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On the Cover
The legendary Fred Cone, star running back of two Clemson undefeated teams (1948 and 1950) will be inducted into the Clemson Memorial Stadium Ring of Honor, the highest attainable award for a Clemson football player. Cone was Clemson's first 2000-yard rusher and went on to a stellar pro career with the Green Bay Packers. Turn to page 6 for the incredible story of how this athlete who never played high school football became Frank Howard's favorite player.
Cover painting by Michael Taylor of Sodus, Michigan.
Clemson vs. Appalachian State Series
Clemson has a 3-0 lead in the series with Appalachian State and Clemson has won the three games by a combined score of 122-7. The last meeting between the two teams took place in 1991, the last year Clemson won the ACC. Clemson opened its season with a 34-0 victory over the Mountaineers. De'Chaun Cameron hit Larry Ryans on a 38-yard pass on Clemson's opening play of the season and Clemson went on to the win from there.

Ronald Williams had 108 yards rushing to lead a Clemson attack that gained 275 yards rushing. Cameron completed 7-11 for 100 yards. The Clemson defense held Appalachian State to 84 yards total offense, the last time the Mountaineers failed to gain 100 yards. All-American Rob Bodine had 13 tackles to pace the Tigers.

In 1990, Clemson scored 31 points in the second half on the way to a 48-0 win. Williams had 183 yards rushing in just 14 attempts and scored three touchdowns. Derrick Witherspoon, now with the Philadelphia Eagles, had 123 yards in 10 attempts, so the first-year freshmen combined for 306 yards rushing on the day.

Clemson won the initial game of the series in 1984 by a 40-7 count. The Tigers, ranked fourth in the nation entering the contest, were led by Mike Epplle on offense and William Perry on defense. Epplle connected on 13-17 passes for 131 yards, while Perry had 10 tackles and helped limit the Mountaineers to just 85 yards in the air.

Clemson Mentors Who Coached at App State
Three current Clemson coaches, including Head Coach Tommy West, served as assistant coaches at Appalachian State in the 1980s. West was the wide receivers coach at Appalachian State in 1980 and the offensive coordinator in 1981. The next year he came to Clemson for his first tour of duty with the Tigers. Les Herrin, Clemson's current Assistant Head Coach, was the defensive coordinator at Appalachian State in 1980.

Current Clemson outside linebackers coach David Bibeau spent six seasons at Appalachian State. He served as the school's assistant head coach, secondary coach and recruiting coordinator under Sparky Woods 1983-88. During this period the Mountaineers won two Southern Conference Championships, twice led the nation in turnover margin, and annually ranked among the nation's best in scoring defense.

Simmons Among Nation's Best
In addition to his candidacy for the Butkus Award, linebacker Anthony Simmons has received many other preseason accolades this year. The junior is a consensus preseason All-American. He was also cited as the number-one linebacker in the nation by The Sporting News and USA Today. Street & Smith Magazine named him a preseason All-American and called him "The number-one Emerging Star of College Football."

Those are pretty lofty descriptions, but the native of Spartanburg was a first-team All-American according to Sporting News last year and has been a third-team Associated Press All-American each of the last two seasons. He had 178 tackles last year to lead the entire ACC and establish a Clemson single season record. He also ranked second on the team in sacks with seven and ranked second in tackles for loss. He already ranks sixth in Clemson history in tackles with 328 and is more than halfway to the NCAA record for career tackles, ironically, the mark is held by former Appalachian State player Dexter Coakley, who had 645 between 1993-96.

Priester Could Set Two More Records Today
Raymond Priester set four Clemson records in his last contest, a 151-yard performance against LSU in the Peach Bowl. Priester owns the Clemson record for rushing on a single game (263 vs. Duke in 1995), single season (1345 last year) and career (3010) basis, entering today's game. He is the only active Division I college football player who holds his school's rushing record on a game, season and career basis.

Priester could add two more career records to his resume if he can gain 60 all-purpose yards and carry the ball 19 times against Appalachian State. The native of Allendale, SC has 3213 all-purpose yards for his career, just 59 away from the 3272 accumulated by Buddy Gore between 1965-68. All-purpose yards are the summation of yards gained rushing, receiving, on kickoff returns and punt returns. Priester has all his yardage on rushing and receiving. Priester has 582 career carries, just 18 away from Gore's total of 600.

Priester, a pre-season candidate for the Dr. Pepper Doak Walker Award, holds nine Clemson records entering today's game:

* Most yards rushing in a career (3010)
* Most yards rushing in a season (1345, in 1996)
* Most yards rushing in a game (263 vs. Duke, 1995)
* Most all-purpose rushing yards in a season (1460 in 1996)
* Most yards rushing in a series of 5 games (599, 1995)
* Most 100-yard rushing games in a career (12, 1994-96)
* Most rushes in a season (257, 1996)
* Most 100-yard games in a season (7 in 1996)
* Most yards rushing in a bowl game (151 vs. LSU, 1996 Peach)

Appalachian State Preview
Appalachian State has had one of the most consistent programs in Division I-AA over the last 15 years. The Mountaineers have finished in the upper division of the Southern Conference 14 of the last 15 years, including 12 years in a row. The team has posted a winning season in seven of the eight years Jerry Moore has been with the program, including a number-five national ranking in 1995 when the Mountaineers were 12-1.

Bake Baker is back to lead the Appalachian State offense. He posted a 3-1 record as the starter in the last four games of 1996. He has outstanding numbers last season, completing .613 of his passes for 948 yards and four touchdowns. He threw just one interception in 111 attempts. He can be explosive as he showed against Georgia Southern when he was 8-10 for 159 yards and two touchdowns in just six minutes. He also had a 298-yard performance against Division I-AA National Champion Marshall.

All-Southern Conference tackle Jackie Avery returns for his senior year to anchor the Mountaineer Defense. He had 73 tackles last season and had 14 tackles for loss, including 5.5 sacks and 14 quarterback pressures. He has 169 career tackles, including 27 tackles for loss, the same total Anthony Simmons has accumulated for Clemson's defense. Elondo Johnson is the top defensive back. Johnson had 52 tackles and nine pass deflections in 1996. Appalachian State must overcome the
Simmons is a consensus preseason All-American entering his junior year.

of one of its greatest players in its history, Drexler Coackley. The linebacker was a three-time Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year and a two-time National Defensive Player of the Year at the Division I-AA level. He had 38 double figure tackles in his career and was a three-time All-America. He is now with the Dallas Cowboys.

Clemson Preview

Clemson returns 15 starters and a record 52 lettermen for the 1997 season. Those statistics are prime reasons Clemson is ranked in the top 25 in the AP and USA Today/ESPN preseason polls. Over the years Clemson has won 81 percent of its games in seasons in which it has had 49 or more returning lettermen.

Among the returnees are three offensive players, Raymond Priester, Jim Bundren, and Lamont Hall who received preseason All-America honors. Clemso has 26 returning lettermen on offense, most in the ACC, and the list includes Clemson’s all-time leading rusher (Priester), its number-four ranked passer in history (Neal Greene) and the first tackle-guard combination in Clemson history (Bundren and Glenn Rountree) to start 35 straight games.

Neal Greene is in his fourth year as the starting quarterback. The native of Yonkers, NY has completed 71 percent of his passes in preseason scrimmages, and has adapted to the offense now supervised by new offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger. Greene has 17 wins under his belt and has a chance to become just the fifth quarterback in Clemson history to win 20 games. The others are Rodney Williams (32), Homer Jordan (22), Mike Eppley (21) and Steve Fuller (21). Tony Horne, 10th in Clemson history in reception yards per game, is the top wide receiver.

The Clemson defense has six returning starters, led by Simmons, who has had double figures in tackles in 21 of his 24 career games. Beside Simmons is Mond Wilson, called one of the 20 most under rated players in the nation by one publication. Wilson, a

fifth-year senior, had 130 tackles last season, seventh best in the ACC. Raymond White, Tony Plantin and Lorenzo Bromell are three veteran players who lead the defensive line. White, a graduate student, had 94 tackles last year, one of the top 10 highest totals for a Clemson defensive lineman in history. He was also a Strength All-American last year. Plantin holds the Clemson single game record for quarterback pressures, while Bromell might be the most improved player on the team.

The secondary is led by Antwan Edwards, a junior who is ranked among the top 25 safeties in the country in the Sporting News preseason issue. Michael Allen, DeMarco Fox and Diamond Ward are three veterans in their first year as starters. They are backed up by four players who have never played in a Division I football game.

Tigers To Sport New Jerseys

Clemson will be wearing new uniform jerseys this season, the most drastic uniform change for the Tigers since the Tiger Paw was added in 1970. The jerseys will have Tiger stripes around the neck and shadowed numbers on the back, front and sleeves. In addition to the traditional Tiger paws on the shoulders, there is a small paw inside a circle at the center of the neckline.

The numbers will be a welcome addition to Clemson fans, especially those who travel to Clemson road games. The numbers are much easier to see because of the shading. Head Coach Tommy West worked with the people at Russell Athletics in designing the new look. “We were ready for something a little different, but at the same time we didn’t want to make a drastic change that was a departure from the traditional Clemson look,” said West. “We have a tradition at Clemson that many people would love to have.”

Clemson vs. the Southern Conference

Clemson has not lost to a Southern Conference school since the Tigers left that league to join the ACC in 1953. Clemson was a charter member of the Southern Conference and won the league title under Frank Howard in 1940 and 1948.

The Tigers have won 32 in a row over Southern Conference teams, since a 6-0 loss at South Carolina in 1952. Clemson has won 41 in a row over teams currently in the Southern Conference. Clemson has not lost to a current Southern Conference team since October 9, 1943 when the Tigers lost to VMI in Roanoke, VA by a 12-7 count. Clemson

last lost at home to a team currently in the Southern Conference on November 26, 1936 when Furman beat the Tigers, 12-0.

Ten of the last 11 Southern Conference teams to play Clemson have failed to score a touchdown. Western Carolina broke the string of 38 straight quarters without a Southern Conference touchdown against Clemson when the Catamounts scored on a touchdown pass in 1995 in the second period at Death Valley. Clemson won the game 55-0.

The closest a Southern Conference team has come to beating Clemson since the Tigers moved to the ACC in 1953 is two points. In 1973 Clemson snuck by The Citadel, 14-12 at Death Valley. Three years later Clemson beat the same team, 10-7. Those are the only two occasions since 1953 that a Southern Conference team has come within a touchdown of the Tigers. Clemson has won 14 in a row over Southern Conference teams since 1982, the year the NCAA adopted a 1-AA division.
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Fred Cone
Clemson's first 2,000-yard rusher to be inducted into Ring of Honor today.

By Bob Bradley

I have led a life worth living over again.

Maybe no one has had the opportunity

that I've had in the last five-plus decades to see so many Clemson athletes give their best performance on a given day.

Just look!

Bobby Gage's 90-yard punt return against N.C. State in 1948. . . the game's only score.

Winning field goals kicked in the games' last few minutes (or seconds) by Jack Miller, Frank Pearce, Obed Ariiri, Donald Igwebuike or David Treadwell.

Bill Foley's dramatic home run in the last of the ninth against Mississippi in the NCAA regionals at Miami in 1977 on the way to another College World Series date.

Steve Fuller's pass and Jerry Butler's catch against South Carolina, also in 1977, giving the Tigers a last minute victory and a trip to the Gator Bowl.

Greg Buckner's winning dunk against North Carolina in the 1996 ACC Tournament that put Clemson fans in a temporary insanity mode. Some are still in that state as we approach the 1997-98 basketball season.

Guess I could name plays like those all day long, because big or small, I've seen 'em all, and the good thing, I got paid for watching.

But I'll have to admit, I missed one of the biggest of all.

I failed to see Fred Cone jump off a diving board in Mississippi in 1946, a jump that earned him a football scholarship to Clemson. This jump led to the start of a golden era of football at Clemson, and quite possibly, saved a man's job.

It is perhaps the most unusual story concerning an athlete's journey to Clemson in school history. Cone was visiting his sister in the Magnolia State at Biloxi, far from the haunts of his hometown, an obscure place called Pineapple, AL.

Another place, Barlow Bend, and just about as remote as Pineapple, but with only about 50 miles between them, had already sent one of her sons out into the athletic world to Clemson, and like Cone, he would also make a name for himself.

His name was Howard, Frank by name, and to him would also come some fame, thanks to the efforts of Cone and a strong supporting cast.

But, I am getting ahead of my story about Fred Cone, who today with Rusty Adkins is being honored as Clemson Ring of Honor recipients. (Cone will be honored today at Memorial Stadium and Adkins will have his jersey retired at the Tiger baseball facility in late April.)

Unbeknown to Howard, Cone's sister lived next door to Howard's sister, Hazel, in Biloxi. On years when Clemson would play Tulane in New Orleans, Howard would send Hazel a pair of tickets.

"One year she sent the two tickets back,"

Cone was named to Clemson's Centennial Team last fall.

neighbor to the game."

That was in 1946, Cone's senior year in high school. Howard remembers that after Cone graduated, Hazel wrote him and said: "Brother, I have you a good football player, but he's never played football."

Howard recalled that he had told the Clemson registrar to save him 40 beds in the barracks and that he would turn in that many names on September 1st.

"When Hazel wrote me about Fred Cone, I had 39 names on that list. So I just wrote 'Fred Cone' in as the 40th name and that was that," Howard recalled. "And that's how I got probably the best, if not the best, football player I ever had."

Howard should have made his sister recruiting coordinator.

Some of this reasoning might be sentimental, because when the 1947 team was 1-5, a committee of students tried to get Howard to resign.

"Yeah, they came over to my office and wanted to fire me," Howard remembered on one occasion. "But I told them how we were going to do the rest of the season (win the last three from Furman, Duquesne and Auburn) and we did win those last three. The students probably thought I knew what I was talking about."

Those three victories were the start of a 15-game winning streak, which is still a school record.

Howard remembered, and said she'd like to have four tickets because she wanted to take the next door.

Cone graduated from Moore Academy in Pineapple and came to Clemson in 1947 as a freshman, but first-year players were not eligible to play then. It was probably best for Cone because he had not played high school football. He needed a year to get acclimated. When Cone became eligible for the varsity in '48, the football program took on a different air.

The Tigers had an undefeated season in 1900 (6-0 under John Heisman) and in 1906 (4-0-3 under Bob Williams) and had had only four other campaigns with only one loss and three of those were under Heisman. The other one loss season was 1939 (7-1-1 under Jess Neely) when Howard was line coach.

Howard, who was named head coach in 1940, was 36-34-3 his first eight seasons, but was actually 33-34-3 when this committee of students came to him about resigning.

But this was BC (Before Cone) and Gage, and Mathews, and Prince, and Salisbury, and Gillespie and a host of other small town players playing big time football.

But '48 couldn't have been any better. Just like the 1981 national Championship season...there were some close calls, there were some favorable calls that may never happen again, the ball bounced right on almost every occasion and the luck of the horse shoe was never stronger.

In the second game of '48 against N.C. State, Cone had the first of his eight 100-yard career rushing games, although the only score was a 90-yard punt return by Bobby Gage, with Tom Salisbury throwing the last key block. The defense held the 'Pack three times on the one-yard line.

Later at South Carolina, Phil Prince broke through and blocked a punt that Rabbit Thompson picked up and ran in for a score and in a 13-7 win. Then Tigers withstood 42 Butch Songin passes in Braves Field against Boston College, and then had to battle the weather elements, and tough Auburn team before grabbing a 7-6 victory in Mobile.

But the nail biter of the year was yet to come.

Around 21,000 Clemson fans trekked to Jacksonville for the fourth annual Gator Bowl and these Tiger followers helped set a new attendance record (35,273) and put this young, fledgling bowl in the black for the first time. Clemson became a friend for life.

Clemson ended up on the long end of a 24-23 game which saw Gage named the game's MVP with 137 yards of total offense and Jack Miller kicked Clemson's only field goal of the entire season. Sophomore Fred Cone rushed for 72 game yards and scored twice in the first quarter.

