missed last year due to injury.

Clemson has eight offensive returning players who made an All-ACC team previously in their Clemson team and three on defense. Kicker Greg Huegel is the 12th.

Clemson Returning All-ACC players for 2016

Player	Pos	Media	Coaches
Deshawn Watson	QB	First	First
Artavis Scott	WR	First	First
Carlos Watkins	DT	First	Second
Jordan Leggett	TE	Second	First
Wayne Gallman	RB	Second	First
Ben Boulware	LB	Second	First
Greg Huegel	PK	Second	Third
Tyrone Crowder	OG	Third	Third
Mitch Hyatt	OT	Third	Third
Jay Guillermo	C	Second	Second
#Mike Williams	WR	Second	Third
Cordrea Tankersley	CB	Third	Third
#2014 selection			

Gallman Coming off Record Setting Seasons

Clemson running back Wayne Gallman established the Clemson record for rushing yards in a season last year with 1527. It was one of many standards set by the sophomore running back from Grayson, Georgia. In addition to the rushing yardage mark, he also set the record for most 100-yard rushing games with nine. He had three separate streaks of three 100-yard games in succession.

Gallman broke one other record of note with 1,740 yards from scrimmage. That is the summation of yards rushing and receiving. Gallman had 1527 rushing and 213 receiving. He broke the record of 1715 that had been set by C.J. Spiller in 2009. He had 1212 rushing and 503 receiving. Spiller still has the per game record as he played 14 games that year.

Gallman enters his junior year with 2,296 rushing yards on 444 attempts, a 5.17 average. He is 12th on the Clemson all-time rushing list, quite an accomplishment in just two seasons. His 5.17 yards per carry average is also 12th. Gallman needs 1670 rushing yards in 2016 to break Raymond Priester's record of 3,966 set between 1994-97.

Clemson Single Season Rushing Bests

Rk	Player	Year	Car	Avg.	Yards
1.	Wayne Gallman	2015	283	5.4	1527
2.	Raymond Priester	1996	257	5.2	1345
3.	Raymond Priester	1995	238	5.6	1322
4.	Terrence Flagler	1986	192	6.6	1258
5.	C.J. Spiller	2009	216	5.6	1212
6.	Kenny Flowers	1985	227	5.3	1200
7.	Terry Allen	1988	216	5.5	1192
8.	James Davis	2006	203	5.8	1187
9.	Deshawn Watson	2015	207	5.5	1105
10.	Andre Ellington	2012	212	6.1	1081

Clemson Yards from Scrimmage Season Bests

Rk	Player	Year	Rush	Rec	Total
1.	Wayne Gallman	2015	1527	213	1740
2.	C.J. Spiller	2009	1212	503	1715
3.	Sammy Watkins	2013	11	1464	1475
4.	Raymond Priester	1996	1345	115	1460
5.	Sammy Watkins	2011	231	1219	1450
6.	Terrence Flagler	1986	1258	188	1446

Huegel Led Nation in Total Field Goals

Clemson freshman walk-on Greg Huegel led the nation in total field goals made in 2015 with 27. It was also a Clemson single season mark. He also established the school mark for points in a season with 138, breaking a record that was held by C.J. Spiller.

Huegel was 18-19 in nine games against Atlantic Coast Conference foes, and that .947 percentage was second best in the nation against conferences teams. He was 17-17 against the ACC in the regular season. He also led the nation in total field goals against top 25 teams with 10 and led the nation in points scored by kicking.

Huegel was also fifth in total points scored among all players. Some of the players ahead of him were Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry of Alabama, and Keenan Reynolds of Navy. He was tied with Ohio

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State running back Ezekiel Elliott and LSU running back Leonard Fournette.

