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On today's program are two special teams graduates who are both rated among the best at their positions in 2008. Mark Buchholz (#11) kicked 32 field goals including the game-winning three-pointer to beat South Carolina in 2007. Jimmy Maners (#45) had the eighth-best punting average in a season in Clemson history in 2007.

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September 13
Memorial Stadium
Clemson, SC
12:00 PM

S.C. State
September 20
Memorial Stadium
Clemson, SC
TBA

Maryland
September 27
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TBA

Wake Forest
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Winston-Salem, NC
7:45 PM

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2008 Tiger Football
Clemson vs. Alabama Recap

Clemson is coming off a season-opening 34-10 loss to #24 Alabama last Saturday evening in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. It marked the third time in the last four years that Clemson opened a season against a top-25 ranked opponent, but it was the first time that the Tigers came away with a loss during that time period. The last time Clemson had lost its opening game was 2003, a 30-0 defeat to a top-10 Georgia squad in a game that resembled Saturday’s contest. Clemson went on to a 9-4 record and top-25 final ranking that year.

C.J. Spiller was the top Tiger from an offensive standpoint, as the junior running back had 195 all-purpose yards. He had 96 of his total when he returned the opening kickoff of the second half for a touchdown. It was his third kickoff return for a touchdown in a six-game period dating back to 2007, and he is now tied with Justin Miller for the Clemson record for career kickoff returns for touchdowns. He had 152 kickoff return yards in the game and has a 26-yard career average in that category.

Clemson’s defense was on the field for 80 plays and three Tigers came away with double-figures tackles. Kavell Conner led the way with 18 tackles, most by an ACC player during the opening weekend. Chris Clemons had 10 tackles and Brandon Maye added 12 stops, the most by a Tiger freshman in his first game since Clemson began recording tackles in 1975.

The Citadel Wins Season-Opener

The Citadel won its season-opener last Saturday in Charleston over Webber International 54-7. Andre Roberts and Ashten Jordan combined to score five touchdowns in the first 22 minutes of the game to give The Citadel a 38-0 halftime lead.

Roberts scored on a 64-yard punt return and caught touchdown passes of nine yards and 78 yards from Bart Blanchard. Roberts finished the game with three receptions for 91 yards and four punt returns for 116 yards (207 all-purpose yards). Jordan scored on runs of three and four yards, as he finished the day with 10 carries for 70 yards and added 30 yards on four receptions.

Blanchard was outstanding at quarterback, as he completed 12-14 passes for 137 yards and two scores. Tyler Starnes and Luke Caldwell also caught touchdown passes for the Bulldogs, who outgained Webber International 385-199. The Citadel had 194 rushing yards and 191 passing yards for Head Coach Kevin Higgins’ balanced attack.

Clemson vs. The Citadel Series

Clemson holds a 29-5-1 advantage in the series with The Citadel that dates back to 1909. Clemson won that first meeting at Charleston, SC by a score of 17-0. In fact, Clemson won the first six games of the series by a margin of 130-17. Four of the six wins were by shutout as well.

The Citadel’s first win took place in 1916 by a score of 3-0 at Orangeburg, SC. Clemson then won the next four matchups (all by shutouts) before there was a 7-7 tie in 1921. The Bulldogs had their most successful era in the series from 1924-31, when they won four of eight games. Their biggest win during that stretch was in 1928, when The Citadel upset an 8-2 Clemson team 12-7 on December 8, the latest regular-season game in Tiger history.

The Citadel also registered a 6-0 win over the Tigers in 1913, as that is the last time it beat Clemson. That game was played in Florence, SC. After the game, Clemson Head Coach Jess Neely met with school administrators and told them he needed $10,000 to enhance the program’s infrastructure. That meeting led to the formation of IPTAY, Clemson’s athletic scholarship organization.

Clemson has won the last 14 games in the series since 1931. The Bulldogs have scored double-figures just twice in those 14 games, while Clemson has outscored The Citadel 345-41.

In 1954, defensive end Walt Laraway had one of the greatest defensive games in Tiger history against The Citadel. He had a 30-yard interception return for a score and a 39-yard blocked punt return for a score. He is one of just two Tigers in history to score twice on returns in the same game.

The two schools played five times in the 1970s. The 1973 game was an interesting contest for Red Parker. It was his first game as Clemson’s head coach, as he had been the head coach at The Citadel during the previous season. Clemson won the game 14-12 and went on to a 10-7 victory in 1976. Those consecutive games are the closest The Citadel has come to defeating the Tigers since 1931.

The Tigers won their season-opener of an 11-1 season in 1978 against The Citadel by a score of 58-3. Steve Fuller was 9-9 passing in that contest, the highest perfect game in school history. Billy Lott was 6-8 off the bench, giving the two a combined 15-17 passing day. That 88.2 percentage is the best by a team in Tiger history given a minimum of 15 attempts.

The two teams have played just twice since 1978, a 24-0 Clemson win in 1986 and a 38-0 victory in 2000. The Citadel has not scored against Clemson since 1978 when it kicked a field goal and has not scored a touchdown against the Tigers since the 1976 game in Death Valley.

Last Meeting vs. The Citadel

Clemson opened its 2000 season with a 38-0 victory over The Citadel. The Tiger offense scored three touchdowns in the first quarter, including two on touchdown passes by Woodrow Dantzler, and the Tiger defense did not allow the Bulldogs to advance the ball into Clemson territory until the 4:04 mark of the fourth quarter. Clemson was ranked #17 in the nation entering the game.

Dantzler completed 16-17 passes for 192 yards and three touchdowns. His 94.1 completion percentage remains as the school record and his 247.2 pass efficiency rating is the sixth-best mark in Clemson history. Rod Gardner caught six passes for 64 yards and Travis Zachery was the top rusher with 86 yards on 13 carries along with a touchdown. Zachery had a 52-yard run on Clemson’s first offensive play of the game.

Chad Carson led the Tiger defense with 18 tackles, tied for the most tackles in a season-opener in Tiger history. Carson and Dantzler were both named ACC Player-of-the-Week as well.

Clemson Breaks Season-Ticket Record Again

Clemson has broken the football season-ticket record for the second straight year. A total of 58,134 season tickets have been sold for the 2008 season, nearly 150 more than the 57,991 that were sold in 2007, which was the previous high. A limited number of season tickets remain before season tickets will be considered a complete sellout.

“Season-ticket sales have continued to climb the last couple of years,” said Clemson Ticket Operations Manager Travis Furbee. “Our season-ticket numbers are very strong and tops in the ACC. This is a great testimony to the loyalty of our IPTAY donors and they should be proud of the message this sends.”

In addition to the season-ticket record, Furbee also announced that tickets are sold out for the September 27 game against Maryland at Memorial Stadium.

Tickets still remain for Clemson’s first three home games of 2008...against The Citadel on September 6, N.C. State on September 13, and S.C. State on September 20. Visit ClemsonTigers.com or call 1-800-CLEMSON to purchase tickets.

Clemson’s Top Season-Ticket Seasons

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Eight 2008 Tigers Already Have Degrees

The 2008 Clemson football team has seven current players who already have their undergraduate degrees from Clemson plus another student-athlete who already has an undergraduate degree from another school.

The list of current Tigers with their degrees includes 2007 team captains Michael Hamlin and Cullen Harper. Other Tigers with their degrees are tight end Akeem Robinson, safety Chris Clemmons, punter Jimmy Manier, placekicker Mark Buchholz, and running back Paul Macko.

Wideout Kyle Johnson earned his undergraduate degree in three years from East Carolina and came to Clemson for graduate school. After he was accepted, he contacted the football program about joining as a walk-on. He still has two years of eligibility left and is slated to play this season.

Clemson has had great graduation rates under Head Coach Tommy Bowden. In August, Jad Dean and Marion Dukes both graduated, giving the senior class on the 2008 team a perfect 20-for-20 in terms of graduation rate.

To honor the eight graduates this year, each will wear a mortarmate sticker on their helmet to signify they are already a college graduate.

Clemson is tied for fourth in the nation for the most graduates on its roster entering the season.

2008 National Football Graduate Leaders

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National Award Candidates

Clemson might have as many national award candidates as any school in the nation. Tommy Bowden’s Tigers have nine players named to various preseason award lists, most in school history. The 2000 team that ended the season with a top-15 national ranking and 9-3 record had six.

Four offensive players are on the list of 75 candidates for the Maxwell Award, given to the top player in college football. The group of Tigers includes running backs James Davis and C.J. Spiller, wide receiver Aaron Kelly, and quarterback Cullen Harper. Clemson, Oklahoma, and Southern California are the only schools to have four candidates on the list.

Clemson has never had a player win one of the national awards currently given. Terry Kinard was named national defensive player-of-the-year by CBS, an era in which very few national position awards were given outside of the Heisman Trophy. Clemson has never had a Heisman Trophy finalist. Steve Fuller came closest with a sixth-place finish in 1978.

Tigers on Preseason National Award Lists

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<th>Player</th>
<th>Pos.</th>
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<td>Michael Hamlin</td>
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<td>‘Gr.</td>
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<td>Cullen Harper</td>
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<td>‘Gr.</td>
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<td>Aaron Kelly</td>
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<td>Ricky Sapp</td>
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<td>Dorell Scott</td>
<td>DT</td>
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<td>C.J. Spiller</td>
<td>RB</td>
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Note: Biletnikoff Award list not released as of Sept. 1.

Kelly Sets Career Record, Chasing Others

Wide receiver Aaron Kelly became Clemson’s career leader in receptions against #24 Alabama on August 30 when he caught five passes. He now has 170 in his career, three more than Derrick Hamilton had between 2001-03. Kelly needs just 47 more to become the ACC’s career leader in that category.

Kelly is also chasing many of the school’s top receiving records. The most impressive of the list is his pursuit of the career receiving touchdown record. That mark has stood for 57 years and is the oldest major record at Clemson. Glenn Smith (1949-51) had 18 receiving touchdowns and Kelly has 16, so three more touchdowns and Kelly will own that mark.

Finally, Kelly is seventh in Clemson history in career receiving yards (2,039). The record is 2,681 held by Terry Smith (1990-93). Therefore, Kelly needs just 644 receiving yards to eclipse that record.

Tiger Leaders in Career Receptions

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<td>2. Derrick Hamilton, WR</td>
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<td>3. Rod Gardner, WR</td>
<td>1997-00</td>
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<td>4. Terry Smith, WR</td>
<td>1990-93</td>
<td>2004</td>
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<td>5. Perry Tuttle, WR</td>
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<td>6. Kevin Youngblood, WR</td>
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<td>7. Chace Stuckey, WR</td>
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<td>8. Jerry Butler, WR</td>
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<td>10. Airese Currie, WR</td>
<td>2001-04</td>
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Clemson will honor our nation’s military heroes during pregame and halftime today. Both Clemson and The Citadel have strong military heritages dating back to the 1800s.
## Statistical Matchup

### Clemson vs. The Citadel

### Summary

Clemson is leading The Citadel in various statistics, including total offense, plays, yards gained, and more.

### National Polls

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### Clemson

**Category**
- Total Offense: 188.0
- Plays: 180.0
- Yards/Game: 180.0
- Rushing Yards/Game: 0.0
- Passing Yards/Game: 180.0
- Passing Efficiency: 95.4
- First Downs/Game: 11.0
- Points/Game: 10.0
- Touchdowns: 1
- Field Goals: 0-1
- Punting Average: 40.0
- Punt Returns: 1-9
- Kickoff Returns: 7-188
- Penalties: 6-43
- Turnovers: 2
- Interceptions By Defense: 0-0
- Sacks: 0-0

**Rushing**
- # Player | Car. | Yards | Avg. | TD | LG |
- 1. James Davis | 6 | 13 | 2.2 | 0 | 6 |
- 28. C.J. Spiller | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 0 | 8 |
- 6. Jacoby Ford | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 |
- 13. Tyler Grisham | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 0 | 3 |
- Clemson | 14 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 8 |
- Opponents | 50 | 239 | 4.8 | 1 | 128 |

**Passing**
- # Player | Cm. | Yards | Int. | TD | Pct. |
- 10. Cullen Harper | 20 | 34 | 188 | 1 | 58.8 |
- Clemson | 20 | 34 | 188 | 1 | 58.8 |
- Opponents | 22 | 30 | 180 | 0 | 2 | 73.3 |

**Receiving**
- # Player | Rec. | Yards | Avg. | TD | LG |
- 13. Tyler Grisham | 6 | 42 | 7.0 | 0 | 12 |
- 80. Aaron Kelly | 5 | 28 | 5.6 | 0 | 15 |
- 87. Terrance Ashe | 3 | 18 | 6.0 | 0 | 7 |
- 6. Jacoby Ford | 2 | 53 | 26.5 | 0 | 47 |
- Clemson | 20 | 188 | 9.4 | 0 | 47 |
- Opponents | 22 | 180 | 8.2 | 2 | 24 |

**Tackles**
- # Player | Tack. | TFL | Sacks | Int. |
- 33. Kavell Conner | 18 | 12 | - | - |
- 26. Brandon Maye | 12 | 10 | - | - |
- 22. Chris Clemmons | 10 | 8 | - | - |
- 25. Michael Hamlin | 8 | 6 | - | - |
- 18. Crezdon Butler | 10 | 7 | - | - |
- 17. Stanley Hunter | 10 | 1 | - | - |
- 36. Byron Maxwell | 10 | 5 | - | - |
- 97. Dorell Scott | 5 | 1 | - | - |
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**Results & Schedule**

