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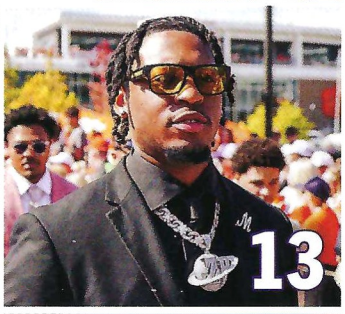

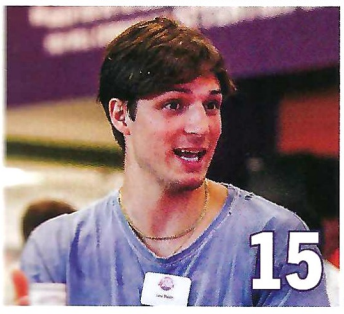

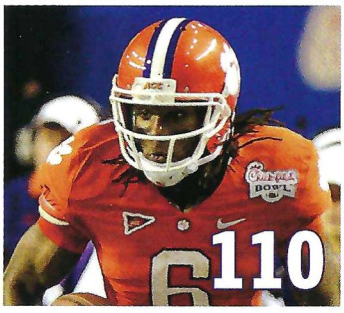

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DeMonte Capehart (DT), **Ryan Linthicum** (C) and **Zaire Patterson** (DL), seniors on both lines of scrimmage for the 2025 Tigers.

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ON THIS DATE
Clemson has a 9-5-1 (.633) all-time record on Nov. 8. The last game on this date was No. 24 Florida State's 41-27 victory over Clemson at Doak S. Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee, Fla. in the 2008 season. Clemson had a 7-6 record that year.

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FLORIDA STATE VS. CLEMSON

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

CLEMSON TO HOST FLORIDA STATE

Clemson plays its final home conference game of the 2025 season when it hosts Florida State at 7 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. During the game, Clemson will recognize the 10 newest members of the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame, including three members who made significant contributions to Clemson's football program.

Those are wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins, late defensive tackle Chester McGlockton and longtime Sports Information Director Tim Bourret. More information on the members of the 2025 induction class is available on pages 110-112.

Today is the 22nd anniversary of one of the more shocking results in the history of the Clemson vs. Florida State series, a 26-10 Tiger victory over the No. 3 Seminoles on Nov. 8, 2003. Clemson, which was unranked and had a 5-4 record, was coming off a 45-17 loss at Wake Forest, and Florida State (8-1) had just won 37-0 at Notre Dame.

To this day, Dabo Swinney, who was in his first year as wide receivers coach, credits the win with helping save his tenure at Clemson, as it was the first of the Tigers' four straight wins to end the season and led to a contract extension for Head Coach Tommy Bowden.

The contest is Florida State's 19th visit to Memorial Stadium. The squads have evenly split their 18 previous meetings with almost identical point totals of 470-468. The Tigers are attempting to make Florida State the 50th of their 65 all-time Memorial Stadium foes against which they have a winning record in the legendary venue.

The contest is expected to be a recordbreaking one for senior offensive lineman Blake Miller. He has started at right tackle for all 49 games played by Clemson since his arrival as a first-year freshman in 2022. With another start on Saturday, the iron man from Strongsville, Ohio will break Dalton Freeman's school record for consecutive starts by a non-specialist (49 from 2009-12).

Miller (3,454) also needs 46 offensive snaps this season to join Mitch Hyatt (3,754 from 2015-18) and Will Putnam (3,564 from 2019-23) as the third Tiger (on record) in history to play 3,500 career snaps from scrimmage.

PRIME TIME IN DEATH VALLEY

The 7 p.m. kickoff against Florida State is Clemson's 67th night game since the start of the 2015 season. In that time, the Tigers are 53-13 in night games, including a 32-10 mark since the start of the 2018 season.

At home, Clemson is 25-5 under the Death Valley lights in Head Coach Dabo Swinney's tenure. That record includes a 22-2 prime-time mark at Memorial Stadium in the College Football Playoff era.



TIM BOURRET JOINS ANOTHER HALL OF FAME WHEN HE IS INDUCTED INTO THE CLEMSON ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME THIS WEEKEND.

TODAY'S HONOREES

BLOCK C HONORARY CAPTAINS

A father and son who both played on national championship teams are honorary captains today. **Bill Smith** lettered four times between 1977-81. He was a starting defensive end on the 1981 national championship team. He had a career-high 10 tackles in Clemson's Orange Bowl victory over Nebraska that clinched the national title, the final game of his Tiger career. He is now a member of the Clemson Board of Trustees.

His son, **Cannon Smith**, was a four-year letterman from 2015-18 as a tight end. He played 59 games in his career as a member of two national championship teams, three teams that reached the national championship game and four Tiger teams that played in the College Football Playoff.

Milan Richard was a four-year letterman from 2015-18. During that era, Clemson won two national championships, played in three national championship games and made four CFP appearances. He played over 1,000 snaps in his career and finished with 25 receptions for 269 yards and two touchdowns. He had a career-high 18 catches during the 2017 season.

Cornell Powell was a member of two national championship teams, three squads that reached the national championship game and four CFP appearances. He was the second-leading receiver on the 2020 team with 53 receptions for 882 yards and seven touchdowns. He was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in 2021.

#CLEMSONFAMILY

GAMEDAY DESIGNATIONS

HALL OF FAME DAY

Clemson University is proud to induct 10 members into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame as part of the 2025 class. Block C Club oversees the Hall of Fame, which honors former student-athletes, coaches and individuals associated with the department for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the athletic department.

Any former Clemson student-athlete, living or deceased, who received an athletic letter from the athletic department and who excelled athletically is eligible for Hall of Fame consideration 10 years after his or her athletic eligibility has been exhausted.

In addition, former coaches, managers, athletic trainers and others who made significant contributions to Tiger athletics are also eligible for consideration. Active Tiger coaches are not eligible for consideration and must be retired from that position for a minimum of five years.

EXTRA YARD FOR TEACHERS

Extra Yard for Teachers is a key initiative of the College Football Playoff Foundation and the largest sports entity dedicated to supporting educators. The CFP Foundation's primary platform, Extra Yard for Teachers, is dedicated to elevating the teaching profession by inspiring and empowering teachers in four core areas... resources, recognition, recruitment and professional development.

Since its inception in 2014, Extra Yard for Teachers has raised more than $92 million in support of education, including 650,000 teachers. The support has impacted more than 81,000 schools and 13 million students. Today's game recognizes and highlights the work of the foundation and promotes the initiatives set forth by the national initiative.

SERIES HISTORY VS. FLORIDA STATE

Florida State holds a 21-16 advantage in the series with Clemson dating to the schools' first meeting, a 38-13 Seminole victory in Tallahassee, Fla. in the 1970 season. Clemson has a 14-7 advantage in the last 21 games, including wins in eight of the last nine meetings.

Clemson is 8-2 in its last 10 meetings against the Seminoles, with both Florida State wins coming in overtime. Florida State's last regulation victory in the series came in 2013.

Clemson is 9-3 at Memorial Stadium against the Seminoles since the turn of the century. At least a decade passed between each Florida State win at Memorial Stadium during that span, with victories coming in the 2001, 2013 and 2023 seasons. Florida State won its first seven all-time games at Death Valley from 1975-01, but it has not won consecutive games in the venue since.



ADAM RANDALL HAD THREE COMBINED RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS IN THE SYRACUSE AND NORTH CAROLINA GAMES.

ACC STANDINGS

Rk	Team	ACC	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
1.	Virginia*	5-0	8-1	5-0	3-1	0-0
2.	Georgia Tech	5-1	8-1	5-0	3-1	0-0
	Pittsburgh	5-1	7-2	4-1	3-1	0-0
4.	Louisville	4-1	7-1	4-1	3-0	0-0
	SMU	4-1	6-3	4-1	2-2	0-0
	Duke	4-1	5-3	2-2	3-1	0-0
7.	Miami (Fla.)	2-2	6-2	5-1	1-1	0-0
8.	Wake Forest	2-3	5-3	3-2	2-1	0-0
	California	2-3	5-4	3-2	2-2	0-0
	NC State	2-3	5-4	4-1	1-3	0-0
	Virginia Tech	2-3	3-6	2-4	1-1	0-1
12.	Clemson	2-4	3-5	1-4	2-1	0-0
	Stanford	2-4	3-6	3-1	0-5	0-0
14.	North Carolina	1-3	3-5	1-3	2-2	0-0
15.	Florida State	1-4	4-4	4-2	0-2	0-0
16.	Syracuse	1-5	3-6	2-3	1-2	0-1
17.	Boston College	0-5	1-8	1-4	0-4	0-0

* - controls its own destiny (assuming all scheduled games are played and there are no ties) to win the ACC championship; Note: Standings are through games of Nov. 1.

Since Florida State joined the ACC in 1992, the two programs have been the conference's primary powers. They have combined for 13 of the last 14 ACC titles, with the lone exception coming in 2021.

RANDALL OUT OF THE BACKFIELD

Adam Randall recorded two touchdown receptions in his first three seasons at Clemson as a wide receiver from 2022-24. Randall then exceeded that total this season in a two-game span with three combined receiving touchdowns against Syracuse and North Carolina.

Randall is two touchdowns shy of the Clemson single-season record for receiving touchdowns by a running back since the Tigers transitioned away from the single wing in 1953.



FLORIDA NATIVE WADE WOODAZ HAD 10 TACKLES, TWO TACKLES FOR LOSS, THREE QUARTERBACK PRESSURES, A PASS BREAKUP AND CAUSED FUMBLE IN LAST YEAR'S 29-13 WIN AT FLORIDA STATE IN TALLAHASSEE.

STATISTICAL MATCHUP

CLEMSON

Category	Clemson	Opp.
Total Offense	3365	2802
Plays	547	536
Yards/Play	6.2	5.2
Yards/Game	420.6	350.3
Rushing Yards/Game	123.8	105.8
Passing Yards/Game	296.9	244.5
Passing Efficiency	147.7	126.5
First Downs/Game	21.9	20.0
Points/Game	28.4	24.0
Touchdowns	29	22
Field Goals	8-10	13-16
Punting Average	41.8	42.6
Punt Returns	14-77	6-5
Kickoff Returns	10-204	6-206
Penalties	39-396	51-447
Turnovers	13	8
Third-Down Conversion %	37.9	32.7
Time of Possession/Game	30:13	29:47
Interceptions By Defense	5-13	6-94
Sacks	19-126	12-75

SCORING BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Tot
Clemson	55	83	44	45	--	227
Opponents	54	59	31	48	--	192

RUSHING LEADERS

#	Player	Car.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
8	Adam Randall	101	522	5.2	6	39
2	Cade Klubnik	51	116	2.3	2	13
9	Gideon Davidson	27	110	4.1	0	17
19	Keith Adams Jr.	11	67	6.1	1	12
0	Antonio Williams	8	51	6.4	1	24
	Clemson	**248**	**990**	**4.0**	**12**	**39**
	Opponents	**243**	**846**	**3.5**	**9**	**35**

PASSING LEADERS

#	Player	Cm.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TD	LG
2	Cade Klubnik	160	238	1915	5	13	75
17	Christopher Vizzina	36	56	354	1	3	62
	Clemson	**198**	**299**	**2375**	**6**	**17**	**75**
	Opponents	**180**	**293**	**1956**	**5**	**11**	**77**

RECEIVING LEADERS

#	Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
0	Antonio Williams	33	367	11.1	1	64
12	Bryant Wesco Jr.	31	537	17.3	6	73
1	T.J. Moore	28	499	17.8	4	75
8	Adam Randall	25	192	7.7	3	35
6	Tyler Brown	19	160	8.4	0	23
	Clemson	**198**	**2375**	**12.0**	**17**	**75**
	Opponents	**180**	**1956**	**10.9**	**11**	**77**

TACKLE LEADERS

#	Player	Tac.	TFL	Sacks	Int.
47	Sammy Brown	58	6.5-24	2-11	
17	Wade Woodaz	54	2.5-4	0.5-2	
5	Ronan Hanafin	51			1-13
8	Avieon Terrell	35	2.5-27	1-12	
11	Peter Woods	32	2.5-14	2-14	
13	Will Heldt	29	9.5-45	4-24	
3	T.J. Parker	29	6-17	2-12	
23	Ashton Hampton	27	2-4		1-0
6	Ricardo Jones	27	1-4		3-0

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score
8-30	**LSU**	**L**	**10-17**
9-6	**Troy**	**W**	**27-16**
9-13	* at Georgia Tech	L	21-24
9-20	*** Syracuse**	**L**	**21-34**
10-4	* at North Carolina	W	38-10
10-11	* at Boston College	W	41-10
10-18	*** SMU**	**L**	**24-35**
11-1	*** Duke**	**L**	**45-46**

Date	Opponent	TV	Time
11-8	*** Florida State**	**ACCN**	**7 p.m.**
11-14	* at Louisville	ESPN	7:30 p.m.
11-22	**Furman**		
11-29	at South Carolina		Noon

* - ACC regular-season game; Note: All times are EST; home games in **bold**.

POLLS

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Rk	Team
1.	Ohio State (54)
2.	Indiana (11)
3.	Texas A&M (1)
4.	Alabama
5.	Georgia
6.	Oregon
7.	Ole Miss
8.	Brigham Young
9.	Texas Tech
10.	Notre Dame
11.	Oklahoma
12.	Virginia
13.	Texas
14.	Louisville
15.	Vanderbilt
16.	Georgia Tech
17.	Utah
18.	Miami (Fla.)
19.	Missouri
20.	Southern California
21.	Michigan
22.	Memphis
23.	Tennessee
24.	Washington
25.	Cincinnati

COACHES
(Nov. 2, 2025)

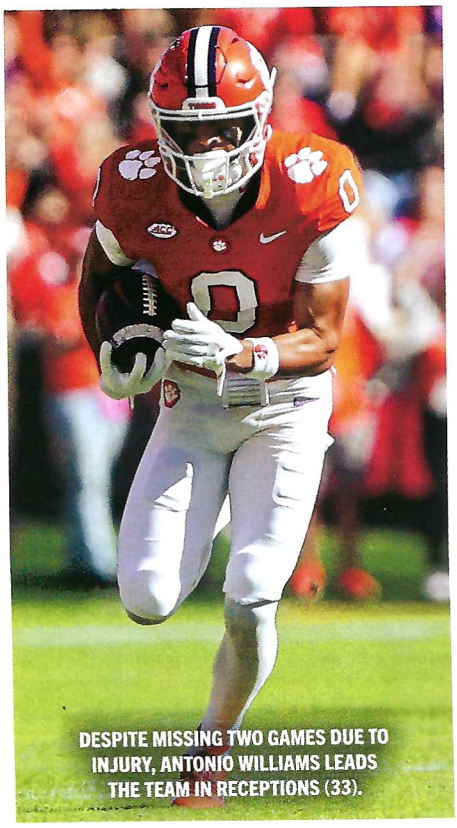
Rk	Team
1.	Ohio State (60)
2.	Indiana (1)
3.	Texas A&M (3)
4.	Alabama
5.	Georgia
6.	Oregon
7.	Ole Miss
8.	Brigham Young
9.	Texas Tech
10.	Notre Dame
11.	Virginia
12.	Oklahoma
13.	Texas
14.	Georgia Tech
15.	Louisville
16.	Vanderbilt
17.	Missouri
18.	Miami (Fla.)
19.	Utah
20.	Michigan
21.	Southern California
22.	Tennessee
23.	Memphis
24.	Iowa
25.	Cincinnati

LAST 10 GAMES IN THE SERIES

FLORIDA STATE LEADS 21-16 OVERALL

Year	CU	FSU	Rank	Site	W-L	CU	FSU
2014	1-1	2-0	22/1	A	L[OT]	17	23
2015	**8-0**	**7-1**	**3/16**	**H**	**W**	**23**	**13**
2016	7-0	5-2	3/12	A	W	37	34
2017	**8-1**	**3-5**	**4/-**	**H**	**W**	**31**	**14**
2018	7-0	4-3	2/-	A	W	59	10
2019	**5-0**	**3-2**	**2/-**	**H**	**W**	**45**	**14**
2021	**4-3**	**3-4**		**H**	**W**	**30**	**20**
2022	6-0	4-2	4/-	A	W	34	28
2023	**2-1**	**3-0**	**-/4**	**H**	**L[OT]**	**24**	**31**
2024	3-1	1-4	15/-	A	W	29	13
Totals						**875**	**1074**

Note: Rankings are by AP; Clemson's ranking listed first, followed by Florida State's ranking; Clemson home games in **bold**.



DESPITE MISSING TWO GAMES DUE TO INJURY, ANTONIO WILLIAMS LEADS THE TEAM IN RECEPTIONS (33).

FLORIDA STATE

Category	Florida State	Opp.
Total Offense	4084	2538
Plays	574	528
Yards/Play	7.1	4.8
Yards/Game	510.5	317.3
Rushing Yards/Game	241.3	114.4
Passing Yards/Game	269.3	202.9
Passing Efficiency	166.6	129.5
First Downs/Game	25.0	17.6
Points/Game	40.0	20.6
Touchdowns	42	20
Field Goals	8-10	8-9
Punting Average	43.1	42.4
Punt Returns	10-112	1-26
Kickoff Returns	6-128	2-10
Penalties	47-424	58-491
Turnovers	11	11
Third-Down Conversion %	53.2	35.3
Time of Possession/Game	29:20	30:40
Interceptions By Defense	10-127	5-81
Sacks	22-159	13-77

SCORING BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Tot
Florida State	73	107	66	71	3	320
Opponents	38	38	38	40	11	165

RUSHING LEADERS

#	Player	Car.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
27	Gavin Sawchuk	93	432	4.6	8	40
1	Tommy Castellanos	89	328	3.7	6	22
32	Ousmane Kromah	49	288	5.9	0	23
28	Samuel Singleton Jr.	29	258	8.9	4	53
19	Micah Danzy	8	168	21.0	3	64
	Florida State	**363**	**1930**	**5.3**	**27**	**64**
	Opponents	**297**	**915**	**3.1**	**7**	**30**

PASSING LEADERS

#	Player	Cm.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TD	LG
1	Tommy Castellanos	112	182	1878	5	10	82
9	Kevin Sperry	12	17	194	0	2	53
	Florida State	**131**	**211**	**2154**	**5**	**15**	**82**
	Opponents	**140**	**231**	**1623**	**10**	**13**	**75**

RECEIVING LEADERS

#	Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
0	Duce Robinson	34	689	20.3	4	82
19	Micah Danzy	21	503	24.0	2	66
13	Randy Pittman Jr.	16	129	8.1	2	30
7	Lawayne McCoy	13	186	14.3	1	34
27	Gavin Sawchuk	9	102	11.3	1	53
	Florida State	**131**	**2154**	**16.4**	**15**	**82**
	Opponents	**140**	**1623**	**11.6**	**13**	**75**

TACKLE LEADERS

#	Player	Tac.	TFL	Sacks	Int.
0	Earl Little Jr.	52	2-4		4-83
11	Ja'Bril Rawls	37	2-6		1-0
28	Justin Cryer	28	4-10	1-1	
20	Blake Nichelson	28	4.5-12	1-8	
27	Ashlynd Barker	27	2.5-10	2.5-10	
31	Elijah Herring	27	2-4	1-2	1-15
6	Darrell Jackson Jr.	26	3-8	1-4	
1	Shyheim Brown	25	1.5-7	1-6	
9	Omar Graham Jr.	25			

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score
8-30	**Alabama**	**W**	**31-17**
9-6	**East Texas A&M**	**W**	**77-3**
9-20	**Kent State**	**W**	**66-10**
9-26	* at Virginia	L	^^38-46
10-4	*** Miami (Fla.)**	**L**	**22-28**
10-11	*** Pittsburgh**	**L**	**31-34**
10-18	* at Stanford	L	13-20
11-1	*** Wake Forest**	**W**	**42-7**

Date	Opponent	TV	Time
11-8	* at Clemson	ACCN	7 p.m.
11-15	*** Virginia Tech**		
11-21	* at NC State	ESPN	8 p.m.
11-29	at Florida		

* - ACC regular-season game; ^ - one overtime; Note: All times are EST; home games in **bold**.

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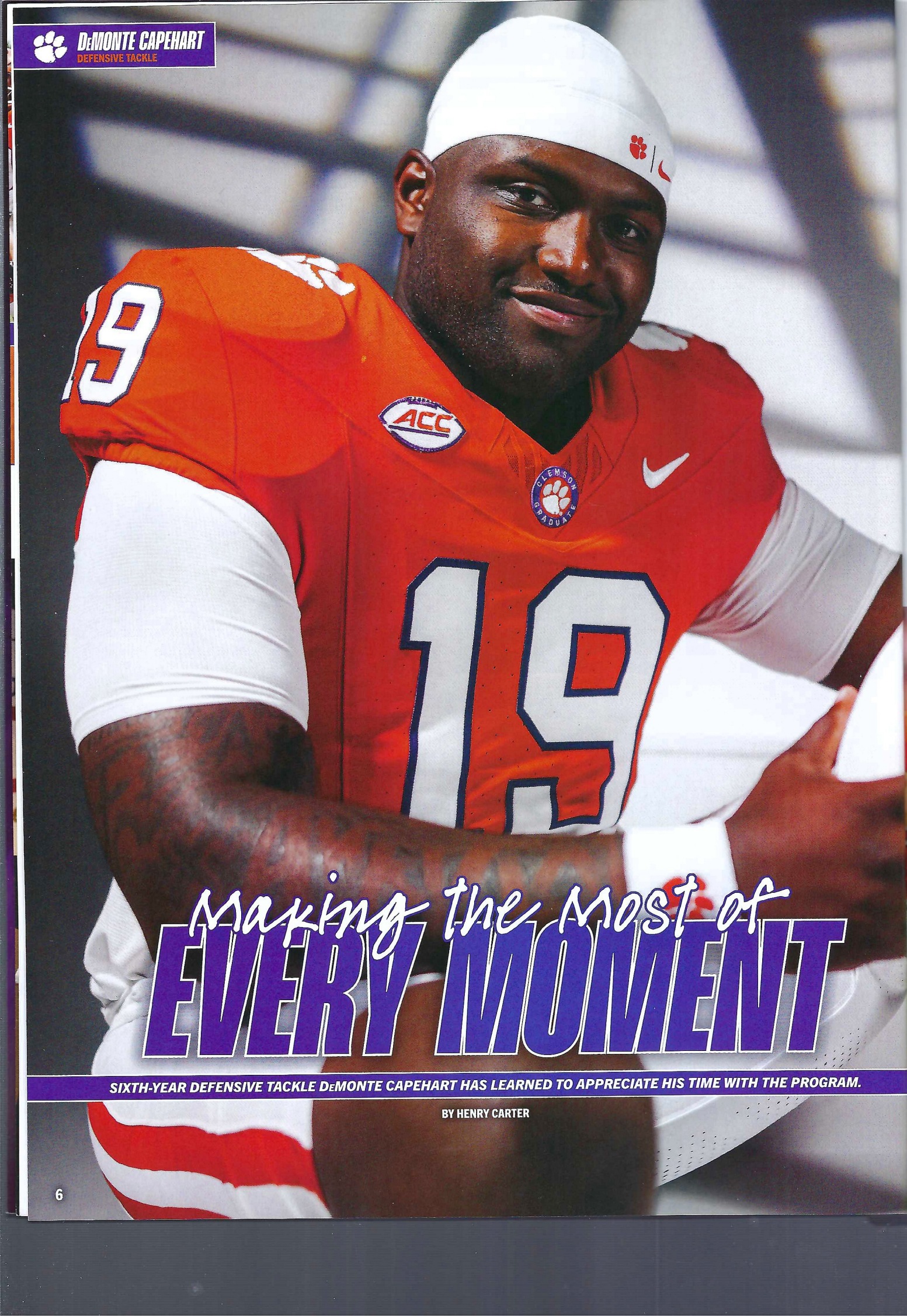
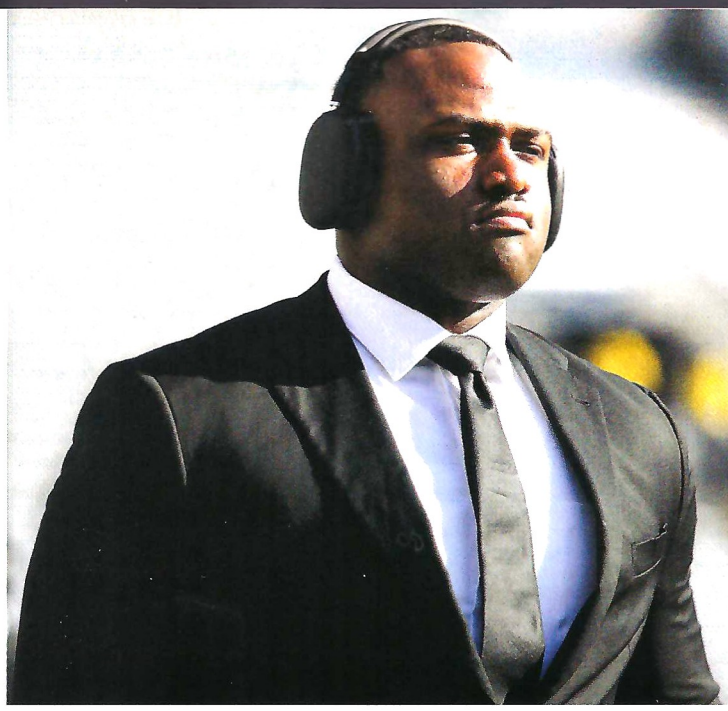


Making the Most of EVERY MOMENT

SIXTH-YEAR DEFENSIVE TACKLE DEMONTE CAPEHART HAS LEARNED TO APPRECIATE HIS TIME WITH THE PROGRAM.