National Leaders in Total Field Goals, 2015

Rk	Name	School	Class	FG-A
1.	Greg Huegel	Clemson	Fr.	27-32
2.	Ross Martin	Duke	Sr.	26-30
3.	Zane Gonzalez	Arizona State	Jr.	26-34
4.	Michael Badgley	Miami	So.	25-30
5.	Tyler Rausa	Boise State	Jr.	25-30
6.	Griffin Oakes	Indiana	So.	24-29

National Leaders in Total Points Scored, 2015

Rk	Name	School	TD	FG	PAT	Pts
1.	Derrick Henry	Alabama	28			168
2.	Kenneth Dixon	Louisiana Tech	26			156
	Jeremy McNichols	Boise State	26			156
4.	Keenan Reynolds	Navy	24			144
5.	Greg Huegel	Clemson		27	57	138
	Leonard Fournette	LSU	23			138
	Ezekiel Elliott	Ohio State	23			138
8.	Tyler Rausa	Boise State		25	59	134

Clemson Players on School Career Lists

Four current Tigers rank high on Clemson career lists. That includes quarterback Deshaun Watson, who is in the top six in nine different categories, including first in four. Below is a list of current players ranking on Clemson career lists and how far away they are from the existing record.

Current Player	Category, Figure, Rk	Record
Deshaun Watson	TD Passes, 49, 2nd	Tajh Boyd, 107
Deshaun Watson	Total offense, 6874, 4 th	Tajh Boyd, 13,069
Deshaun Watson	Passing Yards, 5570, 6 th	Tajh Boyd, 11,904
Deshaun Watson	TD Resp., 66, 3 rd	Tajh Boyd, 133
Deshaun Watson	Pass Efficiency, 163.3, 1 st	Has Record
Deshaun Watson	Int. Avoidance, 2.39%, 1st	Has Record
Deshaun Watson	Yds/ Pass Att, 8.87, 1 st	Has Record
Deshaun Watson	Completions, 426, 6 th	Tajh Boyd, 901
Deshaun Watson	Completion %, .678, 1 st	Has Record
Wayne Gallman	Rushing Yards, 2296, 12 th	Raymond Priester, 3966
Artavis Scott	Receptions, 169, 4 th	Sammy Watkins, 240
Artavis Scott	Receiving Yards 1866, 11 th	Sammy Watkins, 3391
Artavis Scott	Receiving TDs 14, 10 th	Hopkins, Watkins, 27
Mike Williams	Yds/Rec 17.3, 7 th	Martavis Bryant, 22.2

Clemson's Offense vs. Alabama

Clemson's most impressive offensive performance of 2015 might have been in the National Championship game against Alabama. The Crimson Tide had one of the best defenses in the nation and ranked in the top five in a number of key areas, including third in total defense, first in rushing defense and second in scoring defense and yards per play in the final stats.

Behind quarterback Deshaun Watson, the Tigers scored 40 points and had 550 yards of total offense, including 405 through the air. Watson threw for four scores and had 478 yards of total offense. Clemson's 550 yards, 40 points, 145 yards rushing and 405 yards passing were nearly double in all categories the Crimson Tide averaged on defense for the year.

Clemson Production vs. Alabama 2015 Defense

Category	Ala. Average (Rk)	Clemson
Total Offense	276.3 (3 rd)	550
First Downs	14.9 (4 th)	31
Yards Rushing	75.7 (1st)	145
Yards Passing	200.6 (30th)	405
TD Passes	1.13 (36th)	4
Points	15.1 (2nd)	40
Yards/Play	4.3 (2 nd)	6.5

Clemson National Rankings under Venables

Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables has led the Tigers defense to some outstanding national rankings over his four years as defensive coordinator, especially over the last two years. Clemson ranked first in the nation in total defense in 2014, then ranked 10th in 2015. The 2015 ranking was quite an accomplishment considering Venables lost eight starters from his 2014 defense.

Clemson ranked first in the nation in pass efficiency defense in 2014 and 11th in 2015. The Tigers were in the top five in completion percentage defense each of the last two years and in the top four in third down conversion defense in both 2014 and 2015. Overall, Clemson led the nation in 12 different defensive categories in 2014 and ranked in the top 10 in six of those areas in 2015.