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### The Citadel

**Category**
- Total Offense: 385.0
- Plays: 57.0
- Yards/Game: 385.0
- Rushing Yards/Game: 194.0
- Passing Yards/Game: 191.0
- Passing Efficiency: 59.5
- First Downs/Game: 22.0
- Points/Game: 54.0
- Touchdowns: 7
- Field Goals: 2-0
- Punting Average: 38.0
- Punt Returns: 6-157
- Kickoff Returns: 2-31
- Penalties: 3-28
- Turnovers: 0
- Interceptions By Defense: 0-0
- Sacks: 1-6

**Rushing**
- # Player | Car. | Yards | Avg. | TD | LG |
- 34. Asheton Jordan | 10 | 70 | 7.0 | 0 | 2 |
- 33. Cody Wilson | 8 | 28 | 3.5 | 0 | 11 |
- 6. Cam Turner | 3 | 25 | 8.3 | 0 | 18 |
- Clemson | 42 | 194 | 4.6 | 2 | 24 |
- Opponents | 32 | 121 | 3.8 | 0 | 31 |

**Passing**
- # Player | Cm. | Yards | Int. | TD | Pct. |
- 34. Asheton Jordan | 4 | 30 | 7.5 | 0 | 12 |
- 5. Andre Roberts | 3 | 91 | 30.3 | 0 | 78 |
- 87. Scott Flanagan | 3 | 20 | 6.7 | 0 | 9 |
- 18. Tyler Starnes | 2 | 30 | 15.0 | 0 | 20 |
- The Citadel | 15 | 191 | 12.7 | 4 | 78 |
- Opponents | 14 | 78 | 5.6 | 1 | 15 |

**Receiving**
- # Player | Rec. | Yards | Avg. | TD | LG |
- 34. Asheton Jordan | 3 | 30 | 7.5 | 0 | 0 |
- 5. Andre Roberts | 3 | 91 | 30.3 | 0 | 78 |
- 87. Scott Flanagan | 3 | 20 | 6.7 | 0 | 9 |
- 18. Tyler Starnes | 2 | 30 | 15.0 | 0 | 20 |
- The Citadel | 15 | 191 | 12.7 | 4 | 78 |
- Opponents | 14 | 78 | 5.6 | 1 | 15 |

**Tackles**
- # Player | Tack. | TFL | Sacks | Int. |
- 32. Reggie Rice | 10 | 12 | - | - |
- 30. Jordan Gilmore | 12 | 10 | - | - |
- 40. Chris Hammett | 4 | 6 | - | - |
- 26. Rod Harland | 4 | 12 | - | - |
- 27. Dwight House | 4 | 6 | - | - |
- 91. Kevin McCaskill | 4 | 1 | - | - |
- 25. Shaquill Smith | 4 | 1 | - | - |
- 4. Mel Capers | 3 | 1 | - | - |
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**Results & Schedule**

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Red-shirt freshman Brandon Maye, a Mobile, AL native, tallied 12 tackles in his first career game against #24 Alabama last weekend.
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teams in the state of Georgia. Former Tiger Charlie Whitehurst and current wideout Nelson Faerber also came to Clemson from that school.

Even though Buchholz declined the offer in eighth grade, coaches still tried to coax him to join throughout high school. Finally, he relented and decided to give it a try during his junior year. The starting placekicker was removed from the team at the time when Chattahoochee High was ranked #3 in the state. Someone had to replace the placekicker, and Buchholz was the man for the job.

"When that happened, all of my friends who were playing football begged me to join the team," he explained. "I finally agreed only because I was allowed to come to practice and kick on special teams and then leave to train for soccer.

"I joined on a Wednesday and started to kick with a helmet and pads on Thursday," continued Buchholz, who played for Head Coach Bill Waters. "On Friday, our team played Roswell High School, who was ranked #7 in the state. My very first play consisted of kicking to Josh Allen, who received a scholarship to Vanderbilt. The opening kickoff was a bit nerve-racking, but I put it into the endzone."

Soccer and football are very different sports. However, Buchholz excelled in both by taking different approaches to his overall kicking technique.

"Kicking a soccer ball is different than kicking a football, because I have to try to stay down more and drive it to the goal, while I have to drive a football up and through to get distance."

Along with football and soccer, Buchholz played many other sports as a youth. He was a standout baseball player and was recruited to play on many travel teams in his area. He also played basketball as a freshman, playing on a team that finished in the top five in the state every season.

Buchholz excelled in tennis in middle school, beating the #2-ranked player in the state at that time. He is also an outstanding golfer and routinely shoots in the low 70s at The Walker Course on the Clemson campus. One of his good friends is Tiger All-American golfer Kyle Stanley.

These experiences playing multiple sports helped him become the mature and composed dual-sport collegiate athlete he is today.

A natural athlete, Buchholz’s next step was to play for a Division I university. A highly-recruited soccer player, Buchholz had offers to play at Clemson, Duke, and Virginia during his sophomore year in high school.

"I committed to play soccer for Clemson with my best friend Ryan Roushuland (who later transferred to Central Florida)," recalled Buchholz.

Along with soccer offers, Buchholz also started to receive football offers. "I almost signed with Vanderbilt to be its placekicker. However, Clemson offered me the opportunity to do both. Clemson was also closer to home, which also helped in my decision to stay with the Tigers."

"My freshman year at Clemson was a lot of fun. I started every game that year. I was so busy focusing on soccer that I never had time to get homesick."

Buchholz had an outstanding soccer career under Clemson Head Coach Trevor Adair. He was a member of the 2005 Final Four team. He also started for Clemson’s “Sweet 16” team in 2006.

In his career, he played a total of 61 games, including 59 as a starter. He scored 10 goals, three of which were game-winners, and added nine assists from his midfield position. His determination and perseverance on the soccer field soon became known on the gridiron.

"During my freshman year, I kicked at football camp to show the coaches what I could do and I was asked back to every football camp and spring practice," explained Buchholz. "I eventually won the starting job last season."

In the 2007 Spring Game, Buchholz went 3-4 on field goals, impressing Head Coach Tommy Bowden enough that he named him the starter. A starting midfielder on the Tiger soccer team and starting placekicker on the Clemson football team left both Adair and Bowden depending on the stamina of Buchholz to help both programs.

"My schedule was so busy that I didn’t have time to get nervous or distracted,” he said. "I would play a soccer game one evening, get on a plane later that night, and

By Brittnay Earle

Two-sport athletes leave us with double the excitement. Mark Buchholz has not only played two sports at Clemson, but he played both soccer and football in the same season last year. His presence on both the soccer field and gridiron left Tiger fans in awe at his physical and mental strength to accomplish such a feat.

Buchholz was raised in Stone Mountain, GA but eventually moved just down the road to Alpharetta, GA. He grew up with his two older brothers and younger sister. He was known for his athletic abilities at an early age.

"I can remember always enjoying every sport I tried when I was younger," he recalled.

Buchholz became very involved with sports, especially soccer, at a young age. "When I was nine, I traveled to a lot of soccer tournaments. I loved the experience of going to the beach every weekend and playing soccer, and I decided to stay with the sport and excel in it."

His youth soccer team proved to be a very prominent team in the southeast region. The team never lost a game in the state of Georgia. Buchholz’s team won seven straight state championships along with four Southeast region titles.

"It was quite an accomplishment for my team because we were the only U.S. youth soccer team to achieve this," stated Buchholz.

Along with these revered accomplishments, he has two national soccer titles under his belt. He also earned the opportunity to play some of the best players in the world when he competed against prominent club teams in England.

When Buchholz was only 15, his mother passed away from cancer. "It was a hard time to go through," said Buchholz. "I had to help raise my sister, so I had to mature earlier than most at that age. I used athletics to get away and clear my head. It was my form of release."

Through the trials and tribulations that occurred, Buchholz withstood emotional strains to keep a positive, upbeat persona. He is always the guy on the field with a smile on his face and proactive attitude at all times.

Growing up, he experienced many different types of sports. However, he excelled the most in soccer. He was a force on the pitch, but he soon would become a force on the gridiron as well.

During his successful soccer career, football did not cross his mind until the eighth grade. "In the eighth grade, football coaches and friends wanted me to kick for the varsity football team at Chattahoochee High School. However, I didn’t like kicking the ball for a short period of time and then sitting for hours until the end of practice. I felt that I could be training for soccer during that time instead of sitting around."

Chattahoochee High was one of the premier
play a football game the next day. I was always on the go, so I didn’t have time to stress out or feel the pressure.”

While he might not have had time to think about pressure, he did make time to focus on his studies. He made the All-ACC Academic team in both football and soccer, the first Tiger to earn that honor in two different sports in the same semester.

Buchholz’s relaxed persona helped him deal with the demanding schedule of both football and soccer. Few athletes can handle the situation that Buchholz was in last season. Only two other student-athletes in Clemson history, Donald Igwe-buken (1982) and Obed Anri (1977-79), played both sports at the same time.

The demands on Buchholz’s schedule were significant. Doubts came after the 13-3 loss at Georgia Tech last September when Buchholz missed four field goals. Those doubts were erased when he delivered the game-winning 35-yard field goal that gave the Tigers a thrilling 23-21 victory over rival South Carolina at Williams-Brice Stadium.

“That moment was unbelievable,” Buchholz smiled. “Before the kick, I was hoping the offense would get in range. I warmed up and tried my best. I don’t let the pressure get to me. I just try to make the best out of those situations, and I’m so happy that it went in.”

“That has been by far my most memorable kicking experience at Clemson. It feels great when you can help your team win a game down the stretch, especially against the Gamecocks.”

Buchholz finished the season with 114 points, a Clemson single-season record. He also broke the Tiger kick-scoring record of 107 points held by Chris Gardocki (1989). Gardocki was a native of the Atlanta area (Stone Mountain) as well. Buchholz ended the season with 22 field goals made in 36 attempts and was a perfect 48-48 on extra points, the most extra points in a season in school history.

This season, the Lou Groza Award Watch List member is only donning football gear after exhausting his soccer eligibility. He had the choice to turn professional in soccer, but he decided to play one more year of football at Clemson.

“It feels good to play just one sport and really enjoy my time with my teammates,” admitted #14. “I feel more a part of the team dynamic this year. I’ve had more time to focus on my placekicking weaknesses to become a more proficient kicker coming into the season.”

Entering the 2008 season, the Tigers were ranked #9 in the Associated Press poll, meaning the pressure to win an ACC Championship and earn a bid into a BCS game have only increased for the Tiger football team.

“Last season, I wish I could have done a little better making long-range kicks,” he said. “That is one of my focuses for improvement this season. I have the leg strength for long kicks, so now I’m focusing on my accuracy this fall and getting the ball through the uprights.

“As a team, I believe we will be solid on the offensive and defensive front. We have all the pieces to get over the hump and win an ACC title. We need to especially be proficient in our special teams to have a successful season as well.”

Buchholz, who has already earned his degree in marketing, would like to play in the NFL or with a professional soccer team after his time is up at Clemson. He also would like to pursue a coaching career in any one of several sports.

Buchholz has been a four-year starter on the soccer field and record-setting kicker on the gridiron. With his success in both along with a November, 2007 boot that Tiger fans will not soon forget, he will go down as one of Clemson’s best-ever dual-sport athletes.

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By William Qualkinbush

There is a reason why the NCAA calls its athletic participants “student-athletes.” The organization wants to make sure people know that the athletes they watch playing intercollegiate sports are students first. Many times, fans and the media define a player’s success solely by in-game performance while neglecting in-class performance.

When an athlete comes along who can be a role model, both by how he or she performs on the field of play and in the classroom, it provides a refreshing reminder of the rewards that hard work and dedication can bring a person in all aspects of life. One of those reminders is Tiger punter Jimmy Maners.

A graduate student from Rock Hill, SC, Maners starred at Northwestern High School as a quarterback and punter for three years, earning all-area honors as a signal-caller and all-region honors as a punter. Through high school, Maners saw himself as a quarterback first and punter second even though he showed an impressive leg, averaging 42 yards per punt in his junior and senior seasons.

“I always wanted to play in college but I never thought I would be a punter,” admitted Maners. “Punting was sort of an afterthought.”

Maners earned his first varsity letter at Clemson in 2007, his junior season. It was a major accomplishment for him, especially considering the fact that he walked on to the football team in 2005. He saw that as his best opportunity to play college football.

Anyone who attempts to walk on to a team at a major university will endure some tough times, but Maners was able to deal with the problems he faced because of his family’s football background. His father Michael played football at Alabama and Presbyterian in the early 1980s, and his brother Barrett lettered twice at Coastal Carolina. Maners credited his family for getting him interested in the game and keeping him focused.

“I grew up watching college football on Saturdays,” Maners said. “I grew up a big Ohio State fan because my mom is from Ohio, and I watched Alabama because of my dad.

“My dad has supported me every minute that I’ve been up here. During my whole life, he’s been a great supporter. He was a standout football player when he was in high school and college. He was a hard-nosed player. He’s gone out to the field and punted with me and been a long snapper. He calls all the time just to see how everything’s going.

“My brother is a graduate student at Clemson now, so we live together. He’ll go out and shag balls. We compare stories from our experiences. Our family is really close, and football is just another thing that we do.”

Another guiding influence in Maners’ life during his early years in Tigertown was former Clemson punter Cole Chason, who was ahead of Maners on the depth chart for two seasons. Maners stated that Chason’s willingness to teach him how to be a more effective punter is directly linked to the success he has experienced.

“When I arrived here, I was the only other punter,” recalled Maners. “Cole was a great role model for me and I’ve tried to follow in his footsteps. He taught me the ropes for those two years.”

A common misconception about walk-ons is that they are considered outcasts to the rest of the players who are on scholarship. This was certainly not the case with Maners, who said that his teammates have been receptive and supportive of him throughout his collegiate career.

