

2013 CLEMSON TIGER FOOTBALL



Clemson (3 AP, 4 USA) at Syracuse

Game 5: Clemson at Syracuse

Saturday, October 5, 2013
Kickoff: 3:36 PM
Carrier Dome (49,262)
Syracuse, NY

Television : ABC/ESPN2

Sean McDonough, Chris Spielman, Shannon Spake

Radio

Clemson: Pete Yanity, Will Merritt, Patrick Sapp

Series: Syracuse Leads 1-0

January 1996 Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, FL
Syracuse 41. Clemson 0

Clemson Tigers

Record, 2013 4-0, 2-0 ACC
Location Clemson, SC
Colors Clemson Orange and Regalia
Enrollment 20,768
Athletic Director Dan Radakovich
Head Coach **Dabo Swinney, Alabama '93**
Clemson Record/5th full year 44-21 (.677)
Home Record 29-5 (.853)
Away Record 11-12
Neutral Record 4-4
vs. ACC Teams 29-12 (.707)
Record against Syracuse 0-0
Offensive Coordinator Chad Morris
Defensive Coordinator Brent Venables
Website: clemsontigers.com

Syracuse Orange

Record, 2013 2-2 , 0-0 in ACC
Location Syracuse, NY
Colors Orange
Enrollment 13,850
Athletic Director Dr. Daryl Gross
Head Coach **Scott Shafer (Baldwin-Wallace '90)**
School Record/ season 2-2 (first year)
Overall (Season) 2-2 (first year)
Record vs Clemson 0-0
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MEDIA INFORMATION

Dabo Swinney Press Conference

Head Coach Dabo Swinney holds his weekly press conference each Tuesday at the West Endzone Team Room of Memorial Stadium. He will be available at 11:00 AM. The press conference will also be available over ClemsonTigers.com.

Clemson players will be available after Swinney's press conference. Coach Swinney is also available each Sunday after a game at 6:00 PM. Contact Tim Bourret for the number. Swinney is also available on the ACC teleconference on Wednesday and after practice on Wednesday.

Clemson Player Interviews

Contact SID Tim Bourret each Sunday before 4:00 PM at (864) 656-1926 with specific player requests for the week. We will conduct player interviews on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30 to 1:45 PM at the second floor player lounge of the West Endzone at Memorial Stadium. Offensive Coordinator Chad Morris is available on Mondays during the lunch hour and Defensive Coordinator Brent Venables is available Tuesdays during the lunch hour.

Clemson Personnel Update

- *Tyson Dye (RB)**, out with back
- *MacKensie Alexander (DB)**, out with groin
- *Scott Pagano (DT)**, out with ankle
- *B.J. Goodson (LB)**, Questionable with concussion
- *Charone Peake (WR)** out, torn ACL
- *Kellen Jones (LB)** Out, Torn ACL vs. NC State
- *Gif Timothy (OT)**, Questionable, concussion
- *Carlos Watkins (DT)** Questionable after being involved in auto accident on September 21.
- *Rod McDowell (RB)** Questionable with ankle

12 Straight Wins by Double Digits vs. Unranked Teams

Clemson has been very successful when it comes to facing unranked teams of late. The Tigers 56-7 win over Wake Forest on September 28 was the program's 12th consecutive double digit win over an unranked opponent. The streak includes nine games last year and three games this year. Over the streak, Clemson has outscored the opposition by an even 27 points per game.

Clemson's streak of double digit wins over unranked opponents is the second longest active streak in the nation. Only Alabama has a longer streak with 21 in a row.

Since Clemson last lost to an unranked team when the Tigers were ranked, 28 different teams have lost in that situation a total of 44 times.

CLEMSON 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Score/Time
Aug. 31	GEORGIA	ABC	38-35
Sept. 7	SC STATE	RSN	52-13
Sept. 19	at NC State	ESPN	26-14
Sept. 28	WAKE FOREST	ESPNU	56-7
Oct. 5	at Syracuse	ABC/2	3:30PM
Oct. 12	BOSTON COLLEGE	TBA	3:30 PM
Oct. 19	FLORIDA STATE		
Oct. 26	at Maryland		
Nov. 2	at Virginia		
Nov. 14	GEORGIA TECH	ESPN	7:30 PM
Nov. 23	THE CITADEL		
Nov. 30	at South Carolina		

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ACC Teleconference

Each head coach is available on the ACC teleconference every Wednesday throughout the season for 10 minutes. Coach Swinney is available at 10:30 AM each Wednesday. To access the number contact the ACC office.

10:30 AM Dabo Swinney, Clemson

10:40 AM Jimbo Fisher, Florida State

10:50 AM Randy Edsall, Maryland

11:00 AM Scott Shafer, Syracuse

11:10 AM Jim Grobe, Wake Forest

11:20 AM Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech

11:30 AM Larry Fedora, Nrh Carolina

11:40 AM Paul Chyrst, Pittsburgh

11:50 AM Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech

Noon Mike London, Virginia

12:10 PM Steve Addazio, Boston College

12:20 PM David Cutcliffe, Duke

12:30 PM Al Golden, Miami (FL)

12:40 PM Dave Doeren, NC State

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2013 STANDINGS

Atlantic Division	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Clemson	2-0	3-0	1-0	4-0
Florida State	2-0	2-0	2-0	4-0
Boston College	1-1	2-1	0-1	2-2
Syracuse	0-0	2-0	0-2	2-2
Maryland	0-0	3-0	1-0	4-0
NC State	0-1	3-1	0-0	3-1
Wake Forest	0-2	1-1	1-2	2-3

Coastal Division	ACC	Home	Away	Over
Virginia Tech	1-0	2-0	2-0	4-1
Georgia Tech	2-1	2-1	1-0	3-1
Pittsburgh	2-1	2-1	1-0	3-1
Miami	0-0	3-0	1-0	4-0
Virginia	0-1	2-1	0-1	2-2
North Carolina	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-3
Duke	0-2	2-2	1-0	3-2

THIS WEEK'S ACC GAMES

Saturday October 5, 2013

Army at Boston College	ESPN3	1:00 PM
Clemson at Syracuse	ABC/2	3:30 PM
Maryland at Florida State	ESPN	Noon
Georgia Tech at Miami (FL)	ESPNU	3:30 PM
North Carolina at Virginia Tech	ACC	12:30 P
NC State at Wake Forest	RSN	3:30
Ball State at Virginia	RSN	Noon

NEXT WEEK'S ACC GAMES

Saturday October 12, 2013

Boston College at Clemson	TBA	3:30 PM
Navy at Duke	ACC	12:30
Georgia Tech at BYU	ESPNU	7:00
Virginia at Maryland	TBA	3:30
Syracuse at NC State	RSN	3:30
Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech	ESPNU	Noon

Clemson Pronunciations

Dabo Swinney	DA-boh SWEE-nee
Stephone Anthony	steh-FAHN
Tajh Boyd	as in Taj Mahal
Quandon Christian	KWAHN-duhn
Kalon Davis	KAY-lehn
Patrick DeStefano	deh-STEh-feh-noh
Philip Fajgenbaum	FAY-gehn-bahm
Ammon Lakip	A-muhn LAY-kih-p
Charone Peake	shuh-RAHN
Darrell Smith	DAYR-uhl

In the Press Box: Only full time coach in press box is Danny Pearman. Both coordinators on the field.

Clemson Returns to New York for First Time since 1952

Clemson has a 0-1-1 record in the state of New York. This will be Clemson's first game in the Empire State since a game at Fordham in 1952, a game that ended in a 12-12 tie on November 8.

Playing in Fordham's home stadium in front of a crowd of 6,000 fans in Randalls Island, NY, Don King made his debut as Clemson's starting single wing tailback and gained 234 yards on 33 carries. That included a 74-yard run in the first half when he gained over 200 of his 234 yards rushing. He was substituting that day for an injured Billy Hair.

King was injured late in the first half and was not as effective running the ball in the second half. He had 259 yards positive rushing for the game and -25 in terms of tackles for loss, mostly in the second half, for his 234 yards total. He attempted six passes, but none were completed. King's 234 yards rushing are still the record for a Clemson freshman in a single game.

Clemson's only other game in the state of New York was at Army in 1937. On October 2, 1937 Clemson lost at West Point, NY by a 21-6 score. Clemson had a sophomore tailback named Banks McFadden, who also served as the Tigers punter that day. He went on to be an All-American for the Tigers in 1939.

In 1940, McFadden returned to New York as a starting running back for the Brooklyn Dodgers of the NFL.

Clemson Makes First Visit to Carrier Dome... for football

Clemson will make its first appearance for a football game in the Carrier Dome this weekend. But, it will not be the first appearance for a Clemson athletic team in the domed facility that opened in 1980.

The Clemson men's basketball team played a game in the Carrier Dome on December 4, 1990, but it was not against Syracuse. As part of the ACC-Big East Challenge, Clemson played Seton Hall in the first game of a double-header that night and Seton Hall came away with a 78-62 victory.

A Clemson athlete has gained a significant victory in the facility, however. Tina Krebs, perhaps Clemson's great women's track athlete in history, won the 1500 meters at the 1985 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships with a meet record time at the Carrier Dome. It was one of two Indoor NCAA titles for Krebs in her career.

Some Clemson Coaches Have Been to Carrier Dome

While Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney has never been to the Carrier Dome, some of his assistants have. Defensive line coach Dan Brooks coached in the facility as an assistant with Tennessee in 1998. The Vols won the season opener 34-33, then went on to win the National Championship.

Danny Pearman coached in the facility when he was an assistant coach with Virginia Tech during the time when Tech and Syracuse were both in the Big East between 1998-2003. Marion Hobby also went in the Carrier Dome as a strength coach for Tennessee in 1998.

Clemson offensive line coach Robbie Caldwell coached in the Carrier Dome for NC State against Syracuse in 1997. Syracuse won that game 3-31 in overtime.

First Trip to New Stadium since 2009 ACC Championship Game

This will be the first time Clemson has made its first ever trip to a stadium since it went to Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, FL for the first time to play in the 2009 ACC Championship game against Georgia Tech. Tech won that game, 39-34.

The last time Clemson won its first game in a stadium was that same year against Miami in Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens, FL. The Tigers defeated the eighth ranked Hurricanes 40-37 in overtime on a touchdown reception by Jacoby Ford on a pass from Kyle Parker. Both are now in professional sports, Ford with the Oakland Raiders and Parker in the Colorado Rockies baseball organization.

