

2010 CLEMSON TIGER FOOTBALL



Clemson Tigers vs. South Carolina Gamecocks (18,17)

Game 12:

Clemson vs. South Carolina

Saturday, November 27, 2010

Kickoff: 7:00 PM

Frank Howard Field
Memorial Stadium
Clemson, SC

Television: ESPN2

Announcers:

Carter Blackburn, Mike Bellotti, Brock Huard

Clemson Radio Network

Announcers: Pete Yanity, Will Merritt, Patrick Sapp

Series History:

Overall: Clemson leads 65-38-4

At Clemson: Clemson leads 16-8-1

at Columbia: Clemson leads 49-30-3

at Neutral : Clemson leads 3-0

Last Meeting: S. Carolina 34-17 in Columbia 2009

Last Clemson Win: 31-14 at Clemson, 2008

Last S Carolina win at Clemson: 31-28 in 2006

Streak: Clemson won six of 8, 10 of 13

CLEMSON 2010 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result/TV	Score/Time
Sept. 4	NORTH TEXAS	ESPNU	35-10
Sept. 11	PRESBYTERIAN	ESPN3	58-21
Sept. 18	at Auburn	ESPN (OT)	24-27
Oct. 2	MIAMI (FL)	ESPN2	21-30
Oct. 9	at North Carolina	ABC	16-21
Oct. 16	MARYLAND	Raycom	31-7
Oct. 23	GEORGIA TECH	ABC	27-13
Oct. 30	at Boston College	Raycom	10-16
Nov. 6	NC STATE	Raycom	14-13
Nov. 13	at Florida State	ABC	13-16
Nov. 20	at Wake Forest	ESPN3	30-10
Nov. 27	SOUTH CAROLINA	ESPN2	7:00 PM

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Clemson Tigers

Record, 2010 6-5, 4-4 ACC
Location Clemson, SC
Colors Burnt Orange and Northwest Purple
Enrollment 19,111
Athletic Director Dr. Terry Don Phillips
Head Coach Dabo Swinney, Alabama '93
Clemson Record/2nd full year as head coach 19-13
Home Record 13-3
Away Record 5-8
Neutral Record 1-2
ACC Regular Season Record 13-7
Career Record/2nd full season 19-13
Record against South Carolina 1-1
Offensive Coordinator Billy Napier
Defensive Coordinator Kevin Steele

South Carolina Gamecocks

Record, 2010 8-3 overall, 5-3, SEC
Location Columbia, SC
Colors Garnet and Black
Enrollment 27,488
Head Coach Steve Spurrier (Florida '67)
School Record/6th year 43-31
Overall (21st year) 185-71-2
Record against Clemson 3-5 (2-3 with S. Carolina)
Offensive Coordinator Steve Spurrier
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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 before and after Swinney's press conference. The first player will arrive around 10:30 AM. Coordinators Kevin Steele and Billy Napier will be available between 12:30 PM and 1:15 PM.

ACC Teleconference

Each ACC coach is available on the ACC teleconference each week. This week, he final week, the conference call will be held on Tuesday.

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

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 1:30 PM at the second floor

player lounge of the West Endzone at Memorial Stadium. Assistant coach interviews are also conducted on Monday and Tuesday during the lunch hour at the West Endzone.

ACC Satellite Feed

The ACC will provide a 90-minute weekly satellite feed during the ACC football season.

Date: Every Wednesday, Sept 1 to Dec. 1

Time: 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Satellite: AMC1, Transponder 22'

KU Digital, 103 degrees West

Downlink Frequency: 12144.5 vertical

Symbol Rate: 20.0 MS

Data Rate: 27.647 Mbps

FEC: 3/4

Trouble number: (336) 369-1205

Clemson Personnel Update

Andre Ellington (RB)--Starting running back and leading rusher out who has missed last three games. Questionable for South Carolina.

Brandon Maye (LB)--Suffered concussion in second half against Florida State and did not return. Out for Wake Forest and questionable for South Carolina.

Bryce McNeal (WR) suffered heel injury in Tuesday practice this week. Out for Wake Forest and questionable for South Carolina

Miguel Chavis (DT)--Reinjured foot against Florida State and out for Wake Forest, but expected back for South Carolina.

John Wright (LB)--Walk on who suffered back injury this week. Out for Wake Forest and South Carolina

Terrence Ashe (WR) Suffered knee injury against Wake Forest. Out for rest of season.



2010 STANDINGS

Atlantic Division

Team	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Florida State	6-2	5-1	3-2	8-3
NC State	5-2	5-1	3-2	8-3
Maryland	4-3	4-1	1-3	7-4
Clemson	4-4	5-1	1-4	6-5
Boston College	4-4	4-3	2-2	6-5
Wake Forest	1-7	2-4	0-5	2-9

Coastal Division

Virginia Tech	7-0	5-1	4-0	9-2
Miami	5-3	3-2	4-2	7-4
Georgia Tech	4-4	4-2	2-3	6-5
North Carolina	3-4	3-3	3-1	6-5
Virginia	1-6	4-3	0-4	4-7
Duke	1-6	2-4	1-4	3-8

THIS WEEK'S ACC GAMES

Saturday, November 27

Boston College at Syracuse	ESPN	Noon
South Carolina at Clemson	ESPN2	7:00 PM
North Carolina at Duke	ESPNU	3:30 pM
Florida at Florida State	ABC	3:30 PM
Georgia Tech at Georgia	ESPN	7:45 PM
NC State at Maryland	ESPN2	3:30 pM
South Florida at Miami (FL)	ESPNU	Noon
Virginia at Virginia Tech	Raycom	Noon
Wake Forest at Vanderbilt	CSS	7:30 pM

NEXT WEEK'S ACC GAMES

December 4

ACC Championship Game at Charlotte, NC		
Virginia Tech vs. TBA	ESPN	7:45 PM

Clemson Pronunciations

#93 DaQuan Bowers	DAY-Kwahn
#Dabo Swinney	DAH bo SWEE knee
Billy Napier	NAY Pee ur
Jaron Brown	juh-Rahn
Quandon Christian	KWAHN-duhn
Mansa Joseph	MAN-suh
Darrell Smith	Dayr-uhl

In the Press Box: Billy Napier, Charlie Harbison

ACC Players of the Week:

North Texas:	Dawson Zimmerman, Specialist
North Carolina	DeAndre Hopkins, Rookie
Maryland:	Da'Quan Bowers, Def Line
	Andre Ellington, Specialist
Georgia Tech	Andre Ellington, Offensive Back
NC State:	DeAndre McDaniel, Def Back

Clemson and South Carolina Meet for 108th time

•This will be meeting number-108 between Clemson and South Carolina and the 102nd consecutive year the two schools have met. That is the third longest streak of consecutive years played in a rivalry in the nation. The only rivalries longer are Kansas vs. Nebraska at 105 games and Minnesota vs. Wisconsin at 104 games. Those games have already been played this year.

•The series dates to 1896 and the first year of football at Clemson, the fourth season for South Carolina. Clemson holds the advantage 65-38-4 since that first meeting in Columbia, a game won by South Carolina 12-6. Clemson's first win took place the following year, an 18-6 victory in Columbia.

•Clemson has won 62.6 percent of its games against South Carolina and has a .590 overall winning percentage in its history (647-442-45).

•Clemson has more wins over South Carolina than any other school and those victories represent over 10 percent of Clemson's all-time victory total (647). When Clemson won in 2004 it was Clemson's 600th all-time win.

•The two teams played in Columbia as part of Big Thursday every year until 1960. For the 57 Big Thursday games, Clemson had a 33-21-3 advantage. Since the teams have gone to a home and home schedule in 1960, Clemson has a 32-17-1 advantage. Clemson's winning percentage is nearly identical home and away over that time. Clemson is 16-8-1 against South Carolina at home since 1960 and 16-9-0 in Columbia.

•This is the 50-year anniversary of the first game in the rivalry at Clemson, a 12-2 Tigers victory Played on November 12, 1960. That was not the last game of the regular season that year. In fact Clemson still had two more games that season, at Boston College and a home game with Furman.

•Three of the last five meetings have been decided by five points or less. Between 2005-07 the margins went in descending order: Clemson won by four points (13-9) in Columbia in 2005, then South Carolina won by three points (31-28) in 2006 at Clemson, then Clemson won by a 23-21 score at South Carolina in 2007. That streak was broken in 2008 when Clemson won by 17 (31-14) at Clemson. South Carolina won by 17 last year, 34-17.

•The Clemson and South Carolina seniors of 1965 experienced four consecutive games decided by four points or less and that is the only time it has happened in the history of the series. Clemson won in 1962 (20-17) and 1963 (24-20), then South Carolina won in 1964 (7-3) and 1965 (17-16). But, even those players did not play in all four games. In 1962 freshmen were not eligible, so those 1965 seniors didn't even dress for the 1962 game.

•The Tigers have won six out of eight and 10 of 13. South Carolina's only wins since 2002 have come at Clemson in 2006 and at Columbia last year.

•South Carolina won last year and will be trying to beat Clemson for the second consecutive year. South Carolina has not beaten Clemson three games in a row since the 1968-70 era when Tommy Suggs was the South Carolina quarterback. Clemson has won 10 in a row in the series when the Gamecocks are tying to beat Clemson in consecutive years. South Carolina did go consecutive years without losing

in 1986-87. The game ended in a tie in 1986 and South Carolina won in Columbia in 1987.

•The visiting team won seven years in a row between 1991-97. The home team has won the last two by exactly 17.

•This year's Clemson senior class has a 2-1 record against South Carolina. Clemson classes who have beaten South Carolina four consecutive years were the seniors of 1900, 1919, 1930, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1983, 1991, 2000 and 2005.

•In 2005, Charlie Whitehurst became the only quarterback for either team in the series to start four victories.

•Clemson has an overall record of 49-30-3 in Columbia over the years, including a 30-18-2 mark in Williams-Brice Stadium. Clemson has been especially successful in Columbia since 1988. The Tigers are 9-2 in Columbia since then with the only losses coming in 2001 and 2009.

•South Carolina's last three victories in the series have been in games that started at noon. This year's game will start at 7PM and Clemson has won each of the last six games played at night (1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2005, and 2007). The last time Clemson lost a night game in the series was 1996 when a Gamecocks team coached by current Clemson offensive line coach Brad Scott, defeated the Tigers 34-31 at Clemson.

•This weekend's game will be played on the Saturday after Thanksgiving for the fifth year in a row. Clemson has a 9-4 record against South Carolina when the game is played the Saturday after Thanksgiving or on Thanksgiving Day. The only game played on Thanksgiving was the 1963 contest that was moved from the Saturday before Thanksgiving to Thanksgiving due to the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Most Wins by Clemson vs. Opponents

Opponent	Record
South Carolina	65-38-4
Wake Forest	58-17-1
NC State	51-27-1
Furman	41-10-4
Virginia	36-8-1
Duke	35-16-1
North Carolina	34-19-1

Clemson Veterans vs. South Carolina

- **Dwayne Allen (TE)** – Had one reception for 12 yards as starter at South Carolina in 2009.
- **Da'Quan Bowers (DE)** – Had five tackles and a quarterback pressure against South Carolina in 2008. Had four tackles, including a tackle for loss and two quarterback pressures, and caused a fumble at South Carolina in 2009.
- **Andre Branch (DE)** – Had four tackles and a quarterback pressure in 26 plays at South Carolina in 2009.
- **Miguel Chavis (DT)** – Had three tackles and a quarterback pressure in 26 plays at South Carolina in 2009.
- **Marcus Gilchrist (CB)** – Had eight tackles in 80 plays at South Carolina in 2009.
- **Rashard Hall (S)** – Had five tackles and an interception at South Carolina in 2009.
- **Jarvis Jenkins (DT)** – Had three tackles and a quarterback pressure in 44 plays at South Carolina in 2009.
- **Byron Maxwell (CB)** – Had five tackles in 23 plays at South Carolina in 2009.
- **Brandon Maye (LB)** – Had nine tackles and caused a fumble in 78 plays at South Carolina in 2009.
- **DeAndre McDaniel (S)** – Had four tackles in

NATIONAL RANKINGS

**Associated Press Top 25
(Nov. 21, 2010)**

Rk	School (First Place)	W-L	Pts	LW
1.	Oregon (37)	10-0	1467	1
2.	Auburn (13)	11-0	1430	2
3.	Boise State (10)	10-0	1394	3
4.	TCU	11-0	1340	4
5.	Wisconsin	10-1	1196	6
6.	LSU	10-1	1194	5
7.	Stanford	10-1	1178	7
8.	Ohio State	10-1	1088	8
9.	Alabama	9-2	972	10
10.	Oklahoma State	10-1	958	12
11.	Michigan State	10-1	927	11
12.	Arkansas	9-2	861	13
13.	Virginia Tech	9-2	720	14
14.	Oklahoma	9-2	650	16
15.	Missouri	9-2	639	15
16.	Nebraska	9-2	618	9
17.	Texas A&M	8-3	573	18
18.	South Carolina	8-3	559	17
19.	Nevada	10-1	439	19
20.	Arizona	7-3	268	23
21.	NC State	8-3	238	NR
22.	Florida State	8-3	232	NR
23.	Utah	9-2	211	25
24.	Iowa	7-4	100	21
25.	Mississippi State	7-4	94	22

Others receiving votes: Northern Illinois 72, West Virginia 26, Tulsa 12, Southern Cal 8, Hawaii 7, Miami 7, Navy 7, UCF 4, Florida 4, Southern Miss 3, Penn State 2, Ohio 1, Oregon State 1.