BY HENRY CARTER



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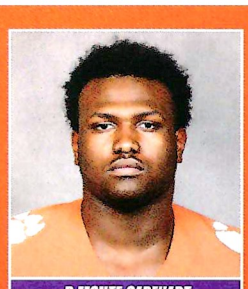


DEMONTE CAPEHART

Degree	Sports Communication
Jersey	#19
Position	Defensive Tackle
Height	6'5"
Weight	315
Hometown	Hartsville, S.C.
High School	Hartsville HS

For DeMonte Capehart, Clemson stood out from the beginning of his recruiting journey. "Clemson was dominating and I wanted an opportunity to see how I panned out against the best, and I think Clemson had the best in the world then, and we still do. They were at the top of the food chain, and I loved the dominance they built here along with the family atmosphere. It called me."

An in-state recruit from Hartsville (S.C.) High School, Capehart was a standout, recording 40 tackles and seven sacks as a junior. He finished his high school career at national powerhouse IMG Academy in Florida. By the time he signed with Clemson, he was among the highest-rated defensive tackles in the nation and among the top-30 overall players according to ESPN.

Since arriving on campus in January 2020, Capehart has worked steadily to carve out his role on a defense loaded with talent, including a defensive line unit that has featured seven NFL draft picks since 2021. His freshman season included only 20 snaps, but he made the most of them, recording two tackles for loss and a sack in limited action.

Over time, his role expanded. By the end of the 2023 campaign, he had logged nearly 180 snaps and finished the season with 16 tackles, five tackles for loss, a sack, pass breakup, caused fumble and nine quarterback pressures.

Now a veteran presence in the trenches, Capehart's goals for the rest of his senior campaign go beyond individual accolades or national attention.

"Our goal is to be one and to play for each other, have each other's back and get everyone on the same page to play passionate, winning football."

Injuries and constant competition for snaps tested his patience, but he pointed to his upbringing as a source of resilience.

"I haven't come from an easy background. You always have to go to work and show what you can do. The way I was raised has been a big part of how I've dealt with things."

Capehart's production in 2024 reflected that resilience. In 11 games, including six starts, he tallied a career-high 27 tackles and two pass breakups while playing nearly 250 snaps. Those numbers pushed his career totals to 59 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss and two sacks in 45 games entering the 2025 season.



Looking ahead, Capehart has goals that stretch far beyond Memorial Stadium.

"I want to pursue opportunities at the next level, and real estate has always caught my eye."

Balancing the grind of football with personal interests has given him perspective. Off the field, he enjoys spending time playing video games, but some of his favorite time is more personal.

"I love spending time with my family, especially my granddad. He's an old soul, and I love picking his brain and learning from people before me. Those conversations mean a lot."

Capehart said the Clemson faithful provide him and his teammates a huge advantage on Saturdays.

"Playing in Death Valley is wild. It's electric. We appreciate our fans because without them, Clemson football wouldn't be what it is. They make it very special."

When asked what Clemson fans should know about him, Capehart did not hesitate.

"I'm going to be as disruptive as I can be as long as I'm here."

Capehart looks to continue wreaking havoc on opposing offenses as he concludes his time as a Tiger.

While Capehart does not try to model his game after one particular NFL player, he admitted he has learned plenty from former teammates now playing in the professional ranks.

"I take pieces of their game, including their explosiveness and twitchiness, and I try to include them in mine."

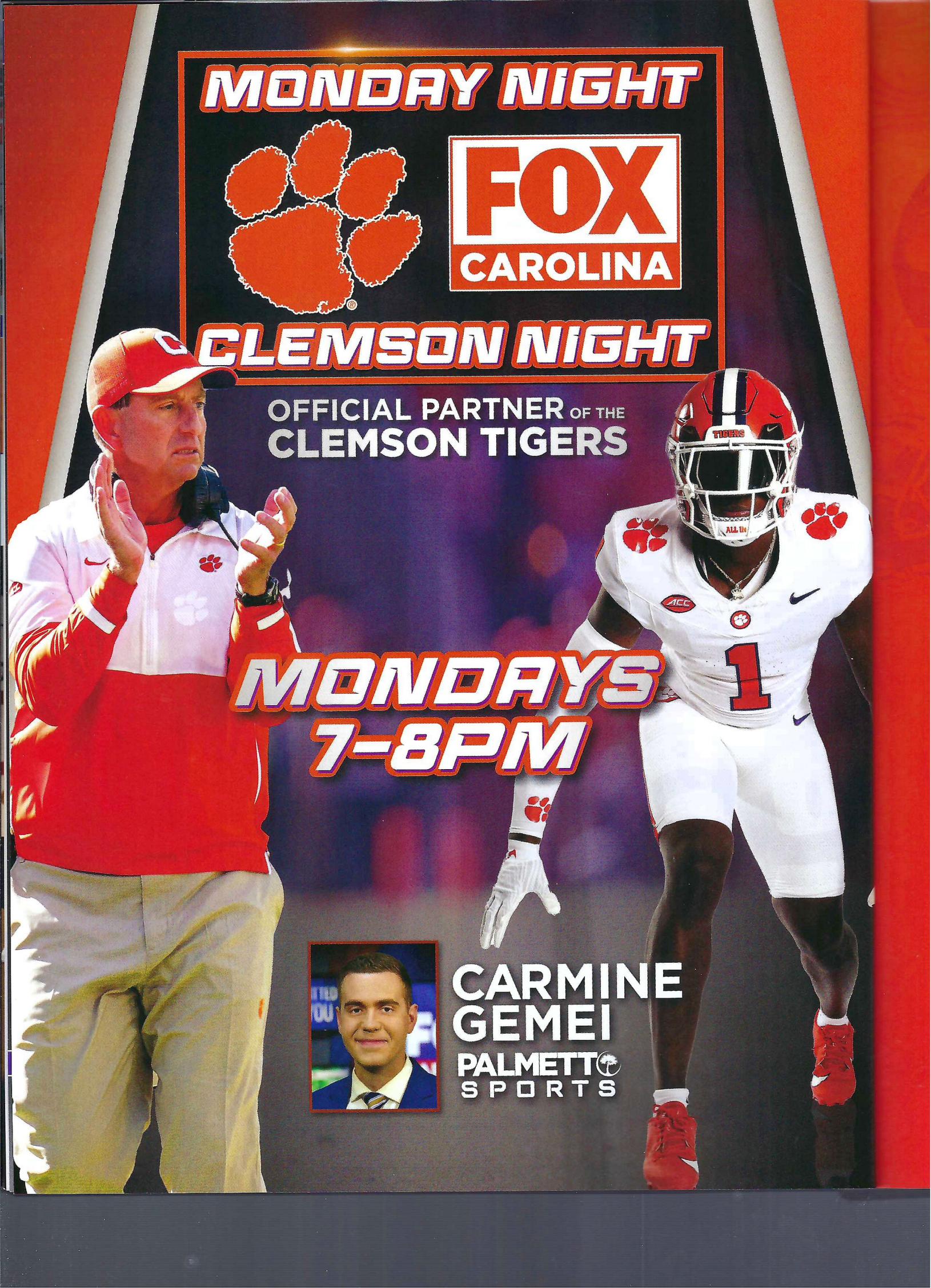
The ability to learn from those around him has been a hallmark of his growth and it reflects the culture Clemson has built through the years.

Ultimately, the most important lesson Capehart has taken from his Clemson career is not about football technique or statistics, but rather about time.

"Do what you can while you can, so when you cannot, you won't wish that you would have when you could have. Time is short, and once it's gone, it's gone. You have to do the best with what you have."

As the Tigers move through the 2025 season, #19 represents both experience and leadership. He has been shaped by the grind, tested by adversity and motivated by the chance to leave a lasting mark on the program.

Whether anchoring the defensive front or planning for life after football, Capehart has proven he is committed to making the most of every moment.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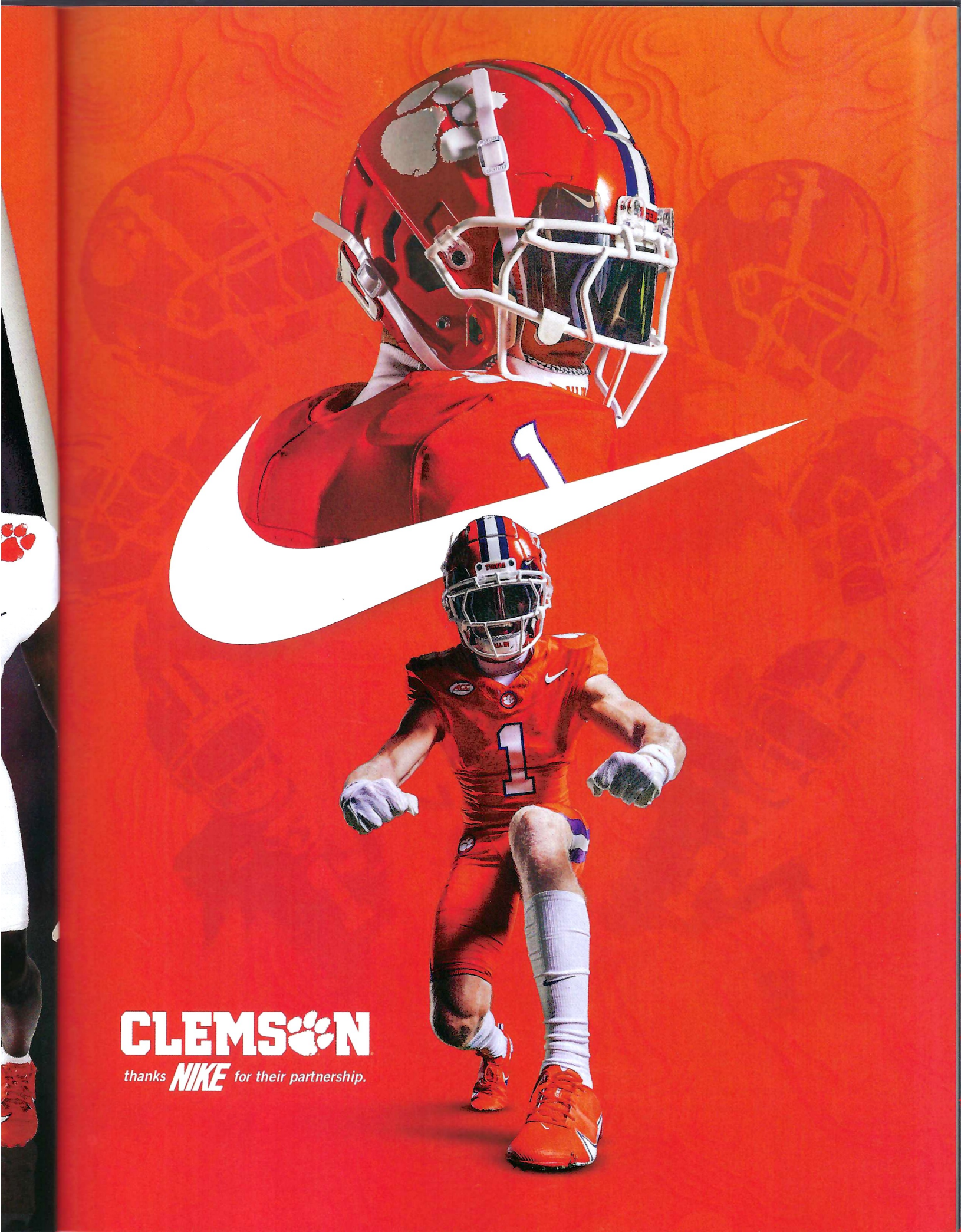
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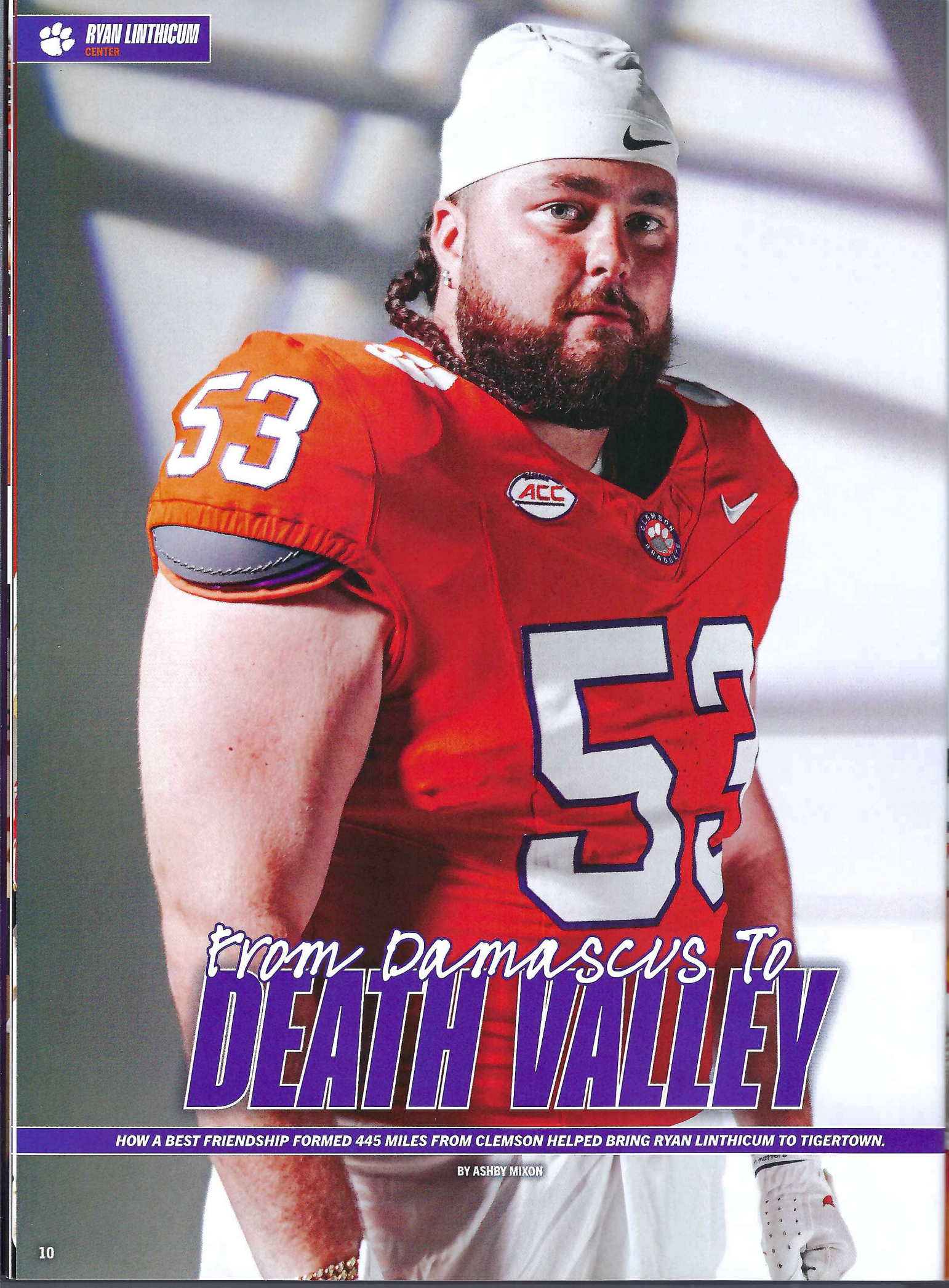

From Damascus To DEATH VALLEY

HOW A BEST FRIENDSHIP FORMED 445 MILES FROM CLEMSON HELPED BRING RYAN LINTHICUM TO TIGERTOWN.

BY ASHBY MIXON

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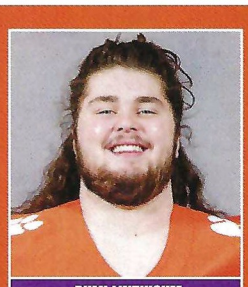


RYAN LINTHICUM

Degree	Criminal Justice
Jersey	#53
Position	Center
Height	6'3"
Weight	305
Hometown	Damascus, Md.
High School	Damascus HS

Nestled 32 miles west of Baltimore, 29 miles from Washington D.C. and 445 miles northeast of Clemson sits the quiet town of Damascus, Md., which is known for its local parks, small businesses and now, as the unlikely home of two Clemson football standouts.

With a population of only around 17,000 people, Damascus rarely makes national recruiting headlines, as Clemson has only brought in nine Maryland players in the last 15 years. Yet somehow, from the same practice fields and hallways of Damascus High School, defensive tackle Bryan Bresee and center Ryan Linthicum both traded their time in the Old Line State to join the Tigers' lines of scrimmage.

Their story, though, started long before either player set foot on Clemson's campus.

"During my freshman year of high school, we started hanging out," said Linthicum of Bresee. "We're from a small high school and you don't really see a lot of people make it out from there. So we were both on the same page and started going on visits together and bonding."

In Bresee's senior season and Linthicum's junior year, the pair led Damascus High School to a 13-2 record and state championship. Bresee totaled 80.5 tackles for loss and 35 sacks in high school, landing him as the No. 1 recruit in his class. A year later, Linthicum followed suit in excellence, being named the top center in the country by Rivals.

Bresee committed to Clemson in April 2019 after receiving over 20 college offers, and Linthicum signed his letter of intent five months later in September, choosing the Tigers over 10 programs. Although the pair made visits together, Linthicum is adamant that his choice was his own.

"Bryan never told me to come to Clemson," said Linthicum. "He let me go through the process myself. But he was telling me how college works, so I was prepared for that mentally when I got there, and it was cool to have him, because he went through the experience already."

What followed for Linthicum after his commitment was what Head Coach Dabo Swinney famously calls the "crock pot," a slow-cooked development style that includes extra lifts called "power hours" and learning from veteran players.

"It was showing up every day, learning how to practice, learning from the older guys, taking every rep like a game rep and coming here every day and working," said Linthicum of his first 50 months in Tigertown.

Four years after committing, Linthicum earned the starting role in 2024 and became one of 12 Tigers to start every game. After playing only 103 snaps in his first three seasons, Linthicum has logged 1,443 snaps in 22 consecutive starts so far in his final two years.

"A lot of people like to leave, but I knew that Clemson was the place. I'm loyal to Clemson and they're loyal to me."

Linthicum's performance, a product of his loyalty, paid off, as Swinney named him the team's "MVP" through his first two starts. He also garnered First-Team All-ACC honors from Sports Info Solutions at the end of the 2024 season.

Had he left, Linthicum would not have been able to be by his best friend's side as the Bresee family grieved the loss of Bryan's little sister, Ella, who lost her battle with a rare and aggressive form of brain cancer in October 2022.

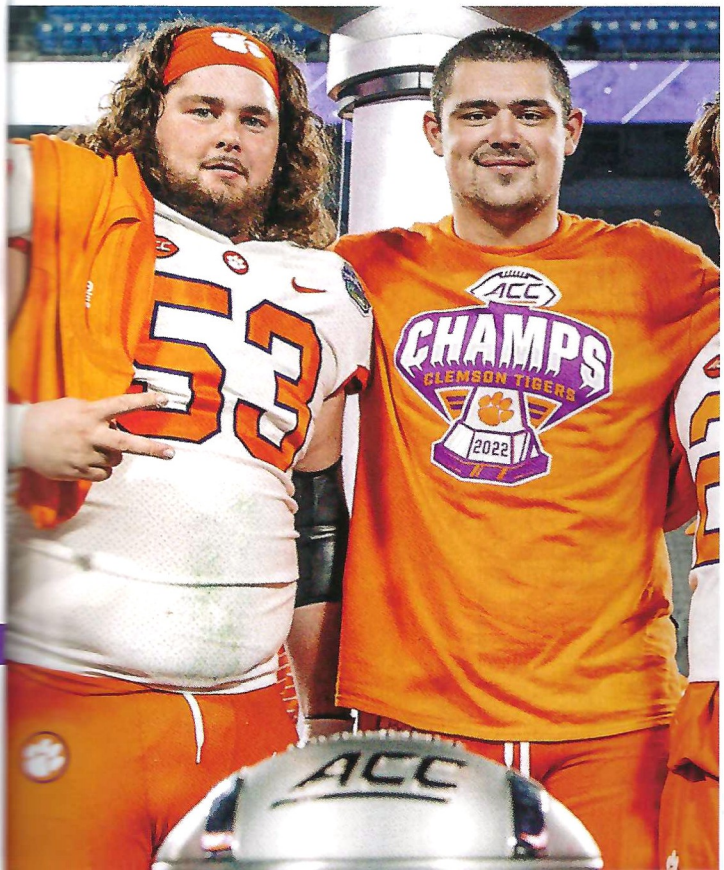
Linthicum and the town of Clemson rallied around the Bresees, wearing "Ella Strong" wristbands, pins, shirts and hats. The ACC Defensive Rookie-of-the-Year missed two games to be with his family before returning to deliver a pass breakup that sealed a win over Wake Forest.

"I knew that's what Ella would want me to do," said Bresee after the game. "She loved watching all of us play. My family being here and being together, it brings my family joy watching us play."

For Linthicum, this moment was unforgettable.

"To see the joy on his face and his family was huge. They're like my second parents. Those are my best memories."

Times have changed for Linthicum and Bresee. Linthicum is now a graduate leader on the Tigers' offensive front, while Bresee is in his third year playing for the New Orleans Saints after being selected in the first round of the 2023 NFL draft.





Still, their bond remains deeper than distance. Bresee surprised Linthicum by sporting a #53 jersey to Clemson's season opener against LSU.

"It was really cool to see Bryan in my jersey. I didn't know he was going to do that. It's a blessing. His family means so much to me. It's a friendship we'll have forever. His parents were texting me before the game, and it was awesome to have Bryan there."

Linthicum also went to watch Bresee play the Atlanta Falcons during an open weekend last season. Although the schedules did not align this year for Linthicum to visit Bresee in New Orleans, he still carries a piece of his family every week, wearing his "Ella Strong" tie to every game.

"I'm going to wear it every week. She always has a special place in my heart, and I want to carry her legacy on forever."

Nearly a decade after they first strapped on pads in Damascus, the two have played together, cheered together and supported each other through triumph and heartbreak. Although hundreds of miles away, a piece of Damascus will always be in Clemson.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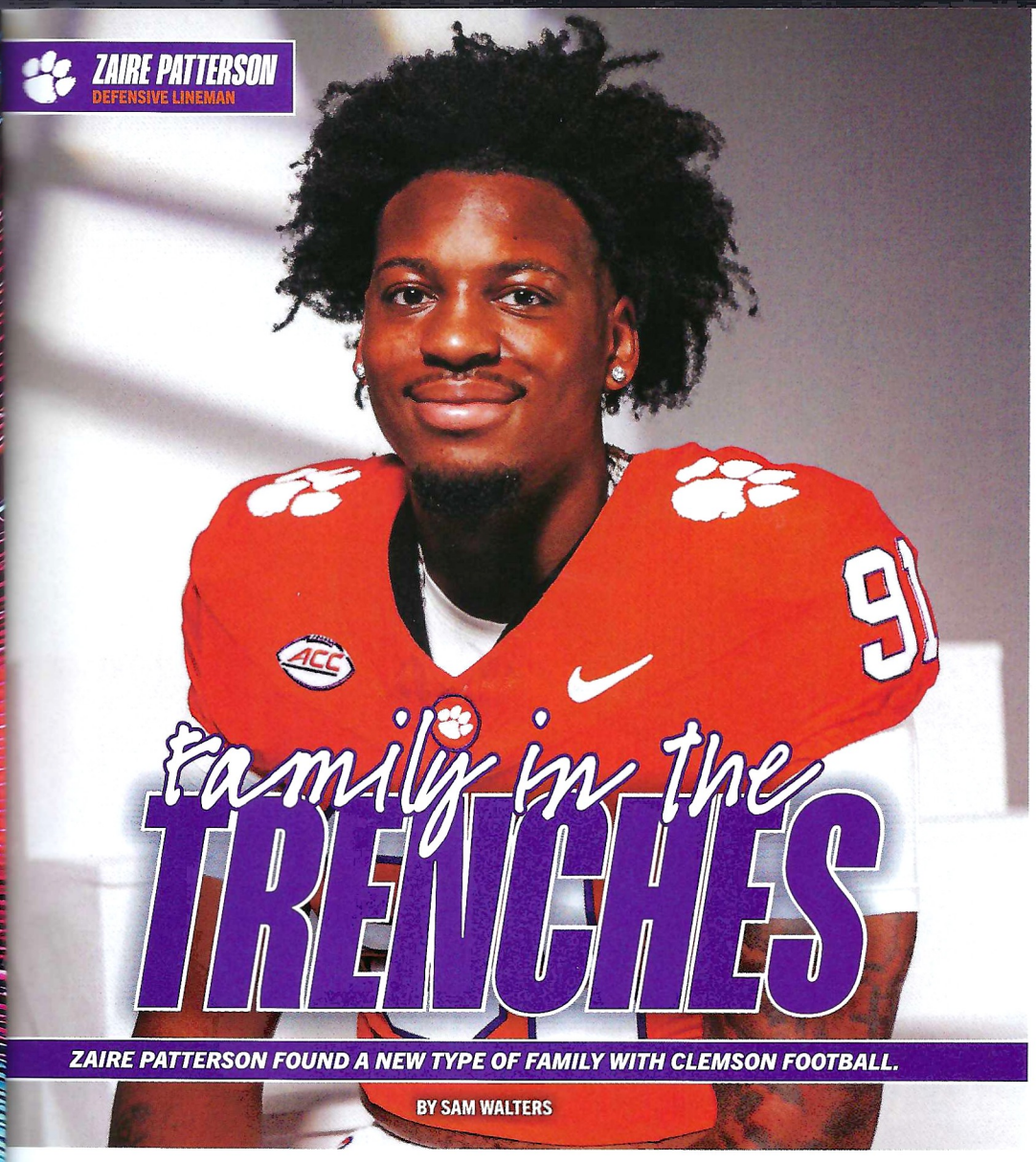

family in the TRENCHES

ZAIRE PATTERSON FOUND A NEW TYPE OF FAMILY WITH CLEMSON FOOTBALL.

