

## Clemson vs. Georgia Series

•Georgia holds a 41-17-4 advantage in the series that dates to the 1897 season. Georgia won that first meeting 24-0 in Athens in the season opener that year. It was the fourth game in Clemson history and the first time Clemson played a game outside the state of South Carolina. Georgia's football history dates to 1892 and that first meeting with Clemson was the 25<sup>th</sup> in Bulldog history.

•Georgia holds a 26-7-1 advantage in the series in games played at Georgia, including a 20-2 lead in games played at Sanford Stadium.

•Georgia has an 8-6-2 lead in games played in Clemson Memorial Stadium, one of just three opposing schools with a winning record over the Tigers in Death Valley, given a minimum of three games played. The others are Florida State (7-5) and Auburn (4-3).

•Georgia won the first three games of the series, all in Athens between 1897 and 1899. Clemson's first win was a 39-5 triumph in Athens in 1900 behind head coach John Heisman. The victory gave Heisman a 4-0 record to open his first season. Heisman was a perfect 4-0 against Georgia as Clemson coach. Clemson actually won seven games in a row in the series between 1900-06 and held a 7-3 lead in the series 10 games in.

•Clemson won at Georgia in 1914 by a 35-13 count and then did not post a win in Athens again until 1977 when Charley Pell led the Tigers to victory 7-6.

•The two teams were 8-8-1 against each other from 1897-1914, then Georgia went on a 21-1-2 run in the series between 1915-73. Clemson's only win during that time was a 26-7 win in 1955. Clemson broke an eight-game losing streak in 1974 with a 28-24 win at Death Valley.

•The two teams tied in a 1963 game played in Death Valley, 7-7. That game is noteworthy because it was played in a hailstorm, an event that delayed the game for 20 minutes a halftime. The temperature at kickoff was 83 degrees, but it dropped to 57 degrees just before intermission.

•The two teams split 11 games between 1977-87. The 11 games were separated by 12 total points as Georgia outscored Clemson 171-159 in those 12 games. When Danny Ford and Vince Dooley coached against each other nine times in that period the aggregate score was 153 for Georgia and 152 for Clemson. Ford and Dooley were 4-4-1 against each other in that time span.

•Georgia has won the last five meetings, in 1991, 1994, 1995, 2002 and 2003. But, there have been close games in that five-game winning streak for the Bulldogs. The 1995 contest was a 19-17 Georgia win at Death Valley. Both teams went on to bowl games that year. Torin Kirtsey led Georgia with 38 carries for 195 yards. It is the second most carries ever in a game against Clemson.

In 2002, Georgia won 31-28. Clemson had a 46-yard field goal attempt to tie the game with a minute left, but Aaron Hunt's attempt was just short. Clemson held the Bulldogs to 203 yards of total offense in the game, a season low for the 13-1 Bulldogs of 2002.

\*Georgia defeated Clemson 30-0 in 2003 in the last meeting between the two teams. That is the last time Clemson has been shut out. Clemson has scored in 128 games in a row since. That 2003 Clemson team gained 5,467 yards for the year, the third most in a season in Clemson history.

•Clemson last defeated Georgia in 1990 by a 34-3 score under first-year head coach Ken Hatfield. Clemson's defense, led by future pros Levon Kirkland, Ed McDaniel, Brentson Buckner, Chester McGlockton and Robert O'Neal, held the Bulldogs out of the endzone all day.

## An Epic Game

### Clemson vs. Georgia

September 19, 1981

Clemson Memorial Stadium

## Game Summary

"I am anxious to go up against the top back in the nation," said Clemson linebacker Jeff Davis prior to the game. "Last year, Herschel (Walker) was a freshman who played like a senior. But things are going to be different when he comes to Death Valley this year. He'll find he won't be able to do as well against this senior."

Davis showed his teammates he had the confidence to beat the defending national champions, a team that had never lost with Herschel Walker in its lineup. In fact, Clemson's 13-3 victory that September 19 day would be the only regular season loss of Walker's three-year career with the Bulldogs.

Once again it was the defense that carried the day for Clemson. The Tigers forced nine turnovers, and 32 years later that is still the Clemson record for turnovers forced (five interceptions and four fumbles) in a game. The nine takeaways were recorded by nine different players.

Buck Belue threw five interceptions and lost a fumble for six of the nine turnovers. Walker had lost just one fumble his entire freshman season when he had gained over 1600 yards, an all-time NCAA freshman record. He had three fumbles in this game, two that were recovered by the Clemson defense, including one by William Perry when he seemingly just shoved Walker aside to scoop up the ball.

Walker would get 118 yards rushing on 28 carries in this game, but he never got in the Clemson endzone. In fact he would play three games against the Tigers in his career without scoring a touchdown, joining Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers of South Carolina with that career note against Clemson's defense.

This was a true rock-em-sock game from the outset, as the two teams combined for only 486 yards of total offense. Clemson had just 236 yards on the day, its lowest total of the season, but still won by double digits. Field position was a big issue and freshman Dale Hatcher was an unsung hero as he averaged 43 yards a punt on seven boots.

Clemson scored 10 points in the second quarter and they held up. An interception by Tim Childers set up the only touchdown of the day, an eight-yard pass from Homer Jordan to Perry Tuttle. Donald Igwebuike kicked two field goals, one in the second quarter and one in the fourth quarter. Georgia's only points came on a Kevin Butler field goal on the Bulldogs first drive of the second half.

Georgia had won 15 consecutive games, the longest active winning streak in college football at the time. Their number-four national ranking was the highest ranked team Clemson defeated in Death Valley over the first 107 years of Clemson football!