“When I came here, I was friends with all the specialists and I got to know a lot of the other guys,” he said. “(Former tight end) Thomas Hunter and I were pretty much best friends when he was here. He introduced me to Coach (Brad) Scott, and Coach Scott and I are really close now. I appreciate him, and the older specialists helped me out a lot as well.”

Maners waited patiently behind Chason for two seasons, attempting only one punt in a blowout win over Temple in 2006. Oddly enough, due to Clemson’s offensive prowess in that game, he was the only Tiger to attempt a punt and was credited with his first career start.

After Chason moved on following the 2006 season, Maners was given an opportunity to compete for the starting punting job with then-freshman Richard Jackson. The competition continued well into fall practice and was not decided until a few days before the opener against #19 Florida State.

Maners exceeded all expectations during his junior season, his first as a starter. He finished fourth in the ACC and 20th in the nation in punting with a 42.8-yard average (eighth-best in school history), and he was named second-team All-ACC by Rivals.com. In his second career start, a home game against Louisiana-Monroe, he booted a 71-yard punt that is tied for eighth-longest in Clemson history. He had five consecutive games with an average of at least 40 yards per punt, the first Tiger to do that since Clemson Hall of Famer Chris Gardocki in 1990.

One of the areas that allowed Maners to stand out was his consistency. He averaged at least 40 yards per punt in nine of the 13 games. Arguably his top performance of the season came against Furman when he averaged 50.3 net yards on three punts. Of his 55 total punts, 16 pinned the opposing team inside its own 20-yard line and 13 traveled 50 yards or more.

Entering the 2008 season, Maners found his name listed third on the Tigers’ all-time career punting list with his 42.8-yard average. In the preseason, he was named to the watch list for the Ray Guy Award, presented to the nation’s top punter.
Maners' 42.8-yard punting average in 2007 was the eighth-best mark in Clemson history.

In one season, Maners went from being an anonymous walk-on to a starter and an elite punter that enjoyed national recognition. Many would succumb to the success by becoming proud and complacent, but the seasoned veteran remembered his upbringing and recalled how much work it took to get him into that position. His accomplishments from the 2007 season fueled his desire and drove him to work even harder this past offseason.

The journey has not gotten any easier for Maners this offseason. Freshman punter Dawson Zimmerman, one of many highly-touted players in Clemson’s 2008 recruiting class, has come into camp and provided a challenge for both Maners and Jackson. The three-way battle for the right to be the Tigers’ starting punter was still ongoing even in the final week of preparation before the season-opener against #24 Alabama.

Instead of pouting or feeling entitled to the starting spot, Maners handled the challenge like a professional and maintained that he has no problem with having to win a starting spot.

“It’s a great thing, so why not?” asked Maners. “Dawson is a great punter, and he should come in and compete for the job...it’s only natural. I like Dawson a lot and hopefully I’m doing the same things for him that Cole did for me by showing him the ropes. If Dawson comes in and does well, that’s only going to push me to do that much better, so it’s a good situation. I’m glad Dawson is here. He’s helping me become a better punter.”

Maners’ success has raised his own expectations and brought himself an increased amount of scrutiny from the coaching staff. Maners knows it is a goal for him to increase his hang time in order to help Tiger defenders get downfield to cover his punts.

“I have worked on that a lot this summer,” he said. “That was my main focus all throughout summer workouts. I’ve really focused on getting the ball out there, hanging the ball up instead of driving it. My kicking instructor helped me out with that.”

Even if Maners does eventually win the starting job, his chances to impact the game could be limited this season. In an offense that features Cullen Harper at quarterback, James Davis and C.J. Spiller at running back, and Aaron Kelly, Tyler Grisham, and Jacoby Ford at wide receiver, there will almost certainly be a plethora of scoring and few opportunities to punt the ball away. But his team-first mindset has enabled his potential decreased workload to not be a concern.

“I’m not really worried with how many punts I have,” Maners insisted. “If I never have to punt, that means we’re winning games. I would rather sacrifice numbers for myself so that we can win an ACC Championship.”

“I’m here to do my job. If my job is to punt, then I’ll do that. If my job is to sit on the sidelines and watch the team score touchdowns, I’m completely content with that. I’m happy with my role and I’m not going to get discouraged if I’m not punting a lot of balls, because if I do my job when I need to do it, then that makes me happy.”

Maners has been successful on the gridiron, but it has been in the classroom where he may have made his biggest mark on Clemson University. The graduate student has been a permanent fixture on the Dean’s List since his arrival at Clemson. He earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in the 2008 spring semester, and this past April, Maners was one of five Clemson student-athletes and the first Tiger football player to be inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

“I’m really happy about being the first football player in Phi Beta Kappa here at Clemson,” said Maners. “I’m sure there will be plenty more after me. That’s one of my biggest personal accomplishments. I really love school and I love going to class and learning, maybe more than football. I go to class and try to absorb all I can. I’ve earned my history degree and now I’m working on my philosophy degree. I try to take a wide variety of classes so that I can be well-rounded once I leave school.”

Onlookers may assume that since Maners has earned his undergraduate degree, it takes some pressure off him and allows him to focus more fully on football. “Au contraire!” exclaimed #49.

“I never really considered class a weight,” he stated. “I’m here to be a student-athlete, and school is part of the work. Actually, I think if I did less schoolwork, I wouldn’t be as dedicated or have good time management. With class and football, you have to use your time wisely.”

As the battle for the starting spot continues, Maners has not let the question marks surrounding his status affect his preparation or work ethic. He has also not allowed them to dampen his personal goals for himself and for the squad.

“Personally, I set the goal of leading the ACC in punting,” he admitted. “It’s something to work for and I think I’m capable of doing it. That’s what I’ve been working towards all spring and summer. For the most part, I was pleased with last year and I’m trying to improve from there.

“As a team, I think we can go as far as we want to go. I think we have the tools to win the ACC Championship, and if it all works out, have a chance to play for the national title. We have the tools to do what we need to do, now it’s just a matter of going out and doing it.

“The punter plays a key role in winning games. If I get in there and do my job, then I can set the defense up to do what they need to do because we have some great players on our defense.”

Suffice it to say that the world could benefit from more people with the confidence, the drive, and the focus of Maners. The Clemson football team certainly has.

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By Ashley Earle

Bobby Hutchinson’s life may have been extremely different from what it is today had his grandfather not been there for him. Not only was his grandfather a father-figure, he was the only reason he began playing football at all.

“When I was six, I wanted to play Pee-Wee football because all my friends were playing,” remembered Hutchinson. “But my mom didn’t want me to play. Believe it or not, I was a little kid and she was worried about me. My grandfather talked to her and persuaded her to let me play.”

Hutchinson grew up in Greenville, FL, which is about a 45-minute drive from Tallahassee and the Florida State Seminoles. As a result, football was paramount in his hometown, and as Hutchinson grew taller and stronger, he became an important factor for his high school team. During his sophomore season at Madison County High School, he played left offensive tackle, as his team went on to win the 2001 AA State Championship.

With a taste of success, Hutchinson entered his junior year with high expectations. He had been working out during the summer and was ready to repeat. He also had to get accustomed to playing a new position.

“We had a new coach my junior year and I was moved to center,” said Hutchinson. “We lost in the state semis to the team we beat the year before. We knew we were better than them and it felt awful to lose. I was disappointed.”

Hutchinson was a quiet leader who led by example, both on and off the field, and was named team captain as a senior. He was a center and excelled at that position, but an injury to one of his teammates forced him to move to right offensive tackle for the rest of the season.

Hutchinson took that hurdle in stride and helped his team to the state title game for the second time in three years. Following the season, he was rated as the #12 center in the nation by Rivals.com. In addition, he was an all-state selection and participated in the Florida-California All-Star game.

So it came as no surprise when Hutchinson’s athletic talents began attracting many college scouts. In the end, however, his decision came down to Clemson, Florida State, and Syracuse. Growing up so close to the Seminoles, many thought Florida State would be his choice. But Hutchinson had other plans.

“When I visited Clemson, I immediately liked the campus and people,” recalled Hutchinson. “Coach (Dabo) Swinney had a big influence in my decision. Also, going to Clemson gave me the chance to get away from home and be on my own for the first time.”

His grandfather, who had been a father-figure in his life, passed away during the spring of his senior year. The loss was hard for Hutchinson, but it also gave him the strength to continue his dream of playing college football. Clemson offered him a chance to start a new chapter in his life.

Hutchinson arrived at Clemson in the fall of 2004. He red-shirted that season as he adjusted to college life, both on and off the field. He was immediately thrown into the hectic schedule of classes, studying, practices, and games.

“Going to college was a huge transition for me,” admitted Hutchinson. “The speed was much faster and the amount of material I had to learn was a lot more than I was used to. I had a lot of improvements to make strength-wise as well.”

“When I first arrived at Clemson, summer school was not paid for like it is today. So most of us enrolled in August, therefore we did not have much time to adjust to academics and football.”

As the 2005 season approached, Hutchinson was prepared. He saw action at center in the 31-10 win at N.C. State then followed with a 77-percent grade in nine snaps against Temple. He totaled three knockdowns against Duke a few weeks later.

With a season under his belt, Hutchinson’s playing time increased in 2006. He played in the season-opener against Florida Atlantic and had a knockdown block. Then he saw action in the victory over North Carolina when he played 11 snaps and tallied three knockdown blocks.

Two of Hutchinson’s most memorable moments came in 2007. The first was in the season-opener against #19 Florida State. When offensive guard Thomas Austin was injured, Hutchinson was called in to take his place. He played almost the entire second half at guard and played a career-high 37 snaps. The Tigers went on to win 24-18 over the team from his home state. He was honored as Subway Sub-of-the-Game by the Clemson radio network for his performance.

“I’m only 45 minutes away from Tallahassee, so it was big to come in and finish out the game,” he said. “My whole family was there to see me.”

The next week, Hutchinson played 24 snaps in the win over Louisiana-Monroe, as he had a 78-percent grade. He improved to a career-high 82-percent grade against Central Michigan. Then at Duke, he played an all-around game with 5.5 knockdowns and an 81-percent grade in 22 snaps.

He suffered an injury late in the year and missed the Wake Forest and Boston College games.

However, Hutchinson, who played 174 snaps with 14 knockdowns blocks in 2007, was ready to play against rival South Carolina on November 24. This game became his second-most memorable. He played special teams in that contest, but that would end up being a crucial role.

The Gamecocks were leading 21-20 late in the fourth quarter as Clemson moved down the field. The game would be decided on Mark Bullock’s last-second field goal. The Tiger placekicker split the uprights on the 35-yard field goal, as Hutchinson was one of his blockers.

Hutchinson’s status with the team changed last month when preseason practice began. He met with Head Coach Tommy Bowden and expressed his interest to go into coaching. So Hutchinson was to serve as a student assistant coach.

But those plans changed once again when Barry Humphries went down with an injury against Alabama in the season-opener. Therefore Hutchinson is slated to suit up again for the Tigers and could see game action early this season.

“Bobby wants to go into coaching, so we discussed it just before practice began,” stated Bowden. “I think he will be a fine coach one day. However, circumstances have changed with our team, so he rejoined the active roster.”

Hutchinson has been an asset to the program off the field as well. He has been an active participant in community service and has taken part in a program called Big Thursday on Tuesday. In addition, he has participated in Pastor’s Day Off and Boy Scout Day for Boy Scouts of America. He has also shown his communication skills as a speaker for Speak Up for Child Gala as well as at Mauldin Church and Six Mile Middle School.

Hutchinson is set to graduate with a degree in sport management this December. He hopes to attend graduate school or go into coaching. Hutchinson will certainly have more experience than most players who are entering the profession, and he has Coach Bowden to thank for that opportunity.
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Note: Seasons that end in “8” have been special at Clemson. Hopefully, 2008 will join the list. In each of the first six programs, we will go back in time and reflect on some great Tiger seasons. Today, we look at 1928, the year of Clemson’s first All-American (O.K. Pressley).

As the 1928 season approached, there was much excitement in the air, as the then-named Clemson College Tigers began preparations for the upcoming season. The Tiger coaches and administrators decided Clemson would wear new uniforms that included a brilliant orange jersey with black composition cloth strips on the front and purple numbers on the back.

The 1928 team featured Clemson’s first All-American, Chester, SC native O.K. Pressley. Pressley was a center and linebacker, as players went both ways in those days.

Pressley was a popular teammate, as starting end Henry Asbill explained in an interview years ago. “O.K. was a dedicated player. He played the game because he loved football and his school. He would help his team play better and harder by encouraging us. O.K. was like his initials...he was ‘O.K.’

The 1928 team opened with a 30-0 home win over Newberry on September 22. The game featured a 35-yard touchdown run by Pluto Davis. The Tigers then downed a determined Davidson squad by a score of 6-0 on Riggs Field thanks to a touchdown pass from Goat McMillan to Asbill.

Clemson defeated Auburn 6-0 on the road in an upset win a week later. Johnnie Justus intercepted a pass late in the game that looked to be a sure Auburn touchdown to preserve the victory for Clemson. The Auburn contest proved to be costly, as Pressley injured his hand in that game and his status for upcoming games was unknown.

Clemson blanked N.C. State by a score of 7-0 at Florence, SC without Pressley, and he also missed the 52-0 victory over Erskine. The Tigers entered the South Carolina game with a perfect 5-0 record and had yet to allow a point. Had there been national rankings in those days, the Tigers most certainly would have been considered a top-25 club.

By Sam Blackman

1928 Clemson Team
80th Anniversary of the 8-3 Team

O.K. Pressley became Clemson’s first All-American in 1928.

