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Meeting of Strong Offense vs. Strong Defense

This will be a matchup of one of the nation’s top offenses against one of the nation’s top defenses. Clemson enters this game fourth in the nation in scoring (44.6), sixth in total offense (535.6), and ninth in passing offense (332.0). The Tigers lead the ACC in all three categories as well.

South Carolina is 13th in the nation in both total defense (310.8) and scoring defense (17.5). Clemson is averaging over 300 yards and 30 points in the first half alone. South Carolina is also eighth in the nation in sacks per game and is tied for 19th in tackles for loss per game.

Individually, there will be some outstanding offensive and defensive stars on the field. Clemson is led on offense by Tajh Boyd, who is second in the nation in passing efficiency (172.7). He only trails Aaron Murray (Georgia). Boyd is coming off one of the greatest performances in ACC history. He completed 30-44 passes for 426 yards and five touchdowns against N.C. State last weekend. He also rushed for 103 yards and three touchdowns, giving him an ACC-record eight total touchdowns. He had 529 yards of total offense, breaking the Tiger record of 517 that had been held by Woodrow Danzlter at N.C. State in 2001.

DeAndre Hopkins is eighth in the nation in receiving yards per game (106.5) and is second in touchdowns receptions (15). He became Clemson’s career leader in receiving yards last weekend and has 2,786 yards. He can tie the ACC record for consecutive games with a touchdown catch. He has caught at least one in eight straight games. The record is nine, set by Herman Moore (Virginia) in 1990.

The Gamecocks counter with defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, who is tied for 18th in the nation in sacks per game and seventh in tackles for loss per game. He sat out last weekend’s contest against Wofford, but he should be back in action tonight in Death Valley.

Tigers & Gamecocks Both Ranked in Top 15

This is the 11th time Clemson has faced a top-25 Gamecock team and third year in a row. It is also the first time Clemson has faced three top-25 Gamecock teams in a row. South Carolina was ranked #18 by AP and #17 by USA Today entering the 2010 game at Clemson. Last year, both teams were ranked in the top 20, as South Carolina was #13 by AP and #14 by USA Today, while Clemson was #18 and #17, respectively. Both squads are ranked in the top 25 again entering this year’s game. The Tigers are #9 by USA Today and #12 by AP, while South Carolina is #12 by USA Today and #13 by AP.

This will be the sixth time both schools enter the game ranked in the top 25 of at least one of the polls. South Carolina has a 3-2 lead in those previous five matchups. This is the second time in history that both teams enter the game ranked in the top 15. The other time was 1987 on the road when Clemson was #8 in both polls and South Carolina was #12. The Gamecocks won that contest 20-7.

Tigers vs. Top-25 Gamecock Teams

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TODAY’S GAME FEATURES TWO OF THE MOST EFFICIENT QUARTERBACKS IN THE NATION, INCLUDING TAJH BOYD, WHO IS SECOND IN THE COUNTRY IN PASSING EFFICIENCY (172.7).
Tigers & Gamecocks Have 19 Combined Wins

This will be the biggest game in the history of the Clemson vs. South Carolina rivalry when it comes to combined victories entering the game. The two schools have combined for 19 victories entering the regular-season finale, more than any other meeting in the history of the event. Tonight’s game is the 110th all-time meeting between the two programs.

Clemson is 10-1 and South Carolina is 9-2 entering the contest. It is actually the second straight year that record has been broken. Last year, both schools were 9-2 entering the game for a total of 18 wins.

Both teams also combined for 16 wins in the 1981, 1984, and 1987 contests.

Most Combined Wins Entering Rivalry Game

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Combined Wins Record Will Be Broken

The Tigers and Gamecocks have already combined for 19 wins this year. With someone gaining a victory tonight, this means that will be just the second time Clemson and South Carolina have combined for at least 20 wins in a year. The previous time was last year when Clemson won 10 games and South Carolina won 11 games.

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Streaks on the Line

Clemson has won seven games in a row, all by at least 14 points. That is the longest active streak of its kind in the nation and a school record for consecutive wins by at least 14 points.

Nationally, Clemson’s seven-game winning streak is the fifth-longest active streak. Notre Dame and Ohio State have both won 11 games in a row, followed by Northern Illinois and Kent State, who have won 10 games in a row.

In terms of its conference winning streak, Clemson has won seven ACC games in a row, tied for third-most in the nation. Northern Illinois has won 15 straight MAC games, followed by Utah State with 10 in a row. Clemson, Kent State, and Ohio State have all won seven straight conference games.

The Tigers have won 13 games in a row in Death Valley, the third-longest active home winning streak in the nation. Northern Illinois has won 21 straight games at home, followed by Michigan with 14. Clemson is third with 13, while Georgia and South Carolina have each won 11 home games in a row.

Efficient Signal-Callers on Display

Two of the top quarterbacks in the nation in terms of passing efficiency will go head-to-head in Memorial Stadium tonight. Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd is second in the nation in passing efficiency. The native of Hampton, Va. has completed 249-333 passes for 3,367 yards and 33 touchdowns. He has tied his own Clemson record for touchdown passes in a season, so one touchdown pass tonight would break the record.

Boyd is averaging 9.54 yards per pass attempt this year, which is on a Clemson record pace and the second best figure in the nation. Aaron Murray (Georgia) is averaging a national-best 9.85 yards per attempt.

Shaw has had a strong year and is 16th in the nation in passing efficiency. He is 136-202 passing for 1,732 yards and 15 touchdowns against seven interceptions. He was 20-21 passing against Missouri earlier this season to establish a South Carolina single-game mark for completion percentage (95.2). He has completed 67.3 percent of his pass attempts and has a pass efficiency rating of 156.9. He passed for a career-high 356 yards in South Carolina’s win over Tennessee on October 27.

Clemson Has Record-Setting Offense

Clemson’s offense has already recorded a number of school records this year and is getting close to many others. The Tigers set the single-season scoring record last weekend and now has 491 points for the season, 21 more than last year’s team had in 14 games. The Tigers have scored 63 touchdowns for the year, five more than last year’s record-setting total of 58.

Last weekend, Clemson scored 62 points in the 62-48 win over N.C. State, the most points by a Tiger team since scoring 70 in a 70-14 win over Central Michigan in 2007. It was also the most points by Clemson in an ACC game since the Tigers scored 82 points in an 82-24 win over Wake Forest in 1981.

Clemson has been especially effective in the second quarter with 191 points, most in Tiger history in one quarter. There are six FBS schools who have not scored 191 points for the entire season, nevermind just one quarter.

Hall Third in Tiger History in Takeaways

Graduate safety Rashard Hall enters his final home game with 14 career interceptions and three career recovered fumbles for 17 total takeaways. He had his 34th career interception and team-leading fourth of the year in the win over N.C. State last weekend.

Hall is fifth in school history in interceptions, he is third in career takeaways. Only Terry Kinard (19) and Michael Hamlin (18) are ahead of hall in career takeaways. Hall has also been one of Clemson’s top tackles the last four years. He has 65 tackles this season and 282 for his career. He will make his 39th career start tonight.
## Statistical Matchup

### Clemson vs. South Carolina Series

**Tigers lead 65-40-4**

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**RESULTS & SCHEDULE**

- **Date**: Opponent
  - **Clemson**: WLS
  - **South Carolina**: WLS

### South Carolina Polls

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS

- **November 16, 2012**
  - **Rank**: 7
  - **Team**: Notre Dame (6)
- **November 16, 2012**
  - **Rank**: 10
  - **Team**: Stanford

### Clemson Polls

- **November 16, 2012**
  - **Rank**: 7
  - **Team**: Notre Dame (6)
- **November 16, 2012**
  - **Rank**: 6
  - **Team**: Georgia (1)

**USA TODAY**

- **November 16, 2012**
  - **Rank**: 7
  - **Team**: Miami (Fla.)
- **November 16, 2012**
  - **Rank**: 6
  - **Team**: Oregon

### Scoring by Quarters

- **Team**: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th OT Total
- **Clemson**: 19 19 36 27 9 72
- **Opponents**: 12 11 33 21 1 79

### Rushing

- **Player**: Yards Avg. TD LG
- **Clemson**: 23 Andre Ellington 186 5.9 2 88
- **South Carolina**: 23 Andre Ellington 186 5.9 2 88

### Passing

- **Player**: Yards Avg. TD LG
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- **Opponents**: 80 68 77 47 — 272

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  - **South Carolina**: WLS
  - **ACC Games**: No. 16 Kentucky
  - **Non-ACC Games**: No. 16 Kentucky

### Notes

- **Rankings**: As of AP, Clemson's ranking is based on the number of times ranked in the AP poll. The game between Clemson and South Carolina was ranked 18th in the AP poll.