**USA Today/Coaches Top 25 Coaches Poll
(November 21, 2010)**

Rk.	Team (1st place)	Rec	Pts.	Prv
1.	Oregon (48)	10-0	1459	1
2.	Auburn (4)	11-0	1398	2
3.	Boise State (5)	10-0	1341	3
4.	TCU (2)	11-0	1300	4
5.	Wisconsin	10-1	1211	5
6.	LSU	10-1	1175	6
7.	Ohio State	10-1	1116	7
8.	Stanford	10-1	1112	8
9.	Oklahoma State	10-1	990	10
10.	Michigan State	10-1	927	11
11.	Alabama	9-2	885	12
12.	Arkansas	9-2	784	13
13.	Oklahoma	9-2	733	14
14.	Virginia Tech	9-2	723	15
15.	Nebraska	9-2	614	9
16.	Missouri	9-2	585	16
17.	South Carolina	8-3	577	17
18.	Texas A&M	8-3	492	19
19.	Nevada	10-1	456	18
20.	Arizona	7-3	279	23
21.	Florida State	8-3	243	NR
22.	Utah	9-2	228	24
23.	NC State	8-3	208	NR
24.	Iowa	7-4	74	20
25.	Mississippi State	7-4	68	22

Others: Northern Illinois 67, UCF 21, Hawaii 20, Southern Miss 16, West Virginia 13, Florida 12, Miami 11, Navy 7, Ohio 5, Pittsburgh 5, San Diego State 4, Penn State 4, Temple 4, Maryland 3, Michigan 2, Northwestern 2, Tulsa 1

23 plays at South Carolina in 2007. Had 11 tackles, including a tackle for loss and a sack against South Carolina in 2008. Had three tackles, including a tackle for loss at South Carolina in 2009.

- **Kyle Parker (QB)** – Complete 22-42 passes for 212 yards with a touchdown and an interception at South Carolina in 2009.
- **Brandon Thompson (DT)** – Had five tackles, two quarterback pressures and blocked a field goal at South Carolina in 2009.

Clemson vs. South Carolina Series Notes

Top 10 Unusual Facts about the Clemson vs. South Carolina Series

10. The only South Carolina coach to have a winning record in Clemson Memorial Stadium is Brad Scott, Clemson's current offensive line coach. He was 2-1 as South Carolina's head coach against Clemson between 1994-98).

9. Charlie Whitehurst is the only starting quarterback to lead a team to four wins in the history of the series. He did that for the Tigers between 2002-05.

8. Josh Cody had a 4-0 record for Clemson against South Carolina between 1927-30. He is the only coach in the series to have a perfect record, given a minimum of three games coached.

7. Paul Williams is the last player to letter for both schools. He lettered for Clemson in 1978 and for South Carolina in 1980.

6. A Clemson captain actually played for South Carolina. Cary Cox lettered for the Gamecocks in 1943. After the war, he enrolled at Clemson and served as captain for the Tigers in 1947. Cox died in 2008.

5. Clemson had three touchdown plays of at least 76 yards against South Carolina in 2006, yet lost the game. Jacoby Ford scored on 76-yard touchdown pass, C.J. Spiller on a 80-yard run and Jock McKissic on a 82-yard interception return. It is the only game in Clemson history in which Clemson has had three scoring plays of at least 75 yards.

4. In 1948 and 1981 a blocked punt returned for a touchdown proved to be the pivotal play in a Clemson victory, victories that allowed Clemson to go on to an undefeated season. In both instances, the original line of scrimmage was the South Carolina 28-yard-line.

3. Willie Underwood had two interceptions to lead Clemson to victory over South Carolina in 1980. A starter for four years, the strong safety never had recorded an interception in any of his first 46 games as a Tiger, then had two against the Gamecocks in his 47th and final game.

2. In a placekicking career that spanned five years, Bob Paulling made 107 of 109 extra points. Both of his misses were at South Carolina, one in 1981 and one in 1983. He had a streak of 70 consecutive made extra points (second longest in Clemson history) in between the two miscues.

1. In the 30 games that Frank Howard coached at Clemson against South Carolina, Clemson scored 411 points and South Carolina scored 411 points.

Memorable Clemson Plays vs. South Carolina

- **1948** --Phil Prince blocked a punt and Oscar Thompson returned the ball for a touchdown that gave Clemson 13-7 win in Columbia and allowed Clemson to keep an undefeated season. The play took place with 4:15 left in the game.

- **1959**--Harvey White connected with future Super Bowl Champion Bill Mathis for a 26-yard touchdown pass in the third period to put Clemson up 19-0 in the final Big Thursday game in Columbia. White completed 9-10 passes on the day and led the Tigers to the 27-0 victory.
- **1962**--Don Chuy and Billy Weaver combined to sack Dan Reeves for a 13-yard loss with just 33 seconds left, preserving Clemson's 20-17 victory. South Carolina had driven to the Clemson 25 for that last play.
- **1966**--Harry Olszewski, an All-America offensive guard, picked off a fumbled snap in mid-air and ran 12-yards for a touchdown. The 35-10 victory allowed Clemson to win the ACC title. No Clemson offensive lineman has scored a touchdown since.
- **1967**--Buddy Gore's 43-yard run in the third period led to a Tiger touchdown, and was a momentum swaying play in Clemson's victory over the Gamecocks, a win that allowed Clemson to clinch a tie for the ACC championship. That was the key run on this day that saw Gore become the first Clemson back in history to go over 1000 yards in a season and break Brian Piccolo's ACC single season rushing record.
- **1971**--Eddie Seigler kicked a 52-yard field goal to lead Clemson to a 17-7 win over the Gamecocks. It was the first field goal of at least 50 yards in Clemson history.
- **1972**--With Clemson leading 7-6 in the fourth period, Jimmy Williamson batted down a Dobby Grossman two-point conversion pass to preserve the victory for the Tigers.
- **1977**--Jerry Butler made a 20-yard touchdown catch of a Steve Fuller pass with 49 seconds left to give Clemson a 31-27 win in Columbia. It clinched a Gator Bowl bid for the Tigers, Clemson's first bowl bid in 18 years.
- **1980**--Willie Underwood had a 37-yard interception return for a touchdown that clinched Clemson's upset of South Carolina and Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers in 1980. Underwood was named **Sports Illustrated** Player of the Week for his performance in that game.
- **1981**--Just as it had happened 33 years previously, a blocked punt played a big part in a Clemson victory over South Carolina that allowed the Tigers to have an undefeated season. Rod McSwain blocked a South Carolina punt and Johnny Remberter recovered in the endzone for the touchdown. Just as it had been 33 years previous, the line of scrimmage was the South Carolina 28.
- **1988**--Rodney Williams, a native of Columbia, led Clemson to a 29-10 victory in his final game at Death Valley. Clemson's winningest starting quarterback in history threw for 192 and rushed for 38 and scored a touchdown.
- **1990**--Chris Gardocki made his final punt in Death Valley memorable when he had a 78-yard boot in the fourth quarter to give South Carolina bad field position and clinch Clemson's 24-15 victory over the Gamecocks. It remains the second longest punt in Clemson history.
- **1995**--Emory Smith carried South Carolina tacklers 20 yards on the way to a 54-yard run that led to the game clinching touchdown in Columbia. Smith ended the game with 101 yards rushing.
- **2000**--Rod Gardner's 50-yard reception from Woody Dantzler with 10 seconds left led to Aaron Hunt's game winning 25-yard field goal with three seconds left.

- **2007**—Mark Buchholz kicked a 35-yard field goal on the last play of the game, to give Clemson a 23-21 victory in Columbia.
- **Clemson's most significant wins in the South Carolina Series**
- **1900** 51-0 Part of a perfect 6-0 season under first-year head coach John Heisman
- **1928** 32-0 Clemson wins battle of unbeatens. Both teams were 5-0 entering the game. Clemson went on to an 8-3 record, a season mark for wins in a season at the time.
- **1939** 27-0 Banks McFadden leads Clemson to victory, important win in 9-1 season that ended with win over Boston College in the Cotton Bowl
- **1948** 13-7 Phil Prince blocks a field goal late in the game, leading to Clemson victory that preserves unbeaten season. Clemson went on to perfect 11-0 record
- **1956** 7-0 A 20th ranked Clemson team downs South Carolina in ACC rival game. Tigers went on to win the ACC Championship
- **1959** 27-0 Clemson wins final Big Thursday game in Columbia behind Harvey White. Tigers went on to 9-2 record and number 11 final ranking and the ACC title.
- **1960** 12-2 Clemson wins first ever game between the two schools in Clemson
- **1967** 23-12 Clemson wins game in final game of season to clinch ACC Championship. The last time Clemson won an ACC title by beating South Carolina in final game (it also happened in 1966)
- **1977** 31-27 Jerry Butler's catch in final seconds gives Tigers come from behind victory. Victory sends Clemson to the Gator Bowl, its first bowl game in 18 years
- **1980** 27-6 Clemson upsets 14th-ranked South Carolina team behind Willie Underwood's two interceptions and 17 tackles. South Carolina had Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers and had won at Michigan earlier in the year. South Carolina was 8-2 entering the game.
- **1981** 29-13 Clemson closes out perfect regular season on way to National Championship.
- **1988** 29-10 Clemson won battle of top 25 teams in Rodney Williams final home game. Clemson then beats Oklahoma in bowl game to finish season in top 10.
- **2000** 16-14 Clemson wins battle of top 25 teams thanks to Rod Gardner's 50-yard reception from Woody Dantzler in final seconds, and a 25-yard field goal by Aaron Hunt with three seconds left.
- **2003** 63-17 Clemson's most points scored against the Gamecocks and largest victory margin since 1900. Charlie Whitehurst threw for four touchdown passes and Chad Jasmin scored four.
- **2005** 13-9 Clemson defeats 19th ranked South Carolina team in Columbia, only time it has beaten top 20 South Carolina team in Columbia.

Clemson vs. Top 25 South Carolina Teams

Clemson is 4-4 against top 25 South Carolina teams in its history, including a 2-2 record when Clemson is not ranked. This is the first time Clemson has faced a top 25 South Carolina team since 2005. South Carolina was ranked 19th by AP and 21st by the Coaches poll entering that game, but the Tigers defeated Steve Spurrier's Gamecocks, 13-9 in Columbia.

Clemson also defeated top 25 South Carolina teams in 1980, 1988 and 2000. Clemson was also ranked in the top 25 in 1988 and 2000.

Clemson is 3-1 at home against ranked South Carolina teams. The only win for the Gamecocks as a ranked team in Death Valley took place in 1984, a 22-21 South Carolina victory when the Gamecocks overcame a 21-3 deficit.

Clemson vs. Top 25 South Carolina Teams

Year	Clemson AP, Coaches	South Carolina AP, Coaches	Result
1979	13,13	19, NR	L, 9-13
1980	NR	14,15	W, 27-6
1984	NR	9,9	L, 21-22
1987	8,8	12,12	L, 7-20
1988	15, 15	25,21	W, 29-10
2000	16,14	25, NR	W, 16-14
2001	NR	22, 22	L, 15-20
2005	NR	19, 21	W, 13-9
2010	NR	18, 17	??

Bold, game played at Clemson

Last Year vs. South Carolina

South Carolina 34, Clemson 17

South Carolina defeated a 15th ranked Clemson team that was headed to the ACC Championship game the next week by a 34-17 score in Columbia on November 28, 2009. South Carolina rushed for 223 yards, including 114 by Kenny Miles to key the win.

Clemson had won six consecutive games entering the contest and had scored at least 34 points in six straight games for the first time in history. The victory was South Carolina's only win over the last five games of the season and the only game in the last seven that South Carolina scored more than 16 points.

C.J. Spiller returned the opening kickoff 88 yards for a score, his seventh career kickoff return for a score to set an NCAA record. But, South Carolina outscored Clemson, 17-0, the rest of the way. Clemson got a 45-yard field goal from Richard Jackson and a 22-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Parker to Michael Palmer in the second half. But, the Gamecocks finished with 380 yards of total offense as Stephen Garcia threw three touchdown passes.

Palmer finished with 106 yards receiving in eight catches. South Carolina held Spiller to 9-18 rushing and just 3-19 receiving.

Other Clemson and South Carolina Connections

•Clemson running back Andre Ellington is the cousin of South Carolina basketball starting point guard Bruce Ellington. Both players wear number-23. Bruce Ellington will play basketball against the Tigers in Columbia on December 5.

•Spencer Lanning is the starting placekicker and punter for South Carolina. His sister, Allison, is a student assistant in the Clemson sports information office. Lanning's mother, the former Lisa McDowell and his aunt, the former Cindy McDowell, were both cheerleaders at Clemson. Lanning's father, Tad, is also a Clemson graduate.

•Clemson defensive ends coach Chris Rumph played football at South Carolina from 1991-94 and played on the Gamecocks first team that won a bowl game in 1994.