BY SAM WALTERS

As a prospect in the state of North Carolina, Zaire Patterson drew a lot of attention. The No. 7 rated player received many top offers early in 2020, with teams like Alabama, Notre Dame, Tennessee and Texas A&M all throwing out offers for the defensive lineman. But the offer from Clemson stood out, and Patterson committed later that spring.

"I chose to go to Clemson because I started playing football in 10th grade, and I knew that Clemson was a developmental program. I thought that coming to Clemson would be the best fit for me."

A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., Patterson found himself on the Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy football team in 2018 as a sophomore. His entrance to the sport sparked something great, as he only got better and more spirited for the game. He ended his high school career with 181 tackles, 43 tackles for loss, 25 sacks and 10 caused fumbles in 21 games, all combining into an impressive resumé for a college program searching for their next defensive standout.

With an impressive background and history, Clemson is a top target for players to mark down on their recruiting board as they search for the place they will start their college football career. The figure who had the biggest influence on Patterson was Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

"Who Coach Swinney portrays to be is who he really is. He is a great man, and I wouldn't want to be coached by anyone else."

Patterson followed his commitment by enrolling with the Tigers and beginning his journey, which started with his debut against UConn in 2021 while redshirting. It would not be until the 2023 season when he returned to game action. In 2023 and 2024, he combined for 40 snaps while causing his first fumble against Florida Atlantic.

As a mentor for the younger players, #91 has had the impact of teaching them the team's defensive structure by using his own experience with Clemson. Players like Champ Thompson, Hevin Brown-Shuler, Amare Adams and Aidan Hydrick, among others, are freshmen who, with the help of Patterson and the rest of the veterans, are improving and growing into their full potential.

"I've met a lot of people who are probably going to be my family forever now. When I first came in, all of the guys taught me a lot, and it's great being able to give back to our younger group and teach them things and help them through experiences."

Not only has he impacted the younger players on the team, he has built flourishing relationships with fellow veterans. DeMonte Capehart and Peter Woods, who have started most games on the defensive line, are just a few who have become family to him.

"It has been amazing. Peter, DeMonte and I...we hang out all of the time. Watching them evolve from the players who they were to the players they are now, I can't help but be proud and excited for them."

Despite some early setbacks, Patterson believes the 2025 squad is just as passionate and strong as any other and they have the talent to keep themselves in the game and involved as a top program.

"This team loves each other. I think this team loves each other moreso than our past teams. We're all one big family and we don't see each other as offense or defense. We see each other as a team, and we're going to continue to keep fighting with each other until the end of the season."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



ZAIRE PATTERSON

Major	Sports Communication
Jersey	#91
Position	Defensive Lineman
Height	6'5"
Weight	265
Hometown	Winston-Salem, N.C.
High School	Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy



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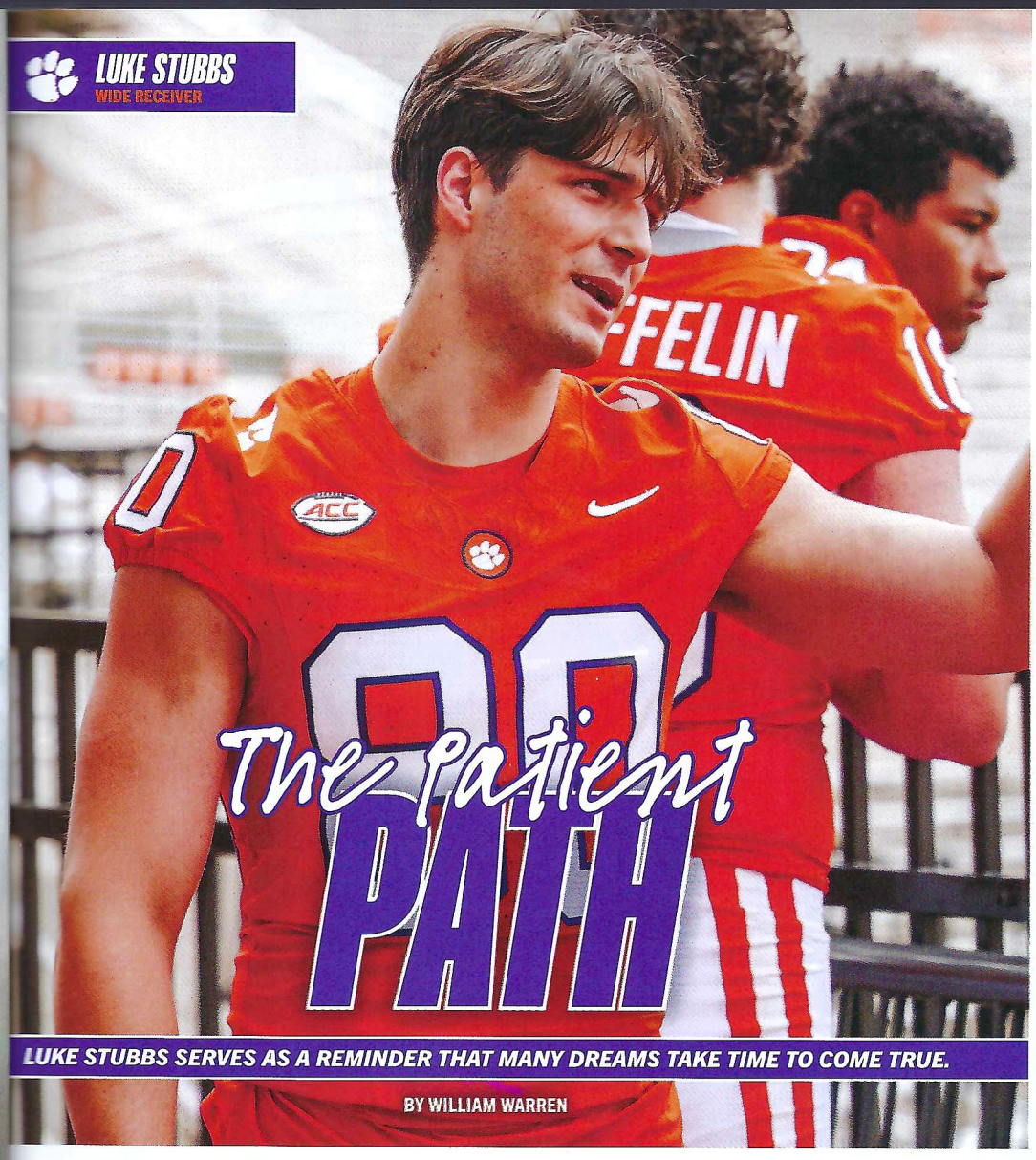


LUKE STUBBS
WIDE RECEIVER

The Patient PATH

LUKE STUBBS SERVES AS A REMINDER THAT MANY DREAMS TAKE TIME TO COME TRUE.

BY WILLIAM WARREN

For Clemson wide receiver Luke Stubbs, the journey to wearing the Tiger Paw has been anything but ordinary. A lifelong Tiger fan who grew up attending games in Death Valley, Stubbs always dreamed of playing under the bright orange lights. But it took three years of perseverance, faith and unwavering belief to finally make it happen.

"I originally chose Clemson because I wanted to attend a big Southern school. When I toured, everyone was super sweet. I loved the idea of Southern hospitality. It felt like home."

Stubbs' path to the team came through the walk-on process, which he described as "a three-day tryout that ends with being placed on an inventory list" before earning a call-up. He did not make the roster his freshman year, and during his sophomore year, he was put on the inventory list. But his persistence paid off this past summer when he received a message from Clemson's director of player personnel, Mike Dooley.

"He texted me saying they wanted to bring me back to see if I could join the team. I'd been here for three years, and to finally get that chance to call him and then talk to Coach (Dabo) Swinney was a surreal moment."

Now a junior, Stubbs' story serves as inspiration to every player chasing a dream.

"I prayed countless times to make it. I never thought it was going to happen, but it did. My advice is simple. Even when it seems impossible, don't give up, because it still might."

Stubbs' continued persistence paid off and contributed to his favorite memory as a part of the team when he felt the rush of running down the Hill against LSU in the 2025 season opener.

"That was the most insane environment I've ever experienced."

Off the field, Stubbs stays grounded thanks to his parents and girlfriend.

"For the last three years, my parents have been through every walk-on tryout, every call, every time I didn't make it, every workout I went to, practices and training just to get on the team. My mom has never once let me believe that I wouldn't make the team. I would call my mom, and she'd say, 'Well, you're going to make it next spring. You're going to make next fall.' I appreciate having the support group believing in me and not letting me think that I wasn't going to make it."

Stubbs also finds joy in simple things, such as spending time with his support circle and his German Shepherd, Apollo, who just turned one.

"He's my pride and joy."

In the wide receiver room, Stubbs credited teammates Antonio Williams, T.J. Moore, Cole Turner and Chase Byrd for helping him grow.

"They are able to do things that I could never do, but I also know there are techniques and things they do that I can replicate. I can copy and do it to the best of my ability.

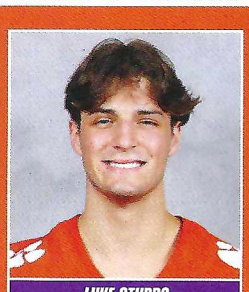
"I'm super close with a lot of the wide receivers, and I've developed as a football player so well, because I asked them very mundane and random questions, like how to do a 'stripe break,' or what's the best way to get out on a route, and they say it so simply, and that was when I put it into practice."

As for his goals this season, Stubbs keeps them simple.

"I want to graduate with a strong standing, get better every day and hopefully score a touchdown."

From walk-on tryouts to playing under the bright lights of Memorial Stadium, Stubbs' story embodies the values of grit, work ethic and commitment. They serve as a reminder that many dreams take time to come true.

TIGER SPOTLIGHT



LUKE STUBBS

Major	Financial Management
Jersey	#80
Position	Wide Receiver
Height	6'2"
Weight	205
Hometown	Charlotte, N.C.
High School	SouthLake Christian Academy



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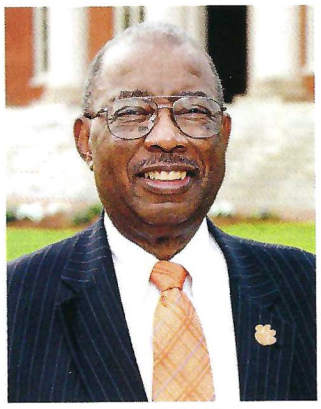

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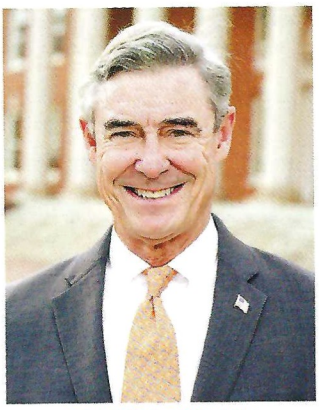

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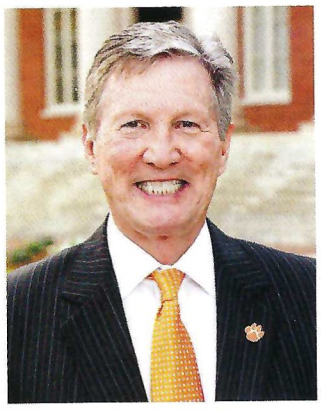

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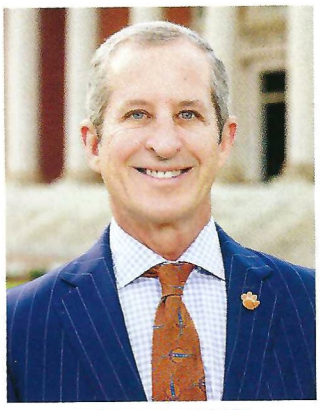

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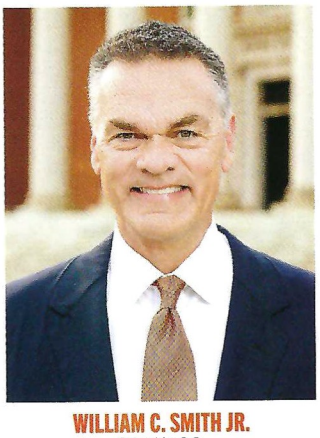

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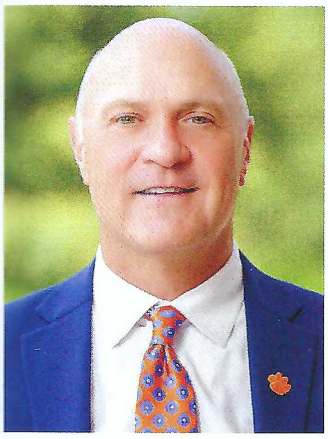

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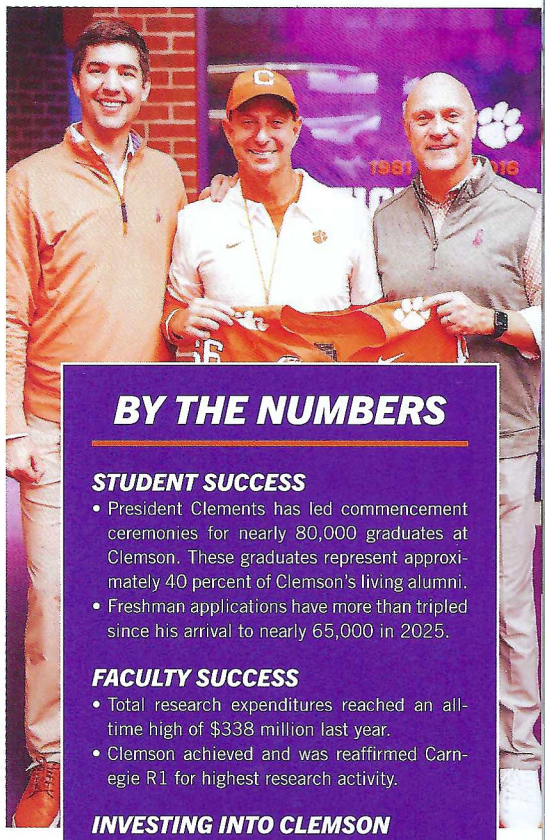

President Jim Clements became Clemson University's 15th president on Dec. 31, 2013, and since his arrival, the value of the Tiger Paw has never been higher. Clemson's First Lady and Honorary Clemson Alumna, Beth Clements, is also a true Clemson treasure. The Clements have been married for 34 years and have four children and six grandchildren who are also ALL IN for Clemson.

BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENT SUCCESS

- President Clements has led commencement ceremonies for nearly 80,000 graduates at Clemson. These graduates represent approximately 40 percent of Clemson's living alumni.
- Freshman applications have more than tripled since his arrival to nearly 65,000 in 2025.

FACULTY SUCCESS

- Total research expenditures reached an all-time high of $338 million last year.
- Clemson achieved and was reaffirmed Carnegie R1 for highest research activity.

INVESTING INTO CLEMSON

- Clements has helped raise nearly $3 billion in private funds as a university president, including over $2 billion since he arrived at Clemson, resulting in record-breaking fundraising every year.
- The value of the Clemson Foundation Endowment has doubled since Clements arrived at Clemson and surpassed $1 billion for the first time in 2021.
- More than $3.1 billion has been allocated to new or renovated facilities.

ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION

- Clemson is on more than 100 top-20 lists, including "Friendliest Students," "Best Career Services," "Best Schools for Internships," "Best Alumni Networks" and "Best Quality of Life."

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GRAHAM NEFF



CLEMSON'S 14TH DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS IS IN HIS FOURTH FULL SEASON AS THE LEADER OF THE TIGER PROGRAM WITH A VISION OF SUSTAINED SUCCESS DRIVEN BY ONE SIMPLE INGREDIENT...PEOPLE.

Graham Neff was named Clemson's 14th director of athletics on Dec. 23, 2021 in the midst of his 11th year at Clemson and is in his fourth full season in the role. During his tenure, Neff has established himself as a forward-thinking leader with a focus on student-athlete well-being and academic and athletic success. Additionally, he has helped to navigate a complicated national landscape, working closely with key stakeholders to stay at the forefront of the issues with an emphasis on the impacts to Clemson.

Neff has overseen significant facility development, including investments in football and a women's sport expansion project to house Clemson's lacrosse and gymnastics teams. In 2025, Clemson opened the 55,000-square-foot Watt Family Performance & Wellness Center.

He led the bringing of Clemson's multimedia rights in-house, developed a comprehensive NIL program and launched a streaming service, named Clemson+. Recently, the athletic department announced the formation of Clemson Ventures, which is an innovative take on commercial revenue generation within the athletic department, including sales, media creation, digital marketing, NIL and events verticals. Additionally, IPTAY has seen record-breaking growth in the past two years, which included the largest gift in IPTAY history.

Academically, Clemson's graduation success rate has been above 91 percent for 11 consecutive years, including highest in the nation among public power-conference institutions for two straight years with a 96-percent mark for the most-recent data release. The student-athlete total GPA has been above 3.0 for 12 straight semesters.

All of this led to Clemson being named one of Front Office Sports' Best Collegiate Athletic Departments nationally.

On the field, it has led to significant results. In 2022-23, Clemson's teams won four ACC championships in a single season for the first time since 1998-99. In the 2023-24 year, four programs advanced to national quarterfinals in a single season, an accomplishment that had not occurred since 1979-80. In 2023, the men's soccer program claimed its second national championship in three years. Men's soccer also won the 2023 ACC title, while there was a historic run by the men's basketball program, which knocked off powerhouses Baylor and Arizona in the NCAA Tourney. Women's soccer advanced to its first College Cup as well.

Clemson made its return to the College Football Playoff in 2024 after claiming the ACC championship and won an ACC title in softball and women's indoor track & field in 2024-25. The Tigers also made NCAA Tournament appearances in men's soccer (Sweet 16), gymnastics (regional quarterfinal), lacrosse (Sweet 16), men's and women's tennis, softball (super regional) and baseball.

Neff has been in senior leadership positions within Clemson athletics since 2013, including as chief financial officer and director of capital projects prior to his most-recent role as deputy director of athletics. Neff has helped oversee the build and financing of more than $200 million in facility improvements, aided in the continued development of IPTAY and served as a sport administrator for football and men's basketball.

Neff works consistently with key university stakeholders, including the university Executive Leadership Team, Board of Trustees, IPTAY Board of Directors, Athletics Council and several university committees and appointments.

In his time as a sport supervisor, the football program won two national titles and the men's basketball program made two NCAA Tournament appearances, including a Sweet 16 run in 2018.

Neff has helped develop several key areas of the department, including the financial philosophy, fundraising, student-athlete welfare and external operations management. In 2019, he was named one of Sports Business Daily's Power Players, then was named to SBJ's 40 Under 40 list in 2021.

Prior to his role as deputy director of athletics, he joined Clemson in April 2013 as associate AD of finance and facilities. Before Clemson, Neff served more than two years in several senior administrative roles at Middle Tennessee athletics, with emphasis in finance, facilities and external operations.

A civil engineering graduate of Georgia Tech, he served as a student manager for men's basketball under Head Coach Paul Hewitt, advancing to a Final Four in 2004. Neff worked in the financial advisory services group at Deloitte & Touche from 2006-08 prior to returning to a finance and ticketing role at Georgia Tech Athletic Association. He earned an MBA from Georgia Tech in 2010.

The director of athletics and his wife, Kristin, have three sons, Grady and twins Emmett and Nolan.



THE NEFF FAMILY - GRAHAM AND KRISTIN WITH GRADY AND TWINS EMMETT (LEFT) AND NOLAN (RIGHT).



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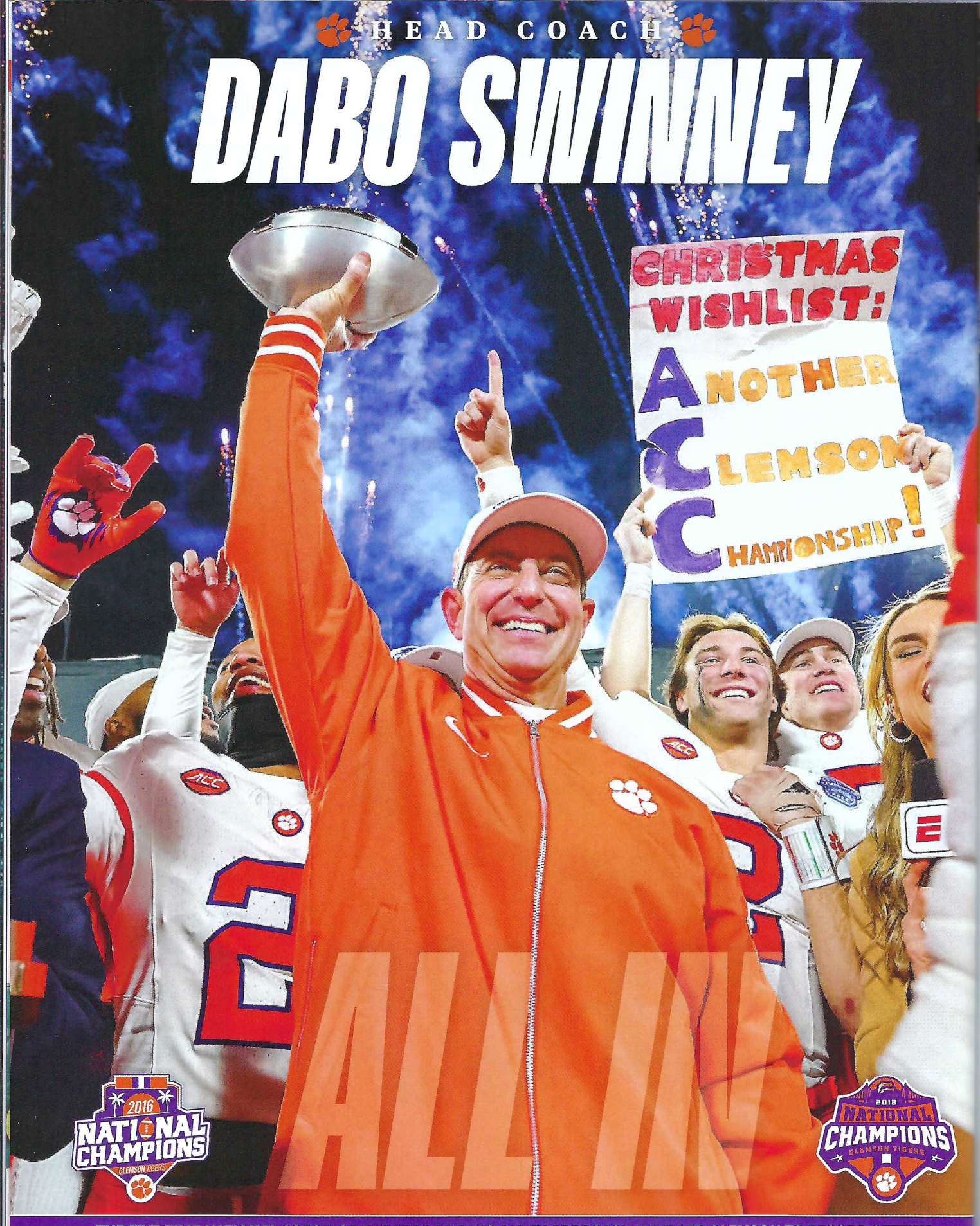


THE FIVE-TIME NATIONAL COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AND HIS ALL-IN APPROACH HAVE LED CLEMSON TO RECORD-SETTING HEIGHTS, INCLUDING THE 2016 AND 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, NINE ACC TITLES, UNPRECEDENTED ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND A SCHOOL RECORD FOR COACHING WINS (180) IN JUST 16 FULL SEASONS.



THE SWINNEY FAMILY (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) - CLAY, DREW, MARY CROSBY, KATHLEEN, DABO, HANNAH AND WILL.

An illustrious coaching heritage is embedded in the foundation of Clemson football. At the dawn of the 20th century, the Tigers were led by future College Football Hall of Famer John Heisman. Hall of Famers Jess Neely, Frank Howard and Danny Ford followed in Heisman's winning tradition.

Now in his 18th season (and 17th full season) as Clemson's head coach, Dabo Swinney has already carved his name into that foundation, elevating himself amid a pantheon of Tiger greats as both the program's all-time winningest coach and the first in history to lead Clemson to multiple national championships.

Swinney entered the 2025 campaign as the winningest coach in ACC history, as his 180 victories surpassed the 173 wins College Football Hall of Famer Bobby Bowden accrued after Florida State joined the conference prior to the 1992 season. Swinney passed Bowden in 2024 by earning his 174th career win, a feat he accomplished on the field bearing Bowden's name in Tallahassee.

Clemson produced its 13th 10-win season in 14 years and its eighth ACC title in a 10-year span in 2024. A dramatic walkoff field goal to win the 2024 ACC Championship Game against SMU extended Clemson's FBS record of consecutive seasons with a postseason win to 14 years, and the victory propelled Clemson to its seventh College Football Playoff berth (second most all-time) in the first year of the 12-team CFP era. The conference championship was Swinney's ninth, pushing him past Howard, a College Football Hall of Famer, for the most in school history.