### Clemson Tigers

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THE TIGERS LEAVE IT ALL ON THE FIELD. AND NOTHING ON THEIR PLATES.

When it's football season in Clemson country, Tiger fans load up their tailgate tables with our fresh and delicious Lip Lickin' Fried Chicken. Which means plenty of lips are gonna get licked before the visiting team does.
On February 1, 2012, the Clemson football program signed a nationally-acclaimed recruiting class to help move the Tigers into a bright future. But the feeling within the football program was that the most important recruiting haul of the offseason came on January 10, when running back Andre Ellington announced that he would return to school for his senior season.

Ellington was considered an intriguing prospect at the conclusion of last season, but he came back to Tigertown to complete a series of goals he keeps to himself. Whatever they are, they drive him each day he competes as his Clemson career comes to a close.

The Tigers’ leading rusher in 2012 entered school in 2008 as a lean freshman from Moncks Corner, SC. Ellington was a highly-touted recruit, but he found himself slotted behind fellow rookie Jamie Harper on a depth chart that also included future NFL players James Davis and C.J. Spiller. Instead of whining and griping about his predicament, Ellington did what many players in today’s game fail to understand. He took a red-shirt season, developed in the weight room, and honed his craft. For a player who chose the Tigers over Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, this was no small feat.

Ellington understood his role as part of a backup duo with Harper, and he began the 2009 season with that in mind. For the year, he averaged 7.2 yards per carry as a replacement for Spiller, particularly when Spiller spent time out of games due to injury. The current Buffalo Bill made a significant impact on Ellington’s Clemson career, and the two still speak on occasion.

“He was a guy who I actually studied a lot,” said Ellington of Spiller. “In the end, he told me that he learned a lot from me. I was kind of shocked by that. Our running styles are basically the same. He does a lot of things that I do in between the tackles.”

In his first career start against Florida State in 2009, Ellington rushed for 54 yards on just six carries and scored one of his four touchdowns on the season. He also totaled 11 receptions out of the backfield that season.

As a sophomore in 2010, Ellington started six games and gained 686 rushing yards despite playing a total of three snaps in the final five contests of the season. Four times during the 2009 campaign, he rushed for more than 100 yards. In the opener against North Texas, Ellington gained 122 yards on only 12 carries.
In a road game against eventual National Champion Auburn, Ellington was a workhorse, as he ran the football 22 times for 140 yards and a score against the SEC Tigers. He also gained a season-high 166 yards on 20 carries against Georgia Tech and scored on an 87-yard kickoff return against Maryland, the only special teams score of his career.

Prior to the 2011 season, Chad Morris joined the Clemson football staff as the offensive coordinator, and Ellington said he immediately saw his game improve. He also credited Morris, one of the most esteemed assistant coaches in the country, with helping attract Tony Elliott, his current position coach, back to Clemson.

“His a guy who’s going to create the best opportunity for players to be successful,” said Ellington of the Tigers’ offensive coordinator. “Having Coach Morris led us to getting Coach Elliott. He’s a guy who teaches you the game, not just how to do it, but what you’re learning while you’re doing it.”

Heading into the 2011 season, Ellington’s issues with injuries were cited by fans and pundits as one of Clemson’s major question marks. Much of the offseason was spent preparing his body for more of a grind.

As the top back on the depth chart, Ellington flourished during his junior season. He almost doubled his carries from the previous year and rushed for 1,178 yards while averaging 5.3 yards per carry.

During the season, Ellington still dealt with nagging injuries, but he played through them, missing only one contest. He surpassed the 100-yard mark five times, including a breakout 212-yard performance in a ferocious come-from-behind win at Maryland.

The #10 running back played his best in key situations. In the final two games of the season, in the ACC Championship game against #3 Virginia Tech and the Orange Bowl against #22 West Virginia, he combined for 241 yards on 30 carries and two touchdowns.

Then, it was decision time. There were plenty of factors beckoning Ellington to take a chance and enter the NFL draft, but just like his role model (Spiller) had done two seasons prior, he made a decision to stay and finish the race he had started in 2008.

“I get a chance to talk with Coach (Dabo) Swinney,” recalled Ellington. “We developed a great understanding on things I can improve on for the next level. Getting that degree was the main thing I wanted to focus on. If I had left this year and not come back, I wouldn’t have been able to get that.”

It was worth Ellington’s while to return to Tigertown. He has proven to scouts that he can remain generally healthy for an entire season while carrying the load in Morris’ offense.

Ellington is well on his way to another 1,000-yard season and has showcased his improved receiving ability and pass-blocking ability to any scouts who might have questioned those aspects of his game a year ago.

Earlier this season, Ellington set a new career rushing-yardage high in a nationally-television contest against SEC foe Auburn, as he gained 228 yards, the most in Clemson history against an SEC opponent. Two of his top-four rushing games in an illustrious career have come against Auburn, as he has combined for 414 rushing yards and two scores in three meetings.

One of the driving forces behind his decision to return was a desire to finish his career and be proud of what he had accomplished, both individually and with his teammates. The Berkeley High School product has seen a ton of changes during his five-year stint at Clemson, and he wanted to make absolutely sure the program was at its peak when he stepped aside.

“In past years, a lot of things didn’t go quite the way we wanted them to,” said #23. “This year, we’re on the right foot and we’re doing great things. Like we always say, we’re knocking down a lot of walls.”

Now, Ellington prepares to run down the Hill for the final time. It means more to him than most because his cousin, Bruce, a two-sport athlete at South Carolina who also wears #23 on the gridiron, will be standing across the field on the opposing sideline tonight. For Andre, it is fitting to close things out in Death Valley competing against his cousin.

“When we were kids, it would just be the two of us in the yard playing football... me against him,” said Andre. “When we would have other cousins out there, he was on the opposite team and I would go against him. When we’re in the gym playing basketball, I’m playing against him.”

When the dust settles on the 2012 season, with a host of accolades under his belt, Ellington will get to work preparing for the NFL draft. Chances are, he will be glad he waited an extra year.
Carry a little piece of Death Valley wherever you go. Get team news, download ringtones and Clemson wallpapers. Only from Verizon, America’s Fastest 4G Network.
OWN THE TURF
in the heart of the South Carolina Midlands, just down the road from Columbia, rests the tiny town of Pelion, SC with a population of 685. Like so many small towns in South Carolina, football is a passion and a source of pride for this community nestled among pine thickets and surrounding farms. But for folks in Pelion, nothing has made them more proud than witnessing the gridiron success of native son and Clemson graduate Dalton Freeman.

Standing 6'5" and weighing in at 285 pounds, the center sports an imposing figure on the gridiron. Blessed with natural size, Freeman was also blessed with a natural affinity and skill for the game, aided by his family’s outstanding football legacy.

“I don’t ever remember football not being a part of my life,” said a smiling Freeman. “It all started with my grandfather. He played football for North Carolina, left to join the military, and then finished up playing football at Appalachian State.

“My dad followed in his footsteps and played football at Wake Forest (1978-82), and is now the head coach at Pelion High School. My brother continued the family tradition and played football at Newberry. Football has been such a part of our family. I grew up around the game and wanted to be a part of it more than anything. As soon as I could walk, I was out there on the field with my dad at practice, and on every Friday night helping him out as a ballboy. It felt like forever, but once I hit the seventh grade, I was able to suit up for the first time and play some ball.”

From the beginning of his football career in junior high school, it was apparent that Freeman had inherited his family’s athleticism and football savvy. Once arriving on the high school scene and under the tutelage of his father, Freeman blossomed into a prized recruit.

With his powerful frame and superb footwork, he was a natural offensive and defensive lineman, dominating the opposition in quick order. As his high school career continued, college coaches around the country took notice.

As a senior, Freeman graded 92 percent as an offensive lineman and recorded 67 knockdowns and 37 pancake blocks. Freeman was rated the #13 offensive guard in the country by Scout.com, the #16 offensive guard by ESPN.com, and the #13 offensive guard by Rivals.com.

Garnering additional achievements, Freeman was a finalist for Mr. Football in South Carolina, represented the Palmetto State in the Shrine Bowl, and was named a high school All-American at offensive tackle. Nearly three hours away in the Upstate of South Carolina, Clemson made no secrets how much the Tigers would love to have Freeman wearing the Orange & White.

“When it came time for the recruiting process, I was very blessed to receive about 30 different offers,” recalled Freeman. “I decided to make the most out of the experience and took a ton of visits across the country. But when I got to Clemson, one thing stood out to me about the university...the people.”

“The people at Clemson blew me away. The atmosphere was unlike any place I had ever visited. It got to the point where...
The Clemson coaching staff was amazed at the high level of play exhibited by the young center, and they have not given the reins of the offense up to another center these past four years.