This was an important game versus the Gamecocks, because South Carolina was also 5-0 and was enjoying one of its best seasons in years. There was much speculation as to Pressley’s playing status.

In the early stages of the game, the Gamecocks were driving. Pressley knew he could help his team, but Head Coach Josh Cody did not want to play him because of his injury. The Gamecocks kept driving and it looked as if they would score.

Pressley went to Cody and begged to be put in, but the coach refused. South Carolina was on the Tiger 10-yard line. Pressley looked at the coach with pleading eyes once again. Not only was the game on the line, but Clemson still had not allowed a point all season.

Cody looked at Pressley and then looked at the field with an approving nod of the head as if to say, “Please go in and stop the Gamecocks!” Pressley proceeded to charge out onto the field.

On the first play, he tackled the South Carolina back for an eight-yard loss. On the next play, Pressley tackled the Gamecock ball carrier for a seven-yard loss. On the next two plays, Pressley tackled the Gamecocks ball runners for five and seven-yard losses, respectively.

It was probably the greatest one-man defensive stand in Clemson football history. It is in fact the only time in recorded school history that one player had a tackle for loss on four consecutive plays. The four plays lost 27 yards, as the Tigers took over possession and momentum. This heroic feat changed the game in its early stages and Clemson went on to a resounding 30-0 victory.

Clemson headed to Mississippi with a 6-0 ledger, but the Rebels upset the Tigers by a score of 26-7 in a downpour. Clemson then rebounded the next week with a 12-0 win over Virginia Military at Lynchburg, VA.

The Tigers lost to Florida at Jacksonville, FL by a score of 27-6 on November 17 against a Gator team that would end the season with an 8-1 record. Clemson scored early in the game on a pass from McMillan to O.D. Padgett, but overall, the Tigers could not stop the Florida running game.

On November 29 (Thanksgiving Day), Clemson downed Furman 27-12 on Manly Field in Greenville, SC. The Tigers then concluded the season with a December 8 loss at The Citadel. That remains Clemson’s latest regular-season game ever played on the calendar.

The Tigers finished the year with an 8-3 record and outscored their opponents 192-77. Clemson finally started gaining respect once again among football teams in the South. This would be the first of three consecutive eight-win seasons for Cody.

In December, the Newspaper Enterprise Association tabbed Pressley with All-America honors, becoming Clemson’s first All-American in any sport. He later became a highly-decorated military figure before he retired in 1949. He also taught school in Chester County and owned a farm near Chester before passing away in 1984.

Cody, after leaving Clemson upon the completion of the 1930 season, went back to his alma mater (Vanderbilt) as an assistant football coach and head basketball coach. He was the head football coach and athletic director at Florida from 1936-39 and actually coached against the Tigers in 1937. A game Clemson won 10-9 on the road.

In 1940, Cody was a line coach at Temple and was appointed head basketball coach in 1942, as he held that post until he became athletic director in 1952. During his tenure as a basketball coach, Cody racked up 124 victories and guided the Owls to the NCAA Tournament in 1944. In 1955, he coached the football team at Temple after the coach resigned prior to the season.

Cody retired and lived on his farm in New Jersey. He died of a heart attack on June 19, 1961 in Mount Laurel, NJ at the age of 69. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1970 (for his playing career at Vanderbilt) and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1999.

The 1928 season established a Tiger record for victories at the time. It was the first season of a three-year run when Clemson had a 24-8 combined record, good for a 75-percent winning mark that stood as the Tigers’ best three-year run until the 1970s.

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The 1928 squad totaled a then-school-record eight victories. The 1928 season was the first of three consecutive eight-win seasons, all under Head Coach Josh Cody (above).
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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, our students, and our 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 twice 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.
- 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.
- set new records for students applications (at both the undergraduate and graduate levels), private giving, external research support, and study-abroad participation.
- opened a new “European portal” with the launching of the Thomas Green Clemson University Center in Brussels, Belgium.

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 is complete and classes are being taught at the Campbell Graduate Engineering Center there.

Planning has begun for Technology Neighborhood II. 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 linchpin is the Advanced Materials Research Laboratory, located at the Advanced Materials Center off I-85 in Anderson County (formerly known as Clemson Research Park). The facility includes one of the nation’s top optical materials and electron microscopy laboratories. Ground was broken in June of 2008 for a new Innovation Center, which will provide space for startup companies that spin off from Clemson research advances.

Barker is a leading voice in higher education, not only in South Carolina but nationwide. He currently chairs the Division I Committee of the NCAA Board of Directors and delivered a keynote address at a symposium in Washington D.C. on Global Best Practices in science & technology parks. It was sponsored by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences in cooperation with the Association of University Research Parks, and his topic was CU-ICAR. His essay, “The Architect as University President,” was published in The Chronicle of Higher Education in March of 2008.

For his leadership, Barker has received the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian honor, and The Cliff’s Business Person-of-the-Year Award from Greenville Magazine. He has also received the James T. Rogers Meritorious Service Award from the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools.

As Clemson’s President, Barker remains committed to the classroom. Each spring, he is part of a team that teaches an undergraduate course exploring “a sense of place” in architecture, literature, and history.

In presenting Barker with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2005, Washington University Chancellor Mark Wrighton said, “James F. Barker has taken the architectural skills and knowledge required to design a building and applied them to the future of a university. His architect’s vision, collaborative instincts, and sense of place are rapidly pushing Clemson up through the ranks of the nation’s top public universities. He has become a leader in national academic circles by creating a new model of education, building interdisciplinary partnerships among the professional schools and the basic curriculum by tearing down artificial walls between disciplines.”

A native of Kingsport, TN, Barker earned his bachelor of arts degree from Clemson in 1970 and his master of architecture & urban design degree from Washington University in Saint Louis, MO in 1973. He and his wife Marcia have a son Jacob and daughter-in-law Rita Bolt, and another son Britt.
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For a person who has coached and worked in athletic administration his entire career, it may be surprising that Dr. Terry Don Phillips defines his passion and drive as Clemson’s athletic director by his recent inclusion as one of the 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America, as named by The Institute for International Sport at the University of Rhode Island. The institute’s objective involved a four-year process and resulted in a list that spans scholars, Olympians, coaches, and other industry leaders “who have creatively and effectively used sport in the very best way as a means to educate and shape positive values.”

Phillips’ athletic career and academic pursuits epitomize that desire. Perhaps still the only Division I athletic director with both a doctorate and law degree, he uniquely blends the discipline and inspiration created on each side of campus. In his seventh year at Clemson, he has firmly put his imprint on the University and Tiger athletics through his leadership toward a balanced, positive environment for success.

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.

By far, Phillips’ deepest professional satisfaction is reflected in the young man or woman who defies the rigor and challenges of a student-athlete, achieves in the classroom, triumphs in competition, acquires healthy life skills, and leaves Clemson with a degree, fully prepared for a bright future.

Phillips’ leadership is obvious both visually and through the vast improvements in Clemson’s facilities, most notably the new WestZone at 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 and 1,000 private luxury club-level seats.

The Phase II funding, which includes a comprehensive football facility and new strength training center for the program, has been finalized and construction began in the summer of 2008. When complete, the Jervey and McFadden buildings will undergo a makeover for the men’s and women’s Olympic sports.

Other improvements have taken place at many other athletic facilities, contributing to the program’s all-around performance in 2007-08. Eight Tiger programs finished in the top 25 for the second straight year.

The Clemson football and men’s basketball teams both finished in the final top 25 of their respective AP polls. That was just the third time in school history that had been achieved, including the first time since the 1969-90 academic year. Clemson was one of just five programs nationally ranked in the top 25 of both sports.

Clemson’s women’s programs had a strong year, as the women’s tennis and volleyball teams claimed ACC Championships. Both of those programs, plus the young rowing program, received NCAA bids and were ranked in the final top 25.

From an academic standpoint, all of Clemson’s sports programs performed strongly in terms of the NCAA’s graduation success rate and APR statistics. The student-athletes combined to earn a 2.89 GPA for the 2007-08 academic year, with eight sports programs posting at least a 3.0 GPA in one of the two semesters. The football program posted its highest team GPA on record as well.

Phillips was recognized nationally for his performance at Clemson in June of 2006 when he was honored by NACDA (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 the FBS. He was one of just four FBS athletic directors honored at the annual convention in New Orleans, LA.

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

Phillips remains a classroom presence by teaching a sports law section in Clemson’s Accountancy & Legal Studies department. In addition, he is past chair of the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee. He has written on diverse areas, such as antitrust and the NCAA, student-athlete welfare, alternative dispute resolution, and Title IX. His doctoral dissertation on Title IX involved a historical review of the law and was the first national study of Title IX implications on college athletic programs. This research spawned his intent and desire to study law.

From an experience standpoint, Phillips has worked in nearly all phases of college athletics. He coached on the football staff at Virginia Tech, supervised spring sports and student-athlete enrichment at Florida, handled athletic fundraising 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, coming from Oklahoma State.

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 appearance, 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 the athletic director at Liberty (1980-81) and Louisiana-Lafayette (1983-88). He was also an assistant athletic director at Missouri (1981-83) and 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 (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), where he and his brother Loyd, an Outland Trophy winner, were starting defensive tackles. Arkansas had a 27-5 record in the three years, played two Sugar Bowl games, and played in the memorable 1969 National Championship game against Texas.

In addition to Phillips’ tenure with the NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee, he also serves on the NCAA Select Committee for At-Risk Student-Athletes and 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 (31) and Sarah-Jane (28), and three stepchildren, Meagan (19), a sophomore at Clemson and proud member of Tiger Band, Marshall (18), and Madison (16). His wife Teca is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism and earlier enjoyed a career in athletics and development. She is now active in the Clemson and Seneca communities.
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Each of his last eight teams has had a winning record. A winning season in 2006 gave him a Clemson coaching record seven consecutive winning seasons (now eight in a row), and he became just the fifth head coach in ACC history to record seven straight winning seasons with the same program.

There has also been consistency in terms of success against Clemson's in-state rival South Carolina. The Tigers have won seven of the nine meetings since Bowden became Clemson's head coach in 1999, and the 78-percent winning mark is the best of any Tiger head coach in history against the Gamecocks given a minimum of five games. He has an average scoring margin of +9.4 points per game in the rivalry game, and all seven wins have been recorded against future Hall of Fame Head Coaches Lou Holtz and Steve Spurrier.

In 11 seasons as a Division I head coach, Bowden has an 87-46 record (.654). In conference games, he has never had a sub-.500 record, and his overall conference record stands at 53-31 (.631).

In nine years at Clemson, he has a 69-42 record (.622) and eight bowl appearances. He has 42 ACC wins as well. The only programs with more ACC victories during this time are Florida State and Georgia Tech. The 69 overall victories are third-most in Clemson history. The 29-7 victory over South Carolina in the 2004 season-finale moved Bowden ahead of Hall of Fame Coach Jess Neely into third place on Clemson's coaching wins list. Only Frank Howard and Danny Ford are ahead of Bowden.

Clemson has won at least eight games each of the last three years, as he became the first Tiger head coach to record back-to-back eight-win seasons in 15 years.

Twice Bowden has been named ACC Coach-of-the-Year (1999, 2003), 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 Tiffen National Coach-of-the-Year Award by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

On the field, Clemson has graduated nearly 60 percent of its seniors in his nine years. Clemson's graduation success rate of 94.4 percent in 2003 was fourth-best among the 119 Division I-A programs. In 2003, Clemson was #1 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 #5 in the nation in graduation rate among African-Americans (100 percent). Each of the top-eight semester team GPAs have been recorded under Bowden as well.

The 2007 Tigers had a 9-4 overall record thanks in part to the right arm of first-year starting quarterback Cullen Harper. The Tigers were ranked #21 in the final AP poll with a team that started only six seniors. Harper passed for 2,991 yards and a school-record 27 touchdowns against only six interceptions. He led an offensive unit that averaged 403 yards and 33 points per game.

For the second year in a row, the Tigers had four First-Team All-ACC selections on offense, including wide receiver Aaron Kelly, in 2007. The junior had a Tiger-record 88 receptions for 1,081 yards and 11 touchdown catches (also a school record).

Clemson was ninth in the nation in yards allowed per game (307). The Tigers were also in the top 10 in the nation in scoring defense (18.7) and turnover margin (+1.0).

The Tigers ran off two four-game winning streaks in 2007, starting with a season-opening 24-18 win over #19 Florida State. It was Clemson's fourth win in the last five games against the Seminoles. The season was also highlighted by a 70-point scoring performance in a win over eventual MAC champion Central Michigan and a 44-10 win over Wake Forest. The Tigers also defeated rival South Carolina 23-21 on Mark Burchill's field goal as time expired.

His 2006 team set numerous offensive records on its way to totaling 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 Tiger Town. It was the second win over a top-15 team in 2006, as the Tigers also won at #9 Florida State.

In November of 2006, Bowden was named a semifinalist for the Maxwell Club George Munger National Coach-of-the-Year Award. A big reason for his naming was the fact that the Tigers overcame numerous injuries, including the loss of linebackers Anthony Waters and Tramaine Billie. His team defeated ACC Champion Wake Forest, the second straight season he beat the league champion.

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.

The 2005 team won six of its last seven games, including a 19-10 win over Colorado in the Champs Sports Bowl. The Tigers had the best record among the 12 ACC teams over that time period.

Bowden's 2004 Tiger team featured a defense that was 11th in the nation in pass efficiency defense. The unit had 42 sacks to finish in the top 10 in the nation. Leroy Hill was named ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year and an AP Third-Team All-American. Cornerback Justin Miller was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award and was a second-team All-American as a kick returner. Wide receiver Airese Currie led the ACC in receptions and receiving yards.