Of all the thrills that Howard had as a player at Alabama and as an assistant coach and head coach at Clemson, Cone is involved in the play that stood out in Howard's mind the most, and it was against Missouri in the Gator Bowl.

Clemson held a one-point lead and faced a fourth-and-three at the Mizzou 45. It was
Clemson first discovered Cone when Frank Howard’s sister watched him swim.

either gamble for a first down, or punt and give Missouri another chance to score. As Howard would say later: “We hadn’t stopped them all day so I took my chance with a running play.”

Assistant coach Russ “Pop” Cohen said to Howard: “Skipper, if he makes it, we’ll all be heroes. If he doesn’t, we’ll all be one of those so-and-so’s. I can’t stand to look.”

Cone hit a stone wall at left tackle, but kept digging and slid off a little more to the outside, found a little wiggling room and muddled six yards and a first down at the Missouri 39. Clemson retained possession those few remaining minutes and ran out the clock to put the cool whip on an 11-layer cake.

Cone scored seven touchdowns rushing and gained 635 yards on the ground that sophomore year, and there were great expectations for ’49. But the likes of three-sport star Frank Gillespie, school career offensive leader Bobby Gage and blocking back Bob Martin were out of the picture and the Tigers broke even (4-4-2).

One of those ties (7-7) was with Mississippi State and one of the Bulldog star linemen was present day country and western comedian Jerry Clower. On one of his many records Clower recalls playing at Clemson and how he was coached to stop Cone. But he admits being run over by Cone once and, “that number 31 (Cone’s) just kept getting smaller and smaller.”

Despite the down year in ’49, Cone gained more yards (703) rushing and scored more touchdowns (9) than his sophomore year.

But 1950 was to bring about another, undefeated season. Cone, Bob Hudson, Dick Hendley, Jackie Calvert, and Mathews were still around, while Glenn Smith, Billy Hair, Pete Manos, Dan DiMucci and Jack Brunson were coming into their own.

After the expected win over Presbyterian to start the season, Clemson faced presea-

son No. 17 Missouri on the road. On the first play from scrimmage Calvert dashed 80 yards to score and Clemson was off to a 34-0 romp. Cone gained 111 yards in 21 attempts, one of three Tigers over the 100-yard mark that day.

The Tigers always departed from Anderson airport on road trips then and an Anderson merchant, the late Sarge Murchison, was always there to wish the team good luck. On that particular day Murchison had a farmer friend bring a Missouri mule to the airport. Cone was pictured in the papers the next morning on the day of the game riding the mule.

Big crowds were always on hand at the airport when the team returned after the game. Howard, in his pregame dressing room remarks, told his players: “If you don’t win this game, the only thing that’ll be at the airport tonight to meet you will be that jackass.”

That victory over Mizzou apparently put everybody in step. The Tigers enjoyed another undefeated season, the only scar was a 14-14 tie with South Carolina. Cone had his third 100-plus yards rushing (in four games) and scored twice against the ‘Cocks, but Steve Wadiak was unstoppable that day, outgaining the entire Clemson team with 256 yards rushing.

This is the only time in Clemson football history that there have been two undefeated seasons over a period of three years. Cone and Ray Mathews were the only common denominators in the starting lineup on those two teams. In ’50, Clemson scored 50 points in three different games, but Cone saved his best until the last regular season game against Auburn.

Rumor had it that if Clemson scored over a certain number of points on Auburn that the Orange Bowl bid was in its pocket. The South Carolina Tigers took the Alabama Tigers, 41-6. Cone gained 163 yards, two total yards shy of a five-yard average, and scored three touchdowns on the ground and his only pass reception good for 28 yards also went for a score.

Clinging to the cake this time came against Miami in the Orange Bowl. Although Sterling Smith’s tackle of Fred Smith in the end zone for a safety brought a 15-14 victory Clemson’s way, Cone gained 81 yards on the ground, scored once, punted four times and returned one kickoff. It put a great climax on Cone’s career.

His number of carries (184), yards gained rushing (845) and 15 touchdowns were all school season records at the time. Also, he became Clemson’s first 2,000-yard rusher (2,183), his 31 career touchdowns were also a school best as were his 189 points scored.

A seven-year hitch with the Green Bay Packers was so impressive that he was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 1974. He was also a member of the Dallas Cowboys in their first year of existence in 1960. Later he returned to Clemson as its chief recruiter for 10 years beginning in 1961.

After Cone completed his Clemson career, Howard was still stumped as to how his sister could predict that her neighbor’s brother would be such an1 outstanding football player. “He just looked so athletic jumping off of that diving board,” Hazel said without skipping a beat.

Hazel never sent Frank another player. She didn’t have to. She saved his neck one time with Cone and that lasted 22 more seasons.

After all, how much more does a sister have to do for a brother?

Fred Cone Career Highlights
*First Clemson player to rush for at least 2,000 yards in a career
*Second ranked touchdown scorer in Clemson history.
*Third-round draft choice of the Green Bay Packers
*Member of Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame
*Member of Clemson Hall of Fame
*Named to Clemson Centennial Team in 1996
*Led NFL in Field goals in 1955 with 16
*Recipient of Teague Award as the top Amateur Athlete of the Carolinas in 1950
*Starter on two Clemson Undisputed teams, one of two players in Clemson history to do that
*First-Team All-Southern in 1950.

Clemson Career Touchdown Leaders

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Dr. Deno Curris

Since becoming Clemson University's 13th president on May 22, 1995, Constantine W. "Deno" Curris has begun to build a vision for the future based on identifying and enhancing those qualities that make the university distinctive.

In working to create a strong foundation to support Clemson's goal of becoming a national university, Curris has redirected resources to critical areas, set the recruitment of top students and faculty as well as an increase in research funding as high priorities, and established a select commission of alumni and friends to offer advice and counsel.

Curris' first challenge upon coming to Clemson was filling key administrative vacancies and building a sense of teamwork and cooperation among deans and executive officers—a task which is largely completed. In addition, he has established a goal of recruiting more young professors to counter a graying of the Clemson faculty.

Another immediate priority was increasing Clemson's involvement with state leaders and working with other institutions to reverse declining state funding trends. The efforts helped secure an increase in general state funding for higher education as well as a capital bond bill designed primarily for the state's colleges and universities.

Curris has also focused more attention on the university's information technology infrastructure, which had often been neglected during years of budget cuts during the early 90's. Using $2 million of savings from restructuring, Curris funded a plan to extend the information technology network campus-wide, providing network access to all faculty and bringing 2,000 dormitory rooms online. It was merely the first step in a long-range plan to attain and maintain technological currency in the classroom.

Another of Curris' early accomplishments has been upgrading many basic student and administrative services, such as admissions recruiting, plant maintenance and class registration systems.

Curris also believes in seeking input from experts outside the university. The Commission on the Future of Clemson University was created by the Board of Trustees on Curris' recommendation to build on earlier planning and self-study efforts. In May, more than 300 alumni and friends—leaders in industry and the professions—came to campus for the Commission's first meeting, to hear reports on the university's goals and offer perspective and insight to help the university plan for the 21st century.

Building strong foundations is a tested strategy that Curris used while president of both Murray State University—where he oversaw extensive campus renovations and improvements—and at the University of Northern Iowa—where he led a move to raise admissions standards and strengthen academic programs.

A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Curris received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Kentucky, a master's in political science and public administration from the University of Illinois, and a doctorate in higher education from the University of Kentucky.

Curris is also a national leader in higher education. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and was a featured participant in a 1997 national videoteleconference on "The New Public University: How Do We Compete in a Changing Environment?" Curris is also one of 25 presidents currently serving on the national Kellogg Commission on the Future of Land-Grant Universities.

When his schedule permits, Curris enjoys gardening, fishing, and reading. He is married to Jo Hern Curris, a tax attorney and author, and they have a son Robert Alexander and a daughter, Elena Diane.
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Head Coach Tommy West
Tiger mentor has coached in seven Bowl Games for Clemson

Improvement has been the watchword of the Clemson football program since Tommy West became the head coach in December of 1993. Within each of his first three seasons his teams have shown significant improvement and gained strength as the season progressed.

His Clemson resume as a head coach includes three bowl appearances, a top 25 ranking in every season, eight road wins and five wins over AP Top 25 teams. His teams have risen in the ACC standings each year, to a number-two finish in 1996. If his 1997 team can appear in a bowl it would be the first time since 1989-91 era that Clemson has appeared in a bowl game three straight years.

Each of his first three seasons has seen the Tigers make a late season run. In 1994, with the youngest offense in Clemson history, one that started seven freshmen at times, the Tigers won three of their last four games, including a victory at 12th ranked North Carolina.

The run of success at the end of the 1995 season had the Tigers in the top 25 of every poll. Clemson won its last five regular season games, including four wins by at least 17 points. West's Tigers were picked fifth in the ACC preseason poll that year, but, thanks to the third best offense in Clemson history and a defense that ranked 10th in the nation against scoring, Clemson finished third in the ACC standings with a 6-2 record, its best league finish since the Tigers won the ACC title in 1991.

The 1995 campaign was one in which Clemson excelled in every area. The Tigers ranked fourth in the country in rushing, yet also led the ACC in yards per pass attempt. Defensively, Clemson rated in the top 20 in the nation in rushing defense, passing efficiency defense and turnover margin.

In terms of special teams, Clemson was the only school in the nation to have an individual ranked in the top 25 in punting, placekicking, punt returns and kick-off returns.

The 1996 season saw Clemson win five of its last six regular season games, including a victory at 15th ranked Virginia, just the third road win over a ranked team in the decade of the 1990s for the Tigers. For the second straight year Clemson won the ACC rushing title and reached a top 25 ranking.

Again, Clemson won 75 percent of its ACC games, this time finishing tied for second in the league standings with North Carolina. The Tigers were extended a bid to the Peach Bowl to face LSU.

Clemson's improvement on the field is matched with its improvement in the classroom during the West era. Last year 20 Clemson football players made the ACC academic honor roll, the highest on record. In fact, each of the three highest totals in that area in Clemson history have taken place under West and the team's cumulative GPA entering 1997 was a 20-year high.

West took over the head coaching position on November 29, 1993. Less than a month later he already had a bowl victory on his ledger, a 14-13 triumph over Kentucky in the Peach Bowl, Clemson's sixth bowl win in an eight year period. With his debut in the Peach Bowl, West became the sixth coach in NCAA history to make his debut with a program in a bowl game. However, he was just the second coach in history to make his debut in a bowl game without previously coaching his new team as an assistant coach earlier in the season.

West was a mainstay of a Clemson coaching staff that led the Tigers to a 69-20-4 record and six Associated Press Top 20 finishes between 1982-89. During West's first tour of duty with the Tigers as an outside linebacker coach, Clemson played in five bowl games (winning four) and claimed four ACC Championships, including three in a row from 1986-88.

Clemson had a 44-10-1 record against ACC competition during his era on the Tiger staff, an 81 percent winning mark. Additionally, five of those Clemson teams ranked in the top 15 in the nation in rushing defense and scoring defense, and three ranked in the top 12 in the nation in total defense.

Clemson's 1989 defense ranked fifth in the nation in total defense, rushing defense and scoring defense and West's outside linebackers had a lot to do with that success. His top four outside linebackers that year all played in the NFL in 1994. The list of former West players in the NFL includes Levon Kirkland and Wayne Simmons, both of whom have played in the Super Bowl within the last two years.

West began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Tennessee (his alma mater) in 1977. He coached one year of high school football at White County High in Sparta, TN in 1978, then became an assistant at Mississippi in 1979. For the 1980 and 1981 seasons he served as an assistant coach at Appalachian State.

After his career at Clemson (1982-89), West became the running backs coach at Tennessee. During that 1990 season Tennessee won the Southeastern Conference and captured the Sugar Bowl with a win over Virginia. The Volunteers scored a school record 442 points that year and averaged over 410 yards a game in total offense, 205.7 rushing and 205.4 passing.

He served as Co-Defensive Coordinator at South Carolina in 1991 and 1992.

In 1993 West took over a UT-Chattanooga team that had won just two games in 1992. He doubled that total in 1993 and guided the Mocs to one of the landmark wins in school history, a 33-31 win over #1 ranked Marshall. He concluded the regular season with a 45-42 victory over Furman. Ironically, his first regular season game as Clemson coach was a victory over Furman.

West earned three letters in his four-year career at Tennessee (1972-75). The Vols played in three bowl games and were ranked in a final Top 20 in three seasons. He was the co-captain of Tennessee's 1975 football team and played in the Blue-Gray All-Star game that same year.

He began his college career as a running back, but saw most of his playing time as a light end. He caught 37 passes for 575 yards. In his career with the Vols, including 16 passes for 233 yards as a senior. He earned a bachelor's degree from Tennessee in 1976 and was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers that same year. West played two years (1974-75) of baseball at Tennessee and had a career batting average of .305. He hit .367 in 1975 and was named All-SEC Eastern Division.

Born Thomas Cleveland West on July 31, 1954, he is married to the former Lindsay Watkins of Forest City, NC. The couple has two sons, Tommy 

The West Family meets at the Memorial Stadium Landmark, Howard's Rock.
Les Herrin
Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line

When Les Herrin discusses Clemson's greatest players of recent memory, people listen with keen ear. Now in his 13th year with the program, Herrin has tutored some of Clemson's greatest players. It all started in 1981 when he coached the linebackers on Clemson's National Championship team. One of his prized pupils was Jeff Davis, first-team All-American and ACC Player-of-the-Year.

In 1982 Johnny Rembert was a starting linebacker under Herrin and he became an All-American, then a Pro Bowl player (1989) with the New England Patriots. Three-time pro bowl defensive tackle Chester McGlockton, regarded as one of the top defensive players in the NFL today, was coached by Herrin between 1989-91.

Brentson Buckner, a 1996 Super Bowl participant with the Pittsburgh Steelers, who is now with the Cincinnati Bengals, also played for Herrin during that era. Last year, Trevor Pryce led the Tigers in tackles for loss and sacks and was a first-round pick of the Denver Broncos.

In his previous 12 years with Clemson he has coached in seven bowl games, been a part of six top 20 seasons and four ACC titles. Clemson has had at least one all-conference player coached by Herrin in 11 of the 12 years he has been with the program.

Steve Ensminger
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

Steve Ensminger is in his 10th season as a coordinator at the Division I level, his first at Clemson. Offenses he has been in charge of have performed at high levels of success. Teams that have gained over 450 yards per game of total offense, and ranked among the nation's best in scoring have been prominent on the list of accomplishments of Ensminger coached offenses.

Overall, Ensminger brings 16 years of coaching experience to Clemson. This does not include his years as an outstanding player at LSU. He played in three bowl games for the LSU Tigers and when he graduated in 1979 he was second in LSU history in passing yards, just behind Bert Jones and ahead of the legendary Y.A. Tittle.

The native of Baton Rouge, LA was a four-year letterman at LSU and he still holds LSU passing records for touchdowns in a game (four) and longest touchdown pass play (82 yards). He was named the LSU team MVP in 1979.

Ensminger spent the previous three seasons at Texas A&M. Last year the Aggies averaged 404 yards per game, featuring a balanced attack that gained 230 yards rushing and 174 passing on a per game basis. Texas A&M averaged 29 points per game against a schedule that included five Top 25 opponents.

Between 1991-93 Ensminger tutored Eric Zeier and the Georgia Bulldogs. Ensminger's coaching was a prime reason Zeier set 61 school passing records. The Bulldogs ranked ninth in the nation in total offense in 1992 with 450.4 yards per game and finished 10th in the country in scoring with 32 points per contest.

Reggie Herring
Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers

Reggie Herring is in his first year as defensive coordinator, but his fourth season with the program. He has projected a mental and physical toughness to his linebackers and that toughness should enhance the entire Tiger defense in 1997.

Among the players who have benefitted by his coaching is Anthony Simmons, already one of the most decorated players in Clemson history. He set a single season record for tackles last year with 178 and is listed as the Rising Star of College Football according to Street & Smith Magazine for 1997.

