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Clemson and Ball State Series

Clemson and Ball State meet every 10 years, whether they like it or not. The Tigers are 2-0 against Ball State, as the two previous games were played in 1992 and 2002, both at Memorial Stadium.

Clemson won the first meeting 24-10 in the 1992 season-opener. The Tigers came into the game ranked #13 in the nation after winning the 1991 ACC Championship. This year, Clemson opened the season ranked #14 coming off the 2011 ACC Championship.

Rodney Blunt led the Tigers offensively in the 1992 matchup with 20 carries for 96 yards, while Ronald Williams added nine carries for 58 yards and a touchdown. Williams’ son, DeShawn Williams, is now a starting defensive tackle for the Tigers. The elder Williams scored Clemson’s final touchdown of the game on a 17-yard run.

Clemson had 255 yards on 54 carries and finished the game with 291 yards of total offense. Clemson had just 36 passing yards. One of the Tigers with a catch was the late Terry Smith, the uncle of current Tiger wideout DeAndre Hopkins.

Tim Jones was Clemson’s top tackler with 12, while Robert O’Neal had 11. Both also had an interception.

In 2002, Ball State scored the first touchdown of the game to complete a 13-play, 77-yard drive. However, that was all the scoring for the Cardinals, as Clemson went on a 30-0 run over the last three quarters. Clemson had an efficient offense that produced 203 rushing yards and 209 passing yards.

Willie Simmons was 17-25 passing for 188 yards and a score, while Charlie Whitehurst was 4-4 passing for 21 yards. J.J. McKelvey had 10 catches for 123 yards and a touchdown, while Yusef Kelly added 99 rushing yards.

John Leake led Clemson’s defense with 14 tackles, while Eric Meekins added 11. Bryant McNeal had two sacks and Leake had one, while Clemson held Ball State to 220 yards of total offense, including just 153 yards after the Cardinals’ first drive.

Ball State Update

Ball State comes into today’s game off a season-opening 37-26 conference win over Eastern Michigan. The Cardinals had an offensive day that would make any coordinator and head coach proud. All Head Coach Pete Lembo’s team did was gain 596 yards of total offense, rush for 329 yards, average 6.2 yards per play, and pick up a school-record 36 first downs.

The Cardinals amassed 96 plays, so it could be quite an up-tempo game in Death Valley.

Keith Wenning, who made his 23rd consecutive start at quarterback for Ball State, completed 26-41 passes for 267 yards in the season-opener. He now has 4,256 career passing yards, sixth-most in school history. The performance in the opener was his sixth game of at least 250 passing yards.

He was supported by a 100-yard receiver, Jamill Smith, who had seven catches for 119 yards, and a 200-yard rusher, Jahwan Edwards, who had 200 yards on 20 carries and three touchdowns. Edwards had a 75-yard touchdown run in the opening moments of the second half to give
Ball State a 20-13 lead. That turned out to be the key play of the game. Smith also had 100 kickoff return yards to go with his career-high 119 receiving yards and finished with 240 all-purpose yards. Edwards had 207 all-purpose yards.

The Ball State defense is led by senior co-captain and middle linebacker Travis Freeman, who had nine tackles in the opener. Jeffery Garrett and Chris Pauling added seven tackles apiece.

Ball State has an outstanding special teams combination in placekeeper Steven Schott and punter Scott Kovanida. Schott made a career-long 52-yard field goal against Eastern Michigan and had three field goals overall. Kovanida had three punts inside the 20 to set the Cardinal defense in good field position. He had 22 punts inside the 20 last year.

Keep Your Eye on the Ball

Today’s game could resemble a pinball game, as the defensive coordinators will be on edge from the time they come to the stadium. Clemson and Ball State both run a fast-paced offense and will go head-to-head this afternoon in Death Valley.

In Ball State’s victory over Eastern Michigan on August 30, the Cardinals totaled 96 plays for 596 yards. In Clemson’s victory over #25 Auburn, Clemson amassed 87 plays for 528 yards in its 26-19 victory.

So, there is a good chance the teams will combine to run quite a few plays this afternoon. In case you were wondering, the record for most combined plays in a game in Clemson history is 184 by Clemson and Maryland in 1992. In that contest, the Tigers totaled 98 plays, while Maryland had 86.

The last time both teams had at least 80 plays in a Tiger game was last year when Maryland and Clemson combined for 163 plays. The Tigers had 80 and Maryland 83 in that Clemson victory. Over the last 35 years, there have been just six games involving the Tigers where both teams totaled at least 80 plays.

Young Offensive Line

Much of the talk about Clemson in the preseason was the concern about the Tigers’ young offensive line. Clemson returned just two starters from last year, center Dalton Freeman and tackle Brandon Thomas (who actually played guard most of last year). Three players, David Beasley (OG), Tyler Shatley (OG), and Gifford Timothy (OT), had a combined 75 snaps of experience on the offensive line entering the Auburn game. Shatley played 317 snaps in 2011, but all were on defense.

Clemson responded with an outstanding performance, as the Tiger offensive line paved the way for Andre Ellington and a 320-yard rushing performance. It was the most rushing yards for the Tigers since they gained 323 yards against Georgia Tech in the 2009 ACC Championship game. Clemson is now 107-4-1 when it totals at least 300 rushing yards in a game.

Clemson had 528 total yards, as the Tigers added 208 passing yards. Clemson is now 58-0-1 when gaining at least 200 rushing yards and 200 passing yards in the same game.

Boyd an Effective Runner & Passer

Tajh Boyd completed 24-34 passes for 208 yards and a touchdown against #25 Auburn. It was the 14th time in 15 games as a starter that he has had at least 200 passing yards. He threw a four-yard touchdown pass to DeAndre Hopkins in the fourth quarter that put Clemson ahead for good 23-19.

But the story with Boyd was his running game. He had a career-high 58 yards on 19 carries, including three runs on third down to gain a first down. He converted a third-and-five on a late drive in the fourth quarter. Boyd actually had 88 yards in the positive direction, but lost 30 yards on negative plays, all in the first half. Boyd had a net total of zero rushing yards at halftime.

Ellington Has Career Day

Andre Ellington had a career-high 228 rushing yards in Clemson’s victory over #25 Auburn last Saturday. The total broke a couple of records, as it was the most in school history in a season-opener and the most by a Tiger against an SEC team.

Ellington’s previous high was 212 yards at Maryland in 2011. Overall, it was the fifth-highest total in school history. The Tiger record is 263 by Raymond Piester against Duke in 1995, followed by 260 by Cliff Austin against Duke in 1982. Don King had 234 rushing yards at Fordham in 1952, a total that is also the freshman record.

His performance against Auburn was the best by a Tiger running back since C.J. Spiller had 233 yards against Georgia Tech in the 2009 ACC Championship game. Ellington went over the 2,500-yard career mark on the ground with the performance. He now has 2,583 career rushing yards, eighth most in school history. The senior needs 417 rushing yards to become the fifth player in Clemson history to reach 3,000 career rushing yards.

Hopkins Sets Clemson Reception Record

DeAndre Hopkins established a Clemson record for receptions in a game when he had 13 catches for 119 yards and a touchdown against #25 Auburn last weekend. He broke the record of 12 receptions by Airese Currie against Middle Tennessee in 2003. His position coach that year was current Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

Hopkins had eight catches for 80 yards in the first half to help the Tigers to 273 yards of total offense. He tied the Clemson record for catches on a diving four-yard touchdown reception in which he overcame a pass-interference penalty.

Hopkins is one of just two players in ACC history with at least 50 receptions as both a freshman and sophomore. With his 13 receptions, he has 137 for his career and has moved into 12th place in school history.

On This Date

Clemson is 5-1 (1810) all-time on September 8. The last game on this date was the Tigers 49-26 win over Louisiana-Monroe at Memorial Stadium in 2007.
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A key member of the Tiger defense in 2011, senior linebacker Jonathan "Tig" Willard will be counted on in 2012 to make tackles and provide leadership for the Clemson squad.

The first thing that many people often wonder about Willard is how he got the nickname, "Tig," but he admitted even he really is not sure.

"I got that nickname a few days after I was born," he said. "There have been a lot of stories about where the name came from, but I don't really know the true story."

The Loris, SC native signed with Clemson in 2008 after choosing the Tigers over Florida, Michigan, South Carolina, and Tennessee. His uncle, Richard McCullough, played at Clemson from 1985-88, but Willard said that McCullough did not pressure him into attending Clemson.

"He would tell me stories from when he was here, but at the end of every conversation, he would tell me to go to where my heart took me," explained Willard.

McCullough played on Clemson's ACC Championship teams of 1986, 1987, and 1988 under Head Coach Danny Ford. However, Willard chose Clemson anyway because of the family atmosphere.

"I have been a Tiger all my life," stated Willard. "Listening to my uncle's stories and when I came here for a visit, it was like a big family. I saw how the guys interacted with one another and it was like being home."

Willard red-shirted in 2008, then he saw action in every game on defense or special teams as a red-shirt freshman in 2009. He played 32 snaps that season and recorded 10 tackles, including three tackles for loss.

In 2010, Willard played 12 games and made two starts (North Texas, Wake Forest). He played 160 snaps and registered 27 tackles, including a season-high five tackles in both of his starts.

Also in 2010, Willard won the Vickery Hall Award. The award honors student-athletes for doing all the right things academically, such as going to class, showing up to tutoring on time, having good grades, and succeeding on the student part of being a student-athlete. Willard believes the award shows that he is doing well in the classroom.

"It means that I am doing all the right things academically and as a student-athlete," said Willard. "To me, it means that I am on the right track to graduate, and right now I only have a few hours left."

In 2011, #46 improved his season performance again as he played all 14 games and started 11. He finished the season with 75 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss. Willard has been able to progress each season by improving at least one aspect of his game a day.

"Watching film and talking with the coaches about what I need to do better has helped me progress," he said. "I go to practice every day and try to fix one thing, because I know if I can fix one thing a day, then I'm going to be on a good path."

By Davis Simpson
He set a career-high in tackles against Boston College in 2011 when he tallied 13 stops. His goal that day was to match former Eagle linebacker and current Carolina Panther Luke Kuechly.

“I felt like every time Luke made a tackle, I had to make a tackle. So I used that as my motivation and I think he ended up with 16 tackles that game.”

Willard was also a big part of the Tigers’ 2011 ACC Championship and said it meant a lot to him to bring that title back to Tiger-town.

“It meant a lot to me to win an ACC Championship. It was like a dream come true. Everyone likes to win championships, but to be at a Division I college and win a championship like that, it was a really big deal!”

In each of his three seasons as a Tiger, Willard has been able to more than double his tackle total from the previous season. In addition, his uncle finished his four-year career with 137 tackles, so Willard is fast approaching his total that will enable him to become the leading Tiger tackler in his family.

Willard has 119 career tackles and eight tackles for loss, including his first career sack against #25 Auburn in Clemson’s 26-19 victory last weekend.

“My favorite moment in my entire career was winning the ACC Championship game last season. At end of the game, everyone was jumping around when we knew we had actually won the game. There was so much emotion on the sideline.”

“We went back in the locker room and there was a lot of emotion. Everyone was hugging and jumping around. We started playing music and dancing, and even Coach (Dabo) Swinney was dancing, so that is definitely my favorite moment here at Clemson.”

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“After Clemson, I will pursue a career in the NFL, and if that doesn’t work out, then I will pursue a job.”

The sociology major might pursue something in his minor, horticulture, if a career in the NFL does not go according to plan. “I am thinking about going after my minor first and doing some horticulture and maybe a little landscape designing.”

Looking back on his four-plus years at Clemson, Willard has little trouble deciding on his favorite moment.

“We want to be physical and continue to play well at home. “We want to have a very physical team. We also want to stay consistent at home and try to win all our home games again this season.”

After the Tigers finish the 2012 season, Willard will look to continue his football career at the next level.

“In his final season with the Tigers, Willard finished with 69 tackles and 9 tackles for loss.”
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Right in the middle of the Clemson football media guide's player bio section, there is an odd occurrence. In the "H" section, between the bios of Rashard Hall and DeAndre Hopkins, sits Corico Wright's name. His inclusion there involves not a publishing error, but rather a personal choice. Prior to the season, Wright legally changed his name from Hawkins. (There was enough time to change the heading of his bio, but not enough time to redo the entire layout of the section to put him in the proper alphabetical order.)

The name change stems from a series of conversations the senior linebacker had with former Tiger defensive back James Trapp, who now serves as the volunteer team advisor. Trapp, as he does with many student-athletes, led Wright through several "battleground sessions," which are designed to aid student-athletes in spiritual development. It was within the confines of these discussions that Wright discovered something was missing from his life.

"Through that, I realized that you have to honor your mother and your father," said Wright. "My father and I didn't have a great relationship. I really reached out to him and started working on that relationship."

"With men, your last name is your father's, and you have to carry that name on," he said. "Then, your son has to carry that name on, too. That's what it's all about."

Wright reached out to his father, and over the past several months, the two have developed a healthy relationship. Because of the things happening in his life, the Milledgeville, GA native decided to change his last name from Hawkins, which he had worn on his jersey for three seasons, to truly bring honor to his father's name.

"Men, your last name is your father's, and you have to carry that name on," he said. "Then, your son has to carry that name on, too. That's what it's all about."
This season, Wright is also committed to carrying on Clemson’s storied tradition of producing standout linebackers. He started 25 games in his first three seasons. In his first career start against Kentucky in the 2009 Music City Bowl, he had seven tackles, including six first hits, to rank among Clemson’s top tacklers in that victory.