Freeman finished 2009 being named a first-team freshman All-American according to CollegeFootballNews.com and was named Clemson’s Offensive Co-Rookie-of-the-Year along with Kyle Parker by the coaching staff.

In 2010, Freeman continued to impress, notching 58 knockdown blocks in 81 snaps (second-most on the team) and allowed just two sacks all season.

Last season, Freeman’s decision making and powerful blocking helped propel Clemson towards winning its first ACC Championship in 20 years. Following the 2011 season, he was named an honorable mention All-American by SI.com, a First-Team All-ACC selection, and was one of six finalists for the Rimington Trophy, which is awarded to the top center in the nation. Not just outstanding on the field, Freeman has been an Academic All-ACC selection the past three seasons as well.

This year, Freeman is continuing his model of consistency for the Tigers, quietly orchestrating one of the most explosive offenses in school history with dreams of leading Clemson to another BCS appearance and one of the best seasons in program history. The Tigers are on a record pace in terms of scoring, touchdowns, total offense, and passing offense.

When asked what he has been most proud of during his time anchoring the offensive line, Freeman did not hesitate.

“The tradition at Clemson is unlike any other, and I’ve been proud to be a part of that.

“When I first got to Clemson, we were on the verge of changing the culture of this program. Since Coach (Dabo) Sweeney has taken over and during my four years here, we have done a really good job changing this program from the inside out.”

Upon the conclusion of this year’s bowl game, the Freeman era of Clemson football will come to a close, the final chapter in a career that has made him one of the most lauded centers in Tiger history. With hopes of playing in the NFL, he is determined to accomplish his dream when his career as a Tiger ends.

“Whatever happens in my future, I know God will open the doors and I will choose which one to go in,” he smiled.

“I’m thankful to have this opportunity. My family always believed and supported me, even when I didn’t believe in myself.

“It’s hard to believe a little ole’ boy like me could come from Pelion, SC to a place like Clemson and be successful and have an opportunity to make it at the next level. I give God all the honor and glory for that.”

Regardless of Freeman’s future, he has undoubtedly left his mark on Clemson, just as Clemson has left its mark on him. He will leave the school having played more snaps than any other Tiger in history, regardless of position, and will have tied the mark for starts (49).

“I was very blessed to have been given the opportunity to red-shirt as a freshman and then be able to graduate from Clemson in three-and-a-half years with a degree in communication studies,” said #55.

“I’m going to graduate again this December with my second degree in sociology. I’ve tried to make the most of my time here at Clemson. I realize that some day, the air in that football is going to eventually run out. After that happens, that ball will be nothing but a flat, and I’ll have to do more than just play football.

“That all starts with academics, and that’s part of the reason I chose Clemson. This university is one of the premier institutions in the country, and I’m very blessed to have had the opportunity to receive two degrees from this special place. I take pride knowing I will forever be a Tiger.”

And for the Clemson faithful who have spent the past five years watching Dalton Freeman grow as a man and a player, that feeling of pride is mutual.
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Inspiration can come in many forms, especially in the realm of sports. For those who have seen the movie, Rudy, about the Notre Dame football walk-on of the 1970s who faced adversity due to his size, you can see the payoff that hard work and dedication can have. While Rudy Ruettiger, the player who was the inspiration behind the movie, did not attend Clemson, the Tigers have their own inspirational rendition of that story.

Sam Van Gieson is a walk-on long snapper from Greenville, SC who stands 5’9” and weighs 185 pounds. He played for the Riverside High School Warriors and had a dream to play college football.

Coming from a long line of Clemson alumni, Van Gieson had attended Tiger football games since he was three. After applying to a few smaller schools and getting an offer from Newberry to play football, Van Gieson ultimately decided to pursue his dream to play at Clemson as a walk-on.

Van Gieson arrived at Clemson in the fall of 2008, but suffered a heartbreak when he did not make the team. He decided he would no longer pursue a spot on the Clemson roster.

"After I didn’t make it the first time, I was very, very distraught, because this has been my dream my whole life...to play for Clemson," stated Van Gieson.

However, he received some encouragement in the spring from a player and friend on that team, J.K. Jay, who convinced Van Gieson to give it another shot.

Van Gieson said that Jay told him, "The long snappers on the team were struggling and there was really only one." He said, "I should come back out and try out again." So I did."

Van Gieson received more encouragement from someone he had met almost 10 years prior, Ruettiger, the actual player who inspired the movie. After finding Ruettiger’s foundation online, Van Gieson emailed the inspirational player.

"I poured my heart out," admitted Van Gieson. "I was looking for a little feedback. I got an email back the next day telling me to stick with it. He knew a guy just like me who was a long snapper, walked on, and is in the NFL right now, still long snapping for about 15 years."

That spring in 2009, Van Gieson took a few snaps on Bowman Field before he proceeded to the Tigers’ practice.

"I walked out there and asked the special teams' coach, Coach (Andre) Powell, who is now at Maryland, if they needed some snappers. He said, hang around until the end of practice."

"I snapped some balls for him and he said, 'you’re in.'" Van Gieson had made the team and was excited to share the news.

"Whenever I made it in the spring, I sent him (Ruettiger) another email, letting him know I made it and thanked him for all of his kind words. He actually got that long snapper to email me and give me some words of encouragement to go back out. It was awesome for someone to do that who I met only one time, 10 years ago."

Van Gieson, through his dedication and hard work, has kept his spot on the team every year in spite of the high turnover rate of walk-ons.

"You can have 105 players at camp and 115 on the roster, and I was never in that 105 and I was always hanging by a thread."

Then finally coming in this year, Coach (Dabo) Swinney said, 'you're in...can't wait to have you back. We'll see you in August.'"

While Van Gieson graduated from Clemson with a degree in marketing last May and intends to pursue a career in sales, he has lived out his dream of playing Division I football for the university he has loved since childhood. Earlier this year in the second game against Ball State, he appeared in a game to do his specialty. He executed a flawless snap on an extra point, but the biggest moment for Van Gieson was seeing his name printed for the first time on the back of his jersey for his first Spring Game with the team.

"Every time I run down the hill, whether it is the Spring Game, a scrimmage, or in front of 80,000 fans at night, it is obviously the biggest moment. But when I walked in and saw that jersey, it meant I belonged."
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Lifting Cheers Throughout Clemson Country.
Q. How do you prepare for a game?
A. I listen to music.

Q. Who is the first person you call after a game?
A. My mom.

Q. What personal goals did you set for yourself this season?
A. To break every record possible at Clemson.

Q. What is your most memorable college football experience?
A. Winning the ACC Championship game in Charlotte. It was unforgettable.

Q. What is the best part of playing in Death Valley?
A. Running down the Hill.

Q. What’s it like to play so close to home?
A. Great, because all of my family can come to the game, and you have the whole town behind you.

Q. What is the biggest challenge of being a student-athlete?
A. Maintaining grades with the football schedule.

Q. What advice would you give incoming freshmen on the team?
A. Be patient and don’t rush the college experience.

Q. Who is your role model?
A. My mom. She raised four children on her own and she’s lost both of her brothers, but you’d never know by talking to her.

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Movie: Into the Wild
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Place to shop: Asos
Pro sports team: Real Madrid
Restaurant: Ruth’s Chris Steak House
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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 Barker 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.

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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 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 three 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, Brit and Jacob, a daughter-in-law, Rita Bolt Barker, and two granddaughters, Madeleine and Eliza.
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T erry 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 2009, 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 he 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 was also recognized nationally for his performance at Clemson in 2006 when he was honored by NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics) as the 2005-06 Athletic Director of the Year for the FBS Southeast Region. He was one of just four FBS athletic directors honored at the annual convention in New Orleans, LA.

Excellence in academics has been a lifelong pursuit. He has an undergraduate degree from Arkansas (1970), 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 Arkansas Bar, South Carolina Bar, American Bar Association, and Sports Lawyers Association.

Phillips maintains a classroom presence by teaching a sports law section in Clemson's accountancy & legal studies department. In addition, he is past chair of the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee 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 athletic director at Liberty (1980-81) and Louisiana-Lafayette (1983-88). He was an assistant athletic director at Missouri (1981-83) and began his administrative career as an assistant athletic director at Florida (1979).

Phillips began his career in college athletics coaching football. He started as a graduate assistant at Arkansas in 1970 and 1971. He moved on to Virginia Tech as an assistant coach (1971-78) before joining the ranks of athletic administration. At Virginia Tech, he served on coaching staffs that included future Clemson Head Coaches Charley Pell and Danny Ford.