Herring is another example of an outstanding former player who has gone on to become an outstanding coach. A teammate of Rick Stockstill at Florida State, Herring left his own mark with the Seminole program as a player.

Herring was captain of the 1980 Orange Bowl team and earned All-America honors in 1980. The Seminoles played in the Orange Bowl and ranked in the top 10 in the nation his junior and senior seasons, and he was recently inducted into the Florida State Hall of Fame. He was a three-year starter at Florida State and the Seminoles played in three bowls during his four-year career. Florida State also had three double-figure victory seasons during his career.

Like many of Clemson's assistant coaches in 1997, Herring has a diverse experience history. He has been a part of successful programs at Oklahoma State, Auburn, TCU and now Clemson. He was defensive coordinator at TCU prior to coming to Clemson.

Herring has not made vacation plans over the Christmas holidays for quite some time. He has been a part of college football as a player and coach since 1977. In those 20 seasons he has been to 15 bowl games, 12 as a coach and three as a player. He has already coached in three bowl games with Clemson.
Richard Bisaccia
Running Backs/Special Teams/Recruiting Coordinator
Records in every area have been set since Richard Bisaccia became running backs coach of the Clemson Tigers in 1994. Raymond Priester is the only active player in college football who holds his schools rushing record on a game, season and career basis. The Tigers have led the ACC in rushing each of the last two seasons and they have done it with strong rushing and a lack of fumbling. Clemson has lost just eight fumbles by running backs the last three seasons, including an all-time NCAA record low two lost fumbles in 1994.
Bisaccia, a Yonkers, NY native, learned how to hold onto the football as a four-year starter and team captain at Yankton College. Bisaccia was a free agent with the Philadelphia Stars of the USFL after his college career.
While the 1983 Spring season saw the end of his playing career, the 1983 Fall was the beginning of his coaching career. He was named the offensive coordinator at Wayne State in Nebraska his first year out of college and he has been in college coaching ever since.
Unlike many Division I full-time assistant coaches, Bisaccia has not made a lot of moves. He spent five seasons at Wayne State, then six seasons at South Carolina and is now in his fourth full season at Clemson.
Bisaccia probably wears more hats than any other Clemson coach. In addition to his time with the running backs, he is also the special teams coach and the recruiting coordinator. Clemson has had a consensus top 20 recruiting class each of the last two seasons. Clemson’s freshmen defensive backs for 1997 were ranked best in the nation by SuperPrep.

David Bibee
Outside Linebackers
David Bibee takes over the coaching reigns of one of the legendary positions of Clemson football, the outside linebackers. This position has seen many all-star Tigers in recent years, players who have gone on to stellar careers in the NFL. Bibee’s resume shows that he is up to the challenge and many of his current players could go on to join Clemson players of yesterday in the NFL.
Bibee is in his 18th season as a college football coach. His experience in college athletics actually dates to 1973 when he started his college career as a player at Tennessee. He graduated from that school in 1977 and was a teammate of current Tiger Head Coach Tommy West for two seasons.
Bibee started his college coaching career in Volunteer land in 1977 as a graduate assistant, then became the junior varsity coach at Mississippi in 1978. From there he has stints at North Alabama, Middle Tennessee State, Austin Peay, Appalachian State, South Carolina and Tennessee Tech.
Bibee has been involved in all aspects of coaching, from recruiting to administration to on the field coaching. He has spent most of his career as a defensive coach, including 10 years as an assistant head coach.
He spent six years coaching for Appalachian State, ironically. Clemson’s opponent in his first game as a Tiger coach. The Mountaineers won two Southern Conference titles and twice led the nation in turnover margin during his career as a recruiting coordinator and secondary coach.

Charlie Harbison
Defensive Backs
Charlie Harbison has been at Clemson for only two seasons, but three of his protégés already are on National Football League rosters. Brian Dawkins, who ranked among the top pass interceptors in the nation for Clemson in 1995, was an NFL All-Rookie selection with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1996. Leonmont Evans was a member of the Washington Redskins in 1996 after an All-ACC season in 1995, while Dexter McClinton was a second-round pick of the St. Louis Rams in 1996 and will see considerable action with that team in 1997.
Those three players were key reasons Clemson had 22 interceptions in 1995, one of the top figures in Clemson history and one of the top 15 totals in the nation.
Harbison has more experience at the professional level than any other current Tiger mentor. Harbison was a starter at strong safety with the New Orleans and Boston Breakers of the USFL in 1983-84 and also signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills in 1982, 1983 and 1988.
Harbison also coached on the pro level with the Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks of the World League of American Football, with the Charlotte Barons of the MLFS and with the Charlotte Rage of the AFL. He has coached wide receivers, linebackers, and defensive backs in his career, but has by far his most experience as a secondary coach.
In addition to his Division I experience, Harbison also has had significant success at the NAIA level. His Gardner-Webb team of 1992 had a 12-2 record and played in the NAIA Championship game.
John Latina
Offensive Centers and Guards

Many preseason magazines have ranked Clemson's offensive line among the best in the nation and this ranking is testimony to the outstanding job John Latina has done since he first came to Clemson in 1994. Some might have ranked Clemson's line fifth from the bottom when he came to Clemson.

Since then, Clemson has led the ACC in rushing in 1995 and 1996. That includes the 1996 team that finished fourth in the country in rushing. The line produced four first or second team All-ACC players a year ago and now features all-stars Jim Bundren and Glenn Rountree, two converted defensive players who were tutored in the basics of the game by Latina three years ago.

Latina has been an offensive coach for a Division I program every year since 1979. He is in his third season coaching the centers and guards, a drastic change from coaching the entire offensive line when he first came to Clemson.

The Virginia Tech graduate, who once played against Clemson as an offensive guard (1978), has worked at Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh, Temple and Kansas State. He has already coached in a bowl game with four different schools, Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh, Kansas State and Clemson.

During his career he has worked with Dan Marino, who led the Panthers to a 9-3 ledger and the Cotton Bowl in 1982. Paul Palmer, one of the top rushers in NCAA history with Temple, was also a member of Latina's offensive in the 1980s.

Mac McWhorter
Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends

Mac McWhorter is an assistant coach who has been able to take his experiences learned as a player and relate them to his pupils. McWhorter was an All-SEC guard at Georgia in the 1970s and now is producing All-ACC offensive linemen as a coach. Senior Jim Bundren and senior Lamont Hall, both made All-ACC teams last year and are preseason All-Americans heading into this year.

McWhorter came to Clemson from Georgia, where he spent five years (1991-96) as an offensive line coach. The Georgia native had a successful stint in Athens, where he worked with All-American Eric Zeier from 1991-94, and a "tough-nose" running game in '95. He helped Georgia set numerous team records in many different categories in those five years. The Dogs led the SEC in rushing and passing during his career with the Bulldogs.

Coach McWhorter played football at Georgia in the early '70s as an offensive lineman; so he is no stranger to the surroundings of successful Division I football. He has played and coached in many big bowl games, including the Gator, Peach, Hall of Fame, Citrus, and Sun Bowls.

McWhorter was an AP All-Southeastern Conference selection as a guard in 1973. He was also an honorable mention All-American and was named captain of the Bulldogs. Georgia played in two bowl games during his career.

McWhorter has been a college coach each of the last 17 years and 12 of those years he worked with either Georgia or Georgia Tech. He also coached two years at ACC rival Duke (1990-91). Altogether, McWhorter has coached in seven bowl games.

Rick Stockstill
Wide Receivers

Rick Stockstill has been around successful programs and record setting offenses his entire coaching career. In his first year as quarterback coach at Clemson (1989), the Tigers set a school record for completion percentage (60%). The Tigers led the Atlantic Coast Conference in total offense for the 1991 season, and Clemson gained the second most yards in school history in the process.

In 1995 Clemson had its third most productive offense in history scoring over 300 points and gaining over 4500 yards of total offense. The 1996 season saw one of the top improvements in Clemson history over the course of the season on the offensive side of the ball.

Stockstill also tutored productive offenses at Central Florida and Bethune-Cookman in his early years as a football coach. As a player, he was the starting quarterback for Florida State. He guided the Seminoles to a pair of Orange Bowl appearances, a pair of top 10 rankings, and was the team captain in 1981.

It is no surprise that Stockstill has moved up the coaching ladder so swiftly because he is the product of an athletic family. His father has considerable experience as the head coach at Fernandina Beach High School in Florida. His brother, Jeff, was a starting wide receiver for the Tigers in 1982, a reserve on the National Championship team of 1981.

Stockstill is in his ninth year with the Clemson program and the Tigers have been to bowl games in six of the previous eight seasons. He joins Les Herrin and Whitey Jordan as the only assistant coaches in Clemson history to serve under three different head coaches.

The John Latina File
At Clemson: In his third season as guards and centers coach, his fourth season at Clemson.
Previous Coaching Experience: College - Assistant coach at Virginia Tech (1979-81); assistant coach at Pittsburgh (1982); offensive line coach at Temple (1983-86); running game coordinator at Kansas State (1989-93); offensive line coach at Clemson (Dec. 1993-1994); offensive guards and centers (1995-present).
Education: Received a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech (1979).
College Playing Experience: Four-year letter winner at Virginia Tech as an offensive guard (1975-78).
Personal Data: Born September 18, 1957; he and his wife Michele have two sons John Jr., and Michael.

The Mac McWhorter File
At Clemson: In his second as offensive tackles and tight ends coach.
Previous Coaching Experience: High School - offensive line at Duluth High School (1974-75); offensive coach/offensive line at Douglas County Comprehensive High School (1975-76); offensive coordinator at Douglas County Comprehensive High School (1976-79); Head Coach at Villa Rica High School (1979-80). College - assistant coach/offensive line at Georgia Tech (1980-87); assistant head coach/offensive line at Alabama (1987-88); assistant coach/offensive line at Alabama (1988); Head Coach at West Georgia College (1988-90); assistant coach/offensive line at Duke (1990-91); assistant coach/offensive line and tight ends at Georgia (1991-95); defensive tackles/tight ends at Clemson (1996-present).
Education: Received a bachelor's degree from Georgia (1974).
College Playing Experience: Earned four letters at Georgia as an offensive lineman. Captain of 1973 Georgia Team.
Personal Data: Born June 17, 1950; he and his wife, Rebecca, have two daughters: Kassay and Katie, and a son: Mac.

The Rick Stockstill File
At Clemson: In his third season as wide receivers coach and in his ninth season with the Tigers.
Personal Data: Born December 23, 1959; he and his wife, Sara, were married on July 7, 1990, and they have two children: Brent, and Emily.
Graduate Assistant Coaches

Johnson Hunter and Vance Vice are both in their second season at Clemson.

Johnson Hunter III
Graduate Assistant Coach

Responsibilities: Graduate Assistant coach who will work with defense.

Coaching Experience: Student Assistant at Catawba College (1988-90); special teams coordinator and linebackers coach at Bandys High School (1991); defensive and special teams coordinator at Bandys High School (1992-93); receivers coach at North Carolina A&T State University (1994); outside linebackers coach at North Carolina A&T State University (1995).

Playing Experience: College - Played for Catawba College for two and one half years before suffering a knee injury. High School - played for Coach Bruce Bolick at East Lincoln High School... earned all-conference honors in both football and track.

Education: Received a bachelor's degree from Catawba College in Business Administration/Physical Education in 1990. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in physical education administration and student affairs.

Personal Data: Born August 30, 1967 in Lincolnton, NC. Johnson is single.

Vance Vice
Graduate Assistant Coach

Responsibilities: Graduate Assistant coach who will work with offense and tight ends.

Coaching Experience: Graduate Assistant at University of Georgia (1990-92); Varsity football assistant and Varsity boys track assistant at Hart County High School (1992-96); Varsity wrestling head coach (1995-96).

Playing Experience: College - played for Oklahoma State... lettered three years... academic All-Big Eight tight end three years... participated in Gator Bowl, Sun Bowl, and Holiday Bowl. High School - played for Bristow High School in Bristow, Oklahoma where he lettered four years in football, basketball, and track... earned All-State in football and was awarded the Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete Award.

Education: Received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State in Secondary Education in 1990. He received his master's from the University of Georgia in Education Administration in 1993. He is currently pursuing an educational specialist degree in education administration.

Personal Data: Born August 26, 1966 in Bristow, Oklahoma. Vance is married to the former Kerry Cole of Toccoa, Georgia.

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Trevor Adair
Men's Soccer
Lock Haven State '82
26-13-3 at Clemson, 2 years
60-37-8 overall, 6 years
Guided Clemson to a top five finish and the second round of the NCAA Tournament in his first year with the program.
First season also included a pair of wins over top 10 teams on the road (North Carolina and Santa Clara) and three top 25 wins overall.
Has taken a team to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament and a final top 20 ranking two of the last three years.
Coached Brown to the NCAA Tournament Final Eight in 1994. The Bruins also won the Ivy League and recorded a victory over #1 ranked Boston University that season. In 1993 his Brown team defeated second-ranked Virginia.
Had four top 25 wins in 1996.

Rick Barnes
Men's Basketball
Lenoir Rhyne '77
56-34 at Clemson, 3 years
184-120 overall, 10 years
Has taken Clemson to post season play in each of his three years at Clemson, two NCAAs and one NIT. He guided Clemson to its first Sweet 16 finish since 1990 when the Tigers defeated Miami (OH) and Tulsa in 1997.
Clemson finished eighth in the final USA Today poll in 1997, its highest ranking ever and the 1996-97 Tigers were ranked in every poll, a first in Clemson history.
Tigers were ranked second in the nation on January 20, 1997, Clemson's highest ranking ever.
Clemson set a record for wins away from home in 1996-97 with 11, including an overtime victory over third-ranked and defending National Champion Kentucky.
Defeated all eight ACC teams in 1995-96, just the fifth time in history Clemson has done that.

Wayne Coffman, Women's Track and Cross Country
Clemson '81
15 years at Clemson
18 Top 25 Seasons
Played on an ACC Champion and has coached four ACC championship teams.
Five-time ACC Coach-of-the-Year, including 1996 in indoor track. Also a three-time district Coach-of-the-Year.
Has coached 16 indoor track All-Americans and 27 outdoor All-Americans to go with nine cross country All-Americans. Overall, has coached 86 ACC Champions.
Cross Country has 11 top 20 finishes in his 15 years as head coach. Overall, has had 18 top 25 finishes in the three programs combined.
In 1985-86 the program finished in the top 25 in all three sports, a first in Clemson women's track history.
Cross country team finished third nationally in 1990, highest ranking for a women's sports team in Clemson history.

Jim Davis
Women's Basketball
Tennessee Wesleyan, 70
208-102 at Clemson, 10 years
352-142 overall, 17 years
Clemson's winningest women's basketball coach in history with 208 victories.
ACC Coach-of-the-Year in 1997, the third time he has won that award.
First basketball coach to guide Clemson to an ACC Championship, his Tigers won ACC Tournament at Rock Hill in 1996. Included in the string of wins was a third straight triumph over a top 10 Virginia team.
Has taken Clemson to the NCAA Tournament in nine of his 10 years and to postseason play in all 10 years.
Clemson has won at least 20 games in eight of his 10 years as head coach and he has averaged 21 wins per season. Eight of those 10 years Clemson has been ranked in the final top 25, including a #14 ranking in 1996.

Nancy Harris
Women's Tennis
Alabama, '84
First year at Clemson
198-37 overall, 9 years
Coached 36 women's All-Americans and 17 men's All-Americans at Auburn University at Montgomery.
Guided Auburn-Montgomery women to the NAIA National Championship two of the last seven years and had eight consecutive top 10 teams.
Had a 135-24 record as women's coach (.850) and 63-13 mark as men's coach (.829).
Named National Coach of the Year at the NAIA level four times, including three times as coach of the men's program.
Played professionally in Wimbledon, the US Open and the Australian Open.
In 1995 and 1996 her men's teams at Auburn-Montgomery won the NAIA National Championship, the first female coach in history to lead a men's program to a national championship.

