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Clemson Successful on Homecoming

Today is Homecoming in Death Valley. It has historically been a celebration that has included a Clemson victory over 75 percent of the time since its first Homecoming in 1922. Clemson has an overall record of 62-19-3 (75%) in its previous 84 Homecoming games. That includes a 32-3-2 record (.892) in Homecoming games since the 1971 season.

The first Homecoming contest at Clemson was in 1922, a 21-0 loss to Centre. The Tigers were actually 0-4-1 in their first five Homecoming games, so it is surprising that the tradition continued. Clemson defeated Auburn in 1927 by a score of 3-0 for its first Homecoming victory.

There is no record of a Homecoming game in 1930 or 1938, but the event has been held in conjunction with a football game every year since 1939, even through the war years.

Clemson has just three losses on Homecoming since 1971, and one of the three was against Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets upset #14 Clemson 30-14 in Danny Ford's final year as the Tiger head coach. That was Ford's last loss as Clemson's head coach and the only time he lost a Homecoming game in his 11 years at the helm of the program. Georgia Tech went on to a fine 7-4 season in 1989, then won the national title the following year.

The Tigers' other two losses on Homecoming since 1971 took place in 1997 to Virginia and in 2001 to North Carolina. Tommy Bowden was 8-1 in his nine Homecoming games, including six wins in a row. The Tigers scored at least 30 points in eight of those nine Homecoming games.

Clemson's six-game winning streak on Homecoming includes two wins over top-25 teams and four wins over ACC teams. In 2003, the Tigers defeated #24 Virginia in overtime on Homecoming, and in 2006 the Tigers defeated #13 Georgia Tech on Homecoming. James Davis and C.J. Spiller combined for 332 rushing yards and four touchdowns in that victory.

Clemson is 4-0 against top-25 teams on Homecoming, and one of those wins was over #22 Duke in 1988. Overall, the Tigers are 9-0-1 against Duke on Homecoming, with the last meeting coming in 2005, which was also the last time the Blue Devils came to Tigertown. Clemson won that game 49-20 behind Will Proctor, who was making his first career start for an injured Whitehurst.

This year's Homecoming is on November 15. That is a little late for Homecoming at Clemson. In fact, this is the latest date for Homecoming since 1963, when Clemson defeated Maryland on November 16. The latest Homecoming game in history took place on December 1, 1945, when Clemson lost to Wake Forest.

Clemson has been successful scoring on Homecoming in recent years. The Tigers have scored at least 30 points in eight of the last nine Homecoming games and Clemson has averaged 35.1 points per game on Homecoming over that period. Clemson earned a 70-14 win over Central Michigan on Homecoming last year, the most points the Tigers have ever scored on the special day.

Clemson vs. Duke Series

Clemson holds a 34-16-1 lead in the series with Duke, including a 18-4-1 lead in games played at Death Valley. But the Tigers only have a 14-12 lead in games at Duke. The Blue Devils have not won at Clemson since a 34-17 victory over Danny Ford's second Tiger team in 1980. A freshman quarterback named Ben Bennett led the Duke offense and Dennis Tabron had three interceptions for 128 return yards to lead the Blue Devil defense in that game.

The Tigers have won 13 games in a row over the Blue Devils at Death Valley, including the last meeting, a 49-20 victory in 2005. The two teams did not meet in 2006. Clemson won at Duke last year 47-10. In the 13-game winning streak in Death Valley, Clemson has outscored Duke 520-180, an average score of 40-14. Tommy Bowden was 4-0 against Duke at Death Valley and the Tigers outscored the Blue Devils 208-65 in those four games, an average score of 52-16.

Overall, Clemson has won 14 of the last 17 games in the series dating to a victory in 1990. One of the more memorable games in Durham took place in 1989, Ford's last Clemson team. Steve Spurrier was the coach of the Blue Devils and Duke came away with a 21-17 victory. Clemson entered that 1989 game with a 4-0 record, a #7 AP ranking, and had recently won at Florida State. Duke went on to tie for the ACC Championship that year. The Tigers finished that season with a 10-2 record and was ranked in the top 10 in the nation.

Some of Clemson's single-game records have been set against the Blue Devils. In 1995, Raymond Priester rushed for a record 263 yards in a 34-17 Tiger victory. On the other side of the line of scrimmage that day, Brian Dawkins had three interceptions in the first quarter to set a school record for a quarter and half, and he tied the record for a game.

In 2002, Charlie Whitehurst made his first career start against the Blue Devils and completed 34-52 passes for 420 yards and four touchdowns. The 420 passing yards set a record that still stands today. The completion total is second-most in Clemson history, topped only by Cullen Harper's 38 completions last year against Virginia Tech.

The top-two instances of the quickest back-to-back touchdowns in Tiger history took place against Duke. In 2003, Derrick Hamilton caught scoring passes from Whitehurst just 14 seconds apart, a record for the quickest back-to-back touchdowns in school history. In 1999, Brian Wofford scored on an 18-yard touchdown pass from Brandon Streeter, then Terry Jolly ran an interception back 20 yards, scores that took place just 21 seconds apart, the second-fastest back-to-back touchdown scores in Tiger history.

Clemson and Duke met in the first-ever overtime game between two ACC teams in 1997. The Tigers won that contest by the unusual score of 29-20. David Richardson kicked a field goal on Clemson's possession, then Rahim Abdullah intercepted a pass and raced 63 yards for a score, giving the Tigers the nine-point win.

Blue Devil Scouting Report

Duke enters today's game with a 4-5 overall record and 1-4 ACC mark. The Blue Devils, under first-year Head Coach David Cutcliffe, have already equaled their victory total of the last four years combined. They have the most victories they have had in a season since 2003, when they finished 4-8. This is the most wins for Duke entering a game with Clemson since 1994, when it entered the contest with a 5-0 record. That was the last year Duke went to a bowl game.

The Blue Devils opened the season with a 3-1 record, just as Clemson did. That opening to the season included impressive wins over Navy and Virginia. They also have a victory at Vanderbilt by a score of 10-7. Two weeks ago, they took Wake Forest to overtime in Winston-Salem. Duke has outscored its opponents by a 211-208 margin this year.

Duke is led on offense by junior quarterback Thaddeus Lewis. Lewis has completed 61 percent of his passes for 1,869 yards and 14 touchdowns. He has thrown just five interceptions and is averaging 207.7 passing yards per game, most in the ACC. He is also fourth in the ACC in passing efficiency. Last week, he completed 37-52 passes for 317 yards in a loss to N.C. State.

Lewis' favorite target is senior wideout Erion Riley. Riley has 53 catches for 579 yards and six touchdowns. He is second in the ACC in receptions per game, reception yards per game, and receiving touchdowns. He has 20 career receiving touchdowns, 136 career receptions, and 2,299
C.J. Spiller has totaled 388 all-purpose yards in the last two games and leads the ACC in that category with 141.4 yards per contest.

Spiller Leads ACC in All-Purpose Running
Junior running back C.J. Spiller had another outstanding performance at #24 Florida State last weekend. The Lake Butler, FL native had 146 all-purpose yards, including a 44-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter. It was the second straight week he had a big pass reception, as he had a 45-yard catch at Boston College the week before.

Spiller has totaled 388 all-purpose yards in the last two games, as he had 242 in the win at Boston College on November 1. Spiller leads the ACC in all-purpose yards per game (141.4), as he has 1,131 yards in eight games (he missed the Georgia Tech game due to injury). Spiller has 435 rushing yards, 271 receiving yards, 81 punt return yards, and 344 kickoff return yards.

In his career, Spiller is fourth in school history with 4,269 all-purpose yards. He has 2,141 rushing yards (16th-most in Clemson history) and 1,125 kickoff return yards (fifth-most in school history). He is the only Tiger in history with 2,000 rushing yards and 1,000 kickoff return yards. In terms of scoring, he has 28 career touchdowns, 19 rushing, six receiving, and three on kickoff returns. His 28 career touchdowns are in a tie for fifth-most in school history. Travis Zachery owns that record with 50, while teammate James Davis has 44. Davis is also fifth in school history in all-purpose yards, just behind Spiller.

Kelly Chasing ACC Record
Senior wide receiver Aaron Kelly set the Clemson career reception record earlier this year. Now he is chasing the ACC career mark. Entering today’s game, Kelly needs just 10 receptions to become the league’s career leader. He currently has 207, including 42 for 446 yards and three touchdowns in 2008. The career leader is Desmond Clark, who had 216 for Wake Forest between 1995-98.

Kelly is currently tied with Florida State’s Peter Warrick for third place on the list, while Billy Mccullen is second with 210.

Kelly set the Tiger career touchdown reception record in grand style at Boston College two weeks ago when he caught a four-yard scoring pass in the fourth quarter. That gave him 19 for his career, one more than Glenn Smith had for the Tigers from 1949-51.

Kelly is also chasing the Clemson career reception yardage record. He has 2,457, fourth-most in school history. He needs just 42 yards against Duke to pass Rod Gardner and move into third place. He is still 225 yards away from breaking the Tiger record of 2,681 by Terry Smith, who played from 1990-93.
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By Amanda Wolk

When you first see Tyler Grisham, thinking of him as a Division I football player is one of the last things that comes to mind. Standing just 5’11” and weighing 180 pounds, the senior wide receiver is small in stature.

His size caused many college recruiters to overlook him. Grisham played nearly every down in every game on both offense and defense for Spain Park High School outside of Birmingham, AL. He played quarterback, safety, held on field goals, and was a member of the punt and kick return teams along with being a wide receiver. His numbers were not impressive as a result of playing so many positions, so he did not receive a lot of interest from college programs. Even as others doubted him, he knew deep down that he could play big-time Division I football.

Grisham excelled on defense as a free safety, and in fact, he even talked to Mississippi State about playing cornerback. But his heart was set on being a wide receiver. He had just over 300 receiving yards as a senior, as offers came in from smaller schools such as William & Mary and UAB.

Ironically, Grisham had been attending summer camps where Dabo Swinney was a coach for years. As a child, the Alabama native attended football camp at the University of Alabama every summer, where Swinney was also a coach. From the time he was eight-years-old, Swinney was impressed by Grisham’s abilities on the field.

“Tyler is a kid that I had at camp when he was eight, nine, and 10-years-old when I was coaching at Alabama, and he used to come to camp every year,” recalled Clemson’s interim head coach. “He was always the best guy. He was always the smallest, but he was always the best.”

When Swinney began coaching at Clemson, Grisham started making the trip to the Palmetto State to attend the Tigers’ summer camps.

“He followed me up here as a 10th grader,” continued Swinney. “In the 10th grade, he was the best, and in 11th grade, he was the best.”

After impressing coaches with his work ethic and speed at camp after his junior year, Clemson offered him a scholarship. Grisham jumped at the opportunity, not only because it was his best offer, but because he liked Clemson’s offense and the opportunities it provided for wide receivers. It also gave him a chance to play under Swinney, then the wide receivers coach and a long-time supporter of Grisham.

Perhaps the most ironic part of Swinney’s relationship with Grisham is that he signed for the young camper many years before both were a part of the Clemson family. Written on an Alabama hat that Grisham still has is the following message.

