

# 2011 CLEMSON TIGER FOOTBALL



## Clemson Tigers vs. Auburn Tigers

### Game 3: Clemson vs. Auburn

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Kickoff: Noon PM

Memorial Stadium  
Frank Howard Field  
Clemson, SC

Television : ABC

Announcers: Dave Pasch, Chris Spielman, Urban Meyer and Quint Kessenich

Clemson Radio Network

Announcers: Pete Yanity, Will Merritt, Patrick Sapp

Series History:

Auburn leads 34-11-2

at Clemson: Auburn leads 10-5-1

at Auburn: Auburn leads 19-4

at Neutral: Auburn leads 5-2-1

First Meeting: Auburn 34, Clemson 0 in 1899

Last Meeting: Auburn 27-24 in OT at Auburn

Last Game at Clemson: Auburn 44-0 in 1970

Last Clemson Win: 34-0 at Clemson, 1951

Streak: Auburn won 14 in row

### CLEMSON 2011 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result/TV	Score/Time
Sept. 3	TROY	ESPN3	43-19
Sept. 10	WOFFORD	ESPN3	35-27
Sept. 17	AUBURN	ABC	Noon
Sept. 24	FLORIDA STATE		
Oct. 1	at Virginia Tech		
Oct. 8	BOSTON COLLEGE		
Oct. 15	at Maryland		
Oct. 22	NORTH CAROLINA		
Oct. 29	at Georgia Tech		
Nov. 12	WAKE FOREST		
Nov. 19	at NC State		
Nov. 26	at South Carolina		

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#### Clemson Tigers

Record, 2011	2-0, 0-0 ACC
Location	Clemson, SC
Colors	Burnt Orange and Northwest Purple
Enrollment	19,453
Athletic Director	Dr. Terry Don Phillips
Head Coach	Dabo Swinney, Alabama '93
Clemson Record/3rd full year as head coach	21-15
Home Record	15-4
Away Record	5-8
Neutral Record	1-3
ACC Regular Season Record	13-7
Career Record/3rd full season	21-15
Record against Auburn	0-1
Offensive Coordinator	Chad Morris
Defensive Coordinator	Kevin Steele

#### Auburn Tigers

Record, 2011	2-0, 1-0 in SEC
Location	Auburn, AL
Colors	Burnt orange and Navy Blue
Enrollment	25,078
Head Coach	Gene Chizik (Florida '85)
School Record/3rd season	24-5
Overall (5th Season)	29-24
Record vs Clemson	1-0
Offensive Coordinator	Gus Malzahn
Defensive Coordinator	Ted Roof
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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 Clemson Memorial Stadium. He will be available at 11:00 AM. The press conference will also be available over clemson.tigers.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 Thursday.

#### ACC Teleconference

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

10:30 AM	Frank Spaziani, Boston College
10:40 AM	Dabo Swinney, Clemson
10:50 AM	Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech
11:00 AM	Jimbo Fisher, Florida State
11:10 AM	Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech
11:20 AM	Randy Edsall, Maryland
11:30 AM	Jim Grobe, Wake Forest
11:40 AM	Everitt Withers, North Carolina
11:50 AM	Tom O'Brien, NC State
Noon:	Mike London, Virginia
12:10 PM	David Cutcliffe, Duke
12:20 PM	Al Golden, Miami (FL)

For ACC Information go to: www.theacc.com  
This site will have the latest ACC release and a link to the football media guide.

#### Clemson Player Interviews

Contact SID Tim Bourret each Sunday before 3:00 PM at (864) 656-1926 with specific player requests for the week. We will conduct player interviews on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30 to 2:30 PM at the second floor player lounge of the West Endzone at Memorial Stadium. Offensive coordinator Chad Morris is available on Mondays during the lunch hour and defensive coordinator Kevin Steele is available Tuesdays during the lunch hour.

#### ACC Satellite Feed

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

#### Clemson Personnel Update

\*Joe Gore--Freshman defensive end out with a knee injury.  
\*Rashard Hall (FS)--Missed Wofford game with a knee injury. Probable for Auburn.



2010 Final STANDINGS

Atlantic Division

Team	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Maryland	1-0	1-0		1-0
Wake Forest	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1
Clemson		2-0		2-0
Florida State		2-0		2-0
Boston College		0-2		0-2
NC State	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1

Coastal Division

Team	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Virginia Tech		1-0	1-0	2-0
North Carolina		2-0		2-0
Georgia Tech		2-0		2-0
Virginia		1-0	1-0	2-0
Duke		0-2		0-2
Miami	0-1		0-1	0-1

THIS WEEK'S ACC GAMES

Saturday, September 17

Auburn at Clemson	ABC	Noon
West Virginia at Maryland	ESPN2	Noon
Duke at Boston College	Raycom	12:30
Kansas at Georgia Tech	RSN	12:30
Virginia at North Carolina	ESPNU	3:30
Arkansas State at Virginia Tech	RSN	4:00
South Alabama at NC State	ESN3	6:00
Gardner-Webb at Wake Forest	ESPN3	6:30
Oklahoma at Florida State		
Ohio State at Miami		

NEXT WEEK'S ACC GAMES

Saturday, September 24

Florida State at Clemson		
Virginia Tech at Marshall		3:30 PM
UMASS at Boston College	ESPN3	1:00 PM
Tulane at Duke		3:30 PM
North Carolina at Georgia Tech		
Temple at Maryland		12:30 pM
Kansas State at Miami (FL)		
Southern Mississippi at Virginia	RSN	3:30 pM

Clemson Pronunciations

Dabo Swinney	DA boh SWEE knee
Jaron Brown	juh-Rahn
Quandon Christian	KWAHN-duhn
Mansa Joseph	MAN-suh
Darrell Smith	Dayr-uhl
Tajh Boyd	as in Taj Mahal
Philip Fajgenbaum	FAY-gehn-bomb
Kalen Davis	KAY-len

Dabo Swinney TV Show

Sunday

WHHI	Hilton Head, SC	10:00 AM
WFXB	Myrtle Beach, SC	11:00 AM
WCIV	Charleston, SC	11:30 AM
WOLO	Columbia, SC	Noon
WBK	Augusta, GA	12:30 PM
WMYA	Greenville, SC	1:30 PM
CSS	Regional Sports	Tue, 5:30 PM
Fox	Florida	Wed, 4:00 PM

Clemson vs. Auburn Series

Auburn has a 34-11-2 lead in the series with Clemson. The War Eagles have beaten Clemson 14 consecutive games, as the Clemson Tigers have not gained a victory over Auburn since 1951, a 34-0 win at Clemson.

Each of the last two 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 last year.

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 the legendary 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 three times since 1971, and two of those meetings took place in Atlanta at the Georgia Dome for the Chick-fil-A Bowl. Auburn won both of those close games, 21-17 at the 1998 Chick-fil-A bowl (1997 season), and Auburn won 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. Raymond Priestler led Clemson with 19-62 rushing, but Nealon Greene completed just 11-26 passes for 86 yards. Clemson had just four first downs in the game, fewest in history for the Tigers in a bowl 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

This will be Auburn's first game 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?"

Last Two Games in Overtime

The last two games between Clemson and Auburn have gone to overtime with Auburn winning both, 23-20 in the 2007 season Chick-fil-A Bowl and last year at Auburn by a 27-24 score.

You might think it is unusual to have games go to overtime with the same school in consecutive meetings, but it is actually the third series that has happened involving Clemson. Clemson is 6-5 in overtime games, but seven of the 11 games have been against just three teams.

Clemson faced Miami in overtime games three consecutive meetings between 2004-09 and faced Boston College in overtime in back to back seasons, 2005-06. Clemson won its first five overtime games in history, lost four in a row, then has split it last two.