Winning has been on Phillips' resume since his playing days at Arkansas. He lettered on three Frank Broyles teams, where he and his brother, Loyd, an Outland Trophy winner, were starting defensive tackles, the first brother combination to start together under Broyles. Arkansas had a 27-5 record in the three years, played in two Sugar Bowl games, and he played in the memorable 1969 national title game against Texas, a contest that continues to be featured on ESPN Classic.

In 2010, he joined Loyd in the University of Arkansas Hall of Honor. Phillips has two children, John Dennis and Sarah-Jane, and three stepchildren, Meagan (Clemson graduate and former Tiger Band member), Marshall, and Madison. His wife, Tricia, is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism and earlier enjoyed a career in athletics and development. She is currently active in the Clemson and Seneca communities.
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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 studded 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 as a player 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 (.591), a 10-10 mark 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, his players have had notable accomplishments 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 #2 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 #23 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

THE SWINNEY FILE

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

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

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

Personal Data
born October 30, 1969 in Birmingham, AL...married to Kathleen Satterfield...sister of former Tiger head coach Tommy Bowden...married to Kathleen Bar-
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Years as a full-time college coach: 14

Winning seasons: 11

Record as an assistant coach: 77-51 (.602)

Record as a head coach: 29-19 (.604)

Record at Clemson: 72-44 (.623)

In his first nine years as an assistant or 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 No. 1 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 No. 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, 1992, 1995), and five SEC Western Division titles (1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1999) 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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• 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. 
• Coach 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.

• 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. 
• Coach Dwayne Allen in 2011. He won the John Mackey Award and was a first-team All-American. Allen set school records for receptions (580), receiving yards (598), and receiving 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 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
Lettered three times as a tight end at Clemson (1985-87)... strength & conditioning All-American (1987).

Bowl Participation as a Player
1985 Independence Bowl...1986 Gator Bowl...1987 Orange Bowl.

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

Personal Data
Born February 17, 1965...he and his wife, Kristy, have one daughter (Taylor) and two sons (Tanner, Trent).

• 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 (Andre Ellington) and 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 (256.6) 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 (86%). 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.
Assistant Coaches

Brent Venables
Defensive Coordinator
Linebackers

• 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.
• Has coached in nine bowl games that are currently considered BCS bowls.
• Served as co-defensive coordinator at Oklahoma (1999-03) and defensive coordinator at Oklahoma (2004-11).
• Has coached two Butkus Award winners.
• His 2010 defense was seventh in the nation in turnover margin and 13th in pass efficiency defense.
• Broyles 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.
• Owns 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.

Charlie Harbison
Co-Defensive Coordinator
Defensive Backs

• In his second tour of duty at Clemson. He served as defensive backs coach under Head Coach Tommy West 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 the nation’s top-25 recruiters by Rivals in 2010.
• Helped Clemson to a top-25 ranking and the ACC Atlantic Division 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.
• 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).
• Has had two tours of duty at Alabama (1998-00, 2003-06).
• Started his coaching career at Gardner-Webb in 1984.

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, Msiba).

Marion Hobby
Co-Defensive Coordinator
(Shooting Game)
Defensive Ends

• 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 2006 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 (874 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, Mariiah, and Camille.
ASSISTANT COACHES

JEFF SCOTT
Recruiting Coordinator
Wide Receivers

- 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.
- 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.
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- 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.

Playing Experience
Lettered four times as a wide receiver at Clemson (2000-03).

Bowl Participation as a Player
1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine 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 Whiter of Spartanburg, SC.

ROBBIE CALDWEll
Offensive Linemen

- 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.
- 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.
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TONY ELLIOTT
Running Backs

- 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.
- In 2011, he coached one of the top receiving duos in school history in Sammy Watkins and DeAndre Hopkins. Watkins, the national freshman-of-the-year and a first-team All-American, had 82 receptions for a school-record 1,219 yards and a school-record 12 receiving touchdowns. Hopkins had 72 receptions for 978 yards.
- Helped the Tigers to a top-25 ranking and the ACC Atlantic Division Title in his first full season as an assistant in 2009.
- 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.

Playing Experience
Lettered three years as a wide receiver and holder at Clemson (2000-02).

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 28, 1980 in Arcadia, FL...married the former Sara McDaniels...son of former Clemson Assistant Coach Brad Scott (1999-10).
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WOODY McCORVEY

Responsibilities: Works with the defense from a research development standpoint...serves as assistant camp director...assists with 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.

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He supervises the football budget and works with the staff at Vickery Hall to oversee the team's academic progress. He also makes speaking engagements and represents the football staff at various meetings and functions.

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McCorvey coached at the Division I level for 26 years and went to a bowl game 17 of those seasons. Overall, he had 36 years of experience as a football coach. He coached or signed 36 players who went on to a professional football career as well.

In 2010, McCorvey was inducted into the Atmore (AL) Hall of Fame. The Atmore, AL native is married to the former Ann Brown. The couple has a son, Marlon.

BRAD SCOTT

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 1994-96. 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 Daryl. 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.

WESLEY GOODWIN

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 sports science from Tulsa in 2009...pursuing a master's degree in human resources at Clemson.

Personal: Born April 4, 1986 in Sapulpa, OK...single.

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FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

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 1983-87, 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 Tournaments. He was ACC Coach of the Year for the fourth time and Southeast Region Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 1993. Seven players he coached at Clemson were named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary team in 2002.

Johnston has 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 Woonor. He has a daughter, Kiera (22), and a son, Noah (5). A second daughter, Caylynn, passed away in 2008.

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 2006, he worked as a student volunteer and later in office administration (2003-05).

He received his undergraduate degree in broadcast journalism 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 (offense) 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.

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"Running down the hill is still talked about everywhere I go. Players who played against Clemson would hear it, but the noise was the biggest factor. I didn't concentrate as well because of it." — Herschel Walker after his only regular-season loss

"Howard's Rock has strange powers. When you rob it and run down the Hill, your adrenaline flows. It is the most emotional experience I have ever had." — All-American & six-time All-Pro Michael Dean Perry

"When Clemson players rub that Rock and run down the Hill, it's the most exciting 25 seconds in college football." — Brent Musburger, ABC Sports

"Death Valley really lives up to its image. I was impressed with this 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

"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. I was yelling at the top of my lungs and I couldn't hear what I was saying. That place was surreal as how loud it was. I don't think I will ever be in a louder place." — Florida State quarterback Chris Rix, 2001

"In 2003, Memorial Stadium, commonly known as 'Death Valley', reached an astounding 126 decibels when a packed crowd saw Charles Bennett's kick of Kyle Wright in the Tigers' game against Miami (FL). 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." — RealFootball365.com

"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 could never tell 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

"Went to a lot of great venues for college football, but this didn'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 coaches 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 20 in the nation in average home attendance. 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 11th 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 definitely 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 hedges.

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 Lonnie McMillian 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. Luckily, it wasn't built behind the YMCA.
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hat 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 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 finesk 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 Williamson, 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!” Williamson 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. McMillan and the other Blue Hose coaches before him used to open each season by playing at Clemson. Seldom scoring (24 shutouts in 39 games) and with only three wins and four ties to show for it, his teams were getting “killed” by the Tigers regularly. In 1948, McMillan made the comment to the press that he was taking his team to play Clemson in “Death Valley.”

An occasional reference to Memorial Stadium by that name could be heard for the next four years, but when Howard started calling it “Death Valley” 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 (353 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.

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

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2012 Clemson Football Season
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Sept. 15  FURMAN
Oct. 6  GEORGIA TECH
Oct. 19  ROCK THE JOHN
Oct. 20  VIRGINIA TECH
Nov. 10  MARYLAND
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 LIFElood 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.

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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.

MEMORIAL STADIUM’S FRONT DOOR

The everyday activities for the football program moved to Memorial Stadium on July 1, 2009. Tiger 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 Jervey 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 18,000 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 Jervey and McFadden buildings for the other 10 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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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 gridders 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 he 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 Mahon and Chris Statley. In 2012, Greenlee was named a Master Strength Coach.
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 Green-ville, SC. The couple has two sons, Michael and Benjamin.
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LB - Fr.
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73 Joe Gore
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31 Rashard Hall
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Saint Augustine, FL.

