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On the Cover
On the cover of today’s program are two senior defenders who are in their fifth seasons in the Tiger program. Defensive end Kwam Williams (#48) and linebacker Tramaine Billie (#20) are two big reasons the Clemson defense is one of the best in the ACC. Also on the cover is safety Chris Russell (#23), who left the team in October to pursue other career opportunities.

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A Lot on the Line in Death Valley Today

When Clemson and Wake Forest meet in Death Valley today, there will be a lot on the line. A check to the ACC standings with just two conference games left for these two clubs tells us that both teams are 4-2 in the ACC, and both still have a chance to win the Atlantic Division title and play for the ACC Championship in Jacksonville, FL on December 1.

Boston College has the upperhand in the division with a 4-1 record, but the Eagles still have to play Maryland today, at Clemson next week, and Miami (FL) on November 24. Boston College has lost 15 in a row to the Hurricanes, with its last win coming in 1984 when Doug Flutie’s miracle play gave it a 47-45 win on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Clemson controls its own destiny entering today’s game. Win this week and next, and Clemson will be in Jacksonville on December 1. Wake Forest would need help if Boston College were to win out.

Today’s game features Clemson, the school with the most ACC titles (13) over the years, against Wake Forest, the most-recent ACC Champion. The Demon Deacons had an 11-3 overall record, including a 6-2 ledger in the ACC regular season, before defeating Georgia Tech in the championship game last year.

20,000,000th Fan in Death Valley Saturday

Fans attending today’s game will be a part of a milestone at Memorial Stadium. Today, some time prior to the game, the 20,000,000th fan will go through the gates to attend a football game at this facility that opened in 1942.

Entering this season, 19,530,082 fans had attended games at Memorial Stadium. So far in 2007, 402,151 fans have come to the five home games, an average of 80,443. With today’s game against Wake Forest a pregame sellout, that means approximately 82,000 fans will be in attendance. There only needs to be 67,703 fans at today’s game to break the 20,000,000 mark, so it will happen.

With a sellout today and the expected sellout for the Boston College game, Clemson should average over 80,800 fans this year. That would be the third-highest attendance figure in Tiger history.

Clemson vs. Wake Forest Series

Clemson owns 55 wins over Wake Forest in history, its second-highest victory total over any opponent. Forty-four of those wins against Wake Forest have taken place since the ACC was formed in 1953. The Tigers have a program-high 62 victories over South Carolina.

Clemson won last year’s game at Winston-Salem by a score of 27-17. The Tigers had to overcome a 14-point deficit entering the fourth quarter to gain the victory. Gaines Adams recovered a fumble and returned it 66 yards for a score to provide the Tigers’ key play.

Wake Forest had won two of the last three meetings prior to last year. The Demon Deacons won 45-17 in 2003 against a Tiger team that finished the year 9-4 and ranked in the top 25 in the nation. Clemson then won the 2004 game at Clemson by a 37-30 score in double overtime. The Demon Deacons took the 2005 game at Wake Forest 31-27. That Clemson team also finished the season in the top 25. So the last two times Wake Forest has beaten Clemson, the Tigers finished the season ranked in the top 25. Clemson is ranked #20 in both polls entering today’s game.

Clemson has a 44-8-1 edge in the series since 1953. Clemson has played Wake Forest in football 53 consecutive years, as the last year the two schools did not play was 1952. The two schools are in the same division, therefore they will continue to play annually.

The Tigers lead the series 55-16-1 overall, including a 32-7 record in games played at Clemson and a 28-7 mark in games played in Death Valley. Clemson did not lose at home to Wake Forest between 1962-92. Wake Forest broke the streak in 1993 when Jim Cramble’s team defeated Clemson 20-16 in Death Valley. Clemson went on to finish with a 9-3 record that season.

Wake Forest Update

Wake Forest enters today’s game with a 6-3 overall record and 4-2 ACC mark. Jim Grobe’s team is coming off a 17-16 loss at Virginia, the second win by that exact score by the Cavaliers this year and their fifth win by two points or less.

The Demon Deacons enter this game with one of the most balanced offenses in the ACC. They might join Clemson for that honor in fact. Wake Forest is sixth in the ACC in total offense, fourth in rushing offense, and eighth in passing offense. Quarterback Riley Skinner, who led Wake Forest to the ACC Championship as a freshman last year, has completed an ACC-best 73 percent of his passes for 1,412 yards and seven touchdowns. He is fourth in the ACC in passing efficiency as well.

Skinner’s favorite target is wide receiver Kenny Moore, who has a league-high 65 catches for 715 yards and five scores. He will be a challenge for Clemson’s pass defense, which is the best in the ACC and third-best in the nation, allowing just 157 yards per game.

We will see the top-two wideouts in the ACC in this game. Clemson’s Aaron Kelly is first in reception yards and second in receptions, while Moore is first in receptions and second in yardage.

We will also see two of the top-three rushers in the conference. Clemson’s James Davis is second in the ACC with 798 yards and eight rushing touchdowns, while Wake Forest’s Josh Adams is third with 651 yards and six touchdowns.

Defensively, Wake Forest has been solid, led by safety Chip Vaughn, who has a team-best 81 tackles. Grobe’s opportunistic defense has six returns for touchdowns this year. Alphonso Smith has four interceptions, including three that have been returned for touchdowns, while Aaron Curry has two interception returns for scores.

Overall, Wake Forest is tied for the national lead in returns for touchdowns (9). Clemson has just one, a kickoff return for a score by C.J. Spiller at Duke last weekend.

Thunder & Lightning Back in Form

Clemson has had quite an offensive resurgence during the last three games, scoring 147 points in three victories. One of the areas that has been outstanding is the ground game. And if the ground game is successful, that means "Thunder & Lightning" have been piling up the yardage.

The Tigers have 742 rushing yards in the last three games, an average of 247 yards per contest. In those three games, James Davis has totaled 335 yards in 59 carries, good for 5.7 yards per rush. C.J. Spiller has amassed 258 yards in 40 rushes, an average of 6.5 yards per carry. Spiller has also contributed an 84-yard touchdown on a kickoff return.

For the season, Davis has 798 rushing yards on 135 carries. He has added eight scores on the ground and two on receptions. Spiller has 462 rushing yards and leads the team in all-purpose yards (1,097), good for 119.6 per game.

Spiller established a school career record in the win at Duke. His 84-yard kickoff return for a score was his eighth touchdown of 50 yards or more. That broke a record for long scores he held with Derrick Hamilton, who had seven touchdown plays of 50 yards or more between 2001-03.
Hamlin in Interception Battle With Brother

Safety Michael Hamlin is leading the Tigers in takeaways this year with six, including four interceptions and two recovered fumbles. He has 13 for his career, tied for seventh-most in school history with Dexter Davis, who had 13 when he was an All-ACC corner back between 1988-90.

Hamlin had his fourth interception of the year at Duke last weekend, and he is tied for third in the ACC with 0.4 interceptions per game. While Hamlin is proud that he leads the team and is moving up the school charts of defensive players who have forced the most turnovers, he is still second in his family so far this season.

Hamlin is in a friendly statistical rivalry with his brother Markee, who is a starting defensive back at S.C. State. Markee has five interceptions this year for the Bulldogs to not only lead his team, but is the 11th-best figure in the nation among FCS schools.

Harper Sets Another Tiger Record

Cullen Harper has established 20 Tiger records in his nine games as a starter at quarterback. He set a school record last week when he had two touchdown passes at Duke. Those were his 22nd and 23rd touchdown passes of the year, good for a new school record. The previous single-season record for touchdown passes was 21 by Charlie Whitehurst in 2003 and Woodrow Dantzler in 2001.

Harper has 23 touchdown passes and just four interceptions this year, big contributors to his passing efficiency rating of 152.2, best in the ACC and 14th-best in the nation. That 23-to-4 touchdown pass-to-interception ratio (actually 5.75-to-1) is tied for fourth-best in the nation. Trevor Vittatoe of Texas-El Paso has the best ratio (21 touchdowns to three intercep tions), while Dennis Dixon of #3 Oregon is second (20 touchdowns to three interceptions). Colin Kaepernick of Nevada is third at 8.51 thanks to 13 touchdowns against just two interceptions. Harper and Todd Reesing of Kansas are tied for fourth.

Incredibly, Harper has 25 touchdown passes in his career, already fifth-most in Clemson history. The junior, who did not become a starter until this year, already has more career touchdown passes than former Clemson greats Bobby Gage, Whitey White, Steve Fuller, and Homer Jordan. The only Tigers ahead of Harper on the touchdown pass list are Charlie Whitehurst (49), Woodrow Dantzler (41), Nealon Greene (35), and Mike Eppley (28).

Kelly Needs One TD Catch to Set Two Records

Wideout Aaron Kelly has been the recipient of nine scoring passes from Cullen Harper this year. He needs just one more to tie Derrick Hamilton’s Tiger single-season touchdown reception record of 10 set in 2003. That year, Hamilton had at least one touchdown catch in each of the last five games, also a school record for consecutive games catching a touchdown pass.

Kelly can tie that record also with a touchdown catch against Wake Forest. Therefore, he can tie two records with one touchdown reception.

The junior wideout from Marietta, GA has moved into the top 11 in Tiger history in receptions, receiving yards, and touchdown catches. His 134 catches are 10th-most, but he needs just nine catches to jump all the way to #5 in school history. Brian Wofford and Airese Currie are both next on the list with 138, while Jerry Butler, Clemson’s Legend representative at the ACC Championship game this year, had 139.

Kelly has 1,678 receiving yards in his three years, 11th-most in school history and just 73 yards from overtaking Tony Horne for 10th place.

The big record he is challenging is touchdown receptions. His 14 are sixth-most in school history, one behind the total by Terry Smith, who played for the Tigers from 1990-93. The record is held by Glenn Smith, a tight end who had 18 touchdown catches from 1949-51. Smith is no longer in the top 10 in school history in receptions or yardage, but his touchdown reception total has stood for 57 years.

Barry Richardson Approaching 2,500 Snaps

Tiger offensive tackle Barry Richardson is approaching a milestone in his career. The four-year starter at left offensive tackle has played 2,472 snaps in his career, seventh-most in Tiger history among offensive linemen and second-most among offensive tackles. Kyle Young (1998-01) holds the overall record with 3,087 career snaps, while Jim Bundren (1994-97) has the record for an offensive tackle with 2,772.

When Richardson plays his 28th snap against Wake Forest on Saturday, it will give him 2,500 for his career, just the seventh offensive lineman to play 2,500 offensive snaps. Richardson moved into the starting lineup in his fifth game as a freshman and has started 41 consecutive games. He has played 45 consecutive games over four years, and he has never missed a game.

A health science major who will graduate in just three-and-a-half years in December, Richardson is coming on strong to close out his college career. He has been Clemson’s highest-graded offensive lineman in six of the nine games this year and has 46.5 knockdown blocks.

Career Snap Leaders Among Tiger Offensive Linemen

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Note: Snap records date to 1986.

WestZone...Three Years Later

Because of the tenacity and generosity of Clemson’s most faithful friends, Clemson Athletics has crossed the finish line with a never-before-seen play...successfully reaching its first-ever capital fundraising goal.

Three years ago during the South Carolina game in Death Valley, Clemson broke ground in what was to become the WestZone at Memorial Stadium, a physical testament to the caliber of Clemson’s total athletic program, and to the fans and family who love our Tigers.

At that groundbreaking, the University announced that it must raise $27 million for the facility - the first capital project for the athletic program - to come to fruition.

Three years and $20,046,624 later, the WestZone proudly stands at Memorial Stadium, a tribute to those who gave of themselves so our student-athletes and fans could experience true championship-level facilities.

Today, Clemson thanks those of you who contributed to this historic effort. By financially supporting this great infrastructure, you helped us raise the quality of our recruiting classes, boost our total sports program, assist in making the already-exciting gameday experience even more exciting, and helped Clemson achieve a milestone that will be heralded for generations to come.

For that, we thank you!
**Statistical Matchup**

**Clemson vs. Wake Forest**

**Clemson**

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**National Polls**

**Associated Press (November 4, 2007)**

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**Junior Phillip Merling is the Tigers’ leading tackle (51) among defensive linemen. He also has a team-high 11 tackles for loss.**

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"It does not matter how many times you get knocked down, but how many times you get up." 
Vince Lombardi

If one asked Tramaine Billie 15 months ago what he would be doing in 2007, they would be pretty sure his answer would not be "Clemson Football."

Billie came into his first senior season with NFL-caliber athleticism and a drive to have a great year. However, sometimes life can throw you a curveball. In Billie's case, his plans drastically changed on August 16, 2006 during a preseason practice. He broke his right ankle and was out for the entire season. He was allowed to take a medical red-shirt for the 2006 season, knowing that he would have another year to showcase his talents.

Even though he knew he had a second chance at a senior season, it was quite hard to watch on the sidelines as his fellow teammates took to the field. That was especially the case at the end of the year when he and fellow injured senior Anthony Waters could have made a difference in some close losses.

"I wanted to step up and be there for my team during my senior season," stated Billie. "It was really hard for me to watch from the sidelines, knowing I couldn’t get in the game. I knew I still needed to step up and be a leader, so I gave my teammates advice and motivation to deliver big plays on defense."

Billie would always give players advice on how to read the offense and help teach different defensive strategies during the games. Although injured and unable to play, he was still a presence on the field. He stepped up to his duties of being a leader on the team without his pads on.

"Tramaine is a smart defensive player and teammates respect his advice," said Nick Watkins, also a starting senior linebacker alongside Billie in 2007.

Billie is no stranger when it comes to being a defensive force for the Tigers. He is determined to make big plays and get his teammates motivated to have an improved 2007 season. So far, that seems to be the case, as the Tigers are ranked #20 in the nation entering today’s game.

From a young age, he has displayed this determination to succeed.

Raised in Columbia, SC, Billie was always involved in athletics. In a family that included two sisters and a brother along with his parents, he experienced a lot of support from his family when it came to athletics.

"My mom was my #1 fan," #20 said. "She was always very involved, always coming to all my sporting events to support me. My mom has made the biggest impact on my life. She is always making sure I’m doing the right things."

Before enrolling at Clemson, Billie enjoyed playing football, basketball, and track, showcasing his versatility in different athletic arenas. He started his athletic endeavors in elementary school, playing Pop Warner football. He played basketball, football, and ran track for Dreher High School as well.

"I never had a break between sports in high school," remembered Billie. "I enjoyed going from season to season, because it allowed me to find what sport fit for me and what sport I would pursue at the collegiate level."

Football eventually became the winner, thanks in part to his versatility, as he played on both sides of the field in high school.

"I played linebacker my ninth and 10th-grade years, while I played running back during my junior and senior years," Billie stated. "I became more excited about football in the 11th grade, and I started to realize my potential. I knew that if I worked hard enough, I could earn a college scholarship."

Billie was quite an impressive athlete in high school, showcasing his speed and agility. He set a school rushing mark at Dreher High School with 4,073 yards and 43 touchdowns after only two years at running back. He was an all-region pick and was a North-South All-Star game selection in 2002.

Billie was also a high school All-American according to many recruiting services and listed as the # 17 running back in the nation according to Tom Lemming. He was the #13 prospect in South Carolina according to SuperPrep and the #17 prospect in the state according to Rivals.com as well.

Along with these football accomplishments, Billie was a presence on the track. He was the AAA state champion in the 100m in 2002, and he was named team MVP in 2001 and 2002. His
speed and quickness from track certainly helped him excel on the gridiron.

"Without the support of my football coach and Coach Bacon, and my track coach, Coach Brooks, I would not have realized my potential," Billie admitted. "They always pushed me hard so that I could accomplish the goals I set for myself."

After an accomplished high school career, Billie knew he had to make the transition to the college ranks. He was recruited by South Carolina, the school right in his backyard, and made a verbal commitment to the Gamecocks. However after thinking about his decision, Billie decided that it would be in his best interest to attend Clemson instead. He also felt comfortable in the Clemson atmosphere.

"I knew I wanted to be close to home, but I didn't want to stay in Columbia, so I decided that Clemson was the school for me," said Billie. "The small-town atmosphere enabled me to focus solely on football and school without any outside distractions."

On his first day on the field, Billie was not nervous or intimidated by the veteran Tigers. He was excited and ready to make an instant impact on the squad. When asked by Head Coach Tommy Bowden if he wanted to play on defense, he jumped at the opportunity to avoid a red-shirt. His transition went smoothly due to his earlier experience at linebacker. Even though Billie is typically smaller than most linebackers, he always plays bigger than his size.

As a true freshman in 2003, he played nine games with 72 snaps. He was one of just two first-year freshman defensive players to appear in a game. He had five tackles on special teams and 14 tackles from his linebacker position behind starter Eric Sampson. He had a season-high six tackles in 10 snaps against Georgia Tech in his first collegiate game. He had a very productive freshman season overall, learning the "ins and outs" of college football.

"I had a lot of fun during the 2003 season, especially at the Peach Bowl against Tennessee," exclaimed Billie. "The Peach Bowl was by far my most memorable bowl game."

During his sophomore year in 2004, Billie became a huge defensive force. He was fifth on the team in tackles (62), including nine tackles for loss, which tied for third-best on the team. He was also regarded as one of the top open-field tacklers on the squad, because 41 of his tackles were registered on first hits.

Billie had a season-high 10 tackles in the win over N.C. State and was honored as Clemson's defensive player-of-the-game by the coaching staff. He also had a caused fumble in the overtime victory over Wake Forest and an interception against Georgia Tech during the second game of season.

Billie later contributed seven tackles in the overtime victory at #10 Miami, FL in the Orange Bowl. He finished the season with an exceptional performance against South Carolina. In the victory over his hometown team, he had two tackles for loss and a sack, as the Tigers trounced South Carolina 29-7 in Death Valley.

From game-one of the 2004 season, coaches and spectators knew from Billie's performance that he was a special talent. Although younger than most veterans on the defense, he understood the game and made very few mental mistakes. He started the last six games of the 2004 season, and his move into the lineup paralleled Clemson's strong finish, as the Tigers were 5-1 in those games.

During his junior season in 2005, he had 93 tackles at strongside linebacker, the third-best total on the team. He had a career-high 13 tackles in 55 plays against #25 Boston College and seven stops in the victory over #16 Florida State. He also added 12 tackles against South Carolina. Therefore, he had a combined 19 tackles against two top-20 teams during the 2005 season.

After having two outstanding seasons for the Tigers, 2006 looked to be a promising senior season for Billie. But the aforementioned broken ankle ended that dream. He had to red-shirt in 2006, but due to the fact he played as a true freshman, he had another year to showcase his talents.

"I'm not going to lie, it was hard for me to grasp the fact that I wouldn't be playing the entire season," admitted Billie.

His injury was the first of many that plagued the Tigers last season, as he was joined on the sidelines at times by Waters, Chansi Stuckey, Michael Hamlin, Rendrick Taylor, and Roman Fry. Once healed, Billie looked to this season to come back and make an immediate impact. His determination, patience, and courage from last season's ankle injury allowed him to face adversity head on and come back for another strong season.

Tramaine Billie is third on the 2007 team in tackles (58), including a sack at Maryland (above) in the Tigers' 30-17 win in October.

This season, he is third on the team in tackles (58), including three tackles for loss. He led the team in tackles in road wins at N.C. State and Maryland. The victory over the Terrapins might have been his best game of the season, as he had 12 tackles, including a sack.

Billie is back in full stride, and he is ready to finish his second senior season with outstanding performances. With the help of fellow teammates Cortney Vincent and Watkins at the other starting linebacker positions, Clemson's defensive is ready to take on any opponent.

"Tramaine is not only one of my good friends, but he is also a great linebacker to play alongside," said Watkins. "He might be small for his position, but it never shows in a game. His speed and quickness to get to the ball make a tackle very impressive."

After his time at Clemson, Billie plans on fulfilling his goals of playing on the professional level. Even though he is undersized, he shows his immense heart by playing bigger. His unyielding passion for the game and drive to succeed will only help him to work towards his goals.

Billie knows that there will always be setbacks in life, but he understands that he must be a strong person and get through the hard times to experience the good things that are destined for him.

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Saturday is an important day of the week for senior defensive end Kwam Williams. Not only does his first name mean “born on a Saturday,” but it is also the day that he has looked forward to for the past five years of his college career. Williams works towards Saturday each week in order to make sure he leaves everything on the field.