Jolene Hoover
Women's Volleyball
Illinois State '86
95-41 at Clemson, 4 years
188-72 overall, 7 years
Has coached Clemson to the NCAA tournament in two of her four seasons with the Tigers, the only NCAA Tournament appearances in Clemson history.
Clemson has won 70 percent of its matches in three of her four seasons and finished second in the ACC in three of her four seasons.
Named ACC Coach-of-the-Year in 1994, first Clemson volleyball coach so honored.
Won 17 straight regular season tournaments at one stretch in her Clemson career.
Has had an All-ACC player every year she has coached at Clemson.
Player-of-the-Year in the Gateway Conference as a collegiate player at Illinois State.
Chuck Kriese, Men’s Tennis
Tennessee Tech, 72
471-261 at Clemson, 22 years
*Winningest men’s tennis coach in
Clemson and ACC history. His 471
career wins rank in the top 10 all-time.
*Has coached Clemson to 16 NCAA
Tournament appearances in his 22
years as head coach. That includes
six First Eight Finishes and 11 Final
16 finishes.
*Clemson has 13 top 20 national
finishes since 1979 under Kriese, including
a #19 finish in 1997.
*Tigers have won 10 ACC regular season championships and 10
conference championships under Kriese. Nine times Clemson has
won the ACC Tournament under Kriese, including 1997.
*A total of 18 Tigers have won 30 All-America certificates and
seven Tigers have won individual national awards in Kriese’s career.
Among his more prominent players have been Jay Berger, Rick
Ruedein, and Mark Dickson, who have all had celebrated
professional careers.

Jack Leggett, Baseball
Maine ’76
203-72 at Clemson, 4 years
580-359 overall, 18 years
*Took Clemson to at least 50 wins, a
top 10 final ranking and the NCAA
Tournament each of his first three
years as Clemson Head Coach.
*Has had Tigers in the College World
*Has averaged 50 wins a year for his
career at Clemson and had the Tigers
in the NCAA tournament and the final
Top 25 every season.
*His Tigers have 53 wins over Top 25 teams in his first four years,
including three wins over the number-one team.
*Guided Clemson to its first ever Final Four finish at the College
World Series and the number-four final ranking tied for the highest
finish ever.
*ACC Coach-of-the-Year in 1994 and 1995, just the third coach in
any sport in ACC history to be named ACC Coach-of-the-Year in
each of his first two years with a program.
*Has coached ACC Tournament Championship in 1994 and ACC regular
*Three of his players, Kris Benson, Matt LeCroy and Billy Koch,
were members of the 1996 US Olympic Team.

Tracey Leone
Women’s Soccer
North Carolina ’91
44-18-2 at Clemson, 3 years
*Has guided Clemson to the NCAA
Tournament in each of her first three
years at Clemson, each of the first
three years of the program.
*Clemson is only program in
women’s soccer to advance to the
NCAA Tournament in each of its first
three years.
*Program has finished in the top 20
in each season, #13 in 1994 and #15
in 1995, #18 in 1996.
*Took Clemson to the finals of the 1996 ACC Tournament.
*Team had a school record four wins over top 25 teams in 1996.
*Leone was member of United States World Cup Championship
team in 1991.

Bruce Marchionda
Men’s & Women’s Swimming
Westminster College ’79
Men 20-10 at Clemson, 3 years
Women 20-10 at Clemson, 3 years
*Coached Clemson to the 1997 ACC
Women’s Championship. Clemson’s
first ACC title in swimming in the
decade of the 1990s. The Lady Tigers
defeated six-time defending champion
North Carolina in its own pool to pull off
the victory.
*Marchionda was named ACC Coach of
the Year in Women’s Swimming in 1997. The Lady Tigers were
ranked 23rd in the final regular season poll.
*Clemson had a combined record of 15-6 in the men’s and
women’s program in 1995-96, its best combined mark in eight years.
Record included wins in men’s and women’s competition over South
Carolina for the first time since 1989-90.
*Lady Tigers were ranked as high as 24th in the nation during the
1995-96 season, first top 25 ranking for a Clemson swimming team
since 1968-69.

Larry Penley, Golf
Clemson ’81
14 years at Clemson
11 Top 20 Seasons
*Guided Clemson to a #3 NCAA
Tournament finish in 1997, tied for
the highest ranking in Clemson history.
*Coached NCAA Champion Charles
Warren, Clemson’s first NCAA golf
champion.
*Has coached Clemson to 14 straight
appearances in the NCAA National
Tournament, a record for any Clemson
coach in any sport.
*One of just two active coaches in the country who has taken a
team to the NCAA golf national tournament 14 straight years.
*Clemson has finished in the top 20 in the nation 11 of his 14
seasons, including three top four finishes (1989, 1993 and 1997).
*Clemson has won three NCAA Regional Championships, four
ACC titles and 33 tournaments overall in his 14 years at Clemson.
Only coach in NCAA history to win three consecutive regional
championships.
*Has coached 26 All-America selections in his 14 years at
Clemson, including first-team All-Americans Richard Coughlan
*ACC Coach of the Year in 1996 and 1997, he also won the award
in 1987.

Bob Pollock
Men’s Track & Cross Country
The Citadel ’71
Nine years at Clemson
12 Top 20 Teams
*Has won 12 ACC Championships in
his Clemson career, more than any
other coach in Clemson history.
*A 12-time ACC Coach of the Year
selection, also the most in Clemson his-
tory.
*Tigers won ACC Indoor and Outdoor
Track championships in 1997 and
ranked in the top 25 nationally in both.
*One of just three coaches in ACC history to win ACC Coach of
the Year honors in each of his first two years with a program.
*Coached the Tigers to a #17 final ranking in outdoor track in
1997, his 12th top 20 team in cross country, indoor or outdoor track.
*Clemson’s outdoor track team has now finished in the top 20
seven straight years and the indoor team has been in the top 20 four
of the last six years.
*Guided Clemson to ACC Championship in cross country, indoor
track and outdoor track in his first year at Clemson, 1988-89.
*Clemson has had 97 All-America certificates in outdoor, outdoor
track and cross country in his career.
*Has coached seven national championship teams in his career at
Clemson.
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74 • OG

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Ivan Brewington
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Michael Brice
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Donald Broomfield
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Terry Bryant
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Jim Bundren
79 • OT

Matt Butler
77 • OT

James Chappell
46 • WR

Gary Childress
99 • DT

O.J. Childress
56 • OLB

Will Clark
83 • FB

Jason Collins
49 • TE

Rudy Currie
20 • OLB

Adrian Dingle
52 • OLB

Will Dinkins
20 • TB

Rahim Abdullah had six sacks as a freshman and hopes to improve on that figure in 1997.
Tony Plantin set a Clemson record for quarterback pressures in a game when he had seven against Duke in 1995.
Alex Ardley 28 • DB
Javis Austin 5 • TB
Matt Bailey 80 • WR
Aaron Boone 2 • DB
Jovon Bush 96 • DL

Robert Carswell 9 • DB
Darrel Crutchfield 30 • DB
Woody Dantzler 11 • QB
Jason Flanders 21 • QB
Ted Fornicola 86 • WR

Charles Hafley 40 • DB
Terry Jolly 92 • DL
Marcus Martin 17 • QB
Will Merritt 50 • ILB
Raj Mitchell 51 • LB

Slade Nagle 18 • QB
Neely Page 62 • OL
Dextra Polite 34 • DB
Kenzi Ross 54 • LB
Mike Seth 81 • WR

Chad Speck 31 • DB
T. J. Watkins 88 • TE
Waymond White 19 • WR
Kyle Young 59 • OL
Travis Zachery 8 • TB
Academic All-ACC

Record 143 Clemson student-athletes on ACC Academic Honor Roll

Ten of Clemson's 14 athletic programs set or tied their respective sports school record for the number of Academic All-ACC student-athletes according to figures released by the ACC office last summer. Clemson had 143 total student-athletes earn a spot on the list, an all-time record breaking the previous high of 110 set in 1995-96. Recipients must have at least a 3.0 GPA for the entire academic year.

The Clemson football team led the way with an all-time record 20 selections. The previous high for the Clemson football team was 17 set by Tommy West's 1995 team. In fact, each of the three highest totals in Clemson history have been achieved in West's first three years as Clemson coach.

The history of the ACC academic honor roll dates to 1956. Among the Clemson gridders who made the ACC Academic Honor roll were second-team All-ACC guard Glenn Rountree, who will play this season as a graduate student, starting punter Kevin Laird and starting outside linebacker Tony DeSue.

The other teams who set or tied all-time records for number of ACC Academic Honor roll selections were the baseball team (10), golf (5), men's soccer (10), women's basketball (7), volleyball (8), women's swimming (19), women's tennis (8), women's track (16), and women's soccer (14). All six of Clemson's women's sports set or tied records.

Twelve student-athletes stood out in their success on the field and in the classroom as they were first-team All-ACC athletically and made the league Academic Honor Roll in the classroom. Those athletes were Matt LeCroy (baseball), Ryan Mottl (baseball), Mitch Sprengelmeyer (men's tennis), Stephanie Woerz (women's tennis), Charles Warren (golf), Jason Brewer (men's track), Josh Scott (men's track), Tina Jensen (women's track), Annu Montell (women's track), Shenita Wilson (women's track), Jennifer Mahalik (women's swimming) and Erin Schatz (women's swimming).

LeCroy, Sprengelmeyer, Warren and Wilson were all All-Americans. Warren won the NCAA championship in golf.

Football—(20)—Carl Baker, Derek Basileo, Wes Billingsley, Mike Brice, William Depass, Tony DeSue, Kyle Green, Tucker Hamnick, Freddie James, Eric Kuehnhan, Kevin Laird, Brandon Nagle, Brad Pope, David Richardson, Ryan Romano, Glenn Rountree, Marcus Smith, Jason Stockunas, John Strait, Brandon Streeter

Baseball—(10)—Brian Adams, Darren Adams, Derek Borgert, Bryan Schroeder, Eric DeMora, Jeff Kane, Matt LeCroy, Ryan Mottl, Mike Paradis, Brian Werner

Men's Basketball—(1)—Tom Wideman

Women's Basketball—(7)—Natasha Anderson, Jeanette Davis, Marta Forns-Escude, Amy Geren, Anette Percy, Angie Salyer, Autumn Sam

Men's Soccer—(10)—Ryan Conway, Lars Egil Fallang, Mike Giusti, Jeremy Iwaszkiewic, Matt Jordan, Jason Karlmet, Paul Stalteri, Craig Wenning, Tony Williams, Jeff Yenzer

Women's Soccer—(14)—Pia Amalfitano, Katie Barnett, Angela Barnes, Samantha Butke, Karen Erikson, Suzanne Finn, Cheri Hooper, Beth Keller, Lissa Mansberry, Tracey McCarroll, Meredith McCullen, Mandi Risden, Susan Treenery, Jennifer Wilhelmy

Men's Tennis—(5)—Clay Fouse, Luis Garcia, Josh Golff, Mitch Sprengelmeyer, Ken Wasserman

Women's Tennis—(8)—Devin Carr, Hayden Carr, Christie Cerrutani, Meredith Chandler, Nicole Eble, Cath Galvin, Melissa Odom, Stephanie Woerz


Men's Track—(11)—Geoff Besso, Brad Brewer, Jeff Davis, Mike Fickert, Trent Kirk, Shaun Murphy, Andy Peterson, Jason Reckner, Joshua Scott, Jason Tomsic, Wade Van Sice

Women's Track—(16)—Amy Bancroft, Jennifer Berry, Lori Davis, Brantley Epps, Tracey Godwin, Sara Hayden, Lisa Jacobson, Tina Jensen, Julianne Littmann, Annu Montell, Katja Pettinen, Julie Polovich, Shannon Shoppman, Anne Stowell, Kelly Tillerson, Shenita Wilson

Volleyball—(8)—Allison Coday, Sky Frost, Blythe Gardner, Emily Goria, Stephanie Schultz, Ashley Self, Mandy Smelzer, Mary Trull

Men's Swimming—(9)—Kevin Cote, Landon Harris, Dan Hoelker, Wes Morrow, Sasha Novozhilov, P.J. Olson, Mike Pridemore, Todd Wasilewski, William York


Glenn Rountree was one of a record 20 Tiger football players on the ACC Academic Honor Roll.
Strength Training

Clemson has had 17 strength All-Americans since 1981.

Strength All-Americans

1981  Jeff Davis, LB  
      Jeff Bryant, DT  
      Lee Nanney, OT  
1983  William Perry, MG  
1984  Kenny Flowers, TB  
1985  Jim Riggins, TE  
1986  Ty Granger, OT  
1987  Danny Pearman, TE  
1988  Donnell Woolford, DB  
1989  Vince Taylor, LB  
1990  Levon Kirkland, OLb  
1991  Mike Brown, C  
1992  Brentson Buckner, DT  
1993  Stacy Seegars, OG  
1994  Nelson Welch, PK  
1995  Brian Dawkins, SS  
1996  Raymond White, MG

Lifter-of-the-Year

1985  Kenny Flowers, TB  
      John Phillips, OG  
1986  Ty Granger, OT  
1987  Mark Drag, MG  
1988  Jeff Bak, C  
1989  Levon Kirkland, OLB  
1990  Arthur Bussie, DT  
      Curtis Whitley, C  
1991  Ashley Sheppard, OLb  
1992  Warren Forney, DT  
1993  Ed Glenn, TE  
      Stephon Wynn, TE  
1994  Ed Glenn, TE  
1995  Patrick Sapp, OLB  
1996  Raymond White, MG

Raymond White  
1996 Clemson Strength All-American

Clemson has one of the most spacious strength training facilities in the country.
The Clemson Ring of Honor is in its fourth season of existence in Clemson Memorial Stadium. On September 3, 1994, during ceremonies prior to the Clemson vs. Furman football game, Frank Howard, Steve Fuller and Banks McFadden were inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor. On September 2, 1995, Jeff Davis was added to the Clemson Ring of Honor. On September 6, 1997, Fred Cone will be added.

The Ring of Honor is the highest honor a Clemson football player can receive. A recipient must first be a member of the Clemson Hall of Fame, earn at least an undergraduate degree, and make a significant contribution to the heritage of Clemson athletics. Honorees will have their jersey retired.

Howard was Clemson's head coach between 1940-69 and he guided Clemson to eight conference championships, six bowl games and six Top 25 seasons. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1989 and is the second winningest coach in ACC history. He had 165 wins when he retired, the most in ACC history.

McFadden was named the nation's most versatile athlete in 1959. He was an All-American in football and basketball, the only Clemson athlete in history to do that. McFadden led Clemson to its first bowl bid ever, a 6-3 win over Boston College in the 1940 Cotton Bowl. He was the number-three pick of the 1940 NFL draft, the highest draft selection in Clemson history.

Fuller is one of only two football players in Clemson history to be chosen an All-American on the field and in the classroom. Fuller was a first-team Academic All-American in 1977 and 1978 and a third-team AP All-American in 1978. Fuller, who was ACC MVP on two occasions, is still Clemson's all-time leader in total offense. He was an NCAA Top Five Award winner in 1979, the only Clemson athlete to win the award.

Davis, captain of Clemson's 1981 National Championship team, was a first-team All-American that year when he led the Tigers in tackles with 175, the second highest total in Clemson history. Davis was also named the MVP of the ACC and was the Defensive MVP of the Orange Bowl victory over Nebraska, the game that clinched the national championship for the Tigers.

Clemson University Ring of Honor Guidelines

Purpose: The charge of this committee is to bestow the highest athletic award presented by the Clemson Athletic Department on deserving candidates. The committee will examine the careers of candidates in all Clemson sports.

Nominations: Nominations are made by any member of IPTAY, faculty or staff personnel, or relative of a worthy candidate, and are accepted 30 days prior to the committee meeting. The committee will meet once every two years in the month of April to vote on the nominations. Nominations will be made in the form of a letter with a complete list of accomplishments, and submitted to the chair of the committee, who will retain an active file of nominations. Letters of support may also be submitted. All nominations will remain on file for a period of three voting committee meetings (five years). The Chair of the Committee will screen all nominations to make sure they meet eligibility requirements.