22 DeAndre Hopkins
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10 Adam Humphries
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Spartanburg, SC

50 Grady Jarrett
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12 Tony McNeal
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19 Justin Parker
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Moore, SC

28 Garry Peters
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Conyers, GA

17 Matt Porter
WR - So.
Charleston, SC

71 Spencer Region
QB - Fr.
Cullman, AL

15 Morgan Roberts
QB - Fr.
Charlotte, NC
TIGER ROOKIES

MEMORIAL STADIUM RECORDS

CLEMSON TEAM

- Total Offense: 756 vs. Wake Forest, 10-31-1981
- Plays: 102 vs. N.C. State, 11-17-2012
- Yards Per Play: 9.2 vs. North Texas, 9-4-2010
- Rushing Yards: 536 vs. Wake Forest, 10-31-1981
- Carries: 73 vs. Virginia, 10-21-1972
- Yards Per Carry: 10.3 vs. Presbyterian College, 9-22-1945
- Rushing Touchdowns: 11 vs. Presbyterian College, 9-22-1945
- Completions: 426 vs. N.C. State, 11-17-2012
- Passing Yards: 38 vs. Virginia Tech, 10-6-2007
- Passing Attempts: 67 vs. Virginia Tech, 10-6-2007
- Passing Efficiency (min. 15 att.): 262.9 vs. Furman, 9-15-2007
- Passing Touchdowns: 6 vs. Central Michigan, 10-20-2007
- Fumble Downs: 35 vs. Wake Forest, 10-31-1981
- Points: 35 vs. Central Michigan, 10-30-2007
- Punts: 82 vs. Wake Forest, 10-31-1981
- Punting Average: 45.8 vs. Wake Forest, 10-29-1977
- Yards: 11 vs. Furman, 11-2-1942
- Penalties: 13 vs. Pensacola N.A.S., 10-13-1945
- Penalty Yards: 11 vs. Wake Forest, 11-2-1945
- Fumble Return Yards: 13 vs. Duke, 10-17-1987
- Kickoff Return Yards: 155 vs. Wake Forest, 10-19-1977
- Interception Return Yards: 227 vs. Georgia Tech, 9-36-1987
- Interceptions By Defense: 165 vs. Maryland, 11-16-2002
- Fumbles: 131 vs. Western Carolina, 9-25-1962
- Fumbles Lost: 5 vs. many (3)

Tackles For Loss: 39 vs. Western Carolina, 9-25-1962
Sacks By Defense: 5 vs. many (3)
Pass Breakups: 11 vs. Western Carolina, 9-25-1962

CLEMSON INDIVIDUAL

- Total Offense: 520 by Tajh Boyd vs. N.C. State, 11-17-2012
- Rushing Yards: 263 by Raymond Priester vs. Duke, 11-11-1995
- Carries: 36 by Ray Nagy vs. Wake Forest, 10-18-1969
- Passing Yards: 430 by Tajh Boyd vs. N.C. State, 11-17-2012
- Completions: 38 by Cullen Harper vs. Virginia Tech, 10-6-2007
- Passing Attempts: 66 by Cullen Harper vs. Virginia Tech, 10-6-2007
- Passing Efficiency (min. 15 att.): 941.1 by Woodrow Danzler vs. The Citadel, 9-2-2000
- Passing Touchdowns: 261 by Cullen Harper vs. Central Michigan, 10-20-2007
- Receptions: 5 by Cullen Harper vs. many (2)
- Tackles For Loss: 5 by Tajh Boyd vs. many (2)
- Sacks By Defense: 12 by Airese Currie vs. Middle Tennessee, 9-13-2003
- Pass Breakups: 174 by Aaron Kelly vs. Virginia Tech, 10-6-2007
- Interceptions: 3 by Disher Gaston vs. Auburn, 11-21-1993
- Fumble Return Yards: 3 by Tony Home vs. Texas-El Paso, 10-4-1997
- Kickoff Return Yards: 3 by DeAndre Hopkins vs. Ball State, 9-8-2012
- Interceptions: 1 by C.J. Spiller vs. Florida State, 11-7-2009
-TD: 3 by Donald Woodard vs. Georgia Tech, 9-26-1987
- Kickoff Return Yards: 160 by John Shilest vs. Alabama, 10-25-1965
- Fumble Return Yards: 3 by many (4)
- Tackles: 24 by Jeff Davis vs. North Carolina, 11-8-1980
- Fumbles: 6 by Keith Adams vs. Duke, 11-6-1999
- Fumbles Lost: 3 by Keith Adams vs. Duke, 11-6-1999

Note: Clemson played its first home game at Memorial Stadium in 1942.
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Location: Columbia, SC
Enrollment: 30,271
Nickname: Gamecocks
Colors: Garnet & Black
Conference: Southeastern Conference
Home Field: Williams-Brice Stadium (80,250)
President: Dr. Harris Pastides
Athletic Director: Ray Tanner
First Year of Football: 1892
Series Record: Clemson leads 65-40-4
Athletic Website: GamecocksOnline.com

GAMECOCK COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH
Head Coach: Steve Spurrier (Florida '67)
Record at South Carolina (Seasons): 64-37 (8th)
Career Record (Seasons): 206-77-2 (23rd)

ASSISTANT COACHES
Coach | Position(s) | Alma Mater
Kirk Botkin | LB, Spur | Arkansas '94
Grady Brown | DL, FSTC | Appalachian State '79
Shawn Elliott | Co-OC, DL | Appalachian State '92
Brad Lawing | DL | Louisiana State '93
G.A. Mangus | QB | Arkansas '91
Rene Nicholson | ST, TE | Louisiana State '93
Everette Sands | RB | The Citadel '94
Steve Spurrier, Jr. | Co-OC, BC, WR | Duke '92
Lorenzo Ward | DC | Alabama '93

The University of South Carolina is home to more than 200 years of history and tradition, rising from a single building in 1805 on what would become the heart of the campus, the Horseshoe.

Today, the 11 buildings that make up the Horseshoe frame a lush lawn that is an irresistible gathering place for students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and the scene of many important university events.

While the Horseshoe will always be the symbol of USC's proud tradition, the University's presence and reach stretch across the Palmetto State, with branch campuses in Aiken, Spartanburg (Uptown), and the sea islands (Beaufort and the gateway to Hilton Head), and two-year regional campuses in Aiken, Lancaster, Sumter, Union, and Walterboro (Salkehatchie).

Together, they are building economic prosperity, fulfilling the University's mission of teaching, research, and service to the state, and preparing future leaders in business, law, education, the arts, tourism, communications, medicine, and the health sciences.

The University's mission is threefold: the education of the state's diverse citizens through teaching, research and creative activity, and service.

Among the noteworthy accolades for the University are:
- The University of South Carolina's Columbia campus has 324 degree programs through its 14 degree-granting colleges and schools.
- The University's Honors College is rated the #1 public university honors college in the nation based on honors college factors by the guidebook, "A Review of 50 Public University Honors Programs."
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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 $3 million structure is as impressive aesthetically as other athletic facilities. But the importance of Vickery Hall to our student-athletes is not found in the structure itself but in the many programs that the building houses.

Vickery Hall, located in the heart of Clemson's campus, opened its doors in 1991 as the first facility in the country constructed solely to provide academic support to student-athletes. 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.
Academic Commitment

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 & Planning. 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 David Treadwell in 1987-88.

Stephone Anthony, Xavier Brewer, Jaron 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 McGaughin, Madde Tarantolo) 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 swimming, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, men’s tennis, and women’s track & field.

Sixty-one student-athletes graduated 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 second-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 Sweeney 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 (921), 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 highest ranked team to end the season was women’s track & field, which finished in a tie for fourth at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. The other sports that finished their respective seasons in the top 25 were football, men’s golf, rowing, women’s tennis, and women’s indoor track & field.

Three Clemson student-athletes, Seth Broster (swimming), Alyssa Kulik (track), and Kim Ruck (track), were recipients of NCAA postgraduate scholarships. The Tiger athletic program had never previously had three award winners in the same academic year.
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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.
- 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-L@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.

Best Benefit: Any special arrangement by a 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 friends and 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 athletics 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 just those who were recruited or receive athletic scholarships, they are also those who participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Activities That Will Harm Prospective 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.
- 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 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.

Activities That Will Harm Current Student-Athletes
You may not...

- Generally provide benefits that are not available to other members of the Clemson student body.
- Provide extra benefits to student-athletes or their family and friends. Examples of prohibited benefits include (but not limited to):
  - Gifts of money, awards, food/drinks, or other tangible items.
  - Free or reduced housing agreements.
  - Loans of money or automobiles.
  - Professional services without charge or at a discount.
  - Promises of employment or loans following college graduation.
  - Sending student-athlete items to be autographed and returned or using autographed items to raise funds for high schools.
  - Use of ATM, credit, or other types of gift cards.
  - Use the name/image of a current student-athlete to advertise, recommend, or promote products/services.