•Clemson offensive line coach Brad Scott was the head coach at South Carolina from 1994-98. He had a 2-1 record in Death Valley as the South Carolina head coach and is the only South Carolina head coach to have a winning record against Clemson in Memorial Stadium. Steve Spurrier is 1-1 with South Carolina in games played at Clemson and could join him with a win on Saturday.

•On September 30, 1989, current South Carolina Head Coach Steve Spurrier coached Duke to a 21-17 upset of seventh ranked Clemson in Durham. That same day, current Clemson quarterback Kyle Parker was born in Cincinnati, OH.

•South Carolina defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson was Clemson's defensive coordinator from 1994-96. He was an assistant coach at Alabama from 1990-93 and Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney was a player on the Alabama team during that time (1990-92).

•South Carolina tight ends coach Jeep Hunter was a graduate assistant at Clemson from 1996-97.

•Clemson Associate Athletic Director for Football Administration Woody McCorvey was an assistant coach at South Carolina in 1998.

Knowing Both Sides of the Rivalry

Coach	at South Carolina	At Clemson
Mile Aldridge	1991-93 (3)	1985-89, 93-95 (8)
David Bibee	1989-93 (5)	1998-98 (2)
Rich Bisaccia	1992-93 (2)	1994-98 (5)
Clyde Christensen	1991 (1)	1994-95 (2)
Elis Johnson	2008 (1)	1994-96 (3)
Woody McCorvey	1998 (1)	1983-89 (7)
Chuck Reedy	1998 (1)	1978-89 (12)
Brad Scott	1994-98 (5)	1999-Present (10th)
Rick Stockstill	2004 (2nd)	1989-02 (14)
Tommy West	1991-92 (2)	1982-89, 94-98 (13)

Note: Scott was head coach at South Carolina, West head coach at Clemson, 94-98.

Throw out the Record Books?

We always hear the phrase, "You can throw out the record books when these two teams get together." While there have been some upsets in this series, usually the team with the better record comes away with the victory. The team entering the game with the better overall record has an 18-7-1 record in the series since 1981. That computes to 71 percent over a 29-year period. Three times during that era both teams had the same record.

However, the norm has been broken in recent years. Five of the last six years the team with the better overall record entering the game has

lost. In 2004, South Carolina had the better record entering the game at 6-4 compared to Clemson's 5-5, but the Tigers won the game, 29-7.

In 2005, South Carolina had the upper hand with a 7-3 mark compared to the 6-4 for Clemson, but Clemson won the game, 13-9. In 2006, Clemson had the better record at 8-3, while South Carolina was 6-5, but South Carolina won, 31-28. In 2008 South Carolina was 7-4 and Clemson 5-5, but the Tigers won. And last year, Clemson had an 8-3 record and South Carolina was 6-5, but the Gamecocks won 34-17.

For the history of the series, Clemson has a 40-16-3 record when it enters the contest with the better record, a 71 winning percentage. Clemson has had the better record in 59 of the 107 previous meetings. The teams have had the same winning percentage entering the game nine times and Clemson has a 7-2 record in those situations.

Thus, Clemson is 47-18-3 (.720) against South Carolina over the years when the Tigers enter the game with at least the same record as South Carolina. Clemson has a 65-38-4 advantage in the series overall, so the Gamecocks have a 20-18-1 record in the series when they enter the game with the better record.

Longest Uninterrupted Series in College Football History

(Entering 2010 season)

Gmes	Matchup	Series Span
104	Kansas vs. Nebraska	1906-Pres.
103	Minnesota vs. Wisconsin	1907-Pres.
101	Clemson vs. South Carolina	1909-Pres.
99	Kansas vs. Kansas State	1911-Pres.†
98	North Carolina vs. Virginia	1910-Pres.
97	Kansas vs. Oklahoma	1903-1997
95	Wake Forest vs. NC State	1910-2005
95	Texas vs. Texas A&M	1915-Pres
94	Mississippi vs. Mississippi State	1915-Pres
92	Michigan vs. Ohio State	1918-Pres

Source, NCAA Record book 2010

Most Played Rivalries in College Football

(Entering 2010)

Gms	Match-up	First-game
119	Minnesota-Wisconsin	1890
118	Kansas-Missouri	1891
116	Nebraska-Kansas	1892
116	Texas-Texas A&M	1894
114	Miami (OH)—Cincinnati	1888
114	North Carolina-Virginia	1892
113	Auburn-Georgia	1892
113	Oregon-Oregon State	1894
112	Purdue-Indiana	1891
112	Stanford-California	1892
110	Army-Navy	1890
109	Utah-Utah State	1892
107	Clemson-South Carolina	1896
106	Ohio State-Michigan	1897
106	Mississippi-Mississippi State	1901

Parker Finishing Strong

Clemson quarterback Kyle Parker will play his final game in Death Valley Saturday as the Tigers quarterback. He is finishing his Clemson football career in strong fashion. Last week at Wake Forest he completed 15-17 passes for 194 yards and two scores. The completion percentage (.889) was third best in school history, but a record for an ACC game and for any road game.

Those statistics compute to a 222.9 passing efficiency, the best of his career, and best by any Clemson quarterback against an ACC team since 2002. Charlie Whitehurst had an efficiency of 241 in a win at North Carolina in 2002. Parker has completed 101 of his last 156 passes for 990 yards over his last five games, a .647 figure.

It is not a surprise that Parker is making a strong finish to the season because he did that last year. For the first six games a year ago, Parker completed 49 percent of his passes, then hit on 61 percent for the last six regular season games. This year he completed 51 percent for his first six games and now has connected on 65 percent over his last five.

Parker enters Saturday's game ranked fifth in school history in touchdown passes (31), sixth in passing yardage with (4,488), and fifth in completions (383). He has a record of 15-10 as Clemson's starting quarterback and no team he has played each of the last two years has beaten him twice in the regular season. South Carolina has a chance to do that Saturday if they can beat the Tigers.

Not bad for a quarterback who has played just two years. Parker will begin his professional baseball career this coming spring. He

completed his Clemson baseball career with 46 home runs, eighth best in school history. He hit 20 of those home runs last year when he helped the Tigers to the College World Series.

Clemson's Top Individual Completion Percentage Games

Pct	Co-Att	Player	Opponent	Year
.941	16-17	Woodrow Dantzler	H-The Citadel	2000
.909	20-22	Cullen Harper	H-Central Michigan	2007
.889	15-17	Kyle Parker	A-Wake Forest	2010
.857	12-14	DeChane Cameron	A-South Carolina	1991
.852	23-27	Woodrow Dantzler	A-NC State	2001
.846	11-13	Willie Jordan	A-Duke	1975
.842	16-19	Cullen Harper	H-Furman	2007
.821	23-28	Charlie Whitehurst	H-Middle Tennessee	2003

Clemson's Defense vs. South Carolina Offense

One of the interesting matchups of this game will take place when South Carolina has the ball on offense. The Gamecocks are one of the most balanced teams in the nation with a 1000-yard rusher in freshman back Marcus Lattimore, and a 1200-yard receiver in Alshon Jeffery. Quarterback Stephen Garcia is among the best in the nation in completion percentage (.681) and passing efficiency (160.7).

As a result, South Carolina is 12th in the nation in passing efficiency (156.7), 25th in scoring (33.6) and 22nd in touchdowns scored (48).

Clemson will counter with a strong defense led by defensive end Da'Quan Bowers and safety DeAndre McDaniel. Bowers is first in the nation in sacks with 15.5 and second in tackles for loss with 24. Bowers needs just one sack today to break the Clemson single season mark of 16 set by Keith Adams in 1999. McDaniel has four interceptions this year and 15 for his career, tied for second in Clemson history and third among active FBS players.

Defensively, Clemson is ninth in the nation in scoring defense, sixth in the nation in allowing touchdowns (20), 18th in passing efficiency defense (112.3) and 24th in total defense (323.9).

Clemson Defense vs. South Carolina Offense Chart

Category	USC Offense	Clemson Defense
Scoring	25 th (33.6)	9 th (16.7)
Total	47 th (401.3)	24 th (323.9)
Rushing	51 st (161.0)	40 th (135.0)
Passing	44 th (240.3)	21 st (188.9)
Pass Efficiency	12 th (156.7)	18 th (112.3)
Touchdowns	22 nd (48)	6 th (20)
Interceptions	74 th (12)	21 st (14)

Bowers Moving up ACC Sack List

Clemson defensive end Da'Quan Bowers has 15.5 sacks so far this season, just a half a sack short of the Clemson single season record. His total is also seventh best in ACC history for one season. The ACC record is 19 by Peter Boulware of Florida State in 1996. The national record is 24 by Terrell Suggs of Arizona State in 200 (NCAA has kept defensive stats as an official stat since 1999).

Bowers 15.5 sacks is the most by any ACC player since 1999 when Clemson's Keith Adams had 16. Bowers needs just one sack to go past the total Lawrence Taylor had in 1980 when he was ACC Player of the Year at North Carolina.

Bowers has been named a finalist for both the Lombardi Award and the Nagurski Award and is one of 15 "Players to Watch" for the Walter Camp National Player of the Year award.

ACC Single Season Sack Bests

Rk	Player	School	Year	Sacks
1.	Peter Boulware	Florida State	1996	19
2.	Charles Bowser	Duke	1981	17.5
3.	Andre Wadsworth	Florida State	1997	16
	Keith Adams	Clemson	1999	16
	Lawrence Taylor	North Carolina	1980	16
	Mike McCrary	Wake Forest	1992	16
7.	Da'Quan Bowers	Clemson	2010	15.5
8.	Patrick Kearney	Virginia	1998	15
	Julius Peppers	North Carolina	2000	15
	Chris Slade	Virginia	1992	15
	Pat Swilling	Georgia Tech	1985	15

Harper Has Consecutive 140-yard Rushing Games

Clemson running back Jamie Harper has carried the ball for the Clemson offense at running back literally and figuratively over the last couple of games. Running mate Andre Ellington suffered a toe injury at

Boston College and has missed the last three games.

Harper has been outstanding, especially over the last couple of games. In a loss at Florida State, Harper had 143 yards rushing in 27 attempts and finished with 197 yards from scrimmage, including his 54 receiving yards on nine receptions. He followed that up with 142 yards rushing in 24 attempts in the win at Wake Forest and also added 39 yards receiving in three catches for 181 total yards from scrimmage. His day included a 63-yard run for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Harper is the first Clemson running back to rush for at least 140 yards in consecutive games since 2005 when James Davis had 145 yards rushing at South Carolina in the regular season finale and 150 yards rushing against Colorado in the Champs Sports bowl.

Harper enters this game with 668 yards rushing and 296 receiving for 964 total yards from scrimmage this year, best on the Clemson team. He needs just 36 yards against South Carolina to reach 1000 yards from scrimmage for the season.

Ellington hopes to return to action Saturday. He has 686 yards rushing and 109 receiving for 795 yards from scrimmage this year. Ellington still leads the team in touchdowns with 12 even though he has played in just eight games. Harper has nine total touchdowns, six rushing and three receiving.

Tough Schedule for Tigers

Clemson will take on a South Carolina team ranked 18th by AP and 17th by USA Today. This is the second time this year Clemson has faced a non-conference opponent ranked in the top 25 in the nation. In September, Clemson lost in overtime at Auburn, 27-24. Auburn was ranked 16th in AP and 15th by USA Today entering that game. The Alabama Tigers had not lost a game entering Friday's game at Auburn and ranked second in both polls this week.

Clemson has played both Auburn and South Carolina, the teams playing for the SEC championship next week. It is believed to be the first time a non-conference opponent played two teams playing for a conference championship during the regular season.

This is the first time since 2005 and just the second time since 1989 that Clemson has faced two top 25 non-conference teams in the same regular season. In 2005, Clemson played a top 25 team from Texas A&M and a top 25 team at South Carolina and won both games.

Clemson is the only ACC team to face two non-conference opponents ranked in the top 25 this year.

Clemson Downs Wake Forest, 30-10

Clemson became bowl eligible with a 30-10 victory at Wake Forest on November 20. It was Clemson's first road win of the season. Kyle Parker completed 15-17 passes for 194 yards and two scores and Jamie Parker rushed for 142 yards on 24 attempts. Da'Quan Bowers had two sacks on defense to reach 15.5 for the season, best in the nation, and DeAndre McDaniel was the top tackler with eight.

Clemson held a 6-0 lead late in the half thanks to a pair of field goals by freshman Chandler Catanzaro. The big play of the game took place in the final minute of the first half when Parker completed a 40-yard scoring pass to Jaron Brown, who made a leaping catch in traffic to come away with the touchdown. Brown finished with five catches for 93 yards.

Clemson's defense was outstanding throughout and held Wake Forest to 205 yards for the game the fewest by a Clemson opponent this year. Wake Forest had just 97 yards of total offense through three periods.

Catanzaro finished with three field goals in three attempts, his best day as a Tiger.

Seniors Play Home Finale

This will be the final home game for Clemson's 20 senior. The group has accomplished quite a bit with 31 wins in the books. The class hopes to get two more wins to finish with 33, which would be as high a total as any senior group of Clemson seniors since 1993. Last year's group led by C.J. Spiller, Jacoby Ford and Michael Palmer finished with a 33-20 record and this class could have the same record with a win today and a bowl win.