2007 Game

Auburn 23, Clemson 20 (OT)

Dec. 31, 2007

Chick-fil-A Bowl, Atlanta, GA

Kodi Burns' seven-yard touchdown run in overtime gave #21 Auburn a 23-20 victory over #15 Clemson in the Chick-fil-A Bowl in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA on December 31, 2007.

Clemson scored 10 points early in the fourth quarter to take a 17-10 lead, but Auburn responded with a game-tying drive and converted a fourth down in overtime before earning the walk-off victory.

Auburn debuted its spread offense, as Burns and starter Brandon Cox rotated at quarterback, leading Auburn to 423 yards and 24 first downs. Auburn took advantage of the absence of Clemson senior starting linebackers Nick Watkins and Tramine Billie along with a Clemson defense that played 23 players, none of whom were seniors.

Burns rushed for a team-high 69 yards and a score on 13 carries along with a 22-yard touchdown pass, while Brad Lester added 57 rushing yards. Cox was 25-39 passing for 211 yards as well.

Clemson totaled 12 first downs, 293 yards of offense, and ran only 73 plays against Auburn's 90 plays. Clemson also had nine non-scoring drives of three plays or less. However, Clemson did not commit a turnover and was flagged for just one penalty.

C.J. Spiller led Clemson with 112 yards on eight carries and a touchdown. Spiller, who was named Offensive MVP of the Chick-fil-A-Bowl, also totaled a team-season-high 218 all-purpose yards. James Davis added 72 yards on 23 carries, while Aaron Kelly had four catches for 36 yards.

Spiller put Clemson ahead 7-3 in the first half when he sprinted 83 yards for a score to give Clemson a 7-3 lead early in the second quarter. It was the longest rush by a Clemson player since 1993 and the longest ever in Clemson bowl history. It was also the longest in the history of the Chick-fil-A Bowl. Clemson led 7-3 at the half.

Auburn wasted little time regaining the lead in the third quarter, as it drove 78 yards in 10 plays on its scoring drive. It was capped by Burns' 22-yard touchdown pass to Mario Fannin on third-and-seven. It was the freshman's only completion of the game.

On third-and-four in the third period, Spiller appeared trapped behind the line. However, he bounced outside and turned the corner for a 20-yard run. Harper's quarterback sneak on fourth down gave Clemson a first-and-goal. But Auburn's defense was up to the task and Clemson settled for Buchholz's 22-yard field goal on the first snap of the fourth quarter to tie the score.

Four plays later, Crezdon Butler deflected Cox's pass and wound up with the interception at the Auburn 32. Clemson capitalized on the game's only turnover when Davis scored on a one-yard plunge on fourth-and-goal. Earlier in the drive, Kelly caught a 27-yard pass on third-and-nine.

But Clemson's 17-10 lead was short-lived, as Auburn traversed 70 yards in 11 plays to tie the score. Cox's 18-yard pass to Robert Dunn on third-and-five moved the ball into Clemson territory. Four plays later, Burns rumbled 15 yards to the Clemson one. Ben Tate carried the ball into the endzone on the next play with 8:27 remaining in the game.

**NATIONAL RANKINGS**

**Associated Press Top 25  
(September 11, 2011)**

Rk	School (First Place)	W-L	Pts	LW
1.	Oklahoma (32)	1-0	1441	6
2.	Alabama (9)	2-0	1422	3
3.	LSU (17)	2-0	1416	2
4.	Boise State (2)	1-0	1309	4
5.	Florida State	2-0	1194	5
6.	Stanford	2-0	1161	6
7.	Wisconsin	2-0	1091	8
8.	Oklahoma State	2-0	1034	9
9.	Texas A&M	1-0	1023	7
10.	Nebraska	2-0	893	10
11.	South Carolina	2-0	888	12
12.	Oregon	1-1	848	12
13.	Virginia Tech	2-0	830	11
14.	Arkansas	2-0	768	14
15.	Michigan State	2-0	598	17
16.	Florida	2-0	511	18
17.	Ohio State	2-0	461	15
18.	West Virginia	2-0	419	19
19.	Baylor	1-0	374	20
20.	South Florida	2-0	347	22
21.	Auburn	2-0	343	NR
22.	Arizona State	2-0	306	NR
23.	TCU	1-1	166	25
24.	Texas	2-0	153	24
25.	Mississippi State	1-1	128	16

**Others receiving votes:** Michigan 104, Southern Cal 68, Houston 32, Maryland 32, UCF 31, Missouri 23, Northwestern 19, Penn State 18, BYU 14, Tennessee 13, Washington 12, Georgia 8, Georgia Tech 2

**USA Today/Coaches Top 25 Coaches Poll  
(September 11, 2011)**

Rk.	Team (1st place)	Rec	Pts.	Prv
1.	Oklahoma (44)	1-0	1453	1
2.	Alabama (8)	2-0	1410	2
3.	LSU (7)	2-0	1372	3
4.	Boise State	1-0	1214	5
5.	Florida State	2-0	1211	4
6.	Stanford	2-0	1165	6
7.	Oklahoma State	2-0	1072	7
8.	Wisconsin	2-0	1033	9
9.	Texas A&M	1-0	1001	8
10.	Nebraska	2-0	911	10
11.	South Carolina	2-0	863	12
12.	Virginia Tech	2-0	842	11
13.	Arkansas	2-0	825	13
14.	Oregon	1-1	754	14
15.	Michigan State	2-0	639	16
16.	Ohio State	2-0	566	15
17.	Florida	2-0	498	18
18.	Arizona State	2-0	353	23
19.	Auburn	2-0	331	22
20.	West Virginia	2-0	304	24
21.	Texas	2-0	260	21
22.	South Florida	2-0	230	NR
23.	TCU	1-1	211	25
24.	Baylor	1-0	171	NR
25.	Mississippi State	1-1	125	17

**Others:** Michigan 97, UCF 49, Houston 43, Northwestern 31, Penn State 29, North Carolina 23, Tennessee 21, Missouri 21, Georgia Tech 9, Maryland 9, Clemson 8, Washington 7, California 6, San Diego State 3, Georgia 2, Iowa State 2, BYU 1.

Both teams drove into the other team's territory later in the fourth quarter, but neither could get close enough to attempt a go-ahead field goal.

Clemson got the ball first in overtime. On third-and-two, Davis carried just far enough for a first down at the 15. But on third-and-three from the eight, Harper's pass fell incomplete. Buchholz then booted a 25-yard field goal to give Clemson a 20-17 lead.

Facing a third-and-13, Cox connected with Smith for 12 yards. On fourth-and-one, Auburn elected to go for the first down and got it on Cox's quarterback sneak. Three plays later on third-and-three, Burns took the shotgun snap and scampered seven yards for the game-winning touchdown.

Kavell Conner and Chris Clemons, both of whom are now in the NFL, led the Clemson defense with 15 tackles apiece, while Michael Hamlin added 14 tackles, including 10 in the first quarter, and two tackles for loss. Chris Chancellor had four pass breakups as well.

**Last Year vs. 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 last year. 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 kick 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 with 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, and 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 a 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 the game.

Clemson threatened to score go-ahead points after pushing the ball near midfield on its final drive of regulation but Auburn stuffed a reverse. Then Parker's third-and-long pass under pressure was just out of Dwayne Allen's

grasp down the right sideline.

**Two Teams Play in Atlanta in 2012**

The third game of this three-game series between Clemson and Auburn will be held next year in Atlanta at the Georgia Dome in conjunction with the Chick-fil-A Kickoff. The exact date has not been announced, but it will be the opening weekend of college football.