He started all 13 games as a sophomore when he totaled 70 tackles, including 10 tackles for loss, on a Clemson defense that finished in the top 10 in the nation in scoring defense. He had seven tackles in the win over a top-25 N.C. State team that held Russell Wilson and the Wolfpack to just 13 points.

As a junior in 2011, Wright registered 80 tackles, most among 2012 returning players, and five tackles for loss. His consistency was a big reason Clemson won 10 games for the first time since 1990 and captured an ACC Championship for the first time since 1991.

Wright’s 14 tackles against Georgia Tech in Atlanta was his best single-game output in the category during the season. He also had seven tackles, all first hits, in 38 snaps in the ACC Championship game win over #3 Virginia Tech.

Wright’s leadership was invaluable on a linebacker corps that was filled with eager young players last year.

This season, Wright will be counted on to lead again for two major reasons. First, he is a senior who has proven to be a rock-solid competitor over the better part of three seasons. Second, the whole scheme is different in 2012 thanks to the arrival of first-year Defensive Coordinator Brent Venables.

Venables has long been among the most adept defensive coaches in the nation at talent development, particularly at the linebacker position. During a decade-long stint at Oklahoma prior to his arrival at Clemson, Venables helped a multitude of linebackers leave the Sooners and move directly into the professional ranks. In a short time under his tutelage, Wright has seen what makes his new position coach so successful.

"Coach Venables is a teacher," stated Wright. "He’s been pushing us, day in and day out, to work on our technique, alignment, assignment, eyes, and tackling. It’s Linebacker 101. It’s about being the best linebacker you can be every day."

Even though becoming acclimated to a new scheme is difficult, especially after being indoctrinated in a different system for three years, Wright has taken the transition in stride. He believes it is important for the players who have learned positive habits over the years to be good examples to the program’s newcomers who are still trying to acclimate.

"When you become a senior, you already know how to study," he said. "You know how to come in and put in the extra time in the film room. You can meet with coaches and go over film, go over what you’re supposed to do, ask questions."

Head Coach Dabo Swinney has noticed a change in Wright’s demeanor this offseason. He attributes it to the time his senior has spent with Trapp, but he also understands the internal drive Wright possesses to improve.

"Conco is a great young man and a natural leader," said Swinney. "But I have seen a spiritual peace about him as he’s refocused on that area."

"We have a lot of young guys on this team. He’s taken it upon himself to be one of those positive voices among these players. He’s done a really, really good job of that."

Instead of conforming himself to popular conceptions of leadership, Wright is content doing what comes naturally to him. As one of the team’s pillars of consistency, he is determined to demonstrate to the team’s new faces how to make a mark during their respective college careers.

"If you’re not leading by example, then people aren’t going to follow you," said #42. "Guys are watching. You have a lot of eyes on you when you’re a senior leader.

Wright has always been confident in his abilities on the gridiron, but there is a different kind of confidence that shines forth now. It is a confidence that comes from a recognition of purpose, which came about after much soul-searching during the offseason.

Not only will Wright be sporting a new name this season, he has a new attitude that he hopes will impact his teammates and please the Tiger fans who are looking for him to emerge as a playmaker on the 2012 Clemson defense.

"Each and every day I step on the field, each and every day I step in the classroom, everywhere I go, whatever I do, I know that I’m there for a reason," added Wright. "I know that God blessed me to be in that place."

By the end of the season, Wright is hopeful that Tiger fans will have no problem remembering the new name that he is donning on the back of his uniform. It is a name he will now carry with him for the rest of his life.
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"We feel strongly about allowing Clemson fans the opportunity to watch our video events and listen to audio for free, and are pleased to announce that we are now able to provide that opportunity at ClemsonTigers.com," Money added. "We appreciate NeuLion partnering with Clemson Athletics in helping to break the mold for college athletic websites," added Money. "We recruited 365 days a year - student-athletes, students, fans, and IPTAY donors - and want to provide a website that is unique in the way that it promotes and brands Clemson."

"Clemson is looking to connect with its fanbase in a unique and compelling manner, and NeuLion is thrilled to be partnered with it to provide the engaging digital technology of products to do so," said Steven Brown, Senior Vice-President of NeuLion, Inc. "Together, we will offer unprecedented access to the program, anytime and anywhere."

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Q. What made you choose Clemson?
A. Being from South Carolina, it was between Clemson and South Carolina, and Clemson was my best choice.

Q. What are your pregame rituals?
A. I pray, go out and stretch, do a couple of laps around the field, and listen to music.

Q. What is your most memorable gameday experience?
A. Beating Wake Forest in 2011. It sealed the deal for us to make it to the ACC Championship game.

Q. What quality should a linebacker possess?
A. A linebacker should be a little crazy.

Q. What NFL player do you try to emulate on the field?
A. I look up to two players...Ray Lewis and Brian Dawkins. They play relentless and are hard workers.

Q. What advice do you have for the younger players on the team?
A. Work hard and enjoy your time here, because it goes by so fast.

Q. When you are not busy on the field or in the classroom, how do you like to spend your time?
A. I really like to play MLB and NCAA 13 on XBOX.

Q. What motto do you live your life by?
A. You only live once. I truly believe you should live life to the fullest.

Q. How do you want Tiger fans and your teammates to remember you after you leave Clemson?
A. As a good teammate and a good player.

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Jim Barker has worn a lot of hats in his almost five decades as a member of the Clemson family - student, athlete, alumnus, teacher, dean, parent, fan, and president. On reflection, he thinks “student” is the most important.

“I often tell people I learned everything from plumbing to poetry in architecture school, and I use every bit of that knowledge as president of Clemson University”

A 1970 Clemson graduate, Barker was named president in 1999 with a mandate from the Board of Trustees to lead Clemson into the top ranks of American universities.

At his inaugural address in April of 2000, he said, “I am convinced that there is no university in America stronger than Clemson when we are "One Clemson". A united Clemson is unstoppable.”

During the “One Clemson” decade that followed, the university harnessed the competitive, determined spirit of the Clemson family to transform itself from a respected state institution into one of the nation’s finest public universities.

Clemson climbed from the third tier to a top-25 ranking among public universities in the 2012 U.S. News & World Report guide to colleges, and has been recognized for value, affordability, and return on investment by Kiplinger’s and Bloomberg/BusinessWeek magazines.

Ninety-two percent of seniors would choose Clemson again according to the National Survey of Student Engagement. Clemson also ranks among the top public universities in the percentage of alumni who make gifts to their school, another indication of quality and alumni satisfaction.

Clemson continues to attract top students and faculty. It is the top choice of Palmetto Fellows, the state’s best students. A record-setting 18,502 undergraduate applications were received for the 2012 fall semester, and freshman enrollment in the Calhoun Honors College is up 16 percent.

The university provides an unmatched educational experience - intellectual development - for students and research-driven economic development for the state of South Carolina.

Last year’s news highlights also include the following:

- Dedication ceremonies were held for the Larry Penley Golf Clubhouse, the Class of 1956 Academic Success Center, and the Lee Hall expansion and renovation. Work will be completed this year on a new Life Sciences building.
- The Will to Lead capital campaign, which raised $608 million by the original completion date of June 30, 2012, has been extended, with a new goal of $1 billion. Three families made gifts of at least $5 million each to name the Glenn Department of Civil Engineering, and to build the Watt Family Innovation Center on campus and the Zucker Family Graduate Education Center near the wind turbine drivetrain test facility currently under construction in North Charleston, SC. These gifts support students, faculty, and facilities, including new athletic facilities.

Barker is a leading voice in higher education for South Carolina and the nation. He served on the NCAA Division I Board of Directors for four years, including as chairman, and chairs the Working Group, rewriting the rulebook for NCAA athletics. He also delivered keynote addresses at the national Campus Development Summit and the South Carolina AIA conference in April of 2012.

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 been awarded honorary doctorates from the Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina State University, and Mars Hill College.

A native of Kingsport, TN, Barker received his bachelor of arts degree from Clemson in 1970 and his master of architecture & urban design degree in 1973 from Washington University (Saint Louis, MO), which also recognized him with its Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and the Institute for Urban Design.

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 his spare time, what there is of it, he maintains the daily fitness regimen of a life-long athlete and enjoys playing with his grandchildren. He is widely acclaimed for his pen-and-ink drawings of campus buildings and his watercolor paintings.

Barker and his wife, Marcia, have two sons, Britt and Jacob, a daughter-in-law, Rita Bolt Barker, and two granddaughters, Madeline and Eliza.
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Terry Don Phillips

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The 2011-12 academic year was a rewarding time for Clemson Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips, who announced in August that the 2012-13 academic year will be his last at Clemson.

One of his goals when he came to Clemson was to help the school’s football program return to championship form. That goal became a reality when the Tiger football program under Dabo Swinney, who had hired him in December of 2008, led the Tigers to their first league title in 20 years with a resounding 38-10 win over #3 Virginia Tech in Charlotte, NC.

The program defeated a school-record four top-25 teams along the way, including two wins over future Hall of Fame Coach Frank Beamer’s Hokies. That 38-10 victory in Charlotte gave the Tigers a 10-win season for the first time in 21 years.

It was also a successful season off the field. From an academic standpoint, Clemson’s APR score of 983 was #7 among FBS schools, and Clemson was the only BCS school to win a conference title and finish in the top 10 in the nation in APR. Sixteen of Clemson’s 19 sports had APR scores of 970 or better and those 19 sports had a collective GPA of 2.99, the highest on record.

Overall, six sports finished in the top 25 of their respective sports, there were three ACC Championships celebrated, and four wins over top-ranked teams. A defending National Champion was defeated in two different sports on Clemson’s home turf as well.

The Tigers have competed at a high level since Phillips came to Clemson from Oklahoma State in the summer of 2002. In his first year, the Tigers won the National Championship in golf, just the fourth team national title in school history.

From 2008-09 and 2010-11, Clemson and Florida State were the only schools in the nation to go to a bowl game, the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament, and the NCAA Baseball Tournament each season.

One of the reasons for Clemson’s level of success as a total sports program has been Phillips’ emphasis on improving facilities. In 2008, the football staff moved into the WestZone at Memorial Stadium. It was a day that brought a smile to everyone associated with the program, but especially Phillips, who had been working toward that day before he arrived in 2002.

Phillips’ vision for the WestZone was to create a top-of-the-line facility for the football program, but at the same time have a positive effect on the total sports program. The facility at Memorial Stadium now creates more office space, new locker rooms, and training room and strength training facilities for the Olympic sports programs.

Every sport has realized a facilities enhancement since it came to Clemson and the construction has not stopped. The Tiger football program will enjoy a new indoor facility by the end of this year. The baseball program will soon break ground on a new locker room and player lounge facility, and the basketball programs are expected to break ground on a new facility within the next 18 months.

The Clemson men’s golf program opened the Penley Building last fall and the women’s golf program, which will begin play in 2013, will have a new facility at the Walker Course. Phillips has been recognized for these accomplishments in recent years. He was named one of the 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America in 2008 by The Institute for International Sport at the University of Rhode Island.

Phillips has also received several awards for his work at the conference and national levels. He was the recipient of the Don Witt Award for Outstanding Contributions to the ACC in 2006 and 2007. He was also named the ACC Athletic Director of the Year in 2013.

Excellence in academics has been a lifelong pursuit. He has an undergraduate degree from Arkansas (1978), a master’s degree from Virginia Tech (1974), a doctorate degree from Virginia Tech (1978), and a law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law (1996). He is a member of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, the National Association of Cesarean Coaches and the American Football Coaches Association.

Phillips maintains a close relationship with the sportswriters at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Arizona, and the University of Texas. He has been a regular contributor to the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee and continues to serve the committee as requested.

Prior to coming to Clemson, he served as athletic director at Oklahoma State. Football was transformed from a perennial losing status to very competitive, enjoying a return to bowl games after several years and establishing a winning record against rival Oklahoma. For this, he received the National Football Foundation Oklahoma Chapter Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award in 2002.

Before leading the Cowboys, he was a senior associate athletic director at Arkansas (1988-94). He also served as a director of sports and business programs, where he worked on the 2002 NCAA Basketball Championship and the 2003 NCAA Football Championship.

Phillips is currently the athletic director at the University of Missouri, where he has been since 2010. He is the former athletic director at the University of Oklahoma, where he served from 1996 to 2002. He is the recipient of the 2008 NCAA President’s Cup and the 2009 NCAA President’s Cup Award for Excellence in Athletics.

Terry Don Phillips
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At 42, Dabo Swinney is the youngest head coach in the ACC and one of the youngest in the country. However, his resume is already stuffed with many significant accomplishments on a school, ACC, and national level.

First, his mere appointment to the position was significant. In October of 2008, he was named Clemson interim head coach, replacing Tommy Bowden, who had been his position coach at Alabama and was Clemson’s head coach since 1999.

He led the Tigers to a 4-2 record over the remainder of the 2008 regular season, including a victory over Steve Spurrier’s South Carolina Gamecocks in the regular-season finale. That strong finish led to a Gator Bowl bid against Nebraska.

On December 1, 2008, the interim tag was removed from the title and he was named the program’s head coach. At the time, there had been 28 interim head coaches at the FBS level since 1970 and those coaches had combined for a record of 26-86-2. Only one of those 28 interim coaches posted a winning record, and that was Swinney. When he was hired as the head coach, Swinney became just the second interim coach to be elevated to the head coach position at the same school during that time period.