Clemson played a complete game at #10 Miami (FL) on November 6, 2004 and beat the Hurricanes 24-17 in overtime in the Orange Bowl. It was the second overtime win of the year for the Tigers.

The win over Miami gave Bowden seven wins over top-10 programs in a 13-game span, something that had been done at Clemson just once previously (1981 National Championship.
Under Tommy Bowden, Clemson has reached new heights in terms of offensive production.

Bowden’s Coaching Records

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Bowden’s Coaching Records (1978-2007)

- 30 years as a coach
- 9-3 in 1990
- 8-4 in 1996
- 6-6 in 1993
- 7-4 in 1997
- 11-0 in 1998
- 7-4 in 2007

Bowden’s teams have won numerous championships and have been recognized with numerous awards and honors. He has led his teams to a total of 39 bowl games, including the Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and BCS Championship Game. His teams have been consistently competitive in the ACC and in college football as a whole.

Bowden’s coaching philosophy emphasizes a strong offensive approach, with an emphasis on passing and play-action. He is known for his ability to develop quarterbacks and offensive lines, as well as his ability to motivate and lead his teams to success.

Bowden’s teams have produced numerous All-American players and have consistently been ranked among the top teams in the nation. His coaching career has been marked by numerous awards and honors, including the ACC Coach of the Year award.

Bowden has been recognized for his contributions to the sport of football and has been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

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Brad Scott

• Associate Head Coach
• Offensive Line
• 10th Season at Clemson
• 28th Season Overall
• South Florida '79
• Born September 30, 1954

Playing Experience
Three-year lettermen 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. degree in athletic administration from Florida State in 1984.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1983 Peach Bowl...1984 Citrus Bowl...1985 Gator Bowl...1986 All-American Bowl...1988 Fiesta Bowl...1989 Sugar Bowl...1990 Fiesta Bowl...1990 Blockbuster Bowl...1992 Cotton Bowl...1993 Orange Bowl...1994 Orange Bowl...1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Huma- tarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Bowl Seasons as a Head Coach
1995 Carquest Bowl.

Personal Data
Born September 30, 1954 in Arcadia, FL...married to Daryle...the couple has two sons (Jeff, John). Jeff is a graduate assistant coach at Clemson on the 2008 staff.

Vic Koenning

• Defensive Coordinator
• Defensive Backs
• 4th Season at Clemson
• 23rd Season Overall
• Kansas State '93
• Born February 26, 1960

Playing Experience

Bowl Participation as a Player
1982 Independence Bowl.

Education
S.S. degree in communications from Kansas State in 1983...M.A. degree in athletic administration from Memphis in 1989.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2004 Silicon Valley Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Bowl Seasons as a Head Coach

Personal Data
Born February 26, 1960 in Owasso, OK...married to Tracey...the couple has four children (Kimberly 28, Brady 12, Camden 8, Jackson 7).

Rob Spence

• Offensive Coordinator
• Quarterbacks
• 4th Season at Clemson
• 18th Season Overall
• Iona '81
• Born October 10, 1958

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...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Personal Data
Born October 10, 1958 in Middletown, DE...married to Susan...the couple has two daughters (Samantha 16, Sydney Rae 13).
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...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Personal Data
Born November 20, 1969 in Birmingham, AL...married to the former Kathleen Bassett...the couple has three sons (Will 10, Drew 8, Clay 5).

David Blackwell

Playing Experience
Played on the offensive line at East Carolina in the 1990 season.

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...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Personal Data
Born May 4, 1971 in Greenville, SC...married to the former Melissa Androuotos...the couple has a son (D.J. 2).

Billy Napier

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

Education

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-Fil-A Bowl.

Personal Data
Born July 21, 1979 in Cookeville, TN...married to the former Ali Lunn.
André Powell

- Special Teams Coordinator
- Running Backs
- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 18th Season Overall
- Indiana '91
- Born September 29, 1966

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

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1988 Liberty Bowl...1996 Carquest Bowl...1998 Peach Bowl...1999 MicronPC.com Bowl...2000 Oahu Bowl...2001 Peach Bowl...2004 Continental Tire Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Personal Data
Born September 29, 1966 in Lockhart, SC...married to Joann...the couple has one son (Andre II 12) and two daughters (Alayna 9, Mikala 6).

Chris Rumph

- Defensive Line
- 3rd Season at Clemson
- 7th Season Overall
- South Carolina '94
- Born December 21, 1971

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

Bowl Participation as a Player
1995 Carquest Bowl.

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

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2003 New Orleans Bowl...2004 GMAC Bowl...2005 Motor City Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Personal Data
Born December 21, 1971 in Orangeburg, SC...married to Kila...the couple has two sons (Christopher 9, Elijah 2).

Ron West

- Outside Linebackers
- 10th Season at Clemson
- 30th Season Overall
- Clemson '79
- Born February 12, 1957

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

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1994 Alamo Bowl...1996 Liberty Bowl...1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Personal Data
Born February 12, 1957...married to the former Becky Horne...the couple has two children (Brad 25, Lori 22).
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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 27 straight seasons. A crowd has exceeded 80,000 fans 52 times since the 1983 season. In 2007, Clemson was #16 in the nation in average home attendance with its 81,335 average, just under 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 240 games in 66 years there and has won over 71 percent of the contests (240-94-7).

The stadium has definitely been good to the Tigers, but it 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, a young player proudly announced that he was not allergic to poison oak. He then proceeded...
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**Death Valley Quotes**

“Running down the Hill is still talked about everywhere I go. Players who played at Clemson when I was in college remember us running down the Hill and thinking we would gain some type of spirit. The adrenaline rush was unbelievable for a Clemson player and quite a shock for the opponent.”

Former Clemson All-American Jerry Butler

“I came here knowing it would be loud and Clemson would hit hard, but the noise was the biggest factor. I didn’t concentrate as well because of it.”

Herschel Walker after Clemson’s 13-3 win in 1981, his only regular-season loss

“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.”

Six-Time All-Pro and Tiger All-American Michael Dean Perry

“When Clemson players rub that Rock and run down the Hill, it’s the most exciting 25 seconds in college football.”

Brent Musburger, ABC Sports

“There is no place louder or more picturesque than Death Valley. There, where Clemson fans see magic in a hill and a rock, orange gets more respect than anywhere this side of Gainesville, Florida.”

Terence Moore, Atlanta Journal-Constitution

“When you get to the bottom of the Hill, it’s like you’re in a hole and all around you are nothing but Clemson fans. It’s like the crowd is one big voice. You feel like little kings.”

Former Clemson running back Rodney Blunt

“Death Valley really lives up to its image. I was impressed with this stadium. When you put 80,000 people in there, it feels like they are on top of you. I’d hate to be whoever comes here to play Clemson.”

San Francisco quarterback Steve Young

“Florida was loud in the swamp. But the loudest, not only the stadium, but the loudest place I have ever been around in my life was definitely Death Valley. I was yelling at the top of my lungs and I couldn’t even hear what I was saying. That place was unreal in how loud it was. I don’t think I will ever be in a louder place than Clemson.”

Florida State quarterback Chris Rix, 2001

“I’m very thankful that we’re playing a day game at Clemson. The last time we were up there, it was extremely loud. I’m sitting here yelling the calls to my guard, but we couldn’t hear each other and we couldn’t hear each other in the huddle. When you have fans that can get that loud and distract defenses like that, that’s as important as having an All-American on your defense.”

Florida State center David Castillo, 2005

“In the 2005 season, Clemson’s Memorial Stadium, commonly known as ‘Death Valley,’ reached an astounding 121 decibels when a packed crowd of 70,135 fans observed Charles Bennett’s sack of quarterback Kyle Wright during the Tigers’ three-overtime heartbreaker against the Miami Hurricanes. This level easily surpassed the old record of 121 decibels set by Louisiana State fans in Tiger Stadium, which holds 92,400.”

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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 that 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 warmup 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 a 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 Tiger wins that had been recorded there. Actually, the name was first used by Lonnie McMillan, head coach at Presbyterian 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. Clemson celebrated its 66th year in the "Valley" in 2007.

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 left and came back to win 40-35 on a 65-yard pass from Jimmy Addison to Jacky Jackson in the fourth quarter. That was quite a debut for the 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.

"Scariest" Home Fields

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* - no longer in use; Note: List compiled from survey of coaches by ESPN The Magazine in 2007.

Clemson players began the tradition of running down the hill out of convenience after dressing across the street at Fike Fieldhouse.
Prior to running down the Hill that day, Howard told his players, "If you’re going to give me 100 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 (326 times entering the 2008 season). After final warmups, the team goes back into its dressing room under the west endzone stands for final game instructions. About 10 minutes prior to kickoff, the team boards three 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.
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2008 ACC Schedule

Thursday, August 28
Jacksonville State at Georgia Tech TBA
Charleston Southern at Miami (FL) TBA
N.C. State at South Carolina TBA
Wake Forest at Baylor TBA

Saturday, August 30
Virginia Tech vs. East Carolina TBA
Southern California at Virginia TBA
Delaware at Maryland TBA
McNeese State at North Carolina TBA
Boston College vs. Kent State TBA
Alabama vs. Clemson TBA

Saturday, September 6
Georgia Tech at Boston College TBA
Furman at Virginia Tech TBA
The Citadel at Clemson TBA
Mississippi at Wake Forest TBA
Richmond at Virginia TBA
Western Carolina at Florida State TBA
William & Mary at N.C. State TBA
Northwestern at Duke TBA
Maryland at Midde Tennessee TBA
Miami (FL) at Florida State TBA

Thursday, September 11
North Carolina at Rutgers TBA

Saturday, September 13
N.C. State at Clemson TBA
Navy at Duke TBA
Arkansas at South Carolina TBA
Furman at Georgia Tech TBA
Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech TBA
Chattanooga at Florida State TBA
Virginia at Connecticut TBA

Saturday, September 20
Central Florida at Boston College TBA
S.C. State at Clemson TBA
Wake Forest at Florida State TBA
Mississippi State at Georgia Tech TBA
Eastern Michigan at Maryland TBA
Miami (FL) at Texas A&M TBA
Virginia Tech at North Carolina TBA
East Carolina at N.C. State TBA

Saturday, September 27
Rhode Island at Boston College TBA
Maryland at Clemson TBA
Virginia at Duke TBA
Colorado at Florida State TBA
North Carolina at Miami (FL) TBA
South Florida at N.C. State TBA
Virginia Tech at Nebraska TBA
Navy at Wake Forest TBA

Saturday, October 4
Boston College at N.C. State TBA
Duke at Georgia Tech TBA
Florida State at Miami (FL) TBA
Maryland at Virginia TBA
Connecticut at North Carolina TBA
Western Kentucky at Virginia Tech TBA

Thursday, October 9
Clemson at Wake Forest TBA

Saturday, October 11
Gardner-Webb at Georgia Tech TBA
Central Florida at Georgia Tech TBA
Notre Dame at North Carolina TBA
East Carolina at Virginia TBA

Thursday, October 16
Florida State at N.C. State TBA

Saturday, October 18
Virginia Tech at Boston College TBA
Georgia Tech at Clemson TBA
Miami (FL) at Duke TBA
Wake Forest at Florida State TBA
North Carolina at Virginia TBA

Saturday, October 25
Boston College at North Carolina TBA
Duke at Vanderbilt TBA
Virginia Tech at Florida State TBA
Virginia at Georgia Tech TBA
N.C. State at Maryland TBA
Wake Forest at Miami (FL) TBA

Saturday, November 1
Clemson at Boston College TBA
Duke at Wake Forest TBA
Florida State at Georgia Tech TBA
Miami (FL) at Virginia TBA

Thursday, November 6
Maryland at Virginia Tech TBA

Saturday, November 8
Notre Dame at Boston College TBA
Clemson at Florida State TBA
N.C. State at Duke TBA
Georgia Tech at North Carolina TBA

Thursday, November 13
Virginia Tech at Miami (FL) TBA

Saturday, November 15
Boston College at Florida State TBA
Duke at Clemson TBA
Northern Illinois at North Carolina TBA
N.C. State at Wake Forest TBA

Thursday, November 20
Miami (FL) at Georgia Tech TBA

Saturday, November 22
Boston College at Wake Forest TBA
Clemson at Virginia TBA
Duke at Virginia Tech TBA
Florida State at Maryland TBA
N.C. State at North Carolina TBA

Saturday, November 29
Maryland at Boston College TBA
South Carolina at Clemson TBA
North Carolina at Duke TBA
Florida at Florida State TBA
Georgia Tech at Georgia Tech TBA
Miami (FL) at N.C. State TBA
Virginia at Virginia Tech TBA
Vanderbilt at Wake Forest TBA

Saturday, December 6
ACC Championship Game TBA
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The Citadel is a state-supported comprehensive military college with the mission of educating principled leaders through its Corps of Cadets. Males and females are admitted to the undergraduate residential Corps of Cadets. In addition to the day program, undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through The Citadel Graduate College (CGS) in the evening.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education recognizes The Citadel as the only specialized four-year college in the state. Founded in 1842, it is a co-educational military college with a rich and storied history.

Located in Charleston, SC, the institution offers a classic military education for young men and women who seek a college experience that is intense, meaningful, and academically strong. Graduates of The Citadel say that the disciplined lifestyle and friendships they forged have a profoundly positive effect on their lives.

With an enrollment of 1,900, the Corps of Cadets is the nation's largest military college program outside the service academies. All cadets are educated within a classic military system and about 40 percent of the graduating seniors earn military commissions. The remaining graduates attend graduate school or enter the job market.