The aggressive approach has paid off for Venables as Clemson has led the nation in **total** tackles for loss each of the last three years with 123 in 2013, 131 in 2014 and 126 in 2015.

Clemson National Rankings under Venables

Category	2012		2013		2014		2015	
	Fig	Rk	Fig	Rk	Fig	Rk	Fig	Rk
Total Defense	396.5	64	356.7	25	260.8	1	313	10
Scoring Defense	24.8	46	22.2	24	16.7	3	21.7	24
Rushing Defense	156.2	58	155.7	53	103.4	5	125.3	18
Pass Defense	240.3	73	201.0	16	157.4	2	187.7	17
Pass Efficiency Def.	131.2	62	114.2	19	98.3	1	109.7	11
Comp. % Defense	.581	46	.533	14	.500	5	.484	2
3 rd Down Defense	.340	24	.308	5	.274	1	.277	4
Yards/Play Allowed	5.65	69	5.03	23	4.03	1	4.85	17
Yds/Rush Allowed	4.18	66	3.73	28	2.97	3	3.54	20
Yds/Pass Att Allowed	7.3	68	6.9	47	5.3	1	6.4	26
Sacks/Game	2.62	21	2.92	13	3.46	6	3.20	4
Tackles for Loss/G	6.69	30	9.46	1	10.08	1	8.40	5
First Downs/G	18.8	31	18.0	19	14.2	1	15.0	5

Clemson Had Balanced Offense in 2015

One of the reasons for Clemson's success in 2015 was its balanced offense. Clemson ranked in the top 25 in the nation in 14 different categories last year, including the four major categories of scoring offense, total offense, rushing offense and passing offense. Clemson was seventh in completion percentage, eighth in first downs/game, 13th in third down conversions and ninth in total touchdowns scored. The Tigers had 35 touchdown passes and 34 touchdown runs.

Clemson ran 1207 plays, most in the nation and had exactly 100 plays of 20 yards or more, second in the nation.

Clemson's 71 total touchdowns, 514.5 yards per game, 1207 plays, 393 first downs, 100 plays of 20 yards or more and 7718 yards of total offense were all school records for a season.

Clemson Offense National Rankings in 2015

Category	Fig.	Nat Rk	Clemson Hist.
Scoring	38.5	16 th	3 rd
Total Touchdowns	71	9 th	1 st
Rushing Offense	223	21 st	15 th
Rushing TDs	34	14 th	2 nd
Passing Yards/Game	291.5	23 rd	3 rd
Passing Efficiency	153.2	21 st	3 rd
Completion %	.674	7 th	2 nd
TD Passes	35	10 th	3 rd
Total Offense	514.5	11 th	1 st
Yards/Play	6.39	26 th	2 nd
Total Plays	1207	1 st	1 st
First Downs	393	1 st	1 st
3 rd Down Conversion	.474	13 th	8 th
20 Yard Plays	100	2 nd	1 st

Clemson Offense Among Nation's Best in 2015

With a new co-coordinator system, Clemson had its best offense in history in some areas during the 2015 season. Co-coordinators and former Clemson teammates Tony Elliott and Jeff Scott were wide receivers together at Clemson from 2000-02 and they joined forces to lead



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the Clemson offense to 514.5 yards per game, an all-time school record.

That season long performance included a school record 12 games with at least 500 yards, including a streak of 11 straight 500-yard games to end the season. Clemson was successful against the top teams as well. The Tigers had 532 yards against Boston College's No. 1 total defense and 550 against Alabama's No. 3 ranked total defense.

The unit had incredible balance as the Tigers had 35 touchdowns passing and 34 touchdowns rushing. Eight times they had at least 200 yards rushing and 200 yards passing in the same game, most in one season. The Tigers averaged 223 yards rushing and 291 yards passing per game.

Clemson also became the first ACC school to have at least 3,000 yards rushing and 4,000 yards passing in the same season. Clemson was the only school in the nation to do it in 2015 and just the ninth team to do it in FBS history.