Williams, a native of Atlanta, GA, played many different positions over his entire football career until finally landing at defensive end for his senior season. Some of his previous positions may even seem a little shocking. “I started playing football in sixth grade,” recalled Williams. “Believe it or not, I played quarterback at first. I played quarterback from eighth grade until my sophomore year of high school. Then I moved to defensive end and tight end from then on.”

Along with football, he was also a member of the Westlake High School basketball team. With Williams playing at small forward and power forward, the basketball team advanced to the Final Four his sophomore year and won the state championship his junior season. It was not until his senior year of high school that Williams believed he had a choice to make between the two.

“The two sports were equal to me until I found out that I had been offered a Division I scholarship in football,” he admitted. “So after that, I pursued football more. I got a better scholarship in that area.”

Football was also a strong talent for Williams. At the high school level, he received many awards, including the Atlanta-Area Super 11 and all-state honors. This gave him many college options after high school, and Clemson was the school that fit exactly what he was looking for, though Middle Tennessee and Arkansas were among his other choices as well.

“I chose Clemson because when I came on the visit, it felt like home,” Williams remembered. “Another reason that I chose Clemson is because it was close to home. I didn’t want to stay in Georgia; I wanted to get out, but not too far. And they had a good program.”

Williams credits his family as having influenced him the most over his football career. “My family has influenced me a lot, especially my mom and my brother. My brother that passed away was a big fan of mine.”

Since being at Clemson, many football seasons have come and gone. What is #98’s favorite memory from his five-year career? The four-game winning streak that included the win over #6 Tennessee in the Peach Bowl was one of his best. “I think my most memorable moment at Clemson was my freshman year when we finished the season 9-4 and ranked in the top 25 of the polls. We went to the Peach Bowl. We also beat Florida State, South Carolina, 63-17, and then went on to beat Tennessee in the Peach Bowl. It was a great season.”

Some of Williams’ former season statistics include 17 snaps against Boston College and Temple in 2005. He improved to a career-high 23 plays in the 2006 season-opener versus Florida Atlantic, and he totaled two first hits and one assist. He also played 18 and 15 snaps, respectively, against Louisiana Tech and Temple that same year, and he had a tackle for a loss.

His senior season, however, has been much different, for many reasons. This past summer, Williams’ older brother Terron passed away from complications with an asthma attack.

“When he passed away at age 24, it was so crazy to me, especially because I really didn’t get a chance to tell him that I loved him; but I know he knows that. It was really a wake-up call for me. And so that drove me to continue to work hard. He was a big influence on my life and a real down-to-earth person. Whenever I was wrong, he would tell me and be there for me as my big brother. He was a huge part of my life.”

In the face of this adversity, however, Williams has not let anything stray him from his ultimate college goal, which is to graduate and earn a degree. This December, Williams will be the first person in...
his family to receive a college degree, something that is very important to him. "I'll be the first person in my family to get a college degree," he said. "When I found out I was going to get a scholarship, a 'full ride' to a university, the first thing I told those around me was that I was excited and that I was going to return home with a degree.

"And for me to be so close to achieving my goal, it keeps me motivated. I think about it each and every day. I have a lot of people in my family that look up to me now, they ask me questions and what I think about things, and that's really nice. Where I'm from, in my neighborhood, people don't get anywhere near this far, so it's a really big accomplishment for me."

One person who can vouch for the type of character Williams has is defensive line coach, Chris Rumph. Though this is only Rumph's second year coaching at Clemson, he has watched Williams handle many situations and adapt accordingly. "This is my first year coaching Kwam," Rumph said. "He worked with the bandits last year. This year, he swapped positions, and now he's working with the defensive ends. Since I've been here, he's really progressed. He's trying to be a leader on and off the field.

"Kwam is a guy who is athletic, and we believe that him coming from the bandit spot will give us some added depth at defensive end, yet he also has the capability to go back to bandit if needed. During the game against Central Michigan, he was the only player that played two different positions. He played defensive end and he played the bandit position. So, he's like our switch-hitter...he can play both positions."

As far as his life off the gridiron, Coach Rumph acknowledges the struggles that Williams has faced. "He's really serious about his academics, and he's on track to graduate this December," Rumph added. "And I think that's something that's really important to him and his family.

"Kwam has dealt with a lot. He is one of the guys I'm very proud of, on both the field and off the field, for the situations that he is dealing with. He comes to work and puts in a hard-day's work. He could be here with his hand out, saying 'woe is me,' yet he continues to work hard on the football field, and he stays positive and motivated despite what is going on outside of football."

Some other people that Williams has learned from include his former teammate and All-American Gaines Adams, who is now playing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "I learned from Gaines Adams and by watching film on him," Williams admitted. "He's a beast. We have the same birthday (June 8), too. Gaines was definitely one of the guys who showed me and taught me the ropes."

Williams' closest friend and teammate at Clemson is fellow defensive player and linebacker Nick Watkins. The two have roomed together since their freshman years and, as a result, have become very close. "Kwam is like my brother," Watkins said. "He's a down-to-earth person, and he makes everybody smile and laugh. He's a good guy to be around. He's a lifetime friend."

"As an athlete, I think that Kwam has a lot of hidden talent that has yet to be seen. If given the opportunity, he can make big plays and be a future all-star anywhere, on anybody's team.

"Kwam has to be one of the most mentally tough people I know because he's been through a lot of things during his five years at Clemson, dealing with personal issues as well as football."

This year being his senior season, he is certain to leave Clemson with some blissful memories. His favorite moment from the 2007 season so far was the Labor Day win against #19 Florida State. "So far, my favorite moment was beating the Seminoles in the first game of the season on that Monday night," he recalled. "That was an exciting game. A lot of eyes were watching. That was the best."

While at Clemson, his favorite opponent to play has been Georgia Tech, because of the personal ties he has there. "Georgia Tech is my favorite opponent because I'm from Atlanta," Williams stated. "That always feels good, playing against Georgia Tech in my hometown, especially when we beat them."

His 2007 season so far has included a larger leadership role. He can be seen with his signature dreadlocks encouraging his teammates at all times. His ability to play both the bandit position and defensive end has enabled him to work better at each position and help those around him.

As far as the team's results in 2007, Williams is happy with the direction that the team is going. "I feel like we're leaning in the right direction so far. We lost the two games to Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech, but with the type of team this year and the talent we have, I'm hoping for a double-digit win season and an ACC Championship."

When reflecting on his college football career, Williams has learned in many different facets of life, and he realizes what a great opportunity this has been.

"My whole college experience, especially football, has been very good," he added. "I've played against some top athletes, and seen some great athletes go to the NFL and not go to the NFL, but overall it's been pretty good. I have taken away lots of things from the game, and it truly has been great for me to come here and be able to learn and thrive in this type of community."

After he leaves Clemson, Williams is still unsure as to what kind of path he will choose. As with many college athletes, the NFL is always an enticing option. "Hopefully, I will get a shot in the NFL," he said. "If that doesn't work out, I'll have my degree, so I will probably try to do something in the community. I also like music. I really don't have a set idea except football right now, but if that doesn't work out, then there are a few different things I could pursue. Having my degree is a crucial step, and that is something that I will definitely accomplish."

Despite this being his last season, Williams sees good things in the future for the Tiger program. After watching the team grow over the years, he knows of the talent the team possesses. "I think Clemson has a really good program," Williams remarked. "The athletes that we are recruiting are some of the best in the country. I see some really good things happening at Clemson after I leave here...maybe a national title or an undefeated season. Something like that is definitely possible with the talent that we have."

One thing that Williams wants people to know about him is that he has always given everything he's got. He believes in fairness and equality, and he tries to use those qualities in his every day life. "I'm a hard worker and a good person. I want people to know that I have a great heart. I'm a workaholic."

And Saturdays are the days that Kwam Williams goes to work.

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Williams is a veteran of 24 games in a Tiger uniform.
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#22 Bradley Flowers  
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This health science major from Hartsville, SC came to Clemson after a high school career in which he became a “jack of all trades.” He played wide receiver, quarterback, and punter during his four years at Hartsville High School, and he garnered several offers from smaller schools to play college football.

But Flowers knew that Clemson was the place for him, even though the Tigers did not offer him a scholarship. He credits his high school coach (Lewis Lineberger) for getting him to Tigertown by utilizing a key connection.

“Coach Lineberger and Coach (Brad) Scott are good friends, so they talked about me and I ended up walking on here in the spring of my freshman year,” Flowers said.

Flowers described the Clemson football team as “a big family”...that sense of family was essential to his transition from high school to college. As a newcomer, Flowers said that some of his older teammates told him to “just get through spring practice and people will give you respect.”

He also said that “knowing people like (Michael) Hamlin from high school” helped the process to move along.

Clemson’s tradition of excellence is something that attracts recruits each and every year, and Flowers was not immune to the aura of Death Valley. He describes running down the Hill as “an experience like no other.”

“No being a senior, I realize that I’ve only got a couple more times to run down the Hill, so I try to cherish those moments, because the emotion you get at the top makes it really special,” admitted Flowers.

Flowers is very complimentary of his coaches at Clemson and the impact that each of them has had on his development, both as a player and as a man. He specifically spoke highly of Wide Receivers Coach Dabo Swinney and the fact that “he likes to play his players.” Flowers believes that he has been “very fortunate” to have had coaches with good character and feels “blessed” to be able to say that he is able to play for Clemson University.

“There’s been some times when there’s been some struggles, so I lean on my faith to get through them,” Flowers continued. “Philippians 4:13 is a key verse in my life. I have been blessed to have a coaching staff full of Christians and a lot of Christian friends on the team to challenge as well as motivate me. There is no way I could do all of this without faith.”

#17 Brian Sorrells  
WR • Sumter, SC  
This marketing major from Sumter, SC grew up around football. His dad played at Furman, his uncle Tim played at Furman and is now offensive coordinator there, and his cousin Jordan is a backup quarterback for the Paladins who earned playing time against the Tigers earlier in the season.

It took a little bit of luck to get Sorrells into a Tiger uniform. After he had already graduated, former Clemson Assistant Coach Rick Stockstill came into the office of his dad, who was the head football coach at Sumter High School. By the time Stockstill left the office, Sorrells had been offered a chance to walk on at Clemson.

Many incoming freshmen have difficulty adjusting to their roles on a college football team, but Sorrells has understood his job from the first day he stepped on the practice fields.

“My job is to get the opposing defense ready to go,” said Sorrells. “While that happens, I can get better myself. Coach (Tommy) Bowden does a good job of making sure everyone knows that they have a specific function on this team, and he appreciates the effort that I give.”

Sorrells, like fellow walk-on Tyler Stone, has been bitten by the injury bug lately. He is currently dealing with an ankle injury that he said, “has taken me off the practice field and into the training room.”

Through all of the ups and downs of being a walk-on, the overall experience has been a blessing to Sorrells. “Football has given me my circle of friends, a sense of camaraderie. I have no regrets whatsoever...I am completely satisfied. It’s hard to believe it’s almost over.”

He has also taken some life lessons from some things he has been taught on the football field. “Coach Swinney always tells us ‘carpe diem’ (seize the day). He wants us to be mentally sharp on every play, all the time. It’s the same way in life.”

Sorrells has relied on his father a great deal, especially during the difficult times. His dad was a calming influence that kept him focused.

“My dad was very supportive of me at all times,” remembered Sorrells. “He was my biggest supporter, always calling me, encouraging me, and asking how things were going. He would tell me how proud he was of me and all of that I had accomplished. I really appreciate that.

“I would say that faith has been an important part of my life,” Sorrells continued. “I know that everything is in God’s plan and it will work out. My dad told me to pray about everything, so that has really helped me, too.”

#31 Tyler Stone  
CB • Piedmont, SC  
This financial management major from Piedmont, SC played cornerback and wide receiver at Wren High School, among other positions. He originally decided to play football at Furman.

After a year with the Paladins, Stone decided to transfer to Clemson. The Tigers were a bit thin on scout-team players in the secondary, so due to his experience in high school, he was asked to play cornerback.

He had a positive attitude about walking on, saying, “That’s what I wanted to do...anything I could do to help the team improve.”

Stone exhibits a key quality in a good walk-on...the ability to enjoy, as he put it, “being pushed to the limit” physically.

Because of this attitude and his lack of size (165 pounds), he has had to fight off several injuries during his career, including knee surgery that he underwent this past summer. Stone maintains his positive attitude and work ethic, however, recalling that he “started rehab the day after surgery so that I could get back to practice as quickly as possible.”

This work ethic has carried over to the classroom as well, as Stone currently has a 4.0 GPA.

Perhaps his solid work ethic comes from working with his little brother for his father building houses. He and his brother would compete on the job site, even in the most simplistic of tasks.

“We would try to see who could work the hardest,” Stone recalled with a smile. “We would have races to see who could beat each other in hammering the most nails or whatever we could find to compete in.”

At Clemson, he has had people to motivate him. “We have coaches who teach us how to be better people, not just better football players. Coach Swinney has been my spiritual advisor. He’s always there to give me advice or help me out when I need it. I try to glorify God in everything that I do, from practice to classes to whatever else I need to accomplish.”

These three student-athletes all have bright futures, but for now, they are just trying to enjoy their final few games as a member of the Tiger football team. It is an opportunity for which they are eternally grateful.

The Clemson football team is lucky to have three Tiger student-athletes who have phenomenal success stories. They can all teach us valuable life lessons.

Summaries written by William Quallsdish, a freshman from Central, SC and a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.
Gaines Adams • DE • Tampa Bay Buccaneers

In the NFL: Selected #4 overall in 2007 NFL draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Considered one of the premier players in the 2007 draft class. First defender chosen in the draft...has 16 tackles (eight solo) and 1.5 sacks...had his first career sack in a win over Tennessee; he also had a season-high five tackles in that game...started his first career game in a win over Arizona on Nov. 4.

At Clemson: Started every game in his final two years at Clemson...tied for first in school history with 28 career sacks...had a sack in a school-record eight straight games in 2006...second in school history among defensive lineman with 21 pass breakups...second in school history for sacks in a season (12.5) in 2006...unanimous First-Team All-ACC pick and first-team All-American...just the second unanimous All-American in Clemson history, joining Terry Kinard...named 2006 ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year...finalist for Bronco Nagurski (best defensive player) and Ted Hendricks (best defensive end) Awards in 2006...named the Tigers’ defensive captain in his senior season...returned a fumble 66 yards for a touchdown at Wake Forest in a play that was a finalist for the Pontiac Game-Changing Performance-of-the-Year...lettered four years at Clemson...earned his undergraduate degree in December of 2006.

Brian Dawkins • S • Philadelphia Eagles

In the NFL: Regarded as one of the top safeties in the NFL; he is a future NFL Hall of Fame candidate...six-time Pro Bowl selection who is third on the Eagles’ all-time regular-season games played list (199)...one of just four players in NFL history to record at least 28 interceptions and 17 sacks...earned Pro Bowl selections following the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, and 2006 seasons...tied with Michael Dean Perry for the most Pro Bowl appearances among former Tigers...has recorded four career playoff interceptions, second-most on Philadelphia’s all-time list...in 2004, he was second on the team with three interceptions and third with 125 tackles, the second-best total of his career...named as a Pro Bowl injury replacement in 2005 after he had 51 tackles in seven games...named the Eagles’ Defensive MVP with a career-high 131 tackles in 2002; he also recorded three sacks, two interceptions, and seven caused fumbles...against the Texans, he became the first player in NFL history to have a sack, interception, recovered fumble, and touchdown reception in a single game...has played in only two games this year due to a neck injury; in those two appearances, he has 14 tackles (eight solo).

At Clemson: Second-team All-American as a senior in 1995; he had a team-high six interceptions during the course of that season, three of which came in one quarter against Duke...two-time All-ACC selection...tied for second in career tackles with 234 in 1995; he has been considered a starter by the seventh game of the season.

Nick Eason • DT • Pittsburgh Steelers

In the NFL: In his first year with the Pittsburgh Steelers...drafted by Denver, but never played in a game; he was on the Broncos’ practice squad...had 19 tackles and two sacks while playing in all 16 games in 2005...has played in seven games so far this season with 11 tackles...became a starter by the seventh game of the season.

At Clemson: First-Team All-ACC selection in 2002...had 64 tackles and seven sacks from his defensive tackle spot...named a strength All-American in 2002...finished 15th on the Tiger career sack list...played in the Senior Bowl in 2003...was a five-time winner of the ACC Top Six Award, given to student-athletes who exhibit extraordinary community service; he was the only five-time member of that team in school history...earned his marketing degree in August of 2001, then earned a graduate degree two years later.

Dustin Fry • C • Saint Louis Rams

In the NFL: Drafted in the 11th round of the 2007 NFL draft by the Saint Louis Rams...currently on the practice squad.

At Clemson: Played 47 games, starting 36, in his four-year Clemson career...finished with 171 career knockdown blocks...first-team All-ACC selection by College Football News after his senior season...in 2003, he became the first Tiger freshman to start a game at center since 1980...earned an undergraduate degree in December of 2006.

Jamaal Fudge • S • Jacksonville Jaguars

In the NFL: Reserve safety with the Jacksonville Jaguars...has played sparingly in four games this season, recording one tackle...after spending the first 10 weeks on the practice squad, he was moved to the active roster in his rookie season of 2006...finished last season with five tackles in six games.

At Clemson: Three-year starter and four-year letterman from 2002-05...played in 49 consecutive games, including all 12 his senior season...had 10 career interceptions and two recovered fumbles to finish his career with 12 takeaways, one of the top 16 totals in school history...honored in sports management.

Derrick Hamilton • WR • Tampa Bay Buccaneers

In the NFL: Currently on the practice squad with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers...has had an injury-plagued career so far...played in two games over three years with the San Francisco 49ers between 2004-06...missed last year with an injury...third-round draft pick of the 49ers after the 2003 season...turned professional after his junior season.

At Clemson: One of the most exciting Tigers in many years...had seven touchdowns of 50 yards or more, second in Clemson history behind current Tiger C.J. Spiller...Second-Team All-ACC selection in 2003 as a kick returner and wide receiver...Clemson’s career leader in receptions (167)...fourth in Tiger history in receiving yards (2,312) and tied for third in touchdown catches (16)...career recordholder in all-purpose yards (4,638), quite an accomplishment in just three years...only Tiger over 2,000 yards receiving and 1,500 yards in kickoff returns in a career.

Leroy Hill • LB • Seattle Seahawks

In the NFL: Selected in the third round of the 2005 NFL draft by the Seattle Seahawks...played in the Super Bowl his rookie year and started nine games; he had 72 tackles and 7.5 sacks during that rookie season...second-leading tackle on the team in 2005...started all 15 games played in 2006...finished second on the team with a career-high 92 tackles (70 solo) in 2006...has 43 tackles (29 solo) in six games, all starts, in 2007.

At Clemson: Two-time First-Team All-ACC selection during his career...ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year in 2004...first-team All-American by Rivals.com and third-team All-American by AP as a senior...played in the Senior Bowl for the South team and was named Defensive MVP...finished his career with 48 tackles for loss and 16 sacks...14th in Clemson history in sacks and tied for fifth with 48 tackles...
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LeRoy Hill

Trevor Pryce • DT • Baltimore Ravens

In the NFL: In his second year with the Baltimore Ravens,...currently has six tackles and a sack this season in two games...has not played since Week 2 due to an injured wrist...one of the top defensive linemen in the NFL over the last 11 years; he is a four-time Pro Bowl selection...has 78 sacks in his career...started all 16 regular-season games for the Ravens in 2006, registering a career-high 73 tackles (49 solo) and a team-best 13 sacks...had two tackles and five quarterback hits against Indianapolis in a playoff start...named to Sports Illustrated’s All-Pro Team in 2006...In 2005, he started all 16 games and totaled 41 tackles (35 solo), and had a share of the team lead with four sacks; he was a big reason Denver had the second-best rushing defense in the NFL...named captain of the Denver defense in 2003 when he had 8.5 sacks and 51 tackles...selected to the Pro Bowl for the fourth consecutive season in 2002...started all 16 games at left defensive end in 2002 and posted 61 tackles (51 solo), including a team-high nine sacks, which tied for seventh-most in the AFC...voted to start in the Pro Bowl in 2001; he was Second-Team All-Pro by AP...had 13 sacks in 1999 when he was second in the AFC, it was among the top-10 figures in franchise history...member of two Super Bowl Championship teams, which were his first two seasons in the NFL.