Despite having only served as a head coach for 17 seasons, Swinney is already seventh in FBS history in wins (180) through the first 20 seasons of a head coaching career, trailing only Tom Osborne (195), Nick Saban (191), Bob Stoops (191), Joe Paterno (187), Urban Meyer (187) and LaVell Edwards (183). He is the nation's fifth-longest-tenured head coach, and he has produced 86 NFL draft picks, the most of any active coach since his hire, including 18 first-round picks.

Swinney coached the 200th game of his career in the 2022 Orange Bowl, and his 161-39 record through 200 career games positioned him alongside College Football Hall of Famers Robert Neyland and Stoops for the fifth-most wins through 200 games in FBS history.

Swinney surpassed the legendary Howard as Clemson's all-time winningest coach on Nov. 4, 2023 in a 31-23 win over No. 12 Notre Dame at Memorial Stadium. The win was the 166th of his career in only his 209th career game. The win sparked Clemson's five-game, season-ending winning streak, as the Tigers improved from 4-4 to 9-4 and finished ranked in the AP top 25 for the 13th consecutive season.

Swinney's 2022 squad had an 11-3 record and returned the Tigers to the ACC throne, earning a 39-10 win in the ACC Championship Game against North Carolina to give the Tigers their seventh ACC title in eight years. Clemson became the first program in an active power conference to win seven outright championships in an eight-year span since Alabama won eight of nine SEC titles outright from 1971-79. Clemson's 2022 squad extended its streak of consecutive 10-win seasons to 12, the third-longest streak in FBS history.

In 2021, Swinney's final win of the season in the Cheez-It Bowl was his 150th career win in his 186th game as head coach. In terms of games, Swinney became the sixth-fastest coach in FBS history and the fourth fastest in the modern era to register 150 career victories, trailing only Meyer (176), Gil Dobie (180), Barry Switzer (180), Fielding Yost (184) and Paterno (184). At the conclusion of that season, only 16 coaches in FBS history, including Swinney, had accomplished the feat within 200 games, and all 15 of the coaches beyond Swinney are College Football Hall of Fame inductees.

Though other seasons resulted in more hardware, analysts and observers opined that 2021 might have been his best coaching job, as the Tiger mentor guided his team through adversity and attrition to overcome a 2-2 start to finish 10-3. Clemson entered that October as one of 28 power conference teams

THE SWINNEY FILE

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

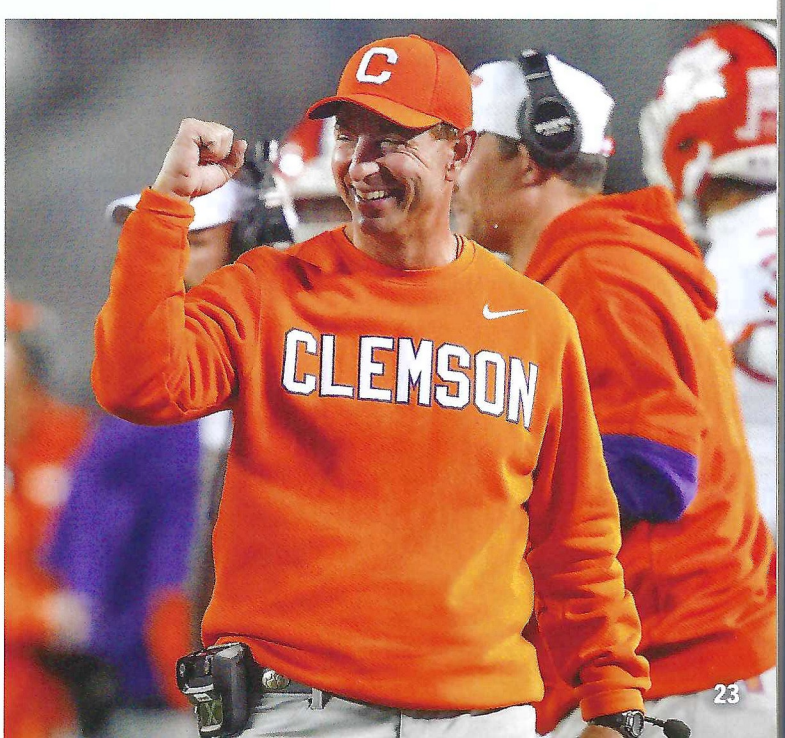
Lettered three years at Alabama (1990-92); also a member of the 1989 team ... member of the 1992 national championship team ... Academic All-SEC and SEC Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll member in 1990,92.

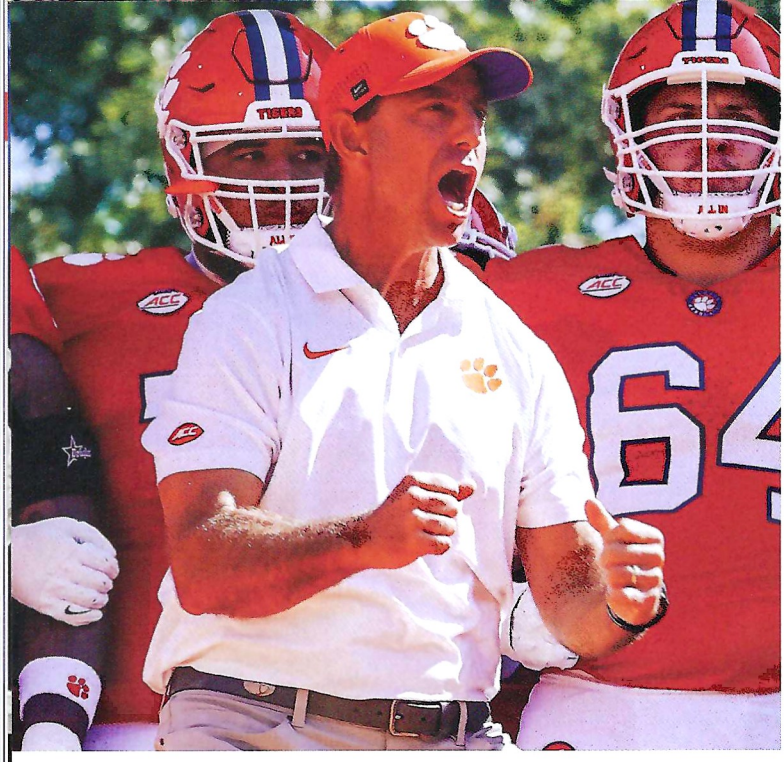
EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in commerce & business administration from Alabama in 1993 ... master's degree in business administration from Alabama in 1995.

PERSONAL DATA

Born Nov. 20, 1969, in Birmingham, Ala. ... married to the former Kathleen Bassett ... the couple has three sons (Will, Drew, Clay) ... Will (BS '21, MBA '22) and Drew (BS '22, MBA '23) are multiple-time Clemson graduates and are on Clemson's 2025 staff ... Clay is a redshirt junior wide receiver on the 2025 team.





with two or more losses, yet it concluded the season as one of only two of those 28 programs to finish with double-digit wins.

A year earlier, Swinney's squad accomplished its "double-double mission," going 10-2 in a condensed season to give the Tigers 10 consecutive 10-win seasons. Clemson became only the third program in FBS history to accomplish the feat and became the first school to win 10+ games in 10 straight seasons as a member of the ACC, as only the final nine of Florida State's record 14-straight 10-win seasons came during the Seminoles' tenure in the ACC.

The pandemic-affected 2020 campaign was a historic one for the Tigers both as a team and individually, as Trevor Lawrence ascended to become the winningest quarterback in school history (34-2) and Travis Etienne added the ACC's all-time rushing crown (4,952 yards) to his arsenal of school and conference records. Etienne's versatility as both a rusher and receiver earned him consensus All-America honors as an all-purpose selection, while Lawrence became the second Heisman Trophy finalist in program history, tying Deshaun Watson (second in 2016) for the highest finish in Heisman Trophy voting in school history.

The prolific backfield duo under Swinney's tutelage helped guide Clemson to its sixth consecutive outright conference title with a 34-10 win over Notre Dame in the ACC Championship Game. That day, Clemson and Oklahoma's six-year streaks of outright conference titles made the two programs the first among current power conference programs to win at least six straight outright championships since Oklahoma (12 from 1948-59) as part of the now-dissolved Big 8 Conference.

The conference championship helped Clemson secure its sixth College Football Playoff berth, becoming the first program to reach the postseason tournament in six consecutive seasons. Clemson is also one of only three programs with at least six College Football Playoff victories.

Clemson entered the third decade of the 21st century in 2020 after Swinney helped author one of the most prolific 10-year periods in the history of the sport. Clemson posted a 117-22 record under Swinney's leadership in the 2010s, and the program's 117 victories trailed only Penn (124 in the 1890s) and Alabama (124 in the 2010s) to tie for the third most in a decade in major college football since 1890. Clemson's 117 victories in the 2010s represented the first 100-win decade in Tiger history as well.

Before a pandemic-shortened season in 2020, Clemson won at least 12 games in five straight seasons from 2015-19, tied for the longest such streak in the modern era and only two seasons shy of Penn's record-seven-season streak from 1892-98. Clemson totaled 69 wins during that five-year span, the most in a five-year stretch in the AP poll era.

In 2019, the Tigers earned their fifth-consecutive CFP berth following their fifth-consecutive ACC title, becoming the first team in history to win five straight conference championship games since they were created in 1992.

Clemson had a 14-1 record that year, earning its fourth appearance in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game in five years. Prior to the season finale, Clemson extended its school-record winning streak to 29, tied with Florida State (2012-14) for the longest streak in ACC history and the 12th longest in FBS history.

Clemson also produced the 2018 William V. Campbell Trophy winner (known colloquially as the "Academic Heisman") in Christian Wilkins and won the program's first AFCA Academic Achievement Award. Clemson repeated as an AFCA Academic Achievement Award recipient in 2019, becoming the only school in the country to repeat and doing so while appearing in the national championship game in both seasons.

Swinney and Clemson's 2018 season was one for which statistics and superlatives accumulated in historic fashion. The Tigers became the first major college football team in the modern era (and the first since Penn in 1897) to finish a season with a 15-0 record.

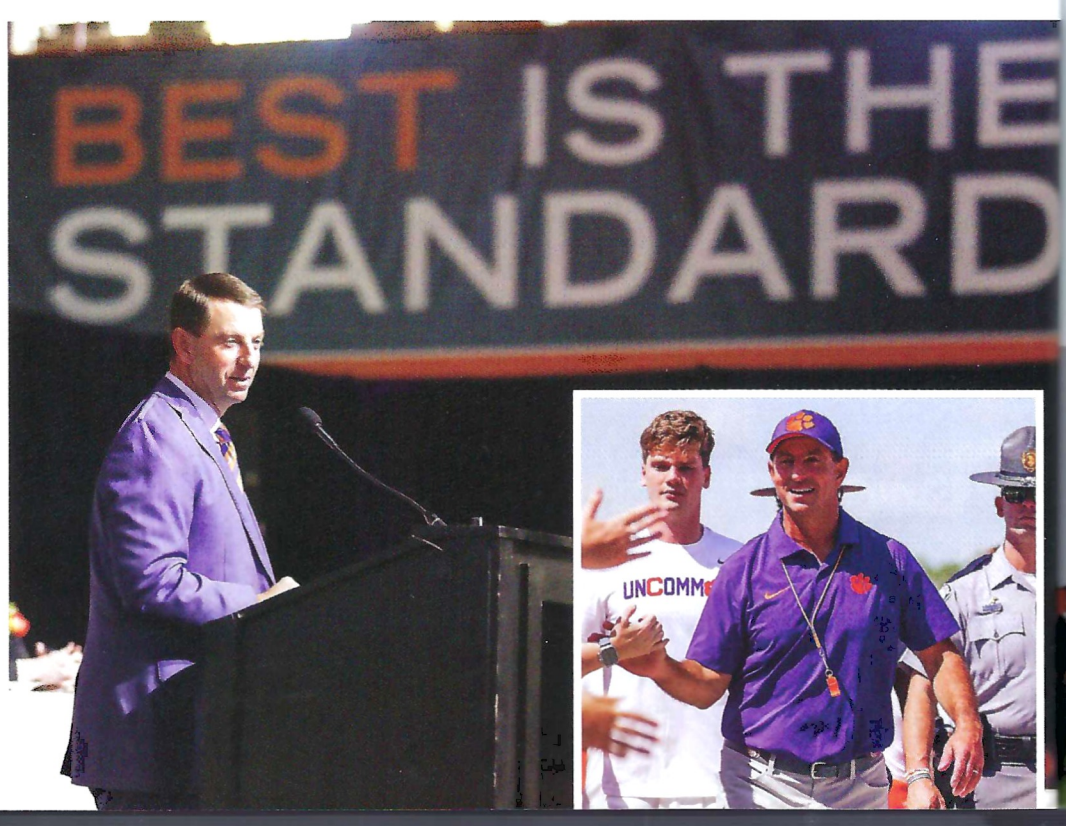
Clemson's 15 wins included a school-record 12 against teams who finished

SWINNEY'S COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Position(s)	W-L	Bowl(s)
1993	Alabama	GA	9-3-1	Gator
1994	Alabama	GA	12-1	Citrus
1995	Alabama	GA	8-3	
1996	Alabama	WR,TE	10-3	Outback
1997	Alabama	TE	4-7	
1998	Alabama	WR	7-5	Music City
1999	* Alabama	WR	10-3	Orange
2000	Alabama	WR	3-8	
2003	Clemson	WR	9-4	Peach
2004	Clemson	WR	6-5	
2005	Clemson	WR	8-4	Champs Sports
2006	Clemson	WR	8-5	Music City
2007	Clemson	AHC,WR	9-4	Chick-fil-A
2008	Clemson	AHC,WR	3-3	
	Clemson	IHC	4-2	
	Clemson	HC	0-1	Gator
2009	Clemson	HC	9-5	Music City
2010	Clemson	HC	6-7	Meineke Car Care
2011	* Clemson	HC	10-4	Orange
2012	Clemson	HC	11-2	Chick-fil-A
2013	Clemson	HC	11-2	Orange
2014	Clemson	HC	10-3	Russell Athletic
2015	* Clemson	HC	14-1	Orange, CFPNCG
2016 ^*	Clemson	HC	14-1	Fiesta, CFPNCG
2017	* Clemson	HC	12-2	Sugar
2018 ^*	Clemson	HC	15-0	Cotton, CFPNCG
2019	* Clemson	HC	14-1	Fiesta, CFPNCG
2020	* Clemson	HC	10-2	Sugar
2021	Clemson	HC	10-3	Cheez-It
2022	* Clemson	HC	11-3	Orange
2023	Clemson	HC	9-4	Gator
2024	* Clemson	HC	10-4	CFP First Round

* - conference champion; ^ - national champion

Years as a full-time college coach (including GA years): 30
Winning seasons: 27
Bowl seasons: 26
Record as a full-time assistant coach: 106-58-1 (.645)
Record as a head coach: 180-47 (.793)
Record at Clemson (assistant & head coach): 223-72 (.756)





with a winning record. Clemson won by an average margin of 31.1 points per game, the highest in the nation and the second highest in school history, trailing only a 35.3-point average margin in 1900. Among the seasons it passed was a 30.4-point average margin in 1901, a season in which Clemson won one of its five games by a score of 122-0.

With Lawrence leading the Tigers, Clemson took flight. After a dramatic come-from-behind 27-23 win over Syracuse in which Lawrence exited the game with an injury, Clemson rattled off 10 consecutive wins of 20+ points to end the season, including blowout wins of No. 3 Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl and No. 1 Alabama in the CFP National Championship Game.

Seven Tigers earned first or second-team All-America honors, including a school-record three players who collected consensus honors. The 2018 Tigers produced a program-record 18 All-ACC selections and became the first team since Florida State in 1997 to produce the ACC Player-of-the-Year, ACC Offensive Player-of-the-Year, ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year, ACC Offensive Rookie-of-the-Year and ACC Coach-of-the-Year in a single season.

Accolades also accumulated for Swinney, who earned his second career ACC Coach-of-the-Year honor and brought home the Woody Hayes Award as national coach-of-the-year. Less than a week after winning the national title, he won the Bear Bryant Award, becoming the first three-time winner of the accolade.

The 2018 season was preceded by a 2017 campaign in which Clemson was on a mission to prove that it was built to last. Swinney guided the team to a 12-2 record, an ACC title and a College Football Playoff berth despite having only six scholarship seniors and losing players who accounted for 77 percent of the offense during the 2016 national championship season.

Despite a setback in the Sugar Bowl to eventual national champion Alabama, Clemson finished ranked No. 4 in both polls. Swinney was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame following the season.

The Tiger-record six wins over top-25 teams in 2017, also a national high, included a school-record four on opponents' home fields and five away from home. The defense, including three defensive linemen, featured four All-Americans, helping Clemson finish in the top four in the nation in scoring defense (No. 2) and total defense (No. 4). Clemson led the ACC in the four major defensive categories (scoring, total, rushing, passing), a first in conference history.

The 2016 Tigers lived up to their hype after compiling a 14-1 record and earning a spot in the College Football Playoff for the second-straight year. Along the way, Clemson knocked off five top-25 foes.

Clemson defeated the top two teams in the national polls in consecutive games in the College Football Playoff at the end of the season. The Tigers blanked Ohio State 31-0 in the Fiesta Bowl, the first shutout suffered by Meyer in his head-coaching career and the first for Ohio State since 1993.

The Tigers then earned a rematch with No. 1 Alabama, and for the first time in school history took down the top-ranked team in a second epic battle with the storied Crimson Tide program. Watson's touchdown pass to Hunter Renfrow with one second left on the clock gave Clemson a dramatic 35-31 national championship victory in Tampa, Fla. Swinney received the Bear Bryant Award for the second consecutive season.

Swinney coached Watson to two record-setting seasons (2015,16). The two-time Heisman Trophy finalist became the first FBS player to total 4,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in a season in 2015, and he followed by setting an ACC record with 41 passing touchdowns in 2016. Watson won the Davey O'Brien Award and Manning Award in back-to-back years.

Swinney guided Clemson to the No. 1 national ranking in every CFP poll in 2015 and led the Tigers to their first national championship game appearance under the new format after his team defeated Oklahoma 37-17 in the 2015 Orange Bowl. The Tigers led Alabama in the fourth quarter of the championship contest, but came up just short (45-40) in an epic contest in Glendale, Ariz.

Following the team's 14-1 record and No. 2 final ranking, he was the recipient of 10 national and two ACC coach-of-the-year honors.

In 2015, a then-Tiger-record 17 players were named to one of three All-ACC teams, including all five starting offensive linemen for the first time in school history. In 2016, 15 players were honored, including a school-record three First-Team All-ACC offensive linemen.

The 2012, 2013 and 2014 seasons were also noteworthy, with three top-15 final rankings.

With a 40-6 Russell Athletic Bowl win over Oklahoma in 2014, Swinney became the first head coach to win three bowl games in consecutive seasons over teams whose head coaches had previously won the national title. He upped that mark to five years in a row in 2016.

Clemson capped off the 2013 season with a thrilling 40-35 victory over No. 6 Ohio State in the Orange Bowl. Clemson had an 11-2 record after finishing 7-1 in ACC games. It marked Clemson's first



back-to-back 11-win seasons in school history. For the fourth time in his first five full seasons as head coach, Swinney was a finalist for the Liberty Mutual National Coach-of-the-Year award in 2013.

The 2012 season (11-2) gave Clemson back-to-back 10-win seasons for the first time in 22 years. Its seven conference regular-season wins were then a school record, and Clemson was co-champion of the ACC Atlantic Division.

Swinney's 2011 squad, which ended the season ranked No. 22 in the nation, captured Clemson's first ACC title since 1991 when it beat No. 3 Virginia Tech 38-10 in the ACC Championship Game. It gave Clemson its first 10-win season since 1990. For his efforts, Swinney was named Bobby Dodd National Coach-of-the-Year to become the first Tiger head coach to win a national coach-of-the-year award since Ford in 1981.

The 2010 schedule was one of the most challenging in school history, as nine bowl teams were on the regular-season slate and two of the non-conference opponents were ranked in the top 25.

In Swinney's first full season as head coach in 2009, he led the Tigers to their first ACC Atlantic Division title. The Tigers came just six points short of winning their first ACC title in 18 years. Swinney was named ACC coach-of-the-year by Sporting News and was a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach-of-the-Year award.

In October 2008, Swinney was named Clemson's 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. Swinney led the Tigers to a 4-2 record during the rest of the 2008 regular season, including a win over South Carolina in the regular-season finale to earn a Gator Bowl bid against Nebraska.

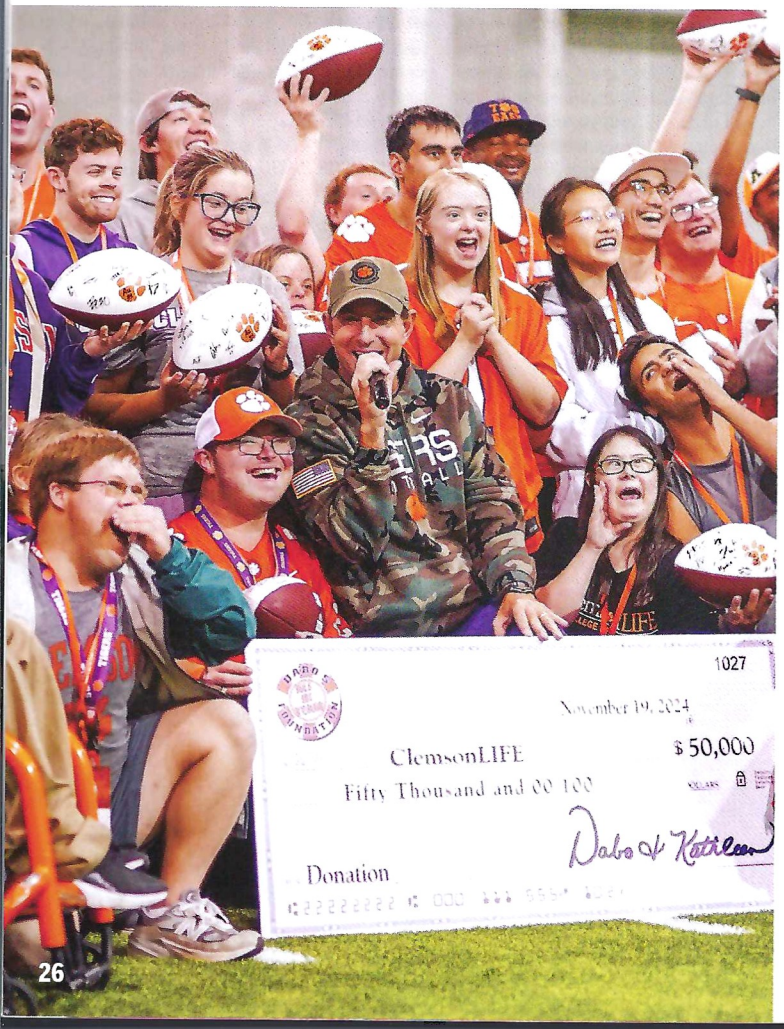
On Dec. 1, 2008, his interim tag was removed and he was named the program's head coach. At the time, there had been 28 interim head coaches at the FBS level since 1970, and those coaches had combined for a 26-86-2 record. Only one of those 28 interim coaches posted a winning record, and that was Swinney.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

Swinney has demonstrated his dedication to the community through Dabo's All In Team Foundation. Since 2009, the foundation has given more than $13 million back to communities and programs in the state. Since 2012, its grant program has distributed more than 1,670 grants totaling in excess of $8.5 million, including $1.7 million to 274 organizations in 2024 alone.

Swinney, a 1993 Alabama graduate, joined the Clemson staff prior to the 2003 season. In his first 22 years as an assistant or head coach, the Tigers finished in the top 25 of the polls 18 times and totaled 49 wins over top-25 teams.

In his 22 seasons at Clemson, a Tiger wide receiver has earned All-ACC status in 18 of those campaigns, including a





First or Second-Team All-ACC selection (Derrick Hamilton, Airese Currie, Chansi Stuckey, Aaron Kelly, Jacoby Ford, Sammy Watkins, DeAndre Hopkins, Artavis Scott, Mike Williams, Tee Higgins, Amari Rodgers, Antonio Williams) in 17 of those 22 seasons. Five of his protegés (Hopkins, Watkins, Mike Williams, Higgins, Renfrow) have recorded at least one 1,000-yard season in the NFL, while others (Stuckey, Xavier Dye) have served as wide receivers coach at power conference programs.

The Alabama native has a reputation as one of the top recruiters in the nation. In 2006, he was listed as the No. 5 recruiter in the country by Rivals. 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 when he signed 11 players.

When Swinney accepted the interim head coaching position at Clemson on Oct. 13, 2008, he described his feelings as "bittersweet," because he was taking over for Bowden, who had been his first position coach at Alabama in the 1989 season. He had also brought Swinney back to the coaching profession in 2003 and has had a profound effect on his life. Both had followed similar paths as players...Bowden was a walk-on at West Virginia and Swinney was a walk-on at Alabama.

Swinney received his bachelor's degree in commerce & business administration 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 the 1990 and 1992 seasons.

After his playing career, he was a graduate assistant at Alabama from 1993-95. He received a master's degree in business administration from Alabama in 1995.

Swinney became a full-time assistant coach at Alabama in February 1996 under Head Coach Gene Stallings and coached a total of five seasons there on a full-time basis. Swinney was assigned to coach the Crimson Tide's wide receivers and tight ends in 1996, a season that saw Alabama win the SEC West Division title. The following year, he solely coached the tight ends.