FBS Teams with at least 3,000 yards Rushing, 4,000 Yards Passing

School	Year	Total	Rush	Pass
Southern Cal	2005	7537	3380	4157
Tulsa	2009	7978	3752	4226
Baylor	2011	7632	3063	4569
Texas A&M	2012	7261	3147	4114
Baylor	2012	7439	3012	4427
Baylor	2013	8036	3368	4668
Oregon	2014	8205	3518	4687
Marshall	2014	7829	3807	4022
Clemson	2015	7718	3345	4373

Clemson's Overtime History

The last time Clemson played an overtime game was in 2014 at Florida State when the No. 1 ranked Seminoles defeated the Tigers 23-17 in the first overtime. It is Clemson's only overtime game in the last five years. Clemson is 6-6 all-time in overtime games.

Clemson in Overtime (6-6)

Date	Opponent	Site	W-L	CU-Opp	OTs
11-8-97	Duke	H	W	29-20	1
9-29-01	Georgia Tech	A	W	47-44	1
10-11-03	Virginia	H	W	30-27	1
9-4-04	Wake Forest	H	W	37-30	2
11-6-04	Miami (Fla.)	A	W	24-17	1
9-17-05	Miami (Fla.)	H	L	30-36	3
9-24-05	Boston College	H	L	13-16	1
9-9-06	Boston College	A	L	33-34	2
12-31-07	Auburn	N1	L	20-23	1
10-24-09	Miami (Fla.)	A	W	40-37	1
9-18-10	Auburn	A	L	24-27	1
9-20-14	Florida State	A	L	17-23	1

Clemson Winning Close Games

Clemson has an 11-2 record since 2011 in games decided by a touchdown or less. The only losses are to a No. 1 ranked Florida State team in 2014 and to No. 2 ranked Alabama in 2015.

Clemson in Games Decided by 7 or Less, since 2011 (11-2)

Date	Opponent (Rk)	W-L	CU-Opp
9-24-11	Florida State (11)	W	35-30
11-12-11	Wake Forest	W	31-28
9-1-12	N-Auburn (#25)	W	26-19
12-21-12	N-LSU (9)	W	25-24
8-31-13	Georgia (5)	W	38-35
1-3-14	N-Ohio State (7)	W	40-35
9-20-14	at Florida State (1)	L	17-23
10-11-14	Louisville	W	23-17
10-18-14	t Boston College	W	17-13
9-17-15	at Louisville	W	20-17
10-3-15	Notre Dame (6)	W	24-22
11-28-15	at South Carolina	W	37-32
1-11-16	Alabama (2)	L	40-45

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Watson Needs One TD Pass to Pass Whitehurst

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson has 49 touchdown passes entering the 2016 season and needs just one to move into second place on the all-time Clemson list. He is currently tied for second with Charlie Whitehurst, who played for the Tigers from 2002-05. Tajh Boyd has the record with 107.

Watson also needs just three touchdowns rushing and passing to move into second place on the touchdown responsibility list. He has 66 entering the season and Woody Dantzler has 68. Tajh Boyd is the ACC record holder with 133.

Last year Watson had an ACC record 47 total touchdowns, 35 passing and 12 rushing.

Clemson Career Leaders in Touchdown Passes

Rk	Player	Years	TD Pass
1.	Tajh Boyd	2010-13	107
2.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	49
	Deshaun Watson	2014-15	49
4.	Cullen Harper	2005-08	42
5.	Woodrow Dantzler	1998-01	41
6.	Nealson Greene	1994-97	35
7.	Kyle Parker	2009-10	32
8.	Mike Eppley	1980-84	28

Clemson Career Leaders in Touchdown Responsibility

Rk	Player	Years	Rush	Pass	*	Tot
1.	Tajh Boyd	2010-13	26	107	0	133
2.	Woody Dantzler	1998-01	27	41	0	68
3.	Deshaun Watson	2014-15	17	49	0	66
4.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	10	49	0	59
5.	C.J. Spiller	2006-09	32	1	19	59
6.	Travis Zachery	1998-01	41	0	9	50
7.	James Davis	2005-08	47	0	2	49
8.	Cullen Harper	2005-08	5	42	0	47
9.	Steve Fuller	1975-78	22	22	0	44
10.	Nealson Greene	1994-97	8	35	0	43

