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Bulldog Scouting Report

S.C. State enters today's game with a 2-1 record. The Bulldogs lost at Central Florida in their season-opener 17-0, but they have gained wins over Benedict (42-3) and Bethune-Cookman (28-10) in their last two outings.

The Bulldogs have some outstanding numbers on both sides of the ball, but in particular on defense. They are fourth in the nation (at the FCS level) in pass defense (55.0), sixth in total defense (243.0), and sixth in scoring defense (13.0). They held the Knights to just 17 points in the season-opener.

The S.C. State defense has recorded nine sacks and allowed just one so far this season. Six different Bulldogs have recorded sacks. Thirteen different players have also recorded at least one tackle for loss, including Matt Key, who has a team-high four stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Rafael Bush is the top tackler with 21, including six hits, and has recovered a fumble. Markee Hamlin and Desmond Benjamin are tied for second on the team in tackles (15). Julius Wilkerson is another outstanding Bulldog defender with 14 stops.

The offense is led by William Ford, who has 334 rushing yards in just three games. He also has a team-high five touchdowns and is 11th in FCS in rushing yards per game (111.3). He had 175 yards on the ground and scored two touchdowns in the victory over Bethune-Cookman last weekend.

Malcolm Long completed 16-24 passes for 211 yards in the win over the Wildcats. For the year, Long is 40-64 for 458 yards and three touchdowns. His top wideout is in terms of receptions is Dustin DuBoise, who has 11 catches for 79 yards. Oliver Young has 10 catches for 142 yards and a score, while tight end Octavius Darby has nine receptions for 141 yards.

S.C. State's NFL Legacy

While Clemson has a great heritage of players moving on to the NFL, S.C. State also has a great list of alumni in the NFL recordbooks. In fact, S.C. State has a 3-0 lead in alumni in the NFL Hall of Fame season.

The three former Bulldogs in the NFL Hall of Fame are Harry Carson (class of 2006), Deacon Jones (class of 1990), and Marion Motley (class of 1968). Carson played in nine Pro Bowls with the New York Giants, including a Super Bowl Championship season. Jones was named NFL Defensive Player-of-the-Year in 1966 and 1969, and he played in eight Pro Bowls. He also invented the term “sack.” Motley was the top rusher in the NFL in 1950 and was one of the first African-American players inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Tigers Undefeated vs. FCS Teams

Clemson is a perfect 21-0 against Division I-AA (now Football Championship Sub-division) teams since the NCAA formed the division prior to the 1978 season. Southern Conference schools became Division I-AA in 1982.

Clemson has outscored FCS teams by a 732-121 margin, an average score of 35-6. Clemson has won all 21 games by at least double-digits. The closest an FCS team has come to defeating Clemson is 11 points. Western Carolina lost to the Tigers by 11 in 1982, Appalachian State came within 11 of Clemson in 1997, and Furman was within 11 points in 2003.

This will be just the sixth time that Head Coach Tommy Bowden has faced an FCS opponent. His 2000 Tiger team defeated The Citadel by a score of 39-0 to open the season. His Tigers also defeated Wofford in 2001 and Furman in 2003. Last year, Clemson downed Furman 38-10, while the Tigers defeated The Citadel 45-17 two weekends ago in another game against an FCS team. Today’s meeting with S.C. State is the first-ever between the two.

Clemson vs. FCS Opponents

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Note: All games played at Memorial Stadium.

Hamlin Family Reunion

Memorial Stadium will be the site of a Hamlin family reunion this afternoon. There will be three brothers on the field with that last name, Clemson starting safety Michael Hamlin along with S.C. State defensive backers Markee Hamlin, a junior, and Marquais Hamlin, a freshman.

This is the first time that brothers will be on opposite sidelines in a Clemson game since 1981, when Mark Richardson was a defensive end for Clemson and Jon Richardson was a wide receiver for North Carolina. Both Richardson’s had outstanding games in that 10-8 Tiger win 27 years ago. Mark had a career-high seven tackles and Jon had four catches for 48 yards to lead Tar Heel receivers.

There were actually a couple of plays where Mark tackled Jon after a reception, and of course they engaged many times on running plays.

That will not be the case today, as all three Hamlins are defensive players and likely will not face each other on special teams either. But that does not mean there will not be a strong competition going. We are sure all three will be striving to win the interception and tackle race on the final stat sheet.

Michael Hamlin is arguably Clemson’s top defender, and the same can be said for Markee on the Bulldog side. That was actually the case a year ago when Michael was voted Clemson’s top defensive player and was named permanent defensive captain for the 2007 season. Markee was named S.C. State’s top defensive player last year.

Michael was tied for the team lead in interceptions a year ago with four, while Markee led S.C. State with five. Michael was second on the team in tackles with 97, while Markee led the Bulldogs with 110. Both were second-team all-conference selections last year as well.

This year, Michael has a 3-0 lead in interceptions, as he tied a Tiger record with three picks in the win over The Citadel on September 6. Both Hamlins are second on their respective teams in tackles, as Michael has 22 and Markee has 15.

We do not mean to leave Marquais out of this comparison. He is not only a red-shirt freshman and just learning the system. He has one tackle so far as a reserve defensive back, but he is also destined to be an outstanding player.

It should be noted that all these Hamlins come by this football ability naturally. Their father Michael once had five interceptions in a game at Timmonsville High School, and that is still a state record. The proudest of all will probably be their mother Jeanette. To read more about the trio of Hamlin brothers in today’s game, see pages 6-7.

Clemson is a perfect 21-0 against FCS teams, but it has never faced S.C. State on the gridiron.
Blackwells on Both Sidelines

While there will be a player-brother combination across the field today, there will also be a coaching-brother combination. Each coaching staff has a member of the Blackwell family. Clemson’s linebacker coach is David Blackwell, who is in his sixth season mentoring the linebackers. Joseph Blackwell is also in his sixth season as an assistant at S.C. State. He currently coaches the Bulldog offensive guards and centers, and he is also the running-game coordinator.

The Blackwell family is from Greenville, SC, so we are sure there will be many family members in attendance today.

David has been a big reason the Tigers have three finished off last five years, including last season. He has coached many outstanding Clemson linebackers, including 2004 ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year Leroy Hill. Clemson has finished in the top 25 in the nation in all four major defensive categories each of the last three years, a first in school history.

Joseph joined the Bulldog program in 2003, the same year David came to Clemson. S.C. State has led the MEAC in rushing each of the last two seasons. In 2005, it led the conference in fewest sacks allowed. They are fourth in the nation (among FCS teams) so far this year with just one sack allowed in three games.

Napier No Stranger to S.C. State

Billy Napier is another Tiger assistant coach with a tie to S.C. State. Napier, now in his third full season at Clemson, served as quarterbacks coach at S.C. State in 2005. He helped the Bulldogs to a 9-2 record that year, including a 7-1 mark in the MEAC. S.C. State averaged 34.4 points per game (17th-best in Division I-AA) that year. It was also 12th in the country in rushing and 15th in passing efficiency.

Napier is the recruiting coordinator at Clemson and has had a positive impact on its recruiting ratings the last couple of years. Last year, Clemson's class was rated #2 in the nation by ESPN.com. Napier also coaches the tight ends and is a big reason the Tigers led the ACC in scoring offense in 2006 and 2007.

Tiger Offense on Record-Per-Play Pace

Clemson has been productive on a per-play basis in 2008. In fact, the team is averaging 6.79 yards per play, ahead of the record pace of 6.50 yards per play in 2006. Clemson is averaging just 380.3 yards per game, which means they have not had many plays.

Clemson has had just 168 offensive plays in 2008 and has not had as many as 65 plays in a game yet this year. That is an average of only 56 plays per game. The new 40-second play clock must have something to do with that. Clemson’s quick-score capability is another factor, as is time of possession for the opposing offense.

It is interesting to note that both Clemson and its opponents have combined to average 127.7 plays per game this year, down from the 141.5 figure during the 2007 season. This is also down from the 2001 season, when the two teams combined to average 150.1 plays per game, the high figure in the last 10 years.

Clemson’s game against N.C. State last Saturday started at 12:10 PM and ended at 3:10 PM, and that was with television. Had we not had TV timeouts, the game would have taken at most 2:45 to play.

Fans may have to realize a new standard in evaluating a team’s offensive numbers. Yards per play may be the new yards per game because teams are just not going to have as many offensive plays to accumulate yardage.
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By Ashley Earle

A stoplight, a Piggly Wiggly grocery store, and a Subway are the main attractions in Lamar, SC. The small town of 1.16 square miles has 1,015 residents (according to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau). Yet despite the diminutive population, some high-profile athletes have come from Lamar High School.

John Abraham, arguably one of the most talented players to don the garnet and black for the South Carolina Gamecocks, is an alumnus of Lamar High School. The 6’4” defensive end totaled 23.5 sacks during his career in Columbia. He then went on to be the #13 overall selection in the 2000 NFL draft. Abraham played for the New York Jets for five years and garnered three Pro Bowl honors. He currently plays for the Atlanta Falcons.

Levon Kirkland, a Clemson Hall of Famer, also hails from Lamar. The former outside linebacker entered Clemson in 1987. After red-shirting his first year, he exploded on the scene with 71 tackles. The All-American ended his Tiger career with 273 tackles, 19 sacks, 23 pass breakups, and four interceptions. In 1992, he was drafted by the Steelers in the second round. He spent 11 years in the NFL, which included a Super Bowl appearance and two Pro Bowl honors.

Like Abraham and Kirkland before him, safety Michael Hamlin is a graduate of Lamar High School and a talented football player. The defensive team captain in 2007 returns this year as a leader and motivator. However, what makes Hamlin different from the other two is that he has two younger brothers, Markee and Marquais, who are gifted football players as well. Markee and Marquais are safeties for S.C. State, today’s opponent. As a result, when the game kicks off today, close-knit brothers will become opponents for three hours. This will mark the first time that brothers have played against each other in a Clemson game since 1981, when the Richarsons did it. Mark Richardson was a defensive end for the Tigers, while his brother Jon played for North Carolina. Both are now working in the front office for the Carolina Panthers.

“It’s going to be different,” said the elder brother. “We’ve always been on the same team.”

Jeanette Hamlin will have three sons, including Tiger starter Michael and Bulldog starter Markee, playing in Memorial Stadium today.

So where did the Hamlin brothers’ passion for football come from? The answer is simple...their father. Michael Hamlin, Sr. played safety in high school for Michael’s rival team (Timmonsville High School). Hamlin’s father was a star athlete and still holds the state record for interceptions (5) in a high school game. As a result, it was only natural that his sons would follow in his footsteps.

Hamlin began playing little league flag football at the age of six. However, football would not be his only sport.

