

CLEMSON Resume 2006-07

Clemson 36th in RPI

Clemson was ranked 36th in the collegerpi.com after its 75-74 win over Virginia Tech on Sunday. The Tigers jumped 10 spots in the RPI with the road victory over a team that was attempting to clinch the top seed in the ACC Tournament. Virginia Tech was ranked 21st in the nation in AP and USA Today heading into the game.

Clemson is one of nine teams in the top 50 of the RPI from the ACC. The ACC has the highest RPI and the highest non-conference winning percentage in the nation.

Clemson's RPI is helped by the fact that the Tigers have six wins over the RPI top 50, tied for 15th in the nation. North Carolina has the most top 50 wins with 11, followed by UCLA, Maryland and Duke with nine apiece. Clemson is tied for 15th with Michigan State, Georgetown, Marquette, Notre Dame and Vanderbilt.

Clemson actually has nine wins over the top 66 as the Tigers also own wins over #61 Appalachian State, #64 Georgia and #66 Mississippi State.

Clemson has more top 50 wins than many teams who are considered locks for the NCAA Tournament. Among the teams that don't have six wins over the top 50 are Pittsburgh (4-5), Memphis (1-3), Arizona (5-7), Kansas (3-2), Texas A&M (2-4), Villanova (5-7), Nevada (0-1), Air Force (2-4), Indiana (5-7), Butler (4-1), Oregon (5-2), Washington State (2-4), Louisville (3-6) and Texas (4-5).

Most wins over the RPI top 50

(Through games of Sunday, March 4)

Rk	School	Top 50
1.	North Carolina	11
2.	UCLA	9
	Maryland	9
	Duke	9
5.	Ohio State	8
	Southern Illinois	8
	Virginia Tech	8
	Georgia Tech	8
	Virginia	8
10.	Wisconsin	7
	Tennessee	7
	Florida	7
	Creighton	7
	Boston College	7
15.	Clemson	6
	Notre Dame	6
	Georgetown	6
	Michigan State	6
	Marquette	6
	Vanderbilt	6

Winning on the Road

Clemson had a 6-5 record on the road and an 8-5 mark away from home this year. Clemson tied North Carolina for the most overall road wins in the league with six, and had the second most wins away from home in the ACC with eight.

Clemson finished the ACC regular season with three league road wins. This marks the first time since the 1996-97 season that Clemson has won at least three road games in a season. It is just the fourth time in 30 years that Clemson has won at least three ACC road games in the same year. The others are 1986-97, 1989-90 and 1996-97, all seasons Clemson advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Clemson finished the regular season with a winning record on the road, 6-5. It is the

first time Clemson has had a winning overall road record since 1996-97 when the Tigers were 6-4. It is the fourth time in the last 30 years that Clemson has had an overall winning road record. The previous three years it happened Clemson advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

ACC Teams Wins Away from Home

School	Road	Non-Home
North Carolina	6	9
Clemson	6	8
Virginia Tech	5	7
Maryland	5	7
Duke	5	7
Boston College	5	5
Florida State	4	5
Virginia	3	4
Miami (FL)	3	3
NC State	2	2
Wake Forest	2	2
Georgia Tech	1	3

Clemson is one of just 14 schools from BCS conferences to have at least six road wins and eight total wins away from home this season.

Wins Away from Home by BCS Conference Schools

School	Road	Non-Home
Kansas	8	13
Washington State	8	11
Villanova	8	10
Mississippi State	8	10
UCLA	6	9
Pittsburgh	8	9
Georgetown	7	9
Arizona	7	9
Ohio State	7	8
Clemson	6	8
North Carolina	6	9
Wisconsin	7	8
Kansas State	6	8
Maryland	6	7

A Competitive Team

10 of Clemson's 16 ACC games were decided by five points or less, the most in Clemson history for one season. Clemson has four ACC wins by five points or less, its high total since 1989-90 when Clemson won the ACC regular season.

Clemson has won three games this year on field goals inside the last 20 seconds. It is the first time in 20 years and just the second time in history Clemson has accomplished that feat three times in the same year.

Clemson had six of its eight ACC road games decided by five points or less, tied for the most in school history for a season. Clemson lost just one of eight ACC road games by more than five points.

Clemson lost just three games by over five points all year, meaning Clemson either won, or was in 27 of its 30 games until the final minute.

The Schedule

Clemson played the third (tied) most difficult ACC schedule this year no matter how you look at it (see two formulas below).

Clemson only had one game each against Wake Forest, NC State and Miami (FL), the bottom three teams in the ACC standings.

Clemson had a 3-0 record against the SEC and 1-0 vs. the Big Ten, the first time Clemson has beaten three SEC teams in the same season and the first time Clemson had a 4-0 record against those two leagues combined.

Clemson's non-conference RPI is ranked #27 in the nation.

Clemson has six wins over the RPI top 50 and just one loss to a team ranked outside the RPI top 50, a two-point loss at Wake Forest

ACC League Schedule Ranking

(Formula 1)

Rk	Team	W-L
1.	NC State	127-113
2.	Duke	126-114
3.	Clemson	123-117
	Miami (FL)	123-117
5.	Virginia Tech	121-119

Formula 1 above uses total record of ACC opponents, minus team's record in ACC play.

Example, total record of ACC opponent's for Clemson's 16 opponents was 132-124.

Clemson's record was 7-9, or nine wins and seven losses for the opposition. That is how we arrived at 123-117.

ACC League Schedule Ranking

(Formula 2)

Rk	Team	W-L
1.	NC State	122-108
2.	Duke	121-109
3.	Clemson	117-113
	Virginia Tech	117-113
5.	Maryland	115-115

Formula 2 uses total record of ACC opponents minus opponent's record without playing Clemson at any point in the season. Use above formula to determine 132-124 overall record of the 16 opponents. Then subtract Clemson's 7-9 record. Then subject Clemson's 4-6 record against the teams it played twice.

A Landmark Season

Clemson has 21 victories so far this year, its high total since the 1996-97 team won 23 on the way to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. The 21 wins are already sixth highest total in Clemson history. The 21 wins in the regular season tie for the third most in Clemson history.

Clemson and Oregon are the only schools in the nation with a perfect non-conference record. The Tigers are 14-0 and Oregon is 12-0. Clemson's non-conference RPI was 24th in the nation last week.

Clemson was ranked in the USA Today poll eight weeks and the AP poll six weeks during the regular season. It is the fourth most weeks ranked in a national poll in one season in Clemson history.

Clemson had a 17-game winning streak to open the season, tied for the longest winning streak at any time in any season in Clemson history. It is tied for the second longest winning streak by any Division I team in the nation this year. Clemson rose to a #1 RPI at one point in December, the third time in history Clemson has had a number-one ranking in the RPI. Clemson got as high as #14 in USA Today (Jan.8) and as high as #17 in AP (Jan. 8). Six of Clemson's 17 wins during the streak were against teams ranked 66 or higher in the latest RPI.