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 could 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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1929 | Banks McMillan | B | 1
1930 | Joe Balock | C | 1
1931 | Joe Balock | E | 1
1932 | Ralph Jenkins | C | 1
1933 | Bobby Gage | B | 1
1934 | Jackie Cantor | S | 3
1935 | Tom Barton | OL | 2
1936 | Joel Wells | RB | 3
1937 | Lou Corrallone | OL | 1
1938 | Wayne Mass | OL | 1
1939 | Harry Olszewski | OL | 1
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2007 | Joel Wells | RB | 3
2008 | Lou Corrallone | OL | 1
2009 | Tom Barton | OL | 2
2010 | Joel Wells | RB | 3
2011 | Lou Corrallone | OL | 1
2012 | Tom Barton | OL | 2

* = unanimous All-American; Note: Highest All-America honor listed.
# First-Round Draft Picks

**C.J. Spiller**
- **RD 19** overall pick, 2010 NFL Draft

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Joining Yanity in the booth is former Tiger offensive lineman Will Merritt, who played for the Tigers from 1998-01. Merritt, in his 11th season with the network and 10th as the color commentator, was a starting offensive guard during the 2000 and 2001 seasons when he was named Second-Team All-ACC.

Patrick Sapp, who played quarterback and linebacker at Clemson from 1992-95, is in his sixth season as sideline commentator.

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Dr. Mark Speide is not only the director of Tiger Band, but he has the title “Director of Bands,” because he oversees all aspects of the band program. He also conducts the Symphonic Band, the top auditioned band at Clemson. He is the recipient of the Clemson University 2009 Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching (College of Architecture, Arts, & Humanities) and three Clemson University Board of Trustees Awards for Faculty Excellence (2008, 09, 12).

Speide has served the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) in a number of capacities, currently as president of the Southern division, encompassing 11 states. Speide previously served on the faculties at Texas and Florida as assistant director of bands. At Florida, he also taught percussion.

Speide earned a bachelor of music degree from Michigan, a master of music from Ball State, and a doctor of musical arts from Texas. He also arranges most of the music that Tiger Band plays.

Timothy Hurlbut is Assistant Director of Bands at Clemson, where his duties include Assistant Director of Tiger Band, Director of the Jazz Ensemble, Director of the Basketball Pep Band, and Conductor of the Concert Band. Before arriving at Clemson in 2008, Hurlbut spent three years teaching music in Port Huron, MI.

Hurlbut works as a clinician for both concert bands and marching bands at every educational level, from middle school to college. He has written several arrangements for athletic bands and concert bands in Michigan, Texas, and South Carolina, and he continues to write arrangements and marching band drill for high school and college marching bands across the country.

Hurlbut earned his bachelor of arts degree in music education from Michigan State in 2003 and his master of music degree in conducting from Texas State in 2008. He also writes all of the drill (visual formations) for Tiger Band.

Dr. Paul Buyer is Director of Percussion, Director of Music, and Professor of Music at Clemson, and he oversees the drumline for Tiger Band. He is the author of Working Toward Excellence: Eight Values for Achieving Uncommon Success at Work & Life, published by Morgan James Publishing (2012), and Marching Bands & Drumlines: Secrets of Success from the Best of the Best, published by Meredith Music Publications (2009).

Buyer is a contributing author to the second edition of Teaching Percussion, by Gary Cook, and his articles have appeared in American Music Teacher, Teaching Music, and Percussive Notes. He earned his doctor of musical arts and master of music degrees from Arizona and his bachelor of science degree from Ball State.

Lance Curry is the Drumline Instructor for Tiger Band. He received a degree in secondary education—mathematics from Clemson and a master’s degree in instructional technology from Georgia. Since graduating from Clemson, he has been teaching mathematics at Easley (SC) High School for the last seven years. While at Clemson, Curry was a member of the Clemson University Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Steel Band, and Tiger Band.

Terry Kent, a graduate of Furman, is the Color Guard Instructor (flags, rifles, sabers) for Tiger Band and has been the band director at Hillcrest (SC) Middle School for over 20 years. Kent has worked for Marching Auxiliaries for 25 years as summer camp staff, teaching and traveling weekly camps for rifles, flags, majorettes, drum majors, and dancers. There, he has served as an instructor, division head, and clinic director. Currently, he trains new staff and choreographs some of the routines that are taught at summer camps all across the country.

Patrick Mainieri has served as the Marching and Visual Instructor for Tiger Band since 2010. When not working with Tiger Band, Mainieri serves as Director of Bands at Gettys Middle School in Easley. The Gettys Middle School Band currently serves 275 students participating in three concert bands, a festival band, jazz band, pep band, and leadership team.

The Gettys Middle School band program has received the South Carolina Band Director’s Association (SCBDA) Outstanding Performance Award each year since his arrival. Mainieri received his bachelor of music degree in music education from Furman in 2006 and his master of arts degree in school administration with a concentration in secondary school leadership from Furman in 2012.

Hazel Cartee has been the instructor for the Tiger Band Twirlers for 19 seasons. She is co-owner of the Upstate Dance Studio. She has taught baton twirling and dance to thousands of girls over the past 30 years. Many have gone on to perform at major universities across the country and have won national awards. Cartee earned her degree in early childhood & elementary education from Anderson (SC).

Amy Demers-Lee is the instructor for the Tiger Dancers. She was a majorette at Georgia and won the USA and National College halftime Show Team Championship, the National Collegiate Majorette Line Halftime Show Team Championship, and the USA and National Senior Large Dance Twirl Championship. She earned a degree in advertising and comparative literature in 2009 and owns her own dance studio in Athens, GA.

Lindsey Rhodes is the Director & Twirler Coordinator for Tiger Band. She is of coordinating details and logistic for these very visible groups. She spends hours working on costumes, props, and organizing the Dancer/Twirler Day for young girls. She is co-owner of Upstate Dance Studio and was a twirler in Tiger Band.

Sonja Massey has been with Clemson for 24 years. For 15 of these years, she has served as Administrative Assistant for the Clemson Bands. Her tireless efforts are vital to the successful operation of Tiger Band and all of the bands at Clemson.

Massey is a resident of Seneca, SC, where she lives with her husband, Barry, daughter, Hannah, and two dogs. We also pay tribute to the seniors in Tiger Band who have dedicated their energy, time, and talents to make our organization a success—Alvin Ashby, Matthew Barber, Nicholas Bozzarelli, T’Ana Branhm, Clark Broughton, William Clegg, Molly Collins, Brittany Detz, Kyle Edge, Lauren Frederic, Parker Freundenger, Alicia Garland, Hannah Goldstein, Tyler Goodman, Shaquana Hampton, Rebecca Harmon, Colleen Healy, Alexandra Klevens, Kevin Kohn, Nicholas Kulmala, Travis Lecture, Kathyrn Linich, Richard Neldon, Kelly O’Donoghue, Lindsey Pelton, Heather Powell, Patrick Sanders, Laura Schwerzel, Wilson Scott, Frank Taylor, Trent Vanadore, James Vaughn, Chelsea Wallis, Daniel Watkins, Cayce Wilkinson.
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n sports, it is often said that “speed kills, but strength punishes.” That may be the case, but fifth-year senior outfielder Thomas Brittle has done his best to punish Tiger opponents with his speed.

The Cross, SC native transferred to Clemson after two seasons at College of Charleston, where he amassed just 77 at-bats in 76 games (15 starts). He also accumulated 31 runs and 16 stolen bases.

“At the end of the year, I was looking at Clemson and Coastal Carolina to choose between. I played summer ball and was in contact with both schools’ coaches.

“After my sophomore year at College of Charleston, I wasn’t comfortable where I was, so I decided to transfer,” explained Brittle. “The opportunity to face his former team on May 5 and delivered in a big way. With the Tigers trailing 3-2 in the 11th inning, Brittle stepped up to the plate with two outs and Brad Felder on third base. He lined a single to left field to tie the score and extend his hitting streak to nine games at the time.

“That is my favorite moment,” said Brittle, who had earlier hit walkoff singles to beat both #17 N.C. State and Charleston Southern over a five-day span in April. “After I got the hit to tie the score, we won on the next pitch.

“I had a little chip on my shoulder for that game, because I wanted to show-out and I ended up getting a big hit.”

Despite his success and a 22-game hitting streak, Brittle looks to improve his consistency at the plate in 2013.

“The biggest thing that I was disappointed with last year was my consistency at the plate,” said #4. “I started the year really hot and then cooled off.

“I’m trying to be more consistent so I’m not as much of an up-and-down hitter as I was last year. That way, the coaches will know more of what to expect game-in and game-out from me at the plate.”

Brittle exhibited his value to the team in the field as well. He made many diving catches to save hits and runs, and he also had a team-high nine outfield assists.

Brittle will be one of just four returning starters in the field for the Tigers in 2013. However, he is hopeful of another trip to Omaha for the Clemson program.