“I played football, baseball, and basketball,” recalled Clemson’s starting safety. “My mom coached me in basketball and my dad coached me in baseball. Basketball was my favorite sport. I really enjoyed it, and I would play basketball in the backyard with friends outside of organized sports. I felt that I was really good at it too.”

Hamlin continued playing all three sports in high school. He earned all-region accolades in football, basketball, and baseball. As a junior, he was a member of the state championship baseball team and averaged double-foursees in football.

Despite his success on the diamond and on the hardwood, Hamlin’s favorite was played on the gridiron. Like his father before him, Hamlin played the safety position. He dabbled at quarterback and linebacker, but he wanted to play the position that put his father in the record books.

Hamlin played varsity football as a freshman and made his first start in the fourth game of the year. Lamar High went 11-4 that season and lost in the A State Championship game. Hamlin then started at both wide receiver and safety during his sophomore year, and his team went undefeated. However, it lost in the lowerstate championship game to his father’s alma mater.

“It was aggravating,” remembered Hamlin. “We always went to the lowerstate championship game but never won the state championship game. I had the desire to win and I did whatever it took to get better. I worked out all summer and went to football camps.”

Hamlin’s hard work and determination paid off. Lamar High School won back-to-back A State Championship titles in 2002 and 2003. Hamlin was named A Player-of-the-Year for the entire state during those two years as well as participating in the Shrine Bowl after his senior season. He totaled 23 interceptions in his career, but he never had five in a game like his father had years before.

Scholarship offers came in abundance. Clemson, Duke, Presbyterian, South Carolina, S.C. State, Vander-

In his freshman season, Hamlin outmuscle an interception away from Calvin Johnson for his first of 11 career interceptions.
"I had my first career interception as a Tiger against Calvin Johnson at Georgia Tech," said Hamlin. "It gave me confidence and showed that all of my hard work had paid off."

Hamlin ended the 2005 season with 55 tackles, one tackle for loss, three pass breakups, and two interceptions for 42 yards.

With a year of experience under his belt, Hamlin had cemented himself as a valuable player. In the 2006 season-opener against Florida Atlantic, he intercepted his third ball of his career and returned it 74 yards. The following week, the Tigers played at Boston College.

With seven minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Tigers were ahead 24-17, as Boston College was driving down the field. Matt Ryan threw a pass to Kevin Challenger at the Tiger 30. Hamlin read the pass and caught the ball. The play was first deemed an interception and would have been his second in two games, but after further review by the replay booth, the play was overturned and ruled a catch for Challenger. To make matters worse, Hamlin suffered a broken foot on that play and missed the next three games.

"It was a tough time for me," admitted Hamlin. "That play could have changed the outcome of the game. Then I found out my foot was broken. It was a bad day, but luckilly I had support from my parents and friends, and I knew things would be okay."

Hamlin recovered quicker than most and had three tackles in the late win against Wake Forest. He tallied in his second interception of the season against Maryland and added nine tackles, including a tackle for loss.

He went from 576 snaps as a sophomore to 787 as a junior in 2007. He had five first hits in the season-opener against #19 Florida State. Hamlin also had an interception in three straight games (Furman, N.C. State, Georgia Tech).

Following the Georgia Tech game, Hamlin tallied seven tackles against #14 Virginia Tech and eight against both Central Michigan and Maryland. In the victory over Duke, he recorded nine tackles, including a tackle for loss, and had his fourth interception of the season. Hamlin finished the season strong with 10 tackles against #18 Boston College and 14 against #21 Auburn in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

On the season, Hamlin had 97 tackles, 10 pass breakups, and four interceptions. As a result, he was named permanent defensive captain, received the team’s MVP award for defense, and was a Second-Team All-ACC selection.

However in the Hamlin household, he was not the only MVP. Michael and Markee had a sibling competition over who would have the most interceptions during the 2007 season. While Michael’s mark of four interceptions was impressive, Markee tallied five interceptions and was in the top 20 in the nation at the FCS level. Markee was named the defensive MVP for S.C. State in 2007.

But Michael’s father reminds his sons that none of them have ever had five interceptions in a game.

Prior to the beginning of the 2008 season, Hamlin was named a candidate for the Jim Thorpe Award by Sporting News. Then in the season-opener against #24 Alabama in August, he tallied 13 tackles.

But those numbers pale in comparison to his performance against The Citadel a week later. Hamlin totaled three interceptions to tie a school record for picks in a game. The interceptions, which were returned for a total of 78 yards, came in a span of only 10:46 in the game. He became only the fifth Tiger in history to record three interceptions in a single game. At that rate, Michael is on track to beat his brother in 2008.

The Tigers’ Hamlin now has 11 interceptions in his career, tied for eighth-most in Clemson history. He also has 210 career interception return yards, second-most in school history behind only Rex Varn, who had 275 from 1976-79. Hamlin is in the top 10 in the nation among active players in both interceptions and interception return yards as well.

Sibling competitions do not alter the fact that the Hamlin brothers are a close-knit group. The three of them push each other to be better football players, and the results have paid dividends.

Hamlin, who received his degree in management in May, also credits his parents for his success. "They have been the biggest influence in my football career. They have always given me a lot of support and are great examples in regards to hard work. My brothers have been a big influence too. I want them to look up to me and follow in my footsteps."

No matter what happens on the field today, the Hamlin brothers have solidified themselves as gifted safeties.

Ashley Earle, a senior from Easley, SC, is a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.
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Haydrian Lewis has something to prove this 2008 football season. As one of only three seniors in the Tigers’ secondary, Lewis is looking to make his final season at Clemson a noteworthy one. But the stakes are a little higher for #29.

Lewis’ 2007 season ended eight games too early due to a torn ACL that he suffered in the loss at Georgia Tech on September 29. Since the injury occurred in the fifth game of the year, Lewis was unable to obtain a medical red-shirt (NCAA rules allow a player to participate in four games during the first half of the season). Because he lost that year of eligibility, Lewis is determined to make this year count.

For someone who suffered a season-ending injury, the native of Charleston, SC kept a positive outlook during rehab. “When I tore my ACL, it could have been a bad situation, but you have to look at everything that happens in life as a sign. Things you go through sometimes happen so that they make you stronger.”

Making the most out of bleak situations is definitely a strong point in Lewis’ character.

“It was frustrating at the time because I was finally getting good reps, was making plays, and was helping the team win,” Lewis is recalled. “Then the injury just happened out of the blue. The only thing you can do is sit back and figure out how to overcome it. You have to work hard each day to get to the next level of rehab. And that was all I was doing, trying to stay on the positive side and work really hard to get back on the field.”

Though Lewis originally began playing football at the quarterback position, he started his career as a cornerback at Stratford High School during his sophomore season, which was also his first year on the varsity squad. To date, Lewis is the only recruited Tiger football player to come from Stratford High.

As a cornerback, Lewis stood out with 12 career interceptions, five of them during his senior year. That same season, Stratford High posted a 13-2 record and made an appearance in the state championship game. His high school accolades included All-Low Country, All-American, All-Region, All-State, and he was a starting cornerback in the 2004 Shrine Bowl.

When Lewis made the decision to sign with Clemson, however, it was not because he favored the Tigers more than any other school...it was out of gratitude that they had even offered him anything at all.

“I chose to come to Clemson because Coach (Tommy) Bowden was the first person to offer me a scholarship,” he admitted. “So I just figured that I should make a commitment to him for giving me an opportunity.”

Lewis began the 2005 season playing as a true freshman. He was a second-team cornerback whose playing time increased significantly during the second half of the year. He saw action in all 12 games, including key contests against Duke, Temple, and #16 Florida State.

“During my freshman year, I was backing up Tye Hill, and he was a consensus first-team All-American and first-round pick, so I had a great role model, someone to look up to and follow throughout my freshman year.” continued Lewis. “He helped me a lot with my assignments.”

Hill is now a starting cornerback for the Saint Louis Rams.

In 2006, Lewis played eight games and registered five tackles. He started the season-opening win over Florida Atlantic and had a pass breakup in the victory over North Carolina.

The 2007 season got off to a great start for Lewis, who played 26 snaps per game over the first four contests. The Furman game was his best, as he played 31 snaps and totaled three tackles, two tackles for loss, and two caused fumbles.

This year, he is back in the saddle as a strong contributor at safety. He played 21 snaps in the season-opener against #24 Alabama, then played 38 against The Citadel and its intricate passing game. He appears to have settled in as Clemson’s nickel back in many situations.

Now in his senior season, Lewis is anxious to make a strong impact on the Clemson program. His relationship with his teammates is one of the biggest motivating factors.

“At Clemson, my teammates have influenced me a lot. They are like my brothers since we are all around each other so much. You want to look out for them and they look out for you. They have your back. That’s pretty much how it is. Everyone competes and wants to be good.

I came from a high school that was hard on dedication...it was about dedicating yourself to the team and about commitment and character. Then I came to Clemson, where Coach Bowden wants you to put your team first.

“It is important how you handle yourself, not only in football, but in the community as a whole, and about just being a good person. That helps keep us out of trouble. So in a way, if you stick to that, you really can’t do anything else but get better and on and off the field. So my teammates, and our competition with one another, keeps us trying to get better and striving to be the best.”

And Lewis has learned that lesson, both on and off the field. “I have had a great experience at Clemson. I’ve met a lot of people, people with good personalities who have a lot going for themselves.

“Friendship is the key to life, so outside of football, meeting all the fans has been a great experience. A lot of people don’t get to experience the level and intensity of college football, and I’m blessed and honored that I have had that chance to experience everything and meet all these great people.”

Lewis, a very outgoing and funny person, has not yet decided what his plans will be after he graduates with a degree in management in May of 2009. There are a few possibilities he may pursue.

“I want to take a shot at the next level, and if that doesn’t work out, then I’m going to find a job. There are a lot of things I want to do, so I am not sure what I want to shoot for yet, but there are a few things I have in mind.”

Before that day comes, Lewis has a football season to participate in, and he does not plan on letting it go to waste.

“I am looking forward to competing in every game, staying healthy, and having a good senior season. My seasons in the past weren’t what I really wanted, but those were the cards that were dealt to me. Now I just have to remain healthy and make all I can make out of my senior season.”

With such a positive outlook in life, no matter how this season turns out, Lewis will surely find a way to make the most of it.
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Paul Macko has been playing football since he was eight-years-old and in the third grade. He initially only wanted to play because his best friend had also signed up, but he grew to love the sport.

"Originally, my mother refused to let me play football, but she eventually changed her mind and now loves to come to the games. The decision to play football has been a life-changing decision for me because there are so many valuable life experiences to be learned."

Macko not only played football at Wadsworth (OH) High School, he also played basketball, baseball, and ran track. He believed that he was naturally talented at playing the running back position and decided to try to take advantage and further his football career into the college realm.