This group has enjoyed playing in Death Valley and has a 21-6 record for the last four years at home, a 78 percent winning percentage. That is ahead of Clemson's all-time winning percentage of 71 percent at home. The group has also recorded 12 wins over teams who finished the season with a winning record and 12 wins over teams that have played in bowl games. That number should rise to at least 15 when bowl bids are announced this year.

The Tigers have averaged 29 points per game on offense and given up 18 points a game on defense for an average victory margin of 11 points per game over the four years.

In ACC play, the team has had a break even or better record

each year, including the Atlantic Division championship in 2009 when Clemson had a 6-2 conference mark, tied for the best for the Clemson program since 1991.

In 2007 and 2009, this class experienced a final top 25 ranking and won nine games, tied for the highest for the program since 1990.

Clemson Seniors for 2010

Name	Pos	Hometown
Terrance Ashe	WR	Cheraw, SC
Daniel Barnes	RB	Charleston, WV
Miguel Chavis	DT	Fayetteville, NC
*Scotty Cooper	LB	Lake City, SC
Xavier Dye	WR	Greenwood, SC
Marcus Gilchrist	CB	High Point, NC
Chris Hairston	OT	Winston-Salem, NC
Brock Henderson	LB	Greenville, SC
Richard Jackson	PK	Greer, SC
Jarvis Jenkins	DT	Clemson, SC
Shawn Leonard-Horwith	CB	La Crescenta, CA
Byron Maxwell	CB	North Charleston, SC
DeAndre McDaniel	FS	Tallahassee, FL
Kasey Nobles	TE	Lake Butler, FL
*Wilson Norris	OG	Pickens, SC
Kyle Parker	QB	Jacksonville, FL
Ben Ramsey	C	Greensboro, NC
Caleb Simmons	OL	Lake City, SC
Mike Wade	QB	Greer, SC
John Wright	DT	Anderson, SC
*Medical red-shirt		

Clemson Memorable Senior Day Performances

1954: Ken Moore had 152 yards rushing in just five carries in a victory over The Citadel in his final game as a Tiger. The 30.4 yards per carry is a Clemson record for a single game, given a minimum of 100-yards rushing.

1974: Willie Anderson had a career high 21 tackles to lead Clemson to victory over South Carolina in his final game at Clemson. He was named **Sports Illustrated** National Defensive Player of the Week.

1980: Willie Underwood had two interceptions in his final game against South Carolina after going his first 47 games at Clemson without an interception. Underwood was named Sports Illustrated National Defensive Player of the Week.

1981: Jerry Gaillard went his first 40 games without catching a touchdown pass, then had one against Maryland in his final home game. Perry Tuttle had 10-151 receiving on the same day in his final game at Clemson.

1983: Kevin Mack had a career high 186 yards rushing 30 carries and raced 42 yards for a touchdown on his final carry (with just one shoe) in his final game at Clemson against Maryland. Mack was coached in high school by current Clemson assistant coach Dan Brooks.

1990: Chris Gardocki, although a junior at the time, had a 78-yard punt on his final kick in Death Valley. Most knew it was his final performance as a Clemson kicker, so we will include it in this list.

1995: Brian Dawkins tied a Clemson single game record with three interceptions, all in the second quarter, or Clemson's 34-17 win on Senior Day against Duke. Dawkins was named **Sports Illustrated** National Defensive Player of the Week.

1998: Howard Bartley went his entire four year career without an interception, then had a 48-yard interception return for a score on the second play of the second half, giving Clemson a 21-7 lead on the way to a victory over South Carolina.

1999: Brandon Streeter completed 22-30 passes for 279 yards in his senior day game against Duke, the most passing yards ever by a Clemson quarterback on his senior day.

2000: Rod Gardner caught a 50-yard pass to set up a game winning field goal with just 11 seconds left in Clemson's 16-14 win over South Carolina.

2001—Woody Dantlzer became the first player in NCAA history to gain 2000 yards passing and 1000 yards rushing in a victory over Duke in his last home game as a Tiger.

2005—Charlie Whitehurst completed 21-32 passes for 269 yards and three scores to lead Clemson to a 35-14 win over Florida State in his senior day game. Florida State went on to win the ACC Championship that year.

2008—James Davis scored three touchdowns and rushed for 91 yards on 24 attempts to lead Clemson to a 31-14 win over South Carolina. His consistent rushing in the fourth period helped the Tigers control the game in the second half.

2009—Jacoby Ford had a career high 211 all-purpose yards in his final home game to lead Clemson to a 34-21 win over Virginia on the day the Tigers clinched the Atlantic Division title for the first time. Ford had six catches for 106 yards and a touchdown.

Clemson Defense Has Streak Going

Clemson's defense has allowed just one touchdown in each of its last six games. Clemson and West Virginia are the only schools in the nation who have done that. This is the longest streak by the Clemson team since 1981 when allowed one touchdown or less in seven straight games to open the season. That team allowed one touchdown or less in each of the first seven games that year, and did it a total of 10 times in the 12 games that year.

Clemson's defense has allowed just 20 touchdowns this year, tied for sixth best in the nation. West Virginia has allowed the fewest with 12.

Clemson Defense National Rankings

- 9th in Scoring defense, 16.7
- 6th in total touchdowns allowed, 20
- 9th in tackle for loss per game, 7.45
- 21st in total interceptions, 14
- 21st in sacks, 2.6 per game
- 17th in fewest first downs allowed per game, 17.3
- 18th pass efficiency defense, 112.3
- 21st in pass defense, 188.9
- 24th in total defense, 323.9
- Da'Quan Bowers, 1st in sacks per game
- Da'Quan Bowers, 2nd in TFL/game

Bowers Named Finalist for Lombardi Award, Nagurski Awards

Clemson defensive end Da'Quan Bowers was named one of four finalists for the 2010 Rotary Lombardi Award on November 10 and for the Nagurski Award on November 16. The Lombardi honor, which has been given each year since 1970, goes to the nation's top college lineman and is presented by the Rotary Club of Houston, TX. The award honors the memory of Vince Lombardi, legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers. The Nagurski Award will be presented on December 6.

In addition to Bowers, the finalists for the Lombardi are Adrian Clayborn, a defensive end from Iowa, Nick Fairley, a defensive lineman from Auburn, and Jake Kirkpatrick, a center from TCU.

Bowers is the first player from Clemson to be named a finalist for the Lombardi Award since William Perry in 1984.

Bowers was also named one of 16 semifinalists for the Bednarik Award, which goes to the top defensive player in college football.

Bowers leads the nation in quarterback sacks with 15.5 and is second in tackles for loss with 24. His sack total has already set a Clemson record for a defensive lineman in a season and he needs just one more to break Keith Adams (linebacker) overall record of 16 set in 1999. His 22 tackles for loss are the most by a Clemson defensive lineman since 1991 when Rob Bodine had 27.

Bowers, a junior from Bamberg, SC, is second on the Clemson team in tackles this year with 63 and he has a team best 17 quarterback pressures.

Zimmerman Semifinalist for Ray Guy Award

Clemson punter Dawson Zimmerman has been named one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award, the honor presented each year to the nation's top punter. The Ray Guy Award is presented by the Augusta Sports Council. Three finalists will be announced on November 22 and the award will be presented December 9 in Orlando, FL at the Home Depot Awards Show.

Zimmerman is the only ACC punter in the final top 10.

Zimmerman has averaged 43.5 yards per punt on 47 attempts this year. He is on pace to record the fourth best punting average in Clemson history and the best since Chris Gardocki averaged a Clemson record 44.5 yards a punt in 1990.

Zimmerman has a net punting average of 41.9 yards per punt and 17 of his 47 punts have been downed inside the 20. He is the major reason Clemson is 10th in the nation and first in the ACC in net punting. Opponents have just 75 total punt returns against Zimmerman's 47 punts this year and opponents have not had any punt return yards against the Tigers in the last five games.

Zimmerman's season has included two punts of at least 76 yards. He had a 79-yarder in the season opener against North Texas, the second longest punt in Clemson history, and a 76-yarder at Boston College, the fourth longest punt in Clemson history. He had a 51.5 yard average on six punts in the first game of the season against North Texas, the best perfor-

mance in the nation that week.

His biggest play of the season might have come against NC State on a 38-yard attempt. Zimmerman caught an errant snap with the one hand with the game on the line and got a rugby style punt off that travelled to the NC State 15. Clemson won the game, 14-13. Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney presented Zimmerman with a game ball after the contest for that play.

The Ray Guy Award was created in 2000 to honor Ray Guy, and All-American at Southern Mississippi and an All-Pro in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders. Guy was a native of Thomson, Ga.

In addition to Zimmerman, the 10 semifinalists are Bryan Anger of California, Drew Butler of Georgia, Ryan Donahue of Iowa, Reid Forrest of Washington State, Chas Henry of Florida, Dan Hutchins of Pittsburgh, Kyle Martens of Rice, Anthony Santella of Illinois, and Quinn Sharp of Oklahoma State. Butler won the award last year.

Clemson's Top Punting Games

Avg	Att-Yds	Player	Ste-Opponent	Year
55.3	3-166	Dale Hatcher	H-Kentucky	1982
52.0	5-260	Banks McFadden	a-George Washington	1939
51.8	4-207	Dale Hatcher	H-Georgia	1983
51.5	6-309	Dawson Zimmerman	H-North Texas	2010
51.0	6-306	Dale Hatcher	a-Kentucky	1981
50.8	4-203	Joe Paglieli	H-Maryland	1955
50.3	3-151	Dale Hatcher	a-Duke	1983
50.3	3-151	Jamie Somaini	a-Virginia	2000
50.0	5-250	Chris Gardocki	h-South Carolina	1990

Minimum 3 attempts

Zimmerman's Net Punting Best Since 1984

Clemson punter Dawson Zimmerman is on pace to record the sixth best single season punting average in school history. His ranking is even better in terms of net punting. If the season ended today, his 41.9 net punting figure would be second best in school history.

Dale Hatcher had a 42.4 net average for the 1984 season, a year in which he was named All-American and that is the only figure that is better than Zimmerman's current figure. Hatcher actually has three of the four seasons with 40 yards or more as far as net punting is concerned in Clemson history. David Sims 40.6 net figure in 1979 is the only other net punting average over 40 yards a boot in Clemson history.

It should be noted that net punting statistics for Banks McFadden's 1939 season are not available when he had a 43.5 gross average.

Top Individual Net Punting Averages in Clemson History

Rk	Player	Year	Net
1.	Dale Hatcher	1984	42.4
2.	Dawson Zimmerman	2010	41.9
3.	Dale Hatcher	1983	40.9
4.	David Sims	1979	40.6
5.	Dale Hatcher	1981	40.5

Longest Punts in Clemson History

Yds	Player	Opponent	Year
81	Mitch Tyner	H-Texas A&M	1973
79	Dawson Zimmerman	H-North Texas	2010
78	Chris Gardocki	H-South Carolina	1990
76	Dawson Zimmerman	a-Boston College	2010
75	Banks McFadden	a-Army	1937
75	Jamie Somaini	a-Florida State	2000
74	Joe Paglieli	a-South Carolina	1953
72	David Sims	H-Virginia	1979
71	David Sims	h-South Carolina	1978

Best Single Season Punting Averages

Rk	Player	Year	Att	Yds	Avg
1.	Chris Gardocki	1990	58	2580	44.48
2.	David Sims	1979	79	3468	43.76
3.	Dale Hatcher	1984	54	2361	43.72
4.	Dale Hatcher	1983	47	2051	43.56
5.	Banks McFadden	1939	65	2828	43.51
6.	Dawson Zimmerman	2010	47	2043	43.47

Bowers Ties One Record, Sets another

When Da'Quan Bowers had a seven-yard sack in the third period he tied one Clemson record and set another. It gave Bowers 13.5 sacks for the year, breaking the school record for sacks in season by a defensive lineman. Gaines Adams, who also wore number-93, had the previous best with 12.5 in 2006. It was also the eighth straight game with a sack for

Bowers. That tied the Clemson record of eight, also set by Adams in 2006. Adams actually started his streak at Florida State that year. He then had two sacks at Wake Forest to break the record and now has a streak of nine straight games with a sack.

Bowers had two tackles for loss at Wake Forest and now has 24 for the season, most by a Clemson player since 2003 when Leroy Hill had 27. It is the most by a Clemson defensive lineman since Rob Bodine had 27 in 1991.

Clemson Single Season Sack Leaders

Rk	Player	Year	Sacks-Yds
1.	Keith Adams, LB	1999	16-122
2.	Da'Quan Bowers, DE	2010	15.5-112
3.	Gaines Adams, DE	2006	12.5-87
4.	Adrian Dingle, DE	1998	10.5-64
5.	Jim Stuckey, DT	1979	10-NA
	Michael Dean Perry, DT	1987	10-86
	William Perry, DT	1984	10-69
7.	Gaines Adams, DE	2005	9.5-64
8.	Michael Dean Perry, DT	1986	9-60
	Bryant McNeal, DE	2002	9-63

Hopkins Sets Clemson Record

DeAndre Hopkins had five catches for 38 yards at Florida State and now has 36 receptions for 408 yards for the year. He has established a Clemson record for receptions by a first year freshman in a season. The previous record was 27 by Roscoe Crosby in 2001. His reception total at Florida State (9-106) was a career high for the freshman and just one catch off the Clemson single game record for a freshman. The record is nine in a game by a freshman. Terry Smith, Hopkins uncle, had nine against Maryland in 1990 and Derrick Hamilton had nine against Virginia in 2001.