Clemson Played 13 True Freshmen in 2015

Clemson played 13 true freshmen in the 2015 season opener against Wofford, the most in a single game since 1943. That year the U.S. Government drafted Clemson's entire junior and senior classes, so Frank Howard's team was made up of entirely freshmen and sophomore. (Clemson was a military school at the time.)

The true freshmen Tigers who played in that Wofford game were Austin Bryant (DE), Kelly Bryant (QB), Deon Cain (WR), J.D. Davis (LB), Judah Davis (LB), Jake Fruhmorgen (OT), Albert Huggins (DT), Mitch Hyatt (OT), Ray-Ray McCloud (WR), Van Smith (S), Christian Wilkins (DT), Garrett Williams (TE) and Jalen Williams (LB).

Mark Fields played in the second game against Appalachian State, giving Clemson 14 true freshmen who played in 2015.

How many true freshmen will play against Auburn is a guess at this point, but it will not be 13.

Below is a history of true freshman who have appeared in at least one game in a season since 2009, the first year of the Dabo Swinney era.

Clemson True Freshman to Appear in a Game under Swinney

2009 (3): Jonathan Meeks (DB), Mallicah Goodman (DE), Corico Hawkins (Now Wright) (LB)

2010 (4): Deandre Hopkins (WR), Justin Parker (LB), Martin Jenkins (DB), Darius Robinson (DB)

2011 (12): Martavis Bryant (WR), Sammy Watkins (WR), Mike Bellamy (RB), Tony Stewart (LB), Cole Stoudt (QB), Stephone Anthony (LB), Charone Peake (WR), Robert Smith (S), Grady Jarrett (DT), Corey Crawford (DE), DeShawn Williams (DT), Adam Humphries (WR).

2012 (7): Travis Blanks (SS), Zak Brooks (RB), Kevin Dodd (DE), Bradley Pinion (P), D.J. Reader (DT), Carlos Watkins (DT)

2013 (9): Ben Boulware (LB), T.J. Greene (WR), Jadar Johnson (DB), Jayron Kearse (SS), Shaq Lawson (DE), Jordan Leggett (TE), Cordrea Tankersley (DB), Korrin Wiggins (LB), Mike Williams (WR)

2014 (5): Adam Choice (RB), Demarre Kitt (WR), Kyron Priester (WR), Artavis Scott (WR), Deshaun Watson (QB).

2015 (14): Austin Bryant (DE), Kelly Bryant (QB), Deon Cain (WR), J.D. Davis (LB), Judah Davis (LB), Mark Fields (DB), Jake Fruhmorgen (OT), Albert Huggins (DT), Mitch Hyatt (OT), Ray-Ray McCloud (WR), Van Smith

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(S), Christian Wilkins (DT), Garrett Williams (TE) and Jalen Williams (LB).

CLEMSON HAS 56 WINS LAST FIVE YEARS

Clemson has a 56-12 record over the last five years, the most wins in any five-year period in Clemson history. Nationally, the Tigers are tied for fourth with Ohio State in the total victories category since 2011.

Alabama, leads the nation with 62 victories since 2011. The Crimson Tide sport a 62-7 mark the last five years. The Tigers and Tide are the only teams in the nation to have at least 10 wins each of the last five years.