“To Tyler, a future Tiger."

Little did either know at the time that he would be a future college football player under Swinney, but as a Clemson Tiger, not an Alabama Crimson Tide.

Grisham fondly remembers his days as a camper under Swinney and relishes the time he has spent learning under him in Tigertown. It has been especially meaningful for Grisham that his one-time position coach is finishing his senior season as the interim head coach. The experience has been equally special for Grisham, who has nothing but glowing praise for Swinney.

“Tyler is a young man that holds a dear spot in my heart. He is a guy that if I was going to start a football team and you said you have five guys to start a team, he’d be one of those for sure. He’s the epitome of what a football player should be. He plays with a work ethic second-to-none and he gives great effort in everything he does.

“I think he is definitely the most complete wide receiver and one of the most complete football players on the team. From the day he got here to the day he leaves, he has given this program every ounce of what he has.”

Grisham has thrived under Swinney’s guidance and has left his mark on the Tiger recordbook. He entered today’s game against the Blue Devils with 123 career receptions, 11th-most in school history. He is also 16th in career receiving yards (1,306) at Clemson.

Grisham played as a true freshman in 2005, hauling in 10 catches on the season. In 2006, he had at least one catch in each of the last nine games and had three touchdown receptions on the season.

The 2007 season was his best year to date, as he had 60 catches and finished seventh in the ACC in receptions per game. His most memorable and favorite moment as a Tiger came against #14 Virginia Tech last year, a game in which he finished with 11 catches for 100 yards and a touchdown. The 11 receptions tied a team-season-high and tied for second-most in a game in Tiger history. Surprisingly, he accumulated 68.5 knockdown blocks during the course of the season, more than any other Tiger non-offensive lineman.

Grisham also excels as a special teams player. He enjoys being on the field as much as possi-
Tyler Grisham
Senior Spotlight

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ble, so he loves having the opportunity to be a part of the special teams unit. In addition to totaling five tackles this season, he also serves as the second-team holder and has returned kickoffs and punts in the past. Swinney points to Grisham as one of the best special teams players on the squad.

Close friend and teammate Thomas Austin echoed Swinney’s sentiments about the talented wideout.

“Tyler is a tremendously hard-working guy,” said the offensive lineman. “No one outworks him. When you look at him, you don’t think he plays football. He is probably our most complete wide receiver in the sense that he can catch, he runs great routes, he blocks, and he plays special teams.”

Not only does Grisham set a good example on the gridiron, he is also a great role model off it. He enjoys doing speaking engagements in the Clemson area, particularly at local churches. He believes that he has a great platform through football, and he knows that athletes and non-athletes alike can benefit from his knowledge and experience. He also takes pride in setting a good example and being a role model for his two younger brothers (Garrett, Drake).

“The thing that I’m most proud about with Tyler is the kind of young man he is off the field,” added Swinney. “He has absolutely taken to heart that he is a role model. He has tried to live his life in a way that is pleasing to God and a way that is a great example to others. He is very humble and he has a great spirit about him. To see the changes that he has been through off the field as far as his personal life and how he has matured as a young man has been something special for me to see. He is a great example of what a Clemson Tiger should be.”

Perhaps the most defining part of Grisham’s college career has been his faith. He became a Christian during his sophomore year at Clemson and has continued to grow and mature during the past few years. His faith has helped him put things in perspective, especially when it comes to football. He acknowledges that he is a Christian first and a football player second, which helps him handle mistakes and adversity as a student-athlete.

Grisham is involved on campus with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Reformed University Fellowship. He has been active in both organizations and attends meetings on a weekly basis. He has spent his past two spring breaks participating in mission trips, which have been very rewarding experiences for him.

Grisham leads a bible study for the team every Wednesday night. He started it last year with Austin, but Grisham has taken a greater leadership role this year to allow Austin to spend more time with his new wife. Grisham enjoys challenging his teammates and helping them to think about who they are and what they believe. He has enjoyed both teaching and learning from about 25 of his teammates who attend bible study on a weekly basis.

“I want those guys to understand that I’ve done what they’ve done and I’ve enjoyed the typical college life,” said #13. “But I’ve realized that those things are worthless in a sense, because you can’t be fulfilled from it. I’m trying to show them that it is amazing to be a believer. A lot of people are starting to realize that it’s getting to the end of their college careers and they need to start making some serious life decisions.”

Grisham will graduate from Clemson with a management degree in May. He is uncertain what his future holds, but he sees many options on the horizon.

Swinney believes that Grisham has what it takes to play at the next level, and both hope that he will have the opportunity to prove to an NFL team why he has been such a tremendous asset to Clemson’s program.

“I’m going to give the NFL a shot,” stated Grisham about his future as an athlete. “I’ve been playing every year since I was in the third grade, so I don’t know life without football.”

If playing football does not work out, he believes he has other options with the sport. He recently attended the Alabama vs. Tennessee game during Clemson’s bye-week, and he found himself analyzing the action on the field more than watching the game as a fan.

“I could see myself looking at defenses and reading them. I was like ‘man, I feel like a coach.’ I wondered if I’m going to want to be in the coaching profession one day if I can’t play.”

Religion has been such an integral part of his life during the past few years that he has not ruled out involving himself in faith-based work.

“There is a part of me that feels like I could be involved with some type of ministry. It’s going to be exciting to see where I end up.”

One thing is for sure, Grisham has left his mark on the Clemson football program, and his outstanding character and work ethic will present him with many opportunities in his future.

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His junior year in high school was the first time Robinson had ever played football. His season ended after one game due to a separated shoulder, however, which left his senior year as his only chance for success.

"I didn’t know about the game," he admitted. "In the first game, I learned how to zone-step. In game-four, I learned what an odd defense was, and in game-seven, I learned how to cut-block. I was learning the game while I was starting, so it was really hands-on. My senior year, I played the whole season, and we kept winning."

The exposure of making it to the state championship game made football at the next level a more enticing goal than college basketball.

"I didn’t even have a highlight video. The only reason schools saw me was because we went to the state championship game, and they played the tape over and over. That was basically my highlight video. When I was recruited for football, I was surprised that offers came from the big names, like Florida, Rutgers, and USF."

Clemson was his final choice because of its location...it was out of the state of Florida, but not as far away as some of the other options.

In his time at Clemson, he has played a vital blocking role, especially with the talented backfield the Tigers have had in recent seasons. Having such an integral role in the blocking game has meant sacrificing personal stats for the betterment of his team. Although he has recorded no receptions, it is not something that makes his responsibility to his team any less important.

"I worked really hard on my hands and on my speed, and to not catch a ball used to eat at me, but now I understand. I would love to get it, but it’s not about me. I’m just going to keep doing what I can do. And I do it every day.

"I’m not going to assume that I’m never going to catch a ball. But at the same time, it doesn’t bother me that I haven’t caught one. Winning as a unit is my thing, not one catch, and not 20 catches. You can have one catch and it be the biggest catch of your life. But winning as a unit is what makes me win on the inside. I don’t do this for the image. I do it because I see a lot in the people out there."

Having played 47 games to date, the end of the 2008 season could see him set a school record (along with safety Chris Clemens and wideout Aaron Kelly) for the most career games played. He credits his teammates for helping him get this far.

"If anything, it is just because of these guys. I will not let them down. I’m going to strap on my gear until the moment I can’t go anymore, and then I’m done. But until then, I’ll keep going.

"I love doing this. I love seeing people grow up and mature right in front of my eyes. And I love this team. So as far as the record goes, I’m honored if we do get to that, but if not, I have done the best I can... in more ways than one.

This season, #84 had his most productive blocking game in the win over The Citadel, as it was one of Clemson’s best running games this year. Though it was a highlight for Robinson, the first game with Dabo Swinney as interim head coach versus Georgia Tech is one that he will always remember and treasure.

"The atmosphere was different. We could all look to our left and right and in our hearts, know that that guy is going to go all out for me, and vice-versa. That is what I felt that day. No matter what the score is, I’m still going to give it all for you."

Robinson has taken his career here in Tigertown one day at a time, doing all he can to help others succeed in any way possible. He will have his friendships, his football career, and two degrees to take away from Clemson, all of which have rewarded his college experience to the fullest. And for Robinson, every moment has been worth it.

By Katrina Eddie
Developing Our Community’s Potential

Over the years, Tom Winkopp Realtor/Developer has worked closely with the city of Clemson and Clemson University. As an organization committed to developing the community’s potential, 1% of the sales from selected developments will go to IPTAY and WestZone Initiative at Clemson University’s Death Valley football stadium.
By William Qualkinbush

If anyone doubts the old saying that hard work pays off in the long run, then the Clemson football career of Nelson Faerber should dispel those doubts.

Faerber, a fifth-year senior wide receiver from Duluth, GA, came to Clemson after a successful career at Chattahoochee High School, the same school that sent former quarterback Charlie Whitehurst and current placekicker Mark Buchholz to TigerTown. Faerber has a personal relationship with Whitehurst that he credits for his decision to attend Clemson.

“I was being recruited mainly by military schools,” he admitted. “I had offers from Air Force and Navy, went to visit those schools, and decided that wasn’t what I wanted to do. Charlie went to my high school. He was a senior when I was a freshman and he opened my eyes to Clemson. I met Coach (Dabo) Swinney my senior year and he brought me up here for an official visit. I checked out all the places...the stadium, Vickery Hall, all that stuff. It was the right fit.”

Faerber decided to spurn those scholarship offers to play football at Clemson. Like most walk-ons, he was not given any promises about playing time or any future considerations for a scholarship.

“I was a preferred walk-on,” he recalled. “I wasn’t guaranteed anything, just that I could play football. I came here with the hope that I could earn a scholarship, play the way I play, and do what I can do, and my goal worked out.”

Faerber wasted little time making a good impression on his coaches. His work ethic in the classroom, in the weight room, and on the practice field led to #83 being offered a scholarship after his second season as a Tiger. It was at that point that he realized how much his teammates respected him for all the effort spent working towards that achievement.

“Coming in, especially as a walk-on, you don’t have any respect. You have to earn it from your teammates and coaches. I remember when I earned my scholarship, all the players were clapping and it was nice to see the respect from my teammates and coaches. It’s nice to see hard work pay off.”

During the past three years, Faerber’s workload has increased steadily each season. Though his receptions have not been plentiful (11 career catches), the construction science & management major has made a big impact on special teams. Faerber, who has been Clemson’s special teams player-of-the-week three times during the past two seasons, is commonly seen flying through the air with little regard for his body, making tackles on the kickoff-coverage team.

“It’s nice to play for different coaches,” Faerber said. “You can change the game with special teams. Frank Beamer bases his squad on special teams. A lot of the players realize that you can make a difference on special teams, and that’s something I’ve bought into. Special teams are a lot of fun. Wide receiver is also fun, but it’s a change-up. It’s another way people can make a name for themselves.”