## Stars of the Game

Offense: Athens, GA native Homer Jordan threw for 135 yards and a touchdown and had 25 rushes for 59 yards to lead the Clemson offense against Georgia.

Defense: On a day that Clemson forced nine turnovers, Danny Triplett was the only Tiger defender to win ACC Player of the Week honors. He had a then career high 11 tackles to help stuff the Georgia run.

## Stat of the Game:

\*Clemson forced nine turnovers (five interceptions and four fumbles) in the win over Georgia, giving the Tiger defense 16 forced turnovers over consecutive games against Tulane and the Bulldogs. The nine forced turnovers is still a Clemson record for the Tiger defense in a single game.

## Postgame Quotes

"We've got no excuses. They beat us. We made a lot of mistakes. They played a good game and we didn't." Georgia running back Herschel Walker.

"Georgia wanted to go toe-to-toe and jaw-to-jaw, and I think our guys accepted it real well. That's the same thing we told our players. We just wanted to prove we could play with them...and we did." Clemson Head Coach Danny Ford.

## Impact on the Polls

Clemson's 13-3 victory over the fourth-ranked team in the nation finally put the Tigers on the national map. Clemson moved to number-19 in the AP poll and number-18 in the UPI poll after this victory.

## Notes of Interest

\*Clemson would go on to score 316 points in the 11 regular season games of 1981, the exact same total Georgia scored the previous season when it won the 1980 National Championship.

\*Clemson won the battle of britches in this game. Georgia suffered its first loss in Silver Britches, while Clemson raised its record in Orange Pants to 2-0. Clemson had first won in the all orange attire for the win over South Carolina to close the 1980 season.

## Clemson vs. Georgia 1977-87

The Clemson vs. Georgia series reached its high point during the 11 games played between 1977-87. The two teams were 5-5-1 against each other during that period and nine of the 11 contests were decided by seven points or less.

During that time, Georgia scored 171 points and Clemson scored 159 so there were just 12 total points difference between the two teams over an 11-game period. The average margin of victory for the winner was just 4.7 points per game during those 11 years. The teams were fairly even in other categories also. Clemson averaged 311 yards per game during that period against Georgia and the Bulldogs averaged 286.3. Clemson had 11 more first downs in the 11 games combined.

Here is a game-by-game short rundown of the games during that series.

Year	Site	Winer, Score	Summary
1977	GA	CU, 7-6	Georgia fails on 2-point play with 20 seconds left
1978	GA	GA, 12-0	Georgia shut out Clemson offense that had 6 future NFL starters
1979	CU	CU, 12-7	Tigers rush for 306 yards, shut GA out until final minute
1980	GA	GA, 20-16	CU outgains GA 351-157, runs 90 plays, yet loses. GA Wins Nat. Title
1981	CU	CU, 13-3	Tigers force record 9 turnovers and defeats #4 GA on way to Nat. Title
1982	GA	GA, 13-7	Georgia wins battle of 1980 and 1981 National Champs on blocked punt
1983	CU	16-16 Tie	Both teams attempt 60-yard+ field goals on last two plays of the game.
1984	GA	GA 26-23	Kevin Butler boots 60-yard field goal with 11 seconds left.
1985	CU	GA, 20-13	First National network TV game from Clemson, GA rushes for 360
1986	GA	CU, 31-28	David Treadwell boots 46-yard field goal on last play of the game
1987	CU	CU, 21-20	Treadwell boots 21-yarder with two seconds left to win game.

### Two Talented Teams

Clemson and Georgia have combined to win 43 games over the last two years, 22 by Georgia and 21 by Clemson. Obviously, both schools have done a very good job in recruiting talented players. A look to the ESPN 150 lists from the last four years shows that Georgia has signed 23 top 150 players and Clemson has signed 21. The two schools rank 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> nationally.

### Most ESPN 150 Signees, 2010-13

Rk	School	No.
1.	Alabama	46
2.	Florida	44
3.	Texas	39
4.	Florida State	37
5.	Southern California	36
6.	Ohio State	28
7.	LSU	25
	Notre Dame	25
9.	Auburn	24
10.	Georgia	23
11.	Clemson	21
12.	Miami (FL)	20
	Oklahoma	20
14.	UCLA	18
15.	Michigan	16
	Tennessee	16

### Clemson and Georgia Ties

Georgia tight end Jay Rome is the son of former Clemson football and basketball star Stan Rome. Stan played football and basketball for Clemson during the 1975-76 academic year, then played just basketball over his final two years. On the gridiron he caught passes from Steve Fuller and Mike O'Cain.

In the 1975 game at Georgia, Rome had a 62-yard touchdown reception, his first career touchdown and the longest catch of his Clemson career. He finished the game with two catches for 70 yards and the yardage would be the most in a single game in his career.

Stan Rome returned to the gridiron at the professional level in 1979, playing for the Kansas City Chiefs. He played 42 games over four years for the Chiefs where he again teamed up with Steve Fuller.

Georgia Head Coach Mark Richt has a son named Jon, who signed with the Tigers in the recruiting class of 2006. Jon was a quarterback for the Tigers who red-shirted that season. He later transferred to Mars Hill. Jon Richt was coached at Clemson by Tommy Bowden. Mark Richt had been an assistant coach under Bobby Bowden at Florida State before he became the head coach at Georgia.

### Clemson and Georgia Unanimous Top 15 Teams

Clemson is one of 10 schools ranked in the top 15 of 15 different major preseason college football publications. The range of Clemson's ranking is from sixth to 15<sup>th</sup> with an average ranking of 9.27.