“I think this year we have a good mix of old guys and new guys. We should be able to gel and can hopefully get to Omaha and go out on a good note.”

THOMAS BRITTLE

They say that blood is thicker than water. However, for Clemson senior rower Heather Cummings, blood, or in this case, family, and water are quite intertwined.

The Virginia Beach, VA native came to Clemson in 2010, following in the footsteps of her older sister, Brittany, who was an All-America rower at Clemson from 2007-10.

Although the two were extremely competitive and each participated in several sports in high school, Brittany encouraged her younger sister to add rowing to her endeavors.

“I played basketball, soccer, and volleyball, so I had always played a lot of sports, and my sister rowed all four years in high school,” said Heather.

“You should try rowing,” said the elder Cummings to her younger sister. “So I tried it and realized it was something I really loved.”

Keeping with family tradition, the younger Cummings followed in her older sister’s footsteps to Clemson. As a Tiger, Cummings has left her mark on the rowing program the past three years.

In her sophomore campaign, Cummings rowed the three-seat for the first Varsity 8 that finished second at the ACC Championships and was named ACC Crew-of-the-Year. Cummings was also named second-team All-South Region and was an All-ACC Academic team member.

Her most noteworthy accomplishment, however, was captured during her junior season. The health science major was named All-ACC Academic, first-team All-South Region, and an All-ACC selection.

Cummings was also a CRCA Second-Team All-American. With this recognition, Cummings and her sister, Brittany, became the first pair of sisters at Clemson to be named rowing All-Americans.

“I had no clue that we were the only sister pair to be named All-Americans,” admitted Cummings. “It was one of my goals to be as good as her. When the coach came to me and told me, I burst into tears and started calling her.”

In preparation for her final season as a Tiger, Cummings trained with a different family...her teammates.

“We were in and out of the boathouse all summer long, training and getting ready for the spring season. We have worked really hard this fall. “As a team, we have gotten so much better than we have been in the past year. Everyone is making dramatic increases in their performance.”

Even though family is what brought her to Clemson, she found a larger family when she arrived in Tigertown.

“The Clemson Family is like none other,” she said. “When people come to this school, they’re amazed at the support and how close people are. The girls on the team are actually like my family."

“If I have a problem, I go to them. You work out together, you have ups and downs together, and you know people are there for you, no matter what. They have your back.”

As Cummings looks toward her senior season, she accomplished almost everything that her sister, Brittany, was able to accomplish at Clemson with one exception...an ACC Championship.

Brittany won an ACC Individual Boat title as a member of the Varsity 8 in 2009. Heather will look to join her sister as an ACC Rowing Champion in 2013.

Cummings is focused on continuing to improve and has high hopes for this team. “This season, personally, I want to break seven (minutes) on my leg. Last year, I was 7:00.3, so I want to beat that in my 2K test.

“As a team, we want to make it to the NCAA’s and be one of the top 10 teams.”

Despite all of her success on the water, she has aspirations away from rowing once her Tiger career has come to an end.

“After graduation, I plan to go to graduate school and get my degree in surgical technology, and then pursue a job as a surgical assistant.”

No matter what Cummings does after her career at Clemson has ended, she will be remembered, along with her sister, for all her accolades and accomplishments in the boat. With any luck, she will be able to add to that list of accomplishments in 2013 in her final season as a Tiger.
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Clemson Celebrated 70 Years in Memorial Stadium on September 19, 2012. This is a good time to review some of the top games, performances, and plays in those 70 seasons. Today is the last installment in the series.

Greatest Senior Day Performances

in Memorial Stadium History

Terry Smith
Virginia, 1993
While he only had two receptions on his Senior Day in 1993, it was a memorable game for the late Terry Smith against Virginia. On this day, he became Clemson's career leader in receiving yards, and he did so on a 73-yard touchdown reception that was the key play of the game in Clemson's 23-14 victory.

Brandon Streeter
Duke, 1999
With all the recent strong passing performances by Tiger quarterbacks, it might surprise you that the top Senior Day performance by a Tiger senior in terms of passing yards still belongs to Brandon Streeter. The 1999 season was a difficult one in terms of health for Streeter, as he suffered multiple injuries during the course of the season. He had taken the Tigers to victory in relief during the previous week at Wake Forest, a game he was not supposed to be able to play, and was back on the field for the Duke game in his final home appearance.

That day, he conducted Head Coach Tommy Bowden's offense with precise passes over the middle and completed 22-30 passes for 279 yards and two touchdowns. His final touchdown pass in Death Valley was an 18-yard strike to Brian Woford, his close friend and classmate who was tragically killed in an auto accident this past summer.

Fred Cone
Furman, 1950
Fred Cone closed out his Ring of Honor career in a 57-2 win over Furman. Head Coach Frank Howard's favorite player of all-time gained 145 yards on 19 carries, caught a 39-yard pass to set up a score, scored two touchdowns, and even kicked an extra point.

It was an easy but an important win for the Tigers, who improved to 7-0-1. Clemson moved to #11 in the AP poll with the victory and kept its hopes alive for an unbeaten season and an Orange Bowl bid.

Woodrow Dantzler
Duke, 2001
Woodrow Dantzler became the first player in Division I history to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 2,000 yards in one season on his Senior Day against Duke in 2001. This was not supposed to be his Senior Day game, but the events of 9/11 postponed the game with Duke on September 15 and moved it to the end of the season on December 1.

Dantzler finished this game with 135 rushing yards and 243 passing yards in just three quarters of play, a typical performance for Dantzler during his last two seasons.

He went over the 1,000-yard rushing mark with an 18-yard jaunt with just under six minutes left in the third quarter, much to the delight of the crowd who was well aware of the accomplishment. Overall, Dantzler set eight Tiger records on this day in which he accounted for five touchdowns (four passing, one rushing) in this 59-31 Clemson victory.

Charlie Whitehurst
Florida State, 2005
Charlie Whitehurst, #2 on the Clemson career list for wins by a starting quarterback, had a memorable final day in Memorial Stadium, as he led the Tigers to a 35-14 victory over #17 Florida State, a team that would go on to win the ACC Championship.

Whitehurst completed 21-32 passes for 269 yards and three touchdowns, including two in the third quarter when Clemson went on a 21-0 run. His favorite target was
junior Chansi Stuckey, who had 11 receptions for 156 yards and two touchdowns. Whitehurst would go on to lead Clemson to wins over South Carolina, his fourth as a starting quarterback, and Colorado in the Champs Sports Bowl to finish with 25 career victories.

RODNEY WILLIAMS
South Carolina, 1988

Rodney Williams’ 31st career victory as Clemson’s starting quarterback might have been his most satisfying, as the Tigers defeated rival South Carolina for the first time since 1985 with a 20-10 victory. Williams completed 13-26 passes for 192 yards and also gained 38 yards on five carries. He scored Clemson’s final touchdown in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach. His 192 passing yards and 230 yards of total offense were season highs for Williams, who remains Clemson’s career leader in victories by a starting quarterback with 32.

Williams, a native of Columbia, had been heckled by Gamecock fans the previous year in South Carolina’s 20-7 victory at Williams-Brice Stadium. But this time when Clemson fans chanted his name, “Rodney, Rodney,” it was recited in an entirely different cadence with an entirely different meaning.

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 a special one with 21 tackles in Clemson’s 29-21 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. Anderson was named Sports Illustrated National Defensive Player-of-the-Week for his performance.

PERRY TUTTLE
Maryland, 1981

All-American Perry Tuttle had a wonderful Death Valley sendoff with 10 receptions for 151 yards in Clemson’s 21-7 victory over Maryland on this chilly Saturday afternoon. He had two touchdown catches from Homer Jordan, one in the first quarter and one in the second quarter. Tuttle’s 10 receptions tied a career high, and his 151 yards were the second-most of his career. It was just the fifth game in Clemson history in which a Tiger receiver had 10 catches in a game.

The performance happened on a big stage, because the victory made Clemson 10-0 for the season and maintained the Tigers’ #2 national ranking. The victory also clinched the ACC Championship.

It was a special day for Tuttle, because he also became Clemson’s career receptions leader, passing former teammate and mentor Jerry Butler.

KEVIN MACK
Maryland, 1982

The Tiger record for rushing yards on a Senior Day by a senior is still held by Kevin Mack. The native of Kings Mountain, NC, who played his high school football for current Clemson Associate Head Coach Dan Brooks, had 186 yards on 30 carries and three scores in the Tigers’ 52-27 win.

Mack scored on runs of six yards and one yard in the first half when Clemson took a 28-7 lead. He scored his third touchdown in dramatic fashion in the fourth quarter. On his final carry in Memorial Stadium, he sprinted 42 yards for a touchdown with only one shoe. During the run, he lost a shoe, but it never slowed him down.