The 5’11” wideout’s most memorable special teams moment as a Tiger may have occurred in 2007, his junior season. Against South Carolina in Columbia, Faerber turned the momentum in Clemson’s favor when he blocked a punt that LaDonte Harris returned for a touchdown. That play turned out to be critical, as the Tigers went on to win by a score of 23-21.

“It’s something that had been building up for a while,” Faerber recalled about arguably his most memorable play as a Tiger to date. “The whole season, I had been working to get myself one of those blocked punts. It was set up to be there a few games before then, but it just didn’t work out. It was Coach (David) Blackwell’s schemes and his playcalling on punt block. It’s nice to have someone that has confidence that you can do that. It ended up working out best for the whole team. It was nice to be on the big stage and have something work out like that.”

Faerber made another major contribution in Clemson’s two-point win when he caught a fourth-down touchdown pass in the second quarter. It was another special moment for the former walk-on, as it remains as the only time at Clemson that he has crossed the goal line with a ball in hand.

Faerber is quick to credit his coaches and the players before him for his development. His diligence in the weight room has earned him recognition from the coaching staff and his teammates. He has transformed himself from a freshman walk-on to a senior leader that younger players, especially those in the wide receiving corps, look to for guidance. The veteran relishes this opportunity to impart his knowledge of the tools of the trade to those who will carry the torch after he graduates.

“It wasn’t until this year that I became comfortable as a leader of this team,” stated Faerber. “I’ve been in this offense for the past four years. I know it as well as anybody knows it. It’s easier to help younger players that it hasn’t clicked for yet. When they’re struggling, I can help take a load off their shoulders. Some of these guys haven’t spent a summer in Clemson during their careers, so I can help them get through. I have been through four summers, so they can see a guy who’s been through that and is surviving, so they can do that too.”

Faerber’s senior season has seen some ups and downs, but he has been impressed by the way that his final Tiger squad has handled adversity and bounced back from some difficult circumstances. He knows that this is the end of the line for him and that his life as a Clemson football player is almost complete. After investing five years of tireless work into the Tiger football program, his desire is to leave it on a good note.

“You want to have a good taste in your mouth about the decision you made five years ago,” he added. “We want to finish the season and make a name for ourselves. Personally, I just want to make a difference in every game, and to make my family and friends proud.”

Faerber’s steadfast dedication to improvement has no doubt left a mark on all of the coaches he has played under and all of the teammates he has competed against in his career. He wants to be an inspiration to young players trying to make a mark or find a role.

“A lot of people who look at what I’ve done can learn from it, that if you put in the work, it can turn around for you.”

It turned around for Faerber, and now, along with the rest of Tiger Nation, is reaping the benefits.

William Qualkinbush, a sophomore from Central, SC, is a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.
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Roediger traveled with the team to Maryland the next week, uncertain if it would be his one and only road trip. It was not, as he traveled and dressed for every game of the 2006 season.

As he waited patiently for his turn to play for three seasons, Roediger learned from Colin Leonard, a three-year starter at long snapper.

Midway through the 2007 campaign, Roediger saw his first game action. Although not the deciding factor in a game, his first play was a memorable one. Roediger was the long snapper on the extra point that gave Clemson its final total of 70 points in a 70-14 Homecoming win over Central Michigan. It was the most points scored by the Tigers since scoring 82 against Wake Forest during the 1981 National Championship season.

After Leonard’s graduation in 2007, the long-snapper position was wide open. Roediger battled throughout 2008 spring practice and during fall camp. The competition with freshman Matt Skinner was so close that Roediger arrived at the Georgia Dome for the season-opener against Alabama not knowing who the starter would be.

"Towards the end of pregame warmups, we always do one live field goal and one live punt," explained Roediger. "I remember Matt and I were wondering who was going to do it. Coach (Andre) Powell came over to me and said they were going to go with me, and that is how I learned I was starting against Alabama."

While extremely excited, he had to fight a slight case of nerves. "It all kind of hit me right there at once. I was going to start, against Alabama, in the Georgia Dome, on ABC, ESPN College Gameday was there. I remember asking myself why we couldn’t have played The Citadel first."

"Once I got out there and got the first snap out of the way, I felt better and realized I had done it a million times. The nerves are still there before games, but I think that’s only natural for any player. Once you get out there on the field, it’s fine."

Roediger’s hard work paid off at #24 Florida State on November 8 when he recovered a muffed punt deep in Seminole territory that set up a touchdown. He was named Clemson’s Special Teams Player-of-the-Week for his efforts.

Overall, Roediger has been the long snapper on every punt, field goal, and extra-point attempt through nine games in 2008. He has been a major reason that graduate placekicker Mark Buchholz is 11-12 on field goals and 28-28 on extra points.

With his time as a Tiger winding down, Roediger has had time to reflect on what it means to have experienced life as a Clemson football player. "It means the world to me to have been able to be a part of the tradition of Clemson football. The day-to-day activities of workouts and practice can get a little tiring, but in the end, it is all worth it. The people I’ve met while on the team are some of my best friends and always will be." As is the case with most football teams, friendships are usually formed among position groups. With this in mind, it comes as no surprise that Roediger mentioned punter Jimmy Maners, Buchholz, and holder Michael Wade as players with whom he has the closest friendships.

"I don’t want to single anyone out, because I get along so well with everyone on the team, but those guys, along with Cullen (Harper) and Michael (Palmer), are who I’ll stay close with when I leave Clemson."

With plans of graduating in December with a degree in sport management and a minor in business administration, Roediger wants a job that he will enjoy showing up for every day. "I don’t have a true ‘dream job.’ I just want to find something that I am happy with, and hopefully move up in my field as time goes on."

A fine all-around athlete, Roediger first became known by his teammates by the backflips he performed at the end of calisthenics before Thursday practices. After four years, he has gained the admiration of his peers through his patience, positive attitude, and work ethic. He is a perfect example how any successful football team needs players that get the job done, even though they may never see their names in the headlines.

Kyle Tucker, a punter at Clemson from 1999-03, worked as a graduate assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office from 2004-06. He is now a teacher and coach at Cartersville (GA) High School.
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1988 Clemson Team
20th Anniversary of the ACC Championship Season

By Tim Bournet

A 35-10 victory on national television over Penn State and Head Coach Joe Paterno in the 1988 Citrus Bowl to close the 1987 season gave the Tigers a top-10 final ranking in the UPI poll, which led to a top-five preseason ranking in 1988. One preseason publication even picked Clemson as its favorite to win the national title.

Clemson opened the 1988 season against Virginia Tech and second-year Head Coach Frank Beamer. “Beamer Ball” was just getting started at the time and the Tigers dominated from the outset. It was 31-7 at halftime and the Tigers won 40-7 behind a combined 16 carries for 158 yards by Terry Allen and Joe Henderson.

After a 23-3 victory over a Furman squad that would win the Division I-AA national title that year, Florida State game to death Valley for one of the top national games of 1988. The Seminoles were ranked #1 in the AP preseason poll, but they lost their season-opener to Miami (FL) by a score of 31-0, so they dropped to #10. Clemson had a 2-0 record and entered the game ranked #3 in the nation.

It was a rainy day in Memorial Stadium for the Florida State game, but 84,576 fans showed up to watch the nationally televised contest on CBS that was broadcast by Brent Musburger. The Tigers scored first on a trick play when wide receiver Chip Davis took a pitch from Rodney Williams and threw the ball deep to Gary Cooper, who pranced 61 yards for a touchdown.

Florida State later tied the score 14-14 on a 76-yard punt return by Deion Sanders, the only punt return for a score on a Chris Gardocki punt in his Tiger career. Florida State scored again in the third quarter before the Tigers drove for a tying score on a 19-yard run by Tracy Johnson with just 2:32 left.

Clemson punted Florida State on the ensuing drive and apparently had forced the Seminoles to punt with just one minute left. But Bobby Bowden was famous for his own trick plays and he pulled off perhaps the most famous of his celebratory career.

Instead of punting, he used an intricate fake in which the ball was handed off to up-back Leroy Butler, who paused and then ran around left end for 78 yards. Donnell Woolford, who was back to field the punt that never came, ran Butler down just before he reached the endzone. Clemson’s defense forced a field goal, but it was enough for a 24-21 Florida State victory.

What was most frustrating about the play from a Clemson standpoint is that the Tiger coaches had been tipped off about the play the morning of the game. The previous night, former Clemson player Wes Mann, a native of Jacksonville, FL, was at a party with a high school coach who had been told Florida State might use the play the next day. Mann called Head Coach Danny Ford the morning of the game and diagrammed the play over the phone. He even told Ford that if #6 (Butler) went in the game, they were going to run it. Unfortunately, a player who was supposed to stay behind and not rush the punter if #6 entered the game failed to make the proper read.

With Tiger players and fans were disheartened by the loss, Clemson would lose just one more game (at N.C. State) during the remainder of the season and captured a third straight ACC title. A 49-25 victory at Maryland clinched the title, the fifth for Ford in his Tiger career. All five were clinched with wins over Maryland late in the season. Levon Kirkland, then a freshman, played perhaps the game of his life that afternoon in College Park. He had a team-high 13 tackles, a sack, three tackles for loss, and an interception. Even with this outstanding performance, Clemson had to score 28 points in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

Gary Cooper, a wideout, scored two touchdowns on reverses, one on a 52-yard run in the first quarter and another on a 20-yard run in the fourth quarter. It is the only time in school history that a wideout has had two rushing touchdowns. Terry Allen added 110 rushing yards and two scores, as he went over 1,000 yards for the season.

The 1988 regular season concluded with a revenge win over South Carolina. The Gamecocks had embarrassed Rodney Williams and the Tigers the previous season with a 20-7 win in Columbia, but Williams got the best of the team from his hometown in his final home game. Williams threw for 192 yards and rushed for 38 more in the Tigers’ 29-10 victory.

Clemson concluded the 1988 season with a third straight bowl victory over a prominent program. The Tigers’ 13-6 win over Oklahoma in the 1989 Citrus Bowl proved to be the final college game for Sooners Head Coach Barry Switzer.

If you were a Hall of Fame college coach, you didn’t want to face Ford in a bowl game. He was the final coaching opponent for Woody Hayes and Switzer, and he also defeated Nebraska’s Tom Osborne and Paterno in bowl games. He would finish his career with a 6-2 record in bowl games.

While Clemson had won a lot of games thanks to a high-scoring offense in 1988, this 13-6 victory was recorded thanks to the defense. Defensive Coach Bill Oliver took advantage of Woolford’s all-around abilities and basically moved him from defensive back to linebacker, and he made many timely plays that limited Oklahoma’s wishbone offense to just 116 rushing yards, 254 yards of total offense, and no touchdowns.

Ed McDaniel totaled 14 tackles, Vance Hammond had 11, and Jessie Hatcher and Doug Brewer contributed nine stops apiece. Hatcher added an 18-yard sack, one of the longest tackles for loss in Clemson history, and was named defensive MVP of the game.

Allen had 17 rushes for 53 yards and scored the game’s only touchdown with 10:28 left to go in the Tigers a 13-6 lead. He was named the game’s offensive MVP. Jamelle Holieway led the Sooners on a final attempt to tie the score. They reached the Clemson 14, but on the final play, freshman Dexter Davis deflected Holieway’s pass in the endzone to seal the victory.