Larry Csonka Nearly a Clemson Tiger?

All-time Syracuse great Larry Csonka visited Clemson during his recruiting process in 1963 and had the Tigers in his final four schools. According to his Wikipedia page on the internet, Csonka considered Clemson, Vanderbilt, Iowa and Syracuse.

Recruited by Clemson Coach Frank Howard, Csonka would have been a freshman at Clemson in 1964 and then played in 1965-66 and 1967. Even without Csonka, that was a great era in Clemson football history as the Tigers won the ACC all three years.

Csonka went on to a great career with the Miami Dolphins and New York Giants. He is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame.

C.J. in the House?

A spectator from the Clemson sideline at Syracuse could be former Tigers All-American C.J. Spiller. Spiller is in his fourth year with the Buffalo Bills and it is not a great distance from Buffalo to Syracuse. He tweeted earlier last week that he hoped to be at the game.

Ironically, Spiller's coach with the Buffalo Bills is former Syracuse Coach Doug Marrone.

Spiller is a starting running back for Marrone's team that is off to a 2-2 start after defeating defending Super Bowl Champion Baltimore Ravens this past Sunday. Spiller has 230 yards rushing through four games. He made the Pro Bowl last year when he had over 1200 yards rushing.

Syracuse vs. Clemson Series

Syracuse has a 1-0 lead in the football series against Clemson. The only previous meeting took place in the 1996 Gator Bowl (at end of the 1995 season) and Syracuse came away with a convincing 41-0 win in Jacksonville. It is the worst loss in Clemson history in a bowl game in terms of scoring margin and the largest victory margin in a bowl game in Syracuse history.

Clemson had a five-game winning streak entering the game and Syracuse was coming off a loss. But the Orange dominated the action behind a freshman quarterback named Donovan McNabb and a future Pro Bowl receiver named Marvin Harrison.

McNabb completed 13-23 passes for 309 yards and three touchdowns. He also scored at touchdown on the ground. He completed seven passes to Harrison for 173 yards and two scores during the game that was played in a pouring rain storm.

The Syracuse defense was also outstanding and held Clemson to 90 yards rushing

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Associated Press Top 25

(September 29, 2013)

Rk	School (First Place)	Rec	Pts
1.	Alabama (55)	4-0	1495
2.	Oregon (5)	4-0	1422
3.	Clemson	4-0	1354
4.	Ohio State	5-0	1305
5.	Stanford	4-0	1280
6.	Georgia	3-1	1171
7.	Louisville	4-0	1091
8.	Florida State	4-0	1069
9.	Texas A&M	4-1	1012
10.	LSU	4-1	979
11.	Oklahoma	4-0	838
12.	UCLA	3-0	834
13.	South Carolina	3-1	812
14.	Miami (FL)	4-0	753
15.	Washington	4-0	665
16.	Northwestern	4-0	550
17.	Baylor	3-0	536
18.	Florida	3-1	481
19.	Michigan	4-0	471
20.	Texas Tech	4-0	264
21.	Oklahoma State	3-1	230
22.	Arizona State*	3-1	192
23.	Fresno State	4-0	187
24.	Mississippi	3-1	132
25.	Maryland	4-0	119

Others: Northern Illinois 104, Virginia Tech 49, Wisconsin 46, Nebraska 20, Missouri 14, Notre Dame 12, UCF 6, Michigan State 5, Rutgers 2

USA Today/Coaches Top 25

(September 29, 2013)

Rk.	Team (First Place)	(W-L)	Pts.
1.	Alabama (59)	4-0	1546
2.	Oregon (2)	4-0	1479
3.	Ohio State	5-0	1397
4.	Clemson (1)	4-0	1352
5.	Stanford	4-0	1325
6.	Georgia	3-1	1148
7.	Louisville	4-0	1147
8.	Florida State	4-0	1129
9.	Texas A&M	4-1	1072
10.	OKlahoma	4-0	964
11.	LSU	4-1	931
12.	South Carolina	3-1	860
13.	UCLA	3-0	812
14.	Miami (FL)	4-0	727
15.	Northwestern	4-0	620
16.	Baylor	3-0	573
17.	Michigan	4-0	546
18.	Washington	4-0	545
19.	Florida	3-1	515
20.	Oklahoma State	3-1	330
21.	Fresno State	4-0	270
22.	Texas Tech	4-0	231
23.	Northern Illinois	4-0	131
24.	Arizona State	3-1	118
25.	Nebraska	3-1	71

Others receiving votes: Ole Miss 69, Virginia Tech 54, Wisconsin 47, Maryland 45, Notre Dame 29, Missouri 21, UCF 15, Michigan State 10, Rutgers 9, Oregon State 7, Utah 1, Arizona 1, Cincinnati 1, East Carolina 1, Iowa 1

on 34 carries. Clemson entered the game fourth in the nation in rushing and was led by Clemson all-time rushing leader Raymond Priestler. Priestler was held to 36 yards on 15 carries.

It proved to be the final game of Brian Dawkins career at Clemson. The native of Jacksonville, FL had 10 tackles in his last game as a Tiger.

He and McNabb became teammates with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1999.

Boyd's Backup Leads Nation in Completion Percentage

While Tajh Boyd is having another All-America season, his backup has been pretty strong as well. In fact, he leads the nation in completion percentage.

So far this year Cole Stoudt has completed 29-31 passes for 233 yards and four touchdowns. That is a 94 percent completion percentage, 17 percent higher than any other quarterback nationally who has thrown at least five passes.

Stoudt was 19-20 in the win over South Carolina State, then completed 10-11 against Wake Forest. In the fourth quarter this year he is a perfect 15-15 and his efficiency for the season is 199.3

Clemson Has Third Longest Conference Winning Streak

Clemson has won nine consecutive ACC games, tied for the third longest winning streak in league play in the nation. Northern Illinois has the longest with 17 in a row, while Stanford has 10 straight wins over Pac 12 teams. Clemson, Ohio State and Oklahoma all have won nine in a row in league play, while Florida State and Utah State have eight apiece.

Clemson's last ACC loss came at Florida State last year by a 49-37 score. That was Clemson's ACC opener. The Tigers then won their last seven league games, all by at least two touchdowns. Clemson has won its first two by at least 12 points this year, at NC State and against Wake Forest. So Clemson has not only won nine straight conference games, it has won nine in a row by double digits.

Clemson's nine-game winning streak against league foes is the longest for the Clemson program since the Tigers won 20 in a row against ACC teams from 1981-84.

Twenty Undefeated Teams Left

Clemson is one of 20 undefeated teams left out of the 123 FBS teams that started the season. It is the second time Clemson has started at least 4-0 under Dabo Swinney. The Tigers started 8-0 in 2011 on the way to winning the ACC Championship.

Four of the undefeated teams are ACC teams. In addition to Clemson, Florida State, Miami and Maryland are also 4-0. The Pac 12 also has four with Oregon, Stanford, UCLA and Washington still undefeated. The Big 12 has Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Baylor still undefeated, while the Big 10 has Michigan, Ohio State (only 5-0 team) and Northwestern undefeated. The SEC has just Alabama and Missouri.

Other undefeated teams include Fresno State (4-0), Houston (4-0), Louisville (4-0), and Northern Illinois (4-0).

Each Team with a Ryan Norton

Each team in Saturday's game has a starting player named Ryan Norton. Clemson's Ryan Norton is the starting center for the Tigers as a red-shirt sophomore. The native of

Simpsonville, SC and Mauldin High School, was named ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week in Clemson's victory over fifth-ranked Georgia, his first career start.

Syracuse's Ryan Norton is the starting kicker. He is also a sophomore. He handled just the kickoffs last year and had 29 touchbacks. This year the native of Garden City, NY is the leading scorer for the Orange with 23 points on 14-15 extra points and 3-4 field goals.

Tigers from New York

Clemson has three players from the state on its 2013 roster. Two are linemen. Isaiah Battle is an offensive tackle who has played 70 plays in two games so far this year. He came off the bench to play 73 snaps in Clemson's win over LSU in the Chick-fil-A Bowl last year. Battle is a native of Brooklyn, NY.

The other Tiger lineman from New York is serving this year as a red-shirt. Ebenezer Ogundeko is a defensive lineman who is also from Brooklyn. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School.

The third Tiger from New York is Chad Kelly, a quarterback from Niagara Falls, NY. He is the nephew of former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly.

Clemson has not had many native New Yorkers play football for the Tigers. No Tiger from New York has earned All-America honors. The closest would be Lou Cordileone, an All-American in 1959 who was from Jersey City, NJ.

Clemson's best player from New York would be former quarterback Nealson Greene, the starting signal caller for the Tigers from 1994-97. He won 24 games as a starter, now tied for fourth most in Clemson history. Tajh Boyd moved ahead of Greene with the victory over Wake Forest.

Greene threw for 5719 yards in his career, still fifth in school history. He is fourth in total offense in Clemson history with 6786. He went on to play many years in the CFL.

Indicators of Improved Clemson Defense

There are many indicators of Clemson's improvement on defense through the first four games of the season. For instance, Clemson is 25th in the nation in scoring defense, allowing 17.3 points per game. Last year, Clemson allowed 24.8 points per game for the course of the season.

Clemson has allowed opponents to convert just 25.8 percent of the time on third down, 11th best in the nation. A year ago, Clemson allowed 34 percent conversion on third down.

Clemson is more aggressive this season on defense. The Tigers are sixth in the country in sacks per game by its defense with 15 in four games, or 3.75 per game. The Tigers are also 17th in forcing fumbles with six in four games. It has also contributed to the fourth best turnover margin so far this season.

Clemson Top 25 Defense Rankings

- Scoring Defense, 25th, 17.3
- Third Down Defense, 11th, 25.8 %
- Tackles for Loss, 4th, 9.25/game
- Sacks, 6th, 3.75/game
- Forcing Fumbles, 17th, 1.5/game
- Turnover Margin, 4th, +1.8 per game
- Opponents First Downs Allowed, 22nd, 16.3
- *Three and outs, 9th, 25

Clemson's First ACC Game vs. Foes

Clemson will play its first conference game against Syracuse this Saturday, October 5 at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY. It will be the first ACC game for Syracuse. This will be the 13th different ACC team Clemson has played and the Tigers are 5-7 in their first conference games against the previous 12 opponents.