**Clemson and Auburn Ties  
Historical Ties**

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. In fact, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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 assist 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. Both Bowdens left their respective programs the next year.

**Clemson and Auburn Current Ties**

•Auburn head Coach Gene Chizik was a graduate assistant at Clemson during the 1988 and 1989 seasons. He has a Master's degree from Clemson.

•Kevin Steele is Clemson's defensive coordinator. His brother, Jeff Steele is the associate athletic director for facilities and operations at Auburn.

•Auburn baseball coach John Pawlowski is a former Clemson pitcher and Clemson graduate.

•Wayne Bolt, the Director of Football Operations at Clemson was an assistant football coach at Clemson from 1986-89 and coached current Clemson tight ends and special teams coach Danny Pearman during his junior and senior seasons as a player at Clemson.

•Clemson offensive coordinator Chad Morris and Auburn offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn are good friends and followed the same path to their current jobs. Both were high school coaches before they moved to college. Both started their college careers at Tulsa.

When Morris was a high school coach in Texas and Malzahn was in Arkansas, Morris sought out Malzahn to learn his offense. Malzahn shared some ideas and now the two teams run basically the same offense.

**Chizik Coached at Clemson**

Auburn Head Coach Gene Chizik was a graduate assistant coach on Danny Ford's Clemson staffs of 1988 and 1989. The Tigers finished both seasons with a 10-2 record, and the 1988 team won the ACC Championship. Both teams finished the season in the final top 12 ranking, as the 1988 team beat Oklahoma in the Citrus Bowl and finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the final AP poll, and the 1989 team best West Virginia and finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the final AP poll.

Chizik worked with the linebackers as a graduate assistant both years. One of the linebackers he worked with was all-time Clemson great Levon Kirkland. One of the other graduate assistants on both of those staffs was current Clemson tight ends and special teams coach Danny Pearman.

Chizik left Clemson after the 1989 season and became defensive ends coach at Middle Tennessee where he helped that program to an 11-2 record in 1990. He earned his Masters from Clemson in 1991. Pearman went to Alabama for the 1990 season. One of the players on that Alabama team was Dabo Swinney.

Of course Chizik coached Auburn to the National Championship last year. He was the first former Clemson assistant (full time or graduate assistant) to serve as head coach of a national championship team since Red Saunders, who coached UCLA to the national championship in 1954. He had been an assistant at Clemson from 1928-30.

**Clemson vs. Defending National Champion**

Saturday will mark the third appearance for the defending National Champion in Clemson Memorial Stadium. The Tigers are 2-0 in the previous two appearances by defending champs. (We are talking teams that won either of the two major polls, AP or the Coach's poll of the era).

The last time the defending National Champion came to Clemson was September 28, 1991. Georgia Tech won the UPI National title in 1990, then came to Clemson for the third game of 1991. The Tigers won that game 9-7 behind a two-yard run for a touchdown by Ronald Williams with just 2:06 left. Williams finished with 102 yards rushing in that game.

The only other time the defending National Champion came to Clemson was on September 19, 1981. Georgia had won the National Championship by AP and UPI behind freshman Herschel Walker in 1980 with a perfect season. They came to Clemson for the third game of the 1981 season and the Tigers won the contest 13-3. Homer Jordan, a native of Athens, GA, threw for 135 yards and rushed for 59 in leading the Tigers to the victory.

Clemson's defense forced nine turnovers (recorded by nine different players) in holding the Bulldogs without a touchdown. It was he only regular season loss of Herschel Walker's Georgia career.

Overall, Clemson is 3-5 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 remains the largest margin of defeat for Paterno in a bowl game.

There are some similarities/ties in Clemson's victories at Death Valley against defending National Champions:

•Clemson's previous victories over the defending national champion at Memorial Stadium came in the third game of the season. Saturday will be Clemson's third game of the 2011 season.

•Both previous times, Clemson had suffered a narrow loss the previous season during the opponent's National Championship year on

the opponent's home field. In 1980, Clemson lost at Georgia 20-16 and in 1990, Clemson lost at Georgia Tech 21-19. Last year Clemson lost in overtime at Auburn 27-24.

•Georgia and Georgia Tech came to Clemson as top 25 teams. Georgia was ranked fourth in 1981 and Georgia Tech was ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in 1991. Auburn is ranked 19<sup>th</sup> by USA Today this week.

•The fathers of current Tigers Landon Walker (Gary Walker) and Shaq Anthony (Vernie Anthony) were members of the 1981 team that beat Georgia. The father of current Tiger DeShawn Williams (Ronald Williams) was Clemson's top rusher (102 yards) and scored the winning touchdown vs. Georgia Tech in 1991.

•Both previous defending National Champions travelled to Clemson via I-85 North to get to Tigertown. Auburn will come that route on Friday for Saturday's game.

•Clemson was coming off a six-win season in 1980 when it faced Georgia in 1981. Clemson comes off a six-win season in 2010 as it plays Auburn in 2011. (Clemson had won 10 games in 1990 prior to its 1991 game with Georgia Tech.)

**Stopping Streaks**

Auburn enters Saturday's game on a 17-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 in history. The previous long streak stopped by the Clemson grid program took place in September of 1981 when Clemson ended Georgia's 15-game winning streak. The Bulldogs had won the National Championship in 1980 with a 12-0 record.

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
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
1939	Boston College	N2	6-3	7
1959	TCU	N3	23-7	7
2003	Tennessee	N4	27-14	6
1989	NC State	H	30-10	6
1991	NC State	H	29-19	6

**#Unbeaten Streak**

N1—Orange Bowl, Miami, FL; N2—Cotton Bowl, Dallas, TX; N3 Bluebonnet Bowl, Houston, TX; N4—Chick-fil-A Bowl, Atlanta, GA

**Both Teams Young**

Clemson and Auburn will field young teams Saturday. In the first week of the season Clemson and Auburn combined to play 25 true freshmen and 47 total freshmen including red-shirts. That means 47 active players on the two teams have played just two games or less heading into Saturday's game on National Television by ABC.

Auburn played 13 true freshmen in the opener against Utah State, second in the nation behind the 18 played by Texas against Rice. Clemson played 12 true freshmen in its opener against Troy, tied for third most in the nation.

Freshmen have certainly had a big effect on the Tigers so far this season, especially on offense. Five of Clemson's 10 touchdowns have been scored by freshmen and three of the top five players on the team in terms of all-purpose yards are freshmen as well. Freshman have combined for 166 of the 412 rushing yards (.403) are freshmen, while 240 of the 532 receiving yards (.451) have been accumulated by freshmen.

**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 1990-91 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 twice since he has been at Clemson, an overtime loss to Auburn in the Chick –Fil-A Bowl that ended the 2007 season and last year’s Auburn win in overtime. He was an assistant in the Chick-fil-A Bowl game and head coach last year.

So, overall, Swinney is 7-6 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 (7-6)**

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, GA		L	20-23 (OT)
2010	Head Coach	Auburn		L	24-27 (OT)

**Ellington One yard from Career High**

Think Clemson missed Andre Ellington last year when he missed most or all of six games? Ellington has 254 yards in two games so far this season, a 6.3 yards per carry figure. The junior running back is coming off the second highest yardage game of his career, a 165-yard effort in 22 attempts against Wofford in the second game of the season. He had a career long 76-yard run for a score in the first half. That is just one yard from his career high of 166 against Georgia Tech last season.

Ellington is 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation in rushing yards per game this week with 127.0 per game. He is Clemson’s top player in terms of all-purpose yardage with 295, one more than Sammy Watkins. Ellington is Clemson’s career record holder in terms of yards per attempt with a 6.3 figure.