At Clemson: Transferred from Michigan to play one year (1996) at Clemson—First-Team All-ACC in 1996...started off slow but flourished by the end of the season, as he had 20 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks in 1996...Defensive MVP of Clemson’s Peach Bowl loss to Louisiana State with three tackles for loss, a sack, and caused fumble...played 20 games at Michigan in 1993, 94...turned professional a year early out of Clemson and was a first-round draft pick.

Chansi Stuckey • WR • New York Jets

In the NFL: Drafted in seventh round (#235 overall) by the New York Jets in the 2007 NFL draft...currently on injured reserve...made the team with outstanding performances in the preseason; he was fourth in the preseason in receptions.

At Clemson: Finished his career with 141 receptions for 1,760 yards and seven touchdowns...returned 31 punts for 229 yards and one touchdown...also carried the ball 48 times for 261 yards and two scores...first Tiger since the 1940s to score a touchdown via a pass, rush, punt return, and reception in a career...recorded seven 100-yard receiving games in his career...first Tiger to record consecutive games with multiple touchdown catches...played seven games as a backup quarterback in 2003...earned his degree from Clemson in sport management in 2006.

Anthony Waters • LB • San Diego Chargers

In the NFL: Drafted in third round (#96 overall) of the 2007 NFL draft...currently on the active roster as a rookie reserve linebacker, but has yet to play in a game in 2007.

At Clemson: Sat out almost his entire senior season after suffering a knee injury in the season-opener...Honorable Mention All-ACC selection as a junior after totaling a team-high 109 tackles, including an ACC-leading 74 solo stops...received the Solid Rock Award in 2005, given by Clemson’s coaches to the most outstanding linebacker...red-shirted in 2002...played for the Tigers from 2003-06...graduated in December, 2006 with a degree in sport management.

Charlie Whitehurst • QB • San Diego Chargers

In the NFL: Reserve quarterback behind starter Philip Rivers with the San Diego Chargers...appeared in one game and scored a touchdown on a 14-yard run in his first professional game in 2006.

At Clemson: Led Clemson to a victory over Colorado in the Champs Sports Bowl in his final game to give him 25 wins as a starting quarterback, second-most in school history...had eight fourth-quarter comeback wins in his career, tied for most among Division I quarterbacks in 2005...had seven career wins over top-25 teams, tying the school career record with Rodney Williams...four of his 25 career wins as a starter were against rival South Carolina, as he is the only quarterback in the 104-game history of the series to post a 4-0 record...was 2-1 against Florida State, including a 16-point win in 2003 and a 21-point victory in 2005...Second-Team All-ACC selection in 2005...set 46 Tiger records when he graduated, including marks for career passing yards, career completions, career completion percentage, career touchdown passes, and season completion percentage...had eight 300-yard passing games in his career, more than any other Tiger in history...finished his career at Clemson third in ACC history in career passing yards and fourth in career total offense...earned his degree from Clemson in 2005.

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A 1970 Clemson graduate, Barker has said, "South Carolina needs a top-tier research university, and our students deserve to have access to a top-tier education without leaving their home state. Building Clemson’s academic, research, and service programs to the level where we can compete with anyone will benefit our state, students, and alumni.”

Clemson, already South Carolina’s top-ranked national public university, is making strides toward that goal. During Barker’s presidency, the university has:

• been recognized as Time Magazine’s “Public College-of-the-Year” and ranked #1 among the “Best Places to Work in Academia” by The Scientist Magazine;
• been ranked among the nation’s top 30 public universities by U.S. News & World Report and Kiplinger’s Magazine;
• developed and implemented an academic “Road Map” with eight emphasis areas aligned with South Carolina’s economic needs;
• launched major new education and research-based economic initiatives, including the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) in Greenville, the Center for Advanced Materials in Anderson County, and the Clemson University Restoration Institute in North Charleston;
• redesigned the general education curriculum to focus on learning outcomes and give undergraduates more opportunities for study abroad, service-learning, and research;
• developed an innovative undergraduate research program called “Creative Inquiry,” which pairs small teams of students with a senior faculty member on multi-year voyages of discovery;
• continually set new records for applications at both the undergraduate and graduate levels;
• more than doubled external research funding, and completed Clemson’s largest capital campaign.

Working with state leaders and private industry partners, Barker has steered Clemson into a greater economic development role. The first technology neighborhood at the CU-ICAR campus near I-85 will be fully developed this year when construction of the Campbell Graduate Engineering Center is completed. Leading the academic programs are distinguished professors brought to the state to hold endowed chairs established under the South Carolina Research Centers of Excellence Act. Three of the four chairs devoted to automotive engineering - funded by financial support from BMW, Michelin, and Timken - have been filled.

Clemson is also investing more than $80 million to support an advanced materials industry cluster. The I-85 Research Park includes one of the nation’s top optical materials and electronics research facilities.

Earlier this year, Barker announced plans to invest more than $225 million in campus infrastructure, technology, and facilities in the core campus over the next five years, focusing on academic and students needs - including a campus computer network upgrade, renovations to bioengineering facilities, a new home for the Academic Success Center, and a life-sciences complex. Funding plans for additional facilities are being developed, which will add to this initial project list.

He also is becoming a leading voice in higher education in South Carolina and beyond. He currently chairs the Division I Committee of the NCAA Board of Directors, and previously chaired the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, the regional accrediting agency.

For his leadership, Barker has received the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian honor, and the 2006 Chief Executive Leadership Award from the Council for Advancement & Support of Education (CASE) Southeastern District III. He was an invited speaker at the first-ever Forum on...
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Dr. Terry Don Phillips
Clemson University Athletic Director

In just five years, Dr. Terry Don Phillips has firmly put his imprint on the Tiger Athletic Department. It is obvious visually through the vast improvements in the program’s facilities, most notably the new WestZone at the Tigers’ Memorial Stadium. Through a practical and steady fiscal approach, the first phase of the $57-million project was completed in the fall of 2006 with the installation of new locker rooms, a new scoreboard, and 1,000 private luxury suites and club level seats.

The Phase II funding, which includes a building and new strength training center for the football program, has been finalized, and construction is slated to continue after the 2007 football season.

His impact is also obvious in the consistent improvement of Clemson’s sports program. For the 2006-07 academic year, Clemson ranked #36 in the final Sears Directors’ Cup standings, the program’s best finish in five years and a 16-place improvement over the last three years. The Tigers scored 477 points in the poll, their third-highest total since the Sears Directors’ Cup began in 1993. Eight teams finished in the top 25 of their respective rankings, also a five-year high.

The major revenue sports of football, basketball, and baseball have also reached a high level of national competition. All three were ranked in the top 15 in the nation at one point during the 2006-07 academic year. The football team has won eight games each of the last two years, the first time it has had back-to-back seasons of at least eight wins since the 1989-91 era.

The basketball team under Head Coach Oliver Purnell has been to postseason play three consecutive years, including the 2006-07 season when it won a school-record tying 25 games. The baseball team continues to rank among the top programs in the nation, having reached the College World Series in 2006 and a super regional in 2007.

Led by the women’s tennis program, which has been to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament three of the last four years with two Final Fours, the women’s athletics program has also flourished. The women’s soccer team reached the Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament in 2006, while the volleyball squad joined the women’s tennis and women’s soccer teams by winning at least 60 percent of its matches. The rowing program was ranked in the top 15 in the nation as well.

Phillips was recognized nationally for his performance at Clemson in June, 2006 when he was honored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics as the 2005-06 General Sports Turf Systems Athletic Director-of-the-Year for the Southeast Region of Division I-A. He was one of just four Division I-A athletic directors honored at the annual convention in New Orleans, LA.

In 2005-06, Clemson had six top-25 programs, including top-10 final rankings in men’s soccer, golf, and baseball. It marked the first time since 1979 that Clemson reached the Final Four in soccer and the College World Series in baseball in the same academic year. Clemson was the only school in the nation to win a postseason football game, postseason basketball game, and College World Series baseball game.

From an academic standpoint, nine of Clemson’s 15 sports programs scored a perfect 100-percent graduation rate according to the Graduation Success Rate figures announced by the NCAA on December 19, 2005. Clemson was #7 in the nation among the 119 Division I-A institutions in percentage of programs with a 100-percent score. The football program had a 94-percent rate, fourth in the nation among Division I programs.

The outstanding academic performance continued in 2007. For the spring semester, the 15 sports programs had a combined GPA of 2.93, best on record. Eight of the 15 programs had a team GPA of 3.0 or better.

“Nothing’s worse than trying to maintain status quo,” said Phillips, who became Clemson’s 10th athletic director on July 1, 2002.

That motto has been a basic tenet that has characterized his career as an administrator and his pursuit to develop Clemson into a model athletic program in the 21st century. His beliefs are in line with the University’s overall goal of making Clemson one of the top-20 public universities in the nation. The school improved to a #30 ranking in U.S. News & World Report in 2006.

His resolve comes from a unique balance of experience in nearly every phase of college athletics, as well as a devotion to higher education that includes a doctorate and law degree. He remains a classroom presence by teaching a sports law section in the accountancy & legal studies department. In addition, he is past chair of the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee, which serves the appellate role for all university and individual appeals arising from the Committee on Infractions.

Those influences are obvious in his strategic plan for Tiger athletics, which provides for a model program that can compete at the highest levels with academic integrity, concern for the student-athlete, financial responsibility, and in full compliance.

Future plans call for a new comprehensive football building at Memorial Stadium. It will benefit the entire athletic department, as it will create additional updated facilities in the McFadden Building for the Olympic sports. A “One Clemson Center” will also be constructed to showcase the history of Clemson University, including its military and athletic heritage.

Since Phillips’ arrival at Clemson, many highlights toward being a model program have occurred on the field as well, beginning with Clemson’s first-ever national championship in golf in the spring of 2003, the first title for any Tiger program in 16 years.

His second year included an incredible run on the gridiron to end the season, as Tommy Bowden’s Tigers defeated #3 Florida State in November and #6 Tennessee in the Peach Bowl. The football program has continued to make strides since then and ranked in the top 25 for the second time in the last three years with its #21 finish in 2005. In 2006, the program reached a #10 national ranking after a victory over #13 Georgia Tech. ESPN College GameDay covered that game, a first in Clemson history.

Excellence in academics has been a constant on his resume. He has an undergraduate degree from Arkansas (1970), a master’s from Virginia Tech (1974), a doctorate from Virginia Tech (1978), and a law degree from the Arkansas School of Law (1996). He is a member of the Arkansas Bar, American Bar Association, and Sports Lawyers Association.

From an experience standpoint, he has worked in nearly all phases of college athletics. He coached on the football staff at Virginia Tech, supervised spring sports and student-athlete enrollment at Florida, handled athletic fundraising and facility enhancement at Missouri and Arkansas, and had 15 years experience as an athletic director, including 13 at the Division I level, prior to his appointment at Clemson.

Football was transformed from a perennial losing status to defeating Oklahoma during five of the eight years he was associated with Oklahoma State (1994-02). For this, he received the National Football Foundation Oklahoma Chapter Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award in 2002. Additionally in 2006, he was named one of the top-25 most influential people in the history of Oklahoma State athletics by GoPokes Magazine.

When it came to success on the field and in the classroom, Oklahoma State’s programs were among the Big 12’s best. The achievements of the program included two national titles in men’s golf, a men’s basketball Final Four, two trips to the College World Series, 13 Big 12 titles, and 11 individual national champions, along with 53 academic All-Americans.

Before leading Oklahoma State, Phillips served as senior associate athletic director at Arkansas from 1988-94. He ran the daily operations and had oversight of facility projects for the men’s programs, and he was president of the Razorback Foundation.

Phillips was athletic director at Liberty (1980-81) and Louisiana-Lafayette (1983-88). He was also an assistant athletic director at Missouri (1981-83), and he began his administrative career in 1979 as an assistant athletic director at Florida.

Phillips began his career in college athletics coaching football. He started as a graduate assistant at Arkansas in 1970 and 1971. He moved on to Virginia Tech as an assistant coach from 1971-78 before joining the ranks of athletic administration.

Winning has been on Phillips’ resume since his playing days at Arkansas. He lettered on three Frank Broyles teams (1966,68,69). Arkansas was 27-5 in the three years and played in two Sugar Bowl games.

In addition to Phillips’ leadership with the NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee, he also works with the NCAA certification program. He currently serves on several ACC Committees: chair of the Committee on Infractions & Penalties, Committee on Awards, Television Committee, Men’s Basketball Committee, and Football Committee.

Phillips has two children, John Dennis (30) and Sarah-Jane (27), and three stepchildren, Meagan (18), Marshall (16), and Madison (14). His wife Tricia is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, and she earlier enjoyed a career in athletics and development. She is currently active in the Clemson and Seneca communities.
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When one looks at Head Coach Tommy Bowden’s résumé, the first thing that comes to mind is consistency. Bowden has completed 10 seasons as a Division I head coach, and all 10 of his teams have been bowl eligible at the end of the regular season. Only five other active head coaches have had a team bowl eligible every year since 1997. His 65.0 winning percentage in 10 years as a head coach is 11th-best in the nation among active Division I coaches with at least 10 years of experience.

Each of his last seven teams has finished with a winning record. A winning season in 2006 gave him a Clemson coaching record seven consecutive winning seasons, and he became just the fifth head coach in ACC history to record seven straight winning seasons with the same program.

There has been consistency in terms of success against Clemson’s in-state rival (South Carolina). The Tigers have won six of the eight meetings since Bowden became Clemson’s head coach in 1999, and the 75-percent winning mark is the best of any Tiger head coach in history against the Gamecocks given a minimum of five games. All six wins have been recorded against future Hall of Fame Head Coaches Lou Holtz and Steve Spurrier.

In 10 seasons as a Division I head coach, Bowden has a 78-42 record, a 65-percent winning mark. In conference games, he has never had a sub-.500 record, and his overall conference record stands at 48-28 for a 63.2-percent winning mark.

In eight years at Clemson, he has a 60-38 mark and seven bowl appearances. He has 37 ACC wins as well. The only programs with more ACC wins during this time are Florida State and Georgia Tech. The 60 overall wins are third-most in Clemson history. The 29-7 victory over South Carolina in the 2004 season-finales was not only the 600th win in Clemson history, it moved Bowden ahead of Hall of Fame Coach Jess Neely into third place on Clemson’s coaching victories list. Only Frank Howard and Danny Ford are ahead of Bowden.

Twice he has been ACC Coach-of-the-Year (1999,03), joining Howard, Charley Pell, and Ford as the only two-time recipients of that award in Tiger history. In January of 2006, he was given the Grant Teaff National Coach-of-the-Year Award by FCA.

Off the field, Clemson’s has graduated nearly 80 percent of its seniors in his eight years. Clemson’s graduation success rate of 94 percent in 2005 was fourth-best among the 119 Division I-A programs. In 2003, Clemson was #11 in the nation, including second among public institutions, in the NCAA graduation-rate study for scholarship football signees who entered Clemson in 1996. Clemson was first in the nation in graduation rate among African-Americans (100 percent). Each of the top-six semester team GPAs have been recorded under Bowden. Fifteen seniors from his 2006 team have already graduated.

His 2006 team set numerous offensive records on its way to scoring 55 touchdowns and scoring nearly 33 points per game. Clemson had four First-Team All-ACC selections on offense, including 1,000-yard rusher James Davis, and the Tigers led the ACC in a majority of offensive categories.

The Tigers had a landmark 31-7 win over #13 Georgia Tech at Memorial Stadium. Clemson dominated the Yellow Jackets thanks in part to 332 combined rushing yards by James Davis and C.J. Spiller. That same weekend, ESPN College GameDay made its first-ever appearance in Tigertown. It was the second win over a top-15 team in 2006, as the Tigers also won at #9 Florida State.

In 2005, Clemson had an 8-4 record, including a 3-2 mark against top-25 ranked teams. All four of the losses were by six points or less and by a total of 14 points. Two of those losses came in overtime, therefore the Tigers lost the four games by a combined five points at the end of regulation.

Clemson was in the top 25 in four national defensive rankings, including 11th in scoring defense. After the win over Colorado in the Champs Sports Bowl, the Tigers were ranked #21 in the final AP and USA Today polls. Clemson had three victories over top-20 ranked teams, the most in one season by a Clemson team since the 1989 season.

His 2004 team featured a defense that was 11th in the nation in pass efficiency defense. It had 42 sacks to finish in the top 10 in the nation. Clemson played a complete game at #10 Miami (FL) on November 6, 2004 and defeated the Hurricanes in the Orange Bowl 24-17 in overtime.

The win over Miami gave Bowden and the Tigers three wins over top-10 programs in a 13-game span, something that had been done at Clemson just once previously (1981 National Championship team). All three of those programs (Florida State, Tennessee, Miami) have won the national championship in the last decade.

Over the last four seasons, Bowden has won nine games over coaches who have won the national title (Bobby Bowden (three times), Phillip Fulmer, Larry Coker, Holtz (twice), Spurrier, and Howard Schnellenberger). These big wins have stimulated interest in the program. The Tigers averaged 81,506 fans per home game in 2006. Clemson has finished in the top 20 in home football attendance each of the eight seasons Bowden has been at Clemson, and six of the top-10 average attendance seasons have come during his tenure.

With Clemson’s selection to the 2004 Peach Bowl, he became the first head coach in Clemson and ACC history to take a team to a bowl game in each of his first five seasons. In fact, no coach had ever done so more than twice to open his career at Clemson. Under Bowden’s direction, Clemson had also appeared in the Peach Bowl in 1999, the Gator Bowl in 2000, the 2001 Humanitarian Bowl, the 2002 Tangerine Bowl, the 2004 Peach Bowl, and the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl prior to its invitation to the 2006 Music City Bowl.

The 2004 Peach Bowl appearance meant that it was the first time since the senior class of 1991 that Clemson went to a bowl game five straight years. Clemson’s red-shirt seniors of 2003 were the first group he recruited, so it is an indication of the firm foundation his first group set. In December of 2003, Bowden cemented his place at Clemson by signing a seven-year contract, which will go through 2010.

The 2003 season was a breakthrough year in many ways. Clemson earned its highest-ever win over a ranked team with a 26-10 win over #3 Florida State. The Tigers also defeated #24 Virginia in a thrilling overtime contest. The 39-3 victory over a bowl-bound Georgia Tech team was Clemson’s largest victory margin in the series since 1900 as well.

The 2003 victory over Florida State, Clemson’s first in 12 tries since the Seminoles joined the ACC, was the beginning of
a four-game winning streak to close the season. In those four games, Clemson outscored its opponents 156-48, an average score of 39-12. Clemson defeated arch-rival South Carolina in Columbia by a score of 63-17. It was the most points ever scored by a team in the 101-game series and the Tigers’ largest victory margin in the series since 1900.

The season concluded with a 27-14 win over #6 Tennessee, the highest-ranked team Clemson has defeated in a bowl game since 1981, when the Tigers defeated #4 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl to claim the national title. As a result, Clemson finished with nine wins and a #22 national ranking.

The 2002 season included victories over bowl teams Georgia Tech and Wake Forest, and a third victory in four years over arch-rival South Carolina. Clemson gained 434 yards of total offense in the 27-20 win over the Gamecocks, the most yards against Holtz’s defense all season.

Clemson had another record-setting season in 2001, a year that culminated with a Humanitarian Bowl win over Louisiana Tech. The 2001 campaign demonstrated Bowden’s ability to win in the long run, as he had the second-youngest “two-deep” in the ACC. Thirty-four of his top 44 players were underclassmen. Fourteen different freshmen saw action, including 10 who played in at least 10 games.

Bowden has a 60-38 record (.612) as Tiger head coach and is 78-42 (.650) overall. He has recorded that ledger against a difficult schedule. In 1999, Clemson’s schedule was among the top 10 in the nation. In 2001, his squad defeated five teams that finished with a winning record. One of the wins was a 47-44 overtime triumph at #9 Georgia Tech.

When Bowden came to Clemson in 1998, he inherited a team with a 3-8 record. By late October of 2000, just 14 months after his first game, Clemson was ranked #3 in the nation in the USA Today poll after an 8-0 start. That ranking was the highest for the program in 16 years. The final #4 ranking in that same poll was the highest final listing for the program since the 1990 season.