In four years (three full seasons) as head coach, he has directed the Tigers to a 29-19 overall record (604) and a 19-10 mark (655) in ACC regular-season games. He has also led the Tigers to the ACC Championship game twice, won one ACC title, and has been named national coach-of-the-year.

In addition to leading the program to four bowl games on the field in his young career, his players have also excelled in the classroom. In his career as a head coach, his players have an APR score of 991, fifth-best among active FBS coaches.

His 2011 squad, which ended the season ranked #22 in the nation, captured Clemson’s first ACC title since 1991 when it defeated #3 Virginia Tech 38-10 in the ACC Championship game in Charlotte, NC. It tied for the highest-ranked team the Tigers defeated in history and was the most points scored by an ACC team against Virginia Tech since it joined the league in 2004. The victory, the Tigers’ second over the Hokies in 2011, gave Clemson its first 10-win season since 1990. The Tigers’ four wins over top-25 ranked teams established a school record as well.

The Tigers jumped out to an 8-0 record and a #6 national ranking after being unranked in the preseason. Games 3-5 marked a tough stretch, as Clemson hosted #19 Auburn, who entered with a national-best 17-game winning streak, and #11 Florida State along with a road game at #10 Virginia Tech. The Tigers were victorious in all three contests by scores of 38-24, 35-30, and 23-3, respectively, marking the first time in history that an ACC team won three consecutive games over top-25 ranked (AP) teams.

For his efforts, he was named Bobby Dodd National Coach-of-the-Year in 2011 to become the first Tiger head coach to win a national coach-of-the-year award since 1981, when Danny Ford directed Clemson to the national title.

Swinney, who was also one of five finalists for the Eddie Robinson National Coach-of-the-Year award, one of 10 finalists for the Bear Bryant National Coach-of-the-Year award, one of 10 finalists for the Liberty Mutual Coach-of-the-Year award, and received the Regional AFCA Coach-of-the-Year award in 2011, led the Tigers to their first Orange Bowl berth since 1981.

The 2010 season included wins over bowl teams Georgia Tech, Maryland, and N.C. State. The Wolfpack were ranked #25 in the nation and were leading the ACC in scoring. But the Clemson defense held N.C. State to just one touchdown and 13 points. The team excelled defensively in 2010 and was 13th in the nation in scoring defense and in the top 25 in both total defense and passing defense.

C.J. Spiller was a unanimous first-team All-American in Swinney’s first year, and defensive end Da’Quan Bowers duplicated the feat on the defensive side of the ball. Bowers won the 2010 Bronko Nagurski Award as the nation’s top defensive player, and he received the Ted Hendricks Award as the country’s top defensive end. He was also a finalist for the Bednarik Award and Lombardi Award. He led the nation in...
In 2009, Swinney's first full year as head coach, he led the Tigers to their first championship of the ACC's Atlantic Division. The Tigers came just six points short of winning their first ACC title in 18 years.

Swinney was named ACC Coach-of-the-Year by Sporting News and was a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach-of-the-Year award.

Swinney accumulated nine wins, second-most among all FBS coaches in their first full year. The nine wins tied for fourth-most in ACC history for a first-year head coach. He also led the Tigers to their first bowl win since 2005 in the 21-13 victory over Kentucky in the Music City Bowl.

Swinney's first season included a six-game winning streak at midseason, a streak that saw the Tigers score at least 34 points in every game, a first in school history. During that stretch, the Tigers defeated #8 Miami (FL) on the road. The 40-37 overtime victory tied for the highest-ranked team Clemson has defeated on the road in school history.

Swinney became Clemson's interim head coach on October 13, 2008 when Tommy Bowden stepped down. Then on December 1, 2008, the "interim" tag was removed, as he took over on a full-time basis as the Tigers' 25th head coach. He had been Clemson's assistant head coach for two years and was in charge of the wide receivers since 2003.

Swinney took over a 3-3 team and led it to a Gator Bowl bid against Nebraska. He guided Clemson to a 4-1 record over the last five games of the regular season, with the only loss at #24 Florida State. That 4-1 record to end the regular season tied for the best mark in the ACC for that time period. Four of his six regular-season opponents were later bowl participants.

The 1993 Alabama graduate joined the Clemson staff prior to the 2003 season. In his first nine years as an assistant head coach, the Tigers have finished in the top 25 of the polls five times and totaled 15 wins over top-25 teams.

Swinney coached his wide receiver position to a level of consistency that had not been seen previously at Clemson. He had a wideout finish first or second in the ACC in catches in five of his six years as an assistant coach. 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 or Second-Team All-ACC wideout in eight of his nine seasons at Clemson, also an unprecedented feat at Clemson.

The Alabama native has a reputation as one of the top recruiters in the nation. In 2006, he was listed as the #5 recruiter in the nation by Rivals.com. It marked the second straight year that he was lauded by the website as a top-25 national recruiter.

He signed 38 players in his five recruiting seasons as an assistant coach and was a major reason Clemson's 2008 recruiting class was rated #2 in the nation by ESPN.com when he signed 11 players. He was named one of the top-25 recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com in 2007 as well.

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 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 (now in the Hall of Fame) and coached a total of five seasons there on a full-time basis.

During his time at Alabama, Swinney was a part of six teams with 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.

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 (14), Drew (12), and Clay (9).
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ASSISTANT COACHES

DAN BROOKS
Associate Head Coach
Defensive Tackles
- 4th Season at Clemson
- 25th Season Overall
- Western Carolina '76
- Born June 25, 1951

- Played a big role in Clemson winning the 2011 ACC title for the first time in 20 years. He has been on the staff of two ACC Atlantic Division titles in the last three years.
- Coached Brandon Thompson and Rennie Moore in 2011. Thompson was a Second-Team All-ACC selection.
- In 2010, he coached Jarvis Jenkins to a First-Team All-ACC season. His defensive tackles were a big reason Clemson was 13th in the nation in scoring defense in 2010.
- Finalist for defensive line coach-of-the-year according to FootballScoop.com in 2010.
- Clemson finished in the top 25 in the nation in seven defensive categories in 2009.
- Has coached 343 games as a full-time assistant coach, more than any other member of the Tiger coaching staff.
- Coached the previous 15 years at Tennessee under Head Coach Phillip Fulmer. The Volunteers finished in the top 25 of the polls in 12 of those seasons.
- Coached first-round draft picks Shaun Ellis, Justin Harell, and John Henderson. Henderson won the Outland Trophy.
- Coached on the 1998 Tennessee staff that won the national title with a 13-0 record. That team had six wins over top-25 teams and gave up just five rushing touchdowns.
- Coached six years at North Carolina from 1988-93.
- Coached five years at Florida from 1983-87.
- Coached former Clemson star and NFL All-Pro running back Kevin Mack in high school in the 1970s.

Playing Experience
Began his football career at Appalachian State in 1969...
transferred to Western Carolina and played in 1973.

Education
Undergraduate degree from Western Carolina in 1976...
master's degree from Florida in 1984.

Personal Data
Born June 25, 1951 in Sparta, NC...he and his wife, Kathy, have two children (Tara, Rhett). Rhett is a video graduate assistant on the 2012 Clemson staff.

DANNY PEARMAN
Assistant Head Coach
Special Teams Coordinator
Tight Ends
- 4th Season at Clemson
- 27th Season Overall
- Clemson '87
- Born February 17, 1955

- Had a big impact in Clemson winning the 2011 ACC title for the first time in 20 years. He has been on the staff of two ACC Atlantic Division titles in the last three years.
- Coached Dwayne Allen in 2011. He won the John Mackey Award and was first-team All-American. Allen set school records for receptions (50), receiving yards (598), and touchdowns (8) by a tight end.
- In 2010, he coached tackle Chris Hairston to a First-Team All-ACC season and Allen to Second-Team All-ACC honors.
- Helped Clemson to an ACC Atlantic Division title and a top-25 final AP ranking in his first year as a full-time coach at Clemson in 2009.
- In 2009, he coached First-Team All-ACC tight end and first-round pick Michael Palmer and Hairston, a Second-Team All-ACC tackle.
- Joined the staff in December, 2008 and coached in the 2009 Gator Bowl. He joined a small group of people who have played for Clemson in a bowl game and later coached the Tigers in a bowl game.
- One of three Clemson graduates on the coaching staff (Tony Elliott, Jeff Scott). He played tight end on Clemson's 1986 and 1987 ACC title teams.
- Served on the same Alabama staff with current Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney from 1993-97.

Playing Experience

Bowl Participation as a Player
1985 Independence Bowl...1986 Gator Bowl...1988 Citrus Bowl.

Education
Bachelor's degree in finance from Clemson in 1987...master of business administration from Clemson in 1989.

Personal Data
Born February 17, 1955...he and his wife, Kristy, have one daughter (Taylor) and two sons (Tanner, Trent).

CHAD MORRIS
Offensive Coordinator
Quarterbacks
- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 3rd Season Overall
- Texas A&M '02
- Born December 4, 1966

- A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC title for the first time in 20 years. Clemson also won 10 games for the first time in 21 years and defeated a record four top-25 teams.
- National offensive coordinator-of-the-year according to Rivals.com in 2011.
- Led the 2011 Clemson offense to many school records, including total yards per game (440.8) and points (470).
- Molded Tajh Boyd into a First-Team All-ACC pick who set Tiger records for passing yards and passing touchdowns in 2011. Clemson also had a 1,000-yard rusher (Anderson) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Sammy Watkins).
- Served as offensive coordinator and associate head coach at Tulsa in 2010 and guided that offense to among the best in the nation. That offense was a big reason Tulsa improved from 5-7 in 2009 to 10-3 in 2010.
- Tulsa averaged 41.4 points per game, eighth-most in the nation, and scored at least 28 points in 12 of its 13 games.
- Tulsa was fifth nationally in first downs (25.6) and tied for fifth in touchdowns scored from the red zone (46). His offense scored 64 touchdowns on scrimmage plays (32 rushing, 32 passing). The team totaled 1,006 plays (537 rushes, 469 passes) in 2010.
- Won 82 percent of his games as a high school coach in Texas. He led Lake Travis High School to back-to-back, undefeated (16-0) state championship seasons. He won three state titles overall and played in six state championship games in his high school coaching career.
- In 16 years as a head coach at the high school level, he had a 169-38 record (816). He earned coach-of-the-year honors in 11 of those 16 years.

Education
Undergraduate degree in mathematics with a minor in statistics from Texas A&M in 1992.

Personal Data
Born December 4, 1968 in Edgewood, TX...he and his wife, Paula, have two children, a daughter, Mackenzie, and son, Chandler.
Coached 13 years (1999-11) at Oklahoma and three years (1996-98) at Kansas State. He was also a graduate assistant coach at Kansas State for three seasons (1993-95).

In his 16 years as a full-time assistant coach, his teams have 16 winning seasons, have been to 16 bowl games, and won at least 10 games 13 times. He has coached nine bowl games that are currently considered BCS bowls.

He served as co-defensive coordinator at Oklahoma (1999-03) and defensive coordinator at Oklahoma (2004-11). He has coached two Butkus Award winners. His 2010 defense was seventh in the nation in turnover margin and 13th in pass efficiency defense. Reyes Award finalist in 2006 when Oklahoma led the Big 12 in total defense and scoring defense.

Oklahoma was first in the nation in total defense, first in passing defense, second in pass efficiency defense, third in scoring defense, and fifth in turnover margin in 2003. His 2001 defense was fourth in the nation in scoring defense, fourth in total defense, fifth in pass efficiency defense, and seventh in rushing defense.

Owens a National Championship ring as co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Oklahoma in 2000. As a player at Kansas State, he was Honorable Mention All Big Eight in 1992 with 124 tackles. He was also an All-American at Garden City (KS) Community College who recorded 276 career tackles.

Playing Experience

Played two seasons (1989-90) at Garden City (KS) Community College...lettered two times as a linebacker at Kansas State (1991-92).

Education


Personal Data

Born December 18, 1970...he and his wife, Julie, have two sons, Jake and Tyler, and two daughters, Laney and Addie.

In his second tour of duty at Clemson. He served as defensive backs coach under Head Coach Tommy Bowden from 1995-97. He has coached in seven bowl games in his seven years at Clemson.

A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.

In 2011, he coached cornerback Coty Sensabaugh, who had 14 passes defended and was drafted by the Titans.

Coached first-team All-American DeAndre McDaniel in 2009 and 2010. McDaniel led the ACC and was tied for third in the nation in interceptions (8) in 2009. He was also named First-Team All-ACC both seasons.

Named one of nation's top-25 recruiters by Rivals in 2010. Helped Clemson to a top-25 ranking and the ACC Atlantic Championship title in 2009. Clemson had 21 interceptions, fifth-most in Tiger history and tied for fifth-most in the nation. Clemson was seventh nationally in passing defense.

From 1995-97, he helped the Tigers to three bowl games (1996 Gator, 1996 Peach, 1998 Peach). Coached great players in the 1990s at Clemson, including nine-time Pro Bowl selection Brian Dawkins. He was an All-American and led the ACC in interceptions in Harbison's first year at Clemson (1995).


Playing Experience

Played four years at Gardner-Webb (1978-81) and had 11 career interceptions...signed as a free agent with the Buffalo Bills (1982)...played in the USFL in 1983-84.

Education


Personal Data

Born October 27, 1959...married to the former Tammy McCluney...the couple has four children (Charlie, Steedman, Masai, Maiba).

A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.

In 2011, he coached second-team All-American and First-Team All-ACC defensive end Andre Branch, who led the ACC with 10.5 sacks and 17 tackles for loss. Branch was also one of six finalists for the Ted Hendricks Award.