The Tigers have lost each of their last two "first games" against ACC foes, a 24-7 loss at Virginia Tech in 2006 and a 16-13 overtime loss to Boston College in 2005. Clemson's last win in an initial game against a conference foe took place in 2004 when Clemson upset a 10th ranked Miami team in the Orange Bow, 24-17.

The ACC dates to the 1953 season, but Clemson played just three conference games that first year. In fact, Clemson did not play Virginia until 1955, didn't play NC State until 1956 and didn't play North Carolina and Duke until 1957.

Clemson will play Louisville for the first time as a conference foe next year, then face Pittsburgh for the first time as a league foe in 2016.

Clemson First Games vs. ACC Foes (5-7)

Opponent	Date	Site	W-L	Cu-Opp
Maryland	10-3-1953	H	L	0-20
South Carolina	10-22-1953	A	L	7-14
Wake Forest	10-31-1953	H	W	18-0
Virginia	9-24-1955	A	W	20-7
NC State	10-6-1956	A	W	13-7
North Carolina	9-28-1957	A	L	0-26
Duke	11-16-1957	A	L	6-7
Georgia Tech	9-24-1983	H	W	41-14
Florida State	9-12-1992	H	L	20-24
Miami (FL)	11-6-2004	A	W	24-17 (OT)
Boston College	9-24-2005	H	L	13-16 (OT)
Virginia Tech	10-26-2006	A	L	7-24

Clemson in Domed Stadiums

Clemson has a 6-5 record in domed stadiums over the years. That includes a 4-5 record in the Georgia Dome. Clemson has also played in the Super Dome and in Japan's Tokyo Dome. Clemson's first game in a dome was in 1981, the year Clemson won the national championship, a 13-5 win over Tulane in the Super Dome in New Orleans.

Each of Clemson's last eight games in domes have been against top 25 teams, all from the SEC.

Here is a rundown in chronological order of Clemson's dome game history.

Clemson in Domed Stadiums (6-5)			
Date	Opponent (Rank)	W-L	Cu-Opp
9-12-81	at Tulane	W	13-5
12-1-91	N1-Duke	W	33-21
12-31-93	N2-Kentucky	W	14-13
12-28-96	N2-LSU (17)	L	7-10
1-2-98	N2-Auburn (13)	L	17-21
12-30-99	N2-Mississippi St (15)	L	7-17
1-2-04	N2-Tennessee (6)	W	27-14
12-31-07	N2-Auburn (22)	L (OT)	20-23
8-30-08	N2-Alabama (24)	L	10-34
9-1-12	N2-Auburn (25)	W	26-19
12-31-12	N2-LSU (7)	W	25-24

N1 at Tokyo, Japan, N2—Georgia Dome

Clemson Concludes Perfect September

Clemson has a 4-0 record entering the month of October, just the sixth time (minimum of three games) in history Clemson has had a perfect record entering the 10th month of the year. Clemson's number-three ranking in Associated Press is the highest ranking Clemson has had entering the month as well.

Clemson was 3-0 with a #14 ranking entering October of 1981, the year Clemson went on to win the National Championship. In 1987 Clemson was ranked eighth with a 4-0 record entering October. The best ranking Clemson had prior to this year entering October came in 2000 when Clemson was 5-0 with a number-five national ranking entering October.

Two years ago Clemson was 4-0 entering October, but ranked just 13th. The Tigers finished 10-4 and ranked 22nd.

Clemson Seasons with Perfect Record Entering October

Year	(min 3 games)			
	W-L	Rank	Final W-L	Final Rank
1981	3-0	14	12-0	1
1987	4-0	8	10-2	10
1991	3-0	6	9-2-1	17
2000	5-0	5	9-3	14
2011	4-0	13	10-4	22
2013	4-0	3		

Clemson Jumps into Top 25 in Many Offensive Categories

Clemson gained 573 yards and scored 56 points in its win over Wake Forest on September 28. The 49-point margin was the largest for the Tigers against the Demon Deacons since 1981 (82-24) and the largest against any ACC opponent since the Tigers defeated Duke 58-7 in 1999.

Clemson has a 4-0 record because of lack of turnovers by the offense. Clemson has just two turnovers all year, a pair of fumbles. One of the lost fumbles was on a punt return and the other by backup quarterback Cole Stoudt. Clemson does not have a turnover with Tajh Boyd under center (263 plays for the year). Clemson, Oregon Louisville lead the nation in fewest turnovers with two apiece. All three teams are in the top 10 in the nation in the wire service ratings.

Clemson has following top 25 rankings in various offensive categories

- 18th in passing offense, 312.5 yards/game
- 22nd in total offense, 491.9 yards/game
- 16th in scoring offense, 43.0 points/game
- 22nd in third down conversions, .507
- 1st, Fewest turnovers, 2
- 1st Fewest interceptions, 0
- 4th touchdown conversion in red-zone, 15-18, .833
- 9th in total touchdown passes, 13

Clemson in Top 25 in Scoring Offense and Defense

Every coach says that scoring defense is the most important statistic. Clemson has improved dramatically in that area so far this year, allowing 17.3 points per game, 25th best in the nation. Clemson has not allowed more than 14 points in a game each of its last three contests, the longest streak of its kind since the 2008 Tigers held three straight opponents to 14 or less.

A look to the national stats shows that Clemson is 16th in the nation in scoring at 43 points per game, meaning Clemson's scoring margin is +25.7 points per game. There are seven teams currently in the top 25 in the nation in scoring offense and scoring defense.

Ranked in top 25 of Scoring Offense and Defense				
Rk	School	Offense	Def Rank	Figure
1.	Baylor	69.7	2 nd	7.7
2.	Oregon	59.8	4 th	10.8
4.	Florida State	51.3	17 th	15.0
6.	Ohio State	49.2	23 rd	17.0
7.	Louisville	48.9	1 st	6.8
9.	Miami (FL)	45.3	7 th	12.5
16.	Clemson	43.0	25 th	17.3

Sammy Watkins among the ACC's Best

•Leads all active ACC players in all-purpose running with 3,745 yards. He has 333 rushing, 2282 receiving and 1130 on returns for his three year career.

•Watkins has scored 19 touchdowns in his career, 17 on receptions. That is fifth best among active ACC players.

•Watkins has 164 career receptions, second to Michael Campanaro of Wake Forest, who has 194 as a four-year player. Watkins is 35th in ACC history in total receptions. He needs 36 more to reach 200. He will become just the 10th ACC player with 200 catches when he gets there.

•Watkins has 2282 receiving yards, best among active ACC players.

•Watkins 17 touchdown receptions are second to Rashad Greene of Florida State, who has 18.

•Watkins averages 88 yards per game receiving over his career, best among active ACC players and second best among all FBS players. He trails only Marqise Lee of Southern California.

•Watkins had his ninth career 100-yard receiving game against Wake Forest, just three off the Clemson record of 12 held by former teammate Nuk Hopkins. Watkins leads all active ACC players in 100-yard receiving games.

Boyd In Good Company in 300-Yard Passing Games

Clemson senior quarterback Tajh Boyd threw for 311 yards in the win over Wake Forest on September 28. That was the 12th 300-yard passing game of his career, more than any other Clemson quarterback in history and more than any other active ACC quarterback.

Boyd is now tied for third in ACC history in career 300-yard passing games. The other players above him and tied with him all play or played in the NFL. Philip Rivers (San Diego Chargers) is the all-time leader with 18, while Chris Weinke (formerly Carolina Panthers) is second with 13. Boyd is tied with Matt Ryan (Atlanta Falcons) of Boston College and Russell Wilson (Seattle Seahawks) of N.C State with 12.

ACC Career Leaders in 300-Yard Passing Games

Rk	Player	School	Years	Gmes
1.	Philip Rivers	NC State	2000-03	18
2.	Chris Weinke	Florida State	1997-00	13
3.	Tajh Boyd	Clemson	2010-13	12
	Matt Ryan	Boston College	2004-07	12
	Russell Wilson	NC State	2008-10	12

Clemson and Alabama Only Schools with Top 10 Win 3 Straight Years

Clemson has defeated a top 10 team each of the last three years, something only the Tigers and Alabama can claim. Clemson defeated a third ranked Virginia Tech team in the ACC Championship game in 2011, downed a seventh ranked LSU team in the 2012 Chick-fil-A Bowl, then defeated fifth ranked Georgia in the season opener this year. That is actually three top 10 wins over a 16-game period.

As stated Alabama has also accomplished the feat with multiple top 10 wins in 2011 and 2012 and the Crimson Tide's win over Texas A&M this year.

NC State, Texas Tech and Syracuse can join Clemson and Alabama with wins over top 10 teams this year. Obviously, Syracuse is trying to do it this weekend with a win over third ranked Clemson. The Tigers already defeated a team trying to join the party as the Tigers defeated NC State on September 19, 26-12.

Swinney Now Holds ACC Record for Home Winning Percentage, League Games

Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney is 17-2 in home ACC games (.895) in his five years as Clemson head coach and that is the highest winning percentage in league history. He recently moved ahead of former Clemson coach Ken Hatfield, who had a 12-1-1 record at home against league foes between 1990-93. Bobby Bowden is third on the all-time list for home winning percentage at .861 off a 62-10 record at Florida State.

Catanzaro Now Tied for Fifth in ACC Scoring

Clemson senior kicker Chandler Catanzaro is now tied for fifth in ACC history in scoring with 337 points. He moved into a tie for fifth place with former Wake Forest kicker Sam Swank when he had seven points, ironically, against Wake Forest. Catanzaro has 163 career extra point and 58 field goals for his 337 points. Next on the list is former North Carolina kicker Casey Barth, who had 358 points between 2005-08. The all-time leading scorer with Dustin Hopkins of Florida State, who had 466 career points between 2009-12.

Boyd Has Record Setting Day against Wake Forest

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd set two records and reached a milestone in the win over Wake Forest. First he had 380 yards of total offense to move past Charlie Whitehurst on the all-time list. Whitehurst had 9763 career yards and Boyd now has 9971.

Second, he established a school record for consecutive passes without an interception. He has a streak of 166 in a row entering the Syracuse game, one more than Cullen Harper had between 2005-07.