During his time at Alabama, Swinney was a part of six teams with double-digit wins, five top-10 finishes, one national title (1992), three SEC championships (1989,92,99) and five SEC West Division titles (1992,93,94,96,99) as a player and coach.

Swinney married the former Kathleen Bassett in 1994. They have three sons, Will, Drew and Clay. Will played for the Tigers from 2017-21, playing 69 games and holding for 558 career kicking points while also scoring two touchdowns of his own. Drew was a core special teams player for Clemson from 2018-22 who served as the starting holder in his final campaign and totaled 14 career receptions. Both Will and Drew earned All-ACC Academic Team selections during their playing careers and are currently members of Clemson's support staff. Clay is a redshirt junior on the 2025 Tiger football team.



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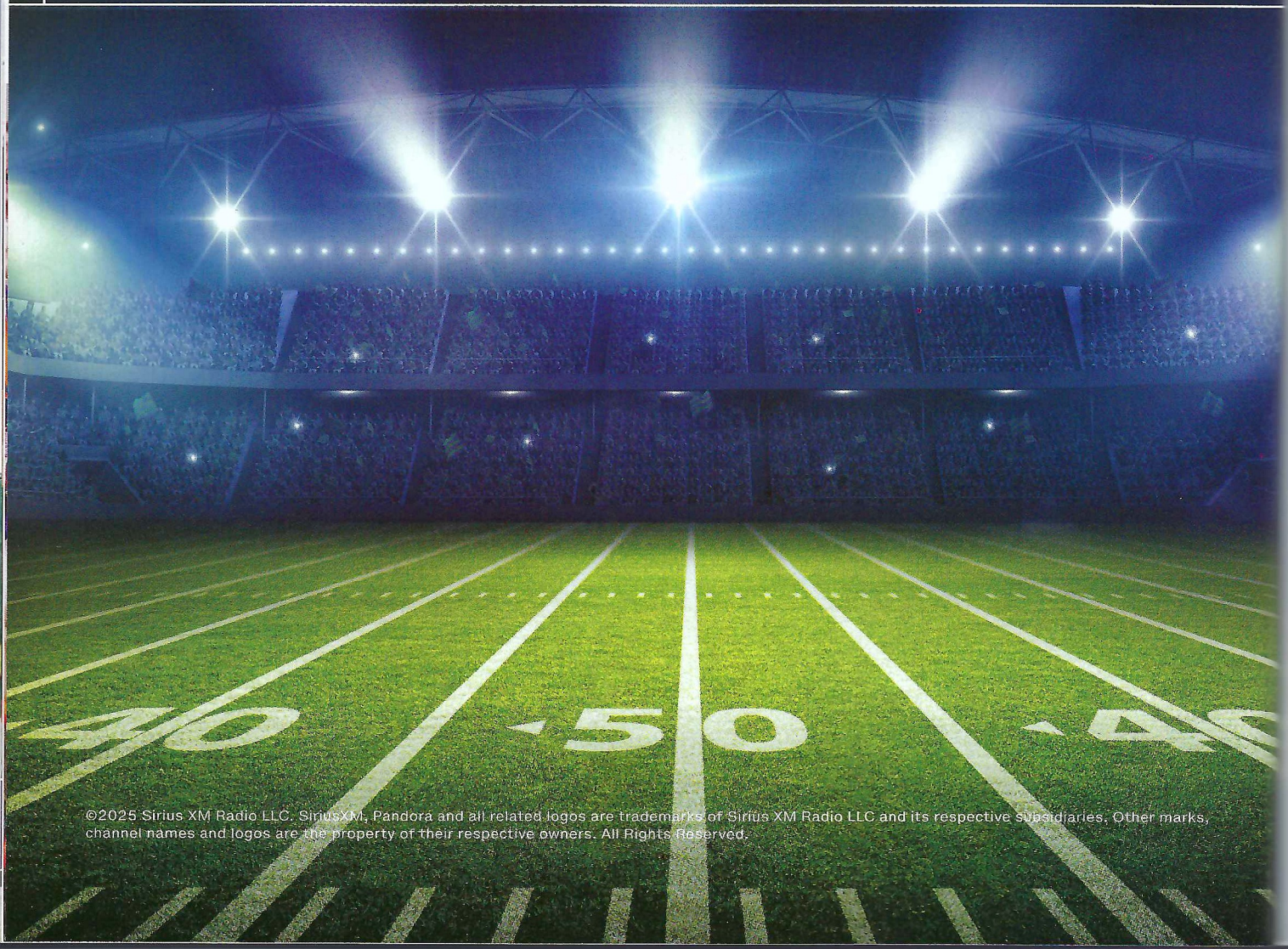

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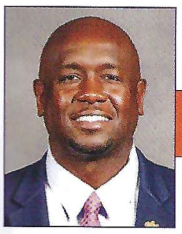
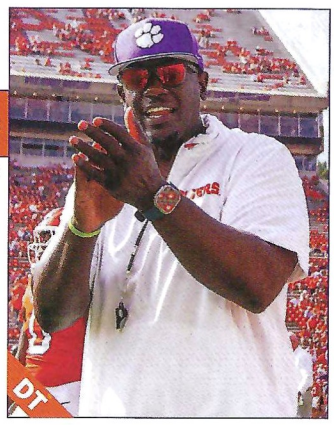


NICK EASON

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
DEFENSIVE TACKLES

- 4th Season at Clemson
- Clemson '01
- Born May 29, 1980

- Veteran of 17 combined NFL seasons as a player and coach.
- Added the title of co-defensive coordinator in 2025.
- Guided Payton Page to All-ACC honors in his first year as a starter in 2024.
- Coached multiple All-ACC honorees in 2023 in first-team selection Tyler Davis and third-team pick Ruke Orhorhoro in addition to mentoring Peter Woods to Freshman All-America honors.
- In 2022, he coached Davis to an All-America and First-Team All-ACC season. He also coached Bryan Bresee, a first-round NFL draft pick.
- Four-year letterman at Clemson (1999-02), playing 47 games (35 starts) with 30 tackles for loss and 15 sacks.
- Team captain, All-ACC selection and strength & conditioning All-American.
- AFCA Good Works Team selection in 2000 and was Clemson's first five-time recipient of the ACC Top Six Award.
- Became the first Tiger to graduate with two years of eligibility remaining by earning a sociology degree in 2001.



- Fourth-round pick by the Broncos in the 2003 NFL draft.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Lettered at Clemson as a defensive lineman from 1999-02 ... First-Team All-ACC and team co-captain in 2002 ... Super Bowl XLIII champion.

EDUCATION

Sociology degree from Clemson in 2001 ... master's degree in human resource management from Clemson in 2008.

PERSONAL DATA

Married to his wife, Shay, and has seven children, Zee, Zamonni, A.J., Nick Jr., Nolan, Baylee and Nash.

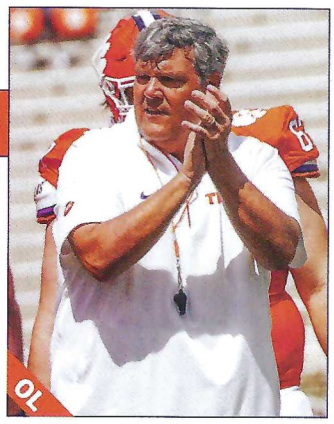


MATT LUKE

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH
CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

- 2nd Season at Clemson
- Ole Miss '00
- Born Oct. 29, 1976

- Added the titles of assistant head coach and co-offensive coordinator prior to the 2025 season.
- Helped Clemson tie for the national lead in 2024 with six games of 200+ rushing yards and 200+ passing yards.
- Produced two All-ACC picks (Blake Miller, Marcus Tate) in 2024.
- Joined Clemson in December 2023 with more than 20 years of experience as an offensive line coach, co-offensive coordinator and head coach.
- Prior to joining Clemson, he most recently served as the offensive line coach at Georgia in 2020 and 2021.
- Spent eight years (2012-19) at Ole Miss, serving as its offensive line coach from 2012-16 prior to being elevated to interim head coach in the weeks leading up to the 2017 season.
- Led Ole Miss to a 6-6 record in 2017, leading to the removal of the interim tag from his title.
- His prized pupil on Ole Miss' offensive line was Laremy Tunsil, who was a first-round pick in the 2015 NFL draft.



- Began his coaching career at Ole Miss in 1999 as a student assistant coach.
- Center at Ole Miss from 1995-98.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Four-year letterman at center for Ole Miss from 1995-98 ... started 33 career games for the Rebels ... two-time Academic All-SEC pick ... team captain in 1998.

EDUCATION

Degree in business administration from Ole Miss in 2000.

PERSONAL DATA

Born Oct. 29, 1976 ... married to his wife, Ashley, with whom he has two sons, Harrison and Cooper.

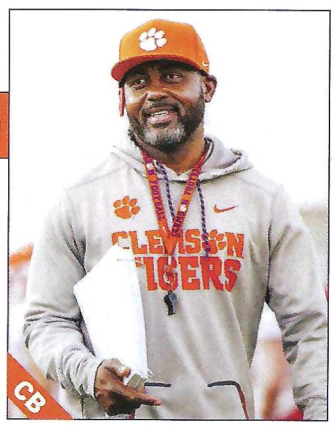


MIKE REED

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH
CO-SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR
CORNERBACKS

- 13th Season at Clemson
- Boston College '94
- Born Aug. 16, 1972

- In his first 12 years on staff, he helped Clemson to a 140-26 record, eight ACC titles and four national championship games, including national titles in the 2016 and 2018 seasons.
- Coached Avieon Terrell to Second-Team All-ACC honors and Ashton Hampton to Freshman All-America honors in 2024.
- Coached Nate Wiggins to a First-Team All-ACC selection in 2023 and a first-round pick in the 2024 NFL draft.
- Named to Matrix Analytical's All-America staff in 2023.
- Guided Andrew Booth Jr. and Mario Goodrich to First-Team All-ACC honors in 2021, becoming the first pair of cornerbacks from an ACC school since 1997 to sweep first-team honors.
- Helped Clemson finish first in the ACC and second in the nation in scoring defense (14.8) in 2021.
- Coached two All-ACC picks in 2019, including A.J. Terrell (first team).
- Has been a college assistant coach for 20 years and in the NFL for five years.



With Philadelphia, he worked with former Tiger All-American and nine-time Pro Bowl pick Brian Dawkins.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Played at Boston College from 1991-94 ... Second-Team All-Big East Conference in 1993 ... last pick of the 1995 draft by the Panthers and played two years.

EDUCATION

Degree in communications with a minor in secondary education from Boston College in 1994.

PERSONAL DATA

He and his wife, Kimberley, have two children, Michaela Rae and Milan Skye.



TOM ALLEN

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
LINEBACKERS

- 1st Season at Clemson
- Maranatha Baptist '92
- Born March 14, 1970

- In his first season as Clemson's defensive coordinator after being named to the position on Jan. 14, 2025.
- Joined the Tigers with 33 previous years of coaching experience, including impact at the high school, NAIA, Division III, FCS and FBS levels.
- Served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Penn State in 2024, helping the Nittany Lions to a school-record 13 wins and a CFP berth.
- Spent eight years (2016-23) at Indiana, including one year as the Hoosiers' associate head coach/defense and seven years as head coach.
- His head coaching tenure at Indiana included the 2020 campaign, when he earned AFCA National Coach-of-the-Year honors.
- Served as South Florida's defensive coordinator in 2015.
- Coached linebackers and special teams at Ole Miss from 2012-14.
- Made his FBS debut in 2011 as associate head coach at Arkansas State.



- Began his coaching career in 1992 at Temple Heights Christian School.
- Played football as a prolific defender and punter at Maranatha Baptist.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Played football and wrestled at Maranatha Baptist from 1988-91.

EDUCATION

Earned an undergraduate degree from Maranatha Baptist in 1992 and added a master's degree from Indiana in 2002.

PERSONAL DATA

Born March 14, 1970 ... married to his wife, Tracy, and has three children, Hannah, Thomas and Brittney.

ASSISTANT COACHES



MICKEY CONN

DEFENSIVE PASSING GAME COORDINATOR
CO-SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR
SAFETIES

- 10th Season at Clemson
- Alabama '95
- Born Oct. 9, 1971



- Added defensive passing game coordinator and co-special teams coordinator titles prior to the 2025 season.
- In 2024, he coached a unit that had 26 takeaways and helped Clemson post a top-five finish in turnover margin (+16).
- Oversaw a 2023 unit that helped Clemson finish No. 8 nationally in total defense and passing defense and tie for the national lead in takeaways (28).
- Helped Clemson to a top-25 national finish in scoring defense in 2022.
- Spent most of 2021 as special teams coordinator before moving to co-defensive coordinator for the Cheez-It Bowl.
- Guided Nolan Turner to a second-team All-America season in 2020.
- Oversaw a veteran unit in 2019 that included Tanner Muse and K'Von Wallace, both of whom earned All-ACC honors.
- Helped the 2018 team to a 15-0 national title season, as the Tigers led the nation in scoring defense.
- Served as a senior defensive analyst in 2016, helping the Tigers to the program's second national championship with a victory over his alma mater, Alabama.
- Served as a graduate assistant at Alabama in 1996 and 1997.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Lettered at Alabama from 1992-94 ... member of the team in 1990 and 1991.

EDUCATION

Earned a bachelor's degree from Alabama in 1995 and master's degree from Ball State in 2006.

PERSONAL DATA

He and his wife, Halie, have two sons, Brodey and Spencer; Brodey is a player on the 2025 Tiger football team.



TYLER GRISHAM

OFFENSIVE PASSING GAME COORDINATOR
WIDE RECEIVERS

- 12th Season at Clemson
- Clemson '09
- Born June 11, 1987



- In his 16th overall season in a variety of roles at Clemson, four as a player (2005-08), two as a graduate assistant (2014,15), four as an offensive analyst (2016-19) and his sixth season as a full-time assistant coach (2020-25).
- Guided Antonio Williams to First-Team All-ACC honors in 2024.
- Produced a Freshman All-American for a third straight season in 2024 with Bryant Wesco Jr. and T.J. Moore being honored.
- Steadying force for a 2021 wide receiver corps that dealt with significant injuries and attrition.
- Produced two All-ACC performers (Amari Rodgers, Cornell Powell) in his first season (2020).
- Served as Clemson's interim wide receivers coach for portions of the team's bowl preparation in 2019.
- Helped Clemson to a 32-19 record as a player from 2005-08, then helped the program to a 129-24 record and 15 bowl appearances in 11 years as a staff member from 2014-24.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Lettered four years (2005-08) as a wide receiver at Clemson ... strength & conditioning All-American (2007) ... signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers as a free agent in 2009 ... four-year NFL veteran with the Pittsburgh Steelers (2009-11) and Denver Broncos (2012).

EDUCATION

Degree in business administration & management from Clemson in 2009 ... master's degree in human resource development in 2016.

PERSONAL DATA

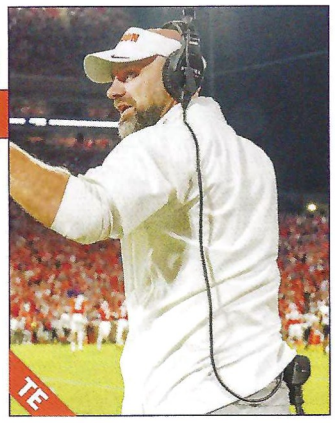
He and his wife, Maggie, have three children, Lilla, Davis and Mary Gwynne.



KYLE RICHARDSON

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
TIGHT ENDS

- 10th Season at Clemson
- App State '01
- Born April 22, 1978



- In his first three full seasons, he produced three years in which Clemson's tight ends combined for 60+ receptions, a first in school history.
- In 2024, Jake Briningstool was a Third-Team All-ACC pick during his seven-touchdown season.
- Led Briningstool to an All-ACC selection in 2023.
- In 2022, he coached Davis Allen to All-ACC honors.
- Named passing game coordinator and tight ends coach on Dec. 14, 2021.
- In his 10th year on Clemson's staff, as he has served in numerous capacities prior to assuming his current position, including tenures as a senior offensive assistant and director of player development & freshman transition.
- As head coach from 2011-15, he led Northwestern High School to a 58-13 (.817) record, including four region titles, three state title games and state championships in 2013 and 2015.
- Inducted into the York County (S.C.) Sports Hall of Fame in 2019.
- Began his career as an assistant coach at North Gwinnett (Ga.) High School and was an assistant coach at Lee County (N.C.) High School and Avery County (N.C.) High School.

EDUCATION

Degree in history from App State in 2001 ... master's degree in educational leadership from California (Pa.) ... master's degree in athletic leadership from Clemson.

PERSONAL DATA

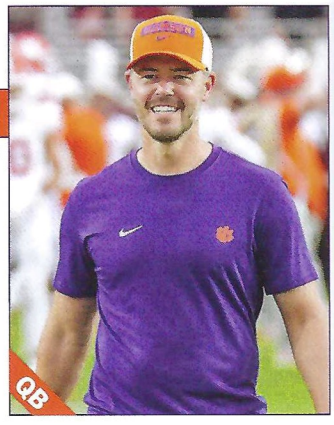
Married to his wife, Amanda, and has two daughters, Lexi and Presley, and a son, Cooper; Amanda is a senior associate athletic director at Clemson.



GARRETT RILEY

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
QUARTERBACKS

- 3rd Season at Clemson
- Texas Tech '12
- Born Sept. 11, 1989



- Had one of the nation's most balanced offenses in 2024, when Clemson tied for the national lead with six games with 200+ rushing yards and 200+ passing yards.
- Coached Cade Klubnik in 2024, as he had 36 passing touchdowns against only six interceptions and finished third in the nation in touchdown responsibility (43).
- Announced as Clemson's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach on Jan. 13, 2023.
- Joined Clemson from TCU, where he served as the team's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in helping lead the Horned Frogs to a 13-2 record, a Fiesta Bowl title and a berth in the CFP National Championship Game in the 2022 season.
- In his lone season at TCU, he transformed the unit into the nation's ninth-highest scoring offense (38.8).
- Won the 2022 Broyles Award.
- Led Max Duggan to the 2022 Davey O'Brien Award.
- Made his FBS coaching debut at East Carolina from 2013-15.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Played quarterback at Texas Tech in 2008 and 2009 under Head Coach Mike Leach before transferring to Stephen F. Austin for the 2010 season.

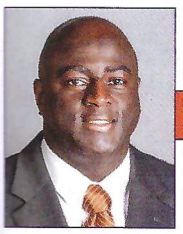
EDUCATION

General business degree from Texas Tech in 2012.

PERSONAL DATA

He and his wife, Lindsay, have two sons, Gibson and Greyson, and a daughter, Ellie ... his brother, Lincoln, is the head football coach at Southern California.

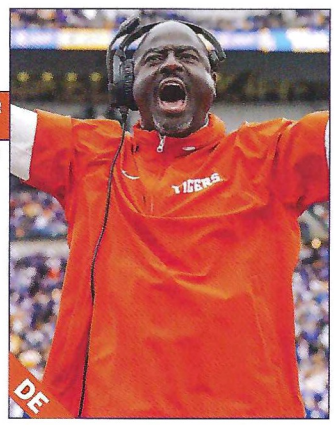
ASSISTANT COACHES



CHRIS RUMPH

DEFENSIVE RUN GAME COORDINATOR
DEFENSIVE ENDS

- 7th Season at Clemson
- South Carolina '94
- Born Dec. 21, 1971



- In his first full season back at Clemson in 2024, he coached T.J. Parker to 19.5 tackles for loss and 11 sacks.
- Coached his first game back at Clemson in the 2023 Gator Bowl.
- Spent the previous four years in the NFL after 17 years (2003-19) of college experience.
- In his first stint at Clemson during the 2006-10 seasons, he contributed to the success of two of the most decorated defensive ends in program history, Gaines Adams and Da'Quan Bowers.
- Coached two seasons (2022,23) with the Vikings. He served in the same capacity for the Bears in 2021.
- Made his NFL coaching debut with the Texans in 2020.
- Oversaw outside linebackers along with co-coordinator duties at Tennessee in 2018 and 2019.
- From 2011-13, he helped Alabama produce six NFL draft picks along with two national championships.
- Made his full-time college coaching debut as defensive backs coach at South Carolina State in 2002 before becoming the outside linebackers coach at Memphis from 2003-05.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Four-year letterman as a linebacker at South Carolina from 1991-94.

EDUCATION

Earned his degree in retail management from South Carolina in 1994.

PERSONAL DATA

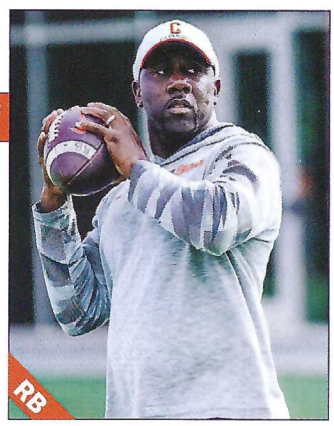
Born Dec. 21, 1971 ... he and his wife, Kila, have two sons, Chris II and Elijah ... Chris II played at Duke (2017-20) as an All-American and now plays for the New Orleans Saints.



C.J. SPILLER

OFFENSIVE RUN GAME COORDINATOR
RUNNING BACKS

- 6th Season at Clemson
- Clemson '09
- Born Aug. 5, 1987



- Added the title of offensive run game coordinator in 2025.
- Coached Phil Mafah to 1,115 rushing yards and All-ACC honors in 2024.
- Inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor in 2024.
- Will Shipley became the first player in history to earn First-Team All-ACC honors at three positions in 2022.
- Shipley was a Hornung Award finalist and Clemson's first Academic All-American since 2012.
- In 2020, Spiller assisted the Tiger coaching staff that helped Travis Etienne become a consensus All-American.
- Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in the class of 2021.
- Sixth in the 2009 Heisman Trophy voting after winning ACC Player-of-the-Year honors and being selected as a unanimous first-team All-American.
- Holds the ACC season (2,680 in 2009) and career (7,588) record for all-purpose yards.
- Three-time track All-American and first-team strength All-American in 2008.
- Entered the coaching ranks after an eight-year NFL career from 2010-17.
- No. 9 overall pick of the 2010 NFL draft by the Buffalo Bills.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Lettered four years (2006-09) as a running back at Clemson ... eight-year NFL veteran who had 3,451 career NFL rushing yards ... 2012 Pro Bowl selection.

EDUCATION

Degree in sociology from Clemson in 2009.

PERSONAL DATA

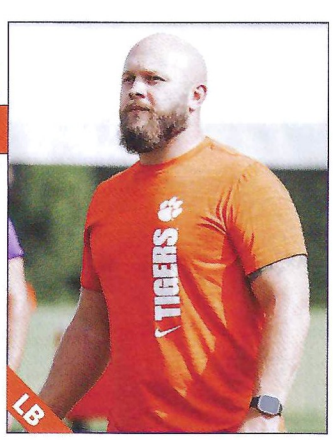
Married to his wife, Daysha, and has a daughter, Shania, and son, Cade.



BEN BOULWARE

LINEBACKERS COACH
LINEBACKERS

- 2nd Season at Clemson
- Clemson '16
- Born Aug. 7, 1994



- Returned to his alma mater in 2024 in a volunteer capacity before being named Clemson's linebackers coach alongside Tom Allen in 2025.
- Contributed to a 2024 Tiger staff that helped linebacker Barrett Carter earn third-team All-America honors.
- Former linebacker who is one of the most beloved defenders in Tiger history, as his leadership, charisma and performance helped the Tigers to their first national title in 35 years in 2016.
- Had 352 tackles, 26 tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks, five interceptions and six caused fumbles in 53 career games.
- Received the 2016 Jack Lambert Award as a senior as the nation's top linebacker while earning second-team All-America honors.
- First-Team All-ACC selection who was selected as ACC Co-Defensive Player-of-the-Year and earned CFP National Championship Game Most Valuable Defensive Player honors in leading the Tigers to the program's second national championship.
- Signed with the Carolina Panthers as a college free agent following the 2017 NFL draft and spent the offseason and training camp with the squad.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Four-year letterman, multi-time All-ACC selection and All-American at linebacker at Clemson from 2013-16.

EDUCATION

Earned his degree in sociology from Clemson in 2016.

PERSONAL DATA

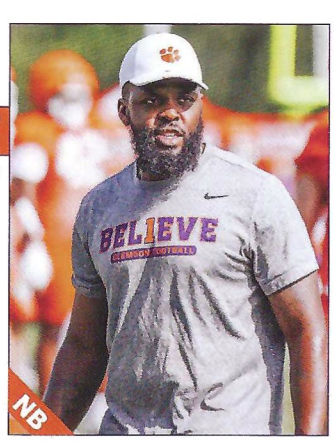
Born Aug. 7, 1994 ... married to his wife, Hanna, and has a son, Blue, and daughter, Bennett.



DEANDRE McDANIEL

SENIOR DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT
NICKELBACKS

- 11th Season at Clemson
- Clemson '10
- Born Nov. 26, 1987



- Entering his 11th season on Clemson's staff in a graduate, support or coaching capacity.
- Has been part of Clemson staffs that led the Tigers to a 119-21 record with eight ACC titles, seven CFP appearances, four CFP National Championship Game appearances and two national titles since his arrival in 2015.
- Originally returned to his alma mater in 2015 as a graduate assistant.
- Spent three seasons as a graduate assistant, helping the Tigers to a 40-4 record in that span from 2015-17.
- A distinguished four-year letterman at Clemson from 2007-10.
- Collected multiple All-America honors, including multiple first-team selections in 2009 and third-team selections in 2010.
- Earned First-Team All-ACC honors in 2009 and 2010.
- Signed with the New Orleans Saints as a college free agent in 2011 and spent time on the rosters of the Saints, Colts and Chargers in 2011 and 2012.
- Inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame in 2023.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Four-year letterman and two-time All-ACC and All-America selection at Clemson from 2007-10 ... 2023 Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.