His 408 receiving yards are just 57 short of Crosby's first year freshman yardage record for a season. Crosby had 465 receiving yards that year.

Clemson 6-5, but in Every Game

Clemson has a 6-5 record so far this year, but has been in every game. The five losses are by a combined 26 points, just 5.3 points per loss. That includes four losses on the road by a total of 17 points. Clemson lost by three in overtime at number-two ranked Auburn, and by three points at Florida State on a 55-yard field goal on the last play of the game. Clemson's largest margin of defeat this year is by just nine points (30-21) to Miami (FL).

Dabo Swinney has been the Clemson head coach for 32 games in his Clemson career and Clemson's worst margin of defeat is just 17 points, a 34-17 loss at South Carolina in 2009. Clemson also lost by 14 at Florida State in 2008 when he was the interim head coach. Those are the only losses by double digits for the Tigers since Swinney became the head coach.

Steve Fuller to be Clemson Legend at ACC Championship

Former Clemson All-American Steve Fuller will be Clemson's Legend representative at the 2010 ACC Football Championship weekend in Charlotte, NC. The Legends will be honored at the Dr. Pepper ACC Championship game weekend December 3-4. The game will be played at Banks of America Stadium at 7:45 PM on December 4.

Fuller, who played for the Tigers between 1975-78, was a dangerous pass-run threat as a quarterback, who was one of the centerpieces of the Clemson teams of the late 1970's that brought the Tigers back to national prominence in college football. One of only five two-time ACC Football Players of the Year (1977, 1978), he led Clemson to a 27-8-1 record in his final three seasons with the Tigers including an 11-1 mark, an ACC Championship and a No. 6 national ranking in 1978.

One of only three players in Clemson history to be named both an Academic All-America (twice, 1977-78) and a football All-America (1978, 3rd-team) in the same year, Fuller was chosen to the prestigious NCAA Top Five Award in 1978 for excellence in athletics and academics.

A charter member of Clemson's "Ring of Honor," Fuller lettered four times (1975-78) for the Tigers and was a first-round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs and the 23rd overall selection in the 1979 NFL Draft. He went on to an eight-year NFL career with Kansas City, Chicago and the L.A. Rams, throwing for 7,156 yards, 28 TDs and a 56.8 completion percentage in 86 NFL games.

While in Chicago, he was a member of the 1985 NFL Champion Chicago Bears. In 2003, he was named to the ACC's 50th Anniversary Football Team. Originally a native of Enid, Oklahoma, Fuller currently lives in Bluffton, S.C.

ville, FL. He now has 1077 career rushing yards in 251 attempts and 10 scores in his career. He also has 42 catches for 327 yards and three scores.

Clemson Defense Has Been Strong Last six Weeks

Clemson's defense has been strong all year, but especially effective in the last six weeks. Over the last six games Clemson has allowed just 75 total points, 12.5 points per game, allowed just 4.65 yards per play and 2.99 yards per rush.

Clemson has improved in its defense in the red zone and on third down and that is a big reason for the improvement and why the Tigers have won three of their last four. Clemson has allowed opponents to convert on third-down just .364 of the time and have scored just five touchdowns in 15 red zone possessions over the last six games. Opponents scored touchdowns 12 of 17 opportunities in the first five games of the year.

Clemson allowed 14 touchdowns in the first five games and just six in the last six. Clemson allowed 36 runs of 10 yards or more in the first five games and just 25 in the last six. And that includes 10 by run oriented Georgia Tech.

Defensive Comparison

Category	First 5	Last 6
Record	2-3	4-2
Points/Game	21.8	12.5
Touchdowns Allowed	14	6
Total Defense	359.2	294.5
Yards/Play	5.1	4.65
Rushing Yds/Game	163.2	111.5
Yards/Rush	3.94	2.99
10-Yard Rushes	36	25
Pass Defense	196.0	183.0
Pass Efficiency Defense	122.2	105.4
Third Down % Defense	.433	.364
Red Zone TDs Allowed	12-17	5-15

Second Half Defense Outstanding

Clemson has been strong on defense the last six games and that has especially been the case in the second half. The streak of strong defensive performances in the second half actually dates to the fourth period of the Auburn game.

Clemson gave up 21 points in the third period to Auburn. That was 21 of the 24 points the Auburn Tigers scored in regulation (Auburn won 27-24 in overtime). Since that third period, opponents have scored just 46 total points in 17 second half periods against the Tigers defense. That is four touchdowns and six field goals.

Miami scored 30 points against the Tigers back on October 3, but scored just three in the second half. North Carolina scored just seven points in the fourth period, Georgia Tech scored 10 in the third period and NC State had a field goal in the third period and a field goal in the fourth period. Maryland and Boston College were scoreless in the second half against Clemson.

Clemson Defense Holds Down NC State's #1 Ranked Offense

Clemson might have had its most impressive defensive performance of the season against NC State. The Wolfpack entered the game leading the ACC in total offense with 438.6 yards per game and ranked second in scoring offense at 35 points per game. But, Clemson's defense held NC State under its season average by a large margin in the Tigers 14-13 victory.

Clemson's Front Four was especially outstanding and was given a game ball after the game by Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

Florida State averaged 33 points a game entering its game with Clemson and scored just 16 against the Tigers.

Category	NC State Avg	vs. Clemson
Scoring Average	35.0	13
Touchdowns/Game	4.4	1
Total Offense	438.6	275
Passing Yards/Game	295.8	212
Rushing Yards/Game	143.0	63
Yards/Play	5.5	4.2
Third Down %	.442	.333
First Downs/Game	24.3	17
Time of Possession	32:52	29:26

NC State average is average entering the Clemson game.

Tigers Get a One-Point Win

Clemson defeated NC State by a 14-13 score on November 6. That was Clemson's first victory by one point since a 25-24 win over Texas A&M in the season opener of the 2005 season. It was just the sixth Clemson win by one point since 1987 when the Tigers defeated Georgia, 21-20 at Clemson Memorial Stadium.

Clemson Wins by One Point Since 1987

Year	Opponent (Rank)	Site	Cu-Opp
1987	Georgia (18)	H	21-20
1990	Maryland	N	18-17
1992	Virginia (10)	A	29-28
1993	Kentucky	N	14-13
2005	Texas A&M (17)	H	25-24
2010	NC State (23)	H	14-13

Clemson Defense Balanced

Clemson has one of the best defenses in the nation based on its #9 ranking in scoring defense. Da'Quan Bowers has been a standout and leads the nation in sacks (15.5) and is second in tackles for loss (24), and DeAndre McDaniel is tied for 28th in the nation in interceptions.

But, by and large it is has been a balanced effort when you look at the tackles chart. In 11 games this year, Da'Quan Bowers and DeAndre McDaniel are the only Clemson player to lead the team in tackles in a game more than once and that was just twice apiece.

McDaniel leads the Tigers in tackles with 64 for a 6.0 per game average, while Bowers is second with 63. No Clemson defender ranks in the top 20 in the ACC in tackles. The top nine tacklers for the season are separated by just 19 tackles.

McDaniel Chasing Interception Record

Clemson senior DeAndre McDaniel had his fourth interception of the season in the win over NC State. It was a clutch pick in the Clemson endzone off of State quarterback Russell Wilson. The Pack had recovered a fumble at the Clemson seven, but the interception denied NC State a score of any kind.

That was the 15th interceptions of McDaniel's career. He is now tied for second in school history with his 15 picks and is now just two short of Terry Kinard's career record of 17 set between 1978-82. Kinard is in the Clemson Ring of Honor and has been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Kinard is now tied with Fred Knoebel, a two-sport Clemson star of the 1950s, who had 15 between 1950-52. McDaniel is also second in that nation in career interceptions among active FBS players.

Clemson Career Leaders in Interceptions

Rk	Player, Pos	Years	Yds	Avg	TD	Int
1.	Terry Kinard, FS	1978-82	147	8.6	0	17
2.	DeAndre McDaniel, FS	2007-10	162	10.8	1	15
	Fred Knoebel, DB	1950-52	122	8.1	0	15
4.	Michael Hamlin, FS	2005-08	243	17.4	0	14
5.	Justin Miller, CB	2002-04	94	7.2	0	13
6.	Eddie Geathers, CB	1977-80	114	9.5	0	12
	Robert O'Neal, FS	1989-92	119	9.9	0	12
	Alex Ardley, CB	1998-00	151	12.6	1	12
	Brian Mance, CB	1999-02	73	61	0	12

Active FBS Leaders, Interceptions

Rk	Name	Team	Int	Yds
1.	Brian Lainhart	Kent State	17	177
2.	Sean Baker	Ball State	16	121
3.	DeAndre McDaniel	Clemson	15	162
4.	Rahim Moore	UCLA	14	126
5.	Brandyn Thompson	Boise State	13	130
	Mansa Silva	Hawaii	13	62
	Tyler Sash	Iowa	13	392

Tigers Without Ellington for Last Three Games

Clemson has been without its top rusher, Andre Ellington for the last three games. His status for the South Carolina game was unknown on Monday of this week. Andre Ellington has a ligament problem near a toe in a foot that will force him to miss at least the next two games.

Through games of November 13, Ellington was still first in the ACC in all-purpose running with 129 yard per game. He was third in the ACC in rushing with 85.8 yards per game. He has 686 yards on the ground in 117 attempts, an average of 5.9 yards per carry. He has 10 touchdowns rushing 12 total. He was leading the ACC in touchdowns at the time of the injury with 12 and is still 15th in the nation in scoring.

Tiger Special Teams in Top 25 Nationally

Clemson has been outstanding in special teams this year under Special Teams Coordinator Andre Powell. Clemson ranks 10th in the nation in net punting and 25th in punt returns and 29th in kickoff returns. Individually, punter Dawson Zimmerman is 30th in punting with a 43.5 average and punt returner Marcus Gilchrist is 24th in the nation in punt returns with a 10.9 average.

Clemson also has a kickoff return for a touchdown. Andre Ellington took a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown against Maryland. He has averaged 34 yards per return, but does not have enough returns to qualify for the national statistics. Gilchrist had a 76-yard return against NC State and is now 32nd in the nation with a 26.1 yard average.

Powell is in his second year as Clemson's special teams coordinator. In that time, the Tigers have seven kick returns for touchdowns, six kickoffs and one punt return. The opposition has just one return for a score, a punt return. And, that return came on a fake field goal by Georgia Tech in 2009, so it really was not recorded against the Clemson punt coverage team.

Tigers Have Been Strong in November

Tigers Head Coach Dabo Swinney talks with his team about the phrase, "they remember November." Clemson started November of 2010 with a 14-13 win over NC State and is 2-1 in the month entering the South Carolina game.

Swinney has been successful in November since he became Clemson Head Coach in October of 2008 and the Clemson program has for the last eight seasons. Since Swinney became head coach the Tigers are 9-3 in November, losing just one game each year. His first year, 2008, the Tigers won four of five in November, and that strong finish had everything to do with him moving from "interim head coach" to head coach in December of that year.

Last year Clemson was 3-1 in November, including 3-0 in ACC play, leading to the Tigers winning the Atlantic Division of the ACC for the first time. Swinney's .750 winning percentage in November is third among ACC programs. Virginia Tech is 10-1 and Boston College 9-1 over the last three years (including 2010) in November.

Since 2002, the Clemson program is 24-9 in November, second only to Virginia Tech's 26-8 mark. Clemson has had a losing record in November just once since 2002. That was in 2006 when Clemson was 1-3 in November.

Best November Records since 2002

Rk	School	W-L	Pct
1.	Virginia Tech	26-8	.765
2.	Clemson	24-9	.727
3.	Boston College	24-10	.706
4.	Miami (FL)	20-15	.571
5.	Florida State	19-16	.543
6.	Georgia Tech	18-16	.521
7.	NC State	17-17	.500
8.	North Carolina	16-18	.471
9.	Maryland	16-18	.471
10.	Wake Forest	11-20	.355
11.	Virginia	11-22	.333
12.	Duke	4-27	.131

Best November Records Since 2008

Rk	School	W-L	Pct
1.	Virginia Tech	10-1	.909
2.	Boston College	9-1	.900
3.	Clemson	9-3	.750
4.	NC State	8-3	.727
	Miami (FL)	7-4	.636
6.	Georgia Tech	6-4	.600
7.	North Carolina	6-5	.545
8.	Florida State	6-6	.500
9.	Wake Forest	4-7	.364
10.	Maryland	2-9	.181
	Duke	1-10	.091
12.	Virginia	0-11	.000

Hall Takes One to the House

Clemson sophomore safety Rashard Hall scored his first touchdown as a Clemson Tiger in the 16-10 loss at Boston College on October 30. He returned an interception 52 yards for a score in the first period to give Clemson a 7-0 lead. It was the eighth interception of his career, his second this year.

Hall was the second Clemson defender to score in the last three

weeks. Xavier Brewer returned an interception 61 yards for a touchdown in Clemson's 31-7 win over Maryland on October 16.

Three Clemson defensive backs have scored touchdowns over their careers. Senior safety DeAndre McDaniel has a pair of scores in his career. As a sophomore he returned a fumble 28 yards for a touchdown against Nebraska in the 2009 Gator Bowl. Last year as a junior he returned an interception 23 yards for a score against Miami, FL.