Third, Boyd became the second player in ACC history with at least 100 touchdowns rushing and passing. He had four against Wake Forest and now has 102 entering the Syracuse game. The record is 112 by Philip Rivers of NC State.

Tajh Boyd Records and Milestones in Range

- Needs 29 yards of total offense to become the third quarterback in ACC history to reach 10,000 yards.
- Needs 76 yards rushing to reach 1000 for career
- Needs 9 completions to become 11th ACC quarterback with 700 for career.
- Needs a 300-yard passing game to move into second place on ACC list. Would give him 13. Currently he has 12 tied for third in ACC history. Chris Weinke of Florida State is second with 13.

Catanzaro Becomes Clemson's Career Scoring Leader

Chandler Catanzaro became Clemson's career scoring leader in the Tigers win over NC State when he scored eight points on two field goals and two extra points. His field goals came from 49 and 45 yards, respectively and provided the difference in Clemson's 13-7 halftime lead.

He actually broke the record on an extra point after Clemson's second touchdown. Catanzaro now has 337 career points.

Catanzaro has a chance for another record when the Tigers face Wake Forest. He now has 22 career field goals of 40 yards or more and needs just two more to break Chris Gardocki's record of 23. Gardocki accomplished that during an All-America career from 1988-90.

Catanzaro is actually the most accurate Clemson kicker in history on field goals from 40 yards or more. He has made 22-29 from at least 40 yards out in his career for 76 percent. Gardocki made 23-39 from at least 40 yards in his career.

Catanzaro has made each of his last 10 field goals and 30 of his last 31. His only miss over the last 20 games has been a 48 yarder at Wake Forest last year. He has made 28 straight from inside the 48 yard line.

Clemson Career Scoring Leaders

Rk	Player	Years	TD	PAT	FG-A	TP
1.	Chandler Catanzaro, PK	2010-13	0	163-159	58-72	337
2.	Aaron Hunt, PK	2000-03	0	164-172	55-76	329
3.	C.J. Spiller, RB	2006-09	51	2		308
4.	Nelson Welch, PK	1991-94	0	85-92	72-102	301
5.	Travis Zachery, TB	1998-01	50			300
6.	James Davis, RB	2005-08	49			294
7.	Obed Ariri, PK	1977-80	0	99-103	63-97	288
8.	Chris Gardocki, PK	1988-90	0	72-72	63-89	261

Beasley Second in Nation in Sacks

Clemson defensive Vic Beasley end had three sacks in the Tigers win at NC State and now has six for the year. He ranks second in the nation in sacks/game.

Beasley has been very productive in this area in the last two seasons. He had eight sacks as a reserve last year in just 288 snaps, a sack every 36 plays for the course of the season. This year he has an even better rate as he has his six sacks in just 153 snaps on defense, or one every 26 plays.

Over his last 10 games, Beasley has 12 sacks in 316 plays, a rate of a sack every 26 plays. For his career, Beasley has 14 sacks in 457 plays, one every 33 snaps.

Beasley is the co-leader of the ACC in sacks with Aaron Donald of Pittsburgh. They both have six in four games. Since sacks were kept by the ACC as a statistic in 1978, Clemson has had the individual champion eight times, more than any other school.

That list includes the names William Perry (1984), Michael Dean Perry (1986 and 1987), Chester McGlockton (co-champion, 1989), Keith Adams (1999), Gaines Adams (2006), Da'Quan Bowers (2010) and Andre Branch (2011).

Beasley Sacking Quarterback at Record Rate

Vic Beasley has 14 sacks in 457 plays over his Clemson career, a sack every 32.64 plays of participation. That is a very strong rate, in fact better than each of the 10 leaders in Clemson history in career sacks. Among the top 10, Michael Dean Perry has the best rate at one sack for every 44.86 plays over his career between 1984-87. Chester McGlockton averaged a sack every 49.85 plays.

Plays Per Sack of Clemson Career Sack Leaders

Rk	Player	Years	Snaps	Sacks	PI/Sack
1.	Michael Dean Perry	1984-87	1256	28	44.86
2.	Gaines Adams	2003-06	1727	28	61.68
3.	William Perry	1981-84	*1750	27	64.81
4.	Adrian Dingle	1995-98	1727	23	75.09
5.	Keith Adams	1998-00	1793	23	77.96
6.	Brentson Buckner	1990-93	1682	22	76.45
7.	Bryant McNeal	1999-02	1945	22	88.41
8.	Chester McGlockton	1989-91	1022	20.5	49.85
9.	Da'Quan Bowers	2008-10	1638	19.5	84.00
10.	Levon Kirkland	1988-91	1928	19	101.48
	Wayne Simmons	1989-92	1639	19	86.26
	Vic Beasley	2011-13	457	14	32.64

*Estimated number of plays

Freshman Shaq Lawson Has Big Day at NC State

True freshman Shaq Lawson had the biggest day of his young career in the win over NC State. The native of Central, SC and Daniel

High School had 2.5 tackles for loss, including a sack in the Clemson win. He had four total tackles in 22 snaps as a reserve. He played more snaps than any other reserve on the Clemson defense.

Lawson was a big reason Clemson's defense had 10 tackles for loss, including five sacks in the victory in Raleigh. It was the most tackles for loss by a Clemson true freshman lineman since Da'Quan Bowers had three tackles for loss against Nebraska in the 2008 Gator Bowl.

Anthony and Beasley ACC Players of the Week

Clemson linebacker Stephone Anthony and defensive end Vic Beasley were both named ACC Players of the Week for their respective positions for their performances against NC State. Anthony led the Tigers with 16 tackles, while Beasley had three sacks. It marked the second time Clemson had two defensive players honored by the ACC for the same game since 2005. The only other time took place in 2011 when Andre Branch and Tig Willard were both honored for their performance in a 23-3 win over a top 10 Virginia Tech team.

Anthony and Spencer Shuey have both been named ACC Linebacker of the Week already this year. This marks the first time since 2006 that two different linebackers have been honored with Player of the Week kudos in the same year. In 2006 Nick Watkins and Antonio Clay were both honored.

Shuey Named Lott Impact Player of the Week

Clemson Linebacker Spencer Shuey has been named the Lott IMPACT Player of the Week. The 6-3, 240-pound Shuey from Charlotte, North Carolina had 11 tackles and a fumble recovery in as 26-14 win over North Carolina State. The victory kept the No. 3 ranked Tigers undefeated at 3-0.

In recognition of Shuey's performance, the Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation, sponsors of the Lott IMPACT Trophy, will make a \$1,000 donation to the general scholarship fund at Clemson. Shuey is a two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll member who has graduated with a degree in management.

He didn't become a starter until mid-way through his third season (2012) at Clemson. "He's willed himself into the player he is now," says defensive coordinator Brent Venables. "I've never had to ask him to do something twice."

35 Straight Polls

Clemson has a streak of 35 straight polls with a top 25 ranking in at least one poll, including every week during the 2012 season and every week so far this season. This is the longest streak Clemson has been ranked in at least one poll since the October 23, 1989 to October 24, 1992 era when the Tigers were ranked in 50 consecutive polls (at least one). This streak is the third longest in Clemson history. Clemson also had a 41-poll streak in the 1980s.

Alabama, Clemson, LSU, Oregon, South Carolina, Oklahoma and Stanford are the only schools in the nation with an active streak of at least 35 polls.

Clemson has also been ranked in the top 20 of every BCS poll over the last two years, a total of 16 consecutive polls. That includes a 14th place ranking in the final BCS poll of 2012 and a number-15 ranking in the final 2011 BCS Poll.

Clemson has also been ranked in the top 10 in the nation each of the last six weeks, the fourth longest streak of top 10 rankings in Clemson history. The record is 10 in a row set in 1981.

Overall, Clemson as been ranked in the top 25 a total of 347 times, 32.7 percent of the 1059 polls that have been issued since 1936. Clemson's average ranking during those 347 weeks is 14.. Clemson has been ranked number-one twice (both in 1981), ranked second six times, ranked in the top five 26 times, and in the top 10 94 times.

Active Streak Consecutive Weeks Ranked in top 25 of AP Poll

Rk	School	Weeks	Years
1.	Alabama	87	2008-13
2.	LSU	70	2009-13
3.	Oregon	66	2009-13
4.	Oklahoma	54	2010-13
5.	South Carolina	53	2010-13
	Stanford	53	2010-13
7.	Clemson	35	2011-13
8.	Georgia	31	2011-13
9.	Florida State	25	2011-13
10,	Ohio State	22	2012-13
	Florida	22	2012-13

Clemson Top Streaks of Weeks Ranked in AP Poll

Rk	Weeks	Years
1.	50	1989-92
2.	41	1986-89
3.	35	2011-13
4.	21	2000-01
5.	15	1981-82

Peake Suffers Torn ACL in Practice, Out for Season

Charone Peake, the second leading receiver on Clemson's third ranked football team, suffered a torn ACL during practice on September 10 and will be lost for the season.

"This is a big loss, Charone was having a great year and was going to have a great year," said Head Coach Dabo Swinney. "We are thin at receiver with just six scholarship players now. We like to carry 10 at that position. We have good players, but we don't have a lot of bodies."

Swinney said Peake suffered the injury in a simple non-contact drill. The MRI was read Wednesday and it revealed a torn ACL.

Peake had eight catches for 84 yards and a touchdown in two games so far this year, second on the Clemson team to Sammy Watkins in both receptions and yards.

Peake, a preseason watch list selection for the Biletnikoff Award, had 25 receptions last year for 172 yards and two scores. He played in 13 games last year, two as a starter. He had played in 29 consecutive games over three seasons, at streak that ended when he did not play at NC State.

Tigers in Top 3 of AP Poll for 16th time

Clemson is ranked third in the nation according to Associated Press this week, the 16th time Clemson has had a top 3 ranking by the AP. When Clemson reached number-three after it defeated Georgia on August 31, it was the highest ranking for the program since September 12, 1988 when the Tigers were also third. Clemson was last number-two in the rankings on September 17, 1984.

Clemson is ranked fourth by **USA Today** coaches poll this week.

Below is a list of Clemson's highest rankings in the AP poll.