Committee: The Committee will be composed of 11 members:
- Sports Information Director, Chair
- Athletic Director
- Director of Student-Athlete Enrichment
- Senior Associate Athletic Director
- Executive Secretary of IPTAY
- A member of the Board of Trustees
- A member of the Tiger Lettermen's Assoc.
- A member of the Athletic Council
- NCAA Faculty Representative
- University President or designee
- Head Coach of a sport that has a nomination (i.e. Football Coach votes on football candidates, basketball coach votes on football candidates, etc.)

Eligibility: This committee will recognize individuals who have demonstrated consistent and unique national excellence in their sport during their Clemson career. Their accomplishments must be significant on an individual and team basis. Their statistical accomplishments must be noteworthy, but they should also have an outstanding record in terms of leadership. In general, they must have made a noteworthy contribution to the history of the Clemson Athletic Program.

Athletic accomplishments after their Clemson career are not a primary consideration in the nomination, but they must retain an unblemished record of citizenship after they leave Clemson.

A candidate must be a member of the Clemson Hall of Fame and must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year university or college.

Financial contributions to Clemson University will not be a consideration when evaluating the candidates.

For a coach to be nominated he or she must be retired from coaching that sport at the college level.

Selection Process: Each committee member will cast one vote per sport. An honoree must obtain at least seven votes to be selected. There will be just one ballot. The committee does not have to select any honorees at its meeting. There shall be no more than one honoree in a sport for every two years.

Conferring: In the sport of football, the honoree will have his name, number, years participated and helmet enshrined in the Ring of Honor at Clemson Memorial Stadium. In the sport of basketball, the honoree's jersey will be hung from the rafters of Littlejohn Coliseum. In the sport of baseball a jersey replica will be hung from the fence of Tiger Field. Other sports will establish appropriate sites at the home facility.

When a student-athlete is selected the person's jersey is honored, but the jersey number may be worn in the future.

The nature and organization of the ceremony will be determined from a meeting between the honoree, the athletic director, the committee chair and the head coach of the sport involved.
More than 300 alumni and friends from all over the nation gathered at the Madren Center on May 2, 1997, for the convening of the Commission on the Future of Clemson University. The Commission was created by the Board of Trustees as a way to elicit recommendations and suggestions from alumni and friends on how to chart a successful course for the University into the 21st century and position Clemson as one of America's leading universities. All of the members of the Commission are volunteers who pay their own expenses incurred in connection with their work on the Commission. The chairpersons are as follows:

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Bill Carpenter, Retired Chairman and CEO, Rust Environment and Infrastructure, Greenville, SC

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In 1991, two very special anniversaries in the Clemson football tradition were observed. Not only did the 1991 season mark the 10th anniversary of Clemson's National Championship season, but it also marked the 50th birthday of the place where the Tigers won six games that season: Memorial Stadium.

In the first 55 years of Memorial Stadium, Clemson has a record of 192-71-7, including a 34-9-1 ledger over the last seven seasons. Clemson had a 16-game unbeaten streak at home between 1990-92 and has a career winning ratio of 72.4 percent.

The stadium has definitely been good to the Tigers who call it home, but the stadium was constructed against the advice of at least one Clemson coach. Just before head coach Jess Neely left for Rice University after the 1939 season, he gave Clemson a message. "Don't ever let them talk you into building a big stadium," he said. "Put about 10,000 seats behind the Y.M.C.A. That's all you'll ever need'.

Instead of following Coach Neely's advice, however, Clemson officials decided to build the new stadium in a valley on the western part of campus. The place would take some clearing—there were many trees, but luckily there were no hedges.

The crews went to work: clearing, cutting, pouring, and forming. Finally, on September 19, 1942, Clemson Memorial Stadium opened with the Tiger football team thrashing Presbyterian College, 32-13. Those 20,000 seats installed for Opening Day would soon grow; and grow and grow. This year Clemson celebrates its 56th year in this outstanding facility.

When the original part of the stadium was built in the early 40's, much of the work was done by scholarship athletes, including many football players. The first staking out of the stadium was done by two members of the football team, A.N. Cameron and Hugh Webb. Webb returned to Clemson years later to be an architecture professor, and Cameron went on to become a civil engineer in Louisiana.

The building of the stadium did not proceed without a few problems. One day during the clearing of the land, one young football player proudly announced that he was not allergic to poison oak. He then commenced to attack the poison oak with a swing blade, throwing the plants to and fro. The next day, however, the boy was swollen twice his size and had to be put in the hospital.

There are many other stories about the stadium including one stating that Frank Howard put a chew of tobacco in each corner of the stadium as the concrete poured.

Howard says that the seeding of the grass caused a few problems. "About 40 people and I laid sod on the field," he says. "After three weeks, on July 15, we had only gotten halfway through.

"I told them that it had taken us three weeks to get that far, and I would give them three more week's pay for however long it took. I also told them we would have 50 gallons of ice cream when we got through. After that it took them three days to do the rest of the field. Then we sat down in the middle of the field and ate up that whole 50 gallons."

Howard says that on the day of the first game in the stadium, "the gates were hung at 1:00 pm and we played at 2:00 pm." But that would be all of the construction for a while. Then in 1958, 18,000 sideline seats were added and, in 1960, a total of 5,658 West end zone seats were added in response to increasing attendance. With the large end zone, "Green Grass" section, this expansion increased capacity to about 53,000.

Later, upper decks were added to each side of the stadium as crowds swelled—the first one in 1978 and the second in 1983. This increased capacity to over 80,000 which makes it one of the 10 largest on-campus stadiums in the country.

The effect spiraling inflation has had in this century can be dramatically seen in the differences in stadium construction. The original part of the stadium was built at a cost of $125,000 or at $6.25 a seat. The newest upper deck was finished in 1983 at a cost of $13.5 million, or $866 a seat.

Through the years, Memorial Stadium has become known as "Death Valley." It was tagged this by the late Presbyterian coach, Lonnie McMillan. After bringing his P.C. teams to Clemson for years and getting whipped, McMillan said the place was like Death Valley. A few years later the name stuck.

On November 16, 1974 the playing surface was named Frank Howard Field for the legendary coach because of his long service and dedication to the University.

Luckily, the stadium wasn't built behind the Y.

Clemson has won over 70 percent of its games in Memorial Stadium since the facility opened in 1942.
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Student-Athlete Enrichment

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Clemson University's commitment to provide its student-athletes with the very best of facilities is evident in many ways. From the soaring upper decks of Memorial Stadium, to the state-of-the-art strength training facility, young men and women from all 18 of Clemson's varsity sports have the very best in facilities for training and competition. Vickery Hall is no exception, as the $3 million structure is as impressive aesthetically as any of the other facilities. But the importance of Vickery Hall to the Clemson University Athletic Department is not found in the structure itself, but in the many programs that the building houses.

Vickery Hall opened in the spring of 1991 and was the first in the country built solely for the all-around education of student-athletes. The two-story, 27,000 square -foot building is open throughout the day and into the evening to accommodate the extended schedules of student-athletes.

The mission of the Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs is to monitor, guide, and encourage student-athletes to fulfill their long term goal, and to achieve their academic and career potential. Vickery Hall focuses on three primary areas to meet the student-athlete's needs.

**Academic Support**

Clemson's Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs have provided one of the best academic support and advising programs in the nation.

The proof is in the statistics. A record number of Clemson student-athletes made the academic honor roll in 1997. Eight of Clemson's 13 Sports programs had a higher GPA than the student body average in the 1997 Spring semester. Twenty Clemson football players were on the ACC academic honor roll for the 1996-97 academic year, an all-time record. The Tiger football team had an all-time record GPA for the entire year in 1996-97. The Academic Counselor performs a variety of duties to track academic progress. Their duties include providing assistance in registration and priority scheduling, contacting faculty, personally checking classes, recording information, counseling sessions with student-athletes, providing diagnostic testing, and directing career aspirations.

One of the most prestigious programs that has received recognition essential to the growth of Vickery Hall is the tutorial program.

The Student-Athlete Enrichment Program has been granted a Level 1 certification from the College of Reading and Learning Association, International Tutor Certification Program. Of the 160 programs certified by CRLA, the Clemson Student-Athlete Enrichment Program is one of the three student-athlete programs in the country to achieve this distinction.

Having tutor certification enables student-athletes to have access to high-quality computing equipment and has made a commitment to provide the student-athletes at Clemson with the largest computer lab in the country. Located on the first floor of Vickery Hall is the Department of Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs' Microcomputer Laboratory. The lab is open seven days a week, for 16 hours on Monday through Thursday, and limited time on Saturday and Sunday. During exam periods the lab hours are extended.

The lab staff has a full-time computer manager, and also graduate students, many of whom are pursuing advanced degrees in computer science. Lab staff members are available for tutoring of any Computer Science course, as well as the many management, engineering, and business courses that deal with personal computers.

The Student-Athlete Enrichment Program is committed to providing state-of-the-art computing facilities. New computers have recently been purchased bringing the lab to a state of the art facility. Over 40 computers are available for student-athletes.

All computers are fully connected to the internet allowing for access of computers throughout the world for research and communication.

**Personal Growth Program**

One of the most important programs that helps student-athletes reach their full potential and engage successfully in this college experience is the Personal Growth and Development Program.

The purpose of this program is to assist the student-athlete in making a successful transition into his/her university and athletic life. These programs will provide the student-athlete the opportunity to examine and explore issues and topics pertaining to his/her values, personal health and wellness, behavior, and goals. The specific topics will encompass both general transition issues and specific athletic issues as well.

**Career Assistance Program**

The Career Assistance Program provides student-athletes an opportunity to fulfill career aspirations by participating in various career seminars offered by the staff at Vickery Hall. The philosophy of this program is to provide student-athletes with job searching skills and strategies, internships, practicum experience as well as summer employment. These programs are designed to address specific career opportunities through a program that uses each year to gain information on the student-athletes.

By using the resources available to the University, Alumni Center and the Athletic Department, Clemson is working to establish a network of businesses, companies, and executives who will help assist with The Summer Employment Assistance Program. The program's main goal is to provide the student-athlete with job experience and a work history, which student athletes can apply to their academic discipline.

The Career Assistance Program is coordinated from the academic colleges, the Placement Center, and through the Athletic Department contacts. This program is designed to better prepare the student-athlete for full-time employment and focuses on resume writing and interview techniques.

Clemson has a staff of 11 full-time employees to work with Tiger student-athletes in various self-enrichment programs.

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by Brian Hennessy

"Player gives up final year of eligibility to turn pro."

That is the headline we often see today in the current sports world of big money and instant fame. Randy Smith, a center for the Tigers from 1963-65, gave up his last year of college eligibility to turn pro; not as a football player in the NFL, but to provide a service far more reaching and meaningful to others.

Randy Smith went from Tiger gridder to plastic and reconstructive surgeon. He is currently an assistant clinical professor of plastic surgery at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA. Not only does he help those in need in his Augusta operating room, he travels to all parts of the world to help the less fortunate, particularly in under-developed countries.

Smith, 53, came to Clemson from Richmond Academy in Augusta, GA and was immediately impressed by not only the football aspect, but the off the field teachings of then Clemson College.

"The thing that stood out the most was the friendliness of the students and the school spirit," recalls Smith. "My parents (Maxine and Lester) were always steadfast about me going to Clemson: as a student and as an athlete. There, I met some of my best friends, who are still my best friends to this day."

At Clemson, Smith starred as a center under Coach Frank Howard. Although some of Smith's best moments were of the unnoticeable kind since he was an offensive lineman, those images remain everlasting in his mind.

"One of my most memorable plays came against Duke one year," recollects Smith. "I was having a hard time driving the much bigger player out of the way. The guy was so quick and kept reading my head to see where the play was going. We called a running play that came over me.

"I knew I had to try something different to get this guy out of the way. So I gave him a head fake one way and went the other. I thought this was going to be great or a disaster. Fortunately he took my head fake and I covered him with my opposite shoulder. We opened a hole six or seven yards wide and Hugh Mauldin ran about 60 yards."

After playing three seasons (four school years) for the Orange and White, Smith graduated with a degree in pre-medicine. Even though he had an other year of eligibility, he was drafted in the seventh round by the New York Jets of the AFL and was also drafted by the Atlanta Falcons of the NFL.

"After the 1965 season, Randy Mahaffey, one of my closest friends, and I traveled to Europe with my life savings," says Smith. "That was something I had never done before. Since I was on scholarship, I had saved enough money to travel."

"When I came back I found out I had been accepted to medical school. I felt that my medical career was important to me. So I talked to Coach (Frank) Howard in the summer and told him that I had a higher calling in life. Of course his feelings were hurt. He told me no first-string player had ever not come back for his last season. I felt this opportunity was so important in my life that I couldn’t pass it up."

Prior to 1988, no college football player could turn pro a year early, but that was for the NFL. No rule years, he served as a major in the United States Army Reserve Medical Corps. During that time, he spent a year’s internship at Wake Forest’s Bowman Gray School of Medicine and a four-year residency at Duke as an Otolaryngology-Head and Neck surgeon.

At Duke, he followed one of his closest friends and fellow Tiger football player Joe Waldrep. Waldrep and Smith left Clemson at the same time, with Smith going to the Medical College of Georgia and Waldrep going to Duke Law School. Smith recollects Coach Howard joking about their aptitude. "Coach Howard said he had problems with not staying in school due to poor grades, but he had never had two players smart enough to leave school before their eligibility was finished."

In 1975, Smith returned to the Medical College of Georgia for his plastic surgery training. He began practicing in Augusta, GA in 1978 and is currently a member of countless national and regional medical societies, including the American College of Surgeons.

Not only has he sought to help patients in the Southeast, Smith has traveled to all corners of the globe as a volunteer surgeon and lecturer in plastic and hand surgery in undeveloped countries since 1982. "In the early 80s, although what I was doing was satisfying, I felt like something was missing in
my life," says Smith. "I decided to do what I do in Augusta in other places where the type of service I provide is not available.

"The first place I went was China in 1982 with seven other surgeons. We traveled from town to town, giving lectures on reconstructive plastic surgical problems, such as gunshot wounds and burns of the lower extremities. Once we arrived in Beijing, we had to modify some of our lectures to accommodate the problems that we weren't prepared for.

"When I finished a lecture on breast reconstruction and lower extremity reconstruction, the chief of Plastic Surgery in the Chinese capital, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania prior to the 1949 Revolution, told me that the presentation was good, but what we really need is for us to operate with them. That discussion with Dr. Song led me on an odyssey that would dramatically affect my life as well as some of the lives of the patients and doctors in those third world nations."

Since that trip to China, Smith has traveled to Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt, Venezuela, El Salvador, South Korea, and Poland. "My legacy was not only to operate on the patients, but to teach the doctors some of the techniques," says Smith. "Invitations come from all over the world today, mostly by word of mouth. I usually go to the worst imaginable places where I can make the most impact.

"The most fulfilling part of what I do is working with the patients. I have operated on the lepers in West Africa as well as women in Poland who needed breast reconstruction following mastectomy for cancer. But it doesn't matter where I go. All the patients are the same. They are wonderful and warm, and that is why I keep making these trips."

The service Smith has provided was recognized by Clemson on May 7, 1997, at the May graduation exercises. There, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree by the University. His achievements have also earned him recognition in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care.

Smith's wife, Becky, is fittingly a nurse. "She sometimes travels with me, but most of the time stays home with our children," states Smith. The couple has four children: Katherine Maret, a Delta Airlines employee; Randy, a lawyer; Rebecca (12), and Michael (9).

Today Smith's dreams have helped many others fulfill their own dreams. He has realized his dreams, not because of luck or coincidence, but due to sheer determination, vision, and hard work as a young adult in his scholar-athlete days at Clemson. Let us hope that more Clemson student-athletes will follow in his footsteps.
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THE NAME SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.
Mark Landry

by Brett Berg

Orange and Purple, Garnet and Black. What do these colors have in common? Very little, except for the rivalry between Clemson and South Carolina, and the living room of Mike and Becky Landry of Atlanta, Georgia.