Making a swift improvement is nothing new for Bowden. In 1997, he took over a 4-7 Tulane program and brought the Green Wave to a 7-4 mark in his first year. In 1998, the improvement continued with an 11-0 regular season and #7 national ranking. In 1999, Bowden elevated the Tigers from 3-8 to a bowl game and a 6-6 final record. The 2000 Tigers concluded the season with a 9-3 record, their highest win total since 1993.

When Bowden arrived at Clemson, he had one simple goal - improvement. He warned Tiger supporters that Clemson was unlikely to be a bowl participant in 1999, but his main focus was to improve. His goal of improvement was reached, and he was happy to be wrong about his prediction, as the Tigers were invited to the 1999 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

In 1999, Bowden accomplished a personal milestone that no Clemson coach had attained since 1981, the year the Tigers won the National Championship. He became the first Clemson coach since Ford to be named ACC Coach-of-the-Year.

Making strong improvement in his first year with a program was nothing new for Bowden. In the two seasons he was the head coach at Tulane, Bowden took a team that had been 4-18 in the two years previous to his arrival, and emotionally and numerically reversed the team’s fortunes with an 18-4 record, posted an 11-1 conference mark, and finished the 1998 season ranked #7 in the nation in both polls. Tulane and Tennessee were the only undefeated teams in college football in 1998.

The Green Wave scored 40 or more points in eight games in 1998, including each of the last seven games. In one game, the Green Wave scored 72 points and rolled up 704 yards of total offense. They converted 52 percent of their third-down opportunities for the season and had just 11 turnovers in over 800 plays. The 1998 season saw the program post a perfect 11-0 regular season under Bowden, its first perfect regular season since 1931. The Green Wave won Conference USA, its first league title since Tulane won the SEC in 1949. Bowden was named Conference USA Coach-of-the-Year.

A look to the list of coaches who had undefeated seasons in the 1990s shows two other men named Bowden. His father, Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden, had a perfect regular season in 1996 and 1999, while his brother Terry posted a perfect regular season in 1993. Obviously, the Bowdens are the first family of college coaching, and this “Wonder Years” environment had a lot to do with Tommy Bowden’s decision to enter coaching.

Bowden began his college football experience as a walk-on wide receiver at West Virginia. He played for his father between 1973-75 and then for Frank Cignetti during the 1976 season.

As a junior, he caught 15 passes for 189 yards and one score. Bowden remained at West Virginia for the 1977 season and began his coaching career, serving as a graduate assistant on Cignetti’s staff. His interest in coaching only became more intense after that first year as a graduate assistant. His father then hired him as a secondary coach at Florida State for the 1978 season.

In 1980, Bowden joined the staff at East Carolina, where he coached for the spring-practice session of 1980. That spring, he moved to Auburn and served as the Tigers’ running backs coach for the 1980 season. Among the players he coached was James Brooks, who went on to a 13-year NFL career and is still second in Auburn history in rushing.

In 1981, Bowden returned to Tallahassee as the tight ends coach. In two more years at Florida State, the Seminoles posted a 15-8 mark. The 1982 team ranked #13 in the final poll, claimed a 9-3 record, and won a Gator Bowl title.

From 1983-85, Bowden served under Steve Sloan at Duke as the quarterbacks coach, and was named coordinator in 1985. In 1984, he made his first trip to Death Valley as a coach. Among the players he tutored was future NFL player Anthony Dilweg.

After four years at Duke, Bowden became the wide receivers coach at Alabama under Bill Curry. It was there that he refined his offensive coaching prowess under noted offensive mind Homer Smith.

In 1990, Bowden returned to a coordinator role, serving as Kentucky’s offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach. That year, he helped the Wildcats to their first upper division SEC finish since 1984.

In 1991, Bowden joined Pat Dye at Auburn. He remained with the Auburn program for six years, his longest stint as a college assistant. During his tenure, Auburn had a combined record of 46-20-2, including a perfect 11-0 season in 1993.

Born on July 10, 1954 in Birmingham, AL, he is married to the former Linda Joan White, who he first met when the two were in school together at Morgantown (WV) High School. The couple has two children, Ryan (25), a 2004 Clemson graduate and 2007 law school graduate of Regent University, and Lauren (22), a 2007 graduate of Clemson, who is an elementary school teacher.
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Playing Experience
Three-year letterman and two-year starter on the offensive line at Missouri-Rolla (1973-75).

Education
B.A. degree in science education from South Florida in 1979...M.S. in athletic administration from Florida State in 1984

Coaching Experience
Assistant coach at DeSoto County High in Arcadia, FL (1979)...assistant coach at Hardree County High in Wauchula, FL (1980)...graduate assistant coach at The Citadel (1981)...head coach at DeSoto County High in Arcadia, FL (1982)...graduate assistant coach at Florida State (1983-84)...receivers, assistant coordinator/tight ends at Florida State (1985-89)...offensive coordinator/linebacker at Florida State (1990-93)...head coach at South Carolina (1994-98)...assistant head coach/tight ends at Clemson (1999-00)...assistant head coach/offensive coordinator/tight ends at Clemson (December 2000-06)...assistant coach/offensive line at Clemson (2001-06)

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1983 Peach Bowl...1984 Citrus Bowl...1985 Gator Bowl. 1986 All-American Bowl...1987 Fiesta Bowl...1988 Sugar Bowl...1990 Fiesta Bowl...1990 Blockbuster Bowl...1992 Cotton Bowl...1993 Orange Bowl...1994 Orange Bowl...1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl

Bowls as a Head Coach
1995 Carquest Bowl.

Personal Data
Born September 30, 1954 in Arcadia, FL...married to Darly...the couple has two sons (Jeff 26, John 23).

Scott Highlights
In his first season at South Carolina in 1994, he led the Gamecocks to their first postseason bowl win in school history in the Carquest Bowl...with the Seminoles, they were 10-0-1 in bowl games...with the win at the Carquest Bowl, Scott never tasted a bowl defeat in his first 12 bowl games as a coach. Florida State had a 44-6 (.880) record with Scott as offensive coordinator, which was the most wins by a Division I program during those four years...Florida State also claimed the 1993 national title with Scott running the offense and finished no lower than fourth in the nation in a season...coached Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward...two of his five Seminoles recruiting classes were ranked #1 in the nation (1985-89)...the 2000 Tiger offense set 31 records, including total offense and touchdowns...as offensive coordinator in 2001, he directed Woodrow Dantzy and to the first 2,000-1,000 passing-rushing season in NCAA Division I history...coordinated two of the top four offenses in Tiger history (2001-03)...coached three All-ACC offensive linemen in 2006, including first-teamers Nathan Bennett and Barry Richardson...his son Jeff was the Tigers' holder for three years and is now an assistant coach at Prostetary...his other son John graduate...from Harvard, where he lettered in football and track, in 2006, and is now in medical school at Vanderbilt.

Playing Experience

Bowl Participation as a Player
1982 Independence Bowl.

Education
B.S. degree in communications from Kansas State in 1982...M.A. degree in athletic administration from Memphis in 1989.

Coaching Experience
Graduate assistant/defensive secondary coach at Memphis (1988-90)...defensive backs coach at Memphis (1991-96)...defensive coordinator in sacks in pass defense...head coach at Wyoming (2000-02)...defensive coordinator at Troy (2003-04)...defensive coordinator/defensive backs at Clemson (2005-06)

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2004 Silicon Valley Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born February 26, 1960 in Owooshi, OK...married to Tracey...the couple has four children (Kimberly 27, Brady 11, Camden 7, Jackson 6).

Koenning Highlights
In his first year as the defensive backs coach at Memphis in 1991, he helped lead the Tigers to a 24-10 upset of #14 Southern California in the Los Angeles Coliseum...his second season with the program saw Memphis defense finish third in the nation in total defense and 15th in scoring defense...as the defensive coordinator at Wyoming in 1997, the Cowboys were second in the nation in sacks, ninth in pass defense, 17th in scoring defense, and 23rd in total defense; that defense also had a school-record and national-best 24 takeaways...head coach at Wyoming from 2000-02...coached 10 Cowboys who earned first-team all-conference honors...as the defensive coordinator at Troy in 2003, his unit was sixth in the nation in turnovers forced...in 2004, the Trojans forced 32 turnovers to tie second in the nation behind National Champion Southern California...the Trojans limited 2004 sixth in the nation in pass efficiency defense, eighth in rushing defense, and 10th in scoring defense, the Trojan defense also led the nation in interceptions with 25. Troy finished ninth in the nation in fewest yards per play allowed and 16th in the nation in total defense (311.0)...of the 12 teams Troy faced in 2004, 11 failed to reach their scoring average for the course of the season...two Troy defenders were in the top 15 in the nation in interceptions (Johnny Faulk, Derrick Amiley)...his defense featured standout defensive lineman DeMarcus Ware, who was eighth in the nation in sacks and 13th in tackles for loss...his 2005 Clemson defense was 20th in the nation in total defense and 11th in scoring defense...has coached a first-round draft pick each of the last three seasons.

Playing Experience
Played tight end at Iona (1978-81).

Education
B.A. degree in social work from Iona in 1981...M.S. degree in education from Iona in 1990.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2001 Motor City Bowl...2002 Motor City Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born October 10, 1958 in Mistletoe, DE...married to Susan...the couple has two daughters (Samantha 15, Sydney Rae 13).

Spence Highlights
As offensive coordinator at Hofstra in 1990, he helped it to a 12-1 record and #3 final ranking...coached quarterbacks at Holy Cross in 1991, helping it to an 11-3 record and #9 national ranking...as an assistant coach at Maryland from 1992-96, he helped set 70 offensive school records...offensive coordinator at Hofstra from 1997-99...his 1998 offense averaged 38.7 points and was ninth in the nation in total offense...Hofstra averaged 34 points per game in 1999, and finished with an 11-2 record and #5 national ranking...spent one year as the offensive coordinator at Louisiana Tech...in his first year as offensive coordinator at Toledo in 2001, his offense was in the top 16 in the nation in scoring, total offense, and rushing...his 2002 offense was fifth in the nation with an average of 47.9 yards and 35.4 points per game...the Rockets were in the top 30 in the nation in rushing and passing in 2002...in 2003, Toledo was 11th in the nation in total offense and sixth in passing efficiency...Bruce Gradkowski was second in the nation in completion percentage (71.2) in 2004, Toledo was one of only four offenses in the nation to record at least 2,000 yards rushing and 3,000 yards passing...the 2004 team averaged 474.1 yards and 35.2 points per game in a regular season that included a MAC title...led the Tigers to a school-record 65.8 completion percentage in 2005...in his first year at Clemson, the offense improved 89 yards a game from 2004, the nation's ninth-best improvement...in 2006, he directed Clemson's offense to 217.8 rushing yards per game, fifth-best in the nation...Scott 2007 TIGER FOOTBALL 2007 TIGER FOOTBALL 2007 TIGER FOOTBALL

Assistant Coaches
Clemson Football
Dabo Swinney

Playing Experience
Lettered three years at Alabama (1990-92)...also a member of the 1988 and 1989 teams...member of the 1992 National Championship team...Academic All-SEC in 1990-92.

Bowl Participation as a Player
1990 Sugar Bowl...1991 Blockbuster Bowl...1991 Fiesta Bowl...1993 Sugar Bowl.

Education
B.S. degree in commerce & business administration from Alabama in 1993...master of business administration from Alabama in 1995.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1994 Gator Bowl...1995 Citrus Bowl...1997 Outback Bowl...1998 Music City Bowl...2000 Orange Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born November 20, 1969 in Birmingham, AL...married to the former Kathleen Bassett...the couple has three sons (Will, Drew 7, Clay 4).

Blackwell Highlights
Began his coaching career at East Carolina, his alma mater, where he coached the rush linebackers between 1993-95; the Pirates earned trips to the Liberty Bowl in two of those seasons...played on the offensive line for East Carolina in the early 1990s...one of his best games came against national power Florida State as a freshman when he graded 85 percent...his playing career was cut short in 1991 by a neck injury...was a student assistant coach at East Carolina in 1992...attended nearby Berea High School in Greenville, SC...an assistant at Illinois State from 1996-99, where he helped lead one of the top turnarounds in NCAA Division I-AA football during that time period...in 1999, Illinois State had a school-best 11-3 record and advanced to the semifinals of the Division I-AA playoffs before losing to eventual national champion Georgia Southern...linebackers coach at Pittsburgh from 2001-03 and was a big reason the Panthers went to a bowl game three straight years...Pittsburgh finished 2002 with a 9-4 record and #18 final ranking in the coaches poll...the season ended on a high note, as the Panthers defeated Oregon State 38-13 in the Insight.com Bowl...in 2002, the Panthers’ point-prevention unit was 12th in the nation in total defense, 14th in scoring defense, 15th in pass efficiency defense, and 24th in rushing defense; Pittsburgh was one of just a few teams in the nation that finished in the top 25 in all four major categories...had a lot to do with Clemson’s improvement in 2003; he coached All-ACC linebacker Leroy Hill, who was second in the nation in tackles for loss; Hill was then named ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year in the 2004 season; Clemson was in the top 10 in the nation in sacks and 11th in pass efficiency defense in 2004...coached linebacker Anthony Waters to a team-high 17 sacks and 15.5 tackles for loss in 2005...his 2005 and 2006 recruiting classes were consensus top 25...has coached nine players who have gone on to sign NFL contracts...his linebackers were instrumental in Clemson finishing 13th in the nation in total defense and 16th in scoring defense in 2006.

Swinney Highlights
Walk-on who went on to earn a scholarship as a wide receiver at Alabama and lettered three times (1990-92)...member of Alabama’s 1992 National Championship team under Gene Stallings...his position coach was Tommy Bowden in 1989 and former Tiger Assistant Coach Woody McConvey from 1990 to 1992...a member of Sugar Bowl teams in 1990 and 1992 that won the SEC Championship...All-SEC Academic team and SEC Scholar Athlete Honor Roll member in both 1990 and 1992...coached four players at Alabama who have played in the NFL including Freddie Milons, Alabama’s all-time leading wideout in terms of receptions...Milons was an All-SEC selection in 1999 under the tutelage of Swinney...a part of six 10+ win seasons and five top-10 finishes at Alabama as a player and coach...coached in a total of five bowl games while at Alabama...highly-regarded recruiter who helped bring in 30 players during his coaching stint at Alabama...after his last season with the Crimson Tide in 2000, he was in private business in Alabama...coached All-ACC receiver Derrick Hamilton in 2003...his wideouts contributed to Clemson’s 3,867 receiving yards in 2003...in 2004, Airese Currie became the first Tiger in 24 years to lead the ACC in receptions per game. Currie had 111 receptions for 608 yards...in 2005, Currie set the school record for receptions in a game (12) against Middle Tennessee...named one of the top-25 recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com in 2005 and was ranked #5 in 2006...coached two-time, First-Team All-ACC wideout Charles Strayhorn...his wideouts were a big reason Clemson set the school record with a 65.8 completion percentage in 1995; first name is pronounced “DA-boh”.

David Blackwell

Playing Experience
Played at East Carolina in 1990 as an offensive lineman.

Education
B.S. degree in exercise science from East Carolina in 1997.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1994 Liberty Bowl...1995 Liberty Bowl...2000 Insight.com Bowl...2001 Tangerine Bowl...2002 Insight.com Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born May 4, 1971 in Greenville, SC...married to the former Melissa Androulko...the couple has a son (D.J. 1).

Billy Napier

Playing Experience
Four-year letterman and two-year starter at quarterback for Furman (1999-02)...two-time All-Southern Conference selection at quarterback.

Education

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2004 Peach Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born July 21, 1979 in Cockeenville, TN...single.
André Powell

**Playing Experience**
Letterman at Indiana in 1986 and 1987. Named Most Improved Player in 1987 as a senior...attended Lees-McRae prior to attending Indiana.

**Bowl Participation as a Player**
1986 All-American Bowl...1988 Peach Bowl.

**Education**
B.S. degree in health, physical education, & recreation from Indiana in 1989.

**Coaching Experience**

**Bowls Seasons as an Assistant Coach**
1988 Liberty Bowl...1996 Gator Bowl...1998 Peach Bowl...1999 Liberty Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Peach Bowl...2004 Continental Tire Bowl.

**Personal Data**
Born September 29, 1966 in Lockhart, SC...married to Joann...the couple has one son (Andre II) and two daughters (Alayna 8, Mikala 6).

Running Backs
1st Season at Clemson
17th Season Overall
Indiana ’89
Born September 29, 1966

Chris Rumph

**Playing Experience**
Lettered four times as a linebacker at South Carolina (1991-94).

**Bowl Participation as a Player**
1995 Gator Bowl.

**Education**
B.S. degree in retail management from South Carolina in 1994.

**Coaching Experience**

**Bowls Seasons as an Assistant Coach**
2003 New Orleans Bowl...2004 GMAC Bowl...2005 Motor City Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

**Personal Data**
Born December 21, 1971 in Orangeburg, SC...married to Kila...the couple has two sons (Christopher 8, Elijah 1).

Ron West

**Playing Experience**
A member of two Gator Bowl teams as a reserve offensive lineman for Clemson in 1977 and 1978.

**Bowl Participation as a Player**
1977 Gator Bowl...1978 Gator Bowl.

**Education**
B.A. degree in industrial education from Clemson in 1979.

**Coaching Experience**

**Bowls Seasons as an Assistant Coach**
1994 Alamo Bowl...1995 Liberty Bowl...1995 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

**Personal Data**
Born February 12, 1957...married to the former Becky Horne...they have a son (Brad 24) and a daughter (Lori 21).

**Powell Highlights**
Played two years at Lees-McRae (1984-85); prior to enrolling as a student at Indiana (1986-87), lead blocker for 1,000-yard rusher Anthony Thompson in 1987. Thompson went on to rush for over 6,000 yards...earned Indiana’s Most Improved Player award during his senior season...member of two bowl teams, including the 1986 All-American Bowl and 1988 Peach Bowl...served as a student and graduate assistant coach at Indiana during his first two years after his playing days...spent one season at South Carolina as a graduate assistant coach in 1990...after single years at Army (1991) and Virginia Military (1992), he was running backs coach at Rhode Island for two seasons...returned to Army for a season before spending five seasons as an assistant coach at Virginia (1996-00)...coached NFL players Thomas Jones, Germaine Crowell, Charles Kirby, Pat Washington, and Terrence Wilkins...running backs coach at North Carolina from 2001-06...coached Willie Parker at North Carolina, who went on to win a Super Bowl Championship Ring with the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Ronnie McGill, who finished his career 10th in school history with over 2,300 rushing yards...has significant experience coaching special teams...the Tar Heels were seventh in the nation in kickoff returns in 2005 and second in the ACC in 2006; North Carolina was the only team in the ACC to return a pair of kickoff for touchdowns during both 2005 and 2006.

Rumph Highlights
Four-time letterman at South Carolina (1991-94)...had 32 tackles in nine games in 1992...made his first career start in a win at Clemson in 1992...as a punt-time starter in 1993, he totaled 41 tackles...had 52 tackles in 11 regular-season games as a senior in 1994 under Head Coach Brad Scott...worked as a graduate assistant coach at South Carolina in the spring of 1997...head coach at Calhoun County High School in South Matthews, SC from 1997-01; he also served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks/running backs coach at Calhoun County High...coached one season (2002) at S.C. State, where he worked with defensive backs...coached outside linebackers for three seasons (2003-05) at Memphis under Head Coach Tommy West, who was Clemson’s head coach in the 1990s...helped Memphis to bowl appearances in all three seasons, including bowl victories in 2003 and 2005...Memphis won 24 games in his three seasons...the 2003 Memphis defense was ninth in the nation in total defense...one of his 2005 players (Gootu Tew) was an All-Conference USA selection...the 2003 Tiger team won nine games, including the New Orleans Bowl...the 2004 Memphis team defeated SEC-rival Mississippi for the second straight year...helped the 2005 defense to finish 23rd in the nation in turnover margin and lead the league in rushing yards allowed per game (125.6), the 27th-best mark in the country...two of his 2005 players (Timm Goodwell and Carlton Baker) were the top-two tacklers on the defensive unit, as Goodwell led the team in tackles with 102 and Baker had 88 including a team-best five sacks...coached the defensive line in his first season at Clemson in 2006; his players helped the Tigers finish 13th in the nation in total defense and 18th in rushing defense...uncle of Tiger defensive end Philip Merling and Merling’s position coach.