EDUCATION

Earned his degree in sociology from Clemson in 2010 ... added a master's degree in athletic leadership in 2017.

PERSONAL DATA

Born Nov. 26, 1987 ... married to his wife, Talia, and has four children, DeAndre Jr., Carson, Londyn and Kross.

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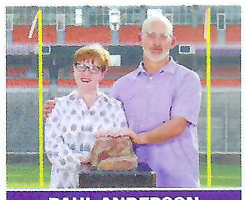
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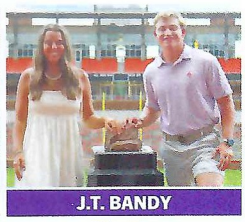
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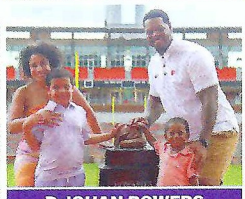
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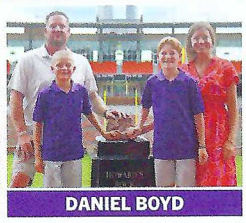
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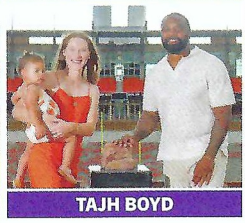
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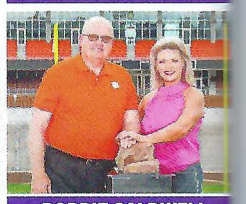
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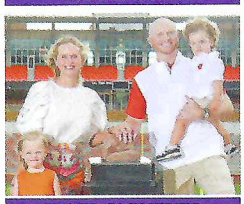
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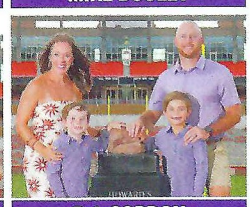
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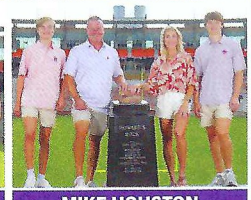
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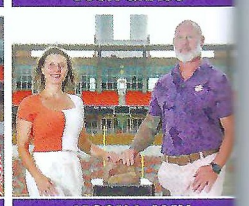
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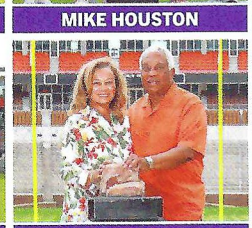
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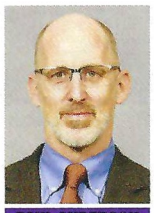

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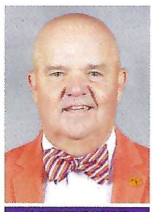

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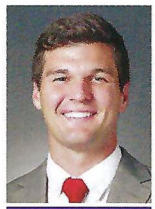

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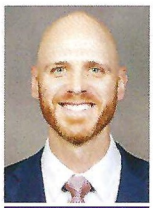

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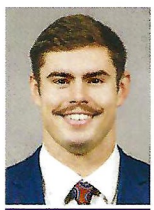

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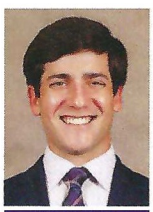

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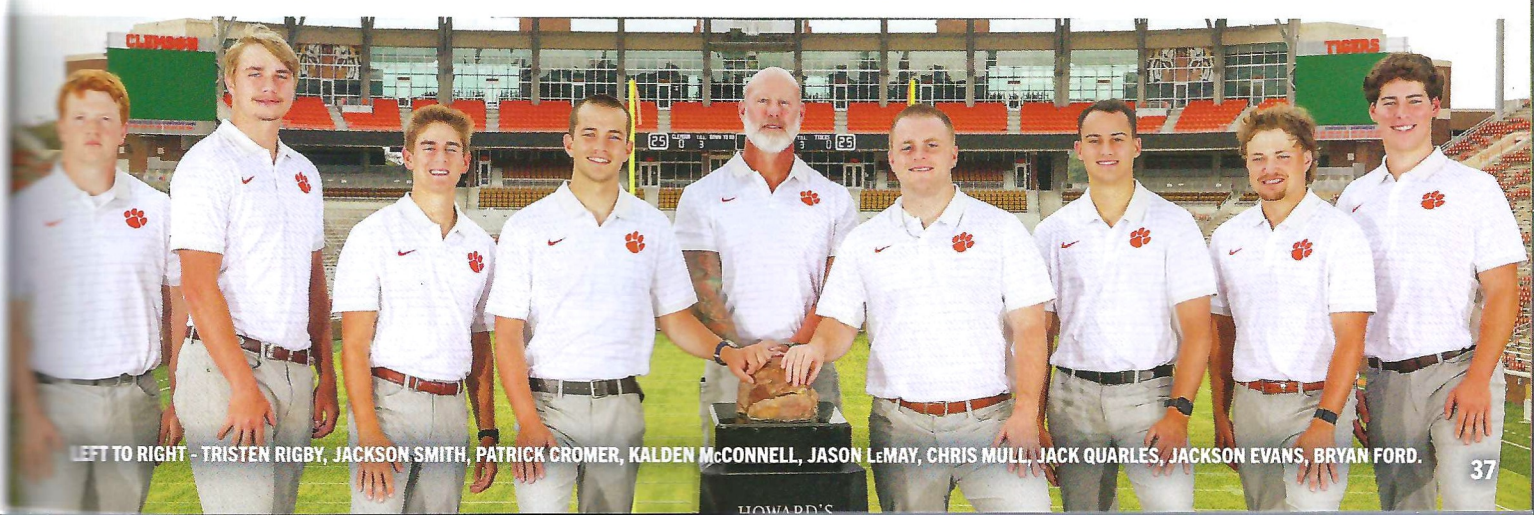

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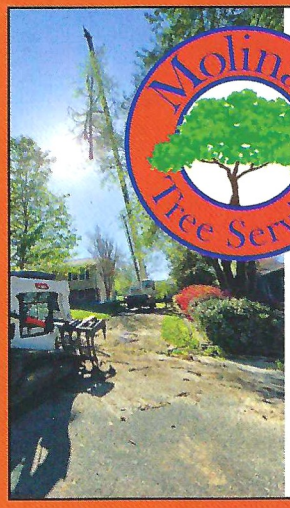

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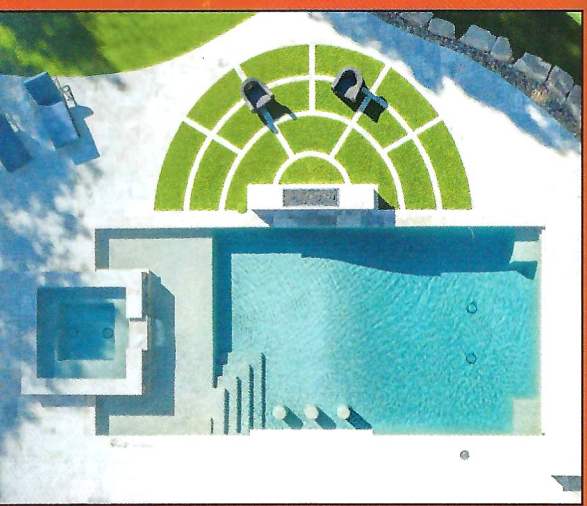

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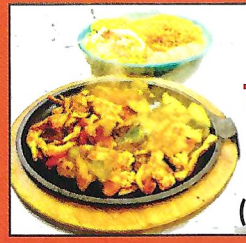

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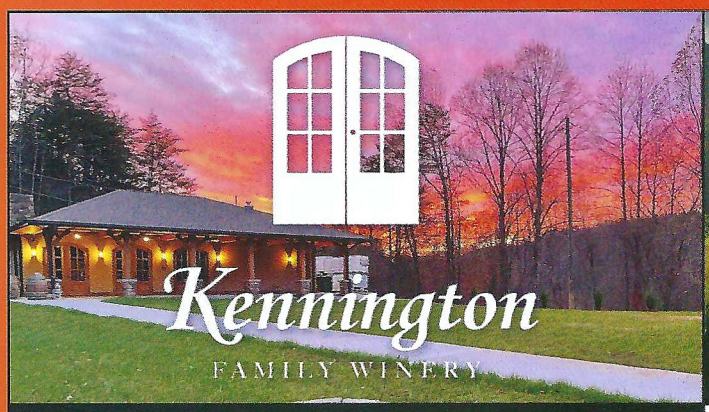

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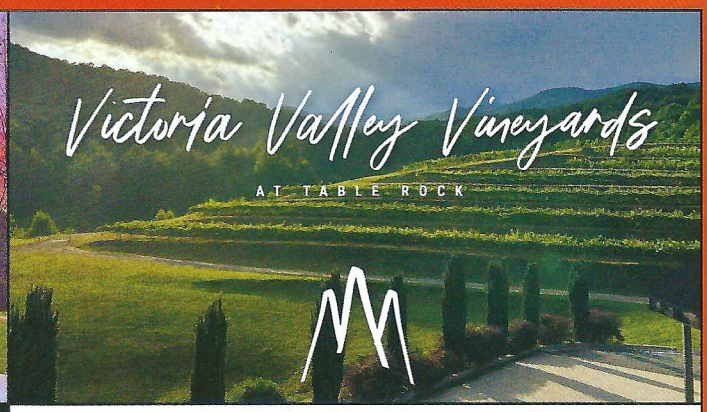

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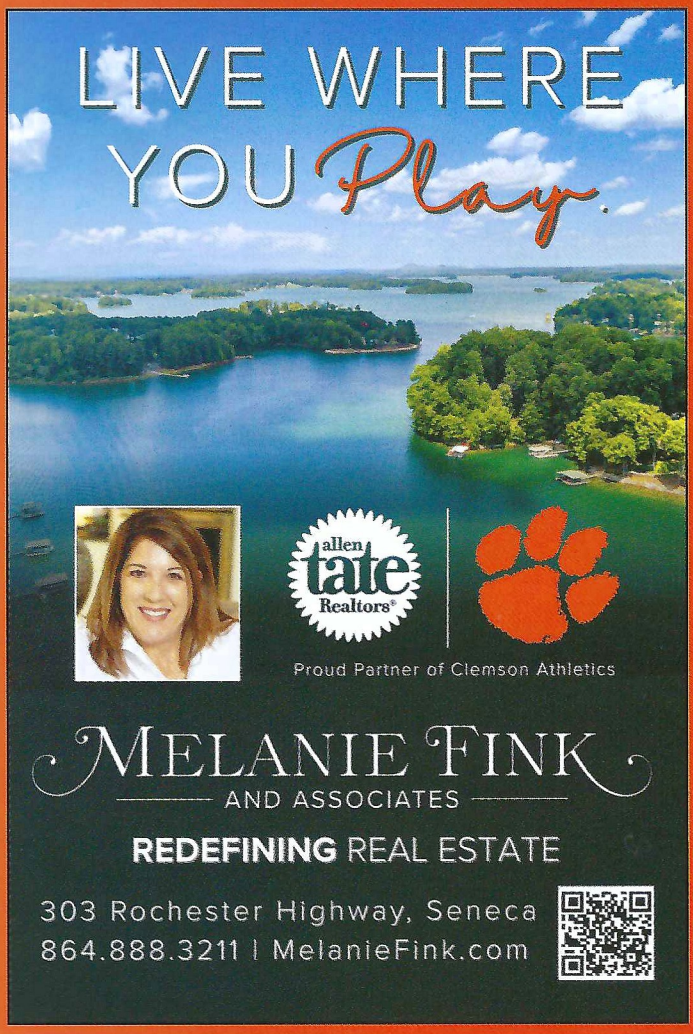





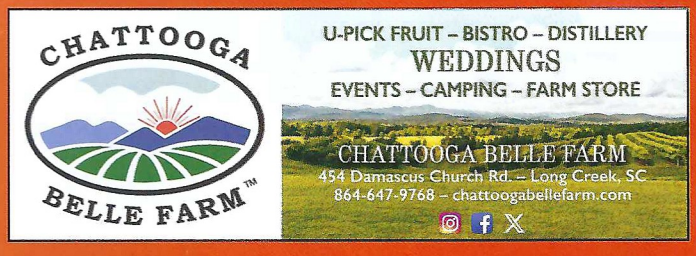

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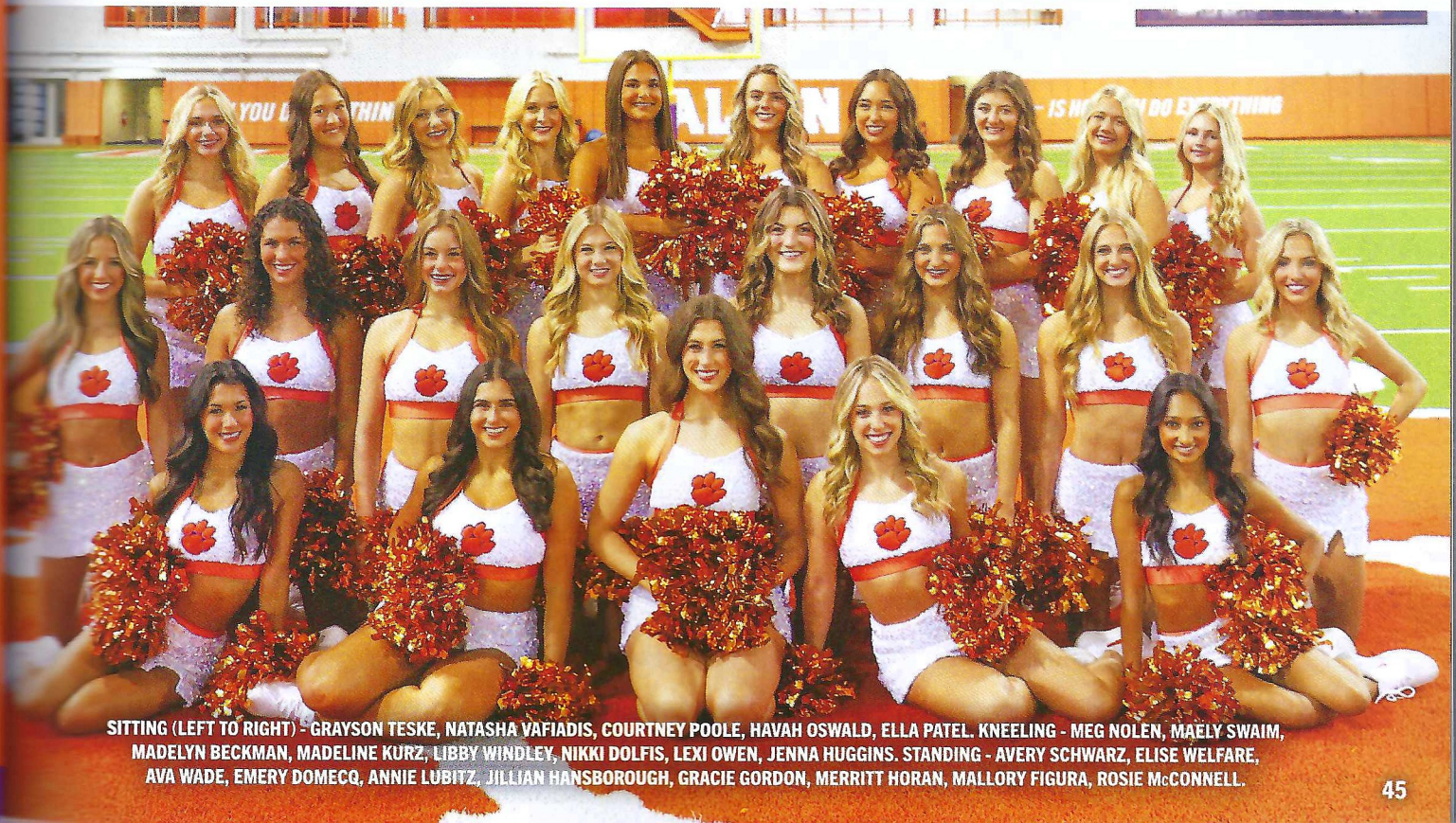

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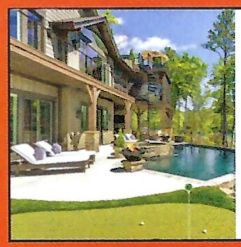

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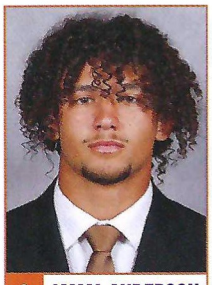

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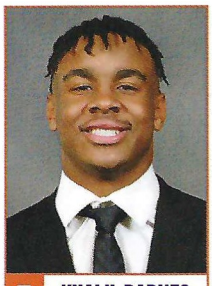

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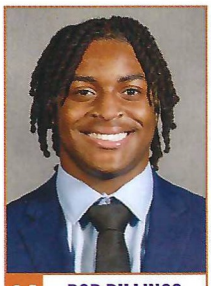

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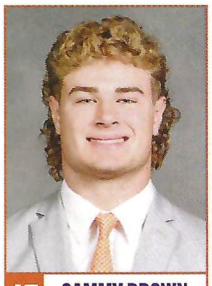

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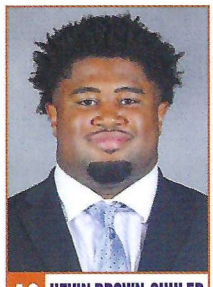

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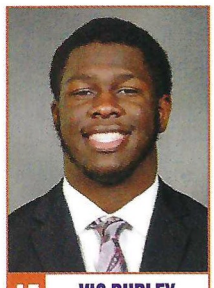

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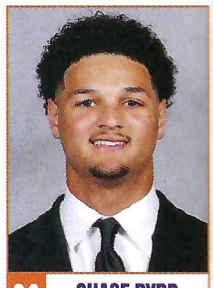

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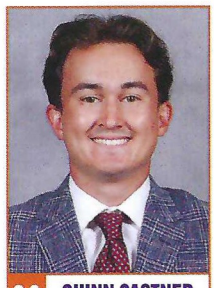

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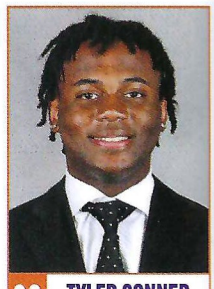

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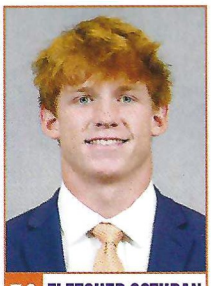

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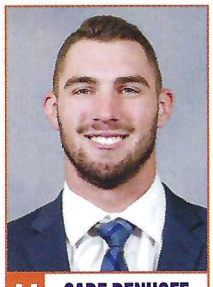

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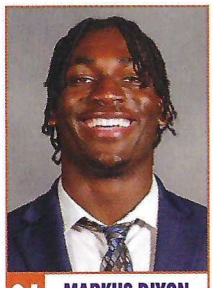

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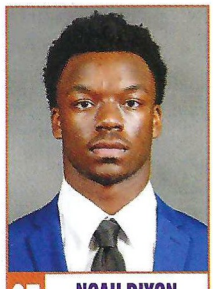

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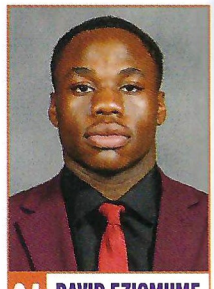

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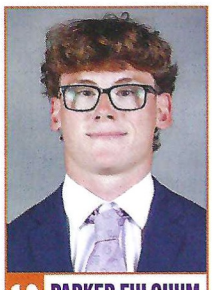

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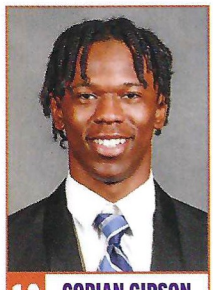

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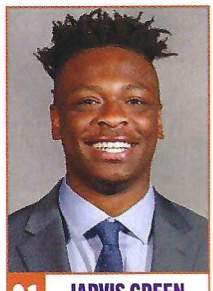

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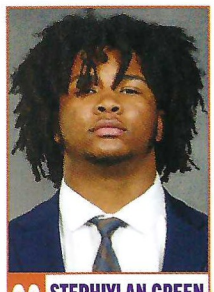

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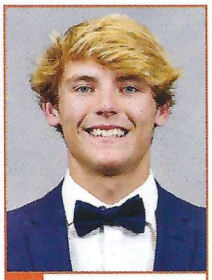

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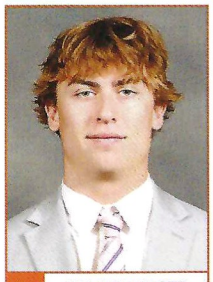

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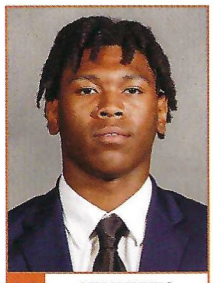

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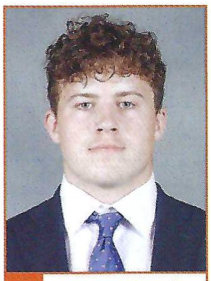

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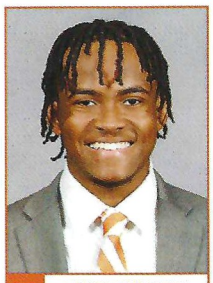

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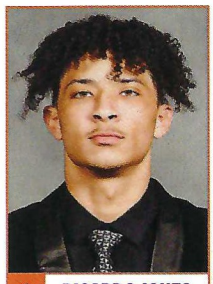

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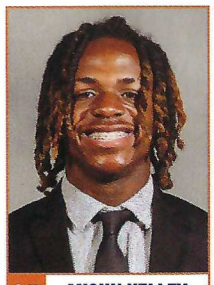

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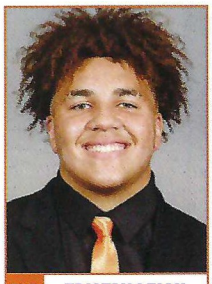

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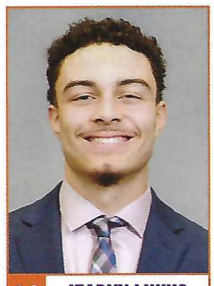

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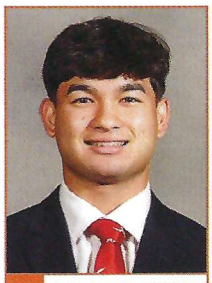

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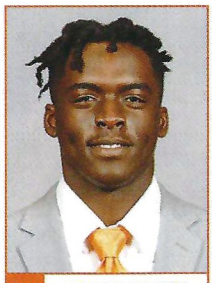

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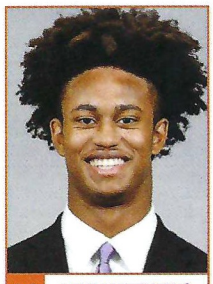

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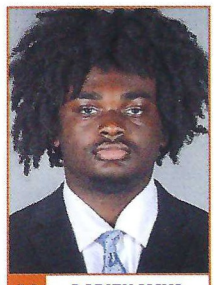

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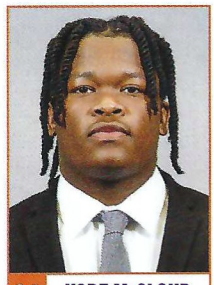

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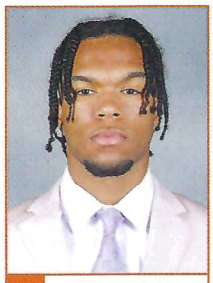

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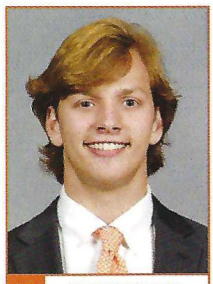

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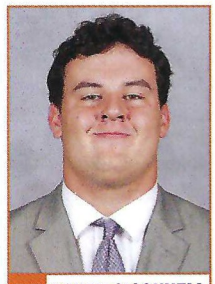

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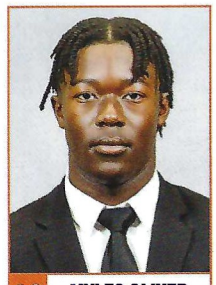

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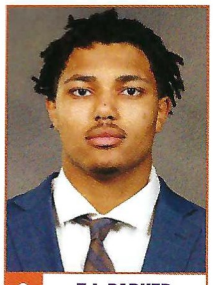

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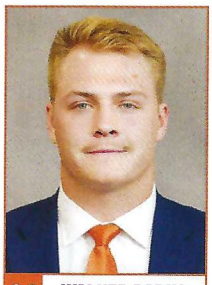

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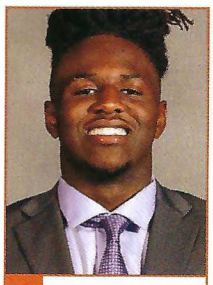

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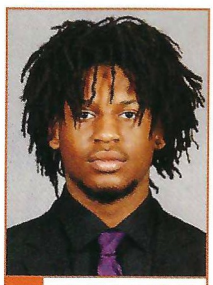

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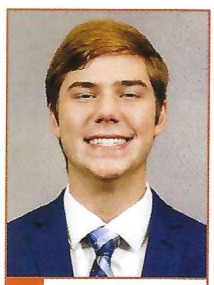