He looked at several schools before making the decision to travel southward to play football at Clemson. As an Ohio native, the other college that he explored was Ohio State. Ultimately, he chose to walk-on at Clemson because it was actually more similar to his hometown than the large city of Columbus.

"I just loved the scenery and overall atmosphere at Clemson," admitted Macko. "The people in Clemson are very friendly, which is important because I am far away from home and family."

Making the transition from playing high school football to playing college football can be difficult for anyone. His move was especially hard because he left behind his biggest fans and supporters nine hours away.

Macko comes from a very large, close-knit family who all currently reside in Ohio. His immediate family, which consists of his dad, mom, and three sisters, is not his only source of familial support. His mother is one of eight siblings, while his father is one of 11 siblings. Combined from both sides of his family, he has around 50 cousins, and almost all of them live in Ohio.

"When I was growing up, I had a huge support system to cheer me on."

That support system has continued in Tiger town. "My family has embraced Clemson. At least one person from my family has been at every home game since I have been here. My dad is the travel agent of the family because he delegates which family members get which tickets, so he decides who gets to watch the games at Death Valley."

Macko has earned letters in 2006 and 2007, and he is well on his way to the same accomplishment in 2008. He had one of his most productive days as a Tiger with three carries for 18 yards in the win over The Citadel on September 6. He has also had at least two carries in all four of his active seasons (2005-08).

As a running back, his playing time is limited, as he is behind some outstanding talent in James Davis, C.J. Spiller, Jamie Harper, and Andre Ellington. The Tigers’ running back position was listed as the top group in the nation by many preseason magazines.

Currently, Macko is pound-for-pound the strongest player on the 2008 team. That is not the only accomplishment in the weight room he has achieved. He also recently broke Clemson's squat record for a skill position player with a 600-pound lift, as he is extremely proud of that feat.

"I have learned to be proud of what I accomplish in the weight room and in other areas," said #35.

A typical day for Macko begins at 6:30 AM, when he goes to the weight room to go through his lifting workout. Then he heads to class to continue his progress towards a career in the medical field. After lunch, he goes to football practice, where he spends an arduous two hours. Finally, he is able to go back home to study.

Macko is one of eight Tigers on the 2008 football squad who already has a diploma in hand, as he earned his degree in health science earlier this year. Additionally, Macko declared a second major this year, so he is taking sociology courses. Armed with the knowledge and experience he has gained in the fields of health science, sociology, and football, Macko is well prepared to earn his way in the world.

In the future, Macko hopes to work in the medical field, either in medical or pharmaceutical sales. He believes that football will certainly help him in his endeavors.

"You develop a hard-working, positive attitude through football that will spill over to everyday life," he explained. "It gives you the drive to continue until you succeed. It is an approach I use in every obstacle in life."

"Playing football is a good parallel to life. As a member of the Clemson football team, it has helped me learn to deal with many kinds of people."

Macko has been a big part of Clemson's success the last four years, and it is something the coaches are well aware of. "Paul Macko has been a great representative of this team, but he is also a great example for his teammates," said Head Coach Tommy Bowden. "You can see how much he is appreciated when he is in the game. His teammates are excited when he gets into the game. They want him to succeed, because they know how much he has worked for it."

Even though he is from Ohio, Macko has become immersed in the Clemson vs. South Carolina rivalry. "The South Carolina game is crazy," Macko stated. "There is so much excitement during that game week. It’s fun to play in that atmosphere."

"But I have to admit, if we ever got a chance to play against Ohio State, that would be one of the biggest thrills in my life."

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By Tim Burrett

The 2008 Tiger 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 (S) and Cullen Harper (QB). Other Tigers with their degrees are place kicker Mark Buchholz, safety Chris Clemons, punter Jimmy Maners, running back Paul Macko, and tight end Akeem Robinson.

Wideout Kyle Johnson earned his 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 has already seen game action in 2008.

To honor the eight graduates, each wears a mortarboard sticker (pinned left) on their helmet to signify they are already a college graduate.

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

**2008 National Football Graduate Leaders**

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Clemson’s football program has also been strong in terms of APR and graduation success rate. Clemson’s football APR for the three-year period ending in May of 2008 was 945. Its APR for the 2005-06 academic year was 954. The national average for football over the three-year period is 931, including 922 for public institutions.

In October of 2007, Clemson’s football program had the third-best graduation success rate among the top-25 teams in the USA Today poll. Boston College was first (93 percent) and Nebraska was second (83 percent). Clemson was third (75 percent), followed by Florida and Virginia Tech.

The graduation success rate does not take into account student-athletes who transfer or turn pro in good academic standing. The current study examined student-athletes who enrolled between 1997-00 and gives them six years to graduate.

Clemson was also fourth among the top-25 national public universities who play Division I football, listed in the U.S. News & World Report rankings. Clemson is #20 in the latest U.S. News & World Report ranking. Only North Carolina (79 percent), Connecticut (78 percent), and Penn State (76 percent) are higher than Clemson among the top-25 U.S. News & World Report institutions.

The Tigers’ team GPA for the spring semester of 2008 was 2.63, an all-time record for the program. Each of the top-nine semester GPAs on record for the football team have taken place during Head Coach Tommy Bowden’s tenure.

The football team had 37 players, including six starters, named to the academic honor roll in the spring of 2008. Maners earned a 4.0 GPA and was named to the President’s List, while Thomas Austin made the Dean’s List. Hamlin, who graduated in May, also made the academic honor roll.

Two-sport athletes C.J. Spiller and Buchholz both made the academic honor roll in each semester in 2007-08, quite an accomplishment considering their respective schedules.

Tim Burrett is Clemson’s Sports Information Director and is in his 31st year at Clemson.
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By Sam Blackman

Sixty years ago, the 1948 Clemson team was one of the most talented in school history. It was a close group, especially when one considers there were just 37 players on the travel squad. Nine (Jacquie Calvert, Fred Cone, Bobby Gage, Frank Gillespie, Dick Hendley, Bob Hudson, Ray Mathews, Gene Moore, Phil Prince) of the 37 players have been inducted into the Clemson Hall of Fame. The team had a perfect 11-0 record, including a still-school-record seven wins away from home, and a #1 final ranking by Associated Press.

Clemson was one of just three undefeated and untied teams that season and had the most wins in the nation. Michigan and Notre Dame were also undefeated, but neither team played in a bowl game.

The 1948 team was dominating on defense, allowing just 75 total points. It also possessed a precision single-wing offense that performed in the clutch.

Six of the 11 victories were by a touchdown or less. There were more close wins by the 1948 Tigers than any team in school history. It also might have been the greatest squad in school history in terms of special teams.

The great 1948 season was as much a surprise to Tiger fans as the perfect season of 1981. Both years, Clemson was coming off mediocre seasons. In 1947, Clemson was just 4-5 and had to win the last three games to reach four wins. Clemson opened the 1948 campaign with a 53-0 shutout win over Presbyterian in the Tigers’ first-ever home game at night, and they closed the regular season with a 20-0 blanking of The Citadel in the first game played at the Bulldogs’ Johnson Hagood Stadium. In between, the Tigers shut out three more opponents and beat five others on the way to a 10-0 regular-season record.

“Entering the 1948 season, we didn’t think we would be as good a team as the previous year because Henry Walker decided not to come back,” recalled Prince, captain of the 1948 team. “He had been our leading receiver the previous year and would have been one of the top players in 1948. He had already earned one degree from Virginia and then got another from Clemson in the spring of 1948. He was offered a job in the textile industry and decided to take it. He later became president of the company.”

Over the years, many teams have had a formula that featured talented youth and wise veteran players. According to Prince, that was one of the reasons for the success of the 1948 Tigers.

“We had an interesting mixture of seniors and sophomores. The difference in the 1948 team compared to the 1947 team was the sophomore class. That group of sophomores was the greatest group of athletes Clemson had in one class up to that point. At the same time, we had some experienced players in the senior class. It just seemed that the leadership of the seniors gelled with the athletic talent of that sophomore class.”

Cone, a sophomore in 1948 who is in the Clemson Ring of Honor, agreed with Prince. “We had a lot of great athletes on that team. Gage, he could run, he could pass, he did everything. He called the plays, he ran the team, and he gave everyone confidence.”

“Frank Gillespie, Phil Prince, and Gene Moore, they were all great team leaders who set an example for the sophomores. We were lucky to have such a group of leaders.”

“We also had an outstanding coaching staff. Coach (Frank) Howard was our leader, and the assistants were very good. I remember Goat McMillan drilling us on how to hide the ball when we were practicing to spin the single-wing offense. He taught us all the tricks of hiding the ball from the defense.”

Prince summarized another important team characteristic. “Vince Lombardi once said, ‘To be a successful team, you have to love each other.’ We were always there for each other. To go undefeated and untied, we had to stay together. We had a lot of cliffhangers during that season and had to stay together to pull them out. We didn’t have any quit in that team.”

Clemson went to the 1949 Gator Bowl and faced Missouri. Clemson threw a season-high 23 passes in a game that was attended by more than 16,000 Clemson fans. It led to a crowd of 35,753 that many say saved the Gator Bowl from a financial standpoint.

Clemson took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter behind two rushing scores by Cone. But Missouri stormed back behind quarterback Ben Entsminger, who scored twice in the second quarter.

In the second half, Clemson took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards for a score. Gage threw a nine-yard touchdown pass to John Poulos, giving Clemson a 21-14 lead.

After a safety brought Missouri to within 21-16, Clemson drove for a clinching drive. A Gage to Oscar Thompson pass for 12 yards on third-and-seven from the Missouri 38 was a key play during the possession. However, the drive stalled on the Missouri 15.

On fourth-and-10, Howard called on Jack Miller to boot a 32-yard field goal. The kick, Clemson’s only successful field goal of the entire 1948 season, split the uprights with 8:40 left in the game.

Missouri then came back and scored on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Richard Braznell to Kenneth Bounds with five minutes left. The extra point (two-point conversions were not an option then) brought Missouri to within 24-23.

Clemson took the kickoff and ran out the clock to preserve the victory, but it did not happen without some suspense. Clemson had a fourth-and-one from its own 38 with over a minute remaining. But, Cone gained six yards on the play, giving Clemson a game-clinching first down. Years later, Howard would call that the most memorable play of his coaching career. A six-yard run up the middle was his most memorable play in 39 years of coaching.

“This team was made up of an exceptional group of men,” remarked guard Ray Clinton. “Everyone on that team went on to be successful after they stopped playing, regardless of their endeavor. It is a testimony to Coach Howard. He was never consumed by winning; he really did a lot to prepare us for life after football.”