Since Dabo Swinney has been the head coach, a 32-game period dating to October 18, 2008, Clemson has 11 touchdowns on returns, one fumble return, five kickoff returns, two punt returns and three interception returns for scores in that time period.

Tigers 5-1 at Home

Clemson will take on South Carolina at Clemson this Saturday. Clemson is 1-4 on the road this year, losses by six points or less to #1 Auburn, North Carolina, Boston College and Florida State. But the Tigers are 5-1 at home with the only loss a 30-21 score to Miami. Clemson committed six of its 18 turnovers for the season in that game.

Clemson has a 13-3 record at home under Dabo Swinney, a .813 percentage. He has lost one game at home each of the last three years, a 21-17 loss to Georgia Tech in his first game as interim head coach in 2008, 14-10 to a TCU team that would finish the 2009 season with a number-six final ranking, an 30-21 to 16th ranked Miami earlier this year.

Clemson has a 332-122-15 all-time record at home over the years, including a 256-98-7 record in 69 years in Memorial Stadium.

Clemson Strong on Pass Defense

Clemson has had another top 25 season when it comes to pass defense. The Tigers rank 18th in the nation in pass efficiency defense with a 112.3 figure. Clemson has 14 interceptions to rank 21st in the nation. DeAndre McDaniel ranks 28th in the nation in interceptions with four and he now has 15 in his career, the second most in the nation among active players.

Clemson held Georgia Tech to 6-19 passing for 83 yards. The Yellow Jackets had an efficiency rating of 75.1. Clemson held NC State to 83 yards under its per game average.

This is no surprise considering Clemson has ranked among the top 30 in the nation in pass efficiency defense each of the last six years.

Clemson Pass Efficiency Defense Rankings 2004-10

Year	Rank	Rating
2004	11	103.4
2005	18	110.9
2006	17	106.4
2007	13	108.3
2008	10	101.7
2009	21	110.9
2010	18	112.3

Allen Named to John Mackey Award Midseason Watch List

Clemson tight end Dwayne Allen was named one of 22 Midseason Watch List Candidates for the 2010 John Mackey Award, the honor that goes to the top tight end in college football. Allen is one of three ACC players on the list that includes George Bryan of NC State and Zach Pianalto of North Carolina.

Allen, one of just three sophomores on the list, is Clemson's second leading receiver this year with 31 catches for 356 yards and a touchdown. He had a career high seven receptions for 55 yards at North Carolina and had 5-66 at Auburn. He had a career high tying seven catches for 57 yards against Boston College. He has had at least one reception in every game this year.

The John Mackey Award is presented by the Nassau County Sports Commission in New York. The list of semifinalists will be announced November 15 and the finalists on November 22, 2010. The award winner will be announced on December 9 at the ESPN College Football Awards Show in Orlando.

10 Tigers Stuck in an Elevator Morning of Tech Game

It didn't look like October 23 was going to be a good day for the Clemson Tigers. At 9:00 AM the day of Clemson's 3:30 PM game with Georgia Tech, a fire alarm went off due to a kitchen fire at the team hotel in Anderson.

Then, around 11:30 AM, 10 Clemson football players, mostly linemen, got stuck in a hotel elevator. They were on the way to pregame meal. It took 45 minutes to get the players out of the elevator. Local fire fighters were called in and they had to break the door open to get the players out.

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney had the situation under

control. "I told the guys to calm down. If they can get 33 miners out of that shaft in Chile, we can get 10 Clemson football players out of an elevator in Anderson, SC."

It is the second time on record that Clemson has had someone stuck in an elevator the day of a game. Prior to the 1982 Orange Bowl victory over Nebraska, Clemson junior running back Cliff Austin was stuck in the elevator at the Clemson hotel for over an hour. He later scored a touchdown in the night game victory that gave Clemson its only National Championship.

Ellington Records Multiple Career Highs

Andre Ellington had a career high 166 rushing yards in 20 carries and a career high 257 all-purpose yards to go with three touchdowns to lead Clemson to a 27-13 win over Georgia Tech on October 23. The rushing total and all-purpose total were the most by a Clemson player since C.J. Spiller had 233 yards rushing and 301 all-purpose yards against the same Georgia Tech team in the ACC Championship game of 2009.

Ellington had touchdown runs of 55 and 42 yards, giving him four touchdowns of 42 yards or more on scrimmage plays this year, the same amount of running plays for touchdowns from that distance that Spiller had last year.

Ellington has 686 yards rushing in 117 carries for the year, a 5.9 average and 10 rushing touchdowns. He also has a receiving touchdown and a kickoff return for a score, giving him an ACC best 12 touchdowns this year. Spiller had just nine touchdowns seven games into last season.

Benton Already Has Kicker Tackle Record

Clemson kicker Spencer Benton has six special teams tackles this year and 15 in his career. He is just a sophomore and has played just 25 games. He is already Clemson's career leader in tackles by a kicker. All 15 of his tackles have taken place on kickoffs.

Benton's nine tackles on kickoff returns last year was a single season record (special teams tackles date to 1986), and more than twice the previous record of four, set by Stephen Furr in 2002 and Mark Buchholz in 2007.

Benton has just three touchbacks in 58 kickoffs this year, but 17 times the Tigers have held the opponent inside the 21 to start a drive. He is a big reason Clemson has a four-yard advantage when it comes to starting a drive after a kickoff. Opponents start on average at their own 25 after a kickoff, while Clemson starts at its own 30 on average.

Three Games without a Turnover

Clemson went three consecutive games without a turnover at midseason, a first in school history. The Tigers did not have a turnover at North Carolina, or in the home wins over Maryland and Georgia Tech. The streak reached 238 consecutive offensive plays before Kyle Parker threw an interception at Boston College.

Clemson has committed 18 turnovers for the year, but 12 of them took place in three games, six against Miami, three at Boston College and three against NC State. Clemson is 1-2 in those three games.

The Tigers have committed 59 turnovers in his 32 games as head coach, just 1.87 per game.

Clemson has outscored the opposition 51-33 in terms of points off turnovers this year. Thirteen of the 33 opponent points came against Miami. Six of the nine opponents did not record a single point off a Clemson turnover.

Clemson has a 6-3 record under Swinney when it does not commit a turnover. That is not a very good record in that situation when you see that Clemson was 48-10 (.828) in turnover-less games from 1980 until he became head coach in 2008. Clemson was 3-1 in games in which it did not have a turnover last year with the only loss coming to TCU, 14-10.

The Clemson record for games without a turnover in a season is five, set in 1988 and 1994. Clemson was 4-1 in 1988 in games without a turnover and 3-2 in 1994. So, one more game without a turnover this year will tie that record.

Bowers and Ellington Honored

Clemson defensive end Da'Quan Bowers was named one of two National Defensive Players of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards website for games of October 16. Bowers had three sacks in Clemson's win over Maryland. J.J. Watts of Wisconsin was also honored by the Website.

Clemson's Andre Ellington was honored by the same website as the National Kickoff Returner of the Week.

Bowers had three sacks and four total tackles for loss among his six tackles, in leading Clemson's defense in a 31-7 win over Maryland. All three of his sacks were in key third-down situations. The biggest took place in the second period. With Clemson leading 10-7, Maryland had

the ball on the Clemson seven with a third-and-one. Bowers, ran by two players assigned to block him and sacked Maryland quarterback Danny O'Brien to force Maryland into a field goal attempt, which they missed, allowing Clemson to hold the lead.

Bowers sack total against Maryland was a career high and he became the first Tiger since 2001 to record three sacks in a game. Bryant McNeal had three against Duke that year.

Ellington had two kickoff returns for 122 yards, including an 87 yarder for a touchdown in the second period that turned the game in Clemson's favor. Clemson trailed 7-3 when Ellington took it all the way back for a score, giving the Tigers a 10-7 lead. Clemson would not trail the rest of the game. Ellington also had 41 yards rushing and scored another touchdown on scrimmage plays.

Tigers Start 3-3 for 9th Time in 16 years

Clemson started the 2010 season with a 3-3 record. This was nothing new for the Tigers as it is the ninth time since 1995, or the ninth time in the last 16 years. In seven of the previous eight times it has happened the Tigers have finished with a winning record. The other season Clemson finished 6-6.

This was the third straight year Clemson started 3-3. In 2008 Clemson started 3-3, then lost to Georgia Tech at home to fall to 3-4. But, Dabo Swinney rallied the Tigers to win four of their last five regular season games and reached the Gator Bowl. Clemson started 3-3 last year and Swinney led the Tigers to an 8-4 finish in the regular season and won the Atlantic Division of the ACC.

Clemson also reached bowl games after a 3-3 start in 1995, 1996 and 1997 under Tommy West, and in 1999, 2002 and 2005 under Tommy Bowden.

Clemson 3-3 Starts since 1995

Year	Start	Coach	Finish
1995	3-3	Tommy West	8-4, Gator Bowl
1996	3-3	Tommy West	7-5, Chick-fil-A
1997	3-3	Tommy West	7-5, Chick-fil-A
1999	3-3	Tommy Bowden	6-6, Chick-fil-A
2002	3-3	Tommy Bowden	7-6, Champs Sports
2005	3-3	Tommy Bowden	8-4, Champs Sports
2008	3-3	Bowden/Swinney	7-6, Gator
2009	3-3	Dabo Swinney	9-5, Music City
2010	3-3	Dabo Swinney	???

Clemson Red-Zone Stats

Clemson's offense has had the football to start a series of plays (first down) inside the opposing team's red zone 38 times this year and the Tigers have come away with a touchdown 22 times. That includes the final drive of the 31-7 win over Maryland when Clemson had the ball on the Maryland 12-yard-line and took a knee to run out the clock. That is a .579 percentage.

By comparison, Clemson's 2009 team scored touchdowns 28 times on 49 red zone possessions for 57.1 percent and scored 17 touchdowns on 25 first-and-goal opportunities, 68 percent. Clemson has kept red zone and first-and-goal scoring stats since 1999. In the previous 11 seasons the best touchdown percentage in the red zone is 71 percent (27-38) by the 2001 Clemson team led by quarterback Woody Dantzler. The best first-and-goal touchdown percentage is 82.1 percent (23-28) by the 2002 Clemson team.

On average, for the last 11 years combined, Clemson has scored touchdowns 60.5 percent of the time it has entered the red zone and 72.1 percent of the time it has first and goal.

Clemson Red zone and First and Goal Touchdown Percentages (Since 1999)

Year	Red Zone TD-Att	Pct.	First and Goal Td-Att	Pct.
1999	27-47	.574	19-28	.679
2000	34-54	.630	20-25	.800
2001	27-38	.711	16-22	.727
2002	29-47	.617	23-28	.821
2003	26-47	.553	20-30	.667
2004	17-27	.630	9-13	.692
2005	27-47	.574	14-22	.636
2006	30-48	.625	22-27	.815
2007	32-51	.627	19-26	.731
2008	22-39	.564	15-23	.652
2009	28-49	.571	17-25	.680
2010	22-38	.579	11-14	.786

Allen Second in Receptions

Dwayne Allen has 31 receptions for 356 yards and a touchdown so far this year and the sophomore tight end is second on the Clemson team in receptions and yards.

If Allen finishes the year as Clemson's top receiver he would be the first tight end to lead Clemson in receptions since Bennie Cunningham in 1974. That year Cunningham had 24 for 391 yards. Cunningham also led the Tigers in 1973 as a sophomore with 22 receptions for 341 yards.

Michael Palmer had a Clemson tight end record 43 catches last year for 507 yards and ranked second on the team in both categories. His reception and yardage total was a Clemson record for a tight end in a season, but it did not lead the Clemson team. Jacoby Ford led Clemson in receptions and yardage last year with 56-779. Allen had 10 catches for 108 yards last year as a freshman.

Maxwell Chasing Special Teams Tackle Record

Clemson senior cornerback Byron Maxwell has been one of the program's top tacklers over the last few years. He has shown his abilities on scrimmage plays and special teams. Maxwell has six special teams tackles this year and now has 44 for his career. He is just three shy of tying the Clemson career record of 47 held by Chad Speck, who played for the Tigers from 1997-2000.

Maxwell had one special teams tackle as a freshman, 21 to lead the team in 2008 as a sophomore, and 15 last year. He has six so far this year, including a caused fumble against Florida State.

Parker Moves into Top 10 in Passing Yardage, TD Passes

Clemson quarterback Kyle Parker is in just his second year as starting quarterback, but he is already in the top 10 in school history in passing yards, completions and touchdown passes. Parker has 368 career completions in his 24 games as a Tiger quarterback, fifth best in school history. He has 4,294 career passing yards, seventh best in school history. Parker has 29 career touchdown passes, fifth best in school history. He moved ahead of Mike Epley into fifth place with a touchdown pass against NC State on November 6.

Fuller needs just 66 passing yards to move ahead of Steve Fuller into sixth place on Clemson's career passing yardage list.