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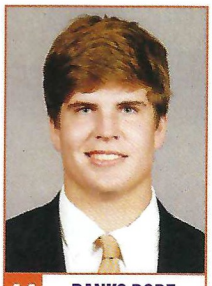

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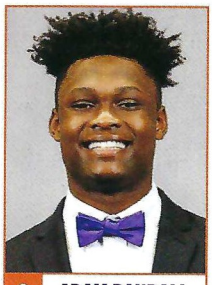

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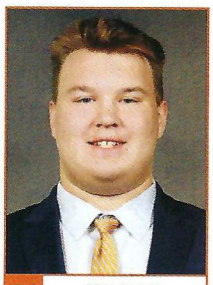

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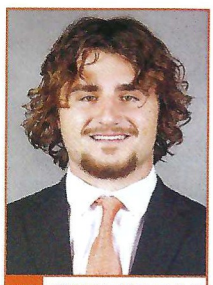

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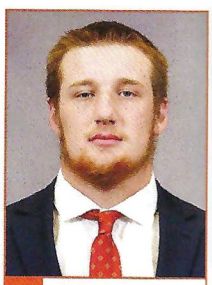

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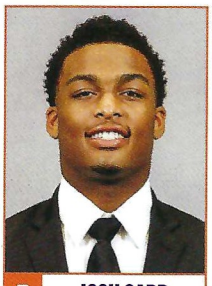

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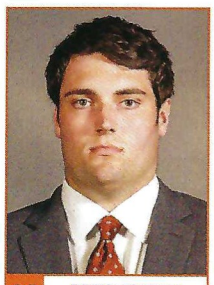

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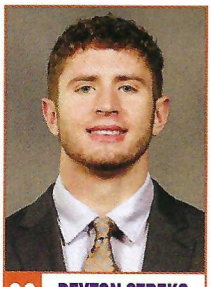

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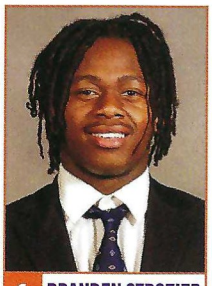

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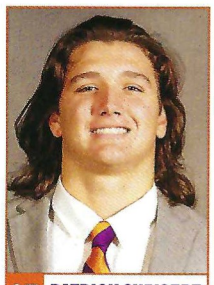

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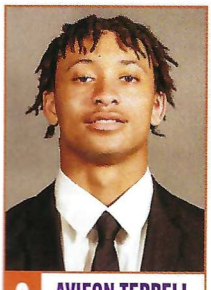

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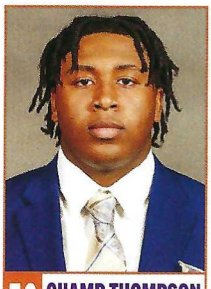

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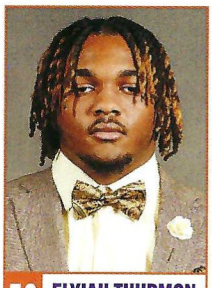

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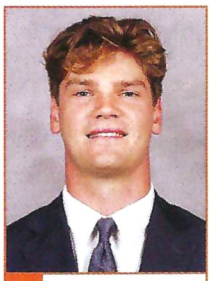

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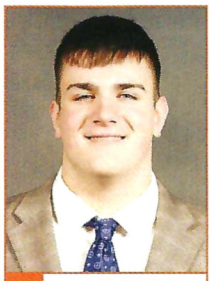

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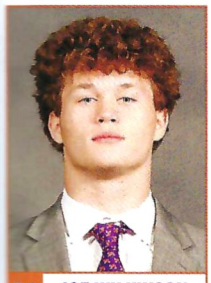

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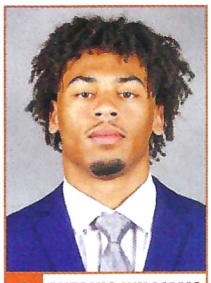

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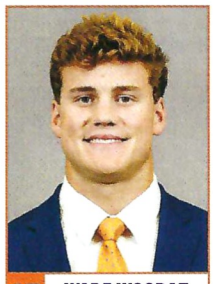

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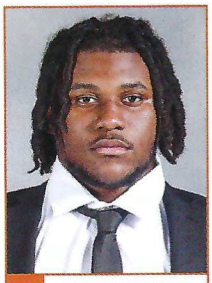

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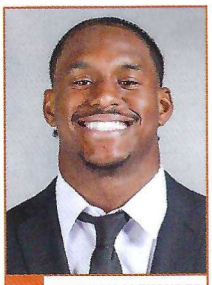

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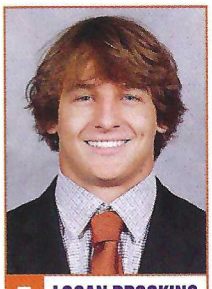

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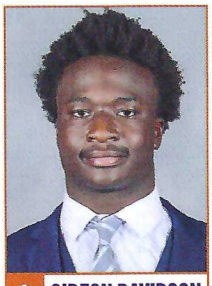

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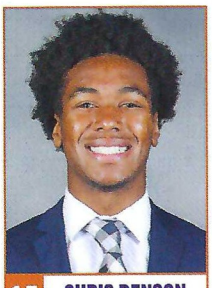

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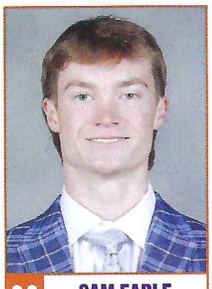

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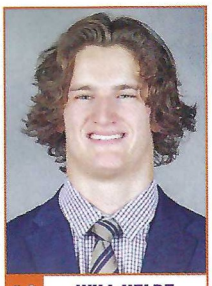

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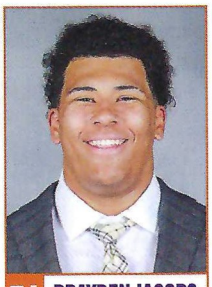

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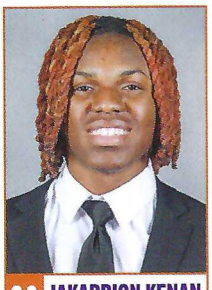

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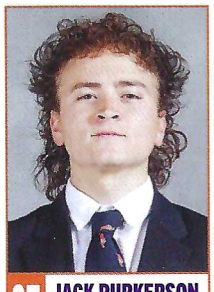

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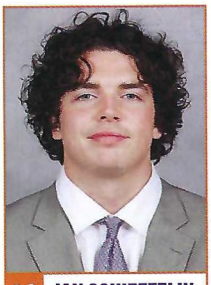

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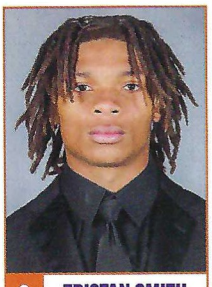

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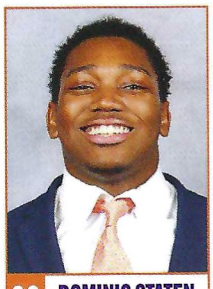

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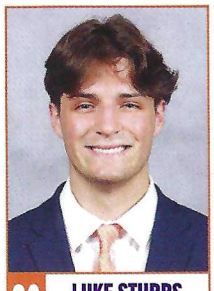

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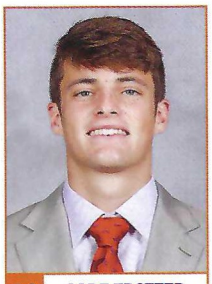

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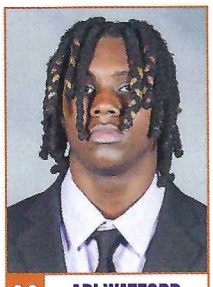

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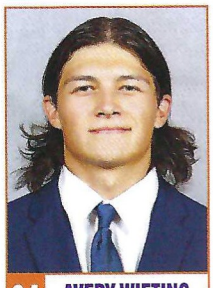

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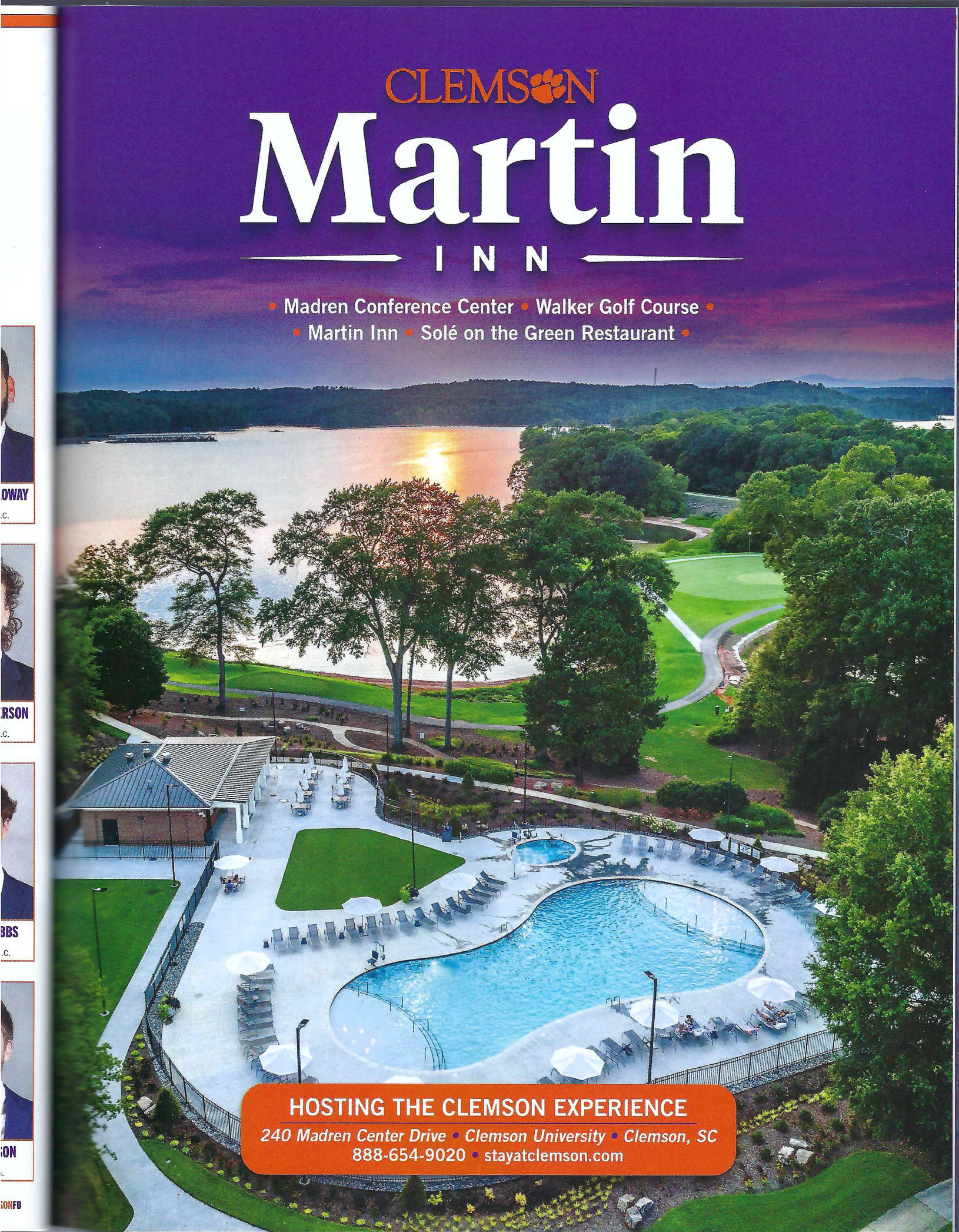
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CLEMSON ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.	Hometown	Previous School
95	Adams, Amare	DT	6-4	310	Fr.	Jefferson, S.C.	South Florence HS
19	Adams Jr., Keith	RB	5-9	220	*Jr.	St. George, Utah	Pine View HS
35	Alexander, Jeremiah	LB	6-2	235	^*Jr.	Alabaster, Ala.	Alabama
0	Anderson, Jamal	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	Buford, Ga.	Mill Creek HS
37	Anderson, Logan	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Fyffe, Ala.	Fyffe HS
7	Barnes, Khalil	S	6-0	200	Jr.	Athens, Ga.	North Oconee HS
33	Batt, Griffin	LB	6-0	225	*Jr.	Clemson, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
87	Bentancur, Christian	TE	6-4	245	*Fr.	Lakemoor, Ill.	Marian Central Catholic HS
14	Billings, Rob	S	6-2	205	*So.	Marietta, Ga.	Milton HS
51	Blanchard, Gavin	OL	6-2	295	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Wiregrass Ranch HS
7	Brooking, Logan	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	Bluffton, S.C.	Savannah (Ga.) Christian Preparatory School
47	Brown, Sammy	LB	6-2	235	So.	Commerce, Ga.	Jefferson HS
6	Brown, Tyler	WR	5-11	185	*So.	Greenville, S.C.	Greenville Senior HS
42	Brown-Shuler, Hevin	DT	6-3	315	*Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Pace Academy
45	Burley, Vic	DT	6-4	320	*So.	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins HS
29	Byrd, Chase	WR	5-10	185	*Fr.	Greenville, S.C.	Greer HS
72	Byrne, Rowan	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	Bronxville, N.Y.	Iona Preparatory School
19	Capehart, DeMonte	DT	6-5	315	^+*Sr.	Hartsville, S.C.	Hartsville HS
69	Cardone, Dominic	OL	6-9	385	*Jr.	Greer, S.C.	Riverside HS
58	Caspersen, Holden	LS	5-11	215	^*Sr.	Roswell, Ga.	Roswell HS
36	Castner, Quinn	PK	5-5	145	^+*Sr.	Fort Mill, S.C.	Nation Ford HS
40	Conn, Brodey	LS/P	6-1	200	**So.	Clemson, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
32	Conner, Tyler	DB	5-11	190	*So.	Suwanee, Ga.	Peachtree Ridge HS
67	Corontzes, Seth	OL	6-2	315	*Fr.	Central, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
50	Cothran, Fletcher	LB	6-3	225	*Jr.	Anderson, S.C.	T.L. Hanna HS
22	Crayton, Dee	LB	6-2	225	*So.	Alpharetta, Ga.	Denmark HS
9	Davidson, Gideon	RB	6-0	200	Fr.	Lynchburg, Va.	Liberty Christian Academy
44	Denhoff, Cade	DE	6-5	260	^*Sr.	Plant City, Fla.	Lakeland Christian School
15	Denson, Chris	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	Plant City, Fla.	Plant City HS
84	Dixon, Markus	DE	6-4	265	*So.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Archbishop Wood HS
27	Dixon, Noah	S	6-1	195	*Fr.	LaGrange, Ga.	Troup County HS
82	Earle, Sam	WR	5-10	175	*Fr.	Clemson, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
24	Eziomume, David	RB	6-0	215	*Fr.	Acworth, Ga.	North Cobb HS
45	Florenzo, Philip	LS	6-2	240	^**Sr.	Towson, Md.	Loyola Blakefield Preparatory School
13	Fulghum, Parker	WR	6-0	205	*Fr.	Shreveport, La.	Evangel Christian Academy
73	Galloway, Hayes	OL	6-4	320	*Fr.	Concord, N.C.	North Carolina
12	Gipson, Corian	CB	6-1	190	*Fr.	Fort Worth, Texas	Lancaster HS
21	Green, Jarvis	RB	5-9	200	*So.	Irmo, S.C.	Dutch Fork HS
90	Green, Stephiylan	DT	6-4	290	*So.	Rome, Ga.	Rome HS
18	Griffin, Kylon	S	5-11	200	*Jr.	Montgomery, Ala.	Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School
38	Gunn III, Robert	PK/P	6-0	180	*Jr.	Seminole, Fla.	Pinellas Park HS
23	Hampton, Ashton	CB	6-2	200	So.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Florida State University HS
5	Hanafin, Ronan	S	6-3	215	Jr.	Burlington, Mass.	Buckingham Browne & Nichols School
81	Hauser, Nolan	PK	6-1	195	So.	Cornelius, N.C.	William Amos Hough HS
26	Haynes, Jay	RB	5-11	195	*So.	Roanoke, Ala.	Handley HS
13	Heldt, Will	DE	6-6	260	Jr.	Carmel, Ind.	Purdue
99	Helms, Hunter	QB	6-2	210	^+*Sr.	West Columbia, S.C.	Rhode Island
58	Hydrick, Aidan	DT	6-0	250	*Fr.	Eads, Tenn.	Briarcrest Christian School
89	Jackson, Zach	WR	6-3	215	^*Sr.	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
74	Jacobs, Brayden	OL	6-7	355	Fr.	Milton, Ga.	Milton HS
85	Johnson, Charlie	TE	6-4	240	*So.	Columbia, S.C.	Ben Lippen School
6	Jones, Ricardo	S	6-2	195	So.	Warner Robins, Ga.	Peach County HS
75	Kattus, Tucker	OL	6-5	310	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier HS
25	Kelley, Misun	DB/WR	5-9	185	*So.	Central, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
20	Kenan, Jakarrion	S	6-1	190	Fr.	Bennettsville, S.C.	Marlboro County HS
2	Klubnik, Cade	QB	6-2	210	Sr.	Austin, Texas	Westlake HS
26	Kubah-Taylor, C.J.	LB	6-2	225	*Fr.	Frederick, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel HS
15	Lawson, Jahiem	DE	6-2	255	*Jr.	Central, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
71	Leigh, Tristan	OL	6-6	310	^*Sr.	Fairfax, Va.	James W. Robinson Secondary School
53	Linthicum, Ryan	C	6-3	305	^*Sr.	Damascus, Md.	Damascus HS
10	Lukus, Jeadyn	CB	6-2	200	Sr.	Mauldin, S.C.	Mauldin HS
29	Mankaka, Michael	CB	6-0	190	*Jr.	Laurens, S.C.	Laurens District HS
86	Martinez, Tristan	WR	5-9	180	*So.	Honolulu, Hawaii	Iolani School
34	Mason, Armon	DE	6-3	235	^*Sr.	Richmond Hill, Ga.	Richmond Hill HS
92	Matthews, Levi	DE	6-5	240	^*Jr.	Raleigh, N.C.	Sanderson HS
49	Mayo, Darien	DE	6-7	270	*Fr.	York, Pa.	Our Lady of Good Counsel (Md.) HS

HEAD COACH

Head Coach	Dabo Swinney (Alabama '93)
Record at Clemson (Seasons)	183-52 (17th Full Season, 18th Overall)
Career Record (Seasons)	183-52 (17th Full Season, 18th Overall)

ASSISTANT COACHES

Coach	Position(s)	Alma Mater
Nick Eason	AHC, Co-DC, DT	Clemson '01
Matt Luke	AHC, Co-OC, OL	Ole Miss '00
Mike Reed	AHC, Co-STC, CB	Boston College '94
Tom Allen	DC, LB	Maranatha Baptist '92
Mickey Conn	DPGC, Co-STC, S	Alabama '95
Tyler Grisham	OPGC, WR	Clemson '09
Kyle Richardson	Co-OC, TE	App State '01
Garrett Riley	OC, QB	Texas Tech '12
Chris Rumph	DRGC, DE	South Carolina '94
C.J. Spiller	ORGC, RB	Clemson '09
Ben Boulware	LB	Clemson '16
DeAndre McDaniel	SDA, NB	Clemson '10

#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.	Hometown	Previous School
21	McCloud, Kobe	LB	5-11	225	*Jr.	Tampa, Fla.	Gaither HS
37	McCune, Will	P	6-1	220	*Jr.	Summerville, S.C.	Charleston Southern
78	Miller, Blake	OL	6-6	315	^Sr.	Strongsville, Ohio	Strongsville HS
1	Moore, T.J.	WR	6-3	205	So.	Key West, Fla.	Tampa Catholic HS
36	Nearn, Peter	S	6-2	210	^*Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	Evangelical Christian School
77	O'Connell, Ronan	OL	6-5	310	*Fr.	Franklin, Tenn.	Page HS
16	Oliver, Myles	CB	5-11	180	*Jr.	Villa Rica, Ga.	Douglas County HS
3	Parker, T.J.	DE	6-3	260	Jr.	Phenix City, Ala.	Central HS
64	Parks, Walker	OL	6-5	310	^+*Sr.	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS
11	Patt-Henry, Olsen	TE	6-3	240	Jr.	Naples, Fla.	First Baptist Academy
91	Patterson, Zaire	DL	6-5	265	*Sr.	Winston-Salem, N.C.	Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy
14	Pearman, Trent	QB	6-0	195	*Jr.	Clemson, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
94	Pendergrass, Chapman	OL	6-3	295	*Jr.	Anderson, S.C.	T.L. Hanna HS
59	Pennington, Dietrick	OL	6-5	355	^*Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	Evangelical Christian School
44	Pope, Banks	TE	6-4	250	^*Sr.	Columbia, S.C.	A.C. Flora HS
10	Preston, Juju	WR	6-0	155	Fr.	Alexandria, Va.	Hayfield Secondary School
27	Purkerson, Jack	WR	5-7	160	*Jr.	Clemson, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
8	Randall, Adam	RB	6-2	235	^Sr.	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Myrtle Beach HS
48	Reed, Charlie	PK/P	6-2	205	*Fr.	Austin, Texas	Vandegrift HS
54	Reed, Ian	OL	6-6	300	**Fr.	Austin, Texas	Vandegrift HS
53	Roberto II, Joseph	LB	6-2	225	*Fr.	Helena, Ala.	Helena HS
50	Sadler, Collin	OL	6-6	310	*Jr.	Inman, S.C.	Greenville Senior HS
20	Sanderson, Clark	WR	5-9	175	*Fr.	Birmingham, Ala.	Mountain Brook HS
5	Sapp, Josh	TE	6-2	235	*Jr.	Greenville, S.C.	Greenville Senior HS
18	Schieffelin, Ian	TE	6-7	260	^*Sr.	Grayson, Ga.	Grayson HS
55	Sewell, Harris	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	Odessa, Texas	Permian HS
62	Smith, Bryce	OL	6-3	285	*So.	Six Mile, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
89	Smith, Jack	P	6-5	240	^*Jr.	Saraland, Ala.	Saraland HS
3	Smith, Tristan	WR	6-5	205	Sr.	LaGrange, Ga.	Southeast Missouri State
38	Staten, Dominic	LB	5-9	230	Fr.	Florence, S.C.	Wilson HS
83	Stokes, Ethan	WR	5-10	170	*Fr.	Pawleys Island, S.C.	Myrtle Beach HS
93	Story, Caden	DL	6-3	275	*Jr.	Lanett, Ala.	Lanett HS
23	Streko, Peyton	RB	5-10	190	*So.	Cumming, Ga.	West Forsyth HS
1	Strozier, Branden	CB	6-1	185	*So.	Lovejoy, Ga.	Saint Francis HS
80	Stubbs, Luke	WR	6-2	205	*Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	SouthLake Christian Academy
88	Swinney, Clay	WR	5-10	175	*Jr.	Clemson, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
97	Swygert, Patrick	DT	6-5	270	*So.	Batesburg-Leesville, S.C.	Batesburg-Leesville HS
8	Terrell, Avieon	CB	5-11	180	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Westlake HS
56	Thompson, Champ	DT	6-3	290	*Fr.	Gainesville, Ga.	Gainesville HS
52	Thurmon, Elyjah	OL	6-4	325	So.	Rienzi, Miss.	Bradwell (Ga.) Institute
16	Trotter, Cade	QB	6-1	190	*Fr.	Dallas, Texas	Highland Park HS
22	Turner, Cole	WR	6-1	185	**So.	Vestavia Hills, Ala.	Vestavia Hills HS
24	Venables, Tyler	S	5-11	205	^+*Sr.	Clemson, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS
17	Vizzina, Christopher	QB	6-4	210	*So.	Birmingham, Ala.	Briarwood Christian School
76	Wade, Mason	OL	6-5	310	*Fr.	Hamilton, Va.	Loudoun Valley HS
63	Ware, Easton	OL	6-5	315	Fr.	Lynchburg, Va.	Liberty Christian Academy
99	Watford, Ari	DE	6-5	245	Fr.	Norfolk, Va.	Maury HS
30	Webb, Kylen	S	6-0	200	*So.	Tampa, Fla.	Sumner HS
12	Wesco Jr., Bryant	WR	6-2	190	So.	Midlothian, Texas	Midlothian HS
84	Wieting, Avery	WR	5-9	175	*Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.	Wahoo HS
43	Wilkes, Billy	LB	6-1	215	*Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Providence HS
31	Wilkinson, Joe	S	6-1	195	*Fr.	Rome, Ga.	Rome HS
0	Williams, Antonio	WR	5-11	190	*Jr.	Irmo, S.C.	Dutch Fork HS
55	Williams Lee, Makhi	DT	6-2	295	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Lakeside HS
34	Wilson, Max	RB	5-10	200	*Fr.	Bogart, Ga.	North Oconee HS
9	Woodaz, Drew	LB	6-2	220	*Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Jesuit HS
17	Woodaz, Wade	LB	6-4	235	Sr.	Tampa, Fla.	Jesuit HS
11	Woods, Peter	DT	6-3	310	Jr.	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson HS
56	Young, Watson	OL	6-3	280	*Fr.	Clemson, S.C.	D.W. Daniel HS

* - one redshirt; ^ - graduate; + - utilizing NCAA blanket waiver from 2020 season for an extra year of eligibility; Note: Classes were advanced for 2020 season players who played five or more games in the 2020 season or had previously redshirted; #99 Hunter Helms is serving as a student coaching staff assistant, but has retained his roster spot and eligibility to step in as an emergency quarterback if needed.