Returned to Clemson after spending three years (2008-10) at Duke. He served as assistant head coach, defensive coordinator, and defensive line coach.

This is his second tour of duty at Clemson. He served as defensive line coach in 2005, helping the Tigers to an 8-4 record and a top-25 finish in the AP poll. Clemson was 11th in the nation in scoring defense (17.6).

Has NFL experience, as he was an assistant coach with the New Orleans Saints in 2006 and 2007. The Saints had a 10-6 record and won the NFC South.

In his first year at Mississippi in 1999, the Rebels were fourth in the nation in rushing defense (78.1). First-Team All-SEC pick in 1989 and was named to Tennessee’s 100-year anniversary team. A third-round draft pick (74th overall) of the Vikings, he played three years (1990-92) with the Patriots.

Playing Experience

Lettered four times as a defensive end at Tennessee (1986-89)...three-year starter...played three seasons (42 games) in the NFL with the New England Patriots.

Bowl Participation as a Player

1986 Sugar Bowl...1986 Liberty Bowl...1988 Peach Bowl...1990 Cotton Bowl.

Education

B.S. degree from Tennessee in 1995.

Personal Data

Born November 7, 1966 in Irondale, AL...he and his wife, Constance, have three daughters, Maria, Mariah, and Camille.
Named one of the top 25 recruiters in the nation according to Rivals.com in 2012.

Clemson has been to a bowl game each of his four years as a full-time assistant coach.

Played a big role in Clemson winning the 2011 ACC title for the first time in 20 years. He has been on the staff of two ACC Atlantic Division titles in the last three years.

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Took over as Clemson's recruiting coordinator in 2010 and the Tigers put together a top-20 signing class in his first season at the position. Then in both 2011 and 2012, Clemson had top-10 recruiting classes.

One of three Clemson graduates on the staff (Tony Elliott and Danny Pearman are the others).

Began his coaching career at Blythewood (SC) High and won a state title in his first year and the program's first year.

Has 34 years of experience in college coaching. He served as Vanderbilt's head coach in 2010 after eight years as offensive line coach with the Commodores.

A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.

In 2011, he helped the Tiger offense set many school records, including yards per game (440.8). His center, Dalton Freeman, was a Rimington Trophy finalist and a First-Team ACC selection.

Moved with Dick Sheridan to N.C. State in 1986. He was a part of a resurgence of Wolfpack football, as he helped Sheridan turn the 3-8 team of 1985 into an 8-3-1 club that beat three AP top-25 teams in 1986.

Served under Sheridan for eight years and Furman won six league titles during that era. He coached eight first-team all-conference players.

Coached the Wolfpack offensive line for 11 years, then added assistant head coaching responsibilities in his last three years. Fourteen of his players were All-ACC picks.

Was a part of the 2008 Vanderbilt staff that guided it to its first winning season and bowl game in 26 years. It beat Boston College in the Music City Bowl, Vanderbilt's first bowl win since 1955.

Named Vanderbilt head coach in 2010 after Bobby Johnson retired. He won at Mississippi in his first road game.

Started his coaching career as a student assistant at Furman under Art Baker in 1976.

A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.

Has played on and coached Clemson teams that have finished in the final AP top 25. He played on the 2003 team that finished #23 and coached running backs in 2011 when the Tigers finished #22.

His 2011 running backs helped the Tigers set a school record for total yards per game (440.8). Andre Ellington was a Second-Team All-ACC selection who totaled 1,178 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns.

Spent three years (2008-10) as wide receivers coach at Furman and two seasons (2006,07) at S.C. State.

Earned his undergraduate degree in industrial engineering in 2002, was a First-Team Academic All-ACC selection, and a CoSIDA Academic District III team member.

Was a co-captain of Clemson’s 2003 team that had a 9-4 record and a #22 ranking by AP and USA Today. He had 23 receptions for 286 yards and a touchdown that season. He was also a recipient of the ACC’s Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship.

Had 34 receptions for 455 yards and two scores in his career. Came to Clemson as a walk-on in the fall of 1999 and finished his career with four letters and 44 games.

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

Education
Degree in secondary education from Clemson in 2003.

Personal Data
Born December 29, 1960 in Arcadia, FL; married the former Sara McDaniel, son of former Clemson Assistant Coach Brad Scott (1999-10).

Playing Experience
Named one of the top 25 recruiters in the nation according to Rivals.com in 2012.

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Took over as Clemson's recruiting coordinator in 2010 and the Tigers put together a top-20 signing class in his first season at the position. Then in both 2011 and 2012, Clemson had top-10 recruiting classes.

One of three Clemson graduates on the staff (Tony Elliott and Danny Pearman are the others).

Began his coaching career at Blythewood (SC) High and won a state title in his first year and the program's first year.

Has 34 years of experience in college coaching. He served as Vanderbilt's head coach in 2010 after eight years as offensive line coach with the Commodores.

A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.

In 2011, he helped the Tiger offense set many school records, including yards per game (440.8). His center, Dalton Freeman, was a Rimington Trophy finalist and a First-Team ACC selection.

Moved with Dick Sheridan to N.C. State in 1986. He was a part of a resurgence of Wolfpack football, as he helped Sheridan turn the 3-8 team of 1985 into an 8-3-1 club that beat three AP top-25 teams in 1986.

Served under Sheridan for eight years and Furman won six league titles during that era. He coached eight first-team all-conference players.

Coached the Wolfpack offensive line for 11 years, then added assistant head coaching responsibilities in his last three years. Fourteen of his players were All-ACC picks.

Was a part of the 2008 Vanderbilt staff that guided it to its first winning season and bowl game in 26 years. It beat Boston College in the Music City Bowl, Vanderbilt's first bowl win since 1955.

Named Vanderbilt head coach in 2010 after Bobby Johnson retired. He won at Mississippi in his first road game.

Started his coaching career as a student assistant at Furman under Art Baker in 1976.

A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.

Has played on and coached Clemson teams that have finished in the final AP top 25. He played on the 2003 team that finished #23 and coached running backs in 2011 when the Tigers finished #22.

His 2011 running backs helped the Tigers set a school record for total yards per game (440.8). Andre Ellington was a Second-Team All-ACC selection who totaled 1,178 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns.

Spent three years (2008-10) as wide receivers coach at Furman and two seasons (2006,07) at S.C. State.

Earned his undergraduate degree in industrial engineering in 2002, was a First-Team Academic All-ACC selection, and a CoSIDA Academic District III team member.

Was a co-captain of Clemson’s 2003 team that had a 9-4 record and a #22 ranking by AP and USA Today. He had 23 receptions for 286 yards and a touchdown that season. He was also a recipient of the ACC’s Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship.

Had 34 receptions for 455 yards and two scores in his career. Came to Clemson as a walk-on in the fall of 1999 and finished his career with four letters and 44 games.

Bowl Participation as a Player
1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl.

Education
Degree in industrial engineering from Clemson in 2002 with a team-high 3.55 GPA.

Personal Data
Born November 26, 1979 in Watsonville, CA; married to the former Tamika Whitner of Spartanburg, SC.
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**RHETT BROOKS**  
Video Graduate Assistant (Offense)  
- 1st Season at Clemson  
- Missouri State ‘92  
- Born June 13, 1986

**Responsibilities:** Graduate assistant who works with the offensive line...assists with video...assists the offensive staff on a day-to-day basis.  
**Playing Experience:** Played as a center at Murray State from 2005-08.  
**Coaching Experience:** Graduate assistant (defensive line) at UNLV from 2009-11.  
**Education:** Earned a degree in health & physical education from Murray State in 2009...earned a master's degree in sports administration from UNLV in 2011.  
**Personal:** Born June 13, 1986...single.

**TYLER CARLTON**  
Graduate Assistant Coach (Offense)  
- 2nd Season at Clemson  
- Tulsa ’08  
- Born April 4, 1986

**Responsibilities:** Graduate assistant who works with Offensive Coordinator Chad Morris...assists with video breakdown of opponents...assists the offensive staff on a day-to-day basis.  
**Playing Experience:** Punter and wide receiver at Tulsa from 2004-06...member of the 2005 Conference USA champions and Liberty Bowl champions.  
**Coaching Experience:** Student assistant at Tulsa in 2008,09...offensive quality control assistant at Tulsa in 2010...video graduate assistant (offense) at Clemson on the 2011 ACC Championship team.  
**Education:** Earned a degree in exercise sciences from Tulsa in 2009...pursuing a master’s degree in human resources at Clemson.  
**Personal:** Born April 4, 1986 in Sapulpa, OK...single.

**WESLEY GOODWIN**  
Defensive Graduate Assistant  
- 4th Season at Clemson  
- Mississippi State ’07  
- Born December 28, 1984

**Responsibilities:** Works with the defense from a research development standpoint...serves as assistant camp director...assists on on-campus recruiting...assists as the NFL liaison.  
**Staff Experience:** Student assistant at Mississippi State in 2006,07...graduate assistant coach at Mississippi State in 2008...video graduate assistant (defense) at Clemson in 2009,10...defensive research development at Clemson in 2011.  
**Education:** Earned a degree in business administration from Mississippi State in 2007...master of business administration from Mississippi State in 2009.  
**Personal:** Born December 28, 1984 in Grove Hill, AL...single.

**WOODY McCORVEY**  
Associate AD  
- 15th Season at Clemson  
- South Florida ’79  
- Born September 30, 1954

Woody McCorvey returned to Clemson after 20 years to become Associate Athletic Director for Football Administration on Dabo Swinney’s first staff in 2009. McCorvey was Swinney’s position coach during his playing days at Alabama and served as wide receivers and tight ends coach on Darryl’s Tiger staff from 1983-89.  
McCorvey is the primary liaison between Swinney and the athletic and IPTAY administrations. He also oversees the management of the football administrative offices.  
He supervises the football budget and works with the staff at Vicky Hall to oversee the team’s academic progress. He also makes speaking engagements and represents the football staff at various meetings and functions.  
McCorvey worked seven seasons at Clemson between 1983-89. With McCorvey coaching the tight ends from 1983-85 and the wide receivers from 1986-89, Clemson posted a 60-19-3 record and won three ACC titles. During that time, the Tigers were invited to the 1985 Independence Bowl, the 1986 and 1989 Gator Bowls, and the 1988 and 1989 Sugar Bowls. McCorvey posted a 10-2 record in each of his last three seasons under Ford.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

**JENNIFER BENTON**  
Administrative Assistant, Recruits  
**BETH DOUGLAS**  
Assistant to the Head Coach

**JILL WILLIAMS-WILKS**  
Administrative Assistant, Recruiting  
**RAN WHITMORE**  
Administrative Assistant, Offense

**BRAD SCOTT**  
Assistant AD

Brad Scott is in his 14th year with the Clemson program, but only his second in athletic administration. The assistant athletic director moved into administration in March of 2011 after 12 seasons as an assistant coach under Tommy Bowden and Dabo Swinney from 1999-10. His 12-year tenure, which included him working with the offensive line, is tied for the ninth-longest for a Clemson football assistant coach in the program’s history.  
Scott works primarily with the football program in various administrative duties, but he has department-wide responsibilities when it comes to serving as a liaison between Clemson and high schools in securing documents needed to gain admission to Clemson University.  
Clemson had great success on the gridiron during Scott’s tenure as an assistant coach and associate head coach, as the Tigers set numerous offensive records.  
Scott served under Bobby Bowden at Florida State from 1983-93 and was offensive coordinator from 1990-93. In 1993, Florida State won its first national title and Charlie Ward became its first Heisman Trophy winner. Scott later served as head coach at South Carolina from 1994-98.  
Scott is a 1979 graduate of South Florida and earned a master’s degree from Florida State in 1984. He was born on September 30, 1954 in Arcadia, FL and is married to Daryle. The couple has two sons (Jeff, John). Jeff is an assistant coach and the recruiting coordinator on the Clemson football staff and John is a doctor in Boston, MA.
Andy Johnston is in his 16th year with the Tiger football program and currently serves as associate athletic director for football operations. His responsibilities include managing the program's day-to-day operations. Although this is his 16th year with the football program, he has been involved with the Clemson athletic department for 30 years. From 1983-97, he was the winningest women's tennis coach in school history.

In those 15 years, Johnston guided his squads to five consecutive ACC titles (1983-87), 12 top-25 finishes, and six NCAA Tournament berths. He was ACC Coach-of-the-Year for the fourth time and Southeast Region Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 1993. Seven players he coached at Clemson were named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary team in 2002. Johnston had a 254-160 Clemson record and 263-167 career mark. His best season at Clemson was his rookie year when the team had a 30-5 record and finished #7 in the polls. He coached former Lady Tiger Gigi Fernandez, who was inducted into the Clemson Hall of Fame in 2005. Johnston played for Clemson on the hardwood and earned his degree in administrative management in 1979. He then served as the assistant men's tennis coach in 1980. Johnston is a native of Summerville, SC. He is married to the former Sophie Woodruff. He has a daughter, Kiera (22), and a son, Noah (5). A second daughter, Caylynn, passed away in 2003.

Daniel Bassett is in his fourth year as director of football programs at Clemson. He is in charge of on-campus meals and housing, maintaining the recruiting database, and community outreach. Prior to being hired as director of football programs in 2008, he worked as a student volunteer and later in office administration (2003-05).

He received his undergraduate degree in broadcasting from Tennessee in 2001. He then came to Clemson, where he earned his master's degree in professional communication in 2005. Bassett, a native of Birmingham, AL, was born on November 23, 1978.