Bob Martin (left) and Phil Prince (right) were both starters on Clemson’s 1948 team. That squad allowed just 76 points and beat Missouri in the Gator Bowl.
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In addition to being a teacher and a leader, James F. Barker is an architect, an artist, and a builder of one of the nation's most rapidly improving public universities...Clemson. Barker came to the office in 1999 with a clear vision and goal of making Clemson one of the nation's top-20 public universities...an institution that draws outstanding faculty and students, provides an unmatched academic experience, and helps drive the state's economic development.

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 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 and 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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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 Denny 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 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 1989-90 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 championships 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 Tricia 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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When one looks at Head Coach Tommy Bowden’s resume, the first thing that comes to mind is consistency. Bowden has completed 11 seasons as a Division I head coach, and all 11 of his teams have been bowl eligible. Only five other active head coaches have had a team bowl eligible every year since 1997. His .654 winning percentage as a head coach is in the top 15 in the nation among active Division I coaches with at least 10 years of experience.

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, 2004), joining Howard, Charley Pell, and Ford as the only two-time recipients of that award in Tiger history. In January of 2006, he was given the Grant Teaff National Coach of the Year award by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Off the field, Clemson has graduated nearly 80 percent of its seniors in the last nine years. Clemson’s graduation success rate of 94 percent in 2005 was fourth-best among the 119 Division I-A programs. In 2003, Clemson was #11 in the nation, including second among public institutions, in the NCAA graduation-rate study for scholarship football signees who entered Clemson in 1996. Clemson was #1 in the nation in graduation rate among African-Americans (100 percent). Each of the top-eight 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 Buchholz’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 three wins over top-10 programs in a 13-game span, something that had been done at Clemson just once previously (1981 National Championship...
All three of those programs (Florida State, Tennessee, Miami) have won the national title within the last decade.

During the last five seasons, Bowden has won 11 games over coaches who have won the national title (Bobby Bowden four times), Phillip Fulmer, Larry Coker, Holtz (twice), Spurrier (twice), and Howard Schnellenberger. These big wins have stimulated interest in the program. The Tigers averaged 81,335 fans per home game in 2007. Clemson has finished in the top 20 in home football attendance each of the nine seasons Bowden has been at Clemson, and six of the top-10 average attendance seasons have come during his tenure.

With Clemson's selection to the 2004 Peach Bowl, Bowden became the first head coach in Clemson and ACC history to take a team to a bowl game in each of his first five seasons. In fact, no Tiger coach had ever done so more than twice to open his career.

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

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

The season concluded with a 27-14 win over #6 Tennessee, the highest-ranked team Clemson has ever defeated in a bowl game since 1981, when the Tigers beat #4 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl to claim the national title. As a result, Clemson finished with nine wins and a #2 national ranking.

Over the final four games of the season, Bowden defeated two coaches (Bobby Bowden, Holtz) who had already earned 200 wins to become the first coach in NCAA history to beat a pair of 200-game winners in a month's time. He also registered wins over three coaches (Bowden, Holtz, Fulmer) who had previously won a national title.

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

The 2001 campaign demonstrated Bowden's ability to win in the long run, as he had the second-youngest "two-deep" in the ACC. Thirty-four of his top 44 players were underclassmen. Fourteen different freshmen saw action in 2001, including 10 who played at least 10 games.

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

Considerable improvement is a common phrase for Bowden-coached teams. In each of his first four years he coached at the Division I level, his team showed at least a three-win improvement over the previous year, believed to be a first in Division I history. Bowden is just the third coach in history to bring the Tigers to a three-win improvement in consecutive years and was one of just two Division I coaches to do it over the 1999 and 2000 seasons.

Bowden's second Clemson team (2000) was one of the most decorated in history. Six different Tigers were finalists or semifinalists for national position awards, including linebacker Keith Adams, who was one of three finalists for the Butkus Award. Clemson finished the season #3 in 2000 and had a #14 final ranking in the USA Today poll.

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

Bowden led the Tigers to a 6-6 record and 5-3 mark in the ACC against the nation's seventh-toughest schedule according to the Sagarin rating. The Tigers finished tied for second with Georgia Tech and Virginia in the final ACC standings, a six-place improvement over the previous season, the greatest one-season jump in ACC history in league play.

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

Tulane's accomplishments on offense were noteworthy in 1997, but its offensive numbers reached uncharted areas in 1998. Tulane was the only school in the nation that averaged over 300 passing yards per game and 200 rushing yards per game. The team was fourth in the nation in total offense (507.1) and second in scoring (45.4).

His team ranked #7 in the final AP poll and was a mainstay there from the third week of the season. Tulane had not been ranked at any time since 1979 and had not been ranked in a final poll since 1973. After Bowden accepted the job at Clemson, Tulane defeated Brigham Young in the Liberty Bowl.

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

The fatherly influence of a college coach who reached 300 career wins against his son in 1999 also had an influence on other members of the family. Bobby Bowden is the winningest coach in Division I history. Terry has been a head coach at Samford and Auburn, posting a 47-17-1 record at the latter.

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

Born July 10, 1954 in Birmingham, AL, he is married to the former Linda Joan White, who he first met when the two were in school together at Morgantown (WV) High School. The couple has two children, Ryan (26), a 2004 Clemson graduate and 2007 law school graduate of Regent University, and Lauren (23), a 2007 graduate of Clemson, who is currently a secondary school educator.
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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

**Vic Koenning**

- Defensive Coordinator
- Defensive Backs
- 4th Season at Clemson
- 23rd Season Overall
- Kansas State '83
- Born February 26, 1960

**Rob Spence**

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

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**Playing Experience**

Three-year letterman and two-year starter on the offensive line at Missouri-Rolla (1973-75).

**Education**

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

**Coaching Experience**


**Bowls 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 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

**Playing Experience**


**Bowl Participation as a Player**

1982 Independence Bowl.

**Education**

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

**Coaching Experience**


**Bowls Seasons as an Assistant Coach**

2004 Silicon Valley Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

**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**


**Bowls 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).

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Dabo Swinney

- Assistant Head Coach
- Wide Receivers
- 6th Season at Clemson
- 14th Season Overall
- Alabama ’93
- Born November 20, 1969

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

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

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

- Inside Linebackers
- 6th Season at Clemson
- 17th Season Overall
- East Carolina ’97
- Born May 4, 1971

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

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

Billy Napier

- Recruiting Coordinator
- Tight Ends
- 3rd Season at Clemson
- 4th Season Overall
- Furman ’03
- Born July 21, 1979

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

Personal Data
Born July 21, 1979 in Cookeville, TN…married to the former Ali Lunn.
**Assistant Coaches**

**Clemson Football**

### André Powell
- **Special Teams Coordinator**
- **Running Backs**
- **2nd Season at Clemson**
- **18th Season Overall**
- **Indiana 89**
- **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 (André 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**
- **39th 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...1998 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 Home...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
There are many other stories about the stadium, including one that Frank Howard put a chew of tobacco in each corner as the concrete poured. Howard said that the seeding of the grass caused a few problems. “About 40 people and I laid sod on the field,” he said. “After three weeks on July 15, we had only gotten halfway through.

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

Howard said that on the day of the first game in the stadium, “the gates were hung at 1:00 and we played at 2:00.” But that would be all of the construction for a while. Then in 1958, 18,000 sideline seats were added, and in 1980, 5,658 west endzone seats were added in response to increasing attendance. With the large endzone (“Green Grass”) section, this expansion increased capacity to 53,000.

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

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

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

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

In 1974, the playing surface was named Frank Howard Field for the legendary coach because of his long service and dedication to the University. Luckily, it wasn’t built behind the Y.

to attack the poison oak with a swing blade, throwing the plants to and fro. The next day, the boy was swollen twice his size and was hospitalized.

Death Valley Quotes

“Running down the hill is still talked about everywhere I go. Players who played against Clemson when I was in college remember 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

“Remember being nervous before the game because there were 80,000 people dressed in orange. I even threw up before the game. It’s the only time I’ve ever done that.”

Former Duke quarterback Dave Brown

“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 offenses 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 126 decibels when a packed crowd of 79,135 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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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 flintrock. 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.”

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 way to predict who would be running down the hill this year or next year!
Prior to running down the Hill that day, Howard told his players, "If you're going to give me 110 percent, you can rub that Rock. If you're not, keep your filthy hands off it."

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

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

The Tigers have made the entrance for every home game since 1942, except for the seasons mentioned above (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.

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**Trevor Pryce**  
*Denver Broncos, 1997,98*

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**Chris Gardocki**  
Pittsburgh Steelers, 2005
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Thursday, August 28
Jacksonville State 14 at Georgia Tech 41
Charleston Southern 7 at Miami (FL) 52
N.C. State 0 at South Carolina 34
Wake Forest 41 at Baylor 13

Saturday, August 30
Boston College 21 vs. Kent State 0
Alabama 34 vs. Clemson 10
James Madison 7 at Duke 31
Delaware 7 at Maryland 14
McNeese State 27 at North Carolina 35
Southern California 52 at Virginia 7
Virginia Tech 22 vs. East Carolina 27

Saturday, September 6
Georgia Tech 19 at Boston College 16
Furman 7 at Virginia Tech 24
The Citadel 17 at Clemson 45
Mississippi 28 at Wake Forest 30
Richmond 0 at Virginia 16
Western Carolina 0 at Florida State 69
William & Mary 24 at N.C. State 34
Northwestern 24 at Duke 20
Maryland 14 at Middle Tennessee 24
Miami (FL) 3 at Florida 26

Thursday, September 11
North Carolina 44 at Rutgers 12

Saturday, September 13
N.C. State 9 at Clemson 27
Navy 31 at Duke 41
California 27 at Maryland 35
Georgia Tech 17 at Virginia Tech 20
Chattanooga 7 at Florida State 46
Virginia 10 at Connecticut 45

Saturday, September 20
Mississippi State at Georgia Tech 12:00
East Carolina at N.C. State 12:00
Central Florida at Boston College 12:00
S.C. State at Clemson 12:00
Eastern Michigan at Maryland 12:00
Miami (FL) at Texas A&M 12:00
Virginia Tech at North Carolina 12:00
Wake Forest at Florida State 12:00

Saturday, September 27
Maryland at Clemson 12:00
Virginia at Duke 12:00
North Carolina at Miami (FL) 12:00
Rhode Island at Boston College 12:00
Colorado at Florida State 12:00
Navy at Wake Forest 12:00
South Florida at N.C. State 12:00
Virginia Tech at Nebraska 12:00

Saturday, October 4
Boston College at N.C. State 12:00
Duke at Georgia Tech 12:00
Florida State at Miami (FL) 12:00
Maryland at Virginia 12:00
Connecticut at North Carolina 12:00
Western Kentucky at Virginia Tech 12:00