The highest Clemson is ranked is sixth, by Athlon and Scout.com. Clemson is also seventh according to Lindy's Magazine and eighth by USA Today. Clemson is in the top 10 in 12 of the 15 publications.

Of the 10 schools ranked in the top 15 of all 11 publications, Clemson's average ranking of 9.27 is ninth best. Alabama is the consensus number-one, as the two-time defending champions are ranked first in 13 of the 15 polls. Only CBSSports.com and ESPN.com have Alabama ranked second. Ohio State is the number-one team in both of those polls.

The other schools ranked in the top 15 of all 11 publications are Alabama, Ohio State, Oregon, Texas A&M, Stanford, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisville and Notre Dame. Clemson plays two of the other nine schools on the list, Georgia in the opener and South Carolina in the sea-

son finale. The Tigers will begin playing Louisville on an every year basis in 2014 when Louisville joins the ACC.

Clemson was ranked ninth in the final USA Today Coaches poll and 11<sup>th</sup> by Associated Press after defeating LSU in the Chick-fil-A Bowl. The Tigers were ranked in every poll last year and have a streak of 30 straight top 25 rankings, one of just six schools nationally that have been in the top 25 in 30 straight polls.

As stated above, Clemson and Georgia are both in the top 15 of all 15 polls. But Georgia is ranked higher than Clemson in 12 of the 15. The only three polls that had Clemson higher were Scout.com, Sporting News, and Si.com.

### Clemson and Georgia in Preseason Polls

Poll	Clemson	Georgia
ESPN.com	12	7
Phill Steele	15	9
Fox.com	9	5
Scout.com	6	7
Si.com	10	11
Athlon	6	4
Lindy's	7	6
Sporting News	9	12
USA Today Sports	8	4
CBSSportsline	12	6
Bleacher Report	10	9
ESPN Magazine	9	6
USA Today Coaches	8	5
Associated Press	8	5
Sports Illustrated Magazine	10	12

### Tigers from Georgia

Georgia has been a top recruiting area for Clemson for many years. The school is just 20 miles from the Georgia/South Carolina state line and, the distance between the Clemson campus and the Georgia campus is just about an 80-minute drive. It is just 59 miles as the crow flies.

This year's Clemson team has 15 players from the state of Georgia, including as many as six starters on defense. The top Tigers from Georgia include David Beasley (Columbus), starting offensive guard (Columbus), Vic Beasley (Adairsville), starting defensive end who led the 2012 team in sacks, Corey Crawford (Columbus), starting defensive end, and Grady Jarrett (Conyers) starting defensive tackle who was co-defensive player of the year for 2012. Martin Jenkins (Roswell) and Garry Peters (Conyers) are two defensive backs who could start.

Clemson's National Championship team of 1981 had 22 players from the state of Georgia and 23 from South Carolina. Jeff Bryant (Atlanta) was an All-American on that team. Other Clemson All-Americans who came to Tigertown from the state of Georgia are Robert Carswell, Keith Adams, Chris Gardocki, Nathan Bennett and Leroy Hill. Carswell and Gardocki were from Stone Mountain, while Adams was from College Park.

Nick Eason, from Lyons, GA, was not an All-American, but won a Super Bowl Championship ring with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Charlie Whitehurst, now in the NFL with San Diego, was from the Atlanta, GA area and is still second in Clemson history in victories by a starting quarterback with 25. He is the only quarterback in the history of the Clemson vs. South Carolina series to win four times as starting quarterback.

### Clemson Players from Georgia

Name	Yr	Pos	Hometown	High School
Nathan Bennett	Fr.	OG	Dallas	Paulding County
Kwam Williams	Fr.	LB	Conley	Westlake
David Beasley	Jr	OG	Columbus	Carver
Vic Beasley	Jr.	DE	Adairsville	Adairsville
Ryan Carter	Fr.	DB	Grayson	Grayson
Corey Crawford	Jr.	DE	Columbus	Carver
Tyshon Dye	Fr.	RB	Elberton	Elberton County
Wayne Gallman	Fr.	RB	Loganville	Grayson
Grady Jarrett	Jr.	DT	Conyers	Rockdale County
Martin Jenkins	Jr.	CB	Roswell	Centennial
C.J. Jones	Sr.	CB	Lincolnton	Lincolnton County
Ammon Lapik	So.	PK	Johns Creek	Chattahoochee
Maverick Morris	Fr.	OL	Broxton	Coffee
Garry Peters	Jr.	CB	Conyers	Heritage
Darius Robinson	Sr.	CB	College Park	Westlake
Nick Schuessler	Fr.	QB	Grayson	Grayson
Reid Webster	Jr.	OL	Woodstock	Etowah

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**Boyd and Murray Among Nation's Best Quarterbacks**

When Clemson and Georgia play in the season opener the game will feature two of the best quarterbacks in the nation. It might be the best quarterback matchup for a game at Clemson Memorial Stadium since the 1977 Notre Dame vs. Clemson game when the Irish had Joe Montana and Clemson had Steve Fuller. Both went on to win Super Bowl Championship rings in the NFL.

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd and Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray both led their programs to a top 10 final ranking in 2012 and both have their teams in the top 10 to open this season.

Both are seniors who have seen it all. Murray is in his fourth year as a starter and the opener will be his 41<sup>st</sup> career start. Boyd has been Clemson's starter the last two years and this will be his 28<sup>th</sup> career start. Murray has 95 career touchdown passes, more than any other active college FBS quarterback, while Boyd has 73, second on the list.