You see, their son Mark is a full-fledged Tiger, while son Mike Jr. is a full-fledged Gamecock. Mark Landry is a senior tackle on this year's Tiger football team, and Mike played linebacker for South Carolina from 1990-93. Yes, the family is split right down the middle. Some may think it is time to bear arms and fight it out, but not the Landrys. They prefer to let the battles solve themselves on the football field.

So does one school beat out the other school in the Landry's living room? "It's about equal," says Mark Landry, Clemson senior offensive tackle. "We both have jerseys hanging up, my mom does all the framing. My dad played at Houston, so she has my dad's jersey, my brother's jersey, and my jersey all hanging up in the living room, and she has all kinds of collages. It's equaling out now, it was definitely lopsided when I was a freshman though."

How does the family handle the rivalry? Becky Landry has considered wearing a sweatshirt with Clemson on one side and South Carolina on the other. Big brother Mike is not as lenient however. "He roots for Clemson all year long, but when we play them, he roots for Carolina," says Mark.

The question is, 'How did a family from New Hampshire get caught up in a rivalry in South Carolina?' Growing up in New Hampshire, Mike Jr. was recruited by and attended the University of South Carolina. Mark's fate could have led him down the wrong path too. In fact, Mark was ready to head to Columbia when Rich Bisaccia, who was recruiting him, became an assistant at Clemson. After a visit to Clemson and a talk with Coach West, the rest is history.

Mark, who has lettered each of the previous three seasons, came to Clemson after a high school career that included lettering in football four years, lacrosse four years, and basketball one year. He attended high school in New Hampshire, then spent the 1993 season at Milford Academy Prep School in Connecticut. Mark was an all-state selection on offense and defense his junior and senior year. He also played in the New Hampshire-Vermont Shrine Bowl and the state lacrosse high school all-star game. He might be the only Clemson football player in history who was an all-state lacrosse player.

Since coming to Clemson, Mark has played in 35 consecutive games over his first three years. He probably knows the Clemson offense better than anyone because of his ability to play different positions. Landry has played every position on the offensive line and has seen significant time on special teams. Landry could be seen at center, guard, tackle, and tight end. He also was a deep snapper his freshman year, and played wingback position on the "wham right formation" and on the field goal unit.

On the field, Landry credits Coach Bisaccia. "He is the one who led me to Clemson and he is the keep your head up guy for me," says Landry. Landry also has become good friends with fellow offensive lineman Jim Bundren. "I room with him and I back him up, it's a unique situation. It's good, he helps me out and I help him out. We're good friends and I've been doing it for four years (backing up Bundren)."

Off the field, Landry has been working to finish up his degree. Majoring in management and minor in economics, Landry is preparing for life after football. He completed an internship this past summer as an account executive with a corporate staffing company in Greenville. "The Vickery Hall staff was very helpful with the internship," says Landry. "I am at the point now where I am looking forward to getting done with school and the internship was important."

Mark is also a member of LIFE Line. LIFE Line is an organization that serves as a leadership group for the Clemson football program. The LIFE in the organization's name stands for Leaders in Football and Education. The group is composed of 13 Clemson football players and they provide a peer leadership group for the entire team. LIFE Line's members are committed to creating a positive team image, well developed goals and objectives, sound values and smart decision making.

"LIFE Line is great," says Landry. "It's a good experience for me. I feel my time has come and gone, and I'm ready to move on. I got a lot out of my experience at Clemson and have given back a lot in return through this program."

So is Mark happy with his decision to attend Clemson? To hear him talk about running down the Hill says it all. "There's no better experience in the world," says Landry. "It's not just the running down, it starts when you opened goals and objectives, sound values and smart decision making.

The rivalry continues. Landry hopes to have a great senior year and put his Management degree to good work after he graduates. "This is my last season. I've enjoyed backing up Jim Bundren, and I have no regrets. If you live with the same guy you back up for four years, the situation is no big deal. If he ever got hurt then I would step in, that's just the way it goes in college."

So what about the rivalry between Clemson and South Carolina? Well, in the Landry household that remains unresolved, except for one thing. Mark says his parents will likely retire near Clemson on Lake Hartwell, colorful living room and all.
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A WINNING COMBINATION EVERYTIME!

GO TIGERS!
Elmer Bench

By Jeff Martin

Clemson Special Teams Coach Rich Bisaccia is also the Tigers recruiting coordinator. The past three seasons the Clemson recruiting classes have been ranked in the top 20 in the nation, including a top 15 class this past year. But, one of his most important recruits his first year (1994) with the Tiger program might have been a non-scholarship player.

"We needed a snapper very badly," recalls Bisaccia. "I knew Elmer Bench was a good one and could do the job. And he has proven to be one of the better snappers around."

Bench, not your stereotype football player at 5-9 and 220 pounds, had hoped to walk-on as a linebacker at The Citadel before Bisaccia contacted him. "I had played linebacker and done the snapping in high school, but when the opportunity came to play at Clemson it was something I couldn't pass up."

The native of Manning had been an all-conference player his senior season and was the Manning High School team MVP in 1993. "As soon as I stepped on campus I knew this was the place I wanted to come to school and play football. All the tradition and to be a part of a major Division I program was a great opportunity."

It didn't take long for Bench to lose his "walk-on" status with the Tiger football team. As a freshman he played in every game and handled the snaps on punting and placekick situations and even contributed seven tackles on special teams, including two in his very first game as a Tiger, against Furman.

That season he was a big reason Nelson Welch became Clemson's and the Atlantic Coast Conference's all-time field goal leader. Welch tied the single game Clemson field goal record with five against North Carolina. That win over a 12th ranked Tar Heel team provided Bench with his most memorable moment to date.

"Nelson kicked five field goals that day to become the ACC career field goal leader and we won 28-17. I really felt a part of that victory and that record. Looking back it was a very big win for the program. I can remember the smile on Warren Forney's face after that game, that told me how big the win was. Everyone was just hugging each other in the locker room, it felt great to be a part of that."

Tommy West and Rich Bisaccia recognized Bench's contribution in that game and over the course of the season and gave Bench a scholarship his sophomore season. "Elmer means a lot to our special teams," said Bisaccia. "He has started 35 in a row heading into this year and could have a string of 47 in row by the end of the season. How many Clemson football players can they started 47 straight games."

"Elmer is consistent in every thing he does and that carries on to the field. He works hard in practice. He is one of the leaders of our special teams."

Bench has not let his size hold him back. While other Clemson gridders have played as many as 48 games in a row over the course of a career, Bench will be the first 5-9 player to play at least 45 games in succession.

"On the field goal unit my size may hurt me some, but what I lack in size I make up for in stick-to-it-iveness. I just get in front of somebody and block them after I snap the ball. You have to be quick and aggressive. As far as the punt snapping is concerned, I think my size helps me get down field faster so I can make a tackle." Bench has 12 tackles on punt teams in his career.

Bench proved the decision to give him a scholarship in 1995 was the correct move. Clemson was the only school in the nation that year to have a punter, placekicker, punt returner and kickoff returner ranked in the top 25 of every category. Obviously, Bench's snaps contributed to Jeff Sauve's number-10 national ranking in field goals per game, and Chris McInally's number-23 ranking in punting.

Consistent hard work, every day in practice, is what makes a successful snapper. It is one of the most important aspects in an area of the game that can make or break a contest. When Bench is on the field it either means Clemson is attempting to score points, or gain 40 yards of field position. Elmer's daily practice schedule consists of warming up with the kickers, and stretching exercises are very important.

He then tosses the ball around (standing up) before snapping about 15-20 balls with the kickers and punters. The field goal team either works the first 10 minutes or the last 10 minutes of practice. Bench has to keep loose the entire practice, just as he does in a game.

This sounds like a thankless job to most fans, but once in a while a snapper will receive his "fifteen minutes of fame." It happened for Bench last winter when he was featured in a full page photo in Sports Illustrated's Year in Pictures: NFL and College Football.

Elmer was sitting on the bench with his back to the camera at a home game last year so his name on the back of his jersey was clearly visible. The "Bench sitting on the Bench" photo made for a perfect final page to the magazine. "I didn't know about it until my roommate, James Chappel, asked if I liked the picture in Sports Illustrated," recalled Bench. "I didn't get a copy of it for a couple of months later. I couldn't believe it. It will be something to save and show people years from now."

Years from now, like all football players, Bench would love the opportunity to snap the football at the professional level. "There are specialists in the NFL in this area, just to be a part of a team and make every snap perfect. But I could be just as happy teaching high school and coaching football. I have enjoyed the game and would like to be a part of it in some capacity."

Before that day takes place, Bench has an entire senior season to play. one that starts today against Appalachian State. There are many goals to attain and Elmer Bench plans to be a part of every punt and placekick this season.
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Fall is the best time of year to visit Clemson University, and not just for football. Already renowned for academic and athletic excellence, Clemson is also becoming known as a major visitor destination spot.

In October, we invite visitors to experience the Colors of Clemson — a month-long celebration of academics, athletics, alumni activities, multicultural events and performing arts set in the autumn beauty of Clemson. Major events include:

- Lera Auerbach, pianist, Brooks Center, 8 p.m., October 2.
- Summer and Smoke, a play by Tennessee Williams, at the Brooks Center through October 5.
- Scholars of London, vocal ensemble, Brooks Center, 8 p.m., October 9.
- Tigerama and the homecoming displays, 7 p.m., October 10.
- Brooks Center Sampler, featuring performances by student ensembles, 8 p.m., October 16.
- Tennessee Walking Horse “Hey Day,” Garrison Arena, 10 a.m., October 18.
- Pro Championship Rodeo, Garrison Arena, Fri.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m., October 24-26.
- Hallelujah Singers, Festival of African American Literature and the Arts concert, Brooks Center, 8 p.m., October 24.
- Idlewilde, the S.C. Botanical Garden’s fall music festival, noon - 5 p.m., October 26.
- Gospel Showcase, FAALA concert, Clemson United Methodist Church, 4 p.m., October 26.
- Spoleto U.S.A., Brooks Center, 8 p.m., October 30.
- Plus football, soccer, volleyball, swimming and cross country.

For a full calendar of events, contact the Visitors Center at 864-656-4789.
Women's Soccer

Clemson's Senior Class looks to make it four straight NCAA tournament bids.

It's a coach's dream come true.

The Clemson Lady Tigers women's soccer team returns all 11 starters from last year's 15-7-1 squad that reached the finals of the ACC Tournament and was chosen for the NCAA Tournament for the third straight year.

With a top-notch recruiting class and a solid reserve corps, the team will welcome a problem of having too many talented players and too few positions to fill.

Head Coach Tracy Leone's first recruiting class will be playing its final season, the first class in the history of the program to play an entire four-year career. Leone commented, "This year we have a full senior class for the first time. The fact that they helped start the program—will give them something unique to motivate them."

Katie Barnett, Angela Brames, Julie Johnson, Lisa Mansberry, Suzanne Putnam, and Christie Szyman make up this year's senior class, all of whom have been in Tigertown since the inception of the program.

This year's squad will be the deepest yet and according to Leone, "It will be an all-out war between teammates fighting for starting positions and playing time. This will be by far our most competitive team."

The Lady Tigers will feature two-time first-team All-ACC selection Sara Burkett and second-team selection Beth Keller. Also returning is 1995 All-ACC goalkeeper Meredith McCullen, who sat out last year due to injury. In addition, Clemson's all-time leading assist maker Sheri Bueter also will return for her junior year.

Leone hopes that this year's team improves on the success of the previous three seasons.

“Our main goal is always to improve from the year before, something we've been able to do in years past. We're getting closer to becoming an emerging Top-10 team. We've been ranked as high as eighth in the nation in the past two years. This year if we come in prepared and focused, with the quality of depth we have and the motivation of this year's senior class, we should be a consistent Top-10 team. That's the natural progression you want to follow."

"The main asset of this year's team will be athleticism. Our athleticism has been improving from year to year. With the nucleus we already have here and our incoming class, our athleticism should be paramount."

Last year's team had four wins against ranked teams, two of those coming against Top-10 teams. The Lady Tigers won two games in the ACC Tournament resulting in a championship appearance against eventual national champion North Carolina.

Goalkeeping should be the strength of this year's squad. The Lady Tigers will return two of the ACC's top goalkeepers.

Junior Meredith McCullen will return after sitting out the 1996 season due to a hand injury. She had established herself as one of the nation's top goalkeepers, making All-ACC and All-South in 1995. That season she started 20 games and posted a 0.84 GAA and 77 saves.

Senior Suzanne Putnam will return after starting 20 out of 21 games in goal for the Lady Tigers last season. She had four solo shutouts, and her 1.10 GAA was third best in the ACC. She made both ACC and Soccer America Teams-of-the-Week during the season and was named to the All-South first-team.

Clemson's backs were extremely effective defenders, a main reason Clemson allowed only 26 goals and recorded seven shutouts during the 1996 season. This year's group should also be as effective with possibly 12 players battling for positions in the back.

Returning will be veterans Christie Szyman, Diana Akin, Angela Brames, Julie Johnson, Lindsay Massengale, and Jennifer Wilhelmy to go along with a talented group of incoming freshman. Many of the players may split time between the back and midfield positions.

"Christie hurt her knee in February, but we expect her to be back in full swing when the season starts. She has certainly been an integral part of our teams and has been one of the main reasons our team has done so well. She could play sweeper or defensive midfielder."

Lindsay Massengale was fifth on the team in assists with five and also added two goals last season. "Lindsay played exceptionally well for us this spring as a sweeper or central defender. She really stepped up when Christie went down with her injury. Lindsay is very athletic with excellent speed and is very skillful."

This year's midfielder corps will include the "Dynamic Duo" of Beth Keller and Sara Burkett. Keller and Burkett were both members of All-ACC and All-South teams as well as the second and third leading scorers on the team, respectively. Also returning will be sophomore Alison Burpee whose offensive prowess during the off-season led to her change of position from back to midfield.

As a freshman, Keller was second on the team in scoring with 29 points (seven assists, 11 goals). She was named to the second-team All-ACC. Burkett was a first team All-ACC selection and was among the ACC leaders in assists with nine. She added seven goals while starting all 22 games in which she appeared.

Up front the Lady Tigers return a high scoring duo in Jennifer Crawford and Sheri Bueter. Also returning is veteran Lisa Mansberry to go along with transfer Jackie Cooper and freshmen Lea Shreve, Andie Jump, and Sami Butke.

Bueter returns as Clemson's all-time leading assist leader after playing only two seasons. She had six assists and seven goals last season, making her the fifth leading scorer on the team. Jennifer Crawford returns from a freshman season that saw her lead the team in scoring, her 13 goals placed her amongst the ACC leaders. She also had six assists, giving her 32 total points. "Jennifer is very good at holding the ball, and she is very tactical and clever. She has great vision and passing ability, and is a flat-out goal scorer."

"Lisa Mansberry has scored huge goals for us the last three years, goals that have made a difference in our destiny. She has very good speed and athleticism coming from the left side, making her very difficult to mark. She makes a living off of anticipation—she has a lot of follow-up goals. She'll be one to watch." Mansberry was third on the team in goals with eight to go along with four assists,
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Clemson Traditions
Clemson is 23-1-2 in games played on Homecoming since 1970.

Death Valley
Name synonymous with Clemson Memorial Stadium. The Stadium was dubbed this affectionate title by the late Lonnie McMillian, a former coach at Presbyterian. He used to take his teams to play at Clemson, and they rarely scored, never mind gained a victory. Once he told the writers he was going to play Clemson up at Death Valley because his teams always got killed. It stuck somewhat, but when Frank Howard start calling it that in the fifties, the term really caught on. It is now in its 56th year.

Many people think the name is derived from the fact that there rests a cemetery outside the fence on the pressbox site of the stadium. But although it would make sense, the name was first coined by Lonnie McMillian.