Clemson Career Leaders in Completions

Rk	Player	Years	Att	Yds	Comp
1.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	1368	9,665	817
2.	Cullen Harper	2005-08	815	5,762	518
3.	Woody Dantzler	1998-01	796	6,037	460
4.	Nealon Greene	1994-97	805	5,719	458
5.	Kyle Parker	2009-10	676	4,488	383
6.	Rodney Williams	1985-88	717	4,647	333
7.	Tommy Kendrick	1969-71	644	3,893	303
8.	Brandon Streeter	1996-99	519	3,504	294
9.	Steve Fuller	1975-78	554	4,359	287

Clemson Career Passing Yardage

Rk	Player	Years	Att	Comp	Yards
1.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	1,368	817	9,665
2.	Woody Dantzler	1998-01	796	460	6,037
3.	Cullen Harper	2005-08	733	471	5,762
4.	Nealon Greene	1994-97	805	458	5,719
5.	Rodney Williams	1985-88	717	333	4,647
6.	Kyle Parker	2009-10	676	383	4,488
7.	Steve Fuller	1975-78	554	287	4,359
8.	Tommy Kendrick	1969-71	644	303	3,893
9.	Homer Jordan	1979-82	479	250	3,643

Clemson Career Touchdown Pass Leaders

Rk	Player	Years	Att	Int	TD
1.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	1368	46	49
2.	Cullen Harper	2005-08	815	20	42
3.	Woody Dantzler	1998-01	796	24	41
4.	Nealon Greene	1994-97	805	26	35
5.	Kyle Parker	2009-10	676	21	31
6.	Mike Epley	1980-84	449	26	28
7.	Bobby Gage	1945-48	278	27	24
	Tommy Kendrick	1969-71	644	42	24
9.	Steve Fuller	1975-78	554	21	22

October 15 Important Date?

October 15 is an important date for NCAA College Basketball coaches as it is the opening day of practice. But, it also appears to be an

important date for Clemson football.

For whatever the reason, over the last eight years that has been a date to begin improvement during a season. Over the last eight years, Clemson is 26-21 in games played before October 15, for a .553 winning percentage, and 38-15 in regular season games after October 15, a .731 winning percentage.

Over the last eight years, Clemson has shown improvement in its record in games played after October 15 six seasons, and had the same record one year. Only one season in the last eight (2006) has Clemson had a worse record in games played after October 15 relative to games prior to that date. That year Clemson was 6-1 in games before October 15, then finished 2-3 after that date.

Clemson Before and After October 15 Since 2002

Year	Before	After	Total
2002	3-3	4-2	7-5
2003	4-2	4-2	8-4
2004	1-4	5-1	6-5
2005	3-3	4-1	7-4
2006	6-1	2-3	8-4
2007	4-2	5-1	9-3
2008	3-3	4-2	7-5
2009	2-3	6-1	8-4
2010	2-3	4-2	6-5
Total	26-21 (.553)	38-14 (.71)	

Hopkins Has Break out Game

Clemson freshman wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins had a breakout game at North Carolina, on October 9. In his first career start in just his fifth career game, Hopkins had seven receptions for 46 yards. Four of the receptions gave Clemson a first down, including three that gave the Tigers a third-down conversion. He was named ACC Rookie of the Week for that performance.

He has continued to play well and had his first 100-yard receiving game against Florida State on Nov. 13. He had eight catches for 106 yards in that contest. The eight catches tied for the third best performance by a Clemson freshman. The only games better were turned in by Terry Smith (Hopkins uncle) and Derrick Hamilton. See the list below.

Hopkins also made a contribution on a punt return against North Carolina. He took a punt back 31 yards in the third period that set up a Clemson touchdown.

Hopkins had five catches for a season best 80 yards in the win over NC State, including a 12-yard touchdown on a third and goal from the 12.

Clemson Freshman Top Reception Games

Player	Opponent	Year	Rec-Yds
Terry Smith	Maryland	1990	9-84
Derrick Hamilton	Virginia	2001	9-90
DeAndre Hopkins	Florida State	2010	8-106
Derrick Hamilton	NC State	2001	8-106
Kenya Crooks	Georgia	1994	8-66
Aaron Kelly	Tempe	2005	7-155
DeAndre Hopkins	North Carolina	2010	7-46
Derrick Hamilton	Florida State	2001	7-88
Derrick Hamilton	Georgia Tech	2001	7-75

Jenkins Sets Clemson Career Record

Senior defensive tackle Jarvis Jenkins set a Clemson career record for blocked kicks when he blocked a field goal in the 14-13 win over NC State. It was his second block of the year and fourth of his career as he also had a blocked extra point against Miami. It was in fact the first career miss for Miami kicker Matt Boshier.

Jenkins had the last blocked kick by Clemson in 2009 when he blocked a field goal against South Carolina. Jenkins also had a blocked extra point in 2008 against N.C. State. The previous record was three by a Clemson player. Mitch Belton (1989-90), Leomont Evans (1992-95) and Brian Dawkins (1992-95) also had three total blocked kicks in a career.

Ellington Goes over 1000 Yards

Clemson sophomore running back Andre Ellington went over the 1000-yard rushing mark for his career when he scored on a 55-yard run against Georgia Tech on October 23. He reached the 1000-yard mark on his 151st carry.

That is the second fewest carries needed to get 1000 yards in school history. C.J. Spiller reached 1000 yards in just 142 carries, so that remains the Clemson record. Ellington had 491 yards in 68 rushes last

year as Spiller's backup.

Ellington had 107 rushing yards against Miami's fine defense on October 2. That effort included a 71-yard run, longest by a Clemson player since Spiller went 83 yards against Auburn in the 2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Ellington has had four 100-yard games so far this year, including a 140 against third ranked Auburn on September 18.

Fewest Carries to 1000 Yards in Clemson History

Rk	Player	Years	Career Yards	Games to 1000	Carries to 1000
1.	C.J. Spiller	2006-09	3547	15	142
2.	Andre Ellington	2009-10	1177	#21	151
3.	Ronald Williams	1990-92	1824	12	185
4.	James Davis	2005-08	3881	13	186
5.	Terry Allen	1987-89	2778	12	187
6.	Ray Yauger	1968-70	2439	12	202

Gilchrist Gets First Pick

It took 44 games, but Marcus Gilchrist got his first career interception in the loss to Miami on October 2. His pick came in the end zone and stopped a potential Hurricanes score after a Clemson turnover.

While Gilchrist did not have an interception prior to that game, he certainly has been a big contributor to the Clemson secondary over his career. He has never missed a game and has now played 51 in a row. He also had a pass broken up against Miami to go with the interception, and five tackles. He now 10 PBUs this year and 20 for his Clemson career.

Gilchrist is one of four active Tiger seniors who have not missed a game and played 51 in a row over the last four years. The others are Byron Maxwell, DeAndre McDaniel and Michael Wade. So these four players will be playing in their 52nd career game on Saturday.

Swinney Third Nationally in APR

According to research compiled by the website ncaafootball.fanhouse.com off data provided by the NCAA, Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney is ranked third in the nation in terms of APR scores for the Clemson program since he took over as director of the program in 2008. The website captured data for the entering classes from 2003-04 through 2008-09, but is specific to each coach.

In 2003, the NCAA created the APR to monitor academic progress of its member institutions. The APR is a formula that takes into account semester-by-semester academic progress in terms of eligibility and retention rates for each scholarship student-athletes. The study includes APR scores at previous schools for a head coach who changes jobs.

Swinney's program has had an APR score of 982 for his three years as head coach (2008 season was included in the study), trailing only the 985 by Troy Calhoun of Air Force and Pat Fitzgerald of Northwestern. Greg Schiano of Rutgers is fourth at 981 and Paul Johnson of Georgia Tech was fifth at 980.

The ACC was the top FBS conference represented with six current coaches among the nation's top 11. Miami (FL) Head Coach Randy Shannon ranked seventh in the study with a 975 score. The average score for the ACC head coaches was 964. The average score for all coaches across the nation was 933.8.

Top APR Scores for Active College Coaches

Rk	Coach	School	Score
1.	Troy Calhoun	Air Force	985
	Pat Fitzgerald	Northwestern	985
3.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	982
4.	Greg Schiano	Rutgers	981
5.	*Paul Johnson	Georgia Tech	980
6.	Ken Niumatalolo	Navy	976
7.	Randy Shannon	Miami	975
8.	*Mike London	Virginia	974
9.	Chris Petersen	Boise State	973
10.	*David Cutcliffe	Duke	971
	Frank Spaziani	Boston College	971

* Includes APR performance at a previous school.

Best All-Around Special Teams Game?

Clemson suffered a 30-21 to Miami (FL) on October 2, but one positive area was special teams. Clemson was facing a Miami team that entered the game in the top 10 in the nation in both punt returns and kickoff returns. The Hurricanes had returned a punt and a kickoff for a touchdown earlier in the year against Ohio State.

But, Clemson's coverage units held the Hurricanes to just one

punt return yard on four returns and a 19-yard average on four kickoff returns. In terms of net punting, Clemson averaged 46.0 per punt and had three punts inside the 20. Dawson Zimmerman had three punts of at least 50 yards during the game.

Clemson averaged 14.6 yards per punt return and 23.8 yards per kickoff return, including a 50-yard return by Marcus Gilchrist. Additionally, Clemson had a blocked extra point by senior tackle Jarvis Jenkins, the first blocked kick of Miami kicker Matt Bosher.

Parker Returns to Tigers Football Team

It was a busy summer, a busy year, for that matter for Clemson student-athlete Kyle Parker. He helped Clemson to the ACC Championship game for the first time in the fall when he started at quarterback in all 14 games during the 2009 season. He then helped the Tigers baseball team to the Final Four of the College World Series in the spring and summer.

In June, while playing in the NCAA Tournament for the Tigers at Auburn, he was drafted in the first round of the Major League Draft by the Colorado Rockies. On July 20, he announced he would return to Clemson to play football, even if he signed with the Rockies. Then on August 16, he signed a contract with the Rockies during the middle of the August fall practice for the Clemson football team. He expects to join the Rockies at Spring training in March and that this will be his final year of college football.

Below are his accomplishments while at Clemson divided into various categories:

Top Dual Sports Accomplishments

- First student-athlete in Division I sports history to throw 20 touchdown passes and hit 20 home runs in the same academic year.
- First student-athlete to play on an ACC Atlantic Division football and baseball championship team in the same academic year.
- Played on two top 20 teams in the same academic year. The Clemson football team finished 24th in the final AP poll and the Clemson baseball team finished fourth in the final USA Today Coaches Poll and the Collegiate Baseball poll.
- Only ACC athlete to currently rank in the top 10 of his school's career list in career touchdown passes (26, 6th) and home runs (46, 8th).
- Has hit a home run and thrown a touchdown pass at Georgia Tech, Auburn and South Carolina.

Top Football Accomplishments

- Tied for first in the nation in wins by a freshman quarterback in 2009 with Matt Barkley of Southern California.
- Only freshman quarterback nationally to take his team to a conference championship game in 2009.
- Parker's nine wins as a freshman quarterback were four more than any other Clemson freshman in history.
- Established Clemson freshman records for touchdown passes (20), passing yards (2526), and completions (205).
- Led Clemson to victory at 8th ranked Miami (FL) tied for highest ranked team Clemson has defeated on the road.
- Threw 20 TD passes in 2009, fourth most in a season at Clemson.
- Set Clemson record for consecutive games with a touchdown pass with seven during the 2009 season.
- Threw seven total touchdown passes in wins over Miami (FL) and Florida State. It marked first time ever Clemson had beaten those two teams in the same year.

Top Baseball Accomplishments

- First-round draft choice and the 26th overall selection of the 2010 MLB Draft by the Colorado Rockies
- Ranked 8th in Clemson history in total home runs with 46, just 13 short of the career mark (which he will not break because he has signed a professional baseball contract).
- Hit 20 home runs in 2010, most on Clemson's College World Series Team and 10th most in a season in Clemson history.
- Hit three home runs in one game as a freshman at Wake Forest in 2008 to tie the Clemson single game record.
- Scored 85 runs in 2010, fifth most in the nation.
- First-team All-ACC in 2008 and 2010. He made the 2008 team in the Spring of 2008 in what should have been his senior year of high school.
- First-team All-American Ping Baseball, second-team by Baseball America, second-team by NCBWA, and third team ABCA.
- Hit 25 home runs in his first 103 games, the fewest games needed to reach 25 home runs in Clemson history.
- Four-time ACC Player of the Week over his career. Only Kris Benson and Khalil Greene had more.

Four Returning Starters in Clemson Offensive Line

One of the strengths of the Clemson football team in 2010 should be the offensive line. The Tigers return starters Chris Hairston and Landon Walker at guards, Dalton Freeman at center and Antoine McClain at guard. The only lost starter from last year is Thomas Austin, who is currently with the Minnesota Vikings. And that does not include returning all-purpose lineman Mason Cloy, who had 17 starts in his career entering this year.

Cloy was in the starting lineup when David Smith was injured against Auburn. Smith is now back in the starting lineup, but Cloy continues to play a lot of snaps. Cloy had a strong game against Miami with eight knockdown blocks. He has 124 career knockdown blocks third most among active Tigers. Antoine McClain has 134 and Chris Hairston has 126.