West Highlights
AllLouisiana-Lafayette (1986-91), his defenses were among the nation’s top 20 in total defense three times...his defense was in the top 25 nationally in at least one defensive category for six straight years...part of the Baylor team that won the 1994 conference title...under his guidance, the offensive line helped the Tulane offense produce almost 4,700 yards and a school-record 375 points in 1997, the offensive line gave up just 11 sacks...in 1998, the offensive line helped Tulane become the only school in the nation to average over 300 yards passing and 200 yards rushing in the regular season...despite the nation’s smallest offensive line, Clemson averaged 403 yards in 1999, set 26 offensive records, and scored 42 touchdowns...transferred to Clemson from Marion Institute, where he was a junior college All-American...coached three-time, First-Team Academic All-American Kyle Young...Clemson was 10th in the nation in rushing in 2000...his defensive line paved the way for Woodrow Duntzler to become the first Division I player in NCAA history to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 in a season...was a common denominator on the offensive staff of three of the top five offenses in Tiger history...Clemson set over 150 records on offense the five years West was on the offensive staff...moved from the offensive line to the defensive line in 2004...helped Clemson to an ACC-best 42 sacks in 2004...coached defensive end Gaines Adams, a unanimous first-team All-American in 2006 and the #4 overall pick of the 2007 NFL draft.
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Clemson's Memorial Stadium has been held in high esteem for many years. Whether it be players from the 1940s and 1950s, opposing players from the 1970s and 1980s, or even professional players in the 1990s, the ambiance of this special setting is what college football is all about.

The storied edifice added to its legend when the first meeting of father and son head coaches (Bowden Bowl I) took place before a sellout crowd of more than 86,000 fans in 1999. Clemson has been in the top 20 in the nation in attendance 26 straight seasons. A crowd has exceeded 80,000 fans 46 times since the 1983 season. In 2006, Clemson was #14 in the nation in average home attendance with its 81,506 average, more than 100 percent of Memorial Stadium's capacity.

The facility's mystique is derived from its many traditions, which date to its opening in 1942, the legendary games and players, and Clemson's corresponding rate of success. Clemson has won 235 games in 65 years there and has won over 71 percent of the contests (235-92-7).

The stadium has definitely been good to the Tigers, but the stadium was constructed against the advice of at least one Clemson coach. Just before Head Coach Jess Neely left for Rice 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 YMCA. 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, as 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, Memorial Stadium opened with Clemson defeating Presbyterian 32-13. Those 20,000 seats installed for Opening Day would soon grow.

When the original part of the stadium was built in the early 1940s, 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 problems. One day during the clearing of the land, one young 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, the boy was swollen twice his size and was hospitalized.

There are many other stories about the stadium, including one that Frank Howard put a chew of
tobacco in each corner as the concrete poured. Howard said that the seeding of the grass caused a few problems. "About 40 people and I laid sod on the field," he said. "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 weeks’ 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 said that on the day of the first game in the stadium, "the gates were hung at 1:00 and we played at 2:00." But that would be all of the construction for a while. Then in 1958, 18,000 sideline seats were added, and in 1960, 5,658 west endzone seats were added in response to increasing attendance. With the large endzone, "Green Grass" section, the expansion increased capacity to 53,000.

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

In 2006, the WestZone was added, an area that contains locker rooms and a luxury club level that holds 1,000 seats.

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

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

In 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.

### Top Death Valley Crowds

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What has been described as, "the most exciting 25 seconds in college football from a color and pageantry standpoint," actually started out as a matter-of-fact entrance, mainly because of necessity.

The first 20,000 seats in Memorial Stadium were built and ready for use before the 1942 season, less than a year after Pearl Harbor was bombed and the United States was drawn into World War II.

The shortest entry into the stadium was a short walk down Williamson Road from Fike Fieldhouse's dressing rooms to a gate at the top of the Hill, which is located behind the east endzone. There were no dressing facilities in the west endzone - there was only a big clock where the hands turned and a scoreboard, which was operated by hand.

The team would dress at Fike, walk down Williamson Road, come in the gate underneath where the scoreboard now stands, and jog down the Hill for its warm-up exercises. There was no fanfare, no cannon shot fired, no Tiger Paw flag, no Tiger Rag played...just the team making its entrance and lining up to do the side-straddle hop.

That is pretty much the way things went for the next 25 years.

Either in 1964 or 1965, S.C. Jones, a member of the class of 1919, made a trip to California. He stopped at a spot in Death Valley, CA and picked up this white flint rock. He presented it to Head Coach Frank Howard as being from Death Valley, California to Death Valley, South Carolina."

The rock laid on the floor in Howard's office in Fike Fieldhouse for years. One day, he was cleaning up his office and told Gene Willimon, who was executive secretary of IPTAY, to "take this rock and throw it over the fence, or out in the ditch...do something with it, but get it out of my office!"

Willimon did not think that was the way a rock should be treated. After all, it had been brought 3,000 miles by a very sincere Clemson fan.

By the mid-1960s, Memorial Stadium was living up to its moniker ("Death Valley") because of the number of victories that had been recorded there. Actually, the name was first used by Lonnie McMillan, head coach at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC in the 1940s.

McMillan and the other Blue Hose coaches before him used to open each season by playing at Clemson. Seldom scoring (24 shutouts in 39 games), and with only three victories and four ties to show for it, his teams were getting "killed" by the Tigers regularly. In 1948, McMillan made the comment to the press that he was taking his team to play Clemson in "Death Valley."

An occasional reference to Memorial Stadium by that name could be heard for the next four years, but when Howard started calling it "Death Valley" in the 1950s, the name took off like wildfire. Tigers also celebrated the 60th year in the "Valley."

By 1964, the scoreboard was replaced with a modern milky-white one and a smaller version moved to the northwest corner of the stadium. That fall, Dish users got their first glimpse of "the Rock" during a Tiger football game.

The Rock, as it has now come to be known, is 17 inches high and 26 inches wide. It is a big, exciting rock.
But getting back to Howard's Rock. The rock was mounted on a pedestal at the top of the Hill on the east side of the stadium. It was unveiled September 24, 1966 when Clemson played Virginia. The Tigers were down 18 points with 17 minutes remaining and came back to win (40-35) on a 65-yard pass play from Jimmy Addison to Jacky Jackson in the fourth quarter. That was quite a spectacular debut for that rock.

The team members started rubbing the rock prior to running down the Hill on September 23, 1967, a day when Clemson defeated Wake Forest by a score of 23-6.

Prior to running down the Hill that day, Howard told his players, "If you're going to give me 110 percent, you can rub that rock. If you're not, keep your filthy hands off it."

Howard told of the incident the next day on his Sunday television show, and the story became legend.

When Hootie Ingram succeeded Howard as head coach prior to the 1970 season, Ingram decided that the team would make its final entrance on the field out of the dressing room in the west endzone. In all home games in 1970 and 1971, and the first four games of 1972 when the Tigers did not run down the Hill, their combined record was 6-9. The team decided it wanted to come down the Hill once prior to the South Carolina game in 1972. The result, in a cold, freezing rain, was a 7-6 victory when Jimmy Williamson knocked down a two-point conversion attempt, which preserved the win.

The Tigers have made the entrance for every home game since 1942, except for the seasons mentioned above - 319 times heading into the 2007 season.

After final warmups, the team goes back into its dressing room under the west endzone stands for final game instructions. About 10 minutes before kickoff, the team boards two buses, rides around behind the north stands to the east endzone, and disembarks to the top of the Hill behind Howard's Rock.

At the appointed time, the cannon booms, and led by a giant Tiger Paw flag, the band forms two lines for the team to run between and strikes up "Tiger Rag"...the frenzy starts in all sincerity and usually lasts for three hours.

It is a tradition that has inspired Clemson players for many years.

"The Rock has strange powers. When you rub it, and run down the Hill, the adrenaline flows. It's the most emotional experience I've ever had..."

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**Tye Hill**

2006 First-Round Draft Pick  
Saint Louis Rams

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**Gaines Adams**

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Demon Deacons

School Information
Location: Winston-Salem, NC
Enrollment: 4,321
Nickname: Demon Deacons
Colors: Old Gold & Black
Conference: Atlantic Coast
Home Field (Capacity): Groves Stadium (31,500)
President: Dr. Nathan O. Hatch
Athletic Director: Ron Wellman
First Year of Football: 1888
Athletic Website: WakeForestSports.com

Coaching Staff
Head Coach: Jim Grobe (Virginia '75)
Record at School: Entering 2007 (Seasons): 37-35 (6)
Career Record: Entering 2007 (Seasons): 70-63-1 (12)
Assistant Coach Position(s):
Billy Mitchell AHC, RB, N. Carolina '72
Dean Hood DC, DB, Ohio Wesleyan '86
Steed Lobotzke OC, OL, Air Force '92
Ray McCarty RC, DT, Guilford '80
Tim Billings WR, Southeast Oklahoma State '80
Tom Elrod FB, TE, Wake Forest '97
Keith Henry DE, Catawba '89
Brad Lambert LB, Kansas State '87
Jeff Mullen QB, Wittenberg '90

Team Information
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 46/18
Starters Returning/Lost: 15/9

#27 Josh Adams
RB • Fr.
Cary, NC

#3 Micah Andrews
RB • Sr.
Owens, NC

#43 Stanley Arnoux
LB • Jr.
Sunnyside, FL

#67 Trey Bailey
C • Jr.
Duncan, SC

#76 Joe Birdsong
OT • So.
Nashville, TN

#4 Demir Boldin
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Pahokee, FL

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Belknap, NC

#88 Chip Brinkman
WR • Sr.
Belleair, FL

#18 De'Angelo Bryant
RB • Sr.
New Ellenton, SC

#59 Aaron Curry
LB • Jr.
Fayetteville, NC

#70 Chris DeGeare
OG • Jr.
Kernersville, NC

#78 Louis Frazier
OT • Sr.
Clearwater, FL

#7 Alex Frye
S • Fr.
Fayetteville, NC

#17 Brandon Ghee
CB • So.
Fayetteville, NC

#64 Jeff Griffin
OT • So.
Jacksonville, FL

#23 Kevin Harris
RB/P • So.
Sanford, FL
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### #95 Zach Stukes, DL

#### Wake Forest Electrical Roster

- Russell, John: DT, 6-3, 250 lbs, So.
- Simmons, Mike: LB, 6-1, 219 lbs, Jr.
- Swank, Sam: P/K, 6-2, 206 lbs, Jr.
- Tereshinski, John: TE, 6-3, 240 lbs, Sr.
- Thompson, Jeremy: DE, 6-5, 264 lbs, Sr.
- Tomlin, Teddy: DT, 6-3, 268 lbs, Fr.
- Williams, Anthony: RB, 5-11, 203 lbs, So.
- Williams, Jordan: WR, 6-3, 180 lbs, Fr.
- Williams, Marcus: CB, 6-5, 186 lbs, Fr.
- Wilson, Antonio: DE, 6-1, 255 lbs, Jr.
- Wissing, Geoff: WR, 6-6, 198 lbs, So.
- Woodlief, Matt: LB, 5-11, 254 lbs, Fr.
- Wooster, Ben: TE, 6-5, 226 lbs, So.
- Wright, Andrew: WR, 6-3, 192 lbs, Jr.

* has spent one season as a red-shirt player
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Where the Blue Ridge yawns its greatness
Where the Tigers play
Here the sons of dear old Clemson
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Chorus
Dear old Clemson, we will triumph
And with all our might
That the Tigers' roar may echo
O'er the mountain height.
Our IPTAY representatives are selected as volunteers to work on a local level to keep in touch with our current donors and solicit new members to support the scholarship fund of Clemson's student-athletes. The tremendous success of IPTAY is due in large part to the organizational makeup of our representative program, which allows all donors to be close to IPTAY, as they are to their local representatives.

As ambassadors for Tiger athletics and IPTAY, IPTAY representatives are vital to the growth of our organization as we continue to develop into a full-service fundraising organization. Our representatives are your connection to IPTAY and Tiger athletics. We ask you to get to know your representative and utilize him/her as a resource to serve you.

We thank all 600 of our IPTAY representatives who have participated in helping us achieve our essential fundraising goals. Go Tigers!

Jason Wilson, IPTAY Assistant Director

IPTAY has over 21,000 donors, which includes 16,000 IPTAY members and over 5,000 Cubs. Collegiate Club members who continue Fike's mission of providing annual scholarships for student-athletes, paying IPTAY’s operating expenses, and maintaining an adequate reserve fund deemed appropriate by the IPTAY Board of Directors. The contributions ensure all 19 sports annually obtain the maximum scholarships offered by the NCAA.

Even though the mission of IPTAY set forth in 1934 remains the same, its scope has grown tremendously over the years. It not only provides annual athletic scholarships, but it has also provided over 1,600 academic scholarships and raised over $3.5 million through the IPTAY Academic Scholarship Endowment, which was established in 1982.

IPTAY has been the key in building and maintaining the outstanding facilities essential for Clemson to remain one of the top intercollegiate programs in the country. IPTAY has played a critical role in various construction projects and renovations throughout the athletic department. In addition to fulfilling the mission of raising funds for scholarships, IPTAY has played a vital role in providing a wide variety of amenities enjoyed by all students.

IPTAY is considered by many to be the father of athletic fundraising. It was the first organization in the nation to build and fund an academic support facility solely for educational support of student-athletes. Vickery Hall opened in 1991 and has established itself as a nationally-recognized program for student-athlete support.

The IPTAY Collegiate Club was started in 1997 solely designed for the college student as a scion of the IPTAY organization. The IPTAY representative program went online in 2004 with IPTAYReps.com, which allows representatives to electronically keep track of the donors they represent.

Operating under the guidance of its board of directors and the leadership of the athletic department's external affairs division, IPTAY continuously receives the annual support of our donors. Some changes in recent years include the addition of the Tiger Club Cub, CATS (Clemson Active Teen Support), and the Collegiate Club, an update in its database technology, and the addition of two new levels to IPTAY membership, the Howard ($20,000) and the McFadden ($5,000) levels of giving.

IPTAY introduced the endowment of positions program under former Executive Director George Bennett. IPTAY implemented the endowment of positions program in April, 1994 at the 65th birthday celebration for former Tiger Coach Frank Howard. The first endowment honored Howard, who coached at Clemson for 39 years and established much of the Tiger football's storied tradition.

The Heisman Scholarship Level, established during the 2005 campaign, is the highest annual donation level. Bert Henderson, executive director of IPTAY, set a goal to recreate Fike’s 1934 vision of having 100 people come forward giving $10 annually. The 100-charter-member goal for the $10,000 donation level was not only reached, but surpassed thanks to the generous support of our donors.

Today, the organization continues its missions established over 70 years ago to provide annual scholarships for Clemson’s student-athletes. Under the department of external affairs, IPTAY will expand its organizational service to move toward a broader scope of full-service. This will include capital gifts, improved marketing plans, estate planning, and increasing our membership through our IPTAY representative program.

For more information on IPTAY or determining other ways to contribute, please call the IPTAY Office at (864) 656-2115 or log on to ClemsonTigers.com.

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The IPTAY Scholarship Foundation, founded in 1934, was the first scholarship fundraising organization in college athletics. Its roots trace back to October 16, 1931 following a surprising 6-0 football loss to The Citadel. After the game, Captains Frank Jervey, Pete Heffner, Head Coach Jess Neely, and Assistant Coach Joe Davis met in a car outside the stadium in Florence, SC to discuss various ways Clemson could establish its football program to a competitive status.

Shortly after the meeting, Dr. Rupert Fike offered his help after corresponding with Jervey. Neely believed he could run a successful football team if he was provided a $10,000-a-year increase in scholarships. Jervey originally called for members to pay $30 a year, but Fike recommended a smaller amount, which he believed would lead to more members. Fike charged 100 people to step forward and pay $10 a year to the organization, which is where the name IPTAY originated (I Pay Ten A Year).

The purpose of IPTAY is “to provide annual financial scholarship support to the athletic department and to assist in every way possible to regain the high athletic prestige which rightfully belongs to Clemson.”

In 1934, the first year of IPTAY, a little over $1,600 was raised. Some donors negotiated payments in the form of bartering because of the Great Depression. Milk, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, and other foods were accepted in an attempt to build a solid membership base.

However, the hard work of Fike and his colleagues began to pay off in 1939 as the Tigers went to their first bowl game, the 1940 Cotton Bowl, where they defeated Boston College 6-3 and finished the season in the AP Top-25 poll for the first time in school history. Coincidentally, IPTAY reached Neely's $10,000 goal for the first time in 1939.
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Graduate Assistants
Clemson Football

Andy Ford
Graduate Assistant Coach (Defense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant coach who will work with the defense.


Coaching Experience: Defensive backs coach at Sumter (SC) High...assistant coach at Beaufort (SC) High...defensive coordinator at East Chapel Hill (NC) High...defensive backs coach at Cary (NC) High...graduate assistant coach (defense) at Clemson in 2005-06.

Education: Earned a degree in business management from Clemson in 1998.

Personal: Born February 3, 1975 in Seoul, Korea...twin brother Peter also lettered for the Tigers (1993-96) at cornerback. Married to the former Marjon Grant...son Jamari (8).

Mike Dooley
Graduate Assistant Coach (Offense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant coach who will work with the Clemson offense.

Playing Experience: Defensive end at Furman who lettered from 1993-95...missed his senior year due to injury...had a sack against Clemson in 1994...Furman reached the Division I-AA playoffs his senior season. Academic Honor Roll member. Graduate of Stephens County High in Toccoa, GA where he played for four seasons.

Coaching Experience: Assistant coach at Greenville (SC) High from 1998-04; defensive coordinator from 2000-04 and assistant head coach in 2004...during his last three years on the staff, Greenville High posted a 33-4 record, including a 12-1 ledger in 2003...video graduate assistant (defense) at Clemson in 2005-06.

Education: Earned a degree in health & exercise science from Furman in 1998.

Personal: Born May 1, 1975 in Toccoa, GA...single.

Daric Riley
Video Graduate Assistant (Defense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant who will work with the Clemson defense on practice and game video.

Playing Experience: Defensive back and special teams player at Charleston Southern who lettered from 1995-98.

Coaching Experience: Graduate assistant defensive backs coach at Charleston Southern in 1999...defensive backs coach at Fairfield in 2000...quarterbacks coach, defensive backs coach, special teams coach, strength & conditioning coordinator, and junior college recruiting coordinator at Pikeville in 2001-02...defensive backs coach and special teams coach at Newberry in 2003...defensive backs coach and special teams coach at Truman State from 2004-06.

Education: Earned a degree in science & physical education as well as science & psychology from Charleston Southern in 1998.


Ryan Sulkowski
Video Graduate Assistant (Offense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant who will work with the Clemson offense on practice and game video.

Playing Experience: Offensive lineman at Valdosta State who lettered from 1996-98.

Coaching Experience: Graduate assistant coach at Valdosta State from 1998-01...tight ends and running backs coach at Leon-Rhyme in 2001-02...running game coordinator and offensive line coach at Austin Peay in 2002-03...recruiting coordinator and offensive line coach at Chowan in 2003-04...assistant head coach, offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach, running backs coach, and wide receivers coach at Hargrave Military Academy from 2004-06.


Football Support Staff

Donald Hymel
Assistant AD • Football Operations

Donald Hymel is in his ninth season as the Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations. His main responsibility is working with the day-to-day operations of the football program. Some main emphasis areas include working with professional scouts, overseeing the walk-on program, handling coaches clinics and summer camps, team travel, insuring the proper exchange of video between teams, and handling official and unofficial campus visits by recruits.

Hymel came to Clemson after a three-year stint as the assistant equipment manager at Tulane. In 1998, he served as an administrative assistant with the Green Wave program in addition to his duties of assistant equipment manager.

While at Tulane, Hymel (pronounced HEE-mel) also assisted the football program in conducting such activities as the annual coaches’ clinic, alumni golf tournament, summer camp, and kickoff cruise.

Hymel, 44, was the head football equipment manager at Nicholls State before accepting his position at Tulane. He is familiar with the ACC, as he worked as a student assistant in North Carolina’s recruiting office.

Hymel is a 1988 graduate of Louisiana State, where he was a student equipment manager. He also has done postgraduate studies at the U.S. Sports Academy in Mobile, AL.

Andy Johnston
Assistant AD • Football Management

Andy Johnston is in his 11th year as the assistant athletic director for football management. His responsibilities with the team include managing the program’s day-to-day operations. Although this is his 11th year with the football program, he has been involved with the Clemson athletic department for 25 years. From 1983-97, he was the winningest women’s tennis coach in Clemson history.