Winningest Programs, 2011-15

Rk	School	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
1.	Alabama	12-1	13-1	11-2	12-2	14-1	62-7
2.	Florida State	9-4	12-2	14-0	13-1	10-3	58-10
	Oregon	12-2	12-1	11-2	13-2	9-4	57-11
4.	Clemson	10-4	11-2	11-2	10-3	14-1	56-12
	Ohio State	6-7	12-0	12-2	14-1	12-1	56-11
6.	Michigan State	11-3	7-6	13-1	11-2	12-2	54-14
	Stanford	11-2	12-2	11-3	8-5	12-2	54-14
	Northern Illinois	11-3	12-2	12-2	11-3	8-6	54-16
9.	Boise State	12-1	11-2	8-5	12-2	9-4	52-14

CLEMSON FREQUENT VISITOR TO AP POLL

With Clemson's No. 2 finish in the final AP poll for 2015, the Tigers have appeared in the Associated Press Poll 75 times out of a possible 82 polls since the beginning of the 2011 season. That means Clemson has been in the AP poll 91.5 percent of the time since the start of 2011, tied for the fifth most frequent appearance over that time with Oregon.

Alabama is first as the Crimson Tide have been in all 82 polls over that time, with an average ranking of 2.6. Clemson's average ranking over the last five years when it appears is 10.8. Only Alabama, Oklahoma, Florida State and LSU have been in the poll more often than Clemson over the last five years.

Clemson is eighth in terms of the number of top 10 appearances the last five years with 35 of 82 polls. Again Alabama leads the way with 80 top 10 rankings in the last 82 polls.

Most AP Top 25 Poll Appearances, 2011-15

Rk	School	Conference	Pct.	App
1.	Alabama	SEC	1.000	82-82
2.	Oklahoma	Big 12	.963	79-82
3.	Florida State	ACC	.927	76-82
	LSU	SEC	.927	76-82
5.	Clemson	ACC	.915	75-82
	Oregon	Pac 12	.915	75-82
7.	Stanford	Pac 12	.866	71-82
8.	Ohio State	Big Ten	.841	69-82
9.	Baylor	Big 12	.744	61-82
	Georgia	SEC	.744	61-82

Most AP Top 10 Appearances, 2011-15

Rk	School	Con	Pct	App
1.	Alabama	SEC	.976	80-82
2.	Oregon	Pac 12	.768	63-82
3.	Florida State	ACC	.646	53-82
4.	Ohio State	Big Ten	.610	50-82
	LSU	SEC	.605	49-81
6.	Stanford	Pac 12	.524	43-82
7.	Baylor	Big 12	.439	36-82
8.	Clemson	ACC	.427	35-82
9.	Michigan St.	Big 10	.415	34-82
10.	Georgia	SEC	.390	32-82

CLEMSON ENTERS 700 WIN CLUB

Clemson won its 700th game in history on November 21, 2015 with a 33-13 victory over Wake Forest. Clemson became the 23rd program in FBS history to win 700 games, the fifth to do it in 2015. Other schools who reached 700 victories last year include Florida, Arkansas, Pittsburgh and Washington.

Clemson enters the 2016 season with 703 total wins, 20th in the history of FBS football. Clemson has made quite a run the last five years with 56 victories, an average of 11 per season. And the Tigers have done it against good programs.

A check to the chart below shows that Clemson is 17-4 against the other programs ranked in the top 20 in the nation in total victories the last five years. That includes

a 4-1 record against the Top 10 under Dabo Swinney over the last three years. Clemson has won a bowl game each of the last four years against a program ranked in the top 12 in the nation in total wins.

FBS Programs with at Least 700 Wins

Rk	School	2015	Overall	Clem vs. 201-15
1.	Michigan	10-3	925-331-36	
2.	Notre Dame	10-3	892-313-42	1-0
3.	Texas	4-8	885-354-33	
4.	Nebraska	6-7	880-368-40	
5.	Ohio State	12-1	875-320-53	1-0
6.	Alabama	14-1	864-326-43	0-1
7.	Oklahoma	11-2	861-319-53	2-0
8.	Penn State	7-6	856-382-41	
9.	Tennessee	9-4	820-371-53	
10.	Southern California	8-6	813-333-54	
11.	Georgia	10-3	787-413-54	1-1
12.	LSU	9-3	770-404-47	1-0
13.	Auburn	7-6	741-427-47	2-0
14.	West Virginia	9-4	728-481-45	
15.	Virginia Tech	7-6	718-458-46	3-0
16.	Texas A&M	7-6	717-466-48	
17.	Georgia Tech	3-9	714-486-43	3-2
18.	Syracuse	4-8	712-521-49	3-0
19.	Pittsburgh	8-5	704-515-42	
20.	Clemson	14-1	703-456-45	
21.	Washington	6-6	702-440-50	
22.	Arkansas	8-5	702-480-40	
23.	Florida	10-3	701-403-40	
Total				17-4