**Boyd Off to Great Start**

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd is off to quite a start, leading the Tigers to two victories in his first two starts at quarterback. He is the first Tiger to do that since Cullen Harper won his first four starts as the starting quarterback in 2007.

Boyd has thrown six touchdown passes already this year, three in each game. He is just the second Clemson quarterback to throw at least three touchdown passes in each of his first two games as a starter. Charlie Whitehurst threw four scoring passes in each of his first two starts in 2002.

Boyd completed 20-30 for 265 yards in the opener against Troy, then hit on 18-29 for 261 in the win over Wofford. For the year he is 38-59 for 525 yards, six touchdowns and just one interception. His efficiency rating is 169.3, second best in the ACC among quarterbacks with at least 15 attempts per game. Bryn Renner of North Carolina is 42-49 passing so far and has a 183.9 rating.

Boyd also ran for a score in the win over Wofford, giving him four total touchdowns accounted for in that game.

Boyd is on a Clemson record pace in terms of passing efficiency. He is 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation with a 169.32 efficiency rating thanks to a 64.4 percent completion rate, six touchdowns to just one interception and 8.9 yards per attempt.

**Clemson Has 37 Players Who Played vs. Auburn**

While Clemson has a young team 37 players who participated in last year’s game with Auburn are still on the roster. That includes 16 players who started against the Auburn Tigers last year (includes both kickers). The players still on the roster who started against Auburn last year are Dwayne Allen, Andre Branch, Xavier Brewer, Jaron Brown, Chandler Catanzaro, Chad Diehl, Andre Ellington, Dalton Freeman, Rashard Hall, Corico Hawkins, Antoine McClain, Coty Sensabaugh, David Smith, Brandon Thompson, Landon Walker and Dawson Zimmerman.

Kourtnei Brown did not start against Auburn last year, but will play in his third career game against Auburn. The defensive end is the only player still on the roster who played in the 2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl against Auburn.

**Roof Coached and Played Against Clemson**

Auburn defensive coordinator Ted Roof has gone against Clemson as an assistant coach, a head coach and a player over his career. A

standout linebacker at Georgia Tech from 1982-85, he played against the Tigers in the meetings between the two schools from 1983-85.

Roof coached against Clemson as an assistant coach at Duke from 1990-93 and 2002, and as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Georgia Tech from 1998-01. He coached against Clemson as the head coach at Duke in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007. He was the interim head coach at Duke in 2003 and that was just his fourth game as a head coach, a game Clemson won 40-7.

In 2004, his first full year at Duke, Roof pulled off an upset when his Blue Devils defeated Clemson, 16-13. Clemson was not ranked, but the Tigers were coming off a 24-17 overtime win over 11<sup>th</sup> ranked Miami the previous week. They won the game on a 53-yard field goal at the buzzer.

Of course he was on the sidelines as Auburn defensive coordinator last year against the Tigers.

**Seven Tigers from Alabama**

Clemson has seven players who list a town in Alabama as their hometowns. The list includes starter Antoine McClain, who is from Anniston, AL. Four of the seven players are freshmen, including three red-shirts, two of whom are running backs. Demont Buice and Darrell Smith are both from Gadsden, AL, the home of former Clemson Head Coach Danny Ford.

Tigers From Alabama				
Player	Pos	Yr	Hometown	High
Demont Buice	RB	*Fr.	Gadsden, AL	Gaston
Desmond Brown	S	*Fr.	Centre, AL	Cherokee County
D.J. Howard	RB	*Fr.	Lincoln, AL	Lincoln
Antoine McClain	OG	Sr	Anniston, AL	Anniston
Spencer Region	OL	Fr.	Cullman, AL	Cullman
Drew Traylor	TE	Sr.	Birmingham, AL	Mountain Brook
Darrell Smith	TE	So.	Gadsden, AL	Gadsden City

\*Plans to red-shirt

**Coming from Behind**

Clemson has a 2-0 record, but the Tigers have not led at the half in either game. Clemson trailed Troy 16-13 at the half before winning 43-19. Last week Clemson and Wofford were tied at the half at 21-21, and Wofford had the lead in the third period before Clemson won 35-27.

This is the first time Clemson has won consecutive games in which it did not lead at the half since 2005. That year Clemson was tied with Florida State 14-14 at the half before winning 35-14. The next week Clemson trailed 6-3 at South Carolina at intermission before winning 13-9.

**Branch Top Tackler Through Two Games**

Senior Andre Branch is Clemson’s top tackler after two games with 17 tackles. He had a career high and team leading 11 tackles against Wofford last week. It was the first time Branch led the team in tackles. Fourteen of those 17 tackles this year have been first hits and he has reached that total by playing exactly 100 snaps.

He has one pass broken up to his credit, a key play in the win over Wofford when he followed a back down field and broke up the pass near the goal line.

Branch is in his third year as a starting defensive end. He is Clemson’s top returnee from last year in terms of sacks. He had five sacks and seven passes broken up last year when he had 55 tackles. He is on pace to reach 55 tackles by midseason this year.

**Clemson Has Had Strong Second Halves**

Clemson has been at its best on defense in the second half so far this year, a big reason the Tigers have outscored their opponents 44-9 in the second half. Opponents have scored five touchdowns in the first half, but none in the second half so far this year. The opposition has just three field goals in the third and fourth periods combined.

**Clemson Offensive Stats Similar to Tulsa So Far**

Chad Morris came to Clemson with lofty numbers recorded at Tulsa last year. Tulsa was the only team in the nation to rank in the top 15 in rushing offense and passing offense in 2010 and averaged 505 yards and 41 points per game.

We are only two games in, but Clemson has recorded similar numbers this year. Clemson is averaging 206 rushing yards and 266 passing yards per game. That is a good sign for Clemson since the Tigers are 54-0-1 all-time when gaining at least 200 of each in the same game.

Clemson’s team passing efficiency is 169.2, and the Tigers have averaged 6.74 yards per play, above the 6.53 record by Tulsa last year and above the Clemson record for the course of a season (6.50 in 2006).

**Comparison of Offensive Production**

Category	Clemson	Tulsa
Year	2011	2010
Rushing/Game	206.0	216.9
Passing/Game	266.0	288.7
Total Offense/G	472.0	505.6
Plays/Game	70.0	77.4
Points Per Game	39.0	41.4
Pass Efficiency	169.2	144.7
Yards/Play	6.74	6.53
Touchdowns/Game	5.0	4.9
Yds/Rush	5.15	5.25
Yds/Pass	8.86	8.00

**Young Tigers Make and Impact**

Clemson got a lot of production from its freshman class in the season opening victory against Troy. Here are some notes on the freshmen from the opener.

•Clemson played 70 players against Troy and 24 of them were freshmen, 12 true freshmen and 12 red-shirt freshmen. The 12 true freshmen were the most in one game in school history.

•The 12 true freshmen that played were Martavis Bryant, Sammy Watkins, Mike Bellamy, Tony Steward, Cole Stoudt, Stephone Anthony, Charone Peake, Robert Smith, Grady Jarrett, Corey Crawford, DeShawn Williams and Adam Humphries.

\*The impact of the freshmen began on the first drive when Sammy Watkins caught a 33-yard touchdown pass from Tajh Boyd on Clemson's second play of the game. Watkins scored with 14:34 left in the first quarter, meaning he had scored just 26 seconds into his career. That is the earliest a freshman has scored into his career in school history. The previous record took place when Terry Allen scored at the 8:53 mark (6:07 into the game) of the first period against Western Carolina in 1987.

•Watkins went on to catch seven passes for 81 yards, the most receptions and most reception yards for a Clemson player in his first game in school history. Terrance Roulhac (1983) and Roscoe Crosby (2001), both had 64 receiving yards in their first game, respectively. Aaron Kelly had four catches in his first game in 2005 for the reception mark.