The Tigers finished the season with a 10-2 record and a top-12 national ranking in every poll. Clemson was #6 according to Sports Illustrated, #8 by UPI, #9 by AP, #10 by USA Today, and #12 by Sporting News.

Tim Bournet is Clemson’s Sports Information Director and is in his 31st year at Clemson.

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Tracy Johnson and the Tigers won 10 games on their way to the 1988 ACC Championship.
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A 1970 Clemson graduate, Barker has said, "South Carolina needs a top-tier research university, and our students deserve to have access to a top-tier education without leaving their home state. Building Clemson's academic, research, and service programs to the level where we can compete with anyone will benefit our state, our students, and our alumni." 

Clemson, already South Carolina's top-ranked 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Phillips' athletic career and academic pursuits epitomize that desire. Perhaps still the only Division I athletic director with both a doctorate and a 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 imprints on the University and Tiger athletics through his leadership toward a balanced, positive environment for success.

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

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

Phillips' leadership is obvious both visually and through the vast improvements in Clemson's facilities, most notably the new WestZone at Memorial Stadium. Through a practical and steady fiscal approach, the first phase of the $57-million project was completed in the fall of 2006 with the installation of new locker rooms and 1,000 private luxury club-level seats.

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

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

The Clemson football and men's basketball teams both finished in the final top 25 of their respective AP polls.

That was just the third time in school history that had been achieved, including the first time since the 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 2.8 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 GeneralSports Turf Systems Athletic Director-of-the-Year for the Southeast Region of the FBS. He was one of just four FBS athletic directors honored at the annual convention in New Orleans, LA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Winning has been on Phillips' resume since his playing days at Arkansas. He lettered on three Frank Broyles teams (1966,68,69), where he and his brother Loyd, an Outland Trophy winner, were starting defensive tackles. Arkansas had a 27-5 record in the three years, played two Sugar Bowl games, and played in the memorable 1969 National Championship game against Texas.

In addition to Phillips' tenure with the NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee, he also serves on the NCAA Select Committee for At-Risk Student-Athletes and works with the NCAA certification program. He currently serves on several ACC Committees, co-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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Interim Head Coach & Offensive Coordinator

Dabo Swinney (pronounced DA-boh SWEE-en-ee) became Clemson’s interim head coach on October 13, 2008 when Tommy Bowden stepped down after guiding the program for nearly 10 seasons. Swinney had been assistant head coach for two years and had been in charge of the wide receivers since the 2003 season.

Swinney hit the ground running that week as he prepared for his first game as a head coach against a 5-1 Georgia Tech team. He had to reorganize his staff, regroup his football team and Clemson Nation in just five days. While the Tigers lost a four-point decision, he accomplished many goals in that first week through his outstanding leadership qualities. One of the most impressive demonstrations of unity came during the team’s “Tiger Walk.”

Prior to the game, Swinney decided to have his team depart buses outside the Lot 5 parking lot near the WestZone at Memorial Stadium and experience the gameday atmosphere. Dressed in jackets and ties, the team was embraced by thousands of Tiger fans who stood 10 deep for the 200-yard march to the stadium. It was the centerpiece of his “All In” theme in his first week as head coach.

In his second week as head coach, an off-week, he invited the Clemson student body to a practice, and nearly 1,000 students showed up. He spoke to the group and actually allowed some student participation during practice, as students were selected to attempt a field goal, punt against a live rush, and field a punt. He also took the entire team to the Greenville Children’s Hospital for a visit with young men and women fighting cancer.

Swinney is leading the Tigers during the second half of the season, and the task is not an easy one, as all six of his regular-season opponents had a winning record and were candidates for bowl games when he took over the job. However, the 38-year-old is ready for any challenge, as he has demonstrated throughout his career.

The 1993 Alabama graduate joined the Clemson staff prior to the 2003 season. In the last five years, the Tigers have finished in the top 25 of the final polls three times, recorded at least eight wins four times, and totaled 10 wins over top-25 teams, including victories over Florida State (4), Miami (FL) (1), and Tennessee (1) during his tenure in Tigertown.

Swinney has coached his wide receiver position to a level of consistency that has not been seen previously at Clemson. He has had a wideout finish first or second in the ACC in catches each of the last four years. In his first year, he had three of the top-10 receivers in the ACC, a first in Tiger history. He has coached a First-Team All-ACC wideout each of the last four years (three different players), also an unprecedented feat at Clemson.

In 2004 and 2005, Swinney coached the ACC reception champion (Ariese Currie in 2004, Chansi Stuckey in 2005). It was the first time Clemson had two different wideouts lead the ACC in receptions in consecutive years. In 2007, Aaron Kelly led the league in yardage, giving Swinney an ACC receiving king three out of four years. Stuckey earned First-Team All-ACC honors in back-to-back years, first for a Clemson wideout in 25 years. He is now one of the top receivers for the New York Jets.

The play of Swinney’s wideouts was a big reason Clemson led the ACC in total offense, rushing offense, and scoring offense in 2006, just the second time an ACC team led the conference in all three previous 25 years. Clemson also led the ACC and established school records for touchdowns (55) and yards per play (6.5).

In 2007, he coached Aaron Kelly, a First-Team All-ACC selection who led the conference in receiving yards per game and touchdown catches (11). He also finished second in receptions per game with a school-record 88 catches, tied for the second-highest total in ACC history. His 11 touchdown catches were a Tiger record as well.

Kelly is now Clemson’s career reception leader with over 200 catches and was closing in on the ACC record when Swinney took this new position. He was also closing in on the school touchdown reception record, a mark held by Glenn Smith, who established the mark in 1951.

The Alabama native has a reputation as one of the top recruiters in the nation. In February 2006, he was listed as the fifth-best recruiter in the nation by Rivals.com. It marked the second straight year that he had been lauded by the website as a top-25 national recruiter. He has signed 38 players in his five recruiting seasons and was a major reason Clemson’s 2008 recruiting class was rated #2 in the nation by ESPN.com when he signed 11

The Swinneys - Will, Clay, Kathleen, Dabo, Drew

2008 TIGER FOOTBALL

Swinney’s Coaching Records

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Record of teams as assistant: 103-55-1 (.651)
Record at Clemson: 40-22 (.645)
Dabo Swinney
Interim Head Coach & Offensive Coordinator

The Swinney File

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...SEC Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll member in 1990, 92.

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

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

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1994 Gator Bowl...1995 Citrus Bowl...1997 Outback Bowl...1998 Music City Bowl...2000 Orange Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

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

Swinney was one of the top-25 recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com in 2007 as well.

When Swinney accepted this position on October 13, he described his feelings as “bittersweet” because he was taking over for Bowden, who had been his first position coach at Alabama in 1989. He had also brought him back to the coaching profession in 2003 and has had a profound effect on his life. Both had followed similar paths as players, as Bowden was a walk-on at West Virginia and Swinney was a walk-on at Alabama.

Swinney received a commerce & business administration degree from Alabama in 1993 after lettering three times (1990-92). A walk-on who went on to earn a scholarship, Swinney was a wide receiver on Alabama’s 1992 National Championship team. He was also named Academic All-SEC along with being an SEC Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll member in 1990 and 1992.


After his playing career, Swinney served as a graduate assistant coach from 1993-95 at Alabama, where he coached in the 1994 Gator Bowl and 1995 Citrus Bowl. In December of 1995, he received a master’s degree in business administration from Alabama.

He became a full-time assistant coach at Alabama in February of 1996 under Head Coach Gene Stallings and coached a total of five seasons there on a full-time basis. He was assigned to coach the Crimson Tide’s wide receivers and tight ends in 1996, a season that saw Alabama win the SEC Western Division title and make an Outback Bowl appearance. The following year, he solely coached the tight ends under Head Coach Mike DuBose.

In 1998, he coached Alabama’s wide receivers, a position he held for three seasons. At the end of the 1999 campaign, Swinney coached the Crimson Tide in the 2000 Orange Bowl after winning the SEC Championship game. Wide receiver Freddie Milons was the game MVP.

Since 1997, he has had 15 former players either drafted or sign free-agent contracts with NFL teams. The list includes Currie, Derrick Hamilton, Kevin Youngblood, Stuckey, and Milons, an All-American who is still second in career receptions at Alabama.

During his time at Alabama, Swinney was a part of six years of at least 10 wins, five top-10 finishes, one national title (1992), three SEC championships (1989, 92, 99), and five SEC Western Division titles (1992, 93, 94, 96, 99) as a player and coach. He has coached the #2 receiver at Alabama (Milons) along with the #1 (Kelly) and #2 (Hamilton) receivers in Tiger history.

From April of 2001 through February of 2003, Swinney was in private business in Alabama. He married the former Kathleen Bassett in 1994. They have three sons, Will (10), Drew (8), and Clay (5).
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Brad Scott

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

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

Bowl Seasons as a Head Coach
1995 Carquest Bowl.

Personal Data
Born September 30, 1954 in Arcadia, FL....married to Darley...the couple has two sons (Jeff 27, John 24)....Jeff is an assistant coach at Clemson on the 2008 staff.

Vic Koenning

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

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

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

David Blackwell

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

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

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1994 Liberty Bowl...1995 Liberty Bowl...2000 Insight.com Bowl...2001 Tangerine Bowl...2002 Insight.com Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

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

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.

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

Coaching Experience
Assistant coach at Greenville (SC) High School (1998-04)...defensive coordinator at Greenville High School (2000-04)...assistant head coach at Greenville High School (2004...)

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

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

Billy Napier

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

Education

Coaching Experience

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

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

André Powell

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 Micron PC. 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).
Assistant Coaches
Clemson Football

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
Head coach at Calhoun County High in Saint Matthews, SC (1997-01)...defensive backs at S.C. State (2002). outside

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 Kia...the couple has two sons (Christopher 9, Elijah 7).

Jeff Scott
- Wide Receivers
- 1st Season at Clemson
- 2nd Season Overall
- Clemson 03
- Born December 28, 1980

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

Bowl Participation as a Player
2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl.

Education
Earned a degree in secondary education from Clemson in 2003.

Coaching Experience

Personal Data
Born December 28, 1980 in Arcadia, FL...married to the former Sara McDaniels...son of Clemson Associate Head Coach Brad Scott...his brother John played football and track at Harvard and is now in medical school at Vanderbilt.

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

Playing Experience
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 Citrus Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl...2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Personal Data
Born February 12, 1957...married to the former Becky Horne...the couple has two children (Brad 25, Lori 22).

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Clemson's Memorial Stadium has been held in high esteem for many years. Whether it be players from the 1940s and 1950s, opposing players from the 1970s and 1980s, or even professional players in the 1990s, the ambience 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 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 1960, 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.
What has been described as "the most exciting 25 seconds in college football from a color and pageantry standpoint," actually started out as a matter-of-fact entrance, mainly because of necessity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McMillan and the other Blue Hose coaches before him used to open each season by playing at Clemson. Seldom scoring (24 shutouts in 38 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."