Date	W-L	AP Rank
11-30-81	11-0	1
1-3-81	12-0	1
11-2-81	8-0	2
11-9-81	9-0	2
11-16-81	10-0	2
11-23-81	11-0	2
9-10-84	2-0	2
9-17-84	2-0	2
10-26-84	7-0	3
9-3-84	1-0	3
9-5-88	1-0	3
9-12-88	2-0	3
9-8-13	2-0	3
9-15-13	2-0	3
9-22-13	3-0	3
9-29-13	4-0	3

Stoudt Sets Clemson Single Game Record

Much has been written about the records that have been set by Clemson starting quarterback Tajh Boyd. But, his backup now has one record Boyd does not have.

Against South Carolina State on September 7, Stoudt completed 19 of 20 passes for 143 yards and three scores in leading the Tigers to a 52-13 win over the Bulldogs. The 95 percent completion rate for Stoudt broke the record of 94.1 percent (16-17) that had been set by Woody Dantzler against The Citadel in 2000.

Ironically, Dantzler was at the game against South Carolina State on the Clemson sidelines as he served as an honorary captain for the game. Dantzler is from Orangeburg, SC, the home of South Carolina State.

Stoudt completed his first seven passes of the game, missed one on an attempt to freshman tight end Jordan Leggett, then completed his last 12 to finish the game. He completed his first three against Wake Forest to get the streak to 15 in a row before he threw an incomplete pass. The Clemson record for consecutive completions over consecutive games is 17 by Nealon Greene in 1997 against Virginia and Maryland.

Stoudt had an efficiency rating of 204 for the game as he also threw three touchdown passes, two to freshman Germone Hopper and one to Charone Peake.

Stoudt is the son of former NFL quarterback Cliff Stoudt, who played professionally from 1980-89. Cliff's best game in terms of comple-

tion percentage was against Cleveland in October of 1983 when he connected on 14-18 passes for a 77.8 percent mark.

Hopper Gets ACC Rookie of the Week Honors

Red-shirt freshman Germone Hopper was Clemson's top receiver in the win over South Carolina State. The native of Charlotte, NC who red-shirted last year, had six catches for 66 yards and two scores against South Carolina State. Those were his first two touchdowns as a Tiger. In fact, his first reception was a 17-yard scoring pass from Cole Stoudt in the third period.

Hopper was named ACC Rookie of the Week for his efforts. He was the first Clemson player to earn ACC Rookie of the Week honors since Sammy Watkins earned the award three times during the 2011 season. Hopper was also the first freshman to score two receiving TDs in the same game since Watkins did it multiple times in 2011.

He added four catches against NC State and is tied for second on the Clemson team in receptions with 10 for 91 yards.

The 6-0 175-pounder was rated as the 11th best receiver and 75th best overall player in the nation by Rivals.com coming out of Philip O Berry Academy of Technology in 2011. He played in the US Army All-American game after his senior year.

Boyd Reaches 100 Touchdowns

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd reached the 100 career touchdown mark in the win over Wake Forest when he had three passing touchdowns and a rushing score. He now has 102 for his career. Only Philip Rivers, who played for NC State from 2000-03, has more with 112.

Boyd has really done this in just three years and 38 total games. He did not start a game as a freshman, then had 38 total touchdowns as a sophomore in 2011. He followed that up with an ACC record 46 touchdowns last year in 13 games. He has 13 so far this year, nine passing and four rushing.

ACC Career Leaders in Touchdown Responsibility

Rk	Player	School	Years	TDR
1.	Philip Rivers	NC State	2000-03	112
2.	Tajh Boyd	Clemson	2010-13	102
3.	Russell Wilson	NC State	2008-10	93
4.	Joe Hamilton	Georgia Tech	1996-99	83
	Shawn Moore	Virginia	1987-90	83
	Chris Weinke	Florida State	1997-00	83

Boyd 25-Game Winner

Tajh Boyd has a 25-6 career record as a starting quarterback, tied for second on the all-time Clemson list with Charlie Whitehurst, who had a 25-15 record in 40 starts over the 2002-05 seasons.

Boyd's 25-6 record includes a 16-1 mark at Memorial Stadium. He was the common denominator to Clemson's 13-game winning streak at Memorial Stadium, the longest in school history. He has led Clemson to seven wins over top 25 teams in career as a starter, tied for the most in Clemson history.

The all-time leader in total wins is Rodney Williams, who won 32 games between 1985-88. A victory against Wake Forest would tie Boyd for second with Charlie Whitehurst who had a 25-15 record from 2002-05.

Clemson's Winningest Starting Quarterbacks

Rk	Player	Years	W-L
1.	Rodney Williams	1985-88	32-10-2
2.	Charlie Whitehurst	2002-05	25-15
	Tajh Boyd	2010-13	25-6
4.	Nealon Greene	1994-97	24-16
5.	Homer Jordan	1979-82	22-6-1
6.	Steve Fuller	1975-78	21-11-3
	Mike Eppley	1980-84	21-5-1

Boyd Named National Player of the Week by Maxwell Football Club

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd was named National Player of the Week by the Maxwell Football Club for his performance against Georgia. He was also named National Player of the Week by Athlon Sports.

Boyd was named ACC offensive Back of the Week by the Atlantic Coast Conference Sports Media Association as well. It was the seventh time Boyd has been named ACC Player of the week, tying the Clemson record that is also held by Keith Adams, who played for the Tigers from 1998-2000.

Boyd completed 18 of 30 passes for 270 yards and three touchdowns against the fifth ranked Bulldogs. He also rushed 13 times for 42 yards scored two rushing touchdowns, giving him five total touchdowns and 312 yards of total offense on the night. He accounted for 30 of Clem-

son's 38 points in the 38-35 victory.

Boyd Second in TD Passes in ACC History

Tajh Boyd moved past Chris Weinke into second place in ACC in career touchdown passes against Wake Forest. He now has 82, just 13 behind all-time ACC leader Phillips Rivers.

Boyd is also fourth in ACC history in career total offense with 9971, and is 10th in career passing yardage at 9047. Boyd needs 29 yards of total offense to become the third ACC player to reach 10,000 yards. Philip Rivers and Joe Hamilton are the others.

ACC Career Leaders in Touchdown Passes

Rk	Name	School	Years	TDs
1.	Philip Rivers	NC State	2000-03	95
2.	Tajh Boyd	Clemson	2010-13	82
3.	Chris Weinke	Florida State	1997-00	79
4.	Russell Wilson	NC State	2008-10	76
5.	Jacory Harris	Miami	2008-11	70

ACC Career Leaders in Total Offense

Rk	Name	School	Years	Offense
1.	Philip Rivers	NC State	2000-03	13,582
2.	Joe Hamilton	Georgia Tech	1996-99	10,065
3.	Thaddeus Lewis	Duke	2006-09	9,987
4.	Tajh Boyd	Clemson	2010-13	9,971
5.	Riley Skinner	Wake Forest	2006-09	9,923

Boyd Among Active FBS Players

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd ranks among the best in the nation in many career statistical areas entering games of October 3. Boyd is second among active players in career touchdown passes, touchdowns rushing and passing, and fourth in total passing yards. Below is a summary.

Boyd Among Active FBS Players, career Basis

Category	Rank	Figure
TD Passes	2 nd	82
TD Responsibility	2 nd	102
Passing Yards	6 th	9047
Total Offense	6 th	9971
Completion	10 th	691
Passing Efficiency	16 th	150.2
Completion %	17 th	.626

Boyd Returning ACC Player of the Year

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd won ACC Player of the Year honors in 2012 and is back for his senior year. There have been just five repeat winners of the award in history. Roman Gabriel of NC State (1960-61), Mike Voight of North Carolina (1975-76), Steve Fuller of Clemson (1977-78), Don McCauley of North Carolina (1969-70), and Charlie Ward of Florida State (1992-93). So as you can see by the list that no one has done it since 1993 and when Ward did it he won the Heisman.

Maryland linebacker E.J. Henderson repeated as ACC Defensive Player of the Year in 2002, but not as player of the year, which he won in 2001. Matt Schaub of Virginia is the last player to win the award (2002) as a junior and return for his senior year, but he did not win player of the year as a senior in 2003.

Boyd Among Best in ACC History

Tajh Boyd set nine ACC records in 2012 and is among the best in league history for his performance this year.

Boyd's ACC Records

- Total offense by a junior (4,410). The previous record was 3,998 by Russell Wilson (N.C. State) in 2010.
- Points responsible for in a game (48) against N.C. State. The previous record was 36 by many.
- Points responsible for in a season (278). He had the previous mark (228).
- 4,000-yard total offense seasons (2).
- Touchdown responsibility in a season (46).
- Passing touchdowns in a season (36). Phillip Rivers had previous mark with 34.
- Passing yards by a junior (3,896).
- Touchdown responsibility (8) against N.C. State.
- Passing touchdowns in consecutive games (10) at Wake Forest. Duke.

Two Pick Sixes in One Game

Clemson cornerbacks Martin Jenkins and Darius Robinson both had interception returns for touchdowns in the Tigers 52-13 win over

South Carolina State on September 7. Jenkins returned an interception 52 yards for a score in the second period, then Robinson ran one back 35 yards for a score in the third period. The plays were actually just 4:45 apart in terms of game time.

It marked the first time in history that Clemson had a pair of "Pick Six" touchdowns in the same game. There have been plenty of times that Clemson has scored two defensive touchdowns in the same game, most recently in 2011 against North Carolina, but never two interception returns for scores.

Jenkins and Robinson came to Clemson the same year, the fall of 2010, and both have had injury riddled careers so it was gratifying for both to get into the endzone. Jenkins has had problems with arthritis in the lower part of his body and missed all of last year. Robinson missed the last six games of last year after fracturing an ankle against Virginia Tech last year.

The two returns for scores were the 16th and 17th returns for touchdowns since the beginning of the 2009 season when Dabo Swinney was in his first full season as head coach. Maryland has the most among ACC schools during that time with 18, while Clemson is second with 17.

ACC Leaders, Returns for Touchdowns Since 2009

No	Schools	Returns for TDs
1.	Maryland	19
2.	Clemson	17
	NC State	17
4.	Florida State	16
5.	North Carolina	15
	Miami (FL)	15
7.	Georgia Tech	14
8.	Virginia Tech	14
	Duke	14
10.	Boston College	8
11.	Pittsburgh	8
	Virginia	7
	Wake Forest	7
14	Syracuse	5

Pinion Kicking Has Been Outstanding

Clemson kicker Bradley Pinion has had an excellent start to the season as a punter and placekicker. Against South Carolina State he was 5-6 on kickoffs for touchbacks and on punts he averaged 48.8 yards a punt on five punts.