Mike Dooley is in his eighth year with the Tiger football program and serves as director of high school relations & player personnel. He is responsible for maintaining and improving relationships between high school coaches and Clemson.

Prior to being hired at his current position, he served two years (2005-06) as a video graduate assistant (defense) and two years (2007-08) as a graduate assistant coach (defense) at Clemson. He also served as interim tight ends coach in 2008 when Dabo Swinney was hired as head coach at midseason. Dooley worked as an assistant coach at Greenville (SC) High School from 1998-04 before coming to Clemson as well.

Dooley, a native of Toccoa, GA, lettered as a defensive end at Furman from 1993-95, but he missed his senior season due to injury. He had a sack against Clemson in Memorial Stadium in 1994. He was also an academic honor roll member and received his degree in health & exercise science from Furman in 1998.

Dooley is married to the former Allison Woodlee, a 2003 graduate of Clemson.

Don Munson is in his third year with the Tiger athletic department. He is familiar to Tiger fans due to his involvement with the Clemson radio network for the last 17 years. He took over the new position of creative media services director in 2010. He has department-wide responsibilities, with an emphasis on football. He supervises the football recruiting website and social media sites, provides online video features for ClemsonTigers.com, and authors articles for various Clemson publications and websites. He also continues to serve as the host of the Tiger football and basketball coaches radio call-in program and provides play-by-play commentary on various Tiger Olympic sports.

Munson has covered Clemson athletics since 1994, when he first joined the network as the network's football pregame, halftime, and Fifth Quarter Show host. In 2003, he rejoined the radio network as host of the Tiger Tailgate Show and Fifth Quarter Show.

Munson is a 1984 graduate of Appalachian State with a degree in communications. Married on May 26, 1984, he and his wife, Elizabeth, have one daughter, Michelle.

Danny Poole is in his 12th season as Clemson's director of sports medicine, but he is a veteran of 29 years working in the Tiger athletic training facility. He supervises the athletic training needs of all student-athletes, but his primary area of emphasis is with the football program. He has 32 years of full-time experience in the athletic training field.

A 1979 Western Carolina graduate, Poole earned a bachelor's degree in health & physical education. He was a student trainer for the Catamounts for four years. He was published in the NATA Journal in 1979, "The D.P. Method for Blisters," as a student at Western Carolina.

Poole was honored in 2001 by his peers with the Athletic Trainers Service Award. The award is presented by the National Athletic Trainers Association to role models who are future leaders of the training profession. In 2012, Poole was named to the WellBalance Scientific Advisory Board. The Charlotte, NC native is married to the former Beth Morgan. The couple has two daughters, Jacqui Elaine and Abby Blair.

Alphonso Smith is in his 17th season at Clemson and his 13th year overseeing all equipment operations. Smith served as a men's basketball manager during his undergraduate and graduate years at Clemson from 1985-92. Smith also served as a graduate assistant in 1991-92.

Smith worked as assistant equipment supervisor at Memphis for three years. He was responsible for assisting the football program and was in charge of men's and women's basketball, women's golf, and track & field.

Smith is a 1991 graduate of Clemson, as he received his degree in social science secondary education. He is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association and is the District III director. Smith was also named Equipment Manager-of-the-Year for District III in 2006-07.

He is married to the former Kim Teel. The couple has a son, Andruce Christopher, and a daughter, Lauryn Louise.
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Former Clemson All-American Jerry Butler

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

Brent Musburger, ABC Sports

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

San Francisco quarterback Steve Young

“What I remember about Death Valley is the loudness. The fans were absolutely incredible. They were whooping and hollering.”

ESPN commentator Todd Blackledge, 2009

Florida was loud in the swamp. But the loudest, not only stadium, but the loudest place I’ve ever been around in my life was Death Valley. It was yelling at the top of my lungs and I couldn’t hear what I was saying. That place was surreal in how loud it was. I don’t think I’ll ever be in a louder place.”

Florida State quarterback Chris Rix, 2001

“In 2005, Memorial Stadium, commonly known as ‘Death Valley,’ reached an astounding 126 decibels when a packed crowd saw Charles Bennett’s sack of Kyle Wright in the Tigers’ game against Miami (126). This level easily surpassed the old record of 121 decibels set by Louisiana State fans in Tiger Stadium, which holds nearly 11,000 more fans.”

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“The game when I was a sophomore (in 2005) stands out for me. What an awesome place that is to play. I’ll never forget that atmosphere, and I know for a fact I’ve never seen so much orange in one place. If you’ve never been there, going out on the field for the first time at Clemson is incredible.”

Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan, 2007

“We got to see a great venue for college football, but this doesn’t take a back seat to any place. In terms of the atmosphere, stadium, noise, and facilities, this is a special place on a Saturday night.”

ESPN commentator Todd Blackledge, 2009
Clemson's Memorial Stadium has been held in high esteem for many years. Whether it be players from the 1940s and 1950s, opposing players from the 1970s and 1980s, or even professional players in the 1990s, the ambiance of this special setting is what college football is all about. And in 2012, BleacherReport.com rated Memorial Stadium as the best stadium in the country.

The storied edifice added to its legend when the first meeting of father and son coaches (Bowden Bowl I) took place before a record crowd of 86,092 fans in 1999. Clemson has been in the top 10 in the nation in average attendance 31 straight years. A crowd has exceeded 80,000 fans 60 times since 1983. In 2011, Clemson was 17th in the nation in average home attendance.

The legend was further enhanced in 2011 when the Tigers had a perfect 7-0 record at home and recorded victories over defending National Champion Auburn and #11 Florida State on consecutive weekends. Defending National Champions are 0-3 all-time at Memorial Stadium.

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. The Tigers have won 263 games in 70 years and have won over 72 percent of the contests (263-99-7).

The stadium has certainly been good to the Tigers, but it was constructed against the advice of at least one coach. 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 Neely's advice, however, Clemson officials decided to build the new stadium in a valley on the western part of campus. The place took some clearing, as there were many trees, but luckily there were no hedgerows.

The crews went to work, clearing, cutting, pouring, and forming. On September 19, 1942, Memorial Stadium opened with Clemson defeating Presbyterian College 32-13. Those 20,000 seats installed for the opener would soon grow.

Howard said that on the day of the stadium's first game, "the gates were hung at 1:00 and we played at 2:00." But that would be all of the construction for awhile. 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 east endzone ("Green Grass" section), this expansion increased capacity to 53,000.

Later, upper decks were added to each side of Memorial 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 over 1,000 seats.

Through the years, Memorial Stadium has become known as "Death Valley." It was tagged by the late Presbyterian College Coach Lionel McMillan in the late 1940s. 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 Clemson University.

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RUNNING DOWN THE HILL
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 Memorial Stadium was a short walk down Williamson Road from Fike Fieldhouse’s dressing rooms to a gate at the top of the Hill, located behind the east endzone. There were no dressing facilities inside the west endzone of Memorial Stadium...there was only a giant clock, where the hands turned, and a scoreboard that was operated by hand.

The team would dress in Fike Fieldhouse, 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 2,200 miles by a very sincere Tiger 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 McMillian, head coach at Presbyterian College during the 1940s.

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

An occasional reference to Memorial Stadium by that name could be heard for the next four years, but when Howard started calling it “Death Valley” during the 1950s, the name took off like wildfire. Clemson celebrated its 70th year in the “Valley” in the 2011 season with a perfect 7-0 home record.

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 on September 24, 1966 when Clemson played Virginia. The Tigers were down 18 points with 17 minutes left and came back to win 40-35 on a 75-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. 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 during the following day on his television show, and the story became legend.

When Hootie Ingram succeeded Howard as head coach prior to the 1970 campaign, 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 during the 1970 and 1971 seasons 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 contest during the 1972 season. 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 narrow win.

The Tigers have made the entrance for every home game since 1942, except for the years mentioned above and the first game of 1973 (333 times entering 2012).

After final warmups, the team gathers back in its dressing room under the west endzone stands for its final game instructions. Approximately 10 minutes prior to kickoff, the team boards three buses, rides around behind the north stands to the east endzone, and disembarks to the top of the Hill behind Howard’s Rock.

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

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Nov. 17  NORTH CAROLINA STATE
Nov. 24  SOUTH CAROLINA
FOR SEVERAL SEASONS, CONSTRUCTION HAS DOMINATED THE LANDSCAPE ON THE WEST SIDE OF MEMORIAL STADIUM. AS TIME PASSED, ATHLETIC OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT WESTZONE WOULD BE ONE OF THE FINEST FOOTBALL FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY. TIGER FANS CAN SEE FIRST-HAND THAT THOSE ASSURANCES WERE ACCURATE. ADDITIONAL PHASES ARE PLANNED FOR FUTURE YEARS TO HELP COMPLETE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR TERRY DON PHILLIPS’ VISION OF THE WESTZONE COMPLEX.
RECRUITING IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF ANY FOOTBALL PROGRAM. CLEMSON'S RECENT RECRUITING SUCCESS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE STATE-OF-THE-ART WESTZONE, WHICH HOUSES ALL OF THE TIGERS' FOOTBALL OPERATIONS.

COLUMBIA RECRUITING RANKINGS

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* Average star ranking. Note: ESPN.com rankings not available prior to 2006; Clemson broke ground on the WestZone Project after the 2004 season.

The everyday activities for the football program moved to Memorial Stadium on July 1, 2009. Assistant coaches moved into new offices in the WestZone of Memorial Stadium that day. A month later, the team made the locker room in Death Valley its full-time facility.

Additionally, a new equipment facility, athletic training facility, strength training facility, and training table ("The Paw") opened with all the modern conveniences of an NFL franchise's facility.

The new facility is 150,000 square feet, which adds almost 60,000 square feet to previous facilities in the Jersey Athletic Center. It includes a two floor strength training facility that is 14,000 square feet, among the largest dedicated solely for football in the nation. "Our program's motto since I became head coach is 'All-in,'" said Head Coach Dabo Swinney. "This facility shows any Clemson football player, recruit, or supporter that our University is 'All-in' with this program. The facility is among the best in the nation and allows our student athletes to develop and become the best they can be."

The equipment room was expanded to include, among other items, new offices and a new laundry room that encompasses approximately 6,000 square feet of space. The football staff offices and meeting rooms are composed of approximately 4,000 square feet of existing space and more than 10,000 square feet of new space.

The facility includes offices for the head coach, assistant coaches, and support staff along with position meeting rooms and a 150-seat auditorium with a sloped floor and theater seating.

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

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

In 2012, 8,000 square feet of enclosed space was added on second level, which houses "The Paw."

Former Clemson running back James Davis, the 2005 ACC Rookie-of-the-Year, stated that one of the biggest contributing factors in deciding on Clemson was the University's commitment to upgrading facilities. "Does Clemson want to be a championship program?" asked Davis when he was considering Clemson. "The WestZone (initiative) showed me that it does!"

Building success requires building for success. While the WestZone is located in Memorial Stadium, the completed project provides resources for Clemson's total sports program, permitting all Tiger teams and athletes to compete with the nation's best.

Moving all football operations to the WestZone has opened up space in the Jersey and McFadden buildings for the other 18 intercollegiate sports to improve their facilities for recruiting and have more office, training, conditioning, and sports medicine space. This has greatly enhanced the overall performance, both on and off the field, for all 19 sports.

A look to Clemson's athletic history shows the importance infrastructure enhancements have on the football program. The following chart summarizes the relationship.

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MEMORIAL STADIUM'S FRONT DOOR
A significant aspect of Phase II of the WestZone project at Memorial Stadium was the construction of a new strength training facility on the first floor that is adjacent to the Clemson locker room and the Frank Howard Field playing surface.

For the first time, there is a strength training facility exclusively for the development of the Clemson football team. Director of Football Strength & Conditioning Joey Batson, who is in his 16th season at Clemson, makes sure that all Tiger gridironers are ready to compete against the top teams in the nation. In his first 15 years in Tigertown, Clemson has played in 13 bowl games and has coached 22 strength All-Americans on the gridiron.

It is the fourth major facilities construction since Batson joined the Tiger football program, an example of his desire to keep Clemson at the forefront of strength training.

The new facility has the best in all strength training equipment, not to mention the existence of a new sound system and nine new flat-screen televisions that give Tiger football players a pleasant atmosphere to accomplish the most strenuous work.

The strength training facility actually has two floors. The first has all the free-weight equipment, including a dumbbell area, and the second has cardio equipment.

Batson has a staff of four assistants working full-time with the football squad. Joining Batson are veteran Strength Coaches Larry Greenlee and Paul Hogan along with Assistants Brandon Mulon and Chris Shatley. In 2012, Greenlee was named a Master Strength Coach.
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING STAFF

THE TIGER FOOTBALL STRENGTH & CONDITIONING STAFF LEFT TO RIGHT - PAUL NOGAY, LARRY GREENLEE, JOEY BATSON, CHRIS SHATLEY, BRANDON MANOJ gives every Clemson football player the individual attention he needs to succeed on the gridiron.

JOEY BATSON
Director of Football Strength & Conditioning

Joey Batson is in his 27th year as a strength & conditioning coach at the collegiate level and 16th year as director of football strength & conditioning at Clemson. Batson, who played a big role in Clemson winning the ACC title for the first time in 20 years in 2011, has served as a head strength & conditioning coach 23 of his 27 years.

Batson was named master strength & conditioning coach by the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) in 2009. This honor is the highest given in the strength & conditioning profession.

Batson has had a strong impact on the Clemson program since he became director in 1997. He has had much to do with the success of the football program, helping the Tigers to 13 bowl games and six top-25 final rankings.