•In the second half freshman Mike Bellamy raced 75 yards for a touchdown on his first career rush. That was the longest run by a Clemson player in his first run from scrimmage. The previous record was a 72-yard run by Craig Crawford against Wake Forest in 1981.

•Martavis Bryant had a 54-yard reception on his first career reception in the fourth period as well. Clemson true freshmen had 291 all-purpose running yards for the day.

•On defense, true freshman Stephone Anthony had a sack and a pass deflection, while Robert Smith had an interception.

•Freshman Sammy Watkins had 81 yards receiving and classmate Mike Bellamy had 81 yards rushing against Troy in each player's first career game. That is a good number for a school that won the national championship in 1981.

•Freshmen scored three touchdowns in the game, as Watkins scored on a 33-yard reception, Bellamy on a 75-yard run and D.J. Howard on a one-yard run. It was the first time freshmen scored three times in the same game since the 2006 South Carolina game when C.J. Spiller scored on an 80-yard run and a 31-yard run and Jacoby Ford scored on a 76-yard touchdown pass. The record is four touchdowns by freshmen against Appalachian State in 1990. That day Ronald Williams (father of Clemson defensive tackle DeShawn Williams) scored three and Derrick Witherspoon scored one.

•Bellamy (139) and Watkins (98), the freshman duo from Florida, combined for 237 all-purpose yards in the opener. That is 17 yards ahead of what Spiller and Ford did in their first game against Florida Atlantic in 2006. Spiller and Ford combined for 220 that day. Spiller and Ford rank as the number-one all-purpose yardage duo in the history of college football.

•Bellamy's 139 all-purpose yards were the most by a Clemson true freshman in his first game since 2006 when Ford had 148 against Florida Atlantic.

•Sammy Watkins continue the trend against Wofford with 196 all-purpose running yards, the most by a Clemson freshman since 2001 when Derrick Hamilton had 205 at Maryland.

**Boyd Named ACC Player of the Week by Rivals.com**

Threw for 264 Yards in first Career Start

Clemson sophomore quarterback Tajh Boyd was named ACC Player of the Week for games of September 3 by Rivals.com. The national website selects just one player from each conference each week.

Boyd threw for 264 yards on 20-30 passing in Clemson's win over Troy on Saturday. He also threw three touchdown passes, a 33-yarder to freshman Sammy Watkins, a 54-yarder to Dwayne Allen and a seven-yarder to Jaron Brown.

Boyd hit just three of his first nine passes and was 6-12 for 65 yards at the half. But, the native of Hampton, VA hit 14-18 passes for 199 yards and two scores in the second half to lead Clemson to a come from behind 43-19 victory. He led Clemson to 30 points and 347 yards of total offense in the second half when he had a passing efficiency of 204.

Boyd, who connected on 13 straight passes at one point, had the second greatest passing day in Clemson history for a quarterback in his first career start. Charlie Whitehurst, now with the Seattle Seahawks, threw for 420 yards in his first start for the Tigers at Duke in 2002.

**Clemson Seeks 7th 3-0 Start Since 1971**

Clemson is seeking its third straight win to open the 2011 season. Winning the first three games of the year is not an easy chore. In fact, if Clemson wins today it would give the Tigers just their seventh 3-0 start in the last 40 years (since 1971). Clemson last started 3-0 in 2007 when the Tigers actually started 4-0..

**Clemson Starts of at Least 3-0 since 1971**

Year	Start	Ended by
1981	12-0	Never ended
1987	6-0	NC State
1989	4-0	Duke
1991	3-0	Georgia
2000	8-0	Georgia Tech
2007	4-0	Georgia Tech

**Tigers on NFL Rosters**

Clemson has 24 former players on NFL rosters as of Labor Day (Sept. 10). The list includes seven members of the 2010 Clemson team who will be rookies this year.

The first-year NFL players from Clemson include Da'Quan Bowers with Tampa Bay, Marcus Gilchrist with San Diego, Chris Hairston with Buffalo, Jamie Harper with Tennessee, Byron Maxwell with Seattle and Jarvis Jenkins with Washington. Jenkins suffered a torn ACL in a preseason game and is out for the year.

The veteran of the group is Brian Dawkins, a senior at Clemson in 1995 who is playing in his 17<sup>th</sup> year. Trevor Pryce, who has been in the NFL since 1997, is a free agent and has not signed with a team yet.

A total of 11 players from the 2009 Clemson team that won the Atlantic Division of the ACC are on NFL rosters.

**Clemson Players in the NFL**

(As of September 9, 2011)

No	Name	Pos	Team
67	Thomas Austin	OG	Houston Texans
91	Da'Quan Bowers	DE	Tampa Bay Bucs
22	Crezdon Butler	CB	Arizona Cardinals
	&Miguel Chavis	FB	Oakland Raiders
30	Chris Clemons	S	Miami Dolphins
53	Kavell Connor	LB	Indianapolis Colts
73	#Jamie Cumbie	DT	Oakland Raiders
20	Brian Dawkins	S	Denver Broncos
98	Nick Easton	DT	Arizona Cardinals
12	Jacoby Ford	WR	Oakland Raiders
38	Marcus Gilchrist	CB	San Diego Chargers
19	#Tyler Grisham	WR	Pittsburgh Steelers
75	Chris Hairston	OT	Buffalo Bills
23	Jamie Harper	RB	Tennessee Titans
56	LeRoy Hill	LB	Seattle Seahawks
99	&Jarvis Jenkins	DT	Washington Redskins
41	Byron Maxwell	DB	Seattle Seahawks
97	Philip Merling	DE	Miami Dolphins
81	Michael Palmer	TE	Atlanta Falcons
67	Barry Richardson	OT	Kansas City Chiefs
97	Dorell Scott	DT	St. Louis Rams
28	C.J. Spiller	RB	Buffalo Bills
17	Chansi Stuckey	WR	Arizona Cardinals
6	Charlie Whitehurst	QB	Seattle Seahawks

#Practice Squad, &Injured reserve

**Catanzaro Has Career Day**

Clemson kicker Chandler Catanzaro got off to a good start in his sophomore year when he booted three field goals of at least 45 yards in the opening day victory over Troy. Catanzaro, a native of Greenville, SC,

made field goals of 46, 46 and 45 yards in three attempts to help the Tigers to the 43-19 victory.

Catanzaro joined recent Clemson kicker Mark Buchholz as the two kickers in Clemson history to make three field goals of at least 45 yards in the same game. Buchholz made kicks of 48, 52 and 46 yards in that 44-10 Clemson victory in Death Valley on November 10, 2007.

Catanzaro finished the 2010 season strong, as he made six of his last seven field goals. He has now made 9-11 entering the Auburn game.

The original walk-on has been especially effective from long range in his career. He has now made 9-13 field goals outside the 40, one of the top percentages in Clemson history from over 40 yards.

One of the great ironies of his performance on Saturday was that he missed an extra point for the first time in his career in the game he tied the school record for field goals made of 45 yards or more in a single game. He made his first two to give him 36 straight made extra points, then missed his third attempt of the game against Troy. He then made his next two to finish the game with 13 total points.

**Odd but True**

It is an odd numbered season so all Clemson fans should be excited.

Since 1977 odd numbered seasons have been seasons of success, if not landmark years at Clemson.

That 1977 season saw Clemson go to a bowl game for the first time in 18 years under first-year head coach Charley Pell. The Tigers finished with a number-19 ranking, also the first top 20 ranking for the program since 1959.