A look to the last two years shows how similar these two players have been in terms of production. Georgia has a 22-6 record with Murray the starter, while Boyd and the Tigers are 21-6. Boyd has completed 63 percent of his passes over the last two years and Murray has completed 62 percent.

Boyd has 69 touchdown passes and 25 interceptions, while Murray has 71 touchdown throws and 24 interceptions. Boyd has 24 200-yard passing games and Murray has 21. Boyd has accounted for 84 touchdowns rushing and passing and Murray has accounted for 76.

Murray has the upper hand in terms of passing efficiency (160.3 to 152.4) and has a better yards per pass attempt, 8.93 to 8.34.

Most importantly, both quarterbacks have been winners off the field as well and will be prime candidates for the Heisman Trophy.

**Boyd and Murray Last Two Years**

Category	Boyd	Murray
Games	27	28
Record	21-6	22-6
Comp-Att	585-926	487-789
Pct.	.632	.617
Passing Yards	7724	7042
Yards/Game	286.1	251.5
Yards/Attempt	8.34	8.93
Yards/Completion	13.2	14.46
TD/Int	69/25	71/24
Pass Efficiency	152.4	160.3
Rushing-Yards	328-732	146-43
Total Plays	1244	935
Total Offense	8456	7085
Total Offense/Game	313.2	253.0
200-Yard Passing Games	24	21
300-Yard Passing Games	11	6
400-Yard Passing Games	2	2
Touchdown Responsibility	84	76

**Clemson and Georgia Similarities Last Three Years**

Georgia and Clemson have been similar in terms of records and accomplishments over the last three years. Both had losing records in 2010 with 6-7 marks. Both were 10-4 in 2011. Clemson won the ACC Championship, while Georgia lost in the SEC Championship game. Last year Clemson was 11-2 and Georgia was 12-2. That means Georgia is 28-12 over the last three years, while Clemson is 27-12. Both have won or been co-champions of their respective conference divisions each of the last two years.

Both teams are 17-7 in their respective conferences over the last three years. The only slight difference is in wins over ranked teams. Clemson has seven wins over top 25 teams and Georgia has four. Clemson has more wins over top 25 SEC teams than Georgia does the last three years as Clemson has three and Georgia has two.

**Jordan and Treadwell Honorary Captains**

Homer Jordan and David Treadwell will serve as honorary Clemson captains for the Georgia game. This year, for the first time, the Tiger Lettermen's Association is sponsoring a program whereby a two former Tigers will return to Death Valley to serve as honorary captains for each home game. Both Jordan and Treadwell have a special history when it comes to the Clemson vs. Georgia series.

Jordan, a native of Athens, GA, quarterbacked Clemson to the 1981 National Championship. Along the way, he led the Tigers to a 13-3 win over a fourth-ranked and defending National Champion Georgia team. Treadwell kicked two game winning field goals against Georgia, a 46-yarder at Georgia in 1986 on the last play of the game, and a 21-yarder with two seconds left the following season at Clemson.

**Clemson Ranked Eighth in Both Polls, Georgia is Fifth**

Clemson is ranked eighth in the preseason USA Today Coaches Poll and the Associated Press. It is the highest preseason ranking for the Clemson football program since 1988 when Clemson was fourth in the preseason for both the AP and Coaches (UPI at the time) polls.

Clemson is the highest ranked ACC team in the preseason poll. Florida State, a Clemson opponent at Death Valley on October 19, is ranked 12<sup>th</sup>.

This is the eighth time Clemson has been ranked in the top 10 of at least one preseason poll. The highest preseason ranking Clemson has had is number-four. Clemson was number-four by Associated Press in 1984 and fourth in 1988 by both polls.

This marks the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive poll Clemson has been ranked in the top 25. The streak dates to early in the 2011 season. It is the third longest streak in Clemson history. Clemson is one of six schools that have been ranked in 30 consecutive polls, joining Alabama, LSU, Stanford, South Carolina and Oregon.

When Clemson opens with the fifth ranked Bulldogs, it will be the first time Clemson has opened a season at home against a top five team. The previous high ranked team Clemson has faced at home in the opener is an 11<sup>th</sup> ranked Georgia team in 2003, the last time the two teams met. Georgia won that game 30-0 and has won the last five games against the Tigers.

With Clemson's number-eight ranking in the preseason the Clemson vs. Georgia game will be the first opener in Clemson history in which both teams are ranked in the top 10. The previous closest was in 1982 when 11<sup>th</sup> ranked Clemson played at seventh ranked Georgia. Clemson and Georgia were the previous two national champions entering that game and the contest was played on ABC on Labor Day night in Athens.

At number-five, Georgia is the highest ranked team Clemson has faced in the opener at any site in 50 years. Clemson played at fourth ranked Oklahoma in 1963. This will be just the second matchup of top 10 teams in the history of Memorial Stadium. The other game was the 1988 matchup between third ranked Clemson and 10<sup>th</sup> ranked Florida State, the famous "Puntrooski Game". Brent Musburger broadcast that game and will this Saturday's game as well.