A Closer Look at The Citadel

School Information

Location: Charleston, SC
Enrollment: 1,900
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Citadel Blue & White
Conference: Southern
Home Field: Johnson Hagood Stadium (21,000)
Athletic Director: Larry Leckonby
First Year of Football: 1905
Series Record: Clemson leads 29-5-1
Athletic Website: CitadelSports.com

Head Coach

Head Coach (Alma Mater): Kevin Higgins (West Chester ’77)
Record at School Entering 2008 (Seasons): 16-17 (3)
Career Record Entering 2008 (Seasons): 72-42-1 (10)

Assistant Coaches

Coach Position(s) Alma Mater
Bob Felio AHC, STC, LB Kent State ’74
Dave Cecchini OC, WR Lehigh ’94
Isaac Collins DC, S Rochester ’94
Ryan Hearn RC, TE South Florida ’03
Everette Sands RB The Citadel ’93
Eric Westerfield DL Hamilton ’92
Aashon Larkins CB Lehigh ’03
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### 2008-09 Bowl Schedule

**Date** | **Day** | **Time** | **Bowl** | **Location** | **Stadium** | **Network** | **Participants**
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Dec. 20 | Sat. | TBA | Congressional Bowl | Washington, D.C. | Nationals Park | TBA | ACC vs. Navy
| | | New Mexico Bowl | Albuquerque, NM | University Stadium | ESPN | Mountain West vs. WAC
| | | St. Petersburg Bowl | St. Petersburg, FL | Tropicana Field | ESPN | Big East vs. C-USA
| | | Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl | Las Vegas, NV | Sam Boyd Stadium | ESPN | Mountain West vs. Pac 10
| | | R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl | New Orleans, LA | Superdome | ESPN | C-USA vs. Sun Belt
| | | San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl | San Diego, CA | Qualcomm Stadium | ESPN | Mountain West vs. Pac 10
| | | Sheraton Hawaii Bowl | Honolulu, HI | Aloha Stadium | ESPN | Pac 10 vs. WAC
| | | Motor City Bowl | Detroit, MI | Ford Field | ESPN | Big Ten vs. MAC
| | | Meineke Car Care Bowl | Charlotte, NC | Bank of America Stadium | ESPN | ACC vs. Big East
| | | Champs Sports Bowl | Orlando, FL | Florida Citrus Bowl | ESPN | ACC vs. Big Ten
| | | Emerald Bowl | San Francisco, CA | AT&T Park | ESPN | ACC vs. Pac 10
| | | PetroSun Independence Bowl | Shreveport, LA | Independence Stadium | ESPN | Big 12 vs. SEC
| | | Papa Johns.com Bowl | Birmingham, AL | Legion Field | ESPN | Big East vs. SEC
| | | Valero Alamo Bowl | San Antonio, TX | Alamodome | ESPN | Big 12 vs. Big Ten
| Dec. 30 | Tue. | 4:30 PM | Roady's Humanitarian Bowl | Boise, ID | Bronco Stadium | ESPN | ACC vs. AAC
| | | Pacific Life Holiday Bowl | San Diego, CA | Qualcomm Stadium | ESPN | Big 12 vs. Pac 10
| | | Texas Bowl | Houston, TX | Reliant Stadium | NFL | Big 12 vs. C-USA
| | | Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl | Fort Worth, TX | Amon G. Carter Stadium | ESPN | C-USA vs. Mountain West
| | | Brut Sun Bowl | El Paso, TX | Sun Bowl | CBS | Big 12 or Big East or Notre Dame vs Pac 10
| | | Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl | Nashville, TN | LP Field | ESPN | ACC vs. SEC
| | | Insight Bowl | Tempe, AZ | Sun Devil Stadium | NFL | Big 12 vs. Big Ten
| | | Chick-fil-A Bowl | Atlanta, GA | Georgia Dome | ESPN | ACC vs. SEC
| | | Konica Minolta Gator Bowl | Orlando, FL | Raymond James Stadium | ESPN | ACC vs. SEC
| | | Capital One Bowl | Orlando, FL | Florida Citrus Bowl | ABC | ACC vs. SEC
| | | Konica Minolta Gator Bowl | Jacksonville, FL | Jacksonville Municipal Stadium | CBS | ACC vs. Big 12 or Big East or Notre Dame
| | | Rose Bowl Game Presented by Citi | Pasadena, CA | Rose Bowl | ABC | BCS vs. BCS
| | | FedEx Orange Bowl | Miami Gardens, FL | Dolphin Stadium | FOX | BCS vs. BCS
| | | AT&T Cotton Bowl | Dallas, TX | Cotton Bowl | FOX | BCS vs. BCS
| | | AutoZone Liberty Bowl | Memphis, TN | Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium | ESPN | BCS vs. BCS
| Jan. 1 | Thu. | 4:30 PM | Allstate Sugar Bowl | New Orleans, LA | Superdome | FOX | BCS vs. BCS
| | | 10:00 AM | International Bowl | Toronto, Ontario | Rogers Centre | ESPN | BCS vs. BCS
| | | 1:00 PM | Konica Minolta Gator Bowl | Jacksonville, FL | Jacksonville Municipal Stadium | CBS | ACC vs. Big 12 or Big East or Notre Dame
| | | 11:00 AM | Outback Bowl | Tampa, FL | Raymond James Stadium | ESPN | ACC vs. SEC
| | | 1:00 PM | Capital One Bowl | Orlando, FL | Florida Citrus Bowl | ABC | ACC vs. SEC
| | | 9:30 PM | FedEx Orange Bowl | Miami Gardens, FL | Dolphin Stadium | FOX | BCS vs. BCS
| | | 8:00 PM | AutoZone Liberty Bowl | Memphis, TN | Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium | ESPN | BCS vs. BCS
| | | 10:00 AM | FedEx Orange Bowl | Miami Gardens, FL | Dolphin Stadium | FOX | BCS vs. BCS
| Jan. 2 | Fri. | 1:00 PM | Konica Minolta Gator Bowl | Jacksonville, FL | Jacksonville Municipal Stadium | CBS | ACC vs. Big 12 or Big East or Notre Dame
| | | 12:00 PM | FedEx Orange Bowl | Miami Gardens, FL | Dolphin Stadium | FOX | BCS vs. BCS
| | | 3:00 PM | AT&T Cotton Bowl | Dallas, TX | Cotton Bowl | FOX | BCS vs. BCS
| | | 6:00 PM | AutoZone Liberty Bowl | Memphis, TN | Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium | ESPN | BCS vs. BCS
| | | 12:00 PM | FedEx Orange Bowl | Miami Gardens, FL | Dolphin Stadium | FOX | BCS vs. BCS
| Jan. 3 | Sat. | 12:00 PM | International Bowl | Toronto, Ontario | Rogers Centre | ESPN | BCS vs. BCS
| | | 1:00 PM | Konica Minolta Gator Bowl | Jacksonville, FL | Jacksonville Municipal Stadium | CBS | ACC vs. Big 12 or Big East or Notre Dame
| | | 2:00 PM | AT&T Cotton Bowl | Dallas, TX | Cotton Bowl | FOX | BCS vs. BCS
| | | 5:00 PM | AutoZone Liberty Bowl | Memphis, TN | Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium | ESPN | BCS vs. BCS
| Jan. 5 | Mon. | 8:00 PM | Tostitos Fiesta Bowl | Glendale, AZ | University of Phoenix Stadium | FOX | C-USA vs. MAC
| Jan. 6 | Tue. | 8:00 PM | GMAC Bowl | Mobile, AL | Ladd Peebles Stadium | ESPN | C-USA vs. MAC
| Jan. 8 | Thu. | 8:00 PM | FedEx BCS National Championship Game | Miami Gardens, FL | Dolphin Stadium | FOX | BCS (1) vs. BCS (2)

Note: All times are EST and subject to change; possible bowls for ACC teams in bold.
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 Jersey and Pete Hefner along with 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 Jersey. Neely believed he could run a successful football team if he was provided a $10,000-a-year increase in scholarships. Initially, Jersey 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, which is where the IPTAY (I Pay Ten A Year) originated.

The purpose of IPTAY is “to provide annual financial scholarships 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, over $1,600 was raised by the organization. Some donors negotiated payments in the form of bartering because of the Great Depression. Milk, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, and other goods 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 top-25 of the AP poll. Coincidentally, IPTAY reached Neely’s $10,000 goal for the first time in 1939.

IPTAY has nearly 22,000 donors, which includes over 16,400 IPTAY members as well 5,500 Cubare, College Club members who continue Fike’s mission of providing annual scholarships to Clemson’s student-athletes, paying the operating expenses of IPTAY, and maintaining an adequate reserve fund deemed appropriate by the IPTAY Board of Directors. Our donors’ contributions ensure all 19 varsity sports annually obtain the maximum amount of 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. IPTAY 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 programs in the country. It 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, including being a strong supporter of Tiger Band through payment of new uniforms, instruments, and travel expenses.

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 built 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 College Club, started in 1997, continues to be the model student fundraising organization in the country. The IPTAY Representative program continues to be a leadership group that grows the IPTAY organization through its role as volunteer annual fundraisers. To contact an IPTAY Representative, please visit IPTAYBeggs.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 ($2,100) and McFadden ($5,600) levels of giving.

IPTAY introduced the endorsement of positions program under former Executive Director George Bennett. IPTAY implemented the endorsement of positions program in April, 1994 at the 85th birthday celebration for former Tiger Head Coach Frank Howard. The first endorsement honored Howard, who coached at Clemson for 39 years and established much of Tiger football's storied tradition.

The Heisman Scholarship Level, established in 2005, is the highest annual donation level. IPTAY Executive Director Bert Henderson 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. The support from donors at IPTAY’s highest level exceeds 300 in 2008.

Today, the organization continues its missions, as it celebrates its 75th year of scholarship support for Clemson 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 representative program.

For more information on IPTAY or determining other ways to contribute, call the IPTAY office at (864) 656-2115 or log on to ClemsonTigers.com.
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2008 TIGER FOOTBALL
Mike Dooley
Graduate Assistant Coach (Offense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant coach who works with the 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 final season. Academic Honor Roll member...graduated of Stephens County High in Toccoa, GA.

Experience: Three-year letterman as a wide receiver and holder at Clemson from 2000-02. Played for the Tigers with his father Brad Scott on the coaching staff. Played on three bowl teams, including the 2000 squad that had a 9-3 record and top-15 national ranking.

Coaching Experience: Head coach at Blythewood (SC) High in 2006, that team won the state championship in his first year as a head coach...assistant coach at Presbyterian in 2007.

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

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

Ryan Sulkowski
Video Graduate Assistant (Defense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant who works with the offense 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 2003-06...video graduate assistant (defense) at Clemson in 2007.

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


Football Support Staff

Donald Hymel
Assistant AD + High School Relations

Donald Hymel is in his 10th season with the Clemson football program and serves as assistant athletic director for high school relations. Some of his other emphasis areas include working with pro scouts, handling coaches clinics and summer camps, team travel, handling official and unofficial campus visits by recruits, and serving as the liaison for ACC referees. Hymel (pronounced HEE-mel) came to Clemson after a three-year stint as the assistant equipment manager at Tulane. In 1998, he served as an administrative assistant there in addition to his duties of assistant equipment manager.

While at Tulane, Hymel also assisted the football program in conducting such activities as the annual coaches clinic, alumni golf tournament, summer camp, and kickoff cruise. Hymel (45) 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 1998 graduate of Louisiana State, where he was a student equipment manager. He also performed postgraduate studies at the U.S. Sports Academy in Mobile, AL.

Andy Johnston
Assistant AD + Football Operations

Andy Johnston is in his 12th year with the Clemson football program and currently serves as associate athletic director for football operations. His responsibilities with the team include managing the program’s day-to-day operations. Although this is his 12th year with the football program, he has been involved with the Clemson athletic department for 26 years. From 1983-97, he was the winningest women’s tennis coach in Clemson history.

In those 16 seasons, Johnston guided his squads to five consecutive ACC titles (1983-87), 12 top-25 finishes, and six NCAA Tournaments. He was ACC Coach-of-the-Year for the four time and Southeast Region Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 1995. Seven players he coached at Clemson were named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary team in 2002.

Johnston had a 254-160 Clemson record and 263-167 career mark. He was head coach at Furman in 1992 before coming to Clemson. He coached the team in his rookie year when the team had a 30-5 record and finished #7 in the polls. That team won nine victories of the ACC regular season, the only ACC team to win a Tiger history to do that. He coached former Lady 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 assistant men’s tennis coach for the 1980 season before moving on to Furman.

Johnston (51) is a native of Summerville, SC. He is married to the former Sophie Woors. He has a daughter Kiera (15) and a son Noah (1) and a second daughter Ceylin passed away in 2008.
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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 contest’s highlights. Yanity serves as the host of this program that gives Tiger 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 Properties; P.O. Box 552, Clemson, SC 29633-0552, by phone at (864) 654-5544, or via fax at (864) 654-5509.

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**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 by a coach off Clemson's campus. 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. The NCAA requires 16 core courses, 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 (48th), or visit the NCAA Eligibility Center'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.

**Evaluation** - In April and May of a prospect's junior year, coaches will visit 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 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.

**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.

**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 acquainting 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.

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

**Telephone** - Clemson football coaches can call a prospect once in May during the prospect's junior year. After September 1 of a prospect's senior year, a coach can call a prospect only 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 (NLI).

**Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Are a prospect's parents invited for an official visit?** Yes. NCAA rules allow a school to provide lodging and meals for parents or legal guardians who accompany their child. However, NCAA rules do not allow schools to provide transportation for parents unless they drive with their son.