For the season, Pinion has had 17 touchbacks on 25 kickoffs and has averaged 42 yards a punt on 19 punts. He has a net average of 40.8. He has had seven punts inside the 20 and six punts of at least 50 yards. He has not had a touchback and opponents have just 26 punt return yards.

As stated above, he has allowed just two of his kickoffs to be returned and that was to the 25 yard line.

Another Big Play by C.J.

A guy named C.J. is regarded as one of the greats in Clemson history. C.J. Spiller, now Pro Bowl running back with the Buffalo Bills, was the ACC Player of the Year in 2009 and a unanimous All-American when he set the ACC career record for all-purpose running, a record he still holds by 1700 yards.

Another C.J. turned in a great play in Memorial Stadium against Georgia. We aren't sure C.J. Spiller had a bigger impact in as important a game.

With the score, 38-28 in favor of the Tigers and under six minutes left, Clemson senior walk-on C.J. Jones picked up a loose ball on the dead run that had been touched by a Clemson player in the endzone on a punt return and brought it out to the nine-yard line. Had Jones not had the presence of mind to get the ball, it likely would have been recovered for a Georgia touchdown.

It was Jones only appearance in the game all night.

Jones is from Lincolnton, GA and Lincolnton Country High School. The graphic communications major has played just 17 plays in his career and appeared in three games a year ago. He has not lettered previously, but we guarantee he will letter this year.

Clemson vs. Georgia Highest Rated College Football Game of Opening Weekend

The Clemson vs. Georgia football game televised by ABC last Saturday was the most watched game of the opening weekend of college football with a 5.0 Nielsen rating and an estimated audience of over 8.14 million people.

The 5.0 rating was the highest on the opening weekend for the

ABC network since 2006 when a Notre Dame at Georgia Tech game drew a 5.6 rating.

Additionally, the game ranked sixth in the top 10 most watched television programs for the week and lifted ABC to second place behind CBS in the weekly ratings. The telecast was just behind "60 Minutes" which had 8.36 million viewers.

The Clemson vs. Georgia game was the highest rated football game by far for the opening weekend. The Alabama vs. Virginia Tech game was second with a 3.1, followed by the Rice at Texas A&M game with a 2.9.

Last year Clemson played four of the top eight highest rated games involving ACC teams, including the win over LSU in the Chick-fil-A Bowl on ESPN. That game drew a 4.8 rating and 8.6 million viewers.

Clemson won the battle of top 10 teams, 38-35.

Most Watched Television Programs August 26-September 1

Rk	Program	Network	Viewers
1.	Under the Dome	CBS	11.12M
2.	America's Got Talent	NBC (Wed.)	9.85M
3.	America's Got Talent	NBC (Tue.)	8.70M
4.	NCIS	CBS	8.47M
5.	60 Minutes	CBS	8.36M
6.	Clemson vs. Georgia	ABC	8.14M
7.	Unforgettable	CBS	6.94M
8.	Big Brother 15	CBS	6.36M
9.	Master Chef	Fox	6.33M
10.	Duck Dynasty	A&E	6.30M

Win over Georgia Landmark Victory

Clemson's season opening win over Georgia was one of the top victories in Clemson history. Clemson defeated the fifth-ranked Bulldogs 38-35. It was the highest ranked team Clemson has beaten to open the season and the fifth highest ranked team Clemson has defeated at any time during the season.

Here are some other accomplishments registered by the Clemson team in its victory over the Bulldogs:

- Clemson became first non-SEC team in college football history to defeat top 10 SEC teams in consecutive games. Clemson had ended the 2012 season with a 25-24 win over seventh ranked LSU.

- Third highest ranked team Clemson has defeated in Death Valley. Only wins that are better are over third ranked Florida State in 2003 and win over fourth ranked Georgia in 1981.

- Mark Richt had been 49-8 in his career against non-conference opponents. He had been 41-11 in opponent's stadiums and was the fourth winningest active coach in the nation entering the game with a .747 percentage.

- The victory was the seventh over a top 25 opponent for Tajh Boyd, tying him with Rodney Williams and Charlie Whitehurst for the most for a Clemson starting quarterback.

Clemson's Highest Ranked Wins

(top 10 in at least one poll)

Year	Opponent	Site	Rankings	Score
2003	Florida State	H	3-3	26-10
2011	Virginia Tech	N	5-3	38-10
1981	Georgia	H	4-4	13-3
1981	Nebraska	N	4-4	22-15
2013	Georgia	H	5-5	38-35
2003	Tennessee	N	6-7	27-14
1959	TCU	N	7-8	23-7
2012	LSU	N	9-7	25-24
1981	North Carolina	A	8-9	10-8
2009	Miami (FL)	A	8-9	40-37
2006	Florida State	A	9-10	27-20
2001	Georgia Tech	A	9-11	47-44
1983	North Carolina	A	10-9	16-3
1983	Maryland	H	11-9	52-27
1986	Georgia	A	14-10	31-28
2011	Virginia Tech	A	11-10	23-3

Wins in bold face by Dabo Swinney

Adding to the #93 Legend

The number 93 holds legendary status in recent Clemson history. It was the number worn by the late Gaines Adams from 2003-06. He was the number-four selection of the NFL draft after being named ACC Defensive Player of the Year in 2006. Four years later Da'Quan Bowens wore the same number and was named the ACC Defensive Player of the Year after leading the nation in sacks. He was also the winner of the

Bronko Nagurski Award, which goes to the top defender in college football. Now, Corey Crawford sports the number and he made a big play in the win over Georgia on August 31. The native of Columbus, GA had his first career interception in the second quarter of the Tigers 38-35 victory. The defensive end dropped 15 yards down field and picked off an Aaron Murray pass at the Clemson 18 yard line. Clemson had just fumbled a punt the play changed the momentum and allowed Clemson to stay in a tie with Georgia at halftime.

Four Tigers Named ACC Player of the Week vs. Georgia

Four Clemson players were named ACC Player of the Week for their respective performances against Georgia in the season opener. Tajh Boyd was named ACC Offensive Back of the Week after he completed 18-30 passes for 270 yards and three scores. He also had 42 yards rushing and scored two more TDs, giving him five for the game.

His favorite receiver, Sammy Watkins, was named the ACC Receiver of the Week for his six catches for 127 yards and a score performance. One of his catches was a 77-yard reception from Boyd, the longest catch of his career.

Ryan Norton, making his first career start at center, was named ACC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week. Norton played 78 of 79 snaps and had a film grade of 91 percent, best among all Clemson offensive linemen.

Spencer Shuey was named the ACC Linebacker of the Week. He had 18 tackles off the Clemson coaches film to lead the Tigers defense.

This was the first time Clemson has had four ACC Players of the Week for the same game since 2006 when Clemson played Georgia Tech. Ironically, that was also a game that featured ESPN College Gameday.

Six of Swinney's 44 Wins over Top 11 Teams

Clemson Coach Dabo Swinney registered his ninth career win over a top 25 team when the Tigers defeated fifth-ranked Georgia, 38-35 on August 31.

It was also his sixth win over a top 11 team according to the AP poll. That ties for first in Clemson history in top 11 AP wins with Danny Ford. It was significant that Swinney accomplished that against Georgia because it was the same night that Ford went into the Clemson Ring of Honor. Both Ford and Swinney are Alabama graduates, so there were interesting ties all around. All six of Ford's top 11 wins are top 10 wins, so he has Swinney by one in that category.

Overall, Ford is the Clemson coaching leader in wins over top 25 teams with 20. Tommy Bowden is second with 13 and Swinney is tied with Frank Howard for third with nine (ranked in either poll). In fairness to Howard, seven of the years he coached in the 1960s the AP only ranked 10 teams each week.

It is interesting to note that in three of the nine wins over ranked opponents by Swinney Clemson has scored exactly 38 points. Clemson has averaged 31 points per game in those nine wins.

Dabo Swinney's Wins over Top 25 Opponents

Year	Opponent	AP-UsA	Cu-Opp
2009	at Miami (FL)	8-9	40-37
2010	NC State	23-25	14-13
2011	Auburn	21-19	38-24
2011	Florida State	11-14	35-30
2011	at Virginia Tech	11-10	23-3
2011	Virginia Tech (N)	5-3	38-10
2012	Auburn (N)	NR, 25	26-19
2012	LSU (N)	9-7	25-24
2013	Georgia	5-5	38-35

Most Wins over Top 25 Teams in Clemson Coaching History

Coach	Years	Top 25 Wins
Danny Ford	1979-89	20
Tommy Bowden	1999-08	13
Frank Howard	1940-69	9
Dabo Swinney	2008-13	9
Ken Hatfield	1990-93	8
Tommy West	1994-98	4
Cahrley Pell	1977-78	2
Jess Neely	1931-40	1
Hootie Ingram	1970-73	1

Norton Has Good First Game

Clemson sophomore center Ryan Norton was Clemson's highest graded offensive lineman in terms of blocking grade in the win over Georgia and was ACC Co Offensive Lineman of the Week. The native of Simpsonville, SC played 78 of the 79 Clemson offensive snaps and had a

91 percent grade from the Clemson coaches. He did not allow a sack and had four knockdown blocks.

Norton is the only newcomer to the starting lineup in the offensive line for Dabo Swinney's Tigers. Dalton Freeman had started the previous 49 games at center for the Tigers, so this was the first game that Tajh Boyd did not have Freeman with him as the center.

Hot Rod Off and Running

Clemson senior running back Roderick McDowell had 22 carries for 132 yards in the season opening win over Georgia. It was his first career start and his career high in terms of yardage by a wide margin. His previous best came last year NC State and at Duke when he had 83 yards in each game.

For the game, McDowell averaged 6.0 yards per rush, an improvement on his career average of 5.22 entering the game.

McDowell's 132 yards rushing were the most by a Clemson back in his first career start since Ronald Williams had 183 yards in 14 carries against Appalachian State in 1990. Williams is the father of McDowell's current teammate DeShawn Williams, a defensive tackle for the Tigers.