In those 15 years, Johnston guided his squads to five consecutive ACC titles (1983-87), 12 top-25 finishes, and six NCAA Tournaments. He was named ACC Coach-of-the-Year for the fourth time and Southeast Region Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 1993. Seven players he coached at Clemson were named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary team in 2002.

Johnston had a 254-160 record at Clemson and a career mark of 263-167. He was the coach at Furman in 1982 before coming to Clemson. His best season at Clemson was his rookie year when the team had a 30-5 record and finished 67 in the rankings. That team won all nine flights of the ACC Tourney, the only tennis team in Tiger history to do that.

He coached three pro ladies, Tiger Gigi Fernandez, who was inducted into the Clemson Hall of Fame in 2005.

Johnston played for the Tigers on the hardcourt and earned his degree in administrative management in 1979. He then served as the assistant men’s tennis coach for the 1980 season before moving on to Furman.

Johnston, 50, is a native of Summerville, SC. He is married to the former Sophie Woons and has two daughters, Caylynn (20) and Kiera (11).

Andy Johnston and wife Sophie

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The Clemson Tiger Sports Network supplies Tiger fans with a full day of broadcast each football Saturday. Each broadcast day has three programs, "Tiger Tailgate Show," "Game Day Broadcast," and the "Fifth Quarter Show." A tradition since the 1970s, the "Tiger Tailgate Show" is a two-hour entertainment and interactive program. It is produced on the lawn of Littlejohn Coliseum (at the corner) closest to Memorial Stadium.

The program begins three hours prior to kickoff. Marsha Byers, Duane Evans, Ben Milstead, Don Munson, Ralph Phillips, and Whitney Wallers will host the show. It is the gathering place on gameday. Interviews with former players, games, display items, and excitement are all part of the show.

The game broadcast is anchored by Pete Yanity. The sports director at WSPA-TV (Ch. 7) in Spartanburg, SC since 1990. sideline work on the Panthers' preseason television network, and play-by-play and color analysis on selected games on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast.

* 1985 graduate of Ohio
* Married to wife Kelly. The couple has two children, Paige and Trey.

Will Merritt

Color Commentator
* In his sixth year and third as color commentator.
* Worked the pregame and post-game shows in 2002, his first full year out of school.
* Television commentator on tape-delay broadcasts of 2002 games.
* Member of All-ACC Academic team for three seasons.
* 2000 graduate of Clemson.
* Married to wife Melissa. The couple has a daughter, Reagan.

Pat Sapp

Sideline Commentator
* In his sixth year as sideline commentator.
* Employed as a development officer for the Clemson Alumni Association.
* Tallied 2,278 passing yards in 23 games (14 starts) as a quarterback at Clemson from 2002-04.
* Moved to linebacker as a senior in 1995 and had 53 tackles along with nine tackles for loss and a team-high 5.5 sacks.
* Drafted in the second round of the 1996 NFL Draft by the San Diego Chargers.

Pete Yanity

Play-By-Play Announcer
* Named the play-by-play announcer after the sudden passing of Jim Phillips on September 9, 2003. Phillips was the Voice of the Tigers for 36 years.
* In his sixth year with the network. He served as sideline commentator during the 2002 season.
* Other duties include being sports director at WSPA-TV (Spartanburg, SC) since 1990. sideline work on the Panthers' preseason television network, and play-by-play and color analysis on selected games on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast.
* 1985 graduate of Ohio.
* Married to wife Kelly. The couple has two children, Paige and Trey.

Merritt worked on the Clemson radio network pregame and postgame shows during the 2002 season. He also provided color commentary on the television tape-delay broadcasts of selected 2002 games. In 2003, he became the color analyst of the gamenight broadcasts.

Patrick Sapp completes the broadcast team as the sideline commentator. The former Tiger quarterback and linebacker (1992-95) is in his first season as sideline commentator. As a player, he passed for 2,278 yards in three seasons. As a senior, he started on the offensive line, where he totaled 64 tackles and a team-high 5.5 sacks prior to being drafted in the second round of the NFL draft by the Chargers. Sapp is currently a development officer for the Clemson Alumni Association.

As has been the case in the past, the gamenight broadcast begins with the Tommy Bowden Pregame Show. Bowden meets with Sports Information Director Tim Burrell to provide Clemson fans with the latest lineup and strategy information. Yanity and Merritt also provide a last-minute scene-setter that includes the latest lineup and weather information.

After the game, fans can tune into the "Fifth Quarter Show," hosted by Munson and Dan Scott, or attend the show live from Wild Wing Cafe in downtown Greenville, SC. Interviews with Head Coach Bowden along with Assistant Coaches Rob Spence and Vic Koenning are also included. An added feature includes locker room interviews with Clemson's top players that day. A rundown of the game stats and audio highlights are also provided.

Fans can follow the Tigers by listening to "Tiger Calls" each Thursday evening with Bowden and Munson from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The shows will air live from several BI-LO grocery stores in the Clemson area.

The Clemson Tiger Sports Network also produces the Tommy Bowden Television Show, a recap of the previous game's highlights. Yanity serves as the host of this program that gives fans insight into the coaches' decisions during the previous game and takes an up close look at your favorite players.

For more information, contact Robert Gahagan (General Manager) at Clemson Tiger Sports Proprietors, P.O. Box 552, Clemson, SC 29633-0552, or by phone at (864) 654-5544 and via fax at (864) 654-5509.
Clemson Team

Total Offense: 756 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Plays: 95 vs. N.C. State, 10/7/00
Yards Per Play: 9.1 vs. Louisiana Tech, 9/30/06
Rushing Yards: 536 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Rush Attempts: 73 vs. Virginia, 10/21/72
Yards Per Rush: 10.3 vs. Presbyterian, 9/22/45
Rushing Touchdowns: 11 vs. Presbyterian, 9/22/45
Passing Yards: 359 vs. Temple, 10/22/05
Pass Completions: 31 vs. Miami (FL), 9/17/05
Pass Attempts: 55 vs. Miami (FL), 9/17/05
Pass Efficiency: 236 vs. Virginia, 10/8/83
Passing Attempts: 4 vs. Auburn, 11/22/47
First Downs: 4 vs. Texas-El Paso, 10/4/97
Point: 4 vs. Duke, 12/1/01
Points: 4 vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/13/03
Punting Average: 56.6 vs. Wake Forest, 10/29/77
Punts: 13 vs. Furman, 11/21/42
Penalties: 13 vs. Pennscotia N.A.S., 10/13/45
N.C. State: 15 vs. Wake Forest, 11/28/85
Penalty Yards: 15 vs. Wake Forest, 10/17/87
Punt Return Yards: 227 vs. Georgia Tech, 9/26/87
Kickoff Return Yards: 165 vs. Maryland, 11/16/02
Interception Return Yards: 131 vs. Western Carolina, 9/25/82
Interceptions By Defense: 14 vs. Presbyterian, 9/13/53
Fumbles: 12 vs. Furman, 9/7/96
Fumbles Lost: 9 by Presbyterian, 9/18/94
Sacks By Defense: 12 vs. Furman, 9/7/96
Sacks For Loss: 19 vs. N.C. State, 10/24/87
Pass Breakups: 18 vs. The Citadel, 10/4/86

Clemson Individual

Total Offense: 378 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. Florida State, 11/3/01
Rushing Yards: 263 by Raymond Priester vs. Duke, 11/11/95
Rush Attempts: 36 by Ray Yauger vs. Wake Forest, 10/18/99
Passing Yards: 343 by Brandon Streeter vs. Virginia, 9/11/99
Pass Completions: 31 by Charlie Whitehurst vs. Miami (FL), 9/17/05
Pass Attempts: 55 by Charlie Whitehurst vs. Miami (FL), 9/17/05
Completion % (min. 15 att.): 94.1 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. The Citadel, 9/2/00
Pass Efficiency: 247.2 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. The Citadel, 9/2/00
Passing Touchdowns: 4 by Bobby Gage vs. Auburn, 11/22/47
Passing Attempts: 4 by Nealon Greene vs. Texas-El Paso, 10/4/97
Rushing Attempts: 4 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. Duke, 11/1/01
Rushing Yards: 4 by Charlie Whitehurst vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/13/03
Receptions: 12 by Airese Currie vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/13/03
Receiving Yards: 161 by Perry Tuttle vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Receiving Touchdowns: 3 by Dreher Gaskin vs. Auburn, 11/21/53
Receiving Yards: 267 by Tony Horne vs. Florida State, 9/20/97
Punt Return Yards: 126 by Donnell Woolford vs. Georgia Tech, 9/26/87
Kickoff Return Yards: 160 by John Shields vs. Alabama, 10/25/69
Kickoff Return Attempts: 3 by Kil Jackson vs. Wake Forest, 10/30/65
Interceptions: 3 by Brain Dawkins vs. Duke, 11/11/95
Tackles: 24 by Jeff Davis vs. North Carolina, 11/18/80

Opponent Team

Total Offense: 557 by Florida State, 11/3/01
Plays: 99 by South Carolina, 11/23/68
Yards Per Play: 8.6 by Florida State, 11/3/01
Rushing Yards: 409 by N.C. State, 10/25/75
Rush Attempts: 74 by North Carolina, 11/14/70
Yards Per Rush: 7.5 by Texas A&M, 9/3/05
Rushing Touchdowns: 6 by N.C. State, 10/25/75
Passing Yards: 454 by Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Pass Completions: 35 by Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Pass Attempts: 58 by The Citadel, 10/4/86
Passing Touchdowns: 4 by N.C. State, 10/31/98
First Downs: 31 by Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Points: 46 by N.C. State, 10/31/98
Punting Average: 57.3 by The Citadel, 10/4/86
Punts: 15 by Auburn, 11/2/68
Penalties: 16 by Duke, 11/17/87
Penalty Yards: 127 by Georgia, 9/30/67
Punt Return Yards: 150 by Florida State, 9/20/97
Interceptions By Defense: 6 by Auburn, 11/21/53
Fumbles: 9 by Presbyterian, 9/18/94
Fumbles Lost: 6 by Duke, 10/19/68

Opponent Individual

Total Offense: 450 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Rushing Yards: 227 by Ted Brown, N.C. State, 11/2/68
Rush Attempts: 38 by Torin Kirtsey, Georgia, 10/7/95
Passing Yards: 454 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Pass Completions: 35 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Receptions: 14 by Kelly Campbell, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Receiving Yards: 249 by Peter Warrick, Florida State, 9/20/97
All-Purpose Yards: 374 by Peter Warrick, Florida State, 9/20/97
Tackles for Loss: 4 by Ross Bowen, Notre Dame, 11/12/77

Note: Memorial Stadium was first played its home games at Memorial Stadium in 1942.

Linebacker Keith Adams holds the Memorial Stadium record for sacks and tackles for loss. As a sophomore, Adams totaled four sacks and six tackles for loss against Duke on November 6, 1999.
Clemson Memorial Stadium, known to Tiger faithful as "Death Valley," seats more than 81,000 loyal fans. It is located on the western side of the Clemson University campus, while the campus is only a two-hour drive from Atlanta, Charlotte, and Columbia. The beaches of coastal South Carolina are only four hours away, while the awe-inspiring sights of the Blue Ridge Mountains can be viewed just a few miles northwest of Clemson.

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Note: Distances in miles.
This brief NCAA rules education is aimed at outlining basic recruiting rules to help potential Tiger student-athletes and parents better understand the extensive process. Clemson University is committed to recruiting and conducting our athletic program with the highest level of integrity. If you have questions about NCAA rules, please contact Clemson’s compliance services at (864) 656-1580 or through our website at ClemsonTigers.com and click on compliance.

**Important NCAA Terms**

**Academic Credentials** - A prospect should check with his high school guidance office to see if he is taking classes that will meet NCAA eligibility standards. A prospect should do this early - prior to his sophomore year - and keep track of core courses. A prospect will need to take either the ACT or SAT for NCAA certification.

**Contact** - NCAA rules define a contact as a face-to-face interaction with a prospect and/or his parents off Clemson’s campus by a coach. The NCAA sets a contact period for football prospects from late November through the end of January. That is the only time coaches can meet with a prospect away from the Clemson campus.

**Core Courses** - Courses at a prospect’s high school that are considered college preparatory. For the class entering Clemson in 2008, 16 core courses are required, including four in English, three in math, two in science, one additional from English, math, or science, two social sciences, and four additional courses. A high school prospect’s guidance counselor will have a list of the school’s core courses, or you can visit the NCAA Clearinghouse’s website at NCAAclearinghouse.net for more information.

**Dead Period** - Recruiting period when coaches may not have face-to-face contact with prospects on or off campus. Coaches may continue to telephone and write a prospect.

**CUAD Mission Statement**

The Department of Athletics offers nationally prominent athletic programs. Through a dedicated commitment to educational interests, a competitive athletic program, and integrity in all areas, the student-athletes, coaches, and staff strive to bring credit and recognition to Clemson University.

The mission of the Athletic Department is to sponsor a broad-based athletic program that provides educational and athletic opportunities for young men and women to grow, develop, and serve the interests of Clemson University by complementing and enhancing its diversity and quality of life.

Furthermore, the Athletic Department seeks to be a source of pride for the citizens of the State of South Carolina and to be recognized as a nationally prominent program, through consistently high levels of performance and accomplishment in athletic competitions.

The Athletic Department strives to develop student-athletes academically and athletically with the total commitment of its coaches and staff to the success of the student-athletes in the classroom and on the field.

**Evaluation** - In April and May of a prospect’s junior year, coaches will come to a prospect’s high school, and review his athletic and academic credentials with his coach. In the fall, they may watch a prospect compete one time, but they will not have any contact.

**Home Visit** - During the contact period, a senior prospect may invite college coaches to his home to meet his parents, and to talk in detail about the football program and academic offerings at any college the prospect is considering.

**Receiving Mail** - Prior to September 1 of a prospect’s junior year, NCAA rules allow Clemson to mail a questionnaire, NCAA educational information, and a summer-camp brochure to a prospect. After September 1 of the prospect’s junior year, coaches can provide a prospect with personalized letters, a media guide, and copies of newspaper articles. A prospect can receive a football game program when he visits the Clemson University campus.

**Recruiting** - A term used to describe the process of acquiring a prospect with a college and the coaches of that college, who are striving to learn more about a prospect. Only coaches can recruit - no one else is permitted to persuade a prospect to play sports at a particular college.

**Prospect** - Any student who has entered the ninth grade. Once a person becomes a prospect, NCAA rules define how college coaches can interact with that prospect.

**Standardized Test** - A prospect must take the SAT or ACT before enrolling in college full-time. A prospect may take the SAT or ACT more than once and use the best sub-score from different tests to achieve the highest score. Both Clemson and the NCAA Clearinghouse require scores to be reported directly from the testing agency. When registering for the test, list the Clearinghouse Code (9999) and Clemson (5111 SAT, 3842 ACT). Clemson University requirements require students to present either an SAT or ACT writing score. The writing score will not be used to determine a prospect’s qualifying status.

**Telephone** - Clemson football coaches can call a prospect once in May of the prospect’s junior year. After September 1 of a prospect’s senior year, a coach can call a prospect once a week. A prospect can expect unlimited calls during the contact period, before his official visit and once the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent.
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Vickery Hall is a $3-million structure that is as impressive aesthetically as any of the other Clemson University facilities. The importance of Vickery Hall to the Clemson athletic department is not found in the structure itself, but in the many programs that the building houses.

Vickery Hall opened in the fall of 1991 and was the first facility in the country constructed solely for the all-around academic support of student-athletes. The two-story, 27,000 square-foot building is open all day and into the evening hours to accommodate student-athletes' extended schedules. It is a vital reason why the number of student-athletes on the ACC and Clemson Academic Honor Rolls has continued to grow since its opening.

Our programs are dedicated to providing a holistic, educational experience by inspiring an environment of respect, integrity, and excellence. Through our services, we guide and encourage each individual to reach his or her full potential as a student, as an athlete, and as a citizen.

**Vickery Hall Values**

We believe that you can win ACC and National Championships with men and women who strive for academic and athletic excellence, and who share values of honesty, open communication, fairness, balance in their personal life, integrity, life-long learning, accountability, and commitment.

**Vickery Hall Staff Members:**

- are honest in their dealings with athletes, coaches, parents and administrators.
- are technically sound in their approach to advising.
- are committed to developing expertise that is recognized nationally.
- are committed to helping each other meet the challenges of motivating student-athletes toward their best academic efforts.
- are known for treating athletes consistently and with care for their future.
- are chosen for Clemson and demonstrate a commitment to decision-making that is in the best interest of Clemson.
- are committed to retention, graduation, and life-long connection for student-athletes.

- understand that they are expected to perform at their highest level in the classroom and on the playing field.
- understand that they are obligated to follow rules, train for championships, and receive their undergraduate degrees.
- realize that in exchange for their participation in intercollegiate athletics, they receive a college education, a network of support, and life-long relationships.

**Vickery Hall Facts**

- Named in honor of Dean Kenneth Vickery, longtime Clemson faculty athletic representative
- Located in the heart of Clemson’s campus
- Built around the five CHAMPS commitments: academic, athletic, personal growth, community service, and career development
- Employs four learning specialists
- Offers both wired and wireless internet connections
- Recipient of Division I Athletic Director Award of Excellence
- Employs a staff of 14 full-time employees, all with at least a master’s degree in counseling or education
- Experience of the staff in academic advising exceeds a combined 70 years
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Funds for the WestZone have come from private donations, the assistance of IPTAY, existing athletic department funds, and the issue of state bonds. Completing the WestZone Initiative will have a profound effect on Clemson recruiting efforts and the overall quality of the Tiger athletic program.

The initial construction of the WestZone added approximately 142,000 square feet to the stadium on four levels, and finishing it will add approximately 50,000 square feet of new space and reconfigure approximately 12,000 square feet of existing space.

The strength & conditioning area will be located in the southwest corner of the WestZone. Concrete retaining walls have been installed on the south and west sides of this area during Phase I. This area will consist of an open floor space on level-one with a mezzanine level on the west end of the open room.

"The footprint for the football strength & conditioning facility is already there in the WestZone building," said Clemson Associate Athletic Director Robert Ricketts. "We're just completing the facility."

The equipment room will be expanded to include, among other items, new offices and a new laundry room. When completed, the expanded equipment room and storage will occupy about 6,000 square feet of space.

The football staff offices and meeting rooms will be composed of approximately 4,000 square feet of existing space and 18,000 square feet of new space. The new space will be built on the outside of the WestZone building facing Lot 5.

The work will include offices for the head coach, assistant coaches, and support staff along with position meeting rooms and a 150-seat auditorium with a sloped floor and theater seating. A portion of the existing recruiting room will be used for the new offices and meeting rooms, requiring the existing recruiting area to be expanded to the north.

The training room, located on the north side of the home team's locker room, will be expanded to include a new hydrotherapy room, new offices, and examination rooms. The training room will occupy about 6,200 square feet of space.

The level-three concourse will be expanded with the addition of the football offices. This space, the roof of the new football offices, will be utilized for gameday marketing activities and to provide fans additional space to gather inside the stadium.

Clemson is committed to building a model sports program - one that propels our university into achieving and maintaining national athletic rankings that rival our competitors. The WestZone Project is a major step forward in building a total sports program.

When the WestZone is completed, Clemson will be able to recruit and nurture top-quality student-athletes, attract and retain outstanding coaches and staff, provide recruits and fans outstanding facilities, and promote Clemson school spirit.

Athletic Director Dr. Terry Don Phillips has made the completion of the WestZone a top priority for athletics, and he acknowledges the challenge in finishing the project. "We have a lot of work to do," he said. "But this is one of the universities in America that can get it done."

To be a consistent contender at the highest level of competition, Clemson must recruit the best student-athletes in the nation - student-athletes who can compete both academically and athletically. The nation's best recruits are impressed by superior facilities, top coaches, and a strong sense of excitement along with school spirit. They desire an environment in which they will have a positive, nurturing experience.

"It is not a coincidence that the quality of our recruiting classes has improved dramatically since we began moving dirt and pouring mortar in the west endzone of Memorial Stadium," said Head Coach Tommy Bowden.

Coaching is the most critical component of such an environment. An outstanding coach can sometimes transform meager resources into a good program, but the greatest success comes when top-quality coaching combined with top-quality facilities allows that coach to recruit successfully on a consistent and continuing basis.