The Tigers were down 18 points with 17 minutes left and came back to win 40-35 on a 65-yard pass from Jimmy Addison to Jacky Jackson in the fourth quarter. That was quite a debut for the Rock.

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

An occasional reference to Memorial Stadium by that name could be heard for the next four years, but when Howard started calling it "Death Valley" in the 1950s, the name took off like wildfire. Clemson celebrated its 66th year in the "Valley" in 2007.

But getting back to Howard's Rock.

The Rock was mounted on a pedestal at the top of the Hill on the east side of the stadium. It was unveiled September 24, 1966 when Clemson played Virginia.
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. It is a tradition that has inspired Clemson players for many years.
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**Keith Adams**

First-Team All-American, 1999-00

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Home of the ACC Champion.
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 2009, 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 county chairperson in your area or visit IPTAYReps.com.

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 Hoffner 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. Consequently, 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 300 athletic scholarships to Tiger Band alumni and raised over $5,000,000 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 Club, CATS (Clemson Active Teen Support), and the Collegiate Club, an update in its database technology, and the addition of two levels to IPTAY membership, the Howard ($2,100) and McFadden ($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 at 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 only reached but surpassed thanks to the generous support of our donors. The support from donors at IPTAY’s highest level exceeds 300 in 2010.

Today, the organization continues its missions, as it celebrates its 75th year of scholarship support for Clemson student-athletes. Under the department of external affairs, IPTAY will expand its organizational service to move toward a broader scope of full-service. This will include capital gifts, improved marketing plans, estate planning, and increasing our membership through our representative program.

For more information on IPTAY or determining other ways to contribute, call the IPTAY office at (864) 656-2115 or log on to ClemsonTigers.com.
Our Heisman donors have made a commitment to support IPTAY at our highest annual level. If you would like more information about becoming a Heisman donor, please contact the IPTAY office at (864) 656-2115.

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- **Jeff Davis**: Assistant Athletic Director, Major Gifts Program, IPTAY
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2008 TIGER FOOTBALL
Graduate Assistants

Mike Dooley
Graduate Assistant Coach (Defense)
Responsibilities: Graduate assistant coach who works with the defense.
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...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 Pinckville in 2001-03...defensive backs coach and special teams coach at Newby 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.

Jeff Scott
Graduate Assistant Coach (Defense)
Responsibilities: Graduate assistant coach who works with the defense.
Playing Experience: Three-year letterman as a wide receiver and holder at Clemson from 2000-02, he played for the Tigers with his father Brad Scott on the coaching staff...played on three bowl teams, including the 2000 squad that had a 9-3 record and top-15 national ranking.
Coaching Experience: Head coach at Bythewood (SC) High in 2006; that team won the state championship in his first year as a head coach...assistant coach at Presbyterian in 2007.
Education: Earned a degree in secondary education from Clemson in 2003.
Personal: Born December 28, 1980 in Arcadia, FL...married to the former Sara McDaniel...son of Clemson Associate Head Coach Brad Scott...his brother John played football and track at Harvard and is now in medical school at Vanderbilt.

Ryan Sulkowski
Video Graduate Assistant (Defense)
Responsibilities: Graduate assistant who works with the offense on practice and game video.
Playing Experience: Offensive lineman at Valdosta State who lettered from 1996-98.
Coaching Experience: Graduate assistant coach at Valdosta State from 1998-01...tight ends and running backs coach at Lenoir-Rhyne in 2001-02...running game coordinator and offensive line coach at Austin Peay in 2002-03...recruiting coordinator and offensive line coach at Chowan in 2003-04...assistant head coach, offensive coordinator, quarterback coach, running backs coach, and wide receivers coach at Hargrave Military Academy from 2004-06...video graduate assistant (offense) at Clemson in 2007.

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-muhl) 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.

Andy Johnston
Assistant AD • Football Operations
Andy Johnston is in his 12th year with the Clemson football program and currently serves as associate athletic director for football operations. His responsibilities with the team include managing the program’s day-to-day operations. Although this is his 12th year with the football program, he has been involved with the Clemson athletic department for 26 years. From 1983-97, he was the winningest women’s tennis coach in Clemson history.
In those 15 seasons, Johnston guided his squads to five consecutive ACC titles (1985-87), 12 top-25 finishes, and six NCAA Tournaments. He was ACC Coach-of-the-Year for the first time and Southeast Region Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 1983. Seven players he coached at Clemson were named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary team in 2002.
Johnston had a 254-160 Clemson record and 263-187 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 30-5 record and finished #7 in the polls.
That team won all nine games of the ACC Tourney, 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 Wooren. He has a daughter Kiera (18) and a son, Noah (1). A second daughter, Caylynn passed 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 Milstead, Don Munson, and Ralph Patterson host the show. It is a popular gathering place on gameday. Interviews with former players, games, display items, and excitement are all part of the show.

The game broadcast is anchored by Pete Yanity. The sports director at WSFA-TV (Ch. 7) in Huntsville, Ala., took over in September of 2003 after the passing of Jim Phillips, who had been the long-time voice of the Tigers since 1968. 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 the NFL Network and CBS College football games and has considerable play-by-play experience for CSS, covering various college events, including College football and basketball. 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 1996-98. Merritt was selected in the first round of the NFL Draft by the Chargers. Merritt is currently a development officer for the Clemson Alumni Association.

As has been the case in the past, Clemson’s game day broadcast begins with the Tommy Bowden Pregame Show. Bowden meets with Sports Information Director Tim Boullet to provide Clemson fans with the latest news and inside 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 Koenning are also included. An added feature includes locker room interviews with Clemson’s top players that day. A rundown of the game stats and audio highlights are also provided.

Fans can follow the Tigers by listening to “Tiger Calls” each Thursday evening with Munson and Dan Scott. The game day broadcast begins with the Tommy Bowden Pregame Show. Bowden meets with Sports Information Director Tim Boullet to provide Clemson fans with the latest news and inside information. Yanity and Merritt also provide a last-minute scene-setter that includes the latest lineup and weather information.

For more information, contact Bob Gahagan (General Manager) at Clemson Tiger Sports Properties, P.O. Box 552, Clemson, SC 29633-0552, by phone at (864) 654-5544, or via fax at (864) 654-5509.
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**Important NCAA Terms**

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

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

**Core Courses** - Courses at a prospect’s high school that are considered college preparatory. The NCAA requires 16 core courses, including four in English, three in math, two in science, one additional from English, math, or science, two social sciences, and four additional courses. A high school prospect’s guidance counselor will have a list of the school’s core courses (48H), or visit the NCAA Eligibility Center’s website at NCAA.com 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 customer 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 asummer-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.

**Contact Information**

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

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

**Telephone** - Clemson football coaches can call a prospect once in May during the prospect’s junior year. After September 1 of a prospect’s senior year, a coach can call a prospect only once a week. A prospect can expect unlimited calls during the contact period...before his official visit and once the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI).

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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

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

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

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

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

- **What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?** It is the agency that certifies a prospect’s initial academic and amateur eligibility for both NCAA Division I and Division II. A prospect should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at the conclusion of his junior year in high school online at NCAA.com for more information.

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

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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 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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Total Offense: 756 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Plays: 95 vs. N.C. State, 10/7/00
Yards Per Play: 9.1 vs. Louisiana Tech, 9/30/06
Rushing Yards: 536 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Rushing Attempts: 73 vs. Virginia, 10/21/72
Yards Per Rush: 10.3 vs. Presbyterian, 9/22/45
Rushing Touchdowns: 11 vs. Presbyterian, 9/22/45
Passing Yards: 372 vs. Virginia Tech, 10/6/07
Completions: 38 vs. Virginia Tech, 10/6/07
Passing Attempts: 67 vs. Virginia Tech, 10/6/07
Passing Efficiency: 262.9 vs. Furman, 9/15/07
Passing Touchdowns: 6 vs. Central Michigan, 10/20/07
First Downs: 35 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Points: 82 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Punting Average: 56.6 vs. Wake Forest, 10/29/77
Punts: 13 vs. Furman, 11/21/42
Penalties: 15 vs. Wake Forest, 11/2/85
Penalty Yards: 15 vs. Duke, 10/17/97
Penalty Yards: 155 vs. Wake Forest, 10/29/77
Punt Return Yards: 227 vs. Georgia Tech, 9/26/87
Kickoff Return Yards: 165 vs. Maryland, 11/16/02
Interception Return Yards: 131 vs. Western Carolina, 9/25/82
Interceptions By Defense: 5 vs. Virginia, 10/31/64
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Interceptions By Defense: 5 vs. Georgia, 9/19/81
Interceptions By Defense: 5 vs. North Carolina, 11/4/95
Interceptions By Defense: 5 vs. N.C. State, 10/30/04
Fumbles: 14 vs. Presbyterian, 9/1/53
Fumbles Lost: 5 vs. many
Sacks By Defense: 12 vs. Furman, 9/7/66
Tackles for Loss: 19 vs. N.C. State, 10/24/87
Pass Breakups: 18 vs. The Citadel, 10/4/86

Clemson Individual

Total Offense: 376 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. Florida State, 11/3/01
Rushing Yards: 263 by Raymond Priester vs. Duke, 11/11/95
Rushing Attempts: 36 by Ray Tauber vs. Wake Forest, 10/16/69
Passing Yards: 372 by Cullen Harper vs. Virginia Tech, 10/6/07
Completions: 38 by Cullen Harper vs. Virginia Tech, 10/6/07
Passing Attempts: 66 by Cullen Harper vs. Virginia Tech, 10/6/07
Completion % (min. 15 att.): 94.1 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. The Citadel, 9/20/00
Passing Efficiency: 261.1 by Cullen Harper vs. Central Michigan, 10/20/07
Passing Touchdowns: 5 by Cullen Harper vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 9/8/07
Receptions: 5 by Cullen Harper vs. Central Michigan, 10/20/07
Receiving Yards: 12 by Arresse Currie vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/13/03
Receiving Touchdowns: 174 by Aaron Kelly vs. Virginia Tech, 10/6/07
Touchdowns: 3 by Dreher Gaskin vs. Auburn, 11/21/53
Kickoff Return Yards: 267 by Tony Horne vs. Texas-El Paso, 10/4/97
Interceptions: 126 by Donnell Woolford vs. Georgia Tech, 9/26/87
Interceptions: 100 by John Shields vs. Alabama, 10/25/69
Interceptions: 3 by Kit Jackson vs. Wake Forest, 10/30/65
Tackles For Loss: 3 by Brian Dawkins vs. Duke, 11/1/95
Sacks: 3 by Alex Arly vs. Maryland, 10/14/00
Tackles: 24 by Jeff Davis vs. North Carolina, 11/8/80

Opponent Individual

Total Offense: 450 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Rushing Yards: 227 by Ted Brown, N.C. State, 11/25/75
Rushing Attempts: 38 by Torin Kirtsey, Georgia, 10/7/95
Passing Yards: 454 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Completions: 35 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Passing Attempts: 57 by Kip Allen, The Citadel, 10/4/86
Completion % (min. 15 att.): 57 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Passing Touchdowns: 14 by Kelly Campbell, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Receptions: 249 by Peter Warrick, Florida State, 9/20/97
Receiving Yards: 374 by Peter Warrick, Florida State, 9/20/97
All-Purpose Yards: 4 by Ross Browner, Notre Dame, 11/12/77
Forced Fumbles: 4

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This year, we celebrate 30 years, as CUTBA was formed in 1978 to promote and support Tiger Band in all of its activities. One of CUTBA’s main efforts is to raise money for the CUTBA Endowment, a scholarship fund that is maintained through the Clemson Foundation. The CUTBA Endowment exists to provide needed scholarship funds to deserving Tiger Band students.