Clemson Offensive Line Experience Chart

Name, Pos	Career		
	Plays	KDs	GP-GS
Chris Hairston, OG	1,839	126	44-33
Dalton Freeman, C	1020	85	23-19
Landon Walker, OT	1,754	83	36-32
Mason Cloy, OG	1,432	124	35-19
David Smith, OG	610	45	27-11
Antoine McClain, OG	1254	134	37-24

Thru Florida State game

Parker and McDaniel Named to Watch Lists

Clemson quarterback Kyle Parker and safety DeAndre McDaniel were both named to preseason watch lists for national awards in August. Parker was named to the preseason Watch List for the Maxwell Award, while McDaniel was named to the watch list for the Bednarik Award.

The Maxwell Award has been presented to the outstanding collegiate football player in America since 1937 and is named in honor of sportswriter Robert W. "Tiny" Maxwell. The Chuck Bednarik Award has been presented to the nation's top defensive player since 1995. Mr. Bednarik is a member of both the College Football Hall of Fame in 1969 and the NFL Hall of Fame in 1967.

Parker quarterbacked Clemson to a 9-5 record last year, including a 6-2 record in the ACC, good enough for the Atlantic Division title. Clemson finished 24th in the final AP poll and gained a bowl victory over Kentucky. Parker established Clemson freshman records for touchdown passes (20), passing yards (2526), completions (205) and touchdown/interception ratio (20/12).

Clemson Players on preseason Watch Lists

Player	Award	Honor
Dwayne Allen	Mackey Award	Tight End
DeAndre McDaniel	Thorpe Award	Defensive Back
	Nagurski Award	Top Defensive Player
	Bednarik Award	Top Defensive Player
Da'Quan Bowers	Lombardi Award	Top Lineman
	Ted Hendricks Award	Top Defensive End
	Nagurski Award	Top Defensive Player
Jarvis Jenkins	Outland Trophy	Top interior lineman
	Nagurski Award	Top Defensive Player
Dalton Freeman	Rimington Award	Top Center
Kyle Parker	Maxwell Award	National Player of the Year

Six Graduates on Clemson Teams

Clemson has six graduates on the roster as it opens the 2010 season. The list of Tigers who will have a cap and gown insignia on their helmets to show they are graduates wide receiver Terrance Ashe, starting offensive tackle Chris Hairston, cornerback Bryon Maxwell, reserve center Ben Ramsey, reserve running back Daniel Barnes, and all-purpose player Michael Wade.

Clemson Has 10 Straight Winning seasons

Clemson clinched its 10th-straight winning season with the victory over Virginia on November 21, 2009. The Tigers have had a winning season every year since 2000. Clemson's last non-winning season was in 1999, when the Tigers were 6-6 in Tommy Bowden's first year, but did play in the Peach Bowl.

Entering 2010, 14 different schools have had a winning season at least 10 years in a row. In addition to Clemson, those schools are Boise State, Boston College, Florida, Florida State, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Louisiana State, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Southern Mississippi, Texas, Texas Tech, and Virginia Tech.

Scott in 12th Season at Clemson

Clemson Associate Head Coach and Offensive Line Coach Brad Scott is in his 12th season as an assistant coach at Clemson. He is now tied for ninth in school history in terms of longest tenured assistant coaches. The record is held by Bob Jones, who coached 30 years under Frank Howard from 1940-69. Banks McFadden coached for 25 years under Howard and Goat McMillan coached for 24 years. Bob Smith was with Howard for 20 years.

Scott came to Clemson in 1999 when Tommy Bowden was hired as Clemson Head Coach. He served as tight ends coach in 1999 and 2000, and also took on the role of offensive coordinator from 2001-03.

Scott is also part of the first father and son coaching combination in Clemson history. His son, Jeff Scott, is in his second full season as Clemson's wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator.

Longest Assistant Coaching Tenures in Clemson History

Coach	*Position	Years	Yrs	Coaches
Bob Jones	Ends	1940-69	30	1
Banks McFadden	DB	1941, 1946-69	25	1
Goat McMillan	Backs	1937-41, 1946-64	24	2
Bob Smith	DL/LB	1950-69	20	1
Whitey Jordan	Backs	1959-72, 1993	15	3
Rick Stockstill	WR	1989-02	14	4
Les Herrin	LB/DL	1981-84, 1989-98	14	3
Larry Van Der Hayden	OL	1979-92	14	2
Rock Norman	Fresh	1940-42, 1946-54	12	1
Chuck Reedy	Backs	1978-89	12	2
Brad Scott	OL	1999-10	12	2
Ron West	OL/DL	1999-08	10	1

*Predominant positions

Clemson Staff Has Experience

Clemson has an experienced staff. The 10 coaches have a combined 158 years of coaching experience at the Division I level as a full-time assistant coach. Those coaches have been to a combined 113 bowl games and have won a combined 17 conference titles.

Four of the coaches have been on a staff that won a national title. Kevin Steele was on a national championship staff at Nebraska, Dan Brooks at Tennessee, Danny Pearman at Alabama, and Brad Scott at Florida State.

That list of national championship coaches does not include Dabo Swinney, but he played on a national championship team at Alabama. Associate athletic director Woody McCorvey, was on the national championship staff at Alabama in 1992 and is now an associate athletic director with the Clemson football program.

The staff is in tact from last year.

Tiger Coaching Staff

Coach	Resp.	Yrs	NT	Bowls	CT
Dabo Swinney	Head Coach	12	0	10	1
Dan Brooks	DT	26	1	17	2
Charlie Harbison	Co-DC/DB	18	0	12	2
Billy Napier	OC/QB	5	0	4	0
Danny Pearman	OT/TE	19	1	15	4
André Powell	RB	19	0	9	0
Chris Rumph	DE	8	0	7	0
Brad Scott	OG/C	25	1	20	2
Jeff Scott	WR	2	0	2	0
Kevin Steele	DC/LB	24	1	17	6
		158	4	113	17

How Many Freshman Will Play?

Clemson played three freshmen in the season opening game against North Texas. Wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins, linebacker Justin Parker and defensive back Martin Jenkins all saw action. A fourth, Darius Robinson, played against Presbyterian.

Below is a list of freshmen who have played each year since 1999.

First-Year Freshman Participants Since 2001

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), Hay-

drian 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 (CB)

Eleven Original Walk-ons on Roster

Clemson has 11 original walk-ons on scholarship for the 2010 season. The list of walk-ons now on scholarship includes Terrance Ashe, who is slated to be a starting wide receiver, and Phillip Price, a second-team offensive tackle, and Ben Ramsey, a second team center.

Clemson has had some walk-ons who have gone on to be very successful as scholarship players. Rob Bodine, who went on to earn first-team All-America status on Clemson's 1991 ACC Championship team as a defensive tackle, was inducted into the Clemson Hall of Fame last year. He had 27 tackles for loss that year to lead the nation in 1991.

Clemson Original Walk-ons Now on Scholarship

#	Player	Pos.	Cl.	Hometown
87	Terrance Ashe	Wr	*Gr.	Cheraw, SC
45	Daniel Barnes	RB	*Gr.	Charleston, WV
37	Kantrell Brown	CB	*Jr.	St. Matthews, SC
69	Tyler Fowler	OG	*Fr.	Canon, GA
51	Brock Henderson	LB	*Sr.	Greenville, SC
23	Mansa Joseph	CB	*Jr.	Salters, SC
79	Phillip Price	OT	*Jr.	Dillon, SC
78	Ben Ramsey	OL	*Gr.	Greensboro, NC
79	Chris Richardson	DE	*Jr.	Lithia Springs, GA
58	Caleb Simmons	OL	*Jr.	Lake City, SC
50	John Wright	DT	*Sr.	Anderson, SC

* - spent one season as a red-shirt player

Three Former Tigers Score NFL Touchdowns on November 7

Former Clemson players Jacoby Ford, Michael Palmer and Chansi Stuckey all scored touchdowns in NFL games on Sunday, Nov. 7. It was the first career scores for Ford and Palmer, teammates on Clemson's 2009 Atlantic Division Championship team.

Ford scored on a 94-yard kickoff return for the Oakland Raiders against the Kansas City Chiefs. It was the opening kickoff of the second half and gave the Raiders a lead.

Ford finished with four kickoff returns for 158 yards and also had a career high six receptions for 148 yards. His 29-yard reception with seven seconds left set up a 41-yard field goal by Sebastian Janikowski that sent the game into overtime. His 47-yard reception in overtime set up Janikowski's game winning 33-yard field goal in overtime.

Ford's receptions set up the winning kicks for Janikowski, a former Florida State kicker. Clemson and Florida State renew their rivalry on the gridiron this coming Saturday.

Ford led the Raiders in receiving with 148 yards and he finished the day with 306 all-purpose yards. He became just the second player in NFL history to have at least 140 yards receiving and 150 yard on kickoff returns in the same game.

Ford is the second former Tiger to return a kickoff for a touchdown this year. In September, C.J. Spiller took a kickoff 95 yards for a score in a game at New England. It marks just the second time in the last 40 years that took rookies from the same school returned a kickoff for a touchdown in the same year.

Palmer scored on a five-yard reception from quarterback Matt Ryan for the Atlanta Falcons in their 27-21 victory over the Tampa Bay Bucs. He finished the game with two receptions for 11 yards. There was a bit of irony in Palmer taking the pass from Ryan. Ryan was the quarterback for Boston College, and ACC rival, when Palmer was a freshman and sophomore.

Stuckey scored on an 11-yard run on a "Panther Play" for the Cleveland Browns against the New England Patriots in the Browns 34-14 upset victory. It was just the second loss of the season for the Patriots. Stuckey finished with that 11-yard run and had two catches for six yards.

Charlie Whitehurst started at quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday against the New York Giants. It was Whitehurst's first career start and he completed 12-23 passes for 113 yards and a touchdown.

With Whitehurst's touchdown pass, it means a former Clemson player accounted for a touchdown, rushing (Stuckey), receiving (Palmer), passing (Whitehurst) and on a kickoff return (Ford). Whitehurst was the first former Tiger to start at quarterback in an NFL game since November 3, 1986 when Steve Fuller started against the Los Angeles Rams for the Chicago Bears.

Clemson Players In NFL

No	Player	Pos	CU years	NFL Ex	Team
48	Kevin Alexander	LB	2006-09	R	Denver Broncos
63	#Thomas Austin	G	2006-09	R	New England Pats
40	Crezdon Butler	CB	2006-09	R	Pittsburgh Steelers
30	Chris Clemons	SAF	2005-08	2 nd	Miami Dolphins
53	Kavell Conner	LB	2006-09	R	Indianapolis Colts
28	#James Davis	RB	2005-08	2 nd	Washington Redskins
20	Brian Dawkins	SAF	1992-95	16 th	Denver Broncos
93	Nick Eason	DT	1999-02	8 th	Pittsburgh Steelers
12	Jacoby Ford	WR	2006-09	R	Oakland Raiders
56	Leroy Hill	LB	2001-04	6 th	Seattle Seahawks
36	#Mike Hamlin	SAF	2005-08	2 nd	Jacksonville Jags
97	Phillip Merling	DE	2005-07	3 rd	Miami Dolphins
81	Michael Palmer	TE	2006-09	R	Atlanta Falcons
90	Trevor Pryce	DT	1996	15 th	New York Jets
67	Barry Richardson	OT	2004-07	3 rd	Kansas City Chiefs
94	Ricky Sapp (IR)	DE	2006-09	R	Philadelphia Eagles
97	Dorell Scott	DT	2005-08	2 nd	St. Louis Rams
21	C.J. Spiller	RB	2006-09	R	Buffalo Bills
83	Chansi Stuckey	WR	2003-06	4 th	Cleveland Browns
59	Anthony Waters	LB	2003-06	3 rd	New Orleans Saints
6	Charlie Whitehurst	QB	2002-05	5 th	Seattle Seahawks

Practice Squad, @ released in October

Dabo Swinney Show Schedule

Sunday Airings

Time	Location	Network
11:00 AM	Myrtle Beach, SC	WFXB (Fox 43)
11:30 AM	Charleston, SC	WCIV (ABC 4)
Noon	Columbia, SC	WOLO (ABC 25)
12:30 PM	Augusta, GA	WBEK (96)
1:30 PM	Greenville, SC	WMYA (My 40)

Monday

4:00 PM	Regional	Fox Sports South
4:00 PM	Regional	Sun Sports (FL)

Clemson Players of the Game

Each week Clemson coaches select a player of the game for the offense, defense and special teams. Below is the game by game rundown so far this season:

Clemson Player of the Game Selections by Coaching Staff

Opponent	Offense	Defense	Special
North Texas	Jamie Harper	Da'Quan Bowers	Dawson Zimmerman
Presbyterian	Daniel Barnes	Andre Branch	Mallicah Goodman
Auburn	Andre Ellington	Da'Quan Bowers	Byron Maxwell
Miami (FL)	Andre Ellington	Byron Maxwell	Jonathan Meeks
N.Carolina	Kyle Parker	Corico Hawkins	DeAndre Hopkins
Maryland	Chris Hairston	DaQuan Bowers	Jaron Brown
Georgia Tech	Andre Ellington	Defensive Line	Rashard Hall
Boston Coll	Dwayne Allen	Rashard Hall	None
NC State	Kyle Parker	Bowers, McDaniel	Zimmerman, Jenkins
Florida St.	Jamie Harper	Da'Quan Bowers	Byron Maxwell
Wake Forest	Jaron Brown	Corico Hawkins	Chandler Catanzaro