**Clemson's Preseason Poll History**

Year	AP	USA/Coaches
1958	18	NP
1959	18	NP
1960	9	NP
1978	18	NP
1982	11	9
1984	4	8
1987	9	NP
1988	4	4
1989	12	NP
1990	10	NP
1991	9	NP
1992	13	NP
1993	23	NP
1994	25	24
1996	25	23
1997	20	21
2000	17	19
2001	19	18
2006	18	18
2009	9	9
2012	14	14
2013	8	8

NP denotes no poll

**Clemson Plays Host to ESPN College Gameday**

Clemson will play host to ESPN College Gameday on August 31 when the Georgia Bulldogs come to town. The four-hour television program features noted college football broadcasters Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit and Lee Corso. Others involved in the broadcast include former Heisman Award winner Desmond Howard, former Georgia All-American David Pollock and Samantha Ponder.

This is the first time that ESPN College Gameday has been to Clemson since October 21, 2006 when Georgia Tech was the opponent on Clemson's Homecoming. That was a matchup of top 15 teams at Clemson that night as Georgia Tech was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> and Clemson 13<sup>th</sup> entering the game. The Tigers had a dominant rushing performance on the way to a 31-7 victory.

James Davis had a career high 216 yards rushing and C.J. Spiller, then a freshman, had 116 rushing and 50 more receiving. Spiller

had a 50-yard touchdown run and a 50-yard touchdown receptions, both in the second half, to key the victory. It is the only time in Clemson history a player has had a 50-yard touchdown run and a 50-yard touchdown reception in the same game. Clemson's defense held All-American Calvin Johnson without a catch for the only time in his Georgia Tech career.

Like the game in 2006, Gameday will be held in the middle of the Clemson campus on Bowman Field. The field is adjacent to Clemson landmark building Tillman Hall and the school's main administration building Sikes Hall.

Bowman Field has played host to a lot of history at Clemson in that it was the first site of Clemson football.

#### Facts on Bowman Field

- First home of Clemson's football team, the Tigers played here from 1896-1914. Clemson had a 19-8-2 record on this field, including a 122-0 win over Guilford in 1901 that is the largest margin of victory in Clemson history.
- John Heisman coached the Tigers on this field from 1900-03. Heisman never lost at home during his four years at Clemson.
- Site of Clemson's first ESPN College Gameday program in October of 2006.
- Clemson's first home victory took place at Bowman Field on October 20, 1898 a 55-0 win over Bingham.
- Bowman Field was actually the first home for Clemson's football, baseball, track and even basketball teams. (Yes, they played basketball outside on Bowman field in 1907.)
- Bowman field is named after Professor R.T. V. Bowman. Bowman was also an assistant football coach at Clemson and was the first baseball coach at Clemson.
- Clemson played its first intercollegiate athletic event on Bowman field on April 24, 1896. Clemson lost that day to Furman in baseball, 20-13. There was a very short porch in right field.
- Bowman Field also served as the parade grounds for Clemson's cadet corp. Clemson was a military school from 1889 to 1955.

#### Three Wins over Top 25 SEC Teams

•Clemson has three wins over Top 25 SEC teams over the last two years, the only non-SEC school nationally that can make that claim. In fact there have been only seven non-conference wins over top 25 SEC teams the last two years combined and Clemson has three of the seven.

#### Non-Conference Wins over Top 25 SEC Teams Last Two years

School	SEC Opp	AP-USA	Year	Site	Score
Clemson	Auburn	21-19	2011	Clemson, SC	38-24
Clemson	Auburn	25-NR	2012	Atlanta, GA	26-19
Clemson	LSU	9-7	2012	Atlanta, GA	25-24
Boise St.	Georgia	19-22	2011	Atlanta, GA	35-21
LA Monroe	Arkansas	8-10	2012	Fayetteville, AR	34-31
Louisville	Florida	3-4	2012	New Orleans, LA	33-23
Michigan St	Georgia	18-18	2011	Tampa, FL	33-30

#### Clemson Award Candidates

Seven different Clemson players are on award watch lists for the 2013 season. The list is led by Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd, who is a candidate for the Maxwell and Walter Camp Player of the Year Awards, and two quarterback awards, the Manning and O'Brien Awards. Sammy Watkins is candidates for three different awards, while senior offensive tackle is up for two honors, the Outland and the Lombardi.

#### Clemson Players on 2013 Watch Lists Announced So Far

Player	Yr	Pos	Award	For Outstanding...
Tajh Boyd	Sr	QB	Maxwell	Player
			Walter Camp	Player
			Manning	Quarterback
			O'Brien	Quarterback
Sammy Watkins	Jr	WR	Maxwell	Player
	Jr.	WR	Hornung	All-Purpose Player
	Jr.	WR	Biletnikoff	Wide Receiver
Charone Peake	Jr.	WR	Biletnikoff	Wide Receiver
Vic Beasley	Jr.	DE	Bednarik	Defensive Player
Brandon Thomas	Gr.	OT	Outland	Interior Lineman
			Lombardi	Interior Lineman
Chandler Catanzaro	Gr.	PK	Groza	Kicker
Spencer Shuey	Gr.	LB	Lott	Defensive Player

#### Clemson Players Among Active ACC Career Leaders

Clemson players Tajh Boyd, Sammy Watkins and Chandler Catanzaro are prominent in the list of career leaders among active ACC

players. Catanzaro is the leading active scorer in the ACC with 305 points and in field goals (54). Watkins is the leading active ACC player in terms of receiving touchdowns (15) receptions per game (6.04), all-purpose yards (3361), and receiving yards (1927).

Boyd is the active ACC leader in touchdown passes (73), passing yardage (8083), total offense (8818), total offense per game (259.4), touchdown responsibility (89) and completions. It is interesting to note that Boyd is third among active ACC players in rushing touchdowns with 16.