Thursday, October 9
Clemson at Wake Forest 12:00

Saturday, October 11
Gardner-Webb at Georgia Tech 12:00
Central Florida at Miami (FL) 12:00
Notre Dame at North Carolina 12:00
East Carolina at Virginia 12:00

Thursday, October 16
Florida State at N.C. State 12:00

Saturday, October 18
Virginia Tech at Boston College 12:00
Georgia Tech at Clemson 12:00
Miami (FL) at Duke 12:00
Wake Forest at Maryland 12:00
North Carolina at Virginia 12:00

Saturday, October 25
Boston College at North Carolina 12:00
Duke at Vanderbilt 12:00
Virginia Tech at Florida State 12:00
Virginia at Georgia Tech 12:00
N.C. State at Maryland 12:00
Wake Forest at Miami (FL) 12:00

Saturday, November 1
Clemson at Boston College 12:00
Duke at Wake Forest 12:00
Florida State at Georgia Tech 12:00
Miami (FL) at Virginia 12:00

Thursday, November 6
Maryland at Virginia Tech 12:00

Saturday, November 8
Notre Dame at Boston College 12:00
Clemson at Florida State 12:00
N.C. State at Duke 12:00
Georgia Tech at North Carolina 12:00
Virginia at Wake Forest 12:00

Thursday, November 13
Virginia Tech at Miami (FL) 12:00

Saturday, November 15
Boston College at Florida State 12:00
Duke at Clemson 12:00
North Carolina at Maryland 12:00
N.C. State at Wake Forest 12:00

Thursday, November 20
Miami (FL) at Georgia Tech 12:00

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Ashe, Terrance         WR........6-2...190 Sr.  
Austin, Thomas          C........6-3...315 Jr.  
Barr, Durrell          TE........6-4...245 Fr.  
Benton, Spencer        PK........6-1...190 Fr.  
Bowers, Da'Quan        DE........6-4...275 Fr.  
Branch, Andre          DE........6-5...250 Fr.  
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Campbell, Jeremy       LB........6-1...220 Jr.  
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Chancellor, Chris       CB........5-10...165 Jr.  
Chavis, Miguel         DT........6-5...280 So.  
Chvaty, Matt           DE........5-11...280 Fr.  
Clear, Brandon          WR........6-5...205 Fr.  
Clear, Bryan           DE........6-5...225 Jr.  
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White, Tony .... LB ....6-0...... 220 ..... Sr. Seneca, SC (Seneca HS)

Wiley, Derrick .... QB ....6-1...... 185 ..... Fr. Rockingham, NC (Rockingham HS)

Wilkins, Julius .... LB ....6-4...... 225 ..... So. Gaffney, SC (Gaffney Senior HS)

Williams, Dustin .... DB ....5-9...... 175 ..... So. Hampton, SC (Hampton HS)

Williams, Thomas .... WR ....6-1...... 180 ..... Fr. Taylors, SC (Barnard HS)

Young, Oliver .... WR ....6-0...... 180 ..... Jr. Charleston, SC (Burke HS)

* spent one season as a red-shirt player
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The IPTAY Representative program is yet another unique feature of IPTAY that separates it from other fundraising organizations. This group of nearly 600 volunteers throughout South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and various regions of the country work throughout the year to grow the current IPTAY member contributions, find new members, and encourage them to support the scholarship fund. In 2008, these men and women encouraged the new membership to grow from 600 to 1,200 new donors. This group also saw their groups of donors contribute a nearly 30-percent increase in contributions from 2007 to 2008. Originally started as a group that identified and recruited student-athletes, IPTAY Representatives now identify and recruit donors both annually and those that have leadership gift potential. This connection to the IPTAY donors through these representatives is invaluable, as it provides a communication link between Clemson and its supporters. If you are interested in becoming an IPTAY Representative, contact the chairperson in your area or visit IPTAYReps.com.

History of IPTAY

The IPTAY Scholarship Foundation, founded in 1934, was the first scholarship fundraising organization in college athletics. Its roots trace back to October 16, 1931, following a surprising 6-0 football loss to The Citadel. After the game, Captains Frank Jervey and Pete Heffner 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 Jervey. Neely believed he could run a successful football team if he was provided a $10,000-a-year increase in scholarships. Initially, Jervey 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 name IPTAY (I Pay Ten A Year) originated.

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

In 1934, the first year of IPTAY, 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 Cubs, Collegiate Club members who continue Fike’s mission of providing annual scholarships for 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 Collegiate 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 IPTAYReps.com, which allows representatives to electronically keep track of the donors they represent.

Operating under the guidance of its board of directors and the leadership of the athletic department’s external affairs division, IPTAY continuously receives the annual support of our donors. Some changes in recent years include the addition of the Tiger Cub Club, CATS (Clemson Active Team 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 McFaddon ($5,600) levels of giving.

IPTAY introduced the endowment of positions program under former Executive Director George Bennett. IPTAY implemented the endowment of positions program in April, 1994 as the 85th birthday celebration for former Tiger Head Coach Frank Howard. The first endowment 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 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 mission as it celebrates its 75th year of scholarship support for Clemson student-athletes. Under the department of external affairs, IPTAY will expand its organizational support to move toward a broader scope – full-service. This will include capital gifts, improvement marketing plans, estate planning, and increasing our membership through our representative program.

For more information on IPTAY or determine other ways to contribute, call the IPTAY office at (864) 656-2115 or log on to ClemsonTigers.com.
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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.  Graduate of Stephens County High in Toccoa, GA, where he played four seasons.

Coaching Experience: Assistant coach at Greenville (SC) High from 1998-04; defensive coordinator from 2000-04 and assistant head coach in 2004. In his last three years, Greenville High had a 33-4 record, including 12-1 in 2003. video graduate assistant (defense) at Clemson in 2005, 2006...graduate assistant coach (offense) at Clemson in 2007.

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

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

Daric Riley  
Video Graduate Assistant (Defense)

Responsibilities:  Graduate assistant who works with the defense on practice and game video.
Playing Experience:  Defensive back and special teams player at Charleston Southern who lettered from 1995-98.
Coaching Experience:  Graduate assistant defensive backs coach at Charleston Southern in 1999...defensive backs coach at Fairfield in 2000...quarterbacks coach, defensive backs coach, special teams coach, strength & conditioning coordinator, and junior college recruiting coordinator at Pikeville in 2001-02...defensive backs coach and special teams coach at Newberry in 2003...defensive backs coach and special teams coach at Truman State from 2004-06...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 1988 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.

Andr Johnstoon  
Assistant AD  Football Operations

Andy Johnston is in his 12th year with the Clemson football program and currently serves as assistant 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 15 seasons, Johnstoon 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 fourth time and Southeast Region Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 1993. Seven years prior, he coached at Clemson were named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary team in 2002.

Johnston had a 254-160 Clemson record and 262-167 career mark. He was head coach at Furman in 1982 before coming to Clemson. His best season at Clemson was his rookie year when the team had a 3-6-1 record and finished #7 in the polls. That team won all nine flights of the ACC Tournament, the only tennis team in 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 hardwood 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 Woorens. He has a daughter Kiera (18) and a son Noah (11). As second daughter Cawdy passes away in 2008.
The Clemson Tiger Sports Network supplies Tiger fans with a full day of broadcast each football Saturday. Each broadcast day has three programs, “Tiger Tailgate Show,” “Game Day Broadcast,” and “Fifth Quarter Show.”

A Clemson tradition since the 1970s, the “Tiger Tailgate Show” is a two-hour entertainment and interactive program. It is produced on the lawn of Littlejohn Coliseum at the corner closest to Memorial Stadium.

The program begins three hours prior to kickoff. Duane Evans, Ben Miltred, Don Munson, and Ralph Patterson hosts the show. It is a popular gathering place on gameday. Interviews with former players, games, display items, and excitements are all part of the show.

The game broadcast is anchored by Pete Yanity. The sports director at WSFA-TV (Ch. 7) in Spartanburg, SC took over in September of 2003 after the passing of Jim Phillips, who had been the longtime voice of the Tigers since the 1968 season. Yanity has been a part of the broadcast team since 2001 as the host of the pregame, halftime, and postgame shows, and as the sideline reporter during games.

Yanity has been the sports director at WSFA-TV the last 18 years. He has also been a sideline analyst for 12 years on Carolina Panther preseason football games and has considerable play-by-play experience for CSS, covering various college events, including Tiger football and baseball. Yanity is also the voice of Tiger men’s basketball and host of the Tommy Bowden and Oliver Purnell Television Shows.

Joining Yanity in the booth is former Clemson offensive lineman Will Merritt, who played for the Tigers from 1998-01. He was a starting guard during the 2000 and 2001 seasons when he was named Second-Team All-ACC.

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

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

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

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

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

The Clemson Tiger Sports Network also produces the Tommy Bowden Television Show, a recap of the previous 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 Bahagan (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 (48H), 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 sub-score 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.

**Telephonic** - 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, 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 a 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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One of the most important facilities on the Clemson athletic landscape is the strength & conditioning facility. Located in Jervey Athletic Center, it has continued to keep up with one of the most progressive areas in college sports. Director of Strength & Conditioning Joey Batson, who is in his 12th year, makes sure Clemson student-athletes in all sports are ready for competition.

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

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The plush atmosphere provides an interesting contrast to the physical exertion that takes place within the facility. When a student-athlete enters the etched-glass doors, he is greeted by nearly $700,000 worth of state-of-the-art equipment.

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

Clemson has a staff of 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.
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In 2006, Tiger Band gave back to the community by performing a show that used music from the famous Broadway production "RENT" to highlight the work of the Clemson chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Then in 2007, the "Band that Shakes the Southland" presented Clemson fans with a show based on the popular video-game series "Guitar Hero."

But today, following in the tradition of those two successful shows which were recognized by the College Band Directors Association for excellence and creativity, Tiger Band offers fans something new...its rendition of "American Idol" by the name of "Clemson Hero."

Last spring, Tiger Band held an open call to all Clemson student singers, and the three finalists will battle it out this afternoon to see who will be the first "Clemson Hero." Let's meet them now.

First up is Amy Boulander (pictured right), a sophomore nursing major from Greenville, SC. She started singing and performing in church choirs at the age of five and soon progressed into middle and high school choirs, achieving a place in the South Carolina All-State SATB Choir as a senior. In her free time, she enjoys swing-dancing, playing piano and guitar, and long walks on the beach. A former member of the Tiger Band Color Guard, she expects to graduate in 2011. She will be singing Guns & Roses' "Sweet Child O' Mine."

Next to perform is Angela Young (pictured right), a marketing major from Gilbert, SC. Her father and siblings attended Clemson, and it has always been her dream to be a Clemson alum. Music has been a major part of her life. She sang in many different choirs and is now involved with the singing group "Southern Accents" on campus. She plays intramural sports and will be channeling Aretha Franklin when she sings "Respect."