INDICATORS OF VICTORY UNDER SWINNEY

- Clemson is 67-6 under Dabo Swinney when it wins the total offense statistic, including 52-3 the last five years.
- Clemson is 42-4 under Swinney when Tigers win the turnover margin statistic, 6-0 in 2015.
- Clemson is 27-2 in last 29 games when it has at least 300 passing yards.
- Clemson is 28-1 when leading at the half the last three years and 61-7 overall under Swinney.
- Clemson is 61-5, including 51-1 the last five years, when it has more first downs than the opposition.
- Clemson is 33-1 under Swinney when rushing for at least 200 yards, and has won 29 in a row dating to 2010.
- Clemson is 55-7 under Swinney, 40-5 the last five years, when it has more rushing yards than the opposition.
- Clemson is 66-4 under Swinney, including 50-1, the last five years when leading heading into the fourth quarter. Clemson had won 32 straight games dating to 2010 when it had a lead at any point in the fourth quarter prior to the overtime loss at Florida State on September 20, 2014. Alabama ended a streak of 51 straight wins for Clemson when leading into the fourth quarter in the national title game. Clemson led 24-21 entering the last quarter of that game, then lost 45-40.

Top 25 Teams Each of Last Five Years

Clemson has finished each of the last five seasons in the top 25 of both polls. Clemson, Alabama, Oregon and Florida State are the only schools in the nation to finish in the top 25 of both polls every year since 2011. That includes a top 15 or better final ranking each of the last four years when the Tigers have had a 46-8 record, the best four year mark in Clemson history.

School	2011 AP-US	2012 AP-US	2013 AP-US	2014 AP-US	2015 AP-US
Clemson	22-22	11-9	8-7	15-15	12-2
Alabama	1-1	1-1	7-8	4-4	1-1
Oregon	4-4	2-2	9-9	2-2	19-20
Florida State	23-23	10-8	1-1	5-6	14-14

Tigers Exceeding Expectations

Clemson has at least matched its preseason ranking in the USA Today coaches poll each of the last five years. That is becoming more and more difficult to accomplish in light of some high preseason rankings in recent years. This year the only way Clemson might do it is if the Tigers win



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the National Championship. Below is a chart of Clemson's preseason and postseason ranking in each poll since 2011.

Dabo Swinney has joined Bill Snyder of Kansas State and John Cooper of Ohio State as the only coaches in history to lead a team to the same or better AP postseason ranking than its AP preseason ranking since preseason polls began in 1950.

Preseason vs. Postseason Rankings					
Poll	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	AP-US	AP-US	AP-US	AP-US	AP-US
AP	NR-22	14-11	8-8	16-15	12-2
USA	NR-22	14-9	8-7	16-15	12-2

37 Straight Wins over Unranked Opponents

One of the most incredible streaks for the Clemson football program the last five years has been its streak of 37 consecutive games without losing to an unranked opponent. Alabama is the only school with a longer streak of wins over unranked teams at 60. Clemson last lost to an unranked team on November 19, 2011 when the seventh ranked Tigers lost at NC State 37-13.

Dabo Swinney has not lost at home to an unranked opponent since the first game he coached for the Tigers. That was on October 18, 2008. Georgia Tech won a battle of unranked teams 21-17. Since then Swinney and the Tigers have won 41 in a row at home over unranked teams.