While at Clemson, he has worked for three head football coaches and has had a tremendous impact throughout the state at many notable high school programs.

Not only does Batson bring professional experience to the position at Clemson, he brings experience as a football player at the collegiate level. The Travelers Rest, SC native was a tight end at The Citadel in 1979 before transferring to Newberry, where he was a two-year letterman and team co-captain during his senior season.

Batson earned his bachelor of arts degree in physical education from Newberry in 1985 and his master’s degree in education from Clemson in 1988.

Batson is married to the former Susan Malone of Greenville, SC. The couple has two sons, Michael and Benjamin.
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LB - Fr.
Fort Mill, SC

BRADLEY PINION
P - Fr.
Concord, NC

D.J. READER
RT - Fr.
Greensboro, NC

CARLOS WATKINS
OT - Fr.
Meoers, NC

Clemson Team

Total Offense: 756 vs. Wake Forest, 10-31-1981
Rushing Yards: 13 vs. Virginia Tech, 9-10-2007
Kickoff Retuns: 165 vs. California, 11-15-2002
Fumbles Lost: 5 vs. many

MEMORIAL STADIUM RECORDS

Tackles For Loss: 9 vs. N.C. State, 10-24-1987
Sacks For Loss: 12 vs. Furman, 9-7-1996
Pass Breakups: 18 vs. The Citadel, 10-4-1986

Clemson Individual

416 by Tajh Boyd vs. Auburn, 9-17-2011
386 by Tajh Boyd vs. Auburn, 9-17-2011
384 by Cullen Harper vs. Central Michigan, 10-20-2007
261.1 by Cullen Harper vs. Central Michigan, 10-20-2007
5 by Tajh Boyd vs. North Carolina, 10-22-2011

Note: Clemson first played its home games at Memorial Stadium in 1942.
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Ball State's tradition of innovation and entrepreneurship is rooted in the late 19th century, when Muncie business leaders envisioned a local college to help boost the city's development. Among the visionaries were Frank C. Ball and his brothers, young New York industrialists who moved to Muncie looking to expand their glass container business. A small, private teacher training school opened in 1899.

After the community's efforts to sustain the college failed, the Ball brothers purchased the land and buildings of the defunct institution and donated them to the state of Indiana. This gift became the Indiana State Normal School Eastern Division, which opened in 1918 to meet Indiana's need for more and better teachers.

In recognition of the Ball family's generosity, the Indiana General Assembly changed the school's name to Ball Teachers College in 1922 and then Ball State Teachers College in 1926. The winged statue Beneficence stands on the campus as a tribute to the family. This and other landmarks from Ball State's early years are featured in our historical walking tour of the Old Quadrangle.

By the 1960s, the regional teachers college had begun to attract faculty from outside the Midwest, and students sought majors in areas such as business, health care, and other emerging disciplines. Enrollment and funding surged with national trends, and new facilities and degree offerings were added.

In 1965, the Indiana General Assembly renamed the college Ball State University, acknowledging its phenomenal growth in enrollment and facilities, the variety and quality of its educational programs and services, and the anticipation of the broader role it would play in the state's future.

Today Ball State University's entrepreneurial spirit continues to shine through numerous expansions and additional degree offerings, technological resources, immersive learning opportunities, community outreach projects, and state-of-the-art facilities. These investments are preparing bright students to take advantage of current and emerging job opportunities, meet society's most pressing needs, and shape the communities in which they will live and work.

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Since its inception in 1991, the Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs have provided Clemson student-athletes a continued commitment to excellence. Our approach is to address the total student-athlete, and we are committed to coaching our student-athletes to success in the academic, personal growth, career, and community service arenas.

As an original member of the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, we provide opportunities and services to address the changing needs and skills of student-athletes during college and after graduation. This program was selected for the FBS Athletic Director’s Association “Program of Excellence” Award, a lifetime award recognizing CHAMPS/Life Skills excellence.

Clemson’s commitment to provide its student-athletes with the best facilities is evident in many ways. From the soaring upper decks of Memorial Stadium and the beautiful WestZone, to the “New Littlejohn Coliseum,” to the state-of-the-art strength training facility, young men and women from all of Clemson’s intercollegiate varsity sports have the best in facilities for both training and competition.

The Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs are housed in Vickery Hall, located in the heart of Clemson’s campus. The two-story, 27,000 square-foot building is open all day and into the evening hours to accommodate Clemson student-athletes’ extended schedules.

Vickery Hall programs are dedicated to providing a holistic, educational experience by inspiring an environment of respect, integrity, and excellence. Through these services, Vickery Hall and the staff guides and encourages each individual to reach his or her full potential as a student, athlete, and citizen.

Vickery Hall is certified (as one of only 19 programs in the country to date) by the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics. The tutor and mentor programs are among only three athletic academic programs in the country certified at the highest level by the College Reading & Learning Association.
Clemson student-athletes posted a school-record 2.99 GPA for the 2012 spring semester according to data released by the Office of Institutional Research. Clemson’s 15 athletic programs had 228 student-athletes named to the academic honor roll, including 111 on the Dean’s List and 43 on the President’s List (4.0 GPA).

Seven programs posted at least a 3.0 GPA and four others were at 2.93 or better. It was the first time that 11 of the 15 programs had a GPA of at least 2.93.

The football program had a 2.61 GPA, just below the record of 2.63 set in the spring of 2008. Thirty-four team members were named to the academic honor roll, including AP First-Team All-American Sammy Watkins. The freshman wideout became the first Tiger to earn AP First-Team All-America honors and be on the academic honor roll in the same year since Dabo Treadwell in 1987-88.

Stephon Anthony, Xavier Brewer, Jarion Brown, Dalton Freeman, Rashard Hall, and Dawson Zimmerman were other 2011 starters named to the academic honor roll. Zimmerman, who received the Weaver-James-Corrigan Award, had a 4.0 GPA and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

The women’s swimming program had a 3.62 GPA for the spring semester, a team best and the second best on record for any Clemson athletic team. Twenty-four team members had at least a 3.0 GPA, including 17 on the Dean’s List. Two (Kerry McLaughlin, Maddie Taranoczko) were inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

The men’s golf team had a 3.23 GPA, its highest on record. The Tigers had eight members on the academic honor roll, the most since the spring of 2003. Other athletic programs that posted a 3.0 GPA or better during the spring semester were rowing, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, men’s tennis, and women’s track & field.

Sixty-one student-athletes graduating from Clemson in May of 2012, including 12 members of Clemson’s 2011 ACC Championship football team. Eighteen of the 20 seniors on that team already have their degrees.

APR Scores
All 19 of Clemson’s programs scored above the 925 APR threshold and 16 were above 970 according to data released by the NCAA.

The men’s golf team had the highest among the 19 programs with a perfect 1,000 score, the sixth time in the last eight years the program has had a perfect score under Head Coach Larry Penley.

The football team had a 983 APR score, the seventh-best score in the nation among FBS schools. It was the second-best mark in the nation among schools who finished the 2011 season in the AP poll. Only Boise State was better among the ranked schools with a 989 mark.

The NCAA released data that was coach-specific for the four-year period. Dabo Swinney had a 991 score, fifth best in the nation among active coaches and far above the national average of 948. It was also best in the ACC.

Clemson’s women’s soccer (993), volleyball (989), men’s tennis (988), women’s cross country (985), and baseball (980) teams also scored at 980 or better.

Athletic Commitment
Clemson won three ACC Championships in the 2011-12 academic year, one in football and two in women’s track & field.

The football team broke a 20-year drought with its conference championship after defeating #3 Virginia Tech in the ACC Championship Game. The team finished ranked in the top 25 and had a school-record four wins over top-25 teams.

The women’s track & field program swept the ACC indoor and outdoor championships for the third straight year, giving the program six consecutive team titles.

Six programs finished the 2011-12 season with a top-25 ranking. The high-
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Are You a Booster?
The NCAA definition of a "representative of athletics interest" generally encompasses most individuals who regularly attend Clemson sporting events (reminder - once a representative, always a representative). Specifically, a booster or "representative of athletics interests" is any individual, independent agency, corporate entity, or other organization that is presently or has ever:

- Participated in promoting the institution's athletic program (such as buying season tickets to sporting events).
- Assisted in providing benefits (such as summer employment) to enrolled student-athletes.
- Assisted or been requested by the department of athletics staff to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.
- Attended Clemson University.
- Contributed to the department of athletics or IPTAY.
- Participated in or been a member of IPTAY.
- Been otherwise involved in the Clemson University athletics program.

Ask Before You Act
Prospective student-athletes may...:
- Identify outstanding potential student-athletes in your area and forward information, such as newspaper articles, to the coach of that sport at Clemson.
- Continue to establish friendships with friends and neighbors, even those with prospect-aged children. However, contact with those individuals for recruiting purposes is still prohibited.
- Attend, on your own initiative, events such as games and banquets where prospective student-athletes are present as long as you do not contact the prospect(s) or their family for recruiting purposes.
- Answer a call from a prospective student-athlete (you may not initiate the call) regarding only Clemson University in general, but not about Tiger athletics. Please promptly inform compliance services or the coach should this situation arise.
- Make donations to a high school if it is located in your community, the donation is not made at the request of Clemson or Clemson coaches, and the funds are distributed through established channels and not directed towards a specific student-athlete.

Current student-athletes may...
- Continue to come out and support student-athletes at Clemson athletic events.
- Provide summer employment to student-athletes, but only if you contact Clemson's office of compliance services (compliance@clemson.edu) first and the student-athlete is compensated for work actually performed at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locality for similar services.

What Every Booster Should Know...
- **Extra Benefit** - Any special arrangement by Clemson employee; booster (IPTAY member), or alum to provide a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or their families/friends with a benefit not permitted by NCAA legislation. Examples of prohibited benefits are (but not limited to):
  - Arranging employment for family and friends of the student-athlete.
  - Free or reduced housing agreements.
  - Gifts of money, awards, food/drinks, or other tangible items.
  - Loans of money or automobiles.
  - Professional services without charge or at a discount.
  - Promises of employment or loans following college graduation.
  - Providing transportation for the student-athlete or their family.
  - Use of ATM, credit, or other types of gift cards.

Institutional Control - A central principle of the NCAA by-laws. Institutional control requires that Clemson University conducts its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with NCAA rules and regulations. This includes booster activities.

Prospective Student-Athlete - A student, regardless of their athletic ability, who has started classes for the ninth grade or any student enrolled at another two or four-year institution.

Recruiting - Any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's family by Clemson's coaches or representatives of athletic interest for the purposes of securing the prospective student-athlete's ultimate enrollment and participation in athletics at Clemson. Only designated Clemson athletics department staff members may recruit.

Student-Athlete - A student whose enrollment was solicited by a Clemson athletic department staff member or other representative of athletics interest with a goal of the student's ultimate participation in Clemson's athletics program. Student-athletes are not those who were recruited or receive athletic scholarships; they are also those who participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Activities That Will Harm Current Student-Athletes You may not...
- Contact (including phone calls, texts, email) or interact with a prospective student-athlete or family members for the purpose of persuading them to attend Clemson.

Activities That Will Harm Prospective Student-Athletes You may not...
- Contact coaches, teachers, guidance counselors, or other school administrators in order to gain information on prospective student-athletes.
- Make contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospect's family during official or unofficial visits.
- Provide any other extra benefits to a prospective student-athlete, family, friends, or their coaches.
- Provide prospective student-athletes or their family and friends with transportation or financial assistance.

Consequences
Violations of these NCAA, ACC, and University policies can result in severe penalties, including:
- Disassociation - Clemson University may permanently disassociate itself with an athletic booster. You may lose the privilege of purchasing season tickets, the privilege of being an IPTAY member, or any other Clemson athletic-related benefit deemed appropriate.
- Harm to the Enrolled Student-Athlete - Violations can also result in the enrolled student-athlete or entire team being unable to compete for Clemson University.