Of course 1981 was the ultimate in football accomplishment for the Clemson program, a 12-0 record and the National Championship under third year (another odd number) head coach Danny Ford who was 33-years-old (there it is again) at the time. The Tigers beat Nebraska in the National Championship and Clemson will celebrate the 30th anniversary of that season later this year.

The 1991 season ended in an ACC title for the Tigers thanks to a 6-0-1 mark in the league and a 9-2-1 overall record. The team finished 17th in the nation. This year is the 20-year anniversary of that accomplishment.

Seven times since 1977 Clemson has been unranked in the preseason poll in an odd numbered year, but finished the year in the top 25. But just once since 1977 (the 1986 season) has Clemson been unranked in the preseason poll of an even numbered year, then finished in the top 25.

The trend of odd seasons of success has continued in this decade. In fact it has been a remarkable pattern. Since 2002, each of the odd numbered years Clemson has finished the season ranked in the top 25 of all polls even though it has not been ranked in the preseason. In the even numbered seasons since 2002, Clemson has failed to obtain a top 25 ranking at season's end even though it has been ranked in the preseason three times.

In each of the last four odd numbered seasons (2003, 2005, 2007, 2009) Clemson has won at least .643 of its games. In each of the even numbered seasons since 2002, Clemson has won at least 60 percent of the time just once, and that was in 2006 when the Tigers finished with an 8-5 record after a 7-1 start.

Lets look at the last four odd numbered seasons. The 2003 Tigers behind sophomore quarterback Charlie Whitehurst ran off a 9-4 record and finished with a number-22 national ranking after a 4-0 run to end the season that included a 63-17 victory over South Carolina, and wins over third ranked Florida State (the highest ranked team Clemson has defeated in its history) and sixth ranked Tennessee (the highest ranked team Clemson has beaten in a bowl game over the last 29 years).

The 2005 season included a 21-point victory over eventual ACC Champion Florida State, a fourth straight win over South Carolina under Whitehurst's direction and a bowl victory over Colorado. The 2007 season saw the Tigers record a 9-3 regular season record, including a 24-18 Labor Day night victory over 19<sup>th</sup>-ranked Florida State, the program's fifth straight win over a top 25 team under Tommy Bowden's direction.

And of course the 2009 season was the season of C.J. Spiller when the Tigers won the Atlantic Division of the ACC under Head Coach Dabo Swinney. Spiller was unanimous All-American and finished sixth in the voting for the Heisman Trophy, tied for the highest finish by a Clemson player. The Tigers defeated Florida State and Miami (FL) in the same season for the first time, and defeated Kentucky in the Music City Bowl.

A look to the chart below shows that Clemson has won 70.3 percent of its games in odd numbered years since 1977, but just 61.9 percent in even numbered years. Clemson has been to a bowl game 16 of the last 17 odd numbered years, but just nine bowl games in the last 17 even

numbered years. Clemson has just four losing seasons in the last 34 years and all four have come in even numbered years. And the Tigers have had 11 top 25 seasons in the last 17 odd numbered years, but just six in even numbered years since 1977. Clemson has had just one top 25 final ranking (2000) in an even numbered year since 1992.

Additionally, Clemson has won at least nine games in three of the last four odd numbered years, but has just one season with at least nine wins in an even numbered year since 1990.

Clemson got the 2011 season off to a good start with a 43-19 victory over Troy and is now 2-0 entering the Auburn game.

**Clemson Football Since 1977**

Categories	Odd	Even
Years	17	17
Record	144-60-3	121-74-3
Pct.	.703	.619
ACC Record	85-37-2	76-49-1
Pct	.694	.607
Bowls	16	9
Top 25 Seasons	11	6
Winning Seasons	15	13
Losing Seasons	0	4
Nine-Win Seasons	9	5
Top 3 in ACC	14	9

Note: 2011 season not included in above chart

**Three Sons of Former Tigers on 2011 Team**

Three sons of former Clemson football players are on the 2011 Tigers team. Starting offensive tackle Landon Walker is the son of Gary Walker, who was a letterman on Clemson's 1981 National Championship team. The same goes for freshman Shaq Anthony, a first-year freshman whose dad, Vernie Anthony also lettered on the National Championship team.

Freshman defensive lineman DeShawn Williams is the son of running back Ronald Williams, who was the leading rusher on Clemson's 1990 team as a first year freshman with 941 yards, still the Clemson record for a first-year freshman. Williams played for the Tigers from 1990-92.

**Humphries makes Start as True Freshman**

True freshman Adam Humphries started at wide receiver against Troy, just the 14th first-year freshman to start the first game of the season. Sammy Watkins, also a first-year freshman was suppose to start, but Watkins was on the field for the opening kickoff and he came on the field for the second play. Watkins then caught a 33-yard scoring pass.

Below is a list of first-year freshmen to start the season opener since freshman became eligible in 1972.

**First-Year Freshman to Start Season Opener**

Year	Player	Position
1973	Ken Callicutt	RB
	Nelson Wallace	DT
1974	Jeff Mills	DT
1980	Jeff Wells	TE
	James Farr	C
1987	John Johnson	DE
1988	Chris Gardocki	PK
1994	Anthony Downs	RB
1995	Anthony Simmons	LB
2001	Roscoe Crosby	WR
2005	James Davis	RB
2006	C.J. Spiller	RB
2008	Jamie Harper	RB
2011	Adam Humphries	WR

**Six Tigers on Preseason Awards Lists**

Clemson has six current players on a combined 11 preseason Watch Lsts for the 2011 season. The list includes two players, Dalton Freeman and Andre Ellington, who are on three lists apiece.

Freeman is a candidate for the Rimington Award, which goes to the top center in college football, the Outland Trophy, which goes to the top interior lineman, and the Lombardi Award, which goes to the top lineman. Freeman has been a starter at center each of the last two years, including 2009 when he became the first Clemson freshman since 1943 to start over the course of the season.

Ellington is a candidate for the Maxwell National Player of the Year Award, the Doak Walker Award, which goes to the top running back, and the Paul Hornung Award, which goes to the top all-purpose player. Ellington scored 12 touchdowns in the first seven games of the 2010 season

before he suffered a toe injury. He was 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation in scoring and 30<sup>th</sup> in rushing at the time of the injury. His 6.33 yards per rush average for his career is best in Clemson history.

Dawson Zimmerman was a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award as the nation's top punter last year, the only ACC player on that list, and he is again a candidate for that award this year. He is also among 30 players who are candidates for the Lowe's Senior Class award, which goes to the top senior student-athlete football player in the nation. He has made the Dean's list multiple times in his Clemson career.

Andre Branch, who is Clemson's leading returnee in terms of quarterback sacks, is a candidate for the Hendricks Award as the nation's top defensive end, while Dwayne Allen is up for the Mackey Award as the nation's top tight end. He was a second-team All-ACC selection last year. Finally, DeAndre Hopkins is a candidate for the Fred Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top wide receiver. He had 52 catches to lead the Tigers last year and had three receiving games of at least 100 yards in the last four contests last year.

**Clemson Players on 2011 Preseason Watch Lists**

Name	Award	Name of Award
Dwayne Allen	Tight End	Mackey Award
Andre Branch	Defensive End	Hendricks Award
Dalton Freeman	Center	Rimington Award
	Top Interior Lineman	Outland Trophy
	Top Lineman	Lombardi Award
DeAndre Hopkins	Wide Receiver	Biletnikoff Award
Andre Ellington	Player of the Year	Maxwell Trophy
	Running Back	Walker Award
	All-purpose player	Hornung Award
Dawson Zimmerman	Punter	Guy Award
	Academic/Athletic	Lowe's Senior Class

**Clemson Has Young Team**

Clemson has a young squad this year with 42 freshmen (red-shirt or first year) among the 85 players on scholarship. The record for most freshmen lettermen in a season is 23, set in 1985 when Danny Ford lettered 10 first-year freshmen and 13 red-shirt freshmen. The second most is 21 in 2006. That was C.J. Spiller's freshman year.