For the year, McDowell has 253 yards in 47 carries, 5.5 yards per attempt. He is ninth in the ACC in rushing after four games.

Boyd Pays Tribute to Jordan...statistically

One of the strange statistical quirks of the season opener against Georgia involved Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd and former All-ACC Clemson quarterback Homer Jordan.

Jordan, served as one of the honorary captains for the Tigers against Georgia in the season opener. Jordan, a native of Athens, GA, quarterbacked Clemson to the 1981 National Championship. His best all-around game as a Tiger took place against Maryland in 1981. In that game he threw for 270 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for 42 yards, leading the Tigers to a win that clinched the ACC title.

Incredibly, Boyd had the exact same numbers in all three categories in the win over Georgia.

Another interesting tie between Boyd and Jordan in that game surrounds career wins for a starting quarterback. Boyd moved into a tie for fourth place in Clemson history in that category with 22 wins. The quarterback he tied with the win over Georgia? Jordan.

Seckinger Scores Game Winner

Sophomore tight end Stanton Seckinger caught a nine-yard touchdown reception from Tajh Boyd in the fourth period that proved to be the game winner in Clemson's 38-35 win over Georgia in the season opener.

We could have figured that Seckinger would score the game winner on this night. During pre-game ceremonies, former Clemson Head Coach Danny Ford, who led Clemson to the 1981 National Championship, was inducted into the Ring of Honor. Then Seckinger, who wears number-81, caught the game winner. Seckinger finished the game with two receptions for 26 yards.

Four Wins over Top 25 SEC Teams

Clemson has four wins over Top 25 SEC teams since the 2011 season started, the only non-SEC school nationally that can make that claim. In fact there have been only nine non-conference wins over top 25 SEC teams the last three years combined and Clemson has four of the nine. That includes two top 10 wins, over LSU and Georgia. Miami defeated a top 15 Florida team last week.

Non-Conference Wins over Top 25 SEC Teams Last 3 years

School	SEC Opp	AP-USA	Year	Site	Score
Clemson	Auburn	21-19	2011	Clemson, SC	38-24
Clemson	Auburn	25-NR	2012	Atlanta, GA	26-19
Clemson	LSU	9-7	2012	Atlanta, GA	25-24
Clemson	Georgia	5-5	2013	Clemson, SC	38-35
Boise St.	Georgia	19-22	2011	Atlanta, GA	35-21
LA Monroe	Arkansas	8-10	2012	Fayetteville, AR	34-31
Louisville	Florida	3-4	2012	New Orleans, LA	33-23
Michigan St	Georgia	18-18	2011	Tampa, FL	33-30
Miami (FL)	Florida	12-12	2013	Miami (FL)	21-16

Clemson Award Candidates

Seven different Clemson players are on award watch lists for the 2013 season. The list is led by Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd, who is a candidate for the Maxwell and Walter Camp Player of the Year Awards, and two quarterback awards, the Manning and O'Brien Awards. Sammy Watkins is a candidate for three different awards, while senior offensive tackle Brandon Thomas is up for two honors, the Outland and the Lom-

bardi.

Clemson Players on 2013 Watch Lists Announced So Far

Player	Yr	Pos	Award	For Outstanding...
Tajh Boyd	Sr	QB	Maxwell	Player
			Walter Camp	Player
			Manning	Quarterback
			O'Brien	Quarterback
Sammy Watkins	Jr	WR	Maxwell	Player
			Hornung	All-Purpose Player
			Biletnikoff	Wide Receiver
Charone Peake	Jr.	WR	Biletnikoff	Wide Receiver
Vic Beasley	Jr.	DE	Bednarik	Defensive Player
Brandon Thomas	Gr.	OT	Outland	Interior Lineman
			Lombardi	Interior Lineman
Chandler Catanzaro	Gr.	PK	Groza	Kicker
Spencer Shuey	Gr.	LB	Lott	Defensive Player

21 Wins over Two Years

Clemson has had back-to-back seasons of at least 10 victories. The Tigers are the only ACC team and one of just 13 programs nationally to win at least 10 games each of the last two seasons. Clemson also has consecutive top 25 seasons, also a first for the program since the 1986-91 era, including a top 10 finish in the final USA Today poll in 2012, Clemson's highest final ranking since 1990. Clemson is 21-6 over the last two years combined and the 21 combined wins are the most for the Clemson program since 1981-82.

10-Plus Win Seasons, 2011 and 2012

School	2011	2012
Alabama	12-1	13-1
Arkansas State	10-3	10-3
Boise State	12-1	11-2
Cincinnati	10-3	10-3
Clemson	10-4	11-2
Georgia	10-4	12-2
Kansas State	10-3	11-2
LSU	13-1	10-3
Northern Illinois	11-3	12-2
Oklahoma	10-3	10-3
Oregon	12-2	12-1
South Carolina	11-2	11-2
Stanford	11-2	12-2

Listed in alphabetical order

Offensive Excellence

One of the reasons for Clemson's success since the 2011 season began. Behind offensive coordinator Chad Morris, a period of 30 games, Clemson has averaged 37.7 points and 476.4 yards per game. The Tigers have converted on third down 47 percent of the time, completed 63 percent of their passes and averaged 6.03 yards per play.

Clemson Offensive Numbers over last 3 Years Combined

Category	Totals	Average
Points	1175	37.90
Touchdowns	142/31	4.58
Total Offense	14,803	493.4
Total Plays	2,448	78.8
Yards/Play	14,230/2365	6.05
Third Down Conv.	237/496	.478
Completions	735/31	23.7
Attempts	1153/31	37.2
Passing Yards	9383/31	302.3
TD Passes	85/31	2.73
TD/Int	85/26	3.21
Pass Efficiency		151.25
Completion %		.637
Rushing	5,420/31	174.8
Yards/Rush	5,420/1295	4.21
Rushing TD/Game	56/31	1.81

Back-to-Back Atlantic Division Crowns

Clemson has a 13-3 record over the last two years in the ACC and won the 2011 ACC title, the first league title for the Tigers in 20 years. Clemson won the Atlantic Division title in 2011 with a 6-2 record, then tied Florida State for the Atlantic Division title in 2012 with a 7-1 mark. The seven conference wins set a school record. Clemson has now won or tied

first in the ACC Atlantic three of the four full years Dabo Swinney has been Clemson's Head Coach.

Active Clemson Players on ACC Career Lists

Tajh Boyd and Chandler Catanzaro rank among the top 20 in ACC history in many categories. In fact, Boyd is in the top 20 in 10 areas including second in touchdown passes, second in 400-yard passing games, second in touchdown responsibility, second in 300 yard passing games and second in 400-yard total offense games.

Tajh Boyd Among ACC Career Leaders

Rank, Category, Figure	Record
2 nd in touchdown passes, 82	Philip Rivers, 95
2 nd in 400-yard Total Offense games: 6	Philip Rivers, 7
2 nd in 400-yard passing games, 6	Philip Rivers, 7
3 rd in 300-yard passing games, 12	Philip Rivers 18
2 nd in touchdown Responsibility, 102	Philip Rivers, 112
5 th in passing efficiency, 149.3	Chris Weinke, 151.15
5 th in total offense/Game, 259.6	Charlie Ward, 296.5
6 th in passing yards/game, 236.5	Philip Rivers, 275.2
15 th in passing yards, 9047	Philip Rivers, 13,484
5 th Total Offense, 9971	Philip Rivers, 13,582

Chandler Catanzaro in ACC Career Leaders

Rank, Category, Figure	Record
9 th in extra points, 164	Dustin Hokins, 202
11 th in FG%, .797 (58-72)	Marc Primanti, .939 (31-33)
7 th in kick scoring, 337	Dustin Hopkins, 466
18 th in FGs/Game, 1.35	Sebastian Janokowski, 1.95
5 th in scoring, 337	Dustin Hopkins, 466

Dabo Swinney Top 10 Winniest ACC Head Coach

Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney has a 44-21 overall record for a .677 winning percentage, eighth best in ACC history given a minimum of three seasons as head coach. He is eighth in winning percentage in ACC games with a 29-12 mark, a .707 figure. Bobby Bowden is first on the list at .764 and Danny Ford is second at .760.

Winniest ACC Coach, All Games, % Basis

Rk	Coach	School	W-L-T	Pct
1.	Bobby Bowden	Florida State	173-53-1	.764
2.	Danny Ford	Clemson	96-29-4	.760
3.	Jimbo Fisher	Florida State	31-10-0	.756
4.	Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	91-30-0	.752
5.	Lou Holtz	NC State	33-12-3	.719
6.	Ken Hatfield	Clemson	32-13-1	.707
7.	Jim Tatum	Maryland, UNC	41-19-2	.6774
8.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	44-21	.6769
9.	Jerry Claiborne	Maryland	72-37-3	.6563
10.	Dick Sheridan	NC State	52-29-3	.637

Winniest ACC Coach, ACC Games, % Basis

Rk	Coach	School	W-L-T	Pct
1.	Bobby Bowden	Florida State	118-27-0	.814
2.	Jerry Claiborne	Maryland	46-11-1	.802
3.	Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	60-17-0	.779
4.	Bill Murray	Duke	54-15-2	.775
5.	Danny Ford	Clemson	44-14-1	.754
6.	Jimbo Fisher	Florida State	18-6-0	.750
7.	Lou Holtz	NC State	16-5-2	.739
8.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	29-12-0	.707
9.	Jim Tatum	Maryland, UNC	21-9-2	.688
10.	Frank Howard	Clemson	66-30-2	.684

Dabo Record in Special Situations

- *37-6 when leading at the half, led 12 of 13 games in 2012
- *38-3 when leading after three quarters, 20-0 last 3 years
- *39-3 when winning total offense, 24-0 last 3 years
- *32-4 when winning the rushing game, 17-2 last 3 years
- *34-4 with more first downs, 24-0 last 3 years
- *23-4 when winning time of possession, 12-0 last 3 years
- *16-1 when rushing for at least 200 yards, 9-0 last two years

Swinney Honors

Head Coach Dabo Swinney won or has been a finalist for many Coach of the Year Awards the last two years. In 2011 he was the recipient of the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year Award, the first Clemson coach to win a national coach of the year award since Danny Ford in

1981.

In each of the last two years he has been a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year an honor that takes into account success on the field and community service.