The last "Clemson Hero" contestant is Erin Lovelace (pictured right), a junior performing arts major at Clemson. She has been in many plays at Clemson, including "Uninetown," "The Importance of Being Earnest," and she will be in "Self-Destruction Opera" in October. She loves to sing and hopes to pursue a career in performing arts after graduation. She is very thankful for the support of her parents (Mary, Oscar) along with and her three brothers (Ben, Spencer, Luke). She will sing Elphaba's big number from the musical "Wicked, Defying Gravity."

We ask that you help select our "Clemson Hero" between these three contestants during halftime, so join in the fun!

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Written by Dr. Mark Spede, Director of Bands

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Swimming & Diving Head Coach Christopher Ip enters his seventh season at the helm of the Tiger program and is coming off of one of the more impressive campaigns, having won 12 dual meets and six ACC contests.

However, it is difficult to overstate just how much the 2007-08 senior class accomplished in its time at Clemson. The squad graduated 29 of Clemson’s all-time top-10 swimmers in every event, including five school recordholders. And although 13 seniors graduated from last season, Ip’s cupboard is far from bare, as he relishes the challenge that awaits.

The 2008-09 team is very young, but Ip is extremely encouraged by the freshman class, which ranked as the #20 incoming class according to CollegeSwimming.com. The most recent edition will rely heavily on the team’s ability to gel and for each student-athlete to commit to give his best effort in every race in which he competes.

“Although swimming is generally an individual sport, I love this kind of year,” admitted Ip. “We graduated a large group of seniors, as last year we went on auto-drive. This is the kind of year that we have to be a team. Everyone needs to be part of the team and they need to bond together.”

The 2008-09 season will show a different look from a year ago, which was one of the elite sprinting teams in the ACC. In fact, four Tigers finished in the top nine in the 50m freestyle and 100m freestyle a year ago. This team’s strength will be in the distance freestyle and specialty strokes. The aforementioned freshman class will be able to contribute immediately and will be thrown directly into a high level of competition.

“It is important to make sure that these guys know that they can make an immediate impact on this program, and that’s where upperclassmen come in,” stated Ip. “We are forcing our upperclassmen and our freshmen to mold together to be a team. And with the potential that this group has, we could be poised for a very successful year.”

Ip is calling on his 2008-09 squad to come together and push themselves as a team. There will many new faces contributing immediately, and Ip will challenge the student-athletes right from the first meet.

“Last year, the men felt that they needed to do their small part,” Ip added. “They needed to expand their horizon and say, ‘not only am I going to succeed in my first event, but I need to help the team in my second or third event’.”

Because of the strength of leadership a season ago, Ip believes that the student-athletes may not have truly pushed themselves to be the best they can be in every race.

“We graduated a big group of seniors, and last year we went on auto-drive a bit. We relied on that group to pull us through, and they performed at a very high level.”

The top-20 recruiting class will certainly help dull the blow of the departing seniors, but it will certainly not replace them. However, the incoming student-athletes will bring new skills and immediately upgrade the overall talent at each hole. They will be a strong foundation for seasons to come as Clemson continues to progress.

The top performers in the 2008-09 season will likely be spread out across many strokes. Eric Lane will lead the way in the breaststroke, attempting to improve on his finish form a season ago. Tom Reckno will be vital to the team’s success in the backstroke events. He competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 200m backstroke earlier this year, while he finished fifth in the ACC last season.

Sophomore David Gordon will lead the way in the distance freestyle and butterfly events, while Senior Dan Mengering has the capabilities to score in the top-eight as well. Additionally, three-meter recordholder David Giambra returns to the diving well for his junior season.

The blue-chipper of the recruiting class is Chris Dart, who will likely set records from day-one. Dart is exceptional in both the backstroke and individual medley events. He will add depth in the sprint areas as well.

Other freshmen to watch are freestyler Scott Clary, distance swimmer Will Clark, and several talented butterfliers.

Very infrequently does a team have a total shift in strength as the 2008-09 team will. The 2007-08 squad had strength in experience and were very deep in the sprint freestyle, butterfly, and breaststroke groups. This team will find strength in its youth and will likely be strong in the distance freestyle, backstroke, and individual medley.

The squad has an interesting mix of youth and experience, which could prove valuable in the long run. The Tigers have great potential, but they have to work hard to achieve optimal results in a hotly-contested ACC. Ip has worked hard to create a culture that promotes sportsmanship.

“If a student-athlete comes to Clemson and invests in our program, then we invest in them and we build,” said Ip. “If you think if you see what we’ve done, our recruits coming in are succeeding academically. Hopefully, you see that we are building a solid program that is a stepping stone for them. We look out for the total student all the way around.”

This team will face the challenge of going forward into the unknown, coming together as a team, and trusting the coaching staff and upperclassmen to pull them through what could be a surprising season.

“I want the team to have an open mind and be willing to step up to another level,” added Ip. “I am afraid sometimes that our student-athletes compare themselves to last year, and I want them to come in with an open mind and be willing to try new things. I want them to get out of a comfort zone and ask ‘What’s next?’

“If this team is willing to open up their mind, try new things, and take a step forward into the unknown, that will be what makes us successful this year.”

Jeff Kallin, a second-year graduate student from Medway, MA, is a graduate assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.
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Swimming & Diving Head Coach Christopher Ip knows exactly what he is going to get from his 2008-09 women’s squad...proven leaders, record-breaking times, and a team chemistry among the best he has ever seen. The team is highlighted by a class of 13 seniors, including 2008 ACC Swimmer-of-the-Meet Michelle Parkhurst. The large senior class will be key to the success of the 2008-09 team.

“Our seniors have taken ownership,” said Ip. “It has been a long four years. When they first came in, our staff was worried about how they might adapt to the level of competition and academics, and they have responded with their GPAs and other accomplishments. They have seen our program progress and they really want to see us succeed this season. They really want to see how far they can move this program up before they leave.”

The 2007-08 team reached many new levels in the pool. While its 8-7 record to close out the dual-meet season might not look like much, it is important to note that all but one loss came to a nationally-ranked opponent. The squad just missed out on upsetting #25 Florida State by one point on the final race. Four All-ACC selections return to give the Tigers one of the most potent punches in the conference.

Several Tigers stepped up at the end of the season, leading Clemson to a fifth-place finish at the ACC Championships and a 48th-place finish in the NCAA Championships. Almost all of the scorers return, and a talented freshman class only bolsters the group’s strength.

“The freshman class we brought in has potential, it’s just a matter of getting used to NCAA competition,” stated Ip. Maddie Tarantolo has Olympic Trial experience and fills a gap. Kelli Kyle, Jenna Voelkert, and Sarah Bechard will also help us right away. Many of these freshmen really have a chance to score. Our coaches have really done a tremendous job building a total team.”

Ip has long stressed the importance of building a well-rounded program, and his results through six seasons have spoken for themselves. The Tigers led the ACC and tied a conference record with seven Academic All-ACC selections. Additionally, the women were awarded the President’s Cup for the second consecutive season, given to the Clemson team that most embodies the athletic department’s mission of community service, academic achievement, and athletic accolades.

“Leadership from our captains and our entire senior class is going to exemplify what our women’s program is about,” stated Ip. “I think they believe in our system, working with academics along with community service. Lance Asl, our recruiting coordinator, has done an outstanding job developing a great plan and building a total team.”

The team has worked hard to improve chemistry, with the upperclassmen stressing to the freshmen the importance of being a well-rounded student-athlete. The great potential of the younger swimmers and divers along with the speed and depth of the upperclassmen could make 2008-09 a special campaign in Tigertown.

The 2008-09 squad will turn some heads across the ACC and NCAA. Every stroke returns at least one top-eight scorer from a season ago, with the exception of the 500m freestyle and 200m butterfly. Parkhurst returns as the team’s lone All-American, an honor she earned in the 200m freestyle. However, Parkhurst was a four-time ACC champion last season and Rachel Regone was the silver medalist in the 50m freestyle.

Parkhurst was an All-American in the 200m freestyle a season ago after winning the event and setting the ACC record at the 2008 ACC Championships. She also won three individual titles, notching victories in the 100m backstroke and 200m backstroke.

Parkhurst teamed up with Regone, Alex Allen, and Lauren Sindall to set the ACC record in a 200m freestyle-relay victory. Junior Katrina Obas competed in three events at Canada’s Olympic Trials, placing in the top 35 in each. She has her eyes set on three of Clemson’s school records (100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke, 200 individual medley). Also, three-meter recordholder Stepanie Fura returns for a promising junior campaign.

The freshman class will be stout as well. Tarantolo competed at the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100m butterfly and will contribute significantly right away. Diver Brooke George can make an immediate impact on both the one and three-meter diving events. Voelkert will give the Tigers added depth in the sprint-freestyle events that could keep the team on top of the ACC for the foreseeable future.

The team’s fifth-place finish in 2007-08 marked an improvement throughout the season. This season, however, Clemson has a real opportunity to raise eyebrows around the nation. As the Tigers found out last season, standing is not necessarily about having the most individual wins, but rather depth at each stroke.

“Our depth at the upper level has really improved,” said Ip. “In the past, we’ve had depth, but it’s been in the middle of the pack. In every single event, there will be some Tigers in the top eight and top 16, and we haven’t seen that before.”

The Tigers will take on seven ACC opponents as well as a new challenge, the University of Georgia Invite, which traditionally has some of the best teams in the SEC and NCAA in heated midseason competition.

“The Georgia Invite is an opportunity for us to show that we are at that elite level, get our student-athletes exposed to racing against elite swimmers in midseason, and get them ready for ACCs and NCAAs,” added Ip. “I think that this team is really looking for a shot to go up against these teams.”

In order to be a championship-caliber team, it is important to have teammates finishing in scoring positions. This team affords that depth that can potentially move the Tigers up within the hotly-contested ACC. Many teams will be punched at the top, and this season marks an opportunity for Clemson to continue momentum into the league’s upper echelon.

By Jeff Kallin

2008-09 Schedule

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A few years ago, Clemson Sports Information Director Tim Bourret asked what I remembered about Marion Reeves and his days as a Clemson football player. I was a student assistant in the sports information office when Reeves was playing for the Tigers.

I told Bourret that I remembered Reeves as a good football player who was a great guy. He would come in the sports information office on a regular basis and we gave him a hard time. We shared many laughs and good times. We all enjoyed watching him play, especially the two big interceptions he had in Columbia in the 1971 win over a heavily-favored South Carolina squad.

Bourret then asked if there had been much fanfare about Reeves being the first African-American football player at Clemson. (Craig Mobley had entered Clemson the previous year on a basketball scholarship and was the first African-American student-athlete to come to TigerTown.)