Clemson's first-year freshman class has 27 players this year, four who entered in January and 23 who entered this summer. The record for first-year freshmen to letter in a season is 10 by the 1985 freshmen and by the 1994 freshmen.

Clemson played 24 freshmen in the win over Troy to open the season, 12 true freshmen and 12 red-shirt. So some freshman participation records have a chance to fall this year. Demont Buice added to the list against Wofford so Clemson has now played 25 freshmen, 12 of whom are true freshmen.

**Most Freshmen Lettermen in a Season**

(Since 1972 when Freshmen Eligibility re-established)

Year	W-L	FY	RS	TOT
1985	6-6	10	13	23
2006	8-5	8	13	21
2008	7-6	8	12	20
2000	9-3	3	17	20
2003	9-4	5	14	19
1994	5-6	10	8	18
1992	5-6	9	9	18

**First-Year Freshman Participants Since 1999**

**1999** (5) David Ellis (LB), Rodney Feaster (LB), Brian Mance (CB), Bernard Rambert (TB), Rodney Thomas (LB)

**2000** (4) Aaron Hunt (PK), Yusef Kelly (RB), John Leake (LB), Ronnie Thomas (WR)

**2001** (9) Eric Coleman (DT), Roscoe Crosby (WR), Airese Currie (WR), Maurice Fountain (DE), Ben Hall (TE), Leroy Hill (LB), Tavaghn Monts (DB), Travis Pugh (FS), Eric Sampson (LB)

**2002** (1) Justin Miller (CB)

**2003** (5) Tramaine Billie (LB), Jad Dean (PK), Marion Dukes (OT), Sergio Gilliam (CB), Brandon Pilgrim (OG)

**2004** (2) La'Donte Harris (WR), Barry Richardson (OT)

**2005** (8) Antonio Clay (LB), James Davis (RB), Tyler Grisham (WR), Haydrian Lewis (CB), Jock McKissic (DT), Phillip Merling (DE), Josh Miller (LB), Rendrick Taylor (WR)

**2006** (8) Kevin Alexander (LB), Crezdon Butler (CB), Jeremy Campbell (LB), Jamie Cumbie (DE), Jacoby Ford (WR), Michael Palmer (TE), Ricky Sapp (DE), C.J. Spiller (RB)

**2007** (11) Kourtnei Brown (DE), Miguel Chavis (DT), Scotty Cooper (LB),

Chad Diehl (FB), Xavier Dye (WR), Marcus Gilchrist (CB), Jarvis Jenkins (DT), \*Willy Korn (QB), Brian Linthicum (TE), DeAndre McDaniel (S), Rennie Moore (DE)

**2008** (8) Daniel Andrews (LB), Da'Quan Bowers (DE), Jamie Harper (RB), Stanley Hunter (LB), Marquan Jones (WR), Antoine McClain (OL), Brandon Thompson (DT), Dawson Zimmerman (P)

**2009** (3) Jonathan Meeks (DB), Mallicah Goodman (DE), Corico Hawkins (LB)

**2010** (4) DeAndre Hopkins (WR), Justin Parker (LB), Martin Jenkins (DB), Darius Robinson (DB).

**2011 (12)** Martavis Bryant, Sammy Watkins, Mike Bellamy, Tony Steward, Cole Stoudt, Stephone Anthony, Charone Peake, Robert Smith, Grady Jarrett, Corey Crawford, DeShawn Williams, Adam Humphries

\*Did not letter

**Tight Ends Have Been Productive**

Clemson has had a first or second team All-ACC tight end each of the last two years. Michael Palmer was a first team selection in 2009 and current Tiger Dwayne Allen was a second-team choice last year.

The position has been very productive and from what the stats have shown in the August scrimmages that will continue this year. Second team tight end Brandon Ford has caught a touchdown pass in each scrimmage and Allen has caught two.

Allen got off to a great start last Saturday with a 54-yard touchdown reception against Troy.

**Clemson Tight End Position Accomplishments 2009-10**

- Had two different tight ends earn All-ACC honors in each of the last two years. Michael Palmer first-team All-ACC as a senior in 2009 and Dwayne Allen second-team All-ACC as a sophomore in 2010.

- First time since 1985-86 that Clemson has had tight ends on the All-ACC team in consecutive seasons.

- Palmer set Clemson record for receptions and reception yards by a tight end in 2009 with 43 or 507 yards.

- Palmer had eight catches for 106 yards at South Carolina in 2009, the second most reception yards for a Clemson tight end in a single game.

- Palmer went on to play as a rookie with the Atlanta Falcons in 2010.

- Allen had 33 catches for 373 yards in 2010 and that is third most catches by a Clemson tight end in a season.

- Palmer named John Mackey Award National Tight End of the Week for Miami game in 2009.

- Allen named one of 21 midseason John Mackey Award candidates for 2010.

- Allen set Clemson record for receptions by a sophomore tight end in 2010.

- Clemson tight ends have caught 103 passes over the last two years, 60 passes in 2009 and 43 passes in 2010. Those rank first and third in Clemson history, respectively, for the most tight end catches in a season in school history.

- Tight end Brandon Ford caught two touchdown passes against South Florida in the Meineke Car Care Bowl, the first Clemson receiver to catch two scoring passes in a bowl game in school history. Ford was named to ESPN.com's All-Bowl team in 2010.

**Clemson Football Schedule, 2011**

Clemson will play one of its most difficult schedules in history in 2011, as 10 of Clemson's 11 FBS opponents went to bowl games 2010, including six who won at least nine games. Additionally, Wofford, Clemson's FBS opponent, was 10-3 and reached the second round of the NCAA FCS playoffs. The Terriers were ranked eighth in the preseason FCS poll.

Clemson's three FBS non-conference opponents had a combined 31-10 record last year, a .756 winning percentage and all won at least eight games last year. That list includes defending National Champion Auburn, who comes to Clemson on September 17. Troy (8-5) and South Carolina (9-5) also had outstanding seasons in 2010.

Overall, Clemson's 12 opponents in 2011 had a 104-55 record last year, a .658 winning percentage. **That is the highest winning percentage in the nation when considering 2010 winning percentage by 2011 opponents.** Each of Clemson's first five opponents won at least eight games, including four in a row who won at least 10 games. Seven of the eight ACC opponents went to bowl games last year and 10 of the 11 FBS teams went to bowls. Wofford went to the FCS playoffs.

Clemson has a stretch of consecutive games against Auburn (14-0), Florida State (10-4) and Virginia Tech (11-3) between September 24 and October 1 that will be one of the most challenging stretches in school history. All three of those teams played for their respective conference championships last year. Clemson plays all four schools who

played for the ACC and SEC championships last year.

Clemson has a 2011 schedule that is front-loaded with home games. The Tigers first four games will be at home, the first time that has happened since 1979 and just the third time in school history. The 1920 Tigers played their first five games at home.

Clemson plays six of its first eight games at home and, for the first time since 1989, Clemson will play just one home game after October 22.

The Auburn game starts a run of three straight games against top 20 teams. If that happens it will be the first time in Clemson history.