First Friday Parade
The Clemson football season kicks off each year with the annual First Friday Parade. The once a year event takes place on the Friday afternoon prior to the first home football game. Floats from various fraternities and sororities and other campus organizations are represented in the parade that rolls down main street in Clemson. The parade culminates at the Amphitheatre in the middle of campus where the first Pep Rally of the year takes place.

The Grand Marshall of the Parade is featured at the Pep Rally. Recent Grand Marshall’s have ranged from current PGA professional Dillard Pruitt, to College Football Hall of Fame legends Jess Neely and Frank Howard, to noted television announcers Brent Musburger and Ara Parseghian.

Homecoming
Clemson holds a classic homecoming every year. Dressing by fraternities and sororities that are months in the making, are built on Bowman Field the week prior to the Homecoming Weekend. It is an event that draws alumni and friends of Clemson from all over the country.

The Friday evening prior to the game, Tigerama is held in Death Valley, an event that attracts over 35,000 fans. The Homecoming Queen and her court are presented in addition to Homecoming bands, a pep rally and a large and loud fireworks display.

The first homecoming game played at Clemson took place on September 30, 1922 when Clemson met Centre. Clemson has a 53-17-3 record on Homecoming games over the years, a .743 winning percentage and has outscored the opposition 1547-955 in those previous 73 games. The average margin of victory is 21 to 13. Clemson has been especially successful on Homecoming in recent years, posting a 23-1-2 record since 1970.

Orange Pants
The tradition of the Clemson team wearing orange pants is new according to tradition standards. The Tigers first wore the all orange uniform for the final game of the 1980 season against South Carolina. Clemson upset the 14th ranked Gamecocks and Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers, 27-6. The victory set the stage for Clemson's National Championship run of 1981.

Overall, Clemson is 30-7 in Orange pants since that 1980 game, including a 17-1 record in games played in the month of November. The Tigers had an eight-game winning streak in orange pants snapped in the 1996 Peach Bowl against LSU. Clemson has nine wins over top 20 opponents when wearing Orange pants, including the 22-15 National Championship clinching win over Nebraska in the 1982 Orange Bowl.

Rock, Howard’s
When the Clemson team gathers to Run Down the Hill the players rub Howard’s Rock because of the mystical powers it is supposed to give Clemson players. The rock is mounted on a pedestal at the top of the hill and was given to Coach Frank Howard by a friend (S.C. Jones’ 19) who picked it up in Death Valley, CA. The Rock was first placed on the pedestal at the top of the hill on September 24, 1966, a game Clemson won 40-35 over Virginia. The team started rubbing the rock for the first game of 1967, a 23-6 win over Wake Forest on September 23, 1967.

Running Down the Hill
One of the most exciting 25 seconds (about 35 seconds when Clemson dresses 120 players for homecoming) in college football from a color and pageantry standpoint. After Clemson’s last warmup the team retreats to the home dressing room located under the West Stands. At about 12:50 (for normal 1:00 P.M. game), the teams board two buses and drives around the periphery of the stadium to the east side of the field. After everyone is properly collected, the cannon sounds, Tiger Rag is played and Clemson charges down the hill (exactly 100 feet top to bottom) and onto the field. It is one of the most celebrated entrances in sport. The Tigers have done it for every game since 1942, except for 1970, 1971 and four games of the 1972 season. In all, the Tigers have run down the hill 255 times heading into 1997.

How in the world did the tradition of running down the hill start? There is no long involved explanation, it used to be the quickest way to get to the field. When the stadium was built in 1942 the football lockerrooms were up the street in Fikes Fieldhouse.

When the players were finished getting dressed they used to walk out the front door and walk down the street to “The Hill.” Coach Howard continued the tradition when lockerrooms were finally built inside the stadium because Clemson fans used to get so fired up when they gathered at the top of the hill. That’s when the buses came into use to spend the trip from the lockerroom to the other side of the stadium.

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### All-Sports Schedule

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Jason Reckner and the Tiger cross country team will play host to the Clemson Invitational Sept. 13th.
Appalachian State University
Appalachian State ranked fifth in the Division I-AA poll in 1995.

Appalachian State University Mountaineers
Location: Boone, NC 28608
Nickname: Mountaineers
Stadium Name: Kidd Brewer Stadium/16,650
Turf: AstroTurf
Enrollment: 12,000
Colors: Black and Gold
1st Year of Football: 1928
Head Coach/Alma Mater: Jerry Moore (Baylor '61)
Record at School/Years: 62-33-0
Letterman Lost: 33
Letterman Returning: 30
Starters Lost: 15
Starters Returning: 7
Offensive Formation: Multiple
Defensive Formation: 4-3
1997 Honors Candidates: Shawn Clark, Jackie Avery, Elando Johnson, Bake Baker

Appalachian State University Campus

Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Chancellor

Roachel Laney
Athletic Director

Jerry Moore
Head Coach

Bake Baker
Shawn Clark
Gerald Hardy
Trainers

Front Row (L-R): Steve Sattazahn, Jason Wilson, Mario Fersner, Andy Schiff, Steven Czarsty, Eric Shell. Second Row (L-R): Robi Eckley, Shauna Cobb, Bridget Sitterle, Damaris Rodgers, Jennifer Causey, Kindra Poole, Robbie Stewart.

Managers

IPTAY is widely regarded nationally as the father of Athletic Fundraising. It all started in 1934 and from a private meeting of a small group of Clemson supporters has sprung an organization that raised over $8 million last year. The organization plays a major role in ensuring that all 18 of the varsity sports at Clemson are given the maximum amount of scholarships offered by the NCAA.

The organization also has helped finance facilities that contribute to the well-being of student-athletes on and off the field. Vickery Hall is a 27,000 square foot facility that houses the tutoring and advising programs for student-athletes. It is a major reason Clemson student-athletes have had their highest cumulative GPA on record for five consecutive semesters.

While IPTAY is primarily concerned with athletic fundraising, the mission of Clemson University has not been overlooked. The IPTAY Academic Scholarship Endowment was created to help meet the need for more academic scholarships for non-athletes who are highly qualified academically. The IPTAY Academic Scholarship Fund is presently the largest scholarship endowment of its kind at Clemson, currently helping over 30 students at Clemson.

IPTAY Executive Director George Bennett has continued to keep Clemson among the best in the nation in terms of fund-raising by the establishment of the IPTAY Endowment Program. In April of 1994, he kicked off the beginning of the endowment of positions program at the 85th birthday celebration for former Clemson Coach Frank Howard. The endowments are secure with a $100,000 donation paid over a five-year period.

"This is a chance to broaden the horizons of IPTAY," said Bennett. "It gives an individual or a group of people an opportunity to endow a position that meant something during their college playing days, or to honor a person at a position. The money being endowed is going to secure our future as the interest is used to carry on our program forever.

The first endowment was for the head football coach position to honor the legendary Frank Howard. Howard coached football at Clemson 39 years, 30 as the head coach. During his tenure the Tigers won 165 games, 100 of which were against conference foes. "Former players and friends of Coach Howard made donations over the cost of attending the celebration program and that was enough for the endowment. Their gifts were a way of permanently thanking Coach Howard for all that he did for Clemson."

"Following Coach Howard's birthday party we began to look for an individual to help us support and promote the program and Bill Hudson's name came up. He was an outstanding player at Clemson who has been equally successful in the business world. We went to him and explained the program and its goals and that we were looking for his leadership to help get the program going, and he accepted."

Hudson, a 1956 graduate, was a three-year letter winner at tackle who played professionally for the Montreal Alouettes, the San Diego Chargers, and the Boston Patriots. He earned Pro Bowl honors in 1962. Mr. Hudson sees this program growing into a large part of Clemson's athletic funding. "When other people see information on the endowment program and learn what it is about this program will grow. Success builds on success. People who are looking to honor a friend or family member now have a great means to do that."

Besides the Hudson's family endowment four other football endowments were made and one managers position in the first year. Now there are over 30 positions endowed. The goal of the program is to get every position endowed. "From the free safety to the number three player in women's tennis, we hope to have every position endowed," said Bennett.

"We will likely use the Avenue of Champions as a physical place to honor these people further for the positions they have endowed. That will have plenty of space, so we will be working to have as many endowments across all of our sports.

"The personal satisfaction that they helped Clemson University, specifically the Athletic department, and that they are securing its future are the main reasons for becoming involved."

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**Endowed Positions**

Friends and Former Players endowed the Head Football Coach position to honor Coach Frank Howard in celebration of his 85th Birthday.

The Bill Hudson Family endowed a Tackle Position on the Clemson Tigers Football Team.

Mr. and Mrs. David Merritt endowed a Wide Receiver Position In Honor Of Perry Tuttle.

An anonymous donor endowed Football's Single Wing Right Guard Position to honor Dean Walter Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dalton endowed the Manager's Position for the Clemson Tigers Men's Basketball Team.

David and Stanley Riggins endowed the Quarterback Position on the Clemson Tigers Football Team.

An anonymous donor endowed the Placekicking Position on the Clemson Tigers Football Team.

Ray Clanton endowed the Left Guard Position on Clemson's Single Wing Football Team.

Stuart McWhorter endowed the Tiger Mascot.

Leighton Cubbage endowed a Defensive Back Position on the Clemson Tigers Football Team to honor Jimmy Ness.

John T. Mundy endowed a Forward Position on the Clemson Tigers Men's Basketball Team.

The Mahaffey Brothers endowed the Center Position on the Clemson Tigers Men's Basketball Team in honor of their Mother and Father — Howard T. and Louise Mahaffey.

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The ACC is one of only two conferences to capture three or more national football titles since 1980. Clemson laid claim to the league's second title in 1981, Georgia Tech followed suit in 1990 while Florida State pocketed national title number four in 1993.

The nine schools that take to the field this fall under the ACC banner have produced 322 first or second team gridiron All-Americans and 49 first-team academic All-Americans. ACC teams have had 1,358 players selected in the annual professional football draft, including 90 first-round draft selections.

If success is best measured in terms of wins and losses, the ACC over the years has proved itself to be among the elite in Division I-A football. The ACC remains the nation's winningest bowl conference as the nine current league teams are a combined 76-66-5 in postseason play, including 22-16-1 since 1987.

Three ACC teams, Clemson, Florida State and Georgia Tech, are among the nation's top 10 winningest bowl teams. Georgia Tech has the highest winning percentage in bowl play with a 17-8 record (.680), while Florida State is now fifth with a 15-8-2 mark (.640). Clemson is 10th with a 12-9 record (.571).

Five of the ACC's nine teams were ranked at least two weeks in the AP poll in 1996.

The 1996 season marked the eighth consecutive year the ACC had at least four teams participating in bowl games.

The ACC is the only conference in the nation to have each of its schools play in a bowl game in the decade of the 1990s.

ACC Football has drawn at least 2.2 million fans for six straight years. ACC teams played to 85.3 percent of their stadium capacity in 1996.

ACC teams made an all-time high 56 appearances on national television in 1996. League teams made 28 appearances on ABC, 19 on ESPN and ESPN2, three on CBS and one each on NBC, TBS, Fox and Prime. Clemson was one of just three schools nationally (BYU and Boston College were the others) to have all of their games on national or regional live television in 1996.

54 of the 72 conference games in 1996 were shown on live television.

Only the Pac-10 with 13 players, had more former players take part in the NFL Pro Bowl at the conclusion of the 1996 season. The ACC had 11 with Clemson leading the nation with five.

Eleven times over the past 17 years, an ACC member school has claimed the CFA Academic Achievement Award, which is awarded to a CFA member institution with the highest graduation rate among members of its football team. In 1996-97, the ACC Academic Honor Roll record was broken for the 11th straight year as 1,410 student-athletes were recognized for their work in the classroom.

The 1996-97 academic year concluded with the league pocketing three more national team titles and four individual NCAA crowns. Among the individual winners was Clemson golfer Charles Warren, who won the NCAA Championship at Conway Farms in Chicago in a playoff.

The ACC placed at least one team in the top 10 in 16 of the 24 sports sponsored by the league. Although 33 top 10 finishes overall and 84 teams competed at the NCAA championships of their respective sports.

Since the league's inception in 1953, ACC schools have captured 59 NCAA and AIAW championships, including 27 in men's competition and 32 in women's. In addition, 100 men and 24 women have earned the coveted title of the NCAA champion.
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With the loss of six starters, but the infusion of a corp of “experienced” and talented freshmen coming to campus, third-year Head coach Trevor Adair must find the right combination for the deepest Tiger squad he has had.

Adair refuses to use the word rebuilding, but instead focuses his attention on finding the best lineup, as many of his players have experience playing various positions.

The most surprising question that comes to mind is who will replace Clemson’s offensive scoring punch with the loss of ACC Freshman-of-the-Year Paul Stalteri and Eric Quill (14 goals and 13 assists between the two players). Both players were starters for the Tigers last season as freshmen, but left school for professional careers. Professional soccer has hit the college ranks in the same way the NBA, NFL and Major League Baseball has had an impact on basketball, football and baseball, respectively.

The most expected question is who will play in the back with the loss of three starters due to graduation. But with 14 players vying for positions in the back the problem may be easily resolved.

“We have several players who can be effective in the back or in the midfield,” said Adair, who is in his third season as head coach of the Tigers. “We will have to wait until preseason to see who will emerge. Once preseason drills start, we will have to find the right combination and give them as much playing time together as possible. The versatility of the players is a positive aspect.

Clemson has one of the best keepers in the country with All-America and National Player-of-the-Year candidate Matt Jordan in goal. Last season, the senior from Aurora, CO played courageously with a cast on his left wrist and managed to start 17 games, posting 52 saves and a 1.31 goals allowed average. He was third in the league for most solo shutouts with five, and is now third in Clemson history in saves with 187.

“I wish we had Matt Jordan another three years. I am very happy with his progress during his career. I am totally comfortable with Matt in the goal, because he is extremely difficult to beat. He has the potential to be one of the best goalkeepers this country has ever produced.

“Jordan played with the National B Team this past summer and also participated in the World University games.

Clemson will have 14 players vying for positions in the back, with many of the players being able to play in the midfield. Returning in the back is senior Tony Williams, who played on the right side last year. The speedster could be joined by Jason Kamlet. Kamlet, who could play at sweeper, will allow Clemson great distribution out of the back.

Nathans Rawlins, a sophomore, could play on the left side, and classmate Christian Baldwin played in the middle of the back for Clemson last spring. Freshman Michael Potempa, whose father was a starting linebacker on Notre Dame’s 1973 National Championship football team, is a U18 National Team Player who could play as a marking back or a defensive midfielder.

Freshman Andy Heck and sophomore Ryan Conway both have tremendous speed and Will Ward is a utility player who could also play in the back as a freshman. Matt Elliott did an excellent job in the back this past spring.

“The balance we have in the back, experience and youth, makes for good competition. Who is going to emerge, will depend on how people will adjust. Our new players, could potentially start as freshmen. We will be quite flexible because we have speed and depth. Our overall team speed has improved with this recruiting class. The versatility we have will be good for our attacking out of the back.”

Senior Jody DeBruin and Williams could anchor the midfield for the Tigers this season. Again many of the players will be interchangeable between the back and midfield.

Williams started 19 games and had seven assists and one goal. DeBruin started 18 games and had four goals and four assists. Jeremy Iwaszkowiec (sophomore) and Jeff Bilyk (junior) are solid performers. Bilyk can play as a marking back or defensive midfielder.

Nathan Rawlins, a sophomore, gives Clemson good balance on the left side of the midfield and Williams could play on the right side. Both players have tremendous speed and move forward quickly, creating goal-scoring chances from the flanks. In the middle Jason Kamlet could be a key to distributing in the midfield. Kamlet started seven games for the Tigers last season and had four assists before tearing the ACL in a knee.

“The midfield will be very technical and fairly fast. We will be able to play through the midfield more this season. We have good midfield players who can link up with our defenders and forwards. We have the right balance of speed and play-making capabilities. We have improved speed and depth, thus allowing for more versatility in the midfield.

“We also want our midfield players to emerge as goal scorers and provide more balance in scoring and creating goals.”