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FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS

C.J. SPILLER • RB
#5 OVERALL PICK, 2010 NFL DRAFT

Year | Player          | Pos. | Pick | Team  
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1939 | Banks McFadden  | B    | 4    | Dodgers 
1949 | Bobby Gage      | RB   | 6    | Steelers 
1960 | Lou Conleeone   | L    | 12   | Giants 
1976 | Harvey White    | CB   | NA   | Patriots 
1979 | Jerry Butler    | WR   | 5    | Bills 
1980 | Steve Fuller    | CB   | 23   | Chiefs 
1982 | Jim Stachey     | DT   | 20   | 49ers 
1983 | Jerry Bryant    | DT   | 6    | Seahawks 
1985 | Perry Tuttley   | WR   | 19   | Bills 
1987 | Terry Kinard    | FS   | 10   | Giants 
1987 | William Perry   | MG   | 22   | Bears 
1987 | Terence Flagler | TB   | 25   | 49ers 
1989 | Donnell Woolford| CB   | 11   | Bears 
1992 | Chester McClockton| DT   | 16   | Raiders 
1993 | Wayne Simmons   | CB   | 15   | Packers 
1997 | Trevor Pryce    | DE   | 28   | Broncos 
1998 | Anthony Simmons | ILB  | 15   | Seahawks 
1999 | Antwan Edwards  | CB   | 25   | Packers 
2001 | Rod Gardner     | WR   | 15   | Redskins 
2006 | Tye Hill        | CB   | 15   | Rams 
2007 | Gaines Adams    | DE   | 4    | Buccaneers 
2010 | C.J. Spiller    | RB   | 9    | Bills
# Super Bowl Champions

![NFL Logo](image)

## Player	 Pos.	 Year(s)	 Team
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Dan Benish	 DT	 1987	 Redskins
Jeff Bostic	 C	 1982,87,97	 Redskins
Dwight Clark	 WR	 1981,84	 49ers
Ronnie Cunningham	 TE	 1978,79	 Steelers
Ty Davis	 CB	 1986	 Giants
Nick Eason	 DT	 2008	 Steelers
Terence Nagler	 RB	 1988,89	 49ers
Steve Fuller	 CB	 1985	 Bears
Chris Gardocki	 P	 2005	 Steelers
Andy Headen	 LB	 1986	 Giants
Tony Horne	 WR	 1999	 Rams
Terry Kinard	 FS	 1986	 Giants
Bill Mathis	 RB	 1968	 Jets
Dexter McClean	 CB	 1999	 Rams
John McMakin	 TE	 1974	 Steelers
William Perry	 MG	 1985	 Bears
Trevor Pryce	 DT	 1997,98	 Broncos
Archie Reese	 DT	 1981	 49ers
Wayne Simmons	 LB	 1996	 Packers
Jim Stuckey	 DT	 1981,84	 49ers
James Trapp	 DB	 2000	 Ravens
Anthony Waters	 LB	 2009	 Saints
Charlie Waters	 S	 1971,77	 Cowboys

**Note:** Years reflect regular seasons.

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Trevor Pryce	 DT	 Two-Time Super Bowl Champion

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Many people dream of exploring the world and experiencing what other countries and cultures have to offer. Maybe there is a lingering hunger for adventure from your childhood that stays with you (if you are lucky) as you get older. For those Tigers who went to London during the 2012 Summer Olympics, that hunger was satisfied, if only for a brief time.

The Clemson University Symphonic Band, conducted by Dr. Mark Spede, and the Clemson University Jazz Ensemble, directed by Tim Hurlburt, departed for Frankfurt, Germany from Atlanta on July 28. Also accompanying the group were President Jim Barker with wife, Marcia, the family of Dr. Spede, and a few other Clemson dignitaries and friends of the band.

After a short layover (relative to the eight-hour flight across the Atlantic Ocean), the group left Frankfurt for an even shorter flight to London's Heathrow Airport. The first thing that most people noticed, besides the jet lag, was the cool weather. For the entirety of the trip, London was bright for as many days as it was overcast, and there were brisk winds and light, sporadic rain. However, the weather was always beautiful whenever the bands performed at the various venues throughout their week in London.

The first time musical notes were played in England by both the Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble were done so at the Peninsula Festival on Greenwich Peninsula. Regarded as the warmup performance by those who were present, this performance marked the unveiling of a groovy, jazzed-up version of the beloved "Tiger Rag," arranged by Dr. Spede. The Weymouth Bayside Festival, London Live at Victoria Park, Exhibition Road Festival, and London Live at Hyde Park were the other performance venues.

It was not all business for the Tigers who made it across "the pond." In fact, touring various areas of England began as soon as they got picked up by the coaches at the airport, where they subsequently rode to and toured Windsor before heading to the hotel. Other notable destinations that were visited were the Tower of London, the Roman Baths, the London Eye, Stonehenge, and Buckingham Palace. Unfortunately, Queen Elizabeth II was not at the palace at the time to greet the group that traveled from its humble college town in Clemson, South Carolina.

A trip to London during the Olympics would not be complete without attending at least one sporting event. Groups of members were able to watch either beach or indoor volleyball. Watching some of the world's premier athletes was as entertaining as it was inspiring. The games were not the only place you could see these star athletes. A group of students walking around London at night ran into NBA stars Kevin Durant and James Harden. Both players were generous enough to allow the students to take pictures with them.

It was an exciting time to be anywhere in London. As if the Olympic Games were not enough, everyone was also celebrating The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which marked her 60-year reign. London commanded the attention of those from all over the world, and a group of 70 Tigers were right in the middle of it all. They were not just there... they were a part of it. It was a special time for everyone who went, as they were able to represent the school they are passionate about.

The London travelers from Clemson returned on August 5, and strangely enough, the weather was the first thing noticed upon arrival... much warmer and more humid. Weather aside, everyone returned with a freshly re-invigorated sense of enthusiasm and pride. Many members who were in the Symphonic Band or Jazz Ensemble are also members of Tiger Band.

It was an amazing thing to see where music has taken these dedicated students and what it means to both themselves and the school. The world might seem a bit smaller, or a bit bigger to those who went, but the experiences had there will undoubtedly be carried with them and remembered for the rest of their lives.

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Today's halftime show will pay tribute to the 2012 London Olympics. Music includes "Bugler's Dream & Olympic Fanfare" by John Williams, "Salute to the Olympians" by Henry Mancini, and "The Olympic Spirit" by Williams. Watch PawVision for pictures from the band's trip to London.
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For people who have immigrated to our country and have seen the horrors of war, death, and the denial of freedoms, being able to live in America is a true blessing.

Such is the case for Clemson men’s soccer player Phanuel Kavita. The sophomore was born in the Republic of the Congo, a country in central Africa, in 1993. As a small child, he and his family escaped the country during a bloody civil war where thousands lost their lives. While in refugee camps, his family survived and moved to several places before coming to the United States.

“We had many close calls with our lives as we were escaping in refugee camps,” recalled Kavita. “I was born in the Republic of the Congo and lived there until the age of eight.

“A lot of crazy things were going on in my country. During the turmoil, we saw death, suffering, and other travesties of war. From there, we went to Spain, France, New York, and finally Utah. It’s by our good fortune that we ended up in the U.S.

“What’s so sad, there were some very good friends and people I knew in our camp who we never heard from again. I still don’t know what happened to them.”

From this tragic experience, Kavita believes he grew up and matured faster than most. “I feel that my brothers and sisters and I had to grow up faster and be brave. We were very fortunate that my immediate family got out and came to the United States.”

Kavita is one of seven siblings, as he has two older sisters, two older brothers, and two younger brothers.

“My family is in Salt Lake City, Utah. My father is a cab driver and my mom works with special-needs youth. My mom works from nine in the morning until nine at night. They are very hard workers and appreciate the opportunities they have in this country.”

Kavita is also thankful that Head Coach Mike Noonan found him in Utah, and he became a Tiger.

“When I was playing soccer in Utah, I was afraid no one would find me or offer me a scholarship,” he said. “I really worried and kept working harder and harder; then Coach Noonan found me. I was so grateful. I want to get an education and graduate. It would mean so much to my family.”

“I really love the Clemson environment. I have fallen in love with the beautiful campus. The people here are really nice.”

Noonan is glad that he found Kavita, too. “Physically, he is very strong. He has great leadership qualities and is very coachable. He is a very serious player and has a demeanor that brightens your day. He loves the opportunity he has at Clemson. He doesn’t take anything for granted.”

Kavita wasted no time making an impact with the Clemson program. As a freshman in 2011, he started all 18 matches as a defender. His first collegiate goal will not soon be forgotten.

On October 28, 2011, Kavita scored the winning goal against top-ranked Maryland at Historic Riggs Field. With 5:35 left in regulation, he headed the ball in the goal from a deflected shot by senior Keegan Priest, who was playing in his last home match.

“Phanuel was at the right place at the right time,” explained Noonan. “The smile that he displayed after the match when he was completely exhausted was unforgettable. It was a smile that will last a lifetime.”

That victory was a big factor in Clemson’s six-game unbeaten streak to end the 2011 season.

As for his goals this season, Kavita has set the bar high.

“I want the team to do well and win championships and go further than we did last year. I want to do well in school and get above a 3.0 GPA both semesters. I want to continue improving in school and on the field.”

As for the future, Kavita wants to earn his degree, but he is quick to tell you to enjoy the present and find happiness every day.

“If I were to give anyone advice, it would simply be to appreciate every day, enjoy every day, work hard, and don’t take things for granted.”

As for Kavita, he is following his own advice.
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As suburban one how is my old. 'Hey, my sister's play against boys' love better for Marik's first attention to the parents' and girls' them. When you step on a campus for the first time, some people don't experience the feeling that you're destined to be there. I was the exact opposite. As soon as I got to Clemson, I thought to myself, 'I'm here...now I want to stay' Once she set foot onto campus as a freshman, Mark instantly began to prove herself as a reliable player. Between the fall of 2009, when Marik first arrived in Tigertown, and the September 1, 2012 showdown with rival South Carolina, Clemson played 59 matches. Marik holds the remarkable distinction of starting 57 of those matches as a defender on Clemson's back line.

In 2010, Mark further distinguished herself by scoring four goals, being named Clemson's Defensive MVP, and logging 1,651 minutes of playing time, more than any other Tiger that season. In 2011, she continued to be a force while netting two goals and scoring the game-winning goal against The Citadel. For the 2012 campaign, Clemson and Mark are aiming for greater success in the always-tough ACC.

After the conclusion of this soccer season, Mark will graduate with a degree in management and will have the unique privilege of becoming a Clemson alumna. Upon leaving Tigertown, Mark hopes to find a job in supply chain management or compliance near her home area.

"I believe that a Clemson education and my time here as a student-athlete has definitely prepared me for success in the real world," said Mark. "On top of the great education I have received in the classroom, athletics has taught me a lot. The qualities of teamwork, dedication, hard work, and leadership have become a central part of my life by being a Clemson athlete."

"Coming to Clemson forced me to rise to the challenge and excel on the field playing in one of the nation's best conferences while also excelling in the classroom at one of the nation's best universities. I believe that all I've learned here has really prepared me for success in the future."

Although 756 miles may soon again separate Marik and Tigertown, her stellar career and consistent play will continue to live on and contribute to the rich tradition that defines Clemson women's soccer.
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Addison completed 12-19 passes for 283 yards and
three touchdowns in a 40-35 thrilling win over Virginia in 1966. This was
a big day historically for Death Valley, as it
was the first game played with Howard's
Rock mounted at the top of the Hill.

It looked like the Rock would be a jinx
early in the game, as Virginia, who had
never beaten Clemson, took a 35-18 lead
in the second half. However, Addison led a
comeback that included a 75-yard touch-
down pass to Jacky Jackson with 3:49 left
to win the game. It was Clemson's greatest
comeback victory until 1992, when the
Tigers overcame a 28 point deficit to beat
the Cavaliers.

Addison's passing efficiency of 240.4 is
still the fifth-best mark in Clemson history
given a minimum of 15 attempts.

RICHARD JACKSON
Boston College, 2009
It might surprise you that
Jackson had the top kicking per-
fomance in Death Valley. But on
September 19, 2009, the stadium's 67-year anniversary, he was a perfect 6-6 on field
goals and scored 19 of Clemson's 25 points in
a 25-7 victory over Boston College.

His six field goals tied the Clemson single-game record, but the yardage on those six field goals was 217 yards, 25 yards more than the previous record. Jackson's field goals were from 23, 33, 32, 52, 42, and 35 yards.

The reason this was such an outstanding performance was the weather. It

RAIMOND PRIESTER
Duke, 1995
The record for rushing yards in any Clemson game is 263 yards byPriester against Duke in
1995. Then a sophomore, Priester thrilled a Hall of Fame Day crowd with consistent
running between the tackles. He totaled the 263 yards on 32 carries in Clemson's
34-17 victory.

Priester gained the 263 yards without a breakaway run. His longest run of the game was a 43-yard touchdown in the
first half. He showed his ability to sloth through difficult conditions in the first half, as it was played in a driving rainstorm.
The second half was played in brilliant sunshine. Priester broke the previous record of 260 yards by Cliff Austin, set in 1982,
also against Duke.

KEITH ADAMS
Duke, 1999
This performance is memorable, because it is the only time
a Tiger has been carried off the
field...at the end of the third quarter. But
it happened. You can ask him about it
today because Adams is back at Clemson
working as a student assistant under Head
Coach Dabo Swinney as he finishes up his
degree requirements after seven years in the
NFL.

On this day, Adams had six tackles for loss, including four sacks, in a victory over
Duke in Death Valley. He was all over the
field and finished the game with 14 tack-
les. His four sacks were for -31 yards and
his six tackles for loss were for -42 yards.

He did not even play in the fourth quar-
ter. On the next-to-the-last play of the
third quarter, he recorded his fourth sack of Bobby Campbell. After the final play of
the quarter, he was picked up by his defen-
sive teammates and carried off the field.

JAMES DAVIS
Georgia Tech, 2006
Davis rushed for a career-high
216 yards on 21 carries, helping
the Tigers to a 31-7 victory over
#12 Georgia Tech. This was a special
day and night for the Tigers, as ESPN College
Gameday made its first appearance at
Clemson. That morning television show
featured Davis, a native of Atlanta, who
was certainly pumped to play his home-
town team.

It is still the third-highest rushing total
by a Tiger in the history of Death Valley,
but it is the most against a ranked team. It is also worth noting that Davis battled a leg injury much of the night, but kept coming back to guide the offense down field.

C.J. Spiller added 116 rushing yards and two touchdowns on this night that “Thunder & Lightning” was born.

**WILLIE ANDERSON**
South Carolina, 1974

This is not only the top performance by a Tiger defensive lineman in the history of Death Valley, it is one of the top performances by a Clemson lineman in any game.

Anderson made his Senior Day special one with 21 tackles in Clemson's 39-21 victory over South Carolina. There have been 16 games in Clemson history, home or away, in which a Tiger has had at least 20 tackles, but this is the only 20-tackle game by a defensive lineman.