To be honest, I had to stop and think. With such a major groundbreaking event, one would expect to remember some great thing happening, some great ceremony, or considerable media coverage. However, all I could remember about Reeves was the fact that he was a solid player who had great character.

In retrospect, that tells you all you need to know about Reeves and the kind of character he had then and continues to have today. Reeves just came to Tiger Town to get a good education and play football. He did both in such a class way that we did not even realize history was being made.

Integration came slowly to football programs in the South. There had been many great African-American high school players in the South, but they had attended either historically black colleges, such as today’s opponent S.C. State, or they had gone up north.

Such was the case of George Webster, who grew up in nearby Anderson, SC. He traveled north to play for Michigan State and was a member of the famous 1966 team while earning All-America honors. It was about this time that most Southern schools began to recruit African-American players into their programs.

With this backdrop, Reeves entered Clemson in the fall of 1970. It all started innocently enough.

“I remember Coach (Doug) Shively calling me one day and telling me about a player who he thought could really be a good one,” said former Clemson Head Coach Hootie Ingram. “We weren’t looking to break the color barrier. We were just looking for good players and trying to find all we could as soon as possible.”

Ingram was also breaking new ground, as he had just become the Tigers’ head coach following the legendary Frank Howard.

“Doug was really excited about Marion,” Ingram recalled. “He said he looked good on film. He said he was a good student and high-character person. He sounded like the kind of young man we were looking for.”

George McIntyre, who later became head coach at Vanderbilt, was the coach of the defensive backs and remembered Reeves in the same way as Ingram. “Marion was a great young man who came to Clemson and did a great job.”

Reeves recalled the beginnings of his Tiger career in very simple terms. “In the spring of 1970, Coach Shively came by my high school to look at some film on another player we had. I kept showing up on the film. He invited me to come up to Clemson one Saturday. While I was there, they offered me a scholarship, and I took it.”

Reeves said he had been in contact with S.C. State and Newberry, but neither had made a firm offer.

Did Reeves remember any fanfare about him being the first African-American football player at Clemson? “There was a small article in The State paper in Columbia about me going to Clemson,” said Reeves. “That was about it.”

Despite being the only African-American player on the Tiger team during that first year, Reeves said there were no incidents. “Those were good times. We had some good athletes in the secondary, guys like Ben Anderson (who became Clemson’s university attorney and is in the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame) and Bobby Johnson (Vanderbilt’s head football coach). They were all good guys and there were no problems. I made some great friendships at Clemson that have lasted for a lifetime.”

The 1971 season provided two notable highlights in Reeves’ career. The first was an interception against Virginia. This was notable because the Cavalier quarterback was Harrison Davis, the first African-American quarterback in the ACC. Reeves was also quick to point out the two interceptions he had against his hometown team (South Carolina) in a game played in Columbia.

“Reeves became the tiger program’s first African-American football player in 1971.”

“Reeves’ career was cut short during his senior year by a knee injury. "I was probably having my best year as a senior," he recalled. "The knee injury knocked me out after seven games, and that was disappointing."

Following his football career, Reeves played professionally for a few years, one season with the Philadelphia Eagles and two with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Canadian Football League.

"After my pro days, I went back to Clemson and graduated," Reeves recalled.

After earning his degree, Reeves began a career in textiles. After working for several companies in Georgia and a couple in South Carolina, he left the textile industry to open his own masonry business back in his hometown of Irmo, SC.

Several years later, he answered a higher calling by becoming a pastor. "The Lord has a way of putting you in situations that prepare you for things to come," explained Reeves. "When I was at Clemson, Coach McIntyre, who was my position coach, took me to First Baptist Church in Clemson four or five times, and I taught a Sunday School class. Coach 'Mac' was a great Christian man, and that helped me get ready to become a pastor."

Today, Reeves pastors Pleasant Springs AME Church in Irmo and loves his work. He also loves his wife and four children.

"Pastoring a church and raising a family keeps me really busy, but I love it."

Reeves met his wife Patricia while they were students at Clemson. The couple has two sons and two daughters. One of his girls (LaChanda) is a Clemson graduate.

Ingram said he knew after meeting Reeves for the first time things would work out well. "Marion was a great young man. You could see he was going to be successful at Clemson and you knew he would be successful in life. He was that kind of a quality young man."

From those simple beginnings came a real history-making experience: Reeves entered Clemson in the fall of 1970, and for that first year, he was the only African-American football player in the program. His solid character led Clemson through what could have been a trying time, but it became an era of which everyone can be proud.

Now this trailblazer pastors a church, a great family, and is a solid member of his community. In retrospect, one can make the claim that few student-athletes have had such a profound effect on the Clemson football program as Marion Reeves.

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DE • Tampa Bay Buccaneers

In the NFL: Selected #4 overall in the 2007 NFL draft by the Buccaneers...considered one of the premier players in the 2007 draft class...first defender chosen in the draft...earned All-Rookie team honors...played in all 16 contests with eight starts and started the playoff contest against the Giants...led all NFL rookies and was tied for second on the team with six sacks...finished the season with 55 tackles, six sacks, two caused fumbles, and four passes defended...made his NFL debut at Seattle and had two tackles...posted the Buccaneers' first blocked PAT since 1986...tied four sacks against the Titans, including his first career sack, as he dropped Vince Young for a four-yard loss...made his first career start against the Cardinals, recording two tackles and one pass defended...had five tackles, including two sacks, and one caused fumble at Atlanta...posted a season-high seven tackles, including one sack of Drew Brees, and one pass defended at New Orleans...had five tackles and one sack of Eli Manning in the NFC Wild Card game against the Giants.

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

Nathan Bennett
OG • Cleveland Browns

In the NFL: Signed as a free agent with the Panthers in 2007...signed as a free agent with the Browns in 2008...currently a member of the Browns' practice squad.

First-Team All-ACC selection in 2008...AP Third-Team All-American as a senior...did not allow a sack as a senior...second on the team in knockdown blocks as a junior...earned his degree in 2007.

Brian Dawkins
S • Philadelphia Eagles

In the NFL: Regarded as one of the top safeties in the NFL...is a future NFL Hall of Fame candidate...six-time Pro Bowl selection who is third on the Eagles' all-time regular-season games played list (167)...one of just four players in NFL history to record at least 33 interceptions and 18 sacks...third on the Eagles' all-time interceptions list...franchise leader with 98 career victories, including eight playoff wins...has played in a franchise-record 15 playoff games...earned Pro Bowl selections following the 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006 seasons...tied with Michael Dean Perry (1984-87) for the most Pro Bowl appearances among former Eagles...has recorded four career playoff interceptions, second-most on the Eagles' all-time list...in the 2004 season, he was on the squad with three interceptions and third with 125 tackles, the second-highest total of his career...named as a Pro Bowl injury replacement in 2005 after he had 51 tackles in seven games...named team defensive MVP with a career-high 131 tackles in 2002; he also recorded three sacks, two interceptions, and seven caused fumbles...against the Texans in 2002, he became the first player in NFL history to have a sack, interception, recovered fumble, and touchdown reception in a single game.

At Clemson: Second-team All-American as a senior in 1995; he had a team-high six interceptions, three of which came in one quarter against Duke...two-time All-ACC pick...in the top four in Clemson history in career tackles (15)....finished his career with 214 tackles and 11 interceptions...Senior Bowl invitee...led the ACC in interceptions (6) as a senior...earned his degree in education.

Vincent Curry
LB • Minnesota Vikings

In the NFL: Has appeared in 70 games with five starts in his NFL career...key special teams player...has 60 career special teams tackles...played in the 2003 Super Bowl with the Panthers...played in the 2005 NFC Championship game with the Panthers...has only missed one game since 2004...had a career-high 10 tackles at Seattle in 2004.

At Clemson & Boston College: Played as a fullback in 1999 and 2000...played 29 games with one start...his memorable highlight came at Virginia Tech in 1999 when he caught an 11-yard touchdown pass on a fake field goal...had 30 career carries for 104 yards while catching six passes for 24 yards...transferred to Boston College to finish his college career as a linebacker...led the Eagles in tackles in 2001 and was second in 2002.

Dustin Fry
C • Saint Louis Rams

In the NFL: Drafted in the fifth round of the 2007 NFL draft by the Rams...made his NFL debut in their season opener with Cincinnati in December 2007...on the active roster for eight games during the 2007 season, as he played four games that year...currently on the Rams’ practice squad.

At Clemson: Played 47 games (36 starts) in his four-year career (2003-06)...had 171 career knockdown blocks...first-team All-ACC by College Football News as a senior...became the first Tiger freshman to start a game at center since 1980...earned his degree in 2006.

Jamaal Fudge
S • Atlanta Falcons

In the NFL: Reserve safety with the Falcons...has played in all 20 games, all with the Falcons, three seasons (2003-05) as a starter and one additional game in 2005...had 101 tackles, three interceptions, two fumble recoveries, and four pass defenses in 2005...had 44 career tackles and 11 passes defended in 2006...played six games in 2006, with his most extensive action against the Patriots when he had five tackles.

At Clemson: Three-year starter and four-year letterman (2002-05)...played 49 consecutive games, including all 12 as a senior...had 10 career interceptions and two recovered fumbles to finish his career with 12 takeaways, one of the top-20 totals in school history.

Leroy Hill
LB • Seattle Seahawks

In the NFL: Selected in the third round (#98 overall pick) of the 2005 NFL draft by the Seahawks...played in the Super Bowl his rookie year and started nine games; he had 72 tackles and eight sacks during that season...started all 15 games in 2006, but played just 11 games; he had 14 tackles in 2006...finished third on the team with a career-high 92 tackles in 2006...had 81 tackles in 14 games in 2007...led the team in tackles in both 2007 postseason contests...started the 2008 season-opener and had eight tackles to tie for the team lead.

At Clemson: Two-time First-Team All-ACC pick...ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year in 2004...first-team All-American by Rivals.com and third-team All-American by AP as a senior...played in the Senior Bowl and was named defensive MVP...had 48 tackles for loss and 16 sacks in his career...in the top 20 in Tiger history in sacks and tied for fifth in tackles for loss...in the top 20 in school history with 311 tackles, including 251 in his final two seasons...had at least one tackle for loss in 22 of his final 24 games.

Tye Hill
CB • Saint Louis Rams

In the NFL: First-round draft selection (15 overall) of the Rams in 2005...had an interception against the Broncos in his first career game...had 42 tackles and a team-high three interceptions in his first season...named to the NFL All-Rookie team...had 30 tackles in 2007...missed eight games in 2007 due to a bicep problem and was placed on injured reserve in December...started the 2008 season-opener and had five tackles.