Clemson lost starting forward and ACC goal-scoring leader Jeff Yenzer (17 goals) to graduation, but the Tigers return junior John Wilson of nearby Seneca, who started 16 games and finished the season with five goals and six assists.

Other returning forward candidates include Jody DeBruin, Jeremy Iwaszkowiec and Bryan Sproviero.

Newcomers include freshmen Bob Cavanagh, Jason Lake, and Wojciech Krakowiak (transfer from St. Johns, sophomore). Krakowiak had 11 goals and 14 assist on the 1996 National Championship team as a freshman at St. Johns and was honored with being named College Freshman-of-the-Year.

“The addition of our newcomers, we added experience and leadership that will help us in goal production. Again, we have depth at forward and this will make for a very competitive season. The returnees worked hard in the summer and they know what to expect in such competition for starting slots.

“We are looking for more balance scoring rather than dependent on one player.”

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The anticipation of the 1997 Clemson football season has been upfront in the minds of millions of Tiger fans. This year’s football home opener will be filled with excitement, pageantry, and the song that is etched in the hearts of every Tiger, “The Song That Shakes the Southland—Tiger Rag.” Similar to previous years, 1997 is sure to be another year filled with the spectacular sounds from the Clemson Tiger Marching Band.

This year’s opening pregame will follow in the splendor of past years with the Orange Bowl March that takes us back to 1981 and the exciting and proud memory of a national championship. Following the march, fans will hear Tiger Rag for the first time in 1997. And of course a Clemson pregame show is not complete without the famous Washington Post, God Bless America, Star Spangled Banner, and the beautiful sounds of the Clemson University Alma Mater.

Another noted tradition in this afternoon’s pregame is the dotting of the “i” after the band spells out ‘Tigers’ in its popular script form. Today, the honor of dotting the “i” belongs to Dr. Ben Sill, the 1995 winner of the Phil Prince Award for Innovation in Teaching. Two years ago the Clemson athletic department established a fund so that the student body could recognize the recipient of this award.

At this point in the pregame show the anticipation is building as the band begins its preparation for “the most exciting 25 seconds in college football!” As the band forms a tunnel on both sides of the hill, the air is once again filled with the sounds of the Orange Bowl March right of the hill, only to begin playing various pep songs throughout the first half. Some of these pep songs include “Eye of the Tiger” which always seems to cause extra excitement in the crowd.

For this year’s first halftime performance, Tiger Band has chosen to perform popular Soul and R&B hits for the enjoyment of all Tiger fans. The opening selection is Ike and Tina Turner’s remake of the Creedence Clearwater Revival hit “Proud Mary”. Next is the Isley Brothers’ “Shout” and finally the captivating sounds of Earth, Wind and Fire’s, “In the Stone”.

Halftime will also feature the induction of Fred Cone into the Clemson Ring of Honor. This is the highest award a Clemson football player can receive. Cone was a starter on two undefeated Clemson football teams (1948 and 1950). He won the Teague Award as the top amateur athlete in the Carolinas in 1950 and later had a celebrated career with the Green Bay Packers.

Just as there are many individuals attending today’s game for the first time as Clemson students, there are also over 80 new members intermixed throughout the ranks of the Tiger Band performing for the first time. The veterans of the Tiger Band wish to welcome these new members and wish them good luck in their first performance in Death Valley.

Tiger Band has a product available for Clemson fans of all ages. The Band has produced a CD with 26 of your favorite songs, including Tiger Rag, the Clemson Alma Mater, Sock it To Em/Orange Bowl March, Eye of the Tiger and many others. The CD is available for $15 through the Tiger Band office at 110 Brook Center. It will also be available in Clemson area stores this Fall.
Clemson won five ACC Championships, including record three in one weekend.

Clemson was one of just two schools in the nation to go to a bowl game, the NCAA men's basketball tournament and the NCAA baseball Tournament in 1996-97. Stanford was the only other school to do it. It was the second straight year Clemson had pulled off the major sport triple.

Clemson won five ACC Championships during the 1996-97 season. It was the first time that year that the Tigers won seven championships. The five teams that won titles were men's golf, men's tennis, men's outdoor track, women's swimming, and men's indoor track.

Clemson was one of the five ACC championships on the same weekend, the first school in history to win three men's spring sports championships in the same weekend. It was the eighth time that one school had won three ACC men's spring sports championships in the same academic year, the third time by Clemson.

Two Clemson teams finished their season in the top 10 of the final rankings. The men's basketball team finished eighth, its highest ever final season ranking, while the men's golf team was third, tied for its highest final ranking in history.

Eleven of Clemson's 18 teams were ranked in the top 25 of their respective polls at one time or another during the season, and 8 teams were in the final Top 25 of their respective sports final polls, or national tournaments, most since 1993-94. The men's basketball, women's basketball, men's track, women's soccer, and golf teams were ranked in the top 25 every poll.

13 teams participated in post-season NCAA/bowl competition, with seven out of a possible 10 receiving NCAA tournament invitations. Those 7 teams were football, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's soccer, baseball, golf, and men's tennis.

Seven different Clemson teams had an All-American (first or second team) in 1996-97, and seven different teams (out of a possible 11) had victories over top 25 opponents.

Team Accomplishments

The Clemson women's swimming program finished first at the ACC Championships, defeating six-time reigning champion North Carolina at their own pool. It was the first title for the Tigers since the 1988-89 season. The Lady Tigers had 27 all-time top 10 swims at the ACC event and had 43 new top 10 times for the season. The Lady Tigers had three All-ACC performers and were represented at the NCAA's by Wendy Henson and Erin Schatz. Head Coach Bruce Marchionda was named ACC Coach of the Year. The Lady Tigers were ranked 23rd in the final regular season poll. Both the women's and men's programs had representation at the NCAAAs.

The men had 20 new top 10 times established at the ACC meet and had 35 new top 10 times for the season.

The women's soccer team collected four victories over top 25 opponents. The Lady Tigers participated in the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive year, every year of the program. The Lady Tigers also advanced to the ACC Tournament finals for the third time and finished 18th in the final poll. The men's soccer team also had a successful year with four wins over top 25 teams and were led by second-team All-American Danny Care and ACC scoring leader Jeff Yenzer.

The Clemson baseball team finished second at the ACC Tournament and advanced to the Central Regional where it won the first round game. It was Clemson's 11th consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament and finished in the final top 25 for the 7th straight year. The Tigers defeated two of the top three seeds in the ACC Tournament, including an extra inning thriller against N.C. State that advanced Clemson to the finals. Clemson won at least two games at the ACC Tournament for a record 24th straight year. Clemson defeated six top 25 teams in 1997, including Tennessee, Georgia Tech (twice) and Florida St.

Clemson's men's tennis team collected its first ACC Championship since the 1989 season by defeating undefeated Duke Blue Devils team, 4-3. It was the 10th ACC title for men's coach Chuck Kriese. Bruce Lie's singles victory decided the championship, and his victory earned him Tournament MVP honors. The Tigers earned themselves a bid to the Regional II Tournament in Atlanta and led to a final ranking of 19, best since 1990.

The Clemson football team finished the 1996 ACC season tied for second with North Carolina and was selected to play in the Peach Bowl, Clemson's 10th trip to a bowl in the last 12 years. The Tigers ended the regular season by posting a 5-1 record in the last six regular season games, including victories over two top 25 opponents, Georgia Tech and at 15th ranked Virginia. The win at Virginia was just the second win on the road over a ranked team in the decade of the 1990s. Clemson led the ACC in rushing and joined Brigham Young as the only two teams in the nation to have every one of their games on live television.

The Clemson men's basketball team had its highest final ranking ever (8th). It was capped off by its first NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 appearance since the 1989-90 season. The Tigers were a #4 seed in the tournament, tied for Clemson's highest seed ever. Rick Barnes's team opened the 1996-97 season with an overtime victory over the defending National Champion and third ranked Kentucky. The victory was the first of five wins over top 25 teams during the season, second most ranked wins in Clemson history. Included in the 23 wins were 11 victories away from home, a single season Clemson record for road wins. The Tigers were ranked in the top 25 every week of the season, reaching an all-time high of second on January 20, 1997. It was the first time ever that Clemson was ranked in every poll throughout the season.

Clemson's women's basketball team fol-
The Lady Tiger track program had a pair of third place finishes in the ACC and had 10 All-ACC performers between the ACC Indoor and Outdoor track meets. The program also had a successful cross country season with two runners making All-ACC, Tina Jensen and Maiken Jensen. Nikki Sims was an all-conference selection for the sixth time in her career and she earned All-America honors in outdoor track in the shotput. Clemson had five outdoor All-Americans and the #4 ranked 4X400 meter relay team in the nation.

Individual Accomplishments

Charles Warren became the Individual National Champion after defeating Texas’ David Elder in a one-hole playoff at the NCAA golf tournament at Conway Farms in Lake Forest, IL. Warren became Clemson's first ever Individual National Champion. He also won the ACC individual title and was voted a first-team All-American. He is the first golfer in history to win the ACC Tournament and the NCAA Tournament in the same year.

Mitch Sprengelmeyer became the first player in NCAA men’s tennis history to win the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Senior Player-of-the-Year and the Van Nostrand Memorial Award in the same year. The ITA Senior Player-of-the-Year award is the tennis equivalent to the Heisman Trophy, while the Nostrand Memorial Award is given to the player who shows the most potential for a professional career. He was an All-American for the second consecutive year, compiling a 36-7 record, the fourth best winning percentage in Clemson history. Mitch was also named the ACC Player-of-the-Year and finished the 1997 season ranked 19th nationally.

Raymond Priester became Clemson’s all-time leading rusher in 1996 with his 151 yard performance in the Peach Bowl, surpassing Kenny Flowers. He also broke the Clemson single-season rushing mark, and is the only active player to hold his schools record on a game, season and career basis. Priester became Clemson’s only running back to rush for over 1,000 yards in two seasons.

Anthony Simmons was a first-team All-American according to the Sporting News. The first team All-ACC linebacker led the conference in tackles and broke the all-time season tackle mark with 178. The record had been set by former All-American Jeff Davis. Simmons led the ACC in tackles with nearly 15 per game and moved to number six in Clemson history in tackles after just two years.

Matthew LeCroy tied the all-time home run record for a season with 24 and broke Jim McCollum’s career record with 53. He accomplished this feat in only three years. He was also named a first-team All-American by

Baseball America and a second-team All-American according to the Sporting News and Collegiate Baseball. LeCroy was a first-team All-ACC performer and was the 50th selection of the major league baseball draft by the Minnesota Twins.

Jeremy Williams finished second in the NCAA’s Indoor 55m hurdles and seventh at the outdoor meet in the 110 hurdles to earn All-American honors in both sports. He also won the 110m HH in the ACC Outdoor meet and was an All-American runner on the 4X100 relay team that finished 2nd in the nation.

Craig Wenning, a starter on the Clemson soccer team, had a perfect 4.0 in the Spring semester and was the recipient of the University’s Norris Medal during graduation ceremonies. The award is given to Clemson’s top all-around student. Wenning also won the ACC’s Weaver Award for outstanding achievement on the field and in the classroom.

Julie Rodriguez concluded her Clemson volleyball career with an All-ACC selection in 1996. It was the second straight year she had made that team and just the third Lady Tiger in history to be a multiple first-team All-ACC selection.

Freshman swimmer Erin Schatz won two ACC championships in leading Clemson to the team title. She was the ACC champion in the 100 back and the 200 back. Her winning times in both events were among the top three in that event in Clemson history. Sophomore Wendy Heiser won the ACC title in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:47.76, also a top three time in that event in Clemson history.

Itoro Umoh led Clemson to the NCAA tournament and 19 wins.

The Clemson men’s track program had a pair of top 25 final rankings, 25th indoors and 17th outdoors. The team won both the men’s indoor and men’s outdoor ACC championships, the first time Clemson had pulled off that double in four years. Head Coach Bob Pollock was named ACC Coach of the year in both sports. Clemson had 11 outdoor All-ACC performers, more than any other team at Clemson in 1996-97, and came away with six ACC Championships. The Tigers had five outdoor All-Americans, including the #2 4X100 relay team in the nation. Senior Tony Wheeler finished his career as an eight-time All-American, second highest AA total in Clemson history.
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- 1st Team All-ACC offensive lineman by Bob Griese
- 1st Team All-ACC offensive lineman by Football Action
- 1st Team All-ACC offensive lineman by Football News
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- Rated 11th best offensive tackle in the nation by Lindy’s

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- Rated 25th best safety in the nation by Lindy’s

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- Honorable mention All-American quarterback by Street & Smith
- Rated 9th best all-purpose quarterback in the nation by The Sporting News

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- 1st Team All-ACC tight end by Athlon
- 1st Team All-ACC tight end by Bob Griese
- 1st Team All-ACC tight end by Football Action
- 1st Team All-ACC tight end by Football News
- 1st Team All-ACC tight end by Street & Smith
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- Honorable mention All-American running back by Street & Smith
- Honorable mention All-American running back by Football News
- 1st Team All-ACC running back by Athlon
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- 1st Team All-ACC running back by Street & Smith
- 1st Team All-ACC running back by The Sporting News
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- Rated 4th best running back in the nation by Lindy’s
- Rated 4th best running back in the nation by The Sporting News
- Rated 6th most likely player to win the Doak Walker Award by Lindy’s
- Rated the best offensive player in the ACC by The Sporting News
- Rated 3rd best “Talent” in the ACC by Lindy’s

**#75 GLENN ROUNTREE, OG**
- 1st Team All-American offensive lineman by Successful Farming Magazine
- 1st Team All-ACC offensive guard by The Sporting News
- 1st Team All-ACC offensive lineman by Athlon
- 1st Team All-ACC offensive lineman by Bob Griese
- 1st Team All-ACC offensive lineman by Football Action
- 1st Team All-ACC offensive lineman by Football News
- 1st Team All-ACC offensive lineman by Lindy’s
- 1st Team All-ACC offensive lineman by Preview Sports
- Rated the best offensive lineman in the nation by Lindy’s

**#41 ANTHONY SIMMONS, ILB**
- Rated the best emerging star in the nation by Street & Smith
- Ranked as number-one linebacker in college football by USA Today
- Rated the best inside linebacker in the nation by Lindy’s
- Rated the best inside linebacker in the nation by The Sporting News
- Rated 2nd most likely player to win the Butkus Award by Lindy’s
- Listed as one of five non-quarterback, running back, or receiver Heisman candidates by The Sporting News
- Rated 7th most likely player to win the Bronco Nagurski Award by Lindy’s
- Listed as one of 13 candidates to win the Dick Butkus Award by Street & Smith
- Rated 12th best defensive player in the ACC by Lindy’s
- Rated the best player in the ACC by Lindy’s
- Listed as one of 16 candidates to win the Chuck Bednarik Award by Street & Smith
- Rated the best defensive player in the ACC by Preview Sports
- Rated the best defensive player in the ACC by Street & Smith
- Rated the best talent in the ACC by Lindy’s
- 1st Team All-American inside linebacker by The Sporting News
- 1st Team All-American linebacker by Athlon
- 1st Team All-American linebacker by Football Digest
- 1st Team All-American linebacker by Football News
- 1st Team All-American linebacker by GamePlan
- 1st Team All-American linebacker by Lindy’s
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- 1st Team All-American linebacker by Lindy’s
- 1st Team All-ACC linebacker by The Sporting News
- 1st Team All-ACC linebacker by Street & Smith
- 1st Team All-ACC linebacker by The Sporting News

**#97 RAYMOND WHITE, MO**
- 1st Team All-ACC nose tackle by The Sporting News
- 1st Team All-ACC defensive lineman by Preview Sports
- 2nd Team All-ACC defensive lineman by Lindy’s
- Rated 11th best defensive tackle in the nation by The Sporting News
- Rated 16th best defensive tackle in the nation by Lindy’s

**#42 MOND WILSON, ILB**
- 2nd Team All-ACC linebacker by The Sporting News
- Listed as one of 22 overlooked players in the nation by Lindy’s

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