The Tigers finished with 350 yards on 68 carries, so Mack had more than half the team’s real estate.

WILLIE UNDERWOOD
South Carolina, 1980

This might be the most important individual performance in Clemson history. The Tigers had a 5-5 record entering the final game of the 1980 season and were coming off a 34-7 loss at Maryland, the worst setback of Danny Ford’s 11-year head-coaching career at Clemson.

Led by eventual Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers, South Carolina was 8-2, including a win at Michigan, and was ranked #16 in the nation.

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

Underwood had a 64-yard return that set up Clemson’s first touchdown, then returned his other interception 37 yards to paydirt in the fourth quarter to clinch 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 1981 National Championship the following season. Underwood was not on that squad, 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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OPENING IN DECEMBER!
When fans envision an indoor practice facility like the one that is currently being completed for the Clemson football team, certain stereotypes come to mind. Common perceptions are largely simplistic. In nature, and the idea that a facility that is solely for game preparation, out of the gaze of onlookers, carries a large amount of importance seems crazy.

But the facility was never about football alone. In fact, as the $10 million structure sees its construction enter the latter phases, its design will serve to unify the athletic department, while providing Tiger football with a cutting-edge structure that helps complete a nationally-relevant program.

On its face, the facility does exactly what it purports to do...provide a place for Head Coach Dabo Swinney to take his football team in case of inclement weather without disrupting a schedule of events that is packed full on a daily basis. It equips the Tigers with a lavish place to prepare for opponents in a game-like atmosphere, as early as December, when the team will be getting ready for a bowl game.

"This will make a huge impact," explained Swinney. "We will never miss a day again. This will be great for our offseason program and our recruiting. It's another step toward being and providing the absolute best for our players."

The building houses an 80,000-square-foot practice area that includes a full football field. The field is surrounded by ample sideline space to provide a comfortable environment. In order to simulate a game-day experience, there is a fully-functional, game-ready scoreboard inside the facility along with four play-clocks and a video-board equal to the size of the new video-boards in the Northwest and Southwest corners of Memorial Stadium that will rest above the west endzone.

High above the fields, on the second story of the nearly 70' structure, is a long coaches platform so that practice can be viewed from above. In addition, by way of a short corridor, the platform extends to the back side of the building, so that any drills taking place outside on the other two practice fields can be properly seen from inside the building.

The facility has some amenities that make it an attractive piece of the Tiger football program's recruiting strategy. Visitors are greeted by a formal entry to the building that includes a guest area. This portion of the facility will be used to entertain recruits, their families, and any visitors. There is also an overlook onto the indoor practice field above the guest area on the second floor.

According to Robert Ricketts, associate athletic director for facilities & grounds, the aspects of the new indoor practice structure that seem like extra add-ons are actually essential to constructing a complex that is competitive with Clemson's peer institutions and football programs.

"We have some bells and whistles in this particular venue that should put us ahead of the curve initially," said Ricketts. "I'm sure others will see what we've done and try to do similar things in the future."

Ricketts commented that one of the goals of facility upgrades is to supplement existing structures and provide a sense of unity across the different sports in the athletic department, as well as the variety of wings across the university. He said the surroundings of the football practice area were heavily weighed into discussions, related to the layout and dimensions of the Indoor facility.

"If you look in our immediate area, we have an extremely large building...the indoor track," said Ricketts. "It was important not that we mirror the indoor track, but that they had some similarities in design."

Unity and efficiency were both driving forces behind some of the usages of additional space within the new indoor football practice facility. Since the men's and women's soccer teams practice on fields adjacent to the football team, there are several rooms within the building that will be available to other athletic teams to use.

The indoor facility, which includes more than 5,000 square feet of support, will contain a small strength & conditioning area and a training room. The plan is for men's and women's soccer to use these spaces, along with the football team. In addition, planners included space for both Tiger soccer programs to store equipment alongside football. This will give this segment of the Clemson athletic complex a centralized location for equipment and training.

"From a student-athlete safety standpoint, having a training room right next to the practice fields in a contact sport is a positive move," said Ricketts. "Also, having some facilities that will serve the men's and women's soccer programs is a real boost."

Today, the facility is almost complete. In fact, many of the finishing touches will come after the conclusion of today's game, when the threat of football parking and consistent foot traffic subsides. Among these yet-to-be-completed items are plans to add a walkway leading up to the front of the building, one of the final pieces to a puzzle that has been in the university's plans for several years.

"There will be some items that we'll deal with considerably after the season, like landscaping," said Ricketts. "We want to make sure we have all the traffic out of here before we put the finishing touches on the pathway to the building."

Much like the massive videoboard and the training table, the indoor practice facility has become key in the arms race of major college football. Ricketts said there is now somewhat of a checklist of things a program needs to fulfill its maximum potential, and an indoor facility is squarely on the list.

The idea that upgrades for men's and women's soccer and men's and women's track & field accompanied this particular enhancement made a project that seems too simple to the average fan into a complex structure capable of assisting in the day-to-day operations of several of Clemson's athletic programs.

For example, the synthetic turf installed in the indoor track for the football program a few years ago will remain and will continue to be an asset to the track & field program. Furthermore, the track & field program will no longer have to share its facility with the football program.

As far as the football program is concerned, the Tigers have performed at a high level this season. The effort and achievement of the 2012 team embody the look of the program to outsiders, as facility upgrades centered in the WestZone and continued through the indoor practice facility give the program a first-class façade to present to fans, alumni, and prospective Tigers.

As construction closes on the new practice facility, a new wave of opportunity has opened to display the pride and passion of Clemson football to the world in a unique way that those associated with the program can be proud to call their own.
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The #35 is special today on this Senior Day... at least for me personally and for the dozens of Clemson seniors who will suit up for the last time in this cathedral of college football.

It is my 35th Senior Day, as I saw my first one in 1978 when Ring of Honor legends Steve Fuller and Jerry Butler as well as future NFL stars Joe Bostic and Dwight Clark played in Memorial Stadium for the last time. Clemson completed a 10-1 regular season with a 41-23 victory over South Carolina that November 25 afternoon.

For the current Clemson senior class, the #35 is also significant, as it has 35 wins over the last four years. This senior class will also attempt to duplicate the accomplishments of that 1978 senior group by closing a regular season with just one loss by defeating the same longtime rival.

Unlike that 1978 senior class, this group is small in numbers. There are just 12 seniors in the class, the smallest Clemson senior class since 1985. However, many have significant accomplishments.

Dalton Freeman has played more snaps than any other Tiger and has been a Rimington Trophy finalist. Andre Ellington is fourth in Tiger history in rushing, while Rashard Hall is third in school history in takeaways. Jonathan Meeks is fifth in interception return yards as well.

Every one of the 12 seniors has been a big contributor to Clemson’s 10-1 record and a top-10 national ranking entering tonight’s game. How often do you see such a young team (only 25 juniors and seniors) have such an outstanding season?

The 10 victories, all but one achieved by at least two touchdowns, are the product of excellent coaching, but also the result of outstanding leadership on the part of this year’s seniors.

This small group grew with Head Coach Dabo Sweeney, who was in his first full season (2008) guiding the program when many of the current seniors were red-shirting. They have changed the program’s image with its own fans and with fans nationally, giving this program an intangible benefit that could last for a long time.

"When I became the head coach on a full-time basis, I told the team in our first meeting that we needed to change the culture," said Sweeney. "We needed to gain in confidence, creating a culture whereby we expect to win. We needed to start that process by being a dominant team at home."

Entering today’s game, the Tigers have won 13 straight home games, the most consecutive home wins "of any patch of grass" on campus. Overall, this senior class has a record of 24-3 at home, the best four-year run since the seniors of 1991.

In ACC play, this class is 23-9 in the regular season, won the ACC Atlantic Division title three of four years, and captured the 2011 ACC Championship. The 23-win total is a school record as well.

Sweeney also stated that the program needed to become more consistent. There are many examples of consistency throughout the careers of today’s seniors. Clemson is on a run of 26 straight polls in which it has been ranked in the top 25 in the nation, something only seven other programs nationally can say. It is also the third-longest streak in school history.

A more simple example of consistency is the wins and losses. This is the first time since the 1987-90 era that Clemson has had back-to-back seasons with at least 10 wins. This is also the first time since 1990 that Clemson has won at least nine games in an even-numbered season. That may sound like a strange stat, but it shows how the program is on the rise.

Years from now, we may look back on the 12 players from the 2012 senior class as one of the most significant classes in Clemson history. In fact, they may be up there with that senior class 35 years ago.

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