As you may also know, CUTBA recently completed a successful campaign to raise $2,000,000 in cash, pledges, and estate planning. During today’s halftime festivities, we will recognize and honor four individuals/couples who have significantly contributed to the Tiger Band Commitment. They are Ed Evans, Hank & Kay Owen, Larry & Cindy Sloan, and Keith & Risse Snelgrove. Our great thanks to these loyal Tiger Band supporters!

It is vitally important that we sustain this momentum and continue to receive pledges and gifts to the CUTBA Endowment. The Tiger Band “Continue the Commitment” campaign is a terrific way for any Tiger Band fan, parent, or supporter to assist deserving Tiger Band students.

We are set up to accept cash donations, pledges, bequests, and planned gifts. As a supporter, you will receive a letter in the mail after we have completed this campaign.

The best way to keep this high level of spirit and competition is through financial aid in the form of scholarships to deserving band students. Please help us in this most needed campaign to provide scholarships to Tiger Band members.

Tiger Band also welcomes 100 high school seniors who will spend the day with us and experience the excitement of “Gameday Clemson.” Please give them a warm Death Valley greeting!

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Written by Dr. Mark Spade, Director of Bands

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“double duty,” as it will also be recognized as a gift to the Clemson Foundation.

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By Sam Blackman

Total development of the player is what first- year Head Coach Chuck McCuen is stressing to the 2009 Tigers.

“We want to become a team that will help and encourage each other and grow and become the best that we can be,” said McCuen, who served as an assistant coach at Clemson the previous seven years under 33-year Head Coach Chuck Kriese.

When asked about the keys to the season, McCuen emphasized consistency in doing the right things. “One of the most important keys to this season and in program development is rituals. What I mean by that is being consistent in our philosophy and not deviating. We want to build unity.

“For example, we eat together as a team once a week. We embrace the mental aspects by meeting with a sports psychologist on a consistent basis. This will help develop mental skills. We want to do as much as we can to build the team. We are going to be consistent in what we do every day and not deviate from that.

“I want them to earn people’s respect and not just inherit respect as they mature. Respect has to be earned. Whether you are a freshman or a senior, everyone has equal importance on our team.”

Aside from consistency, McCuen also believes in teamwork and total student-athlete development. “We want to be the best each and every day in everything that we do and say. Teamwork and team chemistry is another element it will take for us to be successful. Everyone has to give their best, whether they’re playing or supporting.

“Total player development and a well-rounded student-athlete is what we are working towards. We want our players to be well-rounded academically, socially, mentally, spiritually, and physically. You can’t be one-dimensional—you must have a balance in life. And we are here as coaches to develop our players and help them be the best they can be. We have the support of our administration to do just that with our facilities and opportunities.

“We have changed the way we approach practice. We do a non-traditional morning practice and we believe this will be an advantage in our development. We are practicing in the morning when our players are fresh and rested. Tennis is the first focus of the day. We are through by mid-morning. This allows plenty of time to concentrate on academics and a good recovery period in the evenings.”

When asked about the goals for this year, McCuen is quick to point out that they are very simple and not so structured. “We haven’t set goals this year about where we will finish or how many wins we’ll have...that will take care of itself. Again, our goal is to improve in every aspect of our student-athletes’ lives. We want to understand what it takes to improve. It’s about the process...learning how to do things correctly and improving every day.”

Clemson returns all six starters from the 2008 team that finished 15-20 overall. The Tigers also return eight letterwinners, another reason that should bring optimism to the Clemson camp.

Junior Carlos Alvarez played #1 singles for the Tigers last season. He finished 19-15 overall in singles and had a 16-14 mark in doubles.

“Carlos is our passion player, as he loves the game of tennis,” said McCuen. “He is fiery and is a very competitive player. He sparks the team and is a vocal leader. This is one of the reasons he is a co-captain.”

Junior Rok Bzikjac was sidelined with an injury most of the spring and posted an 8-13 record in singles along with a 10-12 mark in doubles. But the coaching staff is encouraged in the way he has worked his way back.

“I am very impressed with Rok,” added McCuen. “If he plays solid, he is like his name...a ‘rock.’ He is a very impressive player and has worked hard to improve his game.”

Junior Gera Boryachinskiy is another co-captain for the 2009 season. He posted a 19-21 record in singles and a 20-19 slate in doubles play last season.

“Gera is very stoic and analytical,” explained McCuen. “He is very detail-oriented and is a very intelligent player. Gera brings stability and a calmness to the team.”

Sophomore Derek DiFazio had an impressive freshman season, going 19-19 in singles and 16-23 in doubles.

“Derek is one of the most improved players on the team. He has trained hard and played in a lot of tournaments this past summer. He has a new mindset and is more open-minded to developing his game. He has stepped up as one of the leaders of this team.”

Senior Kevin Fleck had a 20-22 record in singles and a 22-22 mark in doubles last season.

“Kevin brings a wealth of experience on and off the court. He is one of the most tenacious competitors we have on the team. He has done a great job taking past experiences and relating that with the present to help improve his game. He has really matured in his game, and we look forward to his senior season.”

Senior Ike Belk returns as a two-year starter. Last year, he was 17-23 in singles and 20-22 in doubles. He played most of his matches at the #4 slot.

“Ike brings tennis talent and a great personality to our team, and this helps the team stay light and energetic,” added McCuen. “He is a great motivator and he leads by example. Ike is simply a great team-morale builder.”

Kevin Galloway finished the 2008 season with a 19-16 overall record and a 14-12 mark in dual competition. Galloway played most of his matches at #6 singles and posted a 10-6 ledger at that spot.

“Kevin is an individual who has transformed his game and attitude over the summer. He really worked hard during the offseason with coaches and played in a lot of different events. He worked on his weaknesses and mental skills. He has developed into a more complete player and person.”

Clemson has four freshmen on the team in Taylor Cohen, Wesley Moran, Robert Pietrucha, and Eddy Wang.

“Taylor may be small in stature, but he has one of the biggest hearts that I’ve ever seen,” admitted McCuen. “He is already a team leader by inspiring and encouraging us. He is also dying for playing time this spring. He has a strong work ethic and is very coachable.

“Wesley is a tall and smart competitor. He brings new energy to the team and does a great job on and off the court. He will battle for playing time this spring.”

Pietrucha red-shirted in 2008 after suffering knee injuries. “Robert is coming off double-knee surgery. He has worked hard in rehab and is really coming back strong. He’s a focused player. He will help the team with his inspiration and in the classroom, as he really has helped motivate the rest of the team.

“Eddy continues to improve his skills and has become a team player. He enhances our team by being a hard worker and possessing a great attitude.”

Carlos Alvarez played #1 singles and won 19 singles matches for the Tigers in 2008.

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Clemson Men’s Tennis
2008-09 Season Preview

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By Christine Long

With the core of its 2008 ACC Championship team returning and the addition of a pair of talented rookies, the 2009 Clemson women’s tennis team appears poised to defend its conference title and vie for a national championship.

Head Coach Nancy Harris has assembled a roster of eight highly-skilled players to create a potent lineup from top to bottom, possibly the most dangerous in her 12 seasons at the helm of the program. Following NCAA Final Four appearances in 2004 and 2005, Clemson’s national tourney runs have ended in the round of 16 each of the past two seasons. Harris hopes the combination of experience, depth, and talent will amount to a return to the semifinals, with conceivable sets on advancing even further in the national tournament.

Ani Mijačka, who opened the fall schedule with a #2 ranking and boasts an 8-2 record through three fall tournaments, leads the 2008-09 squad. The junior from Zagreb, Croatia, made her second straight appearance at the ITA Intercollegiate Indoor Nationals during the November 6-9 weekend. In 2007, she reached the finals of the tournament during her spectacular run in the fall.

Fellow Croatian Josipa Bek joined her at the prestigious tournament after capturing the Wilson/ITA Southeast Regional Championships in October. The talented rookie was a familiar foe for Tiger veterans Mijačka and Ina Hadžisevimović, who are happy to now call her a teammate. Bek routinely defeated both in European junior tournaments to indicate the success Harris foresees from her.

Bek was not the only highly-touted player to join the program this fall. Freshman Keri Wong was a “Blue Chip” Recruit who was ranked as high as #3 in the country according to TennisRecruiting.net. The Jackson, MS native had a stellar junior career, capped by a 46-10 record during the 2007-08 campaign. Wong provided similar results in her collegiate debut, winning a trio of matches in the Tigers’ opening tournament. She then advanced to the quarterfinals of the Southeast Regional and compiled a 7-3 record in the fall season.

Harris anticipates both freshmen will push for positions in the top half of the lineup and is anxious for the increased competition the players will face in practice.

Mijačka will assume the #1 spot for the third straight year after posting a 55-15 record through two full seasons. The current junior amassed a lengthy list of awards in 2008. She earned All-America honors in both singles and doubles, was a finalist for the Honda Sports Award for tennis, and was named an ITA Intercollegiate All-Star. Mijačka became the first women’s tennis player in school history to rise to the #1 national ranking and received bids to the NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships for the second year in a row. She entered the fall season fifth in the Clemson annals with a 79.7 career winning percentage in doubles and was seventh with a 78.6 career winning percentage in singles.

Joining Mijačka in the junior class are Estefania Balda and Hadžisevimović. Balda has played primarily at the flight-two and flight-three positions in her career and has posted a 33-25 record in her two-and-a-half years as a Tiger. The native of Guayaquil, Ecuador was ranked #89 in the 2008-09 preseason ITA singles poll and has been listed as high as #58 in her career.

Hadžisevimović has steadily climbed in the lineup from the #6 position as a freshman to earning a match at flight-two last season. The Sarajevo, Bosnia native improved upon her 17-12 record in 2007 to post a 22-10 mark as a sophomore. Hadžisevimović is a very composed player on the court with a strong mental game.

Senior Federica Van Adrichem has been ranked as high as #40 in her career. The native of Amersfoort, Netherlands has won 52 matches in her three years in Tigertown and boasts a 68.6 career winning percentage in doubles. She earned an invitation to the 2006 NCAA Singles Championship and has played in a pair of national doubles tournaments. Harris is hoping Van Adrichem will provide experience and leadership for this team.

Alexandra Luc is also entering her senior season with the Tigers. Consistent throughout her career, she gives Harris a steady player at the #4 through #6 positions. Luc, who hails from Paris, France, has also been a dependable doubles partner with a 54-25 career doubles record.