- **Can a prospect visit Clemson anytime during his high school career?** Yes. A prospect can have his high school coach call Clemson coaches to set up an unofficial visit. He can attend a football game and talk with Tiger coaches, and it does not count as a contact when it is on Clemson's campus. There are times when a prospect cannot visit... NCAA rules refer to them as "dead periods," as coaches will not schedule to meet with a prospect during that time period.

- **Can IPTAY members help recruit?** No. NCAA rules are clear...only Clemson coaches can telephone, contact, and evaluate a prospect. Only college coaches can offer unofficial and official visits.

- **What is a National Letter of Intent (NLI)?** It is a contract. A prospect and his parents sign a promise that the prospect will attend a particular college. In return, that college promises a prospect financial aid. A prospect signs a national letter of intent during his senior year (in February for football). Once the prospect signs a national letter of intent, he cannot be recruited by any other institution, and it is a binding contract for the prospect's first year in college at the school that provides the national letter of intent.

- **What is an official visit?** A prospect is allowed to take a total of five official visits (one per institution), which are expense-paid. Before the official visit, the prospect must present his high school transcript, proof of an ACT, PACT, SAT, or PSAT test, and be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Official visit invitations are extended by Clemson coaches only. Official visits may not be taken prior to the first day of classes during the prospect's senior year of high school.

- **What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?** It is the agency that certifies a prospect's initial academic and amateur eligibility for both NCAA Division I and Division II. A prospect should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at the conclusion of his junior year in high school online at NCAAClearinghouse.net. Cost is $60. Remember to keep the PIN in place for easy retrieval. A prospect should request the guidance counselor to send a transcript after his junior year and final transcript after graduation. A prospect should also request a final amateur decision beginning on April 1 of his senior year.

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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.

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

Batson is one of the nation’s most highly-regarded strength coaches. In his 11 years, he has coached 15 strength All-Americans. He is a major reason the football program has been to a bowl game nine of his 11 years. Also, nine of his former assistant strength coaches at Clemson are now strength training directors at NFL or college programs.
Left to right: Spencer Lovelace, Rick Franzblau, Marcus Bradley, David Helms, Joey Batson, Larry Greenlee, Dennis Love, Matt Leininger, David Abernethy.
### Clemson Team

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A Tiger Band fundraising effort to raise $2 million for band scholarships has surpassed its goal and is being extended. During the past two years, the Clemson University Tiger Band Association’s Tiger Band Commitment raised $2,307,000 in cash and deferred gifts. The fund supports the association’s scholarship endowment and provides talent-based scholarships to students in Tiger Band.

“The scholarships help attract and retain talented musicians to Clemson University and Tiger Band,” said Commitment Chairman Larry Sloan of Greer, SC.

“Today, getting the best and brightest student musicians is highly competitive,” said Mark Spede, Clemson’s director of bands. “The scholarship program makes recruiting these highly sought-after students a bit easier. However, only a handful of Tiger Band members receive scholarships and it is imperative to continue the fundraising.

“In order to maintain the endowment perpetually, only four percent of the Tiger Band Association Scholarship Endowment balance is used annually for scholarships, meaning that about 10 to 15 students receive aid from CUTBA each year. We will continue the Tiger Band Commitment with the momentum we have generated, because the needs of our students have not been met.

“Tiger Band is an integral part of Clemson University and has been part of the Clemson fabric since the 19th century. Students participating in Tiger Band show the ultimate characteristics of spirit, enthusiasm, and loyalty to the University. The students are intelligent and display the qualities of dedication, teamwork, and time management in addition to their musical abilities. Their experience in the band helps make them excellent candidates for employment upon graduation.”

Formed in 1978, Clemson University Tiger Band Association is dedicated to the betterment of music at Clemson, in particular Tiger Band. The association provides pregame meals to the band as well as small gifts for incoming and graduating Tiger Band students. The association serves as an avenue to alumni to stay involved in Tiger Band by participating in the annual homecoming alumni band, First Friday Parade, and the occasional alumni band performances at basketball and baseball games.

Military Appreciation Day
Tiger Band welcomes The Citadel Regimental Band & Pipes as its special guest for Military Appreciation Day. The bands will join forces during halftime to honor current and former military service men and women.

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Throughout its history, The Citadel has maintained a tradition of duty, pride, and excellence as part of the cadet experience, and the Regimental Band & Pipes has been a part of that tradition since 1909. As one of the 18 companies comprising the South Carolina Corps of Cadets, it leads the way and sets the tempo that all other cadet bands follow.

While the Regimental Band & Pipes functions as a single cadet company, it has two parts—the Regimental Band and The Citadel Pipe Band. The Regimental Band is made up of about 70 cadet musicians. An important segment of cadet life at The Citadel, the Regimental Band contributes to the morale of the corps and helps to maintain the martial atmosphere of the campus. The company is directed by Commander Mike Alverson.

Tiger Dancer-for-a-Day
Tiger Band welcomes 150 young dancers as their guests. These talented young people will experience a day at Clemson from the band’s perspective. Please give them a warm Clemson welcome and enjoy their performance!

Written by Dr. Mark Spede, Director of Bands
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Bryson Moore (above) and the Clemson men's soccer squad will play host to Radford at historic Riggs Field on Sunday at 2:00 PM.
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By Sam Blackman

For the Clemson men’s soccer team, Head Coach Trevor Adair will count on the defense this season as the Tigers find ways to score and mature as a cohesive unit.

“We want to be very difficult to score on this season,” said Adair, who enters his 14th season at Clemson and has won 201 matches in his 17-year career as a head coach. “We will definitely be strong in the back and in goal, but we must defend from the front to maximize this.

“As the defense is our strength, how quickly we come together as a team will be very crucial. The main question will be who will step up from the attacking point and who can we rely on as a ‘go to’ guy. We have some very talented players who are capable of stepping up and helping us on the offensive end.”

Clemson has 11 lettermen and six starters returning in 2008. The team also boasts only two seniors (Michael Brooks, Bryson Moore), which Adair believes is an exciting fact for the future of the program.

“There are a lot of young players now with experience playing at this level, and we believe they will make us stronger and give us more depth in the squad,” Adair added. “We must be more dynamic than last year and there have been a lot of strides made towards that goal.

“We are very technical going forward and want to rely on our movement and speed of play. These are the areas that can bring us success.”

Joseph Bendik returns in goal for his junior season. Last year, he played and started all 19 matches and had a 1.5-goals-allowed average along with 93 saves. He was in goal for two victories over top-10 opponents (Virginia, Boston College) and was 26th in the nation in goals allowed per minute. Sophomore Scott Rosman and red-shirt freshman J.D. Spearman will provide depth in goal as well.

According to Adair, Bendik has the capabilities to become one of the best goalkeepers in the nation. “We are extremely strong in goal. We are fortunate to have three goalkeepers who push each other in practice. I am very happy with all three and I believe we can win matches with all of them. With the limitations on rosters, we are very lucky to have depth of this caliber.

“In the back, we are fortunate to have such a quality amount of players. We have great depth and leadership on this team. Junior captain David Newton has made great strides as a player and is becoming more of an offensive weapon with his excellent passing ability and 64” frame.”

Newton started 16 games last season and had two goals along with two assists, as he was named to the All-ACC Academic team in 2007.

Moore adjusted to the left-back position during the second half of last season and has shown much progress there through the spring. Greg Eckhardt, who played this past spring with the Under 20 national team, will be counted on for his experience and versatility in the back. He was named third-team All-South in 2007 and was also named to the All-ACC Academic team.

Freshman Franklin Blaise, who has experience playing in Europe and Mexico with both the Under 18 and Under 20 national teams, is expected to compete immediately. His composure, athleticism, and reading of the game could allow him to have a very bright future.

Mackenzie Ward, a transfer from Saint John’s, had a strong spring and will also compete for time this fall at both right back and center back.

Another player vying for playing time is sophomore Konnor McGee, who made tremendous strides in the spring.

“We worked a lot during the spring to improve our individual and team defending,” stated Adair. “Last season, many of the defenders were injured, which didn’t allow us to have a consistent lineup. We lost a lot of close games on small mistakes, and we believe that with experience in the back, we can minimize some of those miscues. A strong defense will be a big plus and will allow us to be in every game, as the players in front will be able to gain confidence as the year progresses. It will allow our other positions time to develop and organize.

“In the midfield, we have good pace and a lot of players competing for those positions. On the wings, we can play Eric Cava, Tyler Williams, Hassan Ibrahim, Riley Sumpter, and Nick Burton.”

Cava started 13 matches as a freshman. Williams is a red-shirt freshman and Ibrahim is a junior college transfer from Jefferson College, where he won a National Championship his freshman year. Ibrahim can play on either flank and will cause many problems for opposing defenders.

Sumpter and Burton are versatile players who can play several positions. They both have pace and composure, and they have had successful club careers with Georgia power Concorde Fire.

2008 Schedule

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Tommy Drake has continued to improve upon his stellar rookie campaign when he was a freshman All-ACC player and had winning goals against top-10 teams Virginia, Boston College, and Furman.

In the inside, Keegan Priest had a great spring. He progressed very well according to the coaching staff and has developed into a solid linking player. John Tardy also developed and can play numerous positions in the midfield. Other newcomers to the midfield include Connor Barbaree, a technical central midfielder who rarely gives the ball away. Bo Godwin, Rene Onate, and Richard Nova will also have the opportunity to compete for a position in the midfield.

The list of forwards on the 2008 team includes Brooks, Nathan Thornton, Cava, Williams, and Burton.

“Michael Brooks plays well with his back to the goal,” commented Adair. “We are anxious to see him injury-free in 2008. When he is healthy, he can be a very good ACC forward, and we are looking for consistency from him this season, which will allow him to reach his potential.

“Tyler Williams showed much improvement in practice during his red-shirt season and we look forward to him showing his potential during the fall. Nathan Thornton has good pace, work-ethic, and is a natural goal-scorer. It is up to the team to get him the service in the area where he can be most effective.”

Brooks scored five goals and had one assist in 18 matches last season, while Thornton added four goals and two assists.

Adair remains very optimistic and excited about the future, as he is eager to get back to the NCAA Tournament after missing out in 2007. Finding a way to win the close games will also be a major key.

Overall, the staff is extremely pleased with the progress the players have made since the end of last season. They have worked very hard on and off the field and are ready to reap the rewards of their labor.

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Clemson Women's Soccer
2008 Season Preview

By Libby Kehn

With a coaching change, inevitably come changes in philosophy and strategy. The Clemson women's soccer team has been working diligently with first-year Head Coach Hertsey Strosberg and his staff to learn and embrace change in 2008. The progress that his team made during the spring season has Strosberg looking to the future of the Tiger program with great anticipation.

"Clemson has always been known as an athletic and competitive team, and we plan to build on that this fall," said Strosberg. "There is a lot of ability and potential for this group. Due to some key losses from last year, some people will underestimate this team. We might fly below the radar. I'm okay with that."

The Tigers lost five starters from the 2007 team that advanced to the second round of the NCAA's. The most significant loss was All-America goalkeeper Ashley Phillips. The team also lost Curtain ohio natives, Elizabeth Jobe, and Nuna Zufia, three of its four leading goal-scorers in 2007.

The team does return six starters, including senior co-captains Molly Johnson and Julie Bolt, along with 16 letterwinners. Eleven of those returnees are upperclassmen and are familiar with the tradition of excellence enjoyed by the program.

"The juniors and seniors on this team had an amazing experience with their NCAA Elite Eight run in 2006 and we are going to depend on them to lead this team," said Strosberg.

The Tigers' biggest question mark heading into the 2008 season is the goalkeeper position. The loss of Phillips, a two-time All-American and the team's mainstay in goal for the past three seasons, leaves a large void.

Paula Prizen will take over the goalkeeping duties in 2008. The sophomore saw action in four games in 2007, giving up four goals and recording 11 saves. Despite her lack of experience at the collegiate level, Strosberg believes that Prizen is already rising to the challenge.

"Paula made significant gains throughout the spring and I am pleased with where she is now. She must continue to grow as a player and make up for experience with effort."

Sophomore Marci Elpers, who will back up Prizen in goal, joined the Tigers after playing for the Clemson women's soccer club team in 2007.

Compounding the loss of Phillips were two key losses from the 2007 defense, three-year starters Amber Funk and Jobe. However, Clemson does return Johnson and Abby Lambert, who both started all 21 games last year.

Johnson has started all 65 games in her Clemson career. In addition to her skills as a defender, the team will also rely on Johnson for her leadership.

"Molly Johnson is a rock-solid, steady, and tremendous on-field leader," said Strosberg. "She is practically all-world in terms of academics. She leads so well by example, and we are going to look to her to bring a lot of leadership and composure to the back line."

Lambert, a sophomore, is left-footed and therefore a natural at the left-back position. Strosberg believes that the experience she gained during her freshman season will benefit the team in 2008.

Stefanie Schroeder is another player Strosberg sees spending quite a bit of time on defense. Her versatility will allow her to play the center-back or outside-back positions. Junior Mia Alphonso may also see playing time on the Tiger back line. Strosberg expects two first-year players, K.K. Duffy and Ashlyne Bass, to immediately challenge for a major role on the defense.

Clemson has a trio of juniors returning in the midfield. Strosberg expects the experience of Molly Franklin, Lindsey Jackson, and Katie Vogel to be one of the team's biggest strengths in 2008.

Franklin is the second-leading active scorer on the Tiger roster with 30 career points in just two seasons. She was an integral part of the offense in 2007 with 10 assists, a single-season figure that placed her in a tie for sixth in school history.

Jackson started 16 of 21 games and Vogel started 16 of 20 in the midfield in 2007. Vogel is a two-year starter and was named to the ACC All-Freshman team in 2006.