#### Only 11 Scholarship Seniors

Once again Clemson has a small senior class. The Tigers had just 13 seniors last year (all of whom graduated) during last year's 11-2 season. The Tigers have 16 seniors this year, but just 11 are on scholarship.

The list includes two returning All-ACC players in Tajh Boyd and Brandon Thomas and second-team All-ACC kicker Chandler Catanzaro. As you can see by the list below, seven of the 11 seniors already have their degree.

#### Clemson scholarship Seniors

Name	Pos	Yr.	Hometown
Tajh Boyd	QB	Sr.	Hampton, VA
Chandler Catanzaro	PK	Gr.	Greenville, SC
Quandon Christian	LB	Sr.	Lake View, SC
Phillip Fajgenbaum	SN	Gr.	Raleigh, NC
Roderick McDowell	RB	Gr.	Sumter, SC
Darius Robinson	CB	Sr.	College Park, GA
Tyler Shatley	OG	Gr.	Icard, NC
Spencer Shuey	LB	Gr.	Charlotte, NC
Darrell Smith	TE	Gr.	Gadsden, AL
Brandon Thomas	OT	Gr.	Spartanburg, SC
Jerrodd Williams	CB	Sr.	Central, SC

#### Most Plays in a Game Both Teams since 1978

Both Clemson and Georgia like to move the football at a rapid rate, so there could be a lot of plays in this game. The Clemson record for most plays by two teams combined took place just last year when Clemson and NC State combined for 190 plays in a 62-48 Clemson victory. The Tigers ran 102 plays, an all-time record for the program, while NC State ran 88.

Clemson has run at least 100 plays in history just twice and both took place within the last three games. Clemson ran 102 against NC State at Clemson in the 11<sup>th</sup> game of the 2012 season, then ran 100 in the bowl win over LSU.

#### 21 Wins over Two Years

•Clemson has had back-to-back seasons of at least 10 victories. The Tigers are the only ACC team and one of just 13 programs nationally to win at least 10 games each of the last two seasons. Clemson also has consecutive top 25 seasons, also a first for the program since the 1986-91 era, including a top 10 finish in the final USA Today poll in 2012, Clemson's highest final ranking since 1990. Clemson is 21-6 over the last two years combined and the 21 combined wins are the most for the Clemson program since 1981-82.

#### 10-Plus Win Seasons, 2011 and 2012

School	2011	2012
Alabama	12-1	13-1
Arkansas State	10-3	10-3
Boise State	12-1	11-2
Cincinnati	10-3	10-3
Clemson	10-4	11-2
Georgia	10-4	12-2
Kansas State	10-3	11-2
LSU	13-1	10-3
Northern Illinois	11-3	12-2
Oklahoma	10-3	10-3
Oregon	12-2	12-1
South Carolina	11-2	11-2
Stanford	11-2	12-2

Listed in alphabetical order

#### Boyd Returning ACC Player of the Year

Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd won ACC Player of the Year honors in 2012 and is back for his senior year. There have been just five repeat winners of the award in history. Roman Gabriel of NC State (1960-61), Mike Voight of North Carolina (1975-76), Steve Fuller of Clemson (1977-78), Don McCauley of North Carolina (1969-70), and Charlie Ward

of Florida State (1992-93). So as you can see by the list that no one has done it since 1993 and when Ward did it he won the Heisman.

Maryland linebacker E.J. Henderson repeated as ACC Defensive Player of the Year in 2002, but not as player of the year, which he won in 2001. Matt Schaub of Virginia is the last player to win the award (2002) as a junior and return for his senior year, but he did not win player of the year as a senior in 2003.

#### Six Wins over Top 25 Teams Last Two Years

•Six of Clemson's 21 wins the last two years have come against top 25 teams, including four against teams ranked among the top 11 teams in the nation in at least one of the polls at the time of the game. That includes a 38-10 win over a third-ranked Virginia Tech team in the 2011 ACC Championship game, and a 25-24 win over seventh-ranked LSU in the 2012 Chick-fil-A Bowl, the highest ranked victory in a bowl game for the Tigers in nine years.

What has been especially impressive about the six top 25 wins over the last two years is that four of them have been away from home.

Clemson's four top 25 wins in 2011 were the most in one year in Clemson history and tied for second most in the nation that year.

#### Clemson Wins over Top 25 Teams 2011 and 2012

Date	Opponent	AP-USA	CU-Opp
9-17-2011	Auburn	21-19	38-24
9-24-2011	Florida State	11-14	35-30
10-1-2011	at Virginia Tech	11-10	23-3
12-3-2011	N-Virginia Tech	5-3	38-10
9-1-2012	N-Auburn	NR-25	26-19
12-31-2012	N-LSU	7-9	25-24

#### 30 Straight Polls

•Including this year's preseason polls, Clemson has a streak of 30 straight polls with a top 25 ranking in at least one poll, including every week during the 2012 season. This is the longest streak Clemson has been ranked in at least one poll since the October 23, 1989 to October 24, 1992 era when the Tigers were ranked in 50 consecutive polls (at least one). This streak is the third longest in Clemson history. Clemson also had a 45-poll streak in the 1980s.

Alabama, Clemson, LSU, Oregon, South Carolina and Stanford are the only schools in the nation with an active streak of at least 30 polls through the preseason poll of 2013.

Clemson has also been ranked in the top 20 of every BCS poll over the last two years, a total of 16 consecutive polls. That includes a 14<sup>th</sup> place ranking in the final BCS poll of 2012 and a number-15 ranking in the final 2011 BCS Poll.