James Davis, 2005 ACC Rookie-of-the-Year, said that one of the biggest contributing factors in coming to Clemson was the University's commitment to upgrading facilities. "Does Clemson want to be a championship program?" asked Davis when considering Clemson. "The WestZone initiative showed me that it does."

Building success requires building for success. While the WestZone is located in Memorial Stadium, the completed project will provide resources for Clemson's total sports program, permitting all Tiger teams and athletes to compete with the nation's best. Moving all football operations to the WestZone will open up space in the Jervey and McFadden buildings for the other 18 sports to improve their facilities for recruiting, and have more office, training, conditioning, and sports medicine space. This will greatly enhance the overall performance, both on and off the field of competition, for all 19 Clemson sports.

Jay Cutrer, Clemson men's swimming & diving two-time team captain, said, "With the football program's move to the WestZone, the Jervey weightroom will be completely devoted to Olympic sports, providing a recruiting advantage that few schools will be able to match. These sports will be able to expand into the McFadden building, providing considerably more room for the staff and coaches of every team. These may seem like minor benefits, but these things can be the small changes that help make the difference in all of our teams winning more conference championships."

Tommy Bowden on WestZone

"This is the first time we have had three top-20 recruiting classes in a row. As I have mentioned several times, I don't think it is a coincidence that those high rankings started when we started the WestZone project, it is a very impressive building."

"Now that we have tangible evidence, I think there is no doubt that that is the correlation. Yes, we have beaten the Miamis, the Florida States, the Tennessees, gone to bowl games, and done some of those things."

"Our graduation rates have been a piece of the puzzle when parents come on campus and they see our success."

"If you look at the one common denominator that is the most influential and impressive, it's the WestZone project. In convincing players that Clemson is giving more than a verbal pledge to a championship-type team, the WestZone is the tangible evidence, not just the verbal."
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One of the most important facilities on the Clemson athletic landscape is the strength & conditioning facility. Located in Jervey Athletic Center, it has continued to keep up with one of the most progressive areas in college sports. Director of Strength & Conditioning Joey Batson, who is in his 11th year, makes sure Clemson student-athletes in all sports are ready for competition.

In the summer of 2004, he oversaw a third major facility enhancement. When he came to Clemson, the facility covered 11,000 square feet. It has continued to grow and now covers nearly 15,000 square feet. It is one of the most modern all-around facilities in the country.

The following improvements were made:
- State-of-the-art sound system
- Eight flat-screen plasma televisions
- State-of-the-art ventilation system
- New lighting system
- 10 new multi-functional Clemson power racks
- Mondo-rubber flooring throughout entire weight room
- New orange upholstery on all weightlifting equipment
- New paint on surrounding walls and columns
- Carpeting in entrances and offices
- Front entrance drop ceiling
- Metal overlay for awards displays
- Reconstruction of entryway walls
- Two computerized message displays
- NewAddresses the etched-glass doors, he is greeted by nearly $700,000 worth state-of-the-art equipment.

The 10 plasma televisions are positioned throughout the facility and are used for training and instruction, as strength coaches film athletes and work with them on their form.

Clemson has a staff of five full-time strength coaches along with four graduate assistant coaches, and numerous student assistant coaches who ensure a Tiger football player receives as much individual attention as possible. Training programs are position specific, and are designed to meet the specific needs of each student-athlete.

Batson is one of the most highly-regarded strength coaches in the country. In his 10 years directing the program, he has coached 14 strength All-Americans. He is a major reason the Clemson football program has been to a bowl game in eight of his 10 years. Also, nine of his former assistant strength coaches at Clemson are now strength training directors at NFL or college programs.

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Any musician will say that life on the road is tough. The long bus rides, the fast food, and the strange hotels can take a toll on the most-seasoned performers. But students in Tiger Band know the routine. And these musical road warriors are eager to take their show on the road.

Why, you might ask? "Because it's fun," said senior biological science major and clarinetist Laura Middleton. "And it's something that most Clemson students don't get to experience."

However, rules must be followed in order for a road trip to go off without a glitch. "Moving the band is similar to moving an army," said Dr. Mark Spede, director of bands. "It takes lots of planning to get six buses, nearly 500 people, instruments, uniforms, and other band equipment from place to place. The only way that happens is by following the rules of the road."

Tiger Band Road Rule #1 • Be on Time

Starting late can throw off the entire schedule. "It's critical to stay on schedule, since it's impossible to predict what will happen once you're on the road," Spede explained. "Take the trip to N.C. State a couple of years ago as an example. The band spent two hours on I-85 going nowhere because of an accident. Even with a cushion of time, there is only so much time to get from point A to point B, and you can't lose it waiting for a student who forgot a T-shirt. We barely made it for kickoff when we should have been there in plenty of time. I can't stress being on time enough."

Tiger Band Road Rule #2 • Be Prepared

Josh Maxwell lives by this motto. As Tiger Band's equipment manager, he's responsible for moving instruments, ladders, spare parts, water, and all the other necessary band equipment.

"I usually pack more than I need, always carrying extra uniforms and instrument parts, just in case," he said. "You never know what you'll need. It's best to have too much stuff than not enough."

Tiger Band Road Rule #3 • Bring Your School Work

Traveling by bus means long hours on the road. It takes nearly 10 hours to go from Clemson to Maryland, and you need ways to occupy the time.

"The usually students watch videos, play computer games, or do school work," Spede said. "You need something to do," added Middleton. "I usually read. But sometimes studying on the bus is tricky. It's hard to hold a book steady when the bus is constantly vibrating."

Tiger Band Road Rule #4 • Go With the Flow

Sometimes, even the best-made plans can go awry. In that case, you improvise and go with the flow. This is what Ms. Sonja Massey, administrative assistant, has learned. She helps organize details, such as ordering meals, reserving hotel rooms, and making sure the band has a place to sit at the games.

"You have to be ready for whatever happens," Massey remarked. "When traveling with this many people, you have to be ready for anything."

Tiger Band CD

You can purchase Tiger Band's latest CD ("Solid Orange: We ARE Pride") at local shops or call the band office at (864) 656-3380. There are 52 tracks, including all your favorite Tiger Band hits. All proceeds go to the Tiger Band scholarship fund.

Tiger Band Road Rule #5 • Remember Your Audience

Seeing new places and hanging out with fellow band members is fun. However, consideration must be given to the reason the band travels in the first place...to perform.

"We're here to inspire the team and provide Tiger spirit to fans who have traveled to the game," said Spede. "We are also representing Clemson, and it's important to leave a good impression."

Tiger Band Road Rule #6 • Have Fun

For over 30 years, Clemson graduate and former Band Commander Larry Sloan and his wife Cindy have served as chaperones during away games. Over the years, they have had many experiences. They have been with the band when the hotel did not reserve a second night's stay and new accommodations had to be made. They have seen a bus catch on fire, and they remember when suits and ties were required while traveling. But after three decades of being associated with the band, Sloan's advice is simple..."have fun."

"Tiger Band is a family," Sloan continued. "The friendships band members make today are friendships they will have years from now. It's also important to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them. I can attribute most of my success to the skills I learned while a member of Tiger Band."

Whether performing at Maryland, Duke, South Carolina, around the ACC, or the country, for that matter, rest assured the students of Tiger Band will embody the Clemson spirit.

Today's Show

Tiger Band welcomes 100 high school band seniors for a chance to experience the Clemson atmosphere first-hand. The halftime performance is called "World Tour Part II," following 2003's Part I. Songs include the Beatles' "Magical Mystery Tour," "Riverdance" from the popular Irish dance show, Toby Keith's "Good to Go to Mexico," and Stan Kenton's "Malaga."

Written by Glenn Harre, Director of Marketing & Communications at the Reedy Center for the Performing Arts.

2007 Tiger Band Officers (left to right): Quad Blassengale (Commander), Ashley Lawrence (Vice-Commander), Brittany Moon (Sergeant Major).
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Trevor Adair  
**Men’s Soccer**  
- 160-71-23 at Clemson in 12 years, he has a 194-95-38 record including time as Brown’s head coach.  
- Led Clemson to its first Final Four appearance in 18 years in 2005 and a #3 final ranking. The Tigers finished 2006 ranked #9 nationally.  
- Has coached Clemson to eight top-25 finishes in his 12 years, including five trips to the Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament.  
- Coached the Tigers to the ACC regular-season title and a first-place finish at the ACC Tournament in 1998. Also led the Tigers to the ACC Tourney crown and a Final Eight appearance in the 2001 NCAA Tournament.  
- Led the Tigers to the ACC championship game in 1998 and had a #1 ranking for much of the fall, including the final regular-season poll. As ACC Coach-of-the-Year, he defeated seven top-25 teams in 1998.

Todd Bramble  
**Women’s Soccer**  
- Has a 70-45-10 record at Clemson and 15 top-25 wins.  
- Has led Clemson to the NCAA Tournament each of his first six seasons as head coach and has five top-25 seasons under his belt, including in 2006 when it advanced to the Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament.  
- Led Clemson to consecutive road wins over top-five teams Texas and Texas A&M to open the 2004 season.  
- Coached Deliah Arrington to the ACC Player-of-the-Year award in 2002, the first Lady Tiger to earn that honor.  
- Guided Clemson to a 15-5-1 record and #11 final ranking in 2001 in his first season as the Clemson’s head coach.  
- Served as Clemson’s top assistant under Men’s Head Coach Trevor Adair from 1995-99.

Nancy Harris  
**Women’s Tennis**  
- In her 11th year at Clemson, where she has a 157-94 record, including 106-32 during the last five years.  
- Has led Clemson to the NCAA Tournament seven of the last eight seasons with six straight top-25 finishes.  
- Clemson was ranked #11 in the final poll and was ACC co-regular-season champions in 2007.  
- Only women’s coach in Clemson history to lead a program to the Final Four of an NCAA Tournament in back-to-back years (2004-05); Clemson ranked the top 10 in both seasons.  
- Clemson has hosted the NCAA Tournament four straight years.  
- Her 2004 team advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament, the first women’s sports program at Clemson to reach a Final Four.  
- Won the ACC regular-season and tournament titles in 2004.  
- Had a 26-4 record and #5 national ranking in 2004, Clemson’s highest-ever final ranking in women’s tennis.

Joieene Hoover  
**Women’s Volleyball**  
- The winningest coach in Clemson history with a 284-171 record and 128-102 ACC record in 14 years.  
- Has won at least 20 matches eight times in her 14 years, including 2006 when Clemson recorded 20 wins.  
- Has a 264-171 overall record in 17 seasons as a head coach.  
- Led the Tigers to a 31-3 overall record in 1999, which earned Clemson a trip to the NCAA Tournament and also the school’s first ranking in the top 20.  
- Won the ACC regular-season title in 1999 and had a #9 final RPI ranking.  
- Guided Clemson to its first-ever ACC title in the 1997 season. Clemson defeated undefeated Maryland, ending the Terrapins’ 29-game winning streak in the process.

Christopher Ip  
**Men’s & Women’s Swimming & Diving**  
- His men’s and women’s teams have posted at least a 3.0 GPA every semester at Clemson.  
- Lady Tiger swimmers finished 28th at the NCAA Championships in 2006.  
- The men won the Nike Cup in Chapel Hill, NC for the first time in 2005.  
- Led the men and women to a 23-7-1 combined mark in 2003-04, the most wins in Tiger history.  
- The 13-2-1 record by the men in 2003-04 was a school record for wins, and the 10 wins by the women were the most since 1988.  
- Named national coach-of-the-year at the junior college level for men’s swimming 10 times, including seven seasons in a row (1992-98), and women’s swimming four times.

Chuck Kriese  
**Men’s Tennis**  
- Has a 699-399 record in 32 seasons at Clemson.  
- Has led Clemson to five straight 20-win seasons (31 in 2007).  
- His 2007 team posted a 31-10 record and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.  
- His 2004 team advanced to the Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament.  
- Winningest men’s tennis coach in both Clemson and ACC history. His 669 career victories are in the top 15 nationally.  
- Has coached Clemson to 24 NCAA Tournament appearances in his 32 years as head coach. That includes seven Final Eight finishes and 12 Final 16 finishes.  
- Has 15 top-25 seasons, fourth among all coaches in Clemson history.

Jack Leggett  
**Baseball**  
- Has coached Clemson to 649 wins in 14 years, an average of over 46 wins per season. The 649 wins are fourth-most in the nation during his tenure in Tigertown.  
- Clemson has won at least 50 games six times in his 14 years and at least 30 games in all 14 seasons.  
- Has coached Clemson to the NCAA Tournament all 14 years, including five trips to the College World Series.  
- Coached the Tigers to an appearance in the Starkville (MS) Super Regional after winning the Myrtle Beach (SC) Regional in 2007. Clemson had a #12 final ranking as well.  
- Led Clemson to the best record in the ACC in 2006.  
- Won a school-record 26 games against top-25 teams in 2006.  
- The 2002 team had five All-Americans, including unanimous National Player-of-the-Year Khalil Greene, and advanced to Omaha.

Marcia Noad  
**Women’s Track & Field**  
- Chose Clemson's Class of 2007 to a #21 national ranking in indoor track in 2005.  
- Led the 2001-02 team to a #21 finish indoors and #30 finish outdoors.  
- Coached a national title winner in 2000 and a top-10 indoor relay team in 2001-02.  
- Had one of the most successful rookie coaching seasons in Tiger sports history in 2000-01 with two top-10 finishes.

Larry Penley  
**Men’s Golf**  
- Has been the track coach at Clemson for 19 years; he is in his 35th year overall as a head coach.  
- Has won 21 ACC titles in his Tiger career, more than any other coach in school history.  
- An 18-time ACC Coach-of-the-Year, most in Clemson history.  
- Led both the indoor and outdoor teams to top-25 finishes in 2006-07. He also coached 10 All-Americans, including 60m champion Travis Padgett.  
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Oliver Purnell  
**Men’s Basketball**  
- Has led Clemson to postseason play each of the last three years, including a 25-win season in 2006-07.  
- Tied Clemson’s best start with a 17-0 record in 2006-07 and was the nation’s last undefeated team. The team was also NIT runner-up.  
- Was as assistant coach on the 2004 U.S. Olympic team.  
- Finalist for the Naismith Award in 2002-03, which is given to the college basketball coach-of-the-year.  
- Former president of the NABC, the first Tiger coach to serve as president of a coaching organization.

Richard Ruggieri  
**Women’s Rowing**  
- Hired as the rowing team’s second head coach on June 29, 2007.  
- Spent the previous eight years with the women’s program at the Louisville.  
- Coached Louisville’s first varsity 8+ to a #7 ranking in 2007. They were also ranked among the top 20 varsity 8+ boats in 2006.  
- Served as head coach at Bates College in 1999-00. He led the men’s and women’s programs to seventh-place finishes nationally among Division III schools.  
- Has international coaching experience as an assistant with the U.S. National team in 1994-95 and as an Olympic trials sculling coach in 1995-96.
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Head Men's Tennis Coach Chuck Kriese does not like the terms "rebuidling" or "reloading.”

After losing the top three starters from last year's team due to graduation, he declares that he is not using this as an excuse. Instead, he is using this situation as a chance to motivate his team and encourage the growth of his young squad, as he prepares for the 2008 season.

Kriese spent his 33rd season at Clemson in 2008, and during this time, he has a career record of 670-399. Kriese is in the top 10 in terms of winningest-active Division I coaches. He returns three starters and five letterwinners from last season's team that finished with a 31-10 overall record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

He has led the Tigers to 130 wins in the last five years, an average of 26 victories per season. Kriese has shown that he can be a winner in four different decades at Clemson. Only former Tiger Baseball Coach Bill Wilhelm has served Clemson longer as a head coach.

With so many seasons as the head coach at Clemson, Kriese is still just as optimistic and eager to start another season. "To be successful, you need four basic ingredients, said Kriese.

"First, you need senior leadership. This year, we can't do much about senior leadership because we simply don't have any seniors on the roster. We have five freshmen, four sophomores, and one junior on the roster. I tell our players that you might be young in school, but you are veterans in tennis.

"They have played a lot of tennis during their junior careers. We tried to give the freshmen as much experience this fall in different tournaments. We want them to understand the level and intensity of college tennis...what it takes to be successful.

"Next, we have good, hungry, and eager players on this squad. I believe they understand the level and intensity of college tennis. They are committed and willing to do the work. I've scheduled several doubleheaders this spring to give them the reps. Tennis is a sport where association breeds assimilation.

"In other words, you become who you hang out with and you play to the level of the competition. I believe we have one of the best schedules in the country. We already have a tough schedule built in with the level the ACC has reached today. The southeastern part of the United States is the toughest region. Our freshmen are pushing our younger players, and that's so important in our program this season.

"Third, you need good doubles play. Ours is coming around and will be a work-in-progress in the preseason. Our doubles team of Carlos Alvarez and Rok Bizjak from last year has set the standard. They know the level and what it takes to be successful. They can be a big influence on the other doubles teams as we develop our lineup.

"And fourth, the team chemistry has to be there. We have the closest team we've had since I've been here. They are like brothers. They work together and train together, and most importantly, they do well in school together. We are on our way to becoming a team that consists of these four concepts."

"I have never believed in rebuilding. We have a level we have to reach, and we will play to that level. It's my job to set the bar high. We have the schedule that we need along with the attitude from the coaches and players to get there."

Ike Belk is back for his junior season and will be one of the leaders of the 2008 squad. Last season, he finished with a 22-3 overall record. Clemson's best winning percentage since 1980.

"I am as proud of Ike as anyone I have ever coached," said Kriese. "This season, he is our team captain and is competing for one of the top three positions. He is the epitome of what Clemson tennis is all about. He has a great work ethic and addresses what he needs to work on to improve his game. Ike has a great attitude and is a quality human being. I am excited to see him develop."

Carlos Alvarez started at #5 singles last year as a freshman and had a 36-10 overall record along with a 23-15 mark in doubles play. He led the team in singles wins and was fourth in doubles victories.

"Carlos was a consistent winner last year," Kriese said. "He knows he needs to step up after his success as the #5 position. He has a knack for competition, and he has made great adjustments."

Rok Bizjak is another sophomore who played at #4 singles for the Tigers last season. He finished with a 33-6 overall ledger, including a 30-5 record in dual meets. Bizjak had a 20-10 record in doubles and teamed with Alvarez for a 15-8 doubles record.

"He was our rock last year," Kriese said of Bizjak. "He was a very consistent player, and he knows how to win."

Junior Kevin Fleck was 19-10 last year and played at #6 singles. He finished the season 21-14 in doubles as well.

"Fleck came back in great condition for this year," Kriese added. "His game really stepped up in the fall, and he will compete for the top three or four positions."

Gera Boryachinskiy is a sophomore who was 7-3 in singles and 3-5 in doubles last year. The native of Baltimore, MD, a city that has been good to Clemson tennis in recent years, looks to compete for a starting spot this year.

"Gera can compete with our top guys. He is a great athlete and is a smart tennis player that has good athleticism."

Clemson has five freshmen on the roster, and all could be factors before the season is over. Included in this group are Tino Elgner, Derek DiFazio, Kevin Galloway, Robert Pietrucha, and Eddy Wang.

"DiFazio made some statements with his play in the fall that he wants to play in the top portion of the lineup. He is a competitor and has a great work ethic. He has a lot to build on. He has a variety of big shots, but yet he plays with a lot of finesse. He was ranked #1 in the East in the junior ranks."

"Galloway has stepped up this fall and was ranked #1 in the South among juniors. He has great speed and is very crafty on the court. He has a terrific all-around game. He just needs more reps, and that will come with time."

"Pietrucha is a tough guy and has a great ground game. He has an outstanding attitude, and he loves to train and be on the court."

"I love having Eddy Wang on our team. He is a smart player and is very coachable. He just needs more experience."

"Elgner is a red-shirt freshman. He is the best athlete and fastest player on our team. He has great ground strokes, but he just needs more experience."

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Sophomores Estefania Balda and Ina Hadziselimovic, already talented players, improved their games during the summer break, and Harris sees the possibility of both moving up in the lineup. Balda, who hails from Guayaquil, Ecuador, enrolled in school last January, so 2007-08 will be her first full year with the program. She posted a 16-8 singles record playing at the top-three positions and still has unapped potential according to Harris.