Relatively Speaking

- Starting offensive tackle **Mitch Hyatt** is the nephew of former Clemson defensive tackle Dan Benish, who was an All-ACC defensive tackle on Clemson's 1981 National Championship team.

- Freshman defensive back **Mark Fields** is the son of former Carolina Panther linebacker Mark Fields, a first-round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints in 1995.

- J.D. Davis and Judah Davis** are the twin sons of former Clemson All-American and College Football Hall of Famer Jeff Davis.

- Tight end **Milan Richard** is the nephew of former Georgia All-American and Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker.

- Tight end **Cannon Smith** is the son of former Clemson defensive end Bill Smith, a starter on Clemson's 1981 National Championship team.

- Tight end **Garrett Williams** is the son of former Florida State fullback Dayne Williams who helped the Seminoles execute the "puntr-ooski" against Clemson in 1988.

- Wide receiver and holder **Seth Ryan** is the son of Buffalo Bills Head Coach Rex Ryan.

Excelling on Field and in Classroom

Clemson is the only school in the nation to rank in the top 10 percent of APR scores (four-year averages) and in the final top 25 of both polls each of the last five years. The streak of top 25 final rankings on the field includes four straight years of top 15 final rankings by AP and USA Today. Clemson was second on the field and tied for 11th in APR scores in 2015-16 academic year.

2011-12 APR Scores Ranking				
Rk	School	Conference	AP-USA	APR
1.	Northwestern	Big Ten		995
2.	Boise State	WAC	8-5	989
	Duke	ACC		989
4.	Ohio State	Big Ten		988
5.	Northern Illinois	MAC		987
6.	Rice	Conference USA		986
7.	Clemson	ACC	22-22	983
	Middle Tennessee	Sun Belt		983
9.	Rutgers	Big East		982
10.	Air Force	Mountain West		980

2012-13 APR Scores Ranking

Rk	School	Conference	AP-USA	APR
1.	Northwestern	Big Ten		996
2.	Boise State	WAC	18-14	993
3.	Duke	ACC		989
4.	Clemson	ACC	11-9	985
	Wisconsin	Big Ten		985
6.	Georgia Tech	ACC		983
7.	Boston College	ACC		982
	Missouri	SEC		982
	Ohio State	Big Ten	3-NR	982

2013-14 APR Scores Ranking

Rk	School	Conference	AP-USA	APR
1.	Duke	ACC	23-22	992
2.	Northwestern	Big Ten		991
3.	Wisconsin	Big Ten	22-21	989
4.	Boise State	WAC		988
	Utah State	Mountain West		988
6.	Stanford	Pac 12	11-10	984
7.	Clemson	ACC	8-7	983
	Georgia Tech	ACC		983
9.	Boston College	ACC		981
10.	Missouri	SEC	5-5	980
	Nebraska	Big Ten	NR-25	980
	Rutgers	Big Ten		980
	South Carolina	SEC	4-4	980

2014-15 APR Scores Ranking

Rk	School	Conference	AP-USA	APR
1.	Wisconsin	Big Ten	13-18	998
2.	Duke	ACC		992
	Northwestern	Big Ten		992
4.	Michigan	Big Ten		990
5.	Stanford	Pac 12		987
6.	Utah State	Mountain West		985
	Nebraska	Big Ten		985
8.	Clemson	ACC	15-15	984
9.	Boise State	WAC	16-20	981
	Army	Independent		981

2015-16 APR Scores Ranking

Rk	School	Conference	AP-USA	APR
1.	Duke	ACC		995
2.	Minnesota	Big Ten		992
	Northwestern	Big Ten		992
	Wisconsin	Big Ten	21-21	992
5.	Vanderbilt	SEC		990
6.	Army	Independent		989
	Michigan	Big Ten	12-11	989
8.	Georgia Tech	ACC		987
	Air Force	Mountain West		987
10.	North Texas			984
11.	Clemson	ACC	2-2	983
	Stanford	Pac 12	3-3	983
	Central Florida	AAC		983
	Utah	Mountain West	17-16	983