At Clemson: First-team All-American as a senior, when he was also a first-round draft pick and earned his degree...
was one of just seven Division I players to do all three that year—finalist for the Thorpe Award, the first Tiger to receive that honor...First-Team All-ACC in 2005...set the school record for pass breakups (21) in 2004, among the top-10 figures in the nation...started his career as a running back, then was a starting cornerback in his final three seasons.

**Philip Merling**

DE • Miami Dolphins

In the NFL: Selected with the first pick of the second round (#32 overall) in the 2008 NFL draft...currently a backup defensive end who should see significant playing time in 2008...saw action in the 2008 season-opener and had two tackles.

At Clemson: Two-year starter, appeared in 38 games while starting his final 26 contests...had 146 tackles with 12 sacks and 48 quarterback pressures in his career...added four caused fumbles, one recovered fumble, and seven pass breakups...Second-Team All-ACC as a junior...11th on team with a career-high 78 tackles as a senior...first Tiger defensive lineman since 1983 to earn ACC Player-of-the-Week honors three times in one season...had consecutive two-sack performances against Wake Forest and Boston College as a sophomore...second-team freshman All-American and recipient of Clemson’s 12th Man Award for defense as a freshman.

**Justin Miller**

CB • New York Jets

In the NFL: In his fourth year in the NFL, he is already regarded as one of the top kickoff return threats in the league...played just two games in 2007 due to injury and is currently on injured reserve...had two kickoff returns for touchdowns in 2006 and has three in his career, including a 103-yard return...started five games at cornerback and had 53 tackles in 2006...named to the 2007 Pro Bowl as a kick returner...named AFC Special Teams Player-of-the-Month for October, 2006...selected by the Jets in the second round (#57 overall) of the 2006 NFL draft...established a new Jet single-season record for return yards (1,577) on a team-record 60 returns in 2005...started eight games at cornerback as a rookie and had 44 tackles.

At Clemson: Set the NCAA single-game record for kickoff return yards (282) at Florida State in 2004, he had two kickoff returns for touchdowns in that game...ended his career with a 30.7-yard kickoff return average, the best mark in ACC history and the fourth-best figure in NCAA history...finished his career with 50 kickoff returns for 1,534 yards, that 30.7-yard average is actually the highest in NCAA history given a minimum of 50 returns...led the nation in kickoff returns (33.1) in 2004...among the final 12 for the Thorpe Award as a junior...concluded his career third in Tiger history in interceptions (13)...had eight of his 13 career interceptions as a freshman when he was a first-year freshman in 2002...Second-Team All-ACC as a sophomore at defensive back as a freshman and junior; he was also a Second-Team All-ACC pick as a return specialist as a junior.

**Barry Richardson**

OT • Kansas City Chiefs

In the NFL: Selected in the sixth round (#170 overall) in the 2008 NFL draft...currently listed as the backup right offensive tackle in 2009.

At Clemson: Four-year starter at Clemson (2004-07)...appeared in 49 games (45 starts)...initial first-year freshman to be considered a full-time starter on the offensive line since 1943...named First-Team All-ACC as a junior and senior...first Tiger offensive lineman to win ACC Offensive Lineman-of-the-Week honors since 2001 after a stellar performance against All-American Mario Williams at N.C. State as a sophomore...earned his degree in 2007.

**Chansi Stucky**

WR • New York Jets

In the NFL: Drafted in the seventh round (#235 overall) by the Jets in the 2007 NFL draft...spent 2007 on injured reserve...caught a touchdown pass from Brett Favre on a fourth-and-13 play in the 2008 season-opener; it was his first career touchdown reception and Favre’s 444th career touchdown pass, including his second with the Jets; Stucky finished the season-opener with two receptions for 37 yards.

At Clemson: Had 141 receptions for 1,780 yards and seven touchdowns in his career (2003-06)...returned 21 punts for 229 yards and one touchdown...carried the ball 48 times for 261 yards and two scores...first Tiger since the 1940s to score a touchdown via a pass, rush, punt return, and reception in a career...recorded seven 100-yard receiving games in his career...first Tiger to record consecutive games with multiple touchdown catches...played seven games as a backup quarterback in 2003...earned his degree in sport management in 2006.

**Anthony Waters**

LB • San Diego Chargers

In the NFL: Drafted in the third round (#96 overall) of the 2007 NFL draft...active in 2007 while recovering from injury...looks to contribute in 2008 as a reserve linebacker...had six tackles in a 2008 exhibition game.

At Clemson: Sat out almost his entire senior season after suffering a knee injury in the season-opener...Honorable Mention All-ACC selection as a junior after totaling a team-high 109 tackles, including an ACC-leading 74 solo stops...received the Solid Rock Award as a sophomore, given by Clemson coaches to the most outstanding linebacker...redshirted in 2002...earned his degree in sport management in 2006.

**Charlie Whitehurst**

QB • San Diego Chargers

In the NFL: In his third year as a reserve quarterback with the Chargers behind starter Philip Rivers...appeared in two games and scored a touchdown on his first professional career start...in 2006...started two games as a senior...in 2005...did not play against Florida State, as he was the reserve quarterback behind starter Philip Rivers...appeared in two games and scored a touchdown on his first professional game against Tennessee in 2006...inactive in 2007 as the Chargers’ third quarterback.

At Clemson: Led Clemson to a victory over Colorado in the Champs Sports Bowl in his final game to give him 25 wins as a starting quarterback, second-most in school history...four of his 25 career wins as a starter were against South Carolina, as he is the only quarterback in the history of the series to post a 4-0 record...had eight first-quarter comeback wins in his career, tied for most among Division I quarterbacks in 2006...had seven career wins over top-25 teams, tying the school career record...was 2-1 against Florida State, including a 16-point win in 2003 and 21-point win in 2005...Second-Team All-ACC selection in 2005...set ACC single-season rushing record in 2005...led the ACC in rushing yards, five times...had 427 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns...had 594 passing yards and two scores...first Tiger quarterback to start a winning game against a Top-25 team in consecutive seasons...

Ravens in 2006, registering a career-high 60 tackles and 12 sacks...was one of just seven Division I players to do all three that year—finalist for the Thorpe Award, the first Tiger to receive that honor...First-Team All-ACC in 2005...set the school record for pass breakups (21) in 2004, among the top-10 figures in the nation...started his career as a running back, then was a starting cornerback in his final three seasons.
By Jeff Rhodes

The first football game I ever saw was Clemson vs. Alabama at Memorial Stadium on October 28, 1967. A sophomore tight end for Alabama named Danny Ford caught one pass from Kenny Stabler for nine yards, but he also dropped one. The Tigers played the #8 Crimson Tide tough, but two missed field goals proved to be the difference in a 13-10 loss.

Despite what you just read, I do not remember a whole lot about that game, as I was only six at the time.

What I do clearly remember, though, is asking my mom a question...“Who gets to sit in that building on the top of the stands?” That corrugated tin shack perched on top of the south stands (there was no upper deck then) was the press box.

I can only summarize that 1967 contest between Frank Howard’s Tigers and Bear Bryant’s Crimson Tide because of the diligence of the statistics crew. These are the people who work in the press box, type the play-by-play description, and tally the team and individual stats to tell the story of what happened on the field in words and numbers.

Two longtime members of Clemson’s statistics crew passed away this past winter. Ironically, neither attended Clemson University, but both loved the Tigers and made a real impact on Clemson sports. Larry Nash and Dr. Harold Vigodsky are greatly missed, not only for their professionalism in keeping stats, but because they were genuinely great people.

Widely respected and revered Clemson Sports Information Director Bob Bradley hired Nash in 1966 to keep the Tiger basketball scorebook.

“Larry was very particular about his scorer’s table,” recalled Nash’s good friend Sack Bagley, who started working for the Clemson radio network that same year. “ACC basketball official Mike Wood once told me, ‘If Larry Nash said something about a score or who was charged with a foul, I didn’t argue with him. Larry was always right.’ Every mark on every page and every stat had to be right. That’s just who Larry was.”

In September of 1979, the old press box at Memorial Stadium was replaced by a fully-enclosed, state-of-the-art press facility beneath the new upper deck on the south side. I was a wide-eyed freshman who had just started working as a student assistant in the sports information office. The Tigers were playing Furman, and on that day, I got to meet the people who work in the press box. I have been coming back ever since.

Then Assistant Sports Information Director Tim Bourret discovered I could print neatly and assigned me the responsibility of filling out the stat sheets at the end of the game. I always felt a little like Moses...Larry would say it, I would write it down, the stat sheets would then be mimeographed (not photocopied...that came along later and was followed by computers) and distributed to the media.

But in the rush to get the word to the sportswriters, sometimes one number on the stat sheets would be incorrect, usually because of some anomaly buried deep in the rule book. Harold would always be there to point out (in a kind and gentle way) that there was a mistake.

“Harold could quote the rule about how to record a situation,” said Bagley. “Larry couldn’t quote it, but he knew what page of the rule book it was on.”

Nash and Vigodsky would come to an agreement about interpreting the rule, and the stat sheets would be corrected.

In an eulogy shortly after Harold’s sudden death last December from a virus that led to internal bleeding, Bourret wrote, “You couldn’t get mad at Harold. He was just trying to make the stats and game notes more accurate. And he was always right.”

Harold was one of South Carolina’s leading optometrists and would develop the questions for the state optometry board exam. He worked with the ACC office in proofing media guides and counting preseason All-ACC ballots at the conference sportswriters’ annual meetings. His penchant for numbers led to a job as head statistician for the Carolina Panthers, and his work with the Panthers led to him being named head statistician for Super Bowl XXXIV in 2000.

Larry, a representative for a copier company, was also a South Carolina State Constable, a sworn peace officer who can assist any law enforcement agency anywhere in the state. He was Clemson’s basketball and football statistician for more than four decades, but officiating track & field meets was his favorite sport. He was working a meet at Georgia Tech when he collapsed with a brain tumor three springs ago.

Over the years, Larry’s son Chris had taken on most of the actual recording of the football statistics, and in 2006, Chris recommended me to fill in for his dad and call the game to the stats crew (determining the exact yard line where the officials spot the ball along with verifying down and distance) when Larry’s condition would not allow him to be at every game.

Larry passed away earlier this year. His pallbearers were some of the state constables he supervised. So, it was a little “Twilight Zone”-ish that my first game as official scorer for the Tigers came against Alabama in the Georgia Dome three weekends ago. But that game was at a neutral site.

The next week in the Bob Bradley Press Box at Memorial Stadium, Sanford Rogers, another 20-plus-year veteran stats crew member, walked into what I hope will someday be renamed the Jim Phillips Radio Booth and stood in Harold’s place as statistician for the radio network. I then took my place at the statisticians table upstairs, and it fully dawned on me. I may now formally sit in Larry’s chair, but filling his seat is going to be awfully hard.
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