**Most Difficult 2011 Schedules**

(Based on 2010 Opponent Winning Percentage)

Rk	School	W-L	Pct
1.	Clemson	104-54	.658
2.	Baylor	96-56	.632
3.	Kansas	97-57	.630
4.	Washington	96-57	.627
5.	LSU	95-58	.621
6.	Notre Dame	95-59	.617
	Iowa State	95-59	.617
8.	Miami (FL)	95-60	.613
9.	Mississippi	93-60	.608
10.	UNLV	92-60	.605

**Clemson Future Non-conference Schedules**

**2012**

Sept.	1	Auburn (at Georgia Dome)
Sept.	8	Ball State
Sept.	15	Furman
Nov.	24	South Carolina

**2013**

Aug.	31	Georgia
Sept.	7	The Citadel
Sept.	14	Kent State
Nov.	30	at South Carolina

**2014**

Aug.	30	at Georgia
Sept.	6	Coastal Carolina
Oct.	4	Central Michigan
Nov.	29	South Carolina

All dates are tentative

**Zimmerman Candidate for Lowe's Senior Class Award**

Clemson senior punter Dawson Zimmerman is one of 30 pre-season candidates for the Lowe's Senior Class Award. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Lowe's Senior Class Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition.

The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring. The award is sponsored by Lowe's, an official Corporate Partner of the NCAA, and is managed by Premier Sports Management.

The 30 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans who will select one finalist who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition.

Zimmerman has been outstanding in the classroom and one the field. A two-time Academic All-ACC performer, Zimmerman was a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award last year when he averaged 40.6 yards per punt on a net punting basis, third best in Clemson history. His gross average of 40.8 yards per punt for a career is seventh best in school history.

The English major from Lawrenceville, GA had two punts over 75 yards last year, the first Clemson punt to have two punts over 75 yards in a career, never mind a season.

Zimmerman is one of just three ACC players on the list. The others are Chase Minnifield, a cornerback from Virginia and Will Snyderwine, a placekicker from Duke. Zimmerman and Drew Butler of Georgia are the only punters on the list.

**Swinney First Among Active Coaches in Career APR**

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney is first among active coaches in terms of career APR with a 988 figure. Swinney has been the

head coach of the Tigers for three full seasons and for half of the 2008 season.

The Clemson football program's APR score for the 2009-10 cohort (four year period 2006-07 through 2009-10) ranks third best among the top 25 public institutions that play FBS college football. Only Rutgers and Ohio State are higher among **US News & World Report's** Top 25 public institutions that play FBS level football.

Rutgers has the top figure among public institutions with a 988 figure, followed by Ohio State at 985. Clemson is third at 977, and is followed by SEC rivals Georgia and Florida at 976. Joe Paterno's Penn State program is sixth among public institutions.

As far as all schools that play FBS Division I football, Clemson is in a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> best in the nation with private schools Stanford and Vanderbilt (also at 977).

Northwestern University's football program has the top APR for its football program with a 993 figure for the time period examined. Rutgers is second at 988 and Northern Illinois is third at 987.

**Top Career APR Scores, Active Coaches**

Rk	Coach	School	APR
1.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	988
2.	Pat Fitzgerald	Northwestern	986
3.	Ken Niumatalolo	Navy	981
4.	Paul Johnson	Georgia Tech	980
	Greg Schiano	Rutgers	980
6.	Tony Calhoun	Air Force	979
7.	Frank Spaziani	Boston College	978
8.	David Cutcliffe	Duke	976
9.	Chris Petersen	Boise State	975
10.	Rick Stockstill	Middle Tennessee	973

**US News & World Report Top 25 Public Institutions that Play FBS Football**

(Ranked by Football APR Scores)

Rk	School	APR
1.	Rutgers	988
2.	Ohio State	985
3.	Clemson	977
4.	Georgia	976
	Florida	976
6.	Penn State	972
7.	Wisconsin	967
8.	Indiana	966
	Georgia Tech	966
10.	UCLA	956
11.	North Carolina	955
	Virginia Tech	955
13.	UCONN	953
14.	Pittsburgh	949
	Illinois	949
	California	949
17.	Virginia	947
	Iowa	947
19.	Washington	946
20.	Texas	941

**Clemson 2011 Recruiting Class Notes**

•Clemson signed four players who were either first or second-team **USA Today** All-Americans, the most in one year in school recruiting history (USA Today teams date to 1982). Stephone Anthony and Tony Steward were two of the three first-team USA Today All-Americans at linebacker, while Mike Bellamy and Charone Peake were second team selections. The previous high for USA Today first or second-team All-Americans by a Clemson class was three set in 1987, 1988, 1989 and 2006.

•Three Clemson signees were **Parade** All-Americans. Mike Bellamy and Stephone Anthony were first team and Lateek Townsend was second team.

•Clemson signed four players who played in the US Army All-American game in San Antonio (Charone Peake, Sammy Watkins, Lateek Townsend and Tony Steward). Three signees played in the Under Armour All-America game in Orlando (Mike Bellamy, Stephone Anthony and Spencer Region.)

•Clemson signed four five-star players according to Rivals.com. All four, Tony Steward (13), Sammy Watkins (15), Stephone Anthony (24), and Mike Bellamy (25) are ranked among the top 25 players in the nation. Clemson signed six top 100 players according to Rivals.com this year and a seventh, Martavis Bryant, was a top 100 player according to Rivals last year before he went to prep school.

•ESPN.com named only 14 players as five-star athletes and two of the 14

(Peake and Steward) signed with Clemson.

•Clemson has two of the top four receivers in the nation according to ESPN.com. Charone Peake is ranked second and Sammy Watkins fourth.

•Clemson signed three of the top 10 linebackers in the nation according to Rivals.com. Tony Steward (1), Stephone Anthony (3) and Lateek Townsend (10). According to ESPN.com, Anthony is the #1 ranked outside linebacker and Steward is the #1 inside linebacker. Anthony is ranked as the top outside linebacker in the nation and Steward is ranked #2 at that position by 247sports.

•Clemson signed seven players who were on the 2011 ESPN.com top 150 list, the second most according to ESPN behind the Clemson 2008 class that had 10 top 150 players. ESPN ranked Clemson's 2008 class second best in the nation. Tony Steward is the highest ranked Clemson player according to ESPN.com with a #9 overall ranking.

\*Anthony has the highest overall ranking with a #4 overall rating by Tom Lemming. He is Clemson's highest rated player by Scout.com (38) and Sporting News (6) as well. Steward is Clemson's highest rated player according to ESPN.com (9) and Rivals.com (13). Sammy Watkins is Clemson's highest rated player by 247sports (9).

•Clemson signed six of the top 50 players in the nation according to Tom Lemming: Stephone Anthony (4), Tony Steward (6), Cortez Davis (43), Mike Bellamy (46), Charone Peake (47), and Sammy Watkins (48). All six are rated as five-star recruits by Lemming.

•Clemson signed three of the top 12 players in the nation according to 247sports: Watkins (9), Anthony (10) and Steward (12).

•Three ESPN.com 150 players did not decide to pick Clemson until Wednesday: Tony Steward (9), Stephone Anthony (32) and Spencer Region (149).

•Clemson signed two of the top three prep school prospects according to 247sports. Corey Crawford is ranked first and Martavis Bryant was third.

**Clemson Top 100/150 Players in 2011 Class**

Player	ESPN	Rivals	Scout	SN	Lem	247
Mike Bellamy	72	25	60	37	46	73
*Martavis Bryant	43	84			61	
Cortez Davis					43	
Eric Mac Lain		59				
Charone Peake	14	83	73	66	47	50
Spencer Region	149					
Lateek Townsend	113			81		
Sammy Watkins	39	15	41	41	48	9
Stephone Anthony	32	24	38	6	4	10
Tony Steward	9	13	54	27	6	12

\*2010 rating

SN—Sporting News; Lem—Tom Lemming of CBS College Sports, 247—247 Sports