In 2011, Swinney was a finalist for the Bear Bryant Award and the Eddie Robinson Award. In 2012 he was a semifinalist for the Maxwell Club National Coach of the Year. He was the only ACC coach on the list of 15 semifinalists.

Boyd's Improvement

One of the reasons for Clemson's improvement to a top-10 offense in 2012 was the running of quarterback Tajh Boyd. The junior from Hampton, VA had 514 yards on 186 carries and 10 touchdowns. That is the fifth-highest season rushing total for a quarterback in Clemson history. His 10 rushing touchdowns are fourth-most among Clemson signal-callers as well.

In 2011, Boyd had 218 yards on 142 carries in 14 games and scored five touchdowns, so he had more than doubled his rushing yardage in one less game in 2012.

Boyd's 514 rushing yards were the most since Dantzler had a school-quarterback-record 1,061 rushing yards in 2001 in only 11 games.

Boyd picked up the pace in rushing in the second half of the year. He had 360 rushing yards in the last eight games. He had 161 rushing yards in the first five games (32.2 yards per game).

Boyd had a career-high 103 rushing yards in the win over N.C. State when he also scored three touchdowns on the ground. He became the first Clemson quarterback to score three touchdowns in a game since Dantzler in 2000 against Duke. He carried the ball 29 times against LSU, more than any quarterback in a game in Clemson history.

In the season opening win over Georgia, Boyd had 13 rushes for 42 yards and scored twice.

Top Tiger Quarterback Rushing Seasons

Rk	Player	Year	TD	Car	Yards
1.	Woodrow Dantzler	2001	10	221	1061
2.	Woodrow Dantzler	2000	13	190	1028
3.	Steve Fuller	1978	10	153	649
4.	Woodrow Dantzler	1999	4	146	586
5.	Tajh Boyd	2012	10	186	514
6.	Steve Fuller	1976	6	157	503
7.	Homer Jordan	1981	6	168	486
8.	DeChane Cameron	1991	5	127	458

Reader Two-Sport Athlete on Top 25 Teams

Clemson defensive tackle D.J. Reader was also a member of the Clemson baseball team in 2013. Clemson finished 25th in the final USA Today Coach's Baseball poll, meaning Reader was a member of two top 25 teams during the academic year. The Clemson football team finished ninth in the final USA Today poll and 11th by Associated Press after its 11-2 season.

Reader became the first Clemson athletes to play on a top 25 football team and baseball team in the same academic year since Kyle Parker in 2009-10. Parker helped the Tigers to a number-24 final football ranking in USA Today and a number-four final ranking in Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball that year. He was the starting quarterback on the football team and starting right fielder on the baseball team. He had 20 home runs and 20 touchdown passes that year, the only athlete in college history to reach 20 of each in the same year. The baseball team reached the College World Series.

Below is a list of Clemson athletes who have played on a top 25 football team and baseball team in the same academic year.

Year	Athlete	FB Rankings Coach-AP	Baseball Ranking BA-CB-USA
1958-59	Lou Cordileone	12-13	7-NP-NP
1986-87	Bill Spiers	17-18	10-10-NP
	Ray Williams	17-18	10-10-NP
1991-92	Jeff Sauve	18-17	7-10
1993-94	Dexter McCleon	23-22	4-9-9
	Andre Humphrey	23-22	4-9-9
2009-10	Kyle Parker	24-NR	4-4-10
2012-13	D.J. Reader	9-11	NR-NR-25

Clemson Ranked in Top 25 as Public Institution and Football

The US News & World Report announced its annual top 25 list of Public Institutions on September 10. Clemson was ranked in a tie for 21st nationally, the school's top ranking in history. It is a testimony to Clemson President Jim Barker, who has announced his retirement. He

will continue in office until a successor is found.

A look to the US News & World Report ranking and the college football rankings shows Barker's ability to lead the school academically and athletically. The ranking below shows that there are eight schools ranked in the top 25 of both the US News & World Report ranking and the AP and USA Today Coaches polls. Clemson, Georgia and Ohio State are the only schools in the top 10 of the football polls and the top 25 of the US News & World Report Public Institution rankings.

Each of the last two academic years Clemson has finished the football season in the AP and USA Today Top 25 and the US News & World Report Ranking.

Top 25 Public Institutions US News & World Report

Rk	School	AP-USA
1.	California	
2.	UCLA	16-17
3.	Virginia	
4.	Michigan	11-12
5.	North Carolina	
6.	William & Mary	
7.	Georgia Tech	
8.	Penn State	
9.	California-Davis	
	California-San Diego	
11.	California-Santa Barbara	
	Illinois	
	Wisconsin	20-18
14.	California-Irvine	
	Florida	18-20
16.	Ohio State	4-3
17.	Texas	
	Washington	19-2
19.	UCONN	
20.	Georgia	9-10
21.	Clemson	3-5
	Maryland	
	Pittsburgh	
24.	Purdue	
25.	Rutgers	

Top Seven in APR Scores

Clemson has ranked in the top seven of the APR each of the last two years, one of just five schools that can make that claim. The others are Northwestern, Duke, Boise State and Ohio State.

In 2011, the Tiger football team posted a 983 score, the seventh best score in the nation among FBS schools. The score was the second best in the nation among schools who finished the 2011 season in the final AP top 25. Only Boise State was better among the ranked schools with a 989 mark.

In 2012, the Clemson football team improved to a 985 score and a tie for fourth best in the nation. . Clemson was the only program to rank in the top 10 of the final USA Today poll and post an APR score of at least 980 this year.

National Leaders in APR Scores 2011

Rk	School	Conference	APR
1.	Northwestern	Big 10	995
2.	Duke	ACC	989
	Boise State	MWC	989
4.	Ohio State	Big 10	988
5.	Northern Illinois	MAC	987
6.	Rice	Conf. USA	986
7.	Clemson	ACC	983
	Middle Tennessee	Sun Belt	983

National Leaders in APR Scores 2012

RK	School	Conference	APR
1.	Northwestern	Big 10	996
2.	Boise State	WAC	993
3.	Duke	ACC	989
4.	Clemson	ACC	985
	Wisconsin	Big 10	985
6.	Georgia Tech	ACC	983
7.	Boston College	ACC	982
	Ohio State	Big 10	982
	Missouri	SEC	982

Twenty-Six Former Clemson Players on NFL Rosters

A total of 26 former Clemson players are on NFL rosters heading into the first weekend of play in the National Football League. The list includes three players on practice squads and one on an injury list. So 22 of the players are currently on active rosters. Twenty-two of the 26 played on Clemson's 2009 team.

The list includes seven players from last year's 11-2 Clemson team. DeAndre Hopkins, Jaron Brown, Malliciah Goodman, Andre Ellington and Jonathan Meeks are all on active rosters, while Tig Willard, Dalton Freeman. So seven of the 11 seniors on that team are on rosters at the moment.

Recent moves over the weekend include the signing of Antoine McClain to the Oakland Raiders and the signing of Thomas Austin (Colts), Dalton Freeman (Jets) and Tig Willard (Titans) to their respective teams practice squads.

Barry Richardson is a free agent and is not on a roster at the moment. The offensive tackle has started 64 games in a row in the NFL.

In week two of the season, former Clemson receiver DeAndre Hopkins scored the game winning TD for Houston in a win over Tennessee. He finished the game with seven catches for 117 yards.

Former Clemson Players on NFL Training Camp Rosters in 2013

Player, Pos	Team	CU years
Dwayne Allen, TE	Indianapolis Colts	2009-11
@Thomas Austin, C	Indianapolis Colts	2006-09
Da'Quan Bowers, DE	Tampa Bay Bucs	2008-10
Andre Branch, DE	Jacksonville Jags	2008-11
Jaron Brown, WR	Arizona Cardinals	2009-12
Chris Clemons, FS	Miami Dolphins	2005-08
Kavell Connor, LB	Indianapolis Colts	2006-09
Andre Ellington, RB	Arizona Cardinals	2009-12
Jacoby Ford, WR	Oakland Raiders	2006-09
@Dalton Freeman, C	New York Jets	2009-12
Marcus Gilchrist, CB	San Diego Chargers	2007-10
Malliciah Goodman, DE	Atlanta Falcons	2009-12
#Chris Hairston, OT	Buffalo Bills	2007-10
DeAndre Hopkins, WR	Houston Texans	2010-12
Jarvis Jenkins, DT	Washington Redskins	2007-10
Byron Maxwell, SS	Seattle Seahawks	2007-10
Antoine McClain, OT	Oakland Raiders	2008-11
Jonathan Meeks, SS	Buffalo Bills	2009-12
Phillip Merling, DE	Washington Redskins	2005-07
Michael Palmer, TE	Pittsburgh Steelers	2006-09
Ricky Sapp, DE	New York Jets	2006-09
Coty Sensabaugh, CB	Tennessee Titans	2008-11
C.J. Spiller, RB	Buffalo Bills	2006-09
Brandon Thompson, DT	Cincinnati Bengals	2008-11
Charlie Whitehurst, QB	San Diego Chargers	2002-05
@Jonathan Willard, LB	Tennessee Titans	2009-12
@ Practice Squad, #Injured reserve		

Only 10 Scholarship Seniors

Once again Clemson has a small senior class. The Tigers had just 13 seniors last year (all of whom graduated) during last year's 11-2 season. The Tigers have 18 seniors this year, but just 10 are on scholarship.

The list includes two returning first team All-ACC players in Tajh Boyd and Brandon Thomas and second-team All-ACC kicker Chandler Catanzaro. As you can see by the list below, seven of the 10 seniors already have their degree.

Clemson scholarship Seniors

Name	Pos	Yr.	Hometown
Tajh Boyd	QB	Sr.	Hampton, VA
Chandler Catanzaro	PK	Gr.	Greenville, SC
Quandon Christian	LB	Sr.	Lake View, SC
Phillip Fajgenbaum	SN	Gr.	Raleigh, NC
Roderick McDowell	RB	Gr.	Sumter, SC
Darius Robinson	CB	Sr.	College Park, GA
Tyler Shatley	OG	Gr.	Icard, NC
Spencer Shuey	LB	Gr.	Charlotte, NC
Darrell Smith	TE	Gr.	Gadsden, AL
Brandon Thomas	OT	Gr.	Spartanburg, SC