#### Back-to-Back Atlantic Division Crowns

Clemson has a 13-3 record over the last two years in the ACC and won the 2011 ACC title, the first league title for the Tigers in 20 years. Clemson won the Atlantic Division title in 2011 with a 6-2 record, then tied Florida State for the Atlantic Division title in 2012 with a 7-1 mark. The seven conference wins set a school record.

Clemson has now won or tied first in the ACC Atlantic three of the four full years Dabo Swinney has been Clemson's Head Coach.

#### Swinney Honors

Head Coach Dabo Swinney won or has been a finalist for many Coach of the Year Awards the last two years. In 2011 he was the recipient of the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year Award, the first Clemson coach to win a national coach of the year award since Danny Ford in 1981.

In each of the last two years he has been a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year an honor that takes into account success on the field and community service.

In 2011, Swinney was a finalist for the Bear Bryant Award and the Eddie Robinson Award. In 2012 he was a semifinalist for the Maxwell Club National Coach of the Year. He was the only ACC coach on the list of 15 semifinalists.

#### Top Seven in APR Scores

Clemson has ranked in the top seven of the APR each of the last two years, one of just five schools that can make that claim. The others are Northwestern, Duke, Boise State and Ohio State.

In 2011, the Tiger football team posted a 983 score, the seventh best score in the nation among FBS schools. The score was the second best in the nation among schools who finished the 2011 season in the final AP top 25. Only Boise State was better among the ranked schools with a 989 mark.

In 2012, the Clemson football team improved to a 985 score and

a tie for fourth best in the nation. . Clemson was the only program to rank in the top 10 of the final USA Today poll and post an APR score of at least 980 this year.

#### National Leaders in APR Scores 2011

Rk	School	Conference	APR
1.	Northwestern	Big 10	995
2.	Duke	ACC	989
	Boise State	MWC	989
4.	Ohio State	Big 10	988
5.	Northern Illinois	MAC	987
6.	Rice	Conf. USA	986
7.	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>983</b>
	Middle Tennessee	Sun Belt	983

#### National Leaders in APR Scores 2012

RK	School	Conference	APR
1.	Northwestern	Big 10	996
2.	Boise State	WAC	993
3.	Duke	ACC	989
4.	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>985</b>
	Wisconsin	Big 10	985
6.	Georgia Tech	ACC	983
7.	Boston College	ACC	982
	Ohio State	Big 10	982
	Missouri	SEC	982

#### Offensive Excellence

One of the reasons for Clemson's success over the last two years has been the production of the offense. Behind offensive coordinator Chad Morris, a period of 27 games, Clemson has averaged 37 points and 475.4 yards per game. The Tigers have converted on third down 47 percent of the time, completed 63 percent of their passes and averaged 6.06 yards per play.

#### Clemson Offensive Numbers over last Two Years Combined

Category	Totals	Average
Points	1003	37.15
Touchdowns	121/27	4.48
Total Offense	12,836	475.4
Total Plays	2,117	78.4
Yards/Play	12,836/2117	6.06
Third Down Conv.	200/423	.473
Completions	629/27	23.3
Attempts	999/27	37.0
Passing Yards	8,133/27	301.2
TD Passes	73/27	2.70
TD/Int	73/26	2.81
Pass Efficiency		150.25
Completion %		.630
Rushing	4,703/27	174.2
Yards/Rush	4,703/1118	4.21
Rushing TD/Game	48/27	1.78

#### Clemson Top Performances on Opening Day

Below are Clemson's top performances by individual category in the opening game of the season, regardless of site. The all-purpose yardage record dates back over 60 years.

#### Clemson Opening Day Individual Records:

Total Offense: 303 by Charlie Whitehurst vs. Wake Forest, 2004  
 Rushing Yards: 228 by Andre Ellington vs. Auburn, 2012  
 Passing Yards: 288 by Charlie Whitehurst vs. Wake Forest, 2004  
 Pass Attempts: 41 vs. Charlie Whitehurst vs. Wake Forest, 2004  
 Pass Completions: 24 by Tajh Boyd vs. Auburn, 2012  
 Completion %: .941 (16-17) by Woodrow Dantzler vs. The Citadel, 2000  
 Passing Efficiency: 247.1 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. The Citadel, 2000  
 Receptions: 13 by DeAndre Hopkins vs. Auburn, 2012  
 Reception Yds: 152 (9 receptions) by Airese Currie vs. Wake Forest, 2004  
 All Purpose Yards: 246 by Buck George vs. Presbyterian, 1952  
 Field Goals: 6 by Jad Dean vs. Texas A&M, 2005  
 Tackles: 18 by Jeff Davis vs. Rice, 1980  
 18 by Chad Carson vs. The Citadel, 2000

**Clemson in Season Openers**

Clemson has won 22 of its last 28 season openers. That includes a 9-4 record the last 13 years when Clemson has played its most challenging season-opening games.

Clemson has lost three of its last 11 season opening games, but all three were to top 25 teams, twice to Georgia (2002 and 2003) and in 2008 to Alabama in a game played in Atlanta. Clemson has played six openers against top 25 teams in the last 14 years after having played just five top 25 teams in opening games between 1936 (first year of the AP poll) and 1999.

Clemson plays another top 25 team in an opener this year as fifth ranked Georgia comes to Clemson. This is the highest ranked team Clemson has played in an opener in 50 years. The Tigers played at fourth ranked Oklahoma in 1963 in a matchup of Hall of Fame coaches Frank Howard and Bud Wilkinson.