The team’s lone sophomore, Laurenne Henry, hopes to have a healthy season in 2009. The native of nearby Anderson, SC played just two tournaments this fall due to an injury and was also sidelined during much of the 2008 dual season. However, she won 11 of the 13 matches she played in the spring and clinched the Tigers’ win over Michigan in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Henry, who was trained as a junior player by former Clemson Head Coach Andy John- ston, dropped just five sets in dual matches and finished the year ranked #115 in the nation.

Doubles play has been a strength of the program during the last few years, and many players on the 2009 roster have demonstrated success in the pairs game. In 2008, Clemson won the doubles point in 22 of its 27 contests, sweeping 16 times. Hadžisevimović and Luc partnered 31 times in 2008 for a 23-8 record that finished in a tie for ninth in team wins at Clemson. Both members of the Balda-Van Adrichem team also return after posting an 11-4 mark last year, while Mijačka owns 55 career individual doubles wins in just two seasons.

Harris has put together another challenging schedule in 2009. Clemson will face 13 teams that earned bids to the 2008 NCAA Championships and will participate in the highly-competitive ITA National Team Indoor Championships for the fourth time in the last five years. In 2009, the event will enter its first year under a new format, resembling the NCAA Tournament. Sixteen school sites will host play to first and second rounds, with the winners of the four-team brackets advancing to the round of 16 in Madison, WI on February 13. As a regional host, the Tigers will welcome Auburn, Boise State, and Louisville to the Clemson Indoor Tennis Center during the January 31 through February 1 weekend.

Clemson will also face College of Charleston, Virginia Commonwealth, Furman, and Central Florida in addition to SEC foes Georgia, Kentucky, and South Carolina. During the always-difficult ACC slate, the Tigers will play host to Georgia Tech, Miami (FL), Virginia Tech, Virginia, Boston College, and Maryland, while traveling to Florida State, N.C. State, Wake Forest, Duke, and North Carolina. The ACC Championships will be held in Cary, NC during the April 16-19 weekend, with NCAA Regional play scheduled to begin May 9. The 2009 NCAA Championships will be held in College Station, TX from May 15-25.

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By Maddie McGlane

Phyllis Boyles knows a thing or two about raising a family. A mother of 10, nine of whom attended Clemson, she regularly filled the roles of "cook, chauffeur, and ardent supporter of all (her children)," said her son Aaron.

Her nurturing spirit has reached beyond her Central, SC household, however, touching dozens of Clemson students over the past 30-plus years.

It was in the 1970s that Mr. and Mrs. Boyles decided to move their family to the Upstate of South Carolina in order to make a college education obtainable for their children. The Boyles knew that they could not put 10 children through college and they wanted the kids to be able to live at home.

Living in Texas when their oldest child neared high-school graduation, the family faced a decision. "It was a toss-up between Texas A&M and Clemson," Mrs. Boyles admitted.

Ultimately, the choice was Clemson.

Since then, all 10 children have attended college and the seven who graduated from Clemson have earned a total of 10 Clemson degrees spread across four different colleges—engineering, nursing, education, and mathematics. From 1970-93, at least one Boyles family member was attending Clemson. That is commitment. Her son Aaron agreed.

"We've poured a lot of money into this place," he said with a laugh.

Yet even now, Mrs. Boyles, who has always encouraged and supported her children's academic endeavors, has two of her 22 grandchildren currently enrolled at Clemson.

Mrs. Boyles created more than a loving home for her children. She also provided a soft place to land for students whose families were far from Clemson, especially international students. For over 30 years, the Boyles have been welcoming friends and strangers into their home.

"My parents would often seek out international students, and it was very commonplace that they were welcomed in Mother's kitchen," recalled Aaron.

There was no nonsense in Mrs. Boyles' kitchen. After all, she was accustomed to cooking for 12 every night. Also, with two of her children and one grandchild serving as members of the Clemson Cheerleading team, it was not odd for her to be asked to fix a feast for the entire squad.

There is no doubt that Mrs. Boyles' hospitality and generosity have made a difference in many lives through the healing power of a good home-cooked meal. In the process, the Boyles family has been enriched through meeting people from different places and cultures.

Mrs. Boyles has met families from as far away as Somalia, Israel, and Korea, and she is still close with many of them. "Aaron doesn't know how they find these folks," but who would not want a friend like Mrs. Boyles?

She makes a point to remain in contact with those she has fed and developed friendships. She is currently waiting to hear from a friend who has gone home to Southeast Asia for the first time since the tsunami. Hopefully, the loving bonds created by a woman half a world away will buoy the heart of her friend as she steps into the aftermath of the devastating tidal wave.

As recently as last week, Mr. and Mrs. Boyles met a young couple from Turkey who were interested in the couple's many beautiful plants. They introduced themselves and exchanged advice about gardening. Having recently graduated with a master's degree in plant science, the young wife had plenty of gardening advice to offer Mrs. Boyles.

Just like that, Mrs. Boyles proved that she had not lost her ability to make new friends. She is still awaiting a promised Turkish dish in exchange for her watermelon and persimmon tree.

After spending time with Mrs. Boyles, one cannot help but sense her humility and kindness. She admits that raising 10 children was "a big challenge," but she made it her purpose and managed to extend her big family into the Clemson community and beyond. Mrs. Boyles has put in a lot of hard work over the years, and that does not include the years when she rejoined the workforce with seven kids still at home.

It is surprising to note that her son has entered her name for Tiger Brotherhood Mother-of-the-Year three years in a row, but only now is she being honored for her contributions to Clemson. Mrs. Boyles certainly deserves the honor.

When asked what it means to be named mother-of-the-year, she said that it is "very exciting." She is also ecstatic to be able to watch her Tigers play football in Death Valley. She and her husband used to attend the games regularly to watch their sons, who were on the cheerleading squad, but now she normally just watches the games on television or listens on the radio.

"It's going to be nice to come to a game again," she stated.

Mrs. Boyles' advice for students today is the same as it was for her children. "Study hard and don't party too much...you can be anything you want to be."

The Boyles appreciate the importance of a good education, so they made sure their children would get one. The entire family worked to achieve the goal. She instilled in her children the significance of their schooling as well as responsibility, something that they certainly value now. The kids even had to hold part-time jobs.

"They had to work summers instead of running to the beach in order to help with the money situation," Mrs. Boyles said. "It was a family effort."

The Boyles are a Clemson-bred family. The community is lucky to have such committed and generous people in it.

Mrs. Boyles is a hard-working woman who has touched many lives, as her kindness spans the globe. She has earned her stripes as a Clemson Tiger and she is very proud to be named the 2008 Tiger Brotherhood Mother-of-the-Year. It is safe to say she has earned it.

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By Susan Polowczuk

Memorial Stadium and its 80,000 fans become a living laboratory at home games every week, as research, education, technology, and athletics come together for more than just football in a joint project known as iTiger (iTiger.Clemson.edu).

The project brings together the School of Computing in the College of Engineering & Science (CoES), Clemson Computing & Information Technology (CCIT), and Tiger athletics. The uncommon collaboration of this trio could eventually bring instant replay, gameday statistics, memorabilia, and e-concessions to the fingertips of enthusiasts sitting in the stands using their own handheld digital devices. iTiger in the stadium is the start of a campus-wide emphasis toward a new generation of wireless technology integration.

“This is a starting point, and we’re in the start-up, research, and development stage,” said Jim Bottum, vice provost for computing & information technology. “People are already excited about the possibilities of enhancing the fan experience while discovering new knowledge about wireless communication and engaging students in the process.

“You are looking at how the stadium of the future may eventually operate and how other even larger forums in our environment have the potential to operate. We’re taking a social networking application and applying it to a sports venue. Eventually, we hope to apply this campus-wide and, perhaps someday, city-wide and beyond.”

Participants see iTiger as a launching pad to integrating the entire college campus, a place where learning, research, public safety, social networking, and other elements, such as retailing, product development, and technology transfer, all converge in cyberspace. This year’s participation is limited to the WestZone and a small number of suites and outdoor seats near that area of the stadium.

This test environment is an experiment in how fans will use mobile devices and the impact on network connectivity and bandwidth. The goal is to expand iTiger to the entire stadium and to get it into the hands of whoever wants it, regardless of the wireless device being used.

“We are aggressively seeking resources and partners to meet these goals,” Bottum added.

Other possibilities for iTiger’s use within the stadium include instantly accessing public safety officials, interacting with other fans during the game, submitting questions to the Coach’s Show, and (in the WestZone and suite areas) e-concessions…ordering and paying for food in advance for pickup or delivery from the concession stand.

“This may prove to be a great new way for us to provide more service and information to our fans at football games,” said Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips. “Our fans are important to us, so those things that may help their experience are always of interest.

“We’re hoping this may indeed mean they’ll be using their cell phones or other mobile devices to get more out of the game, stay in touch with other sports activities, and find out what’s going on in the stadium…all in real time. We’re happy to provide a setting to help develop these and more possibilities.”

The iTiger project utilizes a Cisco Unified Wireless Network with 802.11n Aironet® 1250 Series access points, as well as Cisco routers and switches, designed to eventually provide ubiquitous wireless coverage in the stadium to stream video content to mobile devices.

“Clemson University’s innovative use of the Cisco Unified Wireless Network demonstrates the mobility experience that forward-thinking universities can now deliver to students, faculty, and sports fans,” said Chris Kozup, Cisco’s senior manager of mobility solutions. “The iTiger project is just one example of how Clemson is bringing new, advanced mobile applications and services, like streaming video playback, to its users, and thereby changing how they learn, live, and play.”

iTiger is a student-driven effort that involves undergraduates and graduates from the School of Computing, Digital Production Arts, and the College of Business & Behavioral Science, among others. Students are involved in application design and development, infrastructure, project management, and gameday logistics. A course is planned in the spring of 2009 for students to work on iTiger projects.

“Memorial Stadium is a natural laboratory for our studies,” said Larry Hodges, director of the School of Computing. “On the research side, the challenge is to keep the technology working among so many users in a dense area.”

“Look at social networks, web services, and how much data is produced on Saturdays due to athletics,” added Ph.D. student Will Pressley, who has helped develop the project with fellow graduate student Abhijit Srinhashyam and School of Computing professor Jim Martin. “We are a data-driven culture. We are doing grass-roots development with students and the product at the same time. That is what is unique about doing this at the university level.”

“Tiger is an opportunity to help the diverse communities of research, athletics, students, and Clemson fans explore and define the role of advanced mobile devices and wireless networks in a campus environment,” said Martin, technical director of iTiger. “The potential of this project is limitless due to the creativity of the students and the interdisciplinary nature of it.”

Presently, only handheld devices with 802.11g specification (which is a standard for wireless local-area networks that offer transmission over short distances) are supported by iTiger, although Martin said that will change to include a broader set of cell-phone devices.

Currently, there is no charge for the service, and Bottum said supporters can make any size gift donation. “We are also hoping for individual and corporate sponsors along with advertising dollars, gifts-in-kind, retail businesses, and royalties that will help sustain it. For the project to grow, we need the support of the entire Clemson community.”