Junior Lily Boleyn may also have an impact in the midfield. She battled injury throughout the 2007 season but still saw action in all 21 games. Red-shirt sophomore Jennifer Ficklen will also challenge for a midfield spot.

Freshmen Rachel Hurd, Sofia Blanco, and Sarah Jacobs have the ability to provide depth to the Tiger roster at different positions as well.

Clemson suffered two key losses from the front line of last year's team in Foster and Zufia. The pair tied for the team lead in goals (6) in 2007. However, Bolt brings significant skill, speed, and experience to the front line, and Strosberg looks for her to be one of the team's biggest offensive threats. The two-time All-ACC selection is the leading active scorer on the roster with 31 points on 10 goals and 11 assists.

"Julie can terrorize defenses," said Strosberg. "She has the ability to get in behind them and be a major threat. She is also another strong leader and someone I expect to do a lot, both on and off the field."

Samantha Fortier was also one of Clemson's top scorers in 2007. She recorded five goals and three assists for 13 points and saw action in all 21 games as a freshman.

Freshman Tara Cort should make an immediate impact on the front line. She finished high school early and enrolled at Clemson for the 2008 spring semester. She gained valuable experience by playing with the team in the spring and Strosberg expects her to contribute right away.

Junior Danielle Schmitt is another Tiger who played very well in the spring. Strosberg believes that by improving on her consistency, she will contribute in 2008. Senior Fraser Gerth and sophomore Judea Davis will also challenge for playing time at the forward position.

Freshman Sarah Jordan is nearly back from an ACL injury and can be an offensive threat. She scored 120 goals in her high school career, which lasted just three years due to the injury.

The program has maintained a tradition of excellence in the classroom, which Strosberg certainly expects to continue. The team has recorded a cumulative GPA above 3.0 for 15 consecutive semesters and above 3.25 for the last nine semesters. In both semesters of the 2007-08 academic year, the Tigers recorded the highest cumulative team GPA of all Clemson athletic teams.

"One of the most exciting things I discovered upon accepting this job was the growing tradition of excellence, both athletically and academically," stated Strosberg. "Tradition like that is unique. From this point, we set higher standards and bring in the strongest, quality student-athletes to build a soccer team around."

Strosberg and his staff, along with the 16 returning letterwinners and eight newcomers, are laying the groundwork to put new standards in place. They will work and grow together to bring continued success to the future of the Tiger women's soccer program.

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Senior defender Molly Johnson (above), who joins Julie Bolt as a co-captain, has started all 65 games in her career.
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- Ranked #7 by Sporting News
- Ranked #8 by CollegeFootballNews.com
- Ranked #9 by Associated Press. Lindy’s. USA Today
- Ranked #10 by Athlon
- Ranked #11 by Sports Illustrated
- Ranked #15 by Playboy
- Nation’s #1 running back unit by Athlon. Lindy’s
- Nation’s #2 defensive unit by Athlon
- Nation’s #2 “Surprise Team” by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #3 defensive unit by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #4 defensive unit by Lindy’s
- Nation’s #4 quarterback unit by Athlon
- Nation’s #4 running back unit by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #5 wide receivers back unit by Athlon
- Nation’s #6 wide receivers back unit by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #6 offenses by EcoSports.com
- Nation’s #6 wide receivers by Lindy’s

#65 Thomas Austin, C
- Nation’s #10 center by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #17 center by CollegeFootballNews.com
- First-team All-ACC by Athlon. Blue Ribbon
- Second-team All-ACC by Lindy’s. Phil Steele

#93 Da’Quan Bowers, DE
- Nation’s #5 defensive tackle by CollegeFootballNews.com
- ACC’s #1 recruit by Lindy’s

#14 Mark Buchholz, PK
- Lou Groza Award Watch List
- Second-team All-ACC by Athlon. Lindy’s. Phil Steele

#38 Chris Chancellor, CB
- Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- Nation’s #12 cornerback by Lindy’s
- Second-team All-ACC by Athlon. Lindy’s
- Third-team All-ACC by Phil Steele

#22 Chris Clemmons, S
- Nation’s #8 free safety by Phil Steele
- First-team All-ACC by Phil Steele
- Second-team All-ACC by Athlon

#1 James Davis, RB
- First-team All-American by Playboy
- Second-team All-American by Lindy’s. Phil Steele
- Doak Walker Award. Heisman Trophy. Maxwell Trophy. Walter Camp Award candidate by Sporting News

#6 Jacoby Ford, WR
- Nation’s #4 hybrid player by ESPN’s Kirk Herbstreit
- Nation’s #7 punt returner by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #16 kick returner by Phil Steele
- First-team All-ACC (punt returner) by Phil Steele
- Second-team All-ACC (kick returner) by Athlon. Phil Steele

#13 Tyler Grisham, WR
- Third-team All-ACC by Phil Steele

#25 Michael Hamlin, S
- Thorpe Award Watch List
- Second-team All-American by Phil Steele
- Third-team All-American by Sporting News
- Bednar Award. Nagurski Award. Thorpe Award candidate by Sporting News
- Nagurski Award by Football Writers Association
- Nation’s #2 strong safety by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #8 safety by Lindy’s
- Nation’s #9 safety by CollegeFootballNews.com
- Nation’s #21 defensive back by Rivals.com

#10 Cullen Harper, QB
- Honorable mention All-American by Sporting News
- Davey O’Brien Award. Heisman Trophy. Maxwell Trophy. Walter Camp Award candidate by Sporting News
- Nation’s #1 senior quarterback by FoxSports.com. Scout.com
- Nation’s #4 quarterback by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #5 quarterback by ESPN’s Kirk Herbstreit
- Nation’s #6 quarterback by Lindy’s
- Nation’s #8 quarterback by Rivals.com
- Nation’s #9 quarterback by CollegeFootballNews.com
- ACC Player-of-the-Year by ACSMA
- First-team All-ACC by ACSMA. Athlon. Lindy’s. Phil Steele. Sports Weekly
- ACC’s MVP by Lindy’s
- ACC’s #3 player by Scout.com
- ACC’s “Coolest in the Cloud” by Lindy’s

#80 Aaron Kelly, WR
- Second-team All-American by Athlon
- Third-team All-American by Phil Steele
- Honorable mention All-American by Sporting News
- Blenikoff Award candidate by Sporting News
- Nation’s #3 wide receiver by ESPN’s Kirk Herbstreit
- Nation’s #4 wide receiver by Rivals.com
- Nation’s #5 receiver by Lindy’s
- Nation’s #7 wide receiver by CollegeFootballNews.com. Phil Steele
- ACC’s #3 NFL talent by Lindy’s
- ACC’s #6 player by Scout.com
- ACC’s “Best Hands” by Lindy’s
- ACC’s offensive player-of-the-year by Lindy’s

Vic Koenning, Defensive Coordinator
- Nation’s #7 defensive coordinator by ESPN’s Kirk Herbstreit
- Nation’s #13 defensive coordinator by Rivals.com

#49 Jimmy Maners, P
- First-team All-ACC by Sports Weekly
- Nation’s #9 punter by CollegeFootballNews.com

#74 Antoine McClain, OT
- ACC’s #20 recruit by Lindy’s

#7 Ricky Sapp, DE
- Fourth-team All-American by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #5 defensive end by ESPN’s Kirk Herbstreit
- Nation’s #8 defensive end by Phil Steele
- Nation’s #20 defensive end by CollegeFootballNews.com
- First-team All-ACC by Phil Steele

#97 Dorell Scott, DT
- Outland Trophy candidate by Football Writers Association. Sporting News
- Nation’s #13 defensive tackle by CollegeFootballNews.com
- Nation’s #15 defensive tackle by Phil Steele
- First-team All-ACC by Athlon. Blue Ribbon. Phil Steele
- Second-team All-ACC by Lindy’s. Phil Steele

#28 C.J. Spiller, RB
- Second-team All-American (kick returner) by Sporting News
- Honorable mention All-American by Sporting News
- Doak Walker Award candidate by Sporting News
- Nation’s #3 all-purpose player by Lindy’s
- Nation’s #4 kick returner by Phil Steele
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- Nation’s #8 running back by ESPN’s Joe Schad
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By Tim Bourret

During the last year, I completed a book on the history of Clemson football. It is called "The Vault, the History of Clemson Football." The book is now available in many local bookstores and online at WhitmanPublishing.com.

In my review of 112 years of Clemson football, it was apparent to me that one of the landmark dates in Tiger football history was October 16, 1931. On that day, Clemson lost a football game against today’s opponent (The Citadel) by a score of 6-0 at Florence, SC. Why include a game the Tigers lost in a book that documents the highlights of Clemson football history?

Well, it was not the game itself that was important to Clemson fans and its history. Instead, it was a postgame meeting in a parking lot that helped chart the future of Clemson football history. The Tigers opened their first year as head coach and inherited a program that had won at least eight games each of the last three years, the only three-year run of at least eight wins prior to the 1977-79 era. But Neely, who had been an assistant coach at Alabama under Wallace Wade before coming to Clemson, was struggling in 1931.

Nearly all of the players from the 1928-30 era had graduated and the country was in the midst of a depression. The recent success had made Clemson administrators overconfident in terms of the status of the program from a facilities and scholarship standpoint. In this era, there was no limitation on scholarships, so programs that had the money could stockpile the best players.

The Tigers opened the season with a 0-0 tie against Presbyterian at home, then they lost 44-0 at Tennessee. After a 6-0 victory over N.C. State at Charlotte, NC, The Citadel upset the Tigers 6-0. Neely could sense there were some fundamental problems within his program’s infrastructure, so he met with Clemson administrators, including Captain Frank Jersey (for whom the Jersey Athletic Center is named) after the game in an automobile in the parking lot outside the stadium.

During that meeting, Neely voiced the opinion that if he could raise $10,000, it would put Clemson in the right direction from a program infrastructure standpoint. Jersey was working in Washington, D.C. at the time, but he was one of the top supporters of the program.

The Tigers’ struggles continued after The Citadel game, as they ended the year with just 19 points scored.

The Tigers were shut out six times and had a 1-6-2 record. The list of losses included a 74-7 setback to Alabama at Montgomery, AL, still the largest margin of defeat in school history. The Tigers struggled again in 1932 with a 3-5-1 record, followed by a 3-6-2 mark in 1933. That three-year run of 7-17-5 (328) is the worst three-year record in Clemson football history in terms of winning percentage.

Finally, just prior to the 1934 season, Clemson announced the formation of the IPTAY Club. The organization had just 185 members that first year, but it was a start.

As the fundraising improved so did the football team’s record. With the formation of IPTAY leading to the payment of athletic scholarships for more student-athletes, Clemson finished with a 7-1-1 record and second-place finish in the Southern Conference in 1938.

The 1939 season was the first year in which the entire team benefited from scholarships raised by IPTAY. The Tigers, led by All-American Banks McFadden, finished with a 9-1-1 record, #12 final ranking by AP, and Cotton Bowl victory over a Boston College team coached by Frank Leahy, still the second-winningest coach in college football history on a winning-percentage basis. The following season under first-year Head Coach Frank Howard, Clemson won the Southern Conference title for the first time.

The founding of IPTAY and corresponding success of the Tiger football program within a five-year period made it reflect on other examples of significant infrastructure enhancements within the program. The results are striking and meaningful as we look to the future.

Clemson opened Memorial Stadium in 1942. At the time, it had just a 20,000-seat capacity, but it was still a new stadium. Howard and team members laid the sod themselves. It took six years for the full effect of that new stadium to kick in, but that is understandable because World War II wiped out Clemson’s entire junior and senior classes in 1943.

As a result, it was 1946 before Clemson and many other schools could truly return to full strength in terms of fields and a team. In 1948, Clemson finished 11-0, joining Michigan and Notre Dame as the only undefeated teams in the nation, and the Tigers completed the season with a #1 ranking. Two years later, Clemson was 9-0-1 and finished ranked #10 in the AP poll.

In 1953, Clemson joined the ACC, an infrastructure enhancement that did not have to do with facilities or scholarships, but it certainly had a positive impact on the program. By 1958, Clemson had a #12 final AP ranking and played top-ranked Louisiana State in the Sugar Bowl. In 1959, the Tigers won their second-straight ACC title and finished #11 in the AP poll. Clemson would have finished even higher had there been an AP poll after Clemson’s win over #7 Texas Christian in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

In 1973, Clemson built the Jervey Athletic Center, an athletic administration building that is still the home of Tiger athletics. With new locker rooms and a weight room for the football program, it was quite a boost. Four years later, Clemson was back in the top 20 for the first time in 18 years. In 1978, Clemson was 11-1 and ranked #6 in the final AP poll, the school’s highest final ranking at the time.

That same 1978 season saw Clemson build the South upperdeck at Memorial Stadium. Three years later, the Tigers won the national title. In 1983, the North upperdeck was added with more luxury suites. In 1986, Clemson won the first of three straight ACC Championships. The Tigers also went five consecutive years with just two losses and at least a top-20 final ranking.

Do you see a pattern? This look back history shows that Clemson has had special seasons within three-to-five years of a major enhancement to its infrastructure.

Now we fast forward to the 21st century. In 2006, the first stage of the WestZone project at Memorial Stadium was completed. It included a new club-seating area and new locker room for the team. The project continues today with the current construction of a new strength training facility and offices for coaches and position meetings.

Clemson has had at least eight victories each of the last three years, with two of the seasons seeing the Tigers rank in the final top 25. The outlook for 2008 is bright. Clemson’s football history reveals that infrastructure does make a difference, and it all started with a meeting in a car after a loss to The Citadel in Florence in 1931.
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