Hadziselimovic played mostly at the #6 spot last year, but she figures to move to the middle of this season’s lineup. The native of Bosnia totaled 17 victories in 2006-07, including 15 in dual matches. “I have a lot of admiration and respect for Ina’s game,” remarked Harris. “She is very strong mentally and has a great understanding of the game. Ina is ahead for a sophomore in her tactical foundation and how well she reads the court.”

Paris, France native Alexandra Luc also returns for her junior season. Luc saw limited singles action last year, but she teamed with Maria Brito, who graduated last May, to record a 14-6 doubles ledger.

Walk-ons Kathryn Gerber, a senior from Vienna, WV, and Samantha Eppelsheimer, a sophomore from Mount Pleasant, SC, play significant roles on and off the court. “I’m encouraging both Kathi and Samantha to push the lineup,” Harris admitted. “They are great people and provide leadership for this team.”

Harris also added local sensation Laurianne Henry to this year’s squad. Henry was a Blue Chip recruit and ranked #12 in the nation as a junior player. She won numerous tournaments prior to her Clemson career and has compiled a 6-3 record through the first three events this fall.

Laurianne is a fantastic addition to our program,” said Harris. “I see her improving extremely quickly. She is a great student of the game and is a very talented player.”

Along with the challenging schedule Harris arranges annually to prepare her team, she also put together a difficult fall slate for the Tigers this season. The team competed in the Furman Fall Classic in late September against a tough eight-team field. Along with Mijacka’s fall-one title, Clemson earned one second-place finish, and a pair of Tigers finished third in the tournament.

Four players then earned invitations to the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships, while all nine members of the squad competed at the Wilson/ITA Southeast Regional Championships in mid-October. Henry and Van Adrichem reached the round of 16 in the singles draw, and the doubles team of Hadziselimovic and Luc advanced to the quarterfinals. Mijacka and Van Adrichem then reached the doubles final four of the tournament before falling to the eventual champion.

The Tigers’ fall final tournament was the elite Doral Tournament last weekend. Only the top-15 teams in the country were invited to the event, giving the young Clemson team experience competing against the best teams in the nation.

Harris faces an envious task of assembling a six-player lineup out of her extremely talented 10-member squad (the 10th player will enroll this January) to successfully navigate through the demanding schedule awaiting them.

Although Harris has conveyed modest expectations, the 2008 Clemson women’s tennis team appears poised for another deep run, possibly the greatest in program history, in the NCAA Championships.
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Just two years removed from college ball and its corresponding life, Tye Hill has certainly adjusted to and found success in the professional ranks. The former Clemson cornerback rewarded the Saint Louis Rams for drafting him with the #15 overall pick in the 2006 NFL draft by turning in an all-rookie team first season.

Hill started 10 of the 16 games in 2006, earning his first starting assignment in just the fifth week of the season. He totaled 50 tackles in his rookie campaign, seventh-most on the team. His three interceptions tied for team-high honors, not bad for a player whose hands Tiger Head Coach Tommy Bowden described as “bricks” after the 2004 season when he had 21 pass breakups but no interceptions.

“ar decided that he was not afraid of helping the youth in the area,” Hill admitted. “All I did some good things, but I believed in the importance of this.”

Hill retained his starting position to begin the 2007 season and recorded eight tackles in the Rams' season-opener at Carolina. However, he suffered an injury in the practice the next week that sidelined him for four contests.

He returned to the gridiron for Saint Louis' game against Baltimore on October 14, tallying three tackles and a pass breakup in the game. He then claimed the starting assignment in the Seattle contest in Week 7, and he had four tackles and another pass breakup.

“The second year has been easier than the first, but I'm still trying to get to the next level,” Hill said.

Off the field, Hill has adjusted to life in the “big city” and has been involved in community outreach programs through the Rams' organization, while also undertaking projects of his own.

The team places a high priority on community involvement and encourages all members of the organization to volunteer their time. In order to provide the greatest impact, the Saint Louis Rams

Foundation focuses the majority of its resources on the cornerstone programs, which are designed to positively impact youth in the areas of education, literacy, health, and youth football. A few examples of programs include Emerging Leaders, Diversity Awareness Program, and the Rams Reader/Teacher/Literacy Initiatives.

The team is also extremely active during the holiday season, hosting an Angel Tree Holiday Party that benefits more than 4,000 underprivileged children and working with the Urban League to distribute more than 1,000 turkey dinners to local families for Thanksgiving.

Along with the aforementioned service projects, Hill plans to spread the holiday spirit across the country this year by organizing a toy drive to benefit his hometown of Saint George, SC. “I want to give back to the community and help the less fortunate people in my area,” he stated.

Hill's first business venture is also underway. He is opening a restaurant in Warner Robins, GA, where former Tiger teammate, current New York Jet wideout, and friend Chansi Stuckey calls home.

After spending the majority of his days in the small towns of Saint George and Clemson, whose population is less than 15,000 a piece, the transition to life in a city of nearly 350,000 could have been overwhelming. However, the easy-going, always-smiling Hill claims the biggest difference has been learning to navigate the roads in the Range Rover he purchased after signing with the Rams.

“I lived outside the city closer to our practice facilities, but I’ve definitely made some wrong turns trying to find my way around downtown,” Hill laughed. “In Clemson, you don’t need street names. You just use landmarks. Here, you have to know the names, or you get lost.”

Hill unquestionably made his mark in Clemson, starring on both the football field and track. He holds the school record for pass breakups in a single season (21 in 2004), and he is in a tie at third in the category over a career with 35. Keep in mind he played just three seasons as a defender after playing his red-shirt freshman year as a running back. His 164 pass breakups per game in 2004 were third in the nation as well.

“Tye had an outstanding career at Clemson,” said Bowden. “He came on as a senior to become a first-round pick. He was the consummate shutdown corner. He was also a team leader and had a lot to do with our strong finish in 2005.”

Hill collected quite a bit of hardware after the 2005 football season. He earned first-team All-America honors and was one of three defensive backs named a Thorpe Award finalist. Hill was also a First-Team All-ACC selection and one of just seven Division I football players to achieve the academic/triple.

Tye Hill was a first-team All-American and finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award in 2005.

The seven student-athletes were chosen in the first round of the draft, selected as a first-team All-American by at least one of the five major services, and earned an undergraduate degree in the 2005-06 academic year. Hill graduated in December of 2005 with a degree in human resource development.

Hill was also named the 2005-06 IFTAY Co-Athlete-of-the-Year (with baseball player Tyler Colvin, the #11 pick in the 2006 Major League draft). That year, Hill had 54 tackles, five tackles for loss, 10 pass breakups, and three interceptions for a defense that was 11th nationally in scoring defense and 16th in pass efficiency defense.

His numerous accomplishments on the track include ACC titles in both the 60m and 100m. Hill was also a member of two ACC champion 4x100m relay teams, as the Tigers won the event at the 2003 and 2004 championships.

“Tye was such a competitor,” Clemson Assistant Track & Field Coach Charles Foster said. “He didn’t think anyone could beat him, and that was the reason he was so successful.”

Now that he has moved on from Clemson and has achieved the dream of playing in the National Football League, Hill offers this advice to players of all ages with professional aspirations:

- Perform on the college level;
- Always be humble and do not take anyone or anything for granted;
- Pray to God for everything;
- Work hard, because you will have to work even harder when you reach this level.

But in the end, he says it comes down to loving the game.

“Tye was always the first one to come to practice and the last one to leave. He would always be the first one to get the ball after a turnover. His work ethic and determination were contagious.”

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By Sanford Rogers

Just one week from today, the legendary Orange Bowl goes dark forever when Miami (FL) plays hosts to Virginia in an ACC tilt. The Hurricanes are moving some 30 miles away, where they will share Dolphin Stadium with the NFL's Miami Dolphins.

The Orange Bowl, now a rickety, aged facility, may not have all the creature comforts of newer stadiums around the country, but it will always have a special place in the hearts of Clemson coaches, players, and fans alike. The Tigers have made three bowl trips to the historic Orange Bowl, including postseason victories in 1951 over Miami and 1982 against Nebraska, when Clemson claimed its one and only national title.

Former Tiger cornerback Gil Rushton, who lettered on undefeated Clemson squads in 1948 and 1950, may have more memories than any former Tiger of a place that has played host to five Super Bowls (one of just three stadiums to do so).

Rushton, who was a Clemson letterwinner in 1945, 1948, 1949, and 1950, has vivid memories of the Orange Bowl as a player. But he also has a history with the stadium as a game official, a role he served for the ACC for over three decades.

For Rushton, a native of Greenville, SC and product of Greenville High School, the journey down Highway 123 to Tigertown was a short one. But in order to be a member of the Clemson squad, he had to be a bit creative with his weight.

"Coach (Frank) Howard liked big guys," recalled Rushton. "When I came to Clemson, I did not weigh more than 170 pounds. I remembered telling Coach Howard that I was 190, because he liked bigger players. I'm glad that he never put me on a scale."

Following his freshman season in 1945, Rushton left Clemson to serve in the United States Army. He returned to Clemson for the 1948, 1949, and 1950 seasons, and he was a letterwinner of Gator Bowl Champion (win over Missouri) and Orange Bowl Champion (win over Miami) squads. In his four seasons at Clemson, the Tigers were an outstanding 30-8-2.

"I was very fortunate to be a small part of some great Clemson teams," said Rushton. "There are not too many guys out there that had the chance to say they played for two teams at Clemson that went undefeated. I still have great memories of that time."

Former Clemson Sports Information Director Brent Breedin covered Clemson for Anderson Independent-Mail during Rushton's playing days. He remembered Rushton as a steady team player.

"In those days you had the platoon system, so you had to have 22 guys make a contribution," said Breedin. "Gil was one of those steady players that made a difference. Clemson had some great teams during that time. I know Gil will never forget playing on such great teams."

While his memories of his playing days at Clemson are quite good, his memory of the 1951 Orange Bowl stands out for less than exemplary reasons. He had the misfortune of being the Tiger defensive back that allowed one of the longest plays in Orange Bowl history. It is also a memory of Howard that he will never forget.

"We had Miami pinned back to its own one-yard line after they had gotten three 15-yard penalties in one play," remembered Rushton. "In those days, you didn’t take just one of the flags on a play, you took them all.

"I was playing cornerback and had it in my head that I wanted to be a hero and tackle a guy in the endzone. If I got a safety, I would have my name in the paper. Unfortunately, I didn’t read my keys right, and the Miami end (Ed Lutes) ran right past me and caught the ball. I was running as hard as I could down the sideline trying to catch him. Coach Howard was running down the sideline right beside me yelling that if I didn’t catch him I would walk back to Clemson!"

Fortunately for Rushton, he was able to chase Lutes down at the 19-yard line and avoid a walk back to Tigertown. That 79-yard play was the longest in Orange Bowl history at the time.

"That was a good lesson for me," admitted Rushton. "I would have been much better off doing what was in the gameplan instead of being a hero. I saw years later that that play is no longer the longest in Orange Bowl history. I’m glad that play is out of the recordbooks."

Following his playing days at Clemson, Rushton still wanted to be involved with the game he loved and was able to do so as an official. After officiating high school games for a few seasons, he moved up to the college ranks. In 1959, he joined the ACC and spent 32 years on the field. That 32-year stint is the longest tenure ever for any ACC football official.

During his time wearing stripes, Rushton worked 10 bowl games, including one in, you guessed it, the Orange Bowl. It was there Rushton had his most memorable bowl game as an official.

"In 1977, I had the chance to officiate the Orange Bowl in a game that featured Colorado and Ohio State," stated Rushton. "Before the game, I asked one of the Colorado cheerleaders how they kept that big Buffalo (Ralphie) under control. They told me they had trained for a while and had never had a problem."

Rushton saw moments later that there was indeed a problem.

"I was in the middle of the field and looked towards the endzone when I saw that big buffalo coming full speed ahead. He had gotten away from those handlers. I ran towards the sidelines and climbed a wall to get in the stands. Whenever I see a Colorado game, I always think about Ralphie."

Following his 32 years on the field as an official, Rushton has still not left the game he enjoyed from his youth. He has served as an ACC official observer at Clemson home contests and today assists with the replay officials who take a look at questionable calls that can be reversed from the booth.

For Rushton, the technology that exists today is a far cry from his early days on the field as an arbiter.

"It is amazing how good the technology is today," said Rushton. "Not only are the officials outstanding, the ACC works very hard to make sure calls are made correctly. Each week, the officials get a DVD of calls that were made and how they could be made better."

While Rushton, who now lives in nearby Easley, SC, never officiated a Tiger game (graduates of a school do not officiate their alma mater’s contests), he has had contact with many officials that have enjoyed calling a game at Clemson.

"All the officials like doing games at Clemson," said Rushton. "For years, Fred Hoover (former head trainer) has taken care of them from the time they get here until the time they leave the stadium. Clemson is a great place for a football game, even for the officials."

During the next week when stories are told about all the great contests played in the Orange Bowl, many Tiger fans will have nostalgic memories of great Clemson victories in Miami. None will have more than Gil Rushton.

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1. What was Wake Forest's first official nickname?  
A) Baptists  B) Deacons  C) Tigers  D) Yellow Jackets

2. Clemson Head Coach Frank Howard and Wake Forest Head Coach D.C. Walker had a most-unusual rivalry. Howard once had Walker arrested when he got off the train in Clemson. What was Walker's famous nickname?  
A) Dizzy  B) The General  C) Peahead  D) Stone Face

3. Which bowl game debuted with Wake Forest beating South Carolina 26-14 in 1946?  
A) Bluebonnet  B) Gator  C) Liberty  D) Sun

4. Clemson has played Wake Forest every season since the formation of the ACC in 1953. Who is the only other ACC team Clemson has played every year since 1953?  
A) Duke  B) Maryland  C) N.C. State  D) Virginia

5. Which former Clemson assistant coach was also a head coach at Wake Forest?  
A) Mickey Andrews  B) Curly Hallman  C) Tom Harper  D) Joe Kines

6. Whose 88-yard punt return for a touchdown set a Clemson record for the longest on an opponent's field, as the Tigers beat Wake Forest 24-7 in 1962?  
A) Hai Davis  B) Jimmy Howard  C) Mack Matthews  D) Billy Ward

7. Who was the first Tiger to intercept three passes in a game, as he helped Clemson defeat Wake Forest 26-13 in 1965?  
A) Jacky Jackson  B) Kit Jackson  C) Phil Marion  D) Wayne Page

8. Clemson and Wake Forest played to a 20-20 tie in the Tigers' 1968 season-opener played at Wake Forest. What is significant about that game?  
A) Clemson's first tie in an ACC game  B) Clemson's last tie in an ACC game  C) Clemson's first televised ACC game  D) Clemson's first televised game

9. Who became the first Tiger to kick four field goals in a game, as he also set the Clemson record for longest field goal made when he kicked a 57-yarder against Wake Forest in 1979, leading the Tigers to a 26-0 win?  
A) Obed Ariri  B) Donald Igwebuike  C) Bob Pauling  D) Eddie Seigler

10. Who caught 10 passes for 124 yards when he returned to his hometown of Winston-Salem to lead the Tigers to a 35-33 win in 1980?  
A) Jerry Butler  B) Dwight Clark  C) Perry Tuttle  D) Rick Weddington

11. Who was the first quarterback to throw at least 52 passes against Clemson when he attempted 56 (completing 28), as Wake Forest lost 35-33 at home to the Tigers in 1980?  
A) Mike Elkins  B) Larry Russell  C) Gary Schofield  D) Jay Venuto

12. In what quarter did Clemson set a record for most points scored in a quarter (35) against Wake Forest in the 1981 game played in Death Valley?  
A) First  B) Second  C) Third  D) Fourth

13. Which running back set the Clemson record for the longest rushing touchdown by a Tiger on an ACC opponent's field when he scored on an 88-yard run at Wake Forest in 1986 to lead the Tigers to a 28-20 victory, as he scored all four Clemson touchdowns?  
A) Stacy Driver  B) Terrence Flagler  C) Kenny Flowers  D) Wesley McFadden

14. Which running back scored four touchdowns to lead the Tigers to a 29-14 win at Wake Forest in 1995?  
A) Rodney Blunt  B) Raymond Priester  C) Emory Smith  D) Travis Zachery

15. How many points did the Tigers score in the fourth quarter of the 2006 game at Wake Forest, as they rallied to win 27-17?  
A) 17  B) 20  C) 24  D) 27

16. Which former Wake Forest head coach shares the record for the most games coached by an opponent in Death Valley (12)?  
A) Bill Dooley  B) Al Groh  C) John Mackovic  D) Bill Tate

17. Clemson has not played Wake Forest in which one of the following cities?  
A) Charlotte, NC  B) Raleigh, NC  C) Tokyo, Japan  D) Wake Forest, NC

18. The ACC's Most Courageous Athlete Award is named for which former Demon Deacon football standout?  
A) Bill George  B) Brian Piccolo  C) Ricky Proehl  D) Norm Snead

19. What is the fewest points scored by the Tigers against Wake Forest in an ACC game?  
A) 0  B) 6  C) 7  D) 10

20. Who was the last Tiger placekicker to make a field goal of at least 50 yards when he kicked one from 52 yards at Wake Forest in 1997?  
A) Aaron Hunt  B) Matt Padgett  C) David Richardson  D) Nelson Welch
By Tim Bourret

This is my 30th year at Clemson, and I have never seen a Tiger football player make more progress over a five-year period than Gaines Adams.

When Adams arrived at Clemson in 2002, he was a relative-neophyte defensive end at 350 pounds. He was the ultimate "project," similar to what college basketball coaches refer to when talking about a young seven-foot center.

Adams came to Clemson from Greenwood, SC, where he had played eight-man football at Cambridge Academy under former South Carolina quarterback Steve Tanneyhill. You do not see too many graduates of an eight-man football program get scholarship offers at any level of college football, nevermind a major Division I program.

He needed a little more development after his senior year and went to Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia. That year proved to be beneficial, as he recorded 22 sacks in just 10 games.

But still, the jury was out on Adams when he arrived in Tigertown. A red-shirt season was an obvious decision for year #1 so he could gain experience, weight, and become accustomed to the speed of the game.

In 2003, he was seeing limited time as a backup to Maurice Fountain in the first half of the season. Then in a watershed victory for Head Coach Tommy Bowden and the Tiger program in the 10th game of the season, the lights came on for Adams. He recorded four tackles, including two tackles for loss and a sack, in just 30 plays in a 26-10 win over #3 Florida State. It was the highest-ranked team Clemson had defeated in its history (still is today), but it was also a landmark performance for #93.

Adams continued to make progress in 2004, as he recorded five sacks and 35 tackles, but he still was not a starter, playing about 25 snaps per game behind Fountain.

In 2005, his red-shirt junior season, Adams made more progress. As was the case with the team, Adams finished strong with eight tackles for loss, including 4.5 sacks, over the last three games of the season, wins over Florida State, South Carolina, and Colorado. All three performances were captured in nationally-televised games on ESPN.

All of a sudden, Adams was prominent on Mel Kiper’s radar as a potential first-round draft pick.

The potential of being a first-round draft pick was something that intrigued him, but he went about his decision process in a deliberate manner. I set up a meeting with him and former Tiger defensive tackle Brentson Buckner, a 12-year NFL veteran who knew the ways of the world at the next level.

Adams ended his research with a lengthy meeting with Bowden, who solicited opinions from NFL scouts and general managers.

On January 4, 2006, just prior to a Tiger basketball game, Adams held a press conference in Littlejohn Coliseum and announced that he would return to Clemson for his senior season. That proved to be a smart decision from a physical maturity and financial standpoint.

Adams brought his game to a new level in 2006, and it brought his draft status to a new level as well. He finished his senior year with 62 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss, and 12.5 sacks. He was a model of consistency, totaling at least one sack in eight straight games, a school record for consistency. He was third in the nation in sacks, and the figure was second-best in Tiger history for a season.

While his success in 2006 was the product of year-long hard work on the practice field, one play stood out and might have increased his net worth to NFL teams significantly.

On October 7 at Wake Forest, the Tigers trailed the underdog Demon Deacons 17-3. On the first play of the fourth quarter, the eventual ACC Champions lined up to attempt a field goal that would put it up by 17 points, a difficult deficit to overcome that late in the contest.

Gaines Adams’ 66-yard field goal turned the tide in their 27-17 victory at Wake Forest in 2006.

Adams was a unanimous All-American, the #4 pick of the draft, and earned his degree, all after returning for his senior season.
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