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By Ashley Earle

Many Tiger fans remember the day Chansi Stuckey started his first career game as a wide receiver. He had been Clemson’s backup quarterback in 2003, serving behind Charlie Whitehurst. The anticipation was high leading up to his receiver debut in 2004.

Stuckey never faltered and had an impressive eight receptions for 112 yards in the victory against Wake Forest in the 2004 opener. That game was the start of three record-setting seasons at the wideout position.

Others remember his outstanding game against #16 Florida State in 2005. Whitehurst connected with Stuckey for a 22-yard touchdown pass to put the Tigers up 7-0. In the third quarter with the score tied 14-14, Stuckey caught a 32-yard touchdown pass that gave Clemson the lead for good. In all, Stuckey had 11 receptions for 156 yards and two touchdowns against the Seminoles.

Stuckey would go on to become one of the best wide receivers to wear a Clemson uniform. He had 174 games with 11 receptions, which tied for second-most by a Tiger in history. In 2005 and 2006, he was the reception leader on the team with 61 and 60, respectively. In 2005, he also was the team leader in all-purpose yards (1,069) and led the ACC in receptions per game.

Stuckey finished his career with 141 catches for 1,760 yards and seven touchdowns. He is seventh in Clemson history in receptions and ninth in receiving yards. Not bad numbers for someone who never played wide receiver until his sophomore season. During his career, he scored touchdowns rushing, receiving, passing, and on a punt return. He is one of just three Tigers in history to score a touchdown four different ways.

So what has Stuckey been doing since his departure in 2008? He has been making a name for himself in the New York Jets’ organization. After being drafted in the seventh round in 2007 by the Jets, Stuckey began to transition to the NFL.

“It is different,” exclaimed Stuckey. “Everyone is more physical, but the biggest thing that is different is being stronger mentally. We have to know so many plays, because defenses can give a lot of different looks. There is no margin for error.”

Furthermore, the native of Georgia had to adjust to the North.

“When I first got up here, I was a little overwhelmed,” admitted Stuckey. “I was in New York and there are a lot more people than what I’m used to. The traffic was bad and parking was hard to find. It’s been growing on me, especially since we’ve moved to New Jersey. Jersey is slower and not a big city. It’s more like where I came from.”

After completing OTAs (offseason training activities) and training camp, Stuckey was prepared for the 2007 preseason. He was in the spotlight at times, as he had 11 receptions for 65 yards and a touchdown. However, his rookie season ended abruptly when he broke his foot in early September. He did not appear in a regular-season game that year.

“It was a tough time,” said the wide- out. “I was getting the hang of the offense and looking forward to helping the team win games. After I got hurt, I had to refocus and make sure that my injury healed completely. Then, I worked out so much to get in shape and be ready for the 2008 training camp.”

Stuckey looked impressive at camp this past summer, with internet sites giving him rave reviews for his performance. Soon, he was listed as the third wide receiver in the lineup. This was a feat considering he was on injured reserve for all of 2007.

During the preseason, Stuckey had five catches for 54 yards. These stats were only an inkling of his capabilities. In his first active season, Stuckey has surpassed even his own expectations.

“This season has been great so far,” Stuckey said with enthusiasm. “I’ve learned so much from my coaches and teammates.”

One teammate in particular, future NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre, has been instrumental in Stuckey’s success.

“He’s a good guy,” said Stuckey. “I never really thought the trade was going to happen, so I was surprised when he came here. Brett has taken me under his wing. He has helped me with routes. He knows how to spread the ball around. He’s really a joker and down to earth. He likes to sing and tell stories.”

In the first game of this season, the Jets went on the road to play the Miami Dolphins. Stuckey hauled in the first touchdown of his career against the Dolphins, a squad that included former Tiger teammate Phillip Merling.

“I didn’t think it was going to happen,” recalled Stuckey, who wore #2 at Clemson but now wears #83 with the Jets. “Brett threw it in the endzone and gave me a chance to jump and receive it.”

The Jets won that game by a score of 20-14 to start its season 1-0.

In games against New England and San Diego, Stuckey had a combined total of 10 receptions for 85 yards and two more touchdowns.

The Jets then played on the road against the Oakland Raiders and suffered a heartbreaking loss in overtime on a 57-yard field goal on the last play of the game. Stuckey had two receptions for 48 yards against the Raiders.

The following week, the Jets defeated the Kansas City Chiefs by a score of 28-24, and Stuckey contributed three receptions for 43 yards. Prior to this past Thursday’s game at New England, Stuckey had 19 catches for 225 yards and three touchdowns in 2008.

While Stuckey has performed well on the gridiron, his biggest accomplishments have come in the community.

“I’ve been blessed with so much in my life,” stated Stuckey. “I want to give back. I want to help families in need and kids who want to play football. I don’t know where I would be without the support of so many people. I want to help kids follow their dreams.”

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, Stuckey holds food drives with his church. The food goes to needy families in the community. In addition, Stuckey sponsors families during these times. He provides them with food, essentials, and gifts for Christmas.

Stuckey reaches out to children in particular in his community. He hosts a Toys R Us toy drive, where he takes children on shopping sprees. He also brings children to Jets’ games, and they are able to meet players.

A project that is in the works is a summer camp for boys in Stuckey’s hometown (Warner Robins, GA). Suffice it to say, this Tiger has done many positive things since earning his Clemson degree in 2006. Yet, Stuckey never forgets where he came from.

“I owe Clemson so much,” said Stuckey. “Playing football there was great. The fans and atmosphere are something I will never forget. I made a lot of friends and I’m appreciative of everything I learned on and off the field.”

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There probably are not many New York Yankees fans among the Clemson populace. But for those of you who are, take a moment to reflect on the impact that Buck Showalter had on the famed franchise’s history. Showalter became the Yankees’ manager in 1992 when the team was in a state of disarray. The Yankees had not been to the playoffs, nevermind the World Series, since 1981.

Showalter brought stability to the team on and off the field and led the Yankees back to the playoffs in 1995. The season ended in heartbreaking fashion when the Mariners beat the Yankees in the 11th inning by one run in the fifth and final game of the series.

Prior to the 1996 season, the Yankees decided to make a change, but Showalter left the franchise with great respect, because he had made the team relevant again. He had set the tone, whereby the next manager could take the team to the next level. Joe Torre took over and led the Yankees to the World Series Championship in his first year. It was the first title for the franchise in 18 seasons, and he went on to win four championships overall.

This brings us to the question of Tommy Bowden’s legacy at Clemson. When he came to Clemson, the Tigers had been 3-8 the previous season. The program needed facility improvements, attendance was down, and Clemson was not very prominent on the national scene.

Bowden brought new enthusiasm with an exciting “Indy 500” offense. His young team had many shocking victories that first year, including his first win against a top-20 Virginia team and Hall of Fame Hall Coach George Welsh. The team finished with a 6-6 record, including a 5-3 record in the ACC. It was a four-win improvement in the league. Four of the losses were to top-15 teams, including the only three college football teams that were undefeated through the regular season. Florida State would win the National Championship that year, but it narrowly won by a score of 17-14 at Memorial Stadium, Bobby Bowden’s toughest game in 1999.

At the end of the season, Bowden had the Tigers in the Peach Bowl, and he was named ACC Coach-of-the-Year, the first Clemson coach to receive the award since 1981. He also won the honor in 2003 and joined Frank Howard, Charley Pell, and Danny Ford as the only two-time recipients in school history.

Year #2 saw the Tigers start off with an 8-0 record. Clemson reached a #3 national ranking and Bowden was the talk of the country. At that point in 2000, he was what Nick Saban is today. In fact that year, I had to put out a release stating that he was not interested in the open head-coaching position at Alabama.

The landmark wins continued in 2001. Tiger fans still save a videotape of the 47-44 overtime victory at Georgia Tech, a game that was clinched on Woodrow Danzlter’s 11-yard run on the last play of overtime. The following game, we all marveled at Danzlter’s record 517-yard, six-touchdown performance at N.C. State.

The 2003 season culminated with four consecutive wins, including a victory over #3 Florida State, the highest-ranked team Clemson has beaten in its history, and a Peach Bowl triumph over #6 Tennessee. The 63-17 win over South Carolina in Columbia is another keepsake for Tiger fans. Clemson won its last four games that year by a combined score of 156-48. If only there had been a college football playoff!

The 2005 season saw Clemson defeat three top-20 teams in just the second time in school history, including a 13-9 win over Steve Spurrier and South Carolina in Columbia. Clemson was a player on the national landscape when Georgia Tech came to Death Valley for a battle of top-13 teams in 2006. James Davis and C.J. Spiller combined for 332 rushing yards and scored four touchdowns in a 31-7 victory. ESPN College GameDay was on campus for the first time in school history, and the electricity in Death Valley was at an all-time high.

There was a similar atmosphere when Clemson edged Florida State to open the 2007 season on Labor Day night in front of a national television audience. The regular season culminated with a 23-21 victory at South Carolina on Mark Burcholz’s field goal on the last play of the game. The Tigers were 9-3 and ranked #15 in the nation. Had Hawaii lost its final regular-season game, Clemson would have likely gone to a BCS bowl game.

While there were considerable highlights on the field during Bowden’s tenure, there were improvements off the field as well. Disciplinary problems were minimal and the graduation success rate and APR scores for the program were never an issue. Seventy-eight percent of Bowden’s seniors earned degrees, including a perfect 20-20 by the seniors on the 2006 team.

Bowden’s most significant contribution to the heritage of the program might have been in terms of facilities. In 2001 after a 7-5 season, he talked about how Clemson was behind other ACC schools in that area. Many fans criticized him for making excuses. But in retrospect, he had made a major mistake.

He met with then Athletic Director Bobby Robinson to develop a plan. The plan was enhanced when Terry Don Phillips came on board, and the funding and conceptual design for the West Endzone Project at Memorial Stadium became a reality.

This summer, the football program will move its everyday operations to the West Endzone. While it might be a stretch to say the West Endzone was the “House that Bowden Built,” he certainly had as much to do with it becoming a reality as anyone. He will not be able to realize the fruits of his labor.

A final review of the numbers shows that Bowden never had a losing season, overall or in the conference, during his nine complete seasons in Tigertown. He finished with a 72-45 record (.615) and had eight consecutive winning seasons between 2000-07. That is something only he has achieved in Clemson football history.

Bowden took the Tigers to eight bowl games, third-most in ACC history, and had a 7-2 record against rival South Carolina. That .778 winning percentage is best in school history among coaches who faced the Gamecocks at least five times. He won four of his last five contests against his father Bobby Bowden, who is regarded as one of the great coaches in college football history.

When I met with Bowden on the morning of October 13, 2008 and he told me of his decision to step down as head coach, he was in a good frame of mine. A man of strong faith, he knew he had worked hard every day to have a positive impact on Clemson University and the lives of over 300 young men.

There is no doubt he was disappointed that he did not bring a championship to Clemson during his tenure, and that one fact is what led to his departure. He had come so close the previous three years. A win over Boston College would have put the Tigers in the title game all three seasons.

But overall, he was at peace, because he knew he had put the program in good position for the next coach, just as Showalter had done for the Yankees.

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