Clemson has had some exciting season openers in recent years. In 2004, against Wake Forest, Clemson won a thriller 37-30 in overtime in a game that was televised by ABC. Clemson won at home in 2005, a 25-24 win over 17<sup>th</sup> ranked Texas A&M on a 42-yard field goal by Jad Dean with two seconds left. Clemson also beat a 19<sup>th</sup> ranked Florida State team in the season opener of 2007.

The Tigers are 87-22-8 (.778), regardless of site, in their first game in the previous 117 seasons. Even though this is the 118<sup>th</sup> season of Clemson football, Clemson has had just 112 home openers in its history because five seasons Clemson did not play a game at home. In the 112 home openers, Clemson has an 87-17-8 record (.813) against 36 different opponents.

**Clemson Faces Another Top 25 Opponent to Open Season**

This is just the 12<sup>th</sup> time in history, but the seventh time in the last 12 years that Clemson has faced a top 25 opponent in the season opener. Clemson has a 4-7 record in those games, but has won three of the last four. Clemson opened against a 25<sup>th</sup> ranked Auburn team last year and came away with a 26-19 victory.

Georgia is ranked fifth in the nation in both polls and this is the highest ranked team Clemson has faced in an opener since the opener of the 1963 season against a fourth ranked Oklahoma team in Norman.

**Clemson vs. Ranked Opponents to Open Season (4-7)**

Year	Opponent	Rank		W-L	AI-Opp	Site
		AI-Opp	W-L			
1959	North Carolina	18-12	W	20-18	Away	
1963	Oklahoma	NR-4	L	14-31	Away	
1974	Texas A&M	NR-20	L	0-24	Away	
1977	Maryland	NR-10	L	14-21	Home	
1982	Georgia	11-7	L	7-13	Away	
2002	Georgia	NR-8	L	28-31	Away	
2003	Georgia	NR-11	L	0-30	Home	
2005	Texas A&M	NR-17	W	25-24	Home	
2007	Florida State	NR-19	W	24-18	Home	
2008	Alabama	9-24	L	10-34	Neutral	
2012	Auburn	NR-25	W	26-19	Neutral	

**Ford to Be Inducted into Clemson Ring of Honor**

Former Clemson Head Coach Danny Ford will be inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor during pregame ceremonies for the Georgia game on August 31. He will be just the ninth member of the Clemson Football Ring of Honor. Former Clemson Baseball Coach Bill Wilhelm will also be honored at the game and will be inducted into the Clemson Baseball Ring of Honor in the Spring.

Below is a list of Ford's accomplishments as head football coach from 1978-89.

**Danny Ford Accomplishments**

(Clemson Head Coach 1978-89)

- Led Clemson to a 96-29-4 overall record in 11 full seasons as head coach. His .760 winning percentage is best in school history among coaches who served at least 25 games.
- Third winningest active coach in college football on a percentage basis at the conclusion of his Clemson career.
- Guided Clemson to the National Championship in 1981, the first team national championship in any sport in Clemson history. Was just 33 years of age when he won the title, still the youngest coach in college football history to win the national championship.
- Led Clemson to six bowl wins in his Clemson career, including victories over Hall of Fame Coaches Joe Paterno (Penn State), Barry Switzer (Oklahoma), Woody Hayes (Ohio State), and Tom Osborne (Nebraska).
- Led Clemson to five ACC Championships (1981, 1982, 1986, 1987 and

1988), second most in Clemson history behind Frank Howard.

- He had an 18-11-1 winning record in games against top 20 teams, the best winning percentage in Clemson history vs. top 20 teams.
- Coached Clemson to seven Top 20 seasons, including three top 10s. Led Clemson to top 20 final ranking in each of his last four years.
- Coached Clemson to an 87-25-4 record in the 1980s, the fifth best overall record in college football for that decade based on winning percentage (.767).
- At one stretch had Clemson ranked in at least one top 20 poll for 50 consecutive weeks, the longest stretch in Clemson history.
- Coached 71 different players who were named first-team All-ACC at one time and 26 different players who were named first, second or third-team All-American.
- Thirteen of his former players won 18 Super Bowl Championship rings in the NFL

**Reader Two-Sport Athlete on Top 25 Teams**

Clemson defensive tackle D.J. Reader was also a member of the Clemson baseball team in 2013. Clemson finished 25<sup>th</sup> in the final USA Today Coach's Baseball poll, meaning Reader was a member of two top 25 teams during the academic year. The Clemson football team finished ninth in the final USA Today poll and 11<sup>th</sup> by Associated Press after its 11-2 season.

Reader became the first Clemson athletes to play on a top 25 football team and baseball team in the same academic year since Kyle Parker in 2009-10. Parker helped the Tigers to a number-24 final football ranking in USA Today and a number-four final ranking in Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball that year. He was the starting quarterback on the football team and starting right fielder on the baseball team. He had 20 home runs and 20 touchdown passes that year, the only athlete in college history to reach 20 of each in the same year. The baseball team reached the College World Series.

Below is a list of Clemson athletes who have played on a top 25 football team and baseball team in the same academic year.

Year	Athlete	FB Rankings	Baseball Ranking
		Coach-AP	BA-CB-USA
1958-59	Lou Cordileone	12-13	7-NP-NP
1986-87	Bill Spiers	17-18	10-10-NP
	Ray Williams	17-18	10-10-NP
1991-92	Jeff Sauve	18-17	7-10
1993-94	Dexter McCleon	23-22	4-9-9
	Andre Humphrey	23-22	4-9-9
2009-10	Kyle Parker	24-NR	4-4-10
2012-13	D.J. Reader	9-11	NR-NR-25