**BOBBY GAGE**
Auburn, 1947

Gage gained 374 yards of total offense in a 34-18 victory over Auburn in 1947. He had 141 rushing yards and 233 passing yards, the first time a Tiger had at least 100 rushing yards and 200 passing yards in one game.

This performance was remarkable because of theaying power of the record. It took 52 years before Woodrow Danzler broke Gage's total offense record when he had 435 yards at Maryland in 1999. Gage was 14-25 passing for the 233 yards and a school-record four touchdowns.

The contest was an indication of things to come, as the following year he guided the Tigers to a perfect 11-0 record, Clemson's first perfect season since 1903.

in the game, then iced the contest with a five-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Spiller had 29 touches on the night and the Florida State defense had to hold its collective breath during the entire game. This game on national television, along with his performance at Miami (FL) earlier in the year, put Spiller in the Heisman Trophy picture. He would finish sixth in the race overall, tied for the highest finish by a Tiger in history.

**WILLIE UNDERWOOD**
South Carolina, 1980

This might be the most important individual performance in Tiger history. Clemson was 5-5 entering the final game of the 1980 season and was coming off a 34-7 loss at Maryland, the worst setback for Head Coach Danny Ford's 11-year career. Led by eventual Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers, South Carolina had an 8-2 record, including a win at Michigan, and ranked #14 in the nation.

Underwood was playing in his 47th career game for the Tigers and the starting defensive back had never recorded an interception. However, he saved the best for his Senior Day, as he had two interceptions for 101 yards, the only 100-yard interception return game by an individual in school history.

He had a 64-yard return that set up Clemson's first touchdown, then took one "to the house" in the fourth quarter that clinched Clemson's 27-6 victory. Underwood also added 17 tackles from his safety position and was named Sports Illustrated National Defensive Player of the Week.

The victory propelled Clemson to the National Championship the following season. Underwood was not on that team, but many Tiger fans give him a lot of credit for jumpstarting that 1981 season. I bet he still gets a Christmas card from Ford.

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**TAJH BOYD**
Auburn, 2011

This one is very fresh on everyone's mind. We could have also included Sammy Watkins in this entry, because he caught 10 of Boyd's passes for 155 yards and two touchdowns.

However, Boyd's running of the offense was remarkable, as he guided Clemson to 624 yards of total offense against Auburn, the most ever by a Tiger team against an SEC opponent. Boyd finished the game 30-42 passing for those 386 yards and four touchdowns against no interceptions.

The sophomore, making just his third career start, gained 416 yards of total offense, the most in history by a Tiger in Death Valley. He passed for 386 yards, also a Death Valley mark, and rushed for 30 more as he led Clemson to a 38-24 win over the defending National Champions and ended the SEC Tigers' 17-game winning streak. It is the longest winning streak ended by Clemson in history.

**C.J. SPILLER**
Florida State, 2009

Spiller set the Clemson single-game all-purpose yardage record in Death Valley on this November night. He gained an incredible 312 yards, 165 rushing, 67 receiving, 71 on kickoff returns, and nine on punt returns, in a performance that left him exhausted at game's end. He also played the game with a turf-toe injury that forced him to miss some plays in the second half. It could have been better.

Clemson won the contest 40-24, but it had to overcome a 17-6 deficit in the first quarter and a 24-21 deficit entering the fourth quarter. Spiller had a 58-yard touchdown reception from Kyle Parker in the third quarter that put Clemson back
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Even though the Larry B. Penley, Jr. Golf Clubhouse is up and running, Clemson’s work to stay as one of the best golf programs in the country is not over.

“There is a whole lot more we can still do,” said Joe White, Assistant Director of IPTAY Major Gifts.

Former Tiger golfers Steve Bond and John Engler felt the same way, especially after they visited programs at Augusta State and Georgia. In order to help with the day-to-day cost to run their golf programs, the two schools started booster clubs to raise money to offset expenses.

“When they saw what Augusta State and Georgia were doing, they felt like it would be a really nice program to have at Clemson,” said White.

Bond and Engler got the ball rolling and introduced the program earlier this year at Augusta National during The Masters. They also made a push at the RBC Heritage tournament in Hilton Head, SC a week later.

“The idea is that we are going to raise money for the golf program to give Larry, Jordan (Byrd), and J.T. (Horton) the things they need on a day-to-day operations basis,” added White.

The idea has come known as Clemson Golf Paws. The organization’s motto is “Ensuring Clemson Golf stays at the top of its game.”

Clemson Golf Paws was formed by former players and other supporters to supply needed operational funding to keep the Tiger golf program performing at the highest level. This initiative is designed to involve thousands of supporters of Clemson golf to benefit both the donor and the team. Funds will be raised from the yearly contributions donated to become a member of Golf Paws.

Donating members will receive Tiger golf gear and will be given unique opportunities to connect with the program. The funds will allow Penley, Horton, and Byrd to maintain a championship-caliber program.

“Golf Paws will be a tremendous asset to our program,” stated Penley. “It will increase involvement and provide funding that we need for our continued success. Golf Paws is a grassroots concept that will benefit all of our golfers.”

Under Penley’s leadership, Clemson has 63 team wins, nine ACC Championships, seven NCAA Regional titles, and one National Championship (2003). The program has developed a reputation for producing tour professionals at a high rate. Clarence Rose, Dillard Pruitt, Kevin Johnson, Lucas Glover, Jonathan Byrd, D.J. Trahan, Kyle Stanley, and Charles Warren have all made their mark as champions on the PGA or Web.com Tours.

Corbin Mills, a member of last year’s squad who won the U.S. Public Links in 2011, is among the new breed of Tigers joining the professional ranks. With the help of Golf Paws, Clemson is sure to have more professionals on tour in the future.

The money raised through Golf Paws is different than the funds raised through the Tiger Golf Gathering. Golf Paws, as mentioned, is for daily operations, like new equipment, shoes, or materials for the upkeep of the practice facility, which sits beside the clubhouse.

The Tiger Golf Gathering is used for major gift needs, like the funds that were used to build the Penley Clubhouse.

“Golf Paws will help us with the type of equipment we need to keep our (practice) greens in the conditions that they really need to be in,” said White. “We need some new mowers, aerators, and rakers to get these greens in the conditions they need to be in so we can be competitive.”

The funds raised through Golf Paws will also help with the new women’s program, which is scheduled to begin competition in the fall of 2013.

“We have a women’s program now, and this money will assist the program and what Coach Horton needs for it to be successful,” said White.

So far, Golf Paws has raised more than $60,000 since it started in April. White said a lot of that credit goes to Bond, who is the co-chairman of the Clemson Golf Committee.

“Steve has really taken over and has done an excellent job putting this together,” continued White. “He has spearheaded a lot of this and has got us off to a great start.”

Clemson golf has enjoyed great success for almost 75 years. The success of the current team, the recent completion of the clubhouse, as well as expansion of the golf program into women’s golf suggest that Clemson’s golf program still has the best years yet to come.

“Our goal is to help Clemson stay at the front of the line when it comes to golf,” said White. “This program will help us stay competitive for years to come.”

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HOW DIFFICULT IS IT TO DEFEND A CHAMPIONSHIP? FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 20 YEARS, WE WILL FIND OUT FROM A CLEMSON POINT OF VIEW AS THE TIGERS ATTEMPT TO WIN ANOTHER ACC TITLE IN 2012.

LAST YEAR, Dabo SWINNEY’S TIGERS WON THE ACC TITLE THANKS TO A 6-2 REGULAR-SEASON RECORD AND A 38-10 VICTORY OVER N.C. STATE IN THE ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN CHARLOTTE. UPON REFLECTION, THE TIGERS ACCOMPLISHED THE FEAT WITH ROOM TO SPARE. CLEMSON DEFEATED THE ACC ATLANTIC DIVISION TITLE WITH A 31-28 VICTORY OVER WAKE FOREST ON NOVEMBER 12. THE TIGERS STILL HAD A CONFERENCE GAME TO GO AT DIVISION-RIVAL N.C. STATE.


THIS 2012 CLEMSON TEAM HAS 15 STARTERS BACK, INCLUDING FIRST-TEAM ALL-ACC PLAYERS TAJI BOYD (QB), SAMMY WATKINS (WR), AND DOLTON FREEMAN (C). IT’S THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1978 THAT CLEMSON HAS THREE RETURNING FIRST-TEAM ALL-ACC PLAYERS ON OFFENSE. ADD SECOND-TEAM ALL-ACC RUNNING BACK ANDRE ELLINGTON, 72-CATCH WIDE RECEIVER ANDRE HOPKINS, AND MACKAY AWARD CANDIDATE BRANDON FORD TO THE MIX AND THERE IS PLENTY OF OPTIMISM FOR A REPEAT OPPORTUNITY.

Clemson was picked second in the Atlantic Division behind Florida State, a team chosen in the top 10 in the nation in the preseason polls. The Tigers will travel to Tallahassee for their first ACC game of the year on September 22, and the location of that game is a big reason the Seminoles are the conference favorite.

ALL THAT SAID, IN THIS COMPETITIVE ERA OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO REPEAT AS A CHAMPION...JUSt ABOUT ANYWHERE. A LOOK TO THE 2010 AND 2011 SEASONS OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL SHOWS THAT OF THE 11 FBS CONFERENCES, ONLY TWO SCHOOLS WON THEIR CONFERENCE TITLE OUTRIGHT IN BOTH SEASONS. IN OTHER WORDS, OREGON (PAC-12 CONFERENCE) AND TCU (MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE) WERE THE ONLY REPEAT CHAMPIONS IN 2011.

A LOOK TO THE HISTORY OF THE ACC SHOWS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN 18 REPEAT OUTRIGHT CHAMPIONS IN 59 PREVIOUS ACC SEASONS. CLEMSON AND FLORIDA STATE HAVE DONE IT THE MOST TIMES WITH FIVE APOUCE, WHILE MARYLAND HAS DONE IT FOUR TIMES, DUKE TWICE, VIRGINIA TECH ONCE, AND NORTH CAROLINA ONCE. (AGAIN, WE ARE NOT COUNTING TIES FOR THE LEAGUE TITLE, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO TIES FOR THE TITLE ANYMORE WITH THE CURRENT DIVISION STRUCTURE)


THERE ARE THREE REASONS WHY IT IS DIFFICULT TO REPEAT AS A CHAMPION IN THIS ERA OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL. FIRST, THE RETURNING CHAMPION WILL GET EVERYONE’S BEST SHOT. LAST YEAR, CLEMSON DID NOT RECEIVE A SINGLE VOTE IN THE AP OR USA TODAY PRESEASON POLLS. CLEMSON HAD NOT WON THE ACC TITLE IN 20 YEARS AND WAS COMING OFF A LOSING SEASON.

THE 2011 TIGERS WERE ABLE TO SNEAK UP ON SOME TEAMS. BOYD AND WATKINS WERE NOT HOUSEHOLD NAMES UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON. WHERE DID TWO-STAR RECRUIT ANDRE BRANCH COME FROM TO LEAD THE ACC IN SACKS? THAT WILL NOT BE THE CASE THIS YEAR. ALL EYES WILL BE ON THE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS AND THE RETURNING OFFENSIVE STARS.

SECOND, IT IS DIFFICULT TO KEEP STAR PLAYERS IN SCHOOL FOR THEIR FINAL YEAR. IT WAS A LITTLE EASIER FOR FORD TO HAVE REPEAT ACC CHAMPIONS IN THE 1980S BECAUSE RISING SENIORS COULD NOT TURN PRO EARLY. THE DRAFT AFTER THE 1989 SEASON WOULD BE THE FIRST FOR A GENERATION WHERE PLAYERS COULD COME OUT EARLY. IN 1987, I DOUBT MICHAEL DEAN PERRY WOULD HAVE BEEN BACK FOR HIS SENIOR YEAR IF HE HAD THE OPTION OF TURNING PRO. WE ALL KNOW HAVING TIGHT END DWAYNE ALLEN BACK FOR A SENIOR YEAR IN 2012 WOULD HAVE MADE A BIG CONTRIBUTION TO A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM.

THIRD, THERE ARE MORE TEAMS IN THE ACC. WHEN CLEMSON WON FIVE ACC TITLES IN THE 1980S, THERE WERE ONLY EIGHT TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE. TODAY, THERE ARE 12 AND NEXT YEAR THERE WILL BE 14. JUST DO THE MATH...IT IS TOUGHER TO BE FIRST IN A 12-TEAM LEAGUE (WITH NINE LEAGUE GAMES STARTING IN 2013) THAN IT IS IN AN EIGHT-TEAM LEAGUE (THAT HAD JUST SEVEN LEAGUE GAMES).

THERE ARE MANY GOALS TO STRIVE FOR IN 2012, AND ONE NEAR THE TOP OF THE LIST IS A SECOND CONSECUTIVE ACC TITLE. SWINNEY’S TIGERS REACHED MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT HAD NOT BEEN DONE IN DECADES LAST YEAR, INCLUDING AN ORANGE BOWL BERTH, AN ACC TITLE, AND A 10-WIN SEASON.

WINNING BACK-TO-BACK ACC TITLES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 24 YEARS WOULD CERTAINLY RANK WITH ANYTHING ACCOMPLISHED IN 2011.

THE LAST WORD

BY TIM BOURRET

IT HAS BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE CLEMSON HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AN ACC TITLE. THE 2012 TIGER TEAM WILL ATTEMPT TO DEFEND ITS CHAMPIONSHIP WITH BACK-TO-BACK TITLES FOR THE SIXTH TIME, BUT HISTORY SHOWS IT IS A DIFFICULT FEAT TO ACCOMPLISH.

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