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2026 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

FLORIDA STATE ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.	Hometown	Previous School
32	Arnold, Mason	LS	6-0	229	*Sr.	Tampa, Fla.	Ohio State
15	Arnoux, Shamar	DB	6-2	189	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Carrollton (Ga.) HS
27	Barker, Ashlynd	DB	6-3	216	*Jr.	Columbus, Ga.	Iowa Western CC
14	Bates, Cai	DB	6-2	192	*Fr.	West Orlando, Fla.	Edgewater HS
6	Blackwell, Gavin	WR	5-11	186	*Sr.	Indian Trail, N.C.	North Carolina
30	Boatwright Jr., Jarvis	DB	6-1	194	*Fr.	Clearwater, Fla.	Southern California
15	Boggs, Jayvan	WR	6-1	211	Fr.	Cocoa, Fla.	Cocoa HS
52	Bracewell, Ashton	LB	6-3	223	*So.	Palm Coast, Fla.	Flagler Palm Coast HS
54	Brown, Chastan	OL	6-8	265	Fr.	Warner Robins, Ga.	Northside HS
1	Brown, Shyheim	DB	6-2	201	*Sr.	Lake City, Fla.	Columbia HS
1	Castellanos, Tommy	QB	5-11	201	Sr.	Waycross, Ga.	Boston College
43	Chiumento, Mac	P	6-4	227	*Jr.	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Seabreeze HS
91	Coleman, Tyeland	DL	6-4	309	Jr.	Terry, Miss.	Northwest Mississippi CC
41	Cottrill, AJ	LB	6-0	223	*Jr.	Tampa, Fla.	Jesuit HS
33	Cromartie Jr., Antonio	DB	6-0	188	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Carrollton HS
28	Cryer, Justin	LB	6-1	238	Jr.	Katy, Texas	Royal HS
74	Daniels, Jonathan	OL	6-4	300	*Fr.	Pensacola, Fla.	Pine Forest HS
19	Danzy, Micahi	WR	6-1	189	*Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Florida State University School
3	Davis, Kam	RB	5-10	218	So.	Albany, Ga.	Dougherty HS
90	Desir, Darryll	DL	6-5	262	Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Norland Senior HS
93	Desir, Mandrell	DL	6-4	262	Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Norland Senior HS
13	Diggs, Deamontae	DL	6-5	250	*Sr.	McKeesport, Pa.	Coastal Carolina
45	Douglas, Luke	TE	6-5	231	*Fr.	Jupiter, Fla.	Jupiter HS
87	Douglas, Markeston	TE	6-5	270	*Sr.	Brownsville, Tenn.	Arizona State
98	Fielder, Grant	DL	6-2	245	*So.	Smyrna, Ga.	Campbell HS
99	Flagg, Jamorie	DL	6-3	318	*Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Booker T. Washington Senior HS
88	Frier, Camdon	WR	6-0	192	*Fr.	Lake City, Fla.	Columbia HS
83	Gelsey, Tae'Shaun	WR	6-4	235	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Riverside HS
10	Gibson, BJ	WR	6-0	193	So.	Rochelle, Ga.	Wilcox County HS
11	Glenn, Brock	QB	6-2	225	*So.	Covington, Tenn.	Lausanne Collegiate School
9	Graham Jr., Omar	LB	6-1	238	*Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Stranahan HS
12	Grant, Michael	QB	6-3	217	*So.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Maclay School
55	Hansen, Gunnar	OL	6-5	325	*Sr.	Boca Raton, Fla.	Vanderbilt
94	Harrold, L A Jessie	DL	6-5	253	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Gaither HS
31	Herring, Elijah	LB	6-2	231	Sr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Memphis
47	Hiebert, Donny	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz HS
43	Holman, Gav	LB	6-1	233	*Fr.	Uniondale, N.Y.	Berkeley Preparatory (Fla.) School
26	Holmes, Caziah	RB	5-11	219	*Sr.	Titusville, Fla.	Penn State
18	Howard, Jamari	DB	6-2	197	*Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Norland Senior HS
56	Hylton, Tye	OL	6-5	290	*Fr.	Oviedo, Fla.	Oviedo HS
70	Itete, Manasse	OL	6-5	307	*Fr.	Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo	Central Catholic (Calif.) HS
6	Jackson Jr., Darrell	DL	6-5	337	*Sr.	Havana, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
97	Jenkins, Jayson	DL	6-6	276	*Jr.	Bordentown, N.J.	Tennessee

HEAD COACH

Head Coach	Mike Norvell (Central Arkansas '05)
Record at Florida State (Seasons)	37-31 (6th)
Career Record (Seasons)	75-46 (10th)

ASSISTANT COACHES

Coach	Position(s)	Alma Mater
Gus Malzahn	OC	Henderson State '90
Tony White	DC	UCLA '02
John Papuchis	STC, LB	Virginia Tech '01
Chris Thomsen	DHC, TE	TCU '93
Tim Harris Jr.	PGC, WR	Miami (Fla.) '08
Evan Cooper	S	Temple '09
Herb Hand	OL	Hamilton '90
David Johnson	RC, RB	Nicholls '95
Terrance Knighton	DL	Temple '09
Patrick Surtain Sr.	DB	Southern Mississippi '98
Tony Tokarz	QB	Worcester State '12
Odell Haggins	AHC	Florida State '93

#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.	Hometown	Previous School
30	Johnson, Jeremiah	RB	5-11	214	*Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Gadsden County HS
44	Jones, Jaden	DL	6-5	257	*Sr.	Montgomery, Ala.	Hutchinson (Kan.) CC
16	Jones, Quindarrius	DB	6-2	192	Jr.	Meridian, Miss.	Meridian HS
3	Joseph, Edwin	DB	6-0	201	*So.	Tamarac, Fla.	Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory
14	King, Jaylen	QB	6-4	217	Jr.	Folkston, Ga.	East Tennessee State
24	Kirkland, K.J.	DB	6-1	204	*So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	William M. Raines HS
26	Knight III, Ricky	DB	6-0	186	*Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Cardinal Newman HS
32	Kromah, Ousmane	RB	6-1	218	Fr.	Leesburg, Ga.	Lee County HS
89	Labiad, Greyson	TE	6-3	258	*Jr.	Celebration, Fla.	Southeastern
29	LaVallee, Caleb	LB	6-1	228	*So.	Marietta, Ga.	North Carolina
96	Lee, Tylon	DL	6-4	287	Fr.	Pace, Fla.	Pace HS
67	Leonard IV, Richie	OL	6-2	329	*Sr.	Cocoa, Fla.	Florida
4	Lester III, Charles	DB	6-1	197	*Fr.	Sarasota, Fla.	Riverview HS
0	Little Jr., Earl	DB	6-1	199	*Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Alabama
23	Loftin, Chase	TE	6-6	220	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	Millard South HS
12	Lucas, Jaylin	RB	5-9	175	*Jr.	Houma, La.	Indiana
5	Lyons, Daniel	DL	6-4	302	*Jr.	Miami, Fla.	Homestead Senior HS
82	Mallory, Teriq	WR	6-5	205	Fr.	New Haven, Conn.	Cheshire Academy
16	Markey, Gavin	TE	6-1	223	Fr.	Athens, Ga.	Jefferson HS
71	Matthews, Ja'Elyne	OL	6-6	350	Fr.	Toms River, N.J.	Toms River North HS
7	McCoy, Lawayne	WR	6-1	184	So.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Central Senior HS
8	McCray, Deante	DL	6-4	287	*Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Western Kentucky
76	Medley, Adrian	OL	6-5	309	*Sr.	Pensacola, Fla.	UCF
81	Moore, Elijah	WR	6-4	206	*Fr.	Oxon Hill, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel HS
63	Nash Jr., Mario	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	De Kalb, Miss.	Kemper County HS
60	Naylor, Peyton	LS	5-10	203	*So.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Maclay School
20	Nichelson, Blake	LB	6-3	224	Jr.	Ripon, Calif.	Manteca HS
53	Nocco, Alex	LS	6-2	200	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Jesuit HS
65	Otto, André	OL	6-5	330	*So.	Key West, Fla.	Key West HS
21	Parks, Zay	RB	5-11	196	*Fr.	Crestview, Fla.	Crestview HS
36	Parrish, Jayden	LB	6-1	232	*Fr.	Delray Beach, Fla.	Atlantic HS
51	Petitbon, Luke	OL	6-2	310	*Sr.	Annapolis, Md.	Wake Forest
57	Pettus, Micah	OL	6-7	349	*Sr.	Harvest, Ala.	Ole Miss
13	Pittman Jr., Randy	TE	6-2	240	Jr.	Panama City, Fla.	UCF
75	Poret, Sean	OL	6-5	286	Fr.	Sandy Springs, Ga.	Riverwood HS
38	Post, Ethan	P	6-3	230	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.	Mayo HS
35	Pritchard, Ethan	LB	6-2	224	Fr.	Sanford, Fla.	Seminole HS
11	Rawls, Ja'Bril	DB	6-1	185	*So.	Pensacola, Fla.	Pensacola Catholic HS
72	Raymond, Josh	OL	6-4	300	*Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	Vanderbilt
21	Redmon, Max	DB	6-1	196	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Cardinal Newman HS
42	Reus, Brunno	PK/P	6-0	200	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla.	Venice HS
64	Rizy, Jacob	OL	6-5	310	*Sr.	Westport, Conn.	Harvard
0	Robinson, Duce	WR	6-6	223	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	Southern California
56	Sampson, KJ	DL	6-3	318	*So.	New Bern, N.C.	New Bern HS
27	Sawchuk, Gavin	RB	5-11	209	*Jr.	Littleton, Colo.	Oklahoma
79	Simmons, Lucas	OL	6-8	311	*So.	Stockholm, Sweden	Clearwater (Fla.) Academy
28	Singleton Jr., Samuel	RB	5-11	201	*So.	Charleston, S.C.	Fleming Island (Fla.) HS
9	Sperry, Kevin	QB	6-1	208	Fr.	Denton, Texas	Guyer HS
85	Suarez, Willy	WR	5-10	195	*Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Jesuit HS
18	Thomas, Landen	TE	6-4	234	So.	Moultrie, Ga.	Colquitt County HS
22	Thomas, Zae	DB	6-3	196	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	American Heritage HS
52	Thompson, Chavez	OL	6-1	311	Fr.	Cocoa, Fla.	Cocoa HS
7	Thompson, Stefon	LB	6-1	238	*Sr.	Long Island, N.Y.	Nebraska
78	Todd, Jayden	OL	6-6	325	*Fr.	Dublin, Ga.	West Laurens HS
53	Torres, Brandon	LB	6-1	224	*So.	Naples, Fla.	Barron Collier HS
22	Weinberg, Jake	PK	5-10	189	*Fr.	Boynton Beach, Fla.	American Heritage HS
37	White, Christian	DB	5-11	178	*Jr.	Ellenwood, Ga.	Eagle's Landing Christian Academy
4	White, Squirrel	WR	5-10	178	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.	Tennessee
40	Williams, Amaree	DL/TE	6-4	236	So.	North Palm Beach, Fla.	The Benjamin School
10	Williams, James	DL	6-6	259	*Jr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Nebraska
5	Williams, Roydell	RB	5-10	223	*Sr.	Hueytown, Ala.	Alabama
19	Wilson, Jerry	DB	5-10	185	Sr.	Kissimmee, Fla.	Houston
55	Wynn, Kevin	DL	6-2	334	Fr.	Greensboro, Ga.	Greene County HS

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8	Ada
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9	Gid
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NUMERICAL ROSTERS

CLEMSON

#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.
0	Jamal Anderson	LB	6-3	225	Jr.
0	Antonio Williams	WR	5-11	190	*Jr.
1	T.J. Moore	WR	6-3	205	So.
1	Branden Strozier	CB	6-1	185	*So.
2	Cade Klubnik	QB	6-2	210	Sr.
3	T.J. Parker	DE	6-3	260	Jr.
3	Tristan Smith	WR	6-5	205	Sr.
5	Ronan Hanafin	S	6-3	215	Jr.
5	Josh Sapp	TE	6-2	235	*Jr.
6	Tyler Brown	WR	5-11	185	*So.
6	Ricardo Jones	S	6-2	195	So.
7	Khalil Barnes	S	6-0	200	Jr.
7	Logan Brooking	TE	6-4	235	Fr.
8	Adam Randall	RB	6-2	235	^Sr.
8	Avieon Terrell	CB	5-11	180	Jr.
9	Gideon Davidson	RB	6-0	200	Fr.
9	Drew Woodaz	LB	6-2	220	*Fr.
10	Jeadyn Lukus	CB	6-2	200	Sr.
10	Juju Preston	WR	6-0	155	Fr.
11	Olsen Patt-Henry	TE	6-3	240	Jr.
11	Peter Woods	DT	6-3	310	Jr.
12	Corian Gipson	CB	6-1	190	*Fr.
12	Bryant Wesco Jr.	WR	6-2	190	So.
13	Parker Fulghum	WR	6-0	205	*Fr.
13	Will Heldt	DE	6-6	260	Jr.
14	Rob Billings	S	6-2	205	*So.
14	Trent Pearman	QB	6-0	195	*Jr.
15	Chris Denson	QB	6-2	195	Fr.
15	Jahiem Lawson	DE	6-2	255	*Jr.
16	Myles Oliver	CB	5-11	180	*Jr.
16	Cade Trotter	QB	6-1	190	*Fr.
17	Christopher Vizzina	QB	6-4	210	*So.
17	Wade Woodaz	LB	6-4	235	Sr.
18	Kylon Griffin	S	5-11	200	*Jr.
18	Ian Schieffelin	TE	6-7	260	^*Sr.
19	Keith Adams Jr.	RB	5-9	220	*Jr.
19	DeMonte Capehart	DT	6-5	315	^+*Sr.
20	Jakarrion Kenan	S	6-1	190	Fr.
20	Clark Sanderson	WR	5-9	175	*Fr.
21	Jarvis Green	RB	5-9	200	*So.
21	Kobe McCloud	LB	5-11	225	*Jr.
22	Dee Crayton	LB	6-2	225	*So.
22	Cole Turner	WR	6-1	185	**So.
23	Ashton Hampton	CB	6-2	200	So.
23	Peyton Streko	RB	5-10	190	*So.
24	David Eziomume	RB	6-0	215	*Fr.
24	Tyler Venables	S	5-11	205	^+*Sr.
25	Misun Kelley	DB/WR	5-9	185	*So.
26	Jay Haynes	RB	5-11	195	*So.
26	C.J. Kubah-Taylor	LB	6-2	225	*Fr.
27	Noah Dixon	S	6-1	195	*Fr.
27	Jack Purkerson	WR	5-7	160	*Jr.
29	Chase Byrd	WR	5-10	185	*Fr.
29	Michael Mankaka	CB	6-0	190	*Jr.
30	Kylen Webb	S	6-0	200	*So.
31	Joe Wilkinson	S	6-1	195	*Fr.
32	Tyler Conner	DB	5-11	190	*So.
33	Griffin Batt	LB	6-0	225	*Jr.
34	Armon Mason	DE	6-3	235	^*Sr.
34	Max Wilson	RB	5-10	200	*Fr.
35	Jeremiah Alexander	LB	6-2	235	^*Jr.
36	Quinn Castner	PK	5-5	145	^+*Sr.
36	Peter Nearn	S	6-2	210	^*Sr.
37	Logan Anderson	LB	6-2	225	Fr.
37	Will McCune	P	6-1	220	*Jr.
38	Robert Gunn III	PK/P	6-0	180	*Jr.
38	Dominic Staten	LB	5-9	230	Fr.
40	Brodey Conn	LS/P	6-1	200	**So.
42	Hevin Brown-Shuler	DT	6-3	315	*Fr.
43	Billy Wilkes	LB	6-1	215	*Fr.
44	Cade Denhoff	DE	6-5	260	^*Sr.
44	Banks Pope	TE	6-4	250	^*Sr.
45	Vic Burley	DT	6-4	320	*So.
45	Philip Florenzo	LS	6-2	240	^**Sr.
47	Sammy Brown	LB	6-2	235	So.
48	Charlie Reed	PK/P	6-2	205	*Fr.
49	Darien Mayo	DE	6-7	270	*Fr.
50	Fletcher Cothran	LB	6-3	225	*Jr.
50	Collin Sadler	OL	6-6	310	*Jr.
51	Gavin Blanchard	OL	6-2	295	Fr.
52	Elyjah Thurmon	OL	6-4	325	So.
53	Ryan Linthicum	C	6-3	305	^*Sr.
53	Joseph Roberto II	LB	6-2	225	*Fr.
54	Ian Reed	OL	6-6	300	**Fr.
55	Harris Sewell	OL	6-4	310	Jr.
55	Makhi Williams Lee	DT	6-2	295	Fr.
56	Champ Thompson	DT	6-3	290	*Fr.
56	Watson Young	OL	6-3	280	*Fr.
58	Holden Caspersen	LS	5-11	215	^*Sr.
58	Aidan Hydrick	DT	6-0	250	*Fr.
59	Dietrick Pennington	OL	6-5	355	^*Sr.
62	Bryce Smith	OL	6-3	285	*So.
63	Easton Ware	OL	6-5	315	Fr.
64	Walker Parks	OL	6-5	310	^+*Sr.
67	Seth Corontzes	OL	6-2	315	*Fr.
69	Dominic Cardone	OL	6-9	385	*Jr.
71	Tristan Leigh	OL	6-6	310	^*Sr.
72	Rowan Byrne	OL	6-5	295	Fr.
73	Hayes Galloway	OL	6-4	320	*Fr.
74	Brayden Jacobs	OL	6-7	355	Fr.
75	Tucker Kattus	OL	6-5	310	Fr.
76	Mason Wade	OL	6-5	310	*Fr.
77	Ronan O'Connell	OL	6-5	310	*Fr.
78	Blake Miller	OL	6-6	315	^Sr.
80	Luke Stubbs	WR	6-2	205	*Jr.
81	Nolan Hauser	PK	6-1	195	So.
82	Sam Earle	WR	5-10	175	*Fr.
83	Ethan Stokes	WR	5-10	170	*Fr.
84	Markus Dixon	DE	6-4	265	*So.
84	Avery Wieting	WR	5-9	175	*Fr.
85	Charlie Johnson	TE	6-4	240	*So.
86	Tristan Martinez	WR	5-9	180	*So.
87	Christian Bentancur	TE	6-4	245	*Fr.
88	Clay Swinney	WR	5-10	175	*Jr.
89	Zach Jackson	WR	6-3	215	^*Sr.
89	Jack Smith	P	6-5	240	^*Jr.
90	Stephiylan Green	DT	6-4	290	*So.
91	Zaire Patterson	DL	6-5	265	*Sr.
92	Levi Matthews	DE	6-5	240	^*Jr.
93	Caden Story	DL	6-3	275	*Jr.
94	Chapman Pendergrass	OL	6-3	295	*Jr.
95	Amare Adams	DT	6-4	310	Fr.
97	Patrick Swygert	DT	6-5	270	*So.
99	Hunter Helms	QB	6-2	210	^+*Sr.
99	Ari Watford	DE	6-5	245	Fr.

* - one redshirt; ^ - graduate; + - super senior

STARTERS (OFFENSE)

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.
LT	71	Tristan Leigh	6-6	310	^*Sr.
LG	50	Collin Sadler	6-6	310	*Jr.
C	53	Ryan Linthicum	6-3	305	^*Sr.
RG	64	Walker Parks	6-5	310	^+*Sr.
RT	78	Blake Miller	6-6	315	^Sr.
TE	11	Olsen Patt-Henry	6-3	240	Jr.
WR	1	T.J. Moore	6-3	205	So.
QB	2	Cade Klubnik	6-2	210	Sr.
RB	8	Adam Randall	6-2	235	^Sr.
WR	0	Antonio Williams	5-11	190	*Jr.
WR	3	Tristan Smith	6-5	205	Sr.
PK	81	Nolan Hauser	6-1	195	So.

STARTERS (DEFENSE)

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.
DE	13	Will Heldt	6-6	260	Jr.
DT	19	DeMonte Capehart	6-5	315	^+*Sr.
DT	11	Peter Woods	6-3	310	Jr.
DE	3	T.J. Parker	6-3	260	Jr.
MLB	47	Sammy Brown	6-2	235	So.
WLB	17	Wade Woodaz	6-4	235	Sr.
CB	8	Avieon Terrell	5-11	180	Jr.
TIGER	25	Misun Kelley	5-9	185	*So.
ROV	7	Khalil Barnes	6-0	200	Jr.
FS	6	Ricardo Jones	6-2	195	So.
CB	23	Ashton Hampton	6-2	200	So.
P	89	Jack Smith	6-5	240	^*Jr.

FLORIDA STATE

#	Player	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.
0	Earl Little Jr.	DB	6-1	199	*Jr.
0	Duce Robinson	WR	6-6	223	Jr.
1	Shyheim Brown	DB	6-2	201	*Sr.
1	Tommy Castellanos	QB	5-11	201	Sr.
3	Kam Davis	RB	5-10	218	So.
3	Edwin Joseph	DB	6-0	201	*So.
4	Charles Lester III	DB	6-1	197	*Fr.
4	Squirrel White	WR	5-10	178	Sr.
5	Daniel Lyons	DL	6-4	302	*Jr.
5	Roydell Williams	RB	5-10	223	*Sr.
6	Gavin Blackwell	WR	5-11	186	*Sr.
6	Darrell Jackson Jr.	DL	6-5	337	*Sr.
7	Lawayne McCoy	WR	6-1	184	So.
7	Stefon Thompson	LB	6-1	238	*Sr.
8	Deante McCray	DL	6-4	287	*Jr.
9	Omar Graham Jr.	LB	6-1	238	*Jr.
9	Kevin Sperry	QB	6-1	208	Fr.
10	BJ Gibson	WR	6-0	193	So.
10	James Williams	DL	6-6	259	*Jr.
11	Brock Glenn	QB	6-2	225	*So.
11	Ja'Bril Rawls	DB	6-1	185	*So.
12	Michael Grant	QB	6-3	217	*So.
12	Jaylin Lucas	RB	5-9	175	*Jr.
13	Deamontae Diggs	DL	6-5	250	*Sr.
13	Randy Pittman Jr.	TE	6-2	240	Jr.
14	Cai Bates	DB	6-2	192	*Fr.
14	Jaylen King	QB	6-4	217	Jr.
15	Shamar Arnoux	DB	6-2	189	Fr.
15	Jayvan Boggs	WR	6-1	211	Fr.
16	Quindarrius Jones	DB	6-2	192	Jr.
16	Gavin Markey	TE	6-1	223	Fr.
18	Jamari Howard	DB	6-2	197	*Fr.
18	Landen Thomas	TE	6-4	234	So.
19	Micahi Danzy	WR	6-1	189	*Fr.
19	Jerry Wilson	DB	5-10	185	Sr.
20	Blake Nichelson	LB	6-3	224	Jr.
21	Zay Parks	RB	5-11	196	*Fr.
21	Max Redmon	DB	6-1	196	Fr.
22	Zae Thomas	DB	6-3	196	Fr.
22	Jake Weinberg	PK	5-10	189	*Fr.
23	Chase Loftin	TE	6-6	220	Fr.
24	K.J. Kirkland	DB	6-1	204	*So.
26	Caziah Holmes	RB	5-11	219	*Sr.
26	Ricky Knight III	DB	6-0	186	*Fr.
27	Ashlynd Barker	DB	6-3	216	*Jr.
27	Gavin Sawchuk	RB	5-11	209	*Jr.
28	Justin Cryer	LB	6-1	238	Jr.
28	Samuel Singleton Jr.	RB	5-11	201	*So.
29	Caleb LaVallee	LB	6-1	228	*So.
30	Jarvis Boatwright Jr.	DB	6-1	194	*Fr.
30	Jeremiah Johnson	RB	5-11	214	*Fr.
31	Elijah Herring	LB	6-2	231	Sr.
32	Mason Arnold	LS	6-0	229	*Sr.
32	Ousmane Kromah	RB	6-1	218	Fr.
33	Antonio Cromartie Jr.	DB	6-0	188	Fr.
35	Ethan Pritchard	LB	6-2	224	Fr.
36	Jayden Parrish	LB	6-1	232	*Fr.
37	Christian White	DB	5-11	178	*Jr.
38	Ethan Post	P	6-3	230	Fr.
40	Amaree Williams	DL/TE	6-4	236	So.
41	AJ Cottrill	LB	6-0	223	*Jr.
42	Brunno Reus	PK/P	6-0	200	Fr.
43	Mac Chiumento	P	6-4	227	*Jr.
43	Gav Holman	LB	6-1	233	*Fr.
44	Jaden Jones	DL	6-5	257	*Sr.
45	Luke Douglas	TE	6-5	231	*Fr.
47	Donny Hiebert	DB	6-2	200	Jr.
51	Luke Petitbon	OL	6-2	310	*Sr.
52	Ashton Bracewell	LB	6-3	223	*So.
52	Chavez Thompson	OL	6-1	311	Fr.
53	Alex Nocco	LS	6-2	200	Fr.
53	Brandon Torres	LB	6-1	224	*So.
54	Chastan Brown	OL	6-8	265	Fr.
55	Gunnar Hansen	OL	6-5	325	*Sr.
55	Kevin Wynn	DL	6-2	334	Fr.
56	Tye Hylton	OL	6-5	290	*Fr.
56	KJ Sampson	DL	6-3	318	*So.
57	Micah Pettus	OL	6-7	349	*Sr.
60	Peyton Naylor	LS	5-10	203	*So.
63	Mario Nash Jr.	OL	6-4	285	Fr.
64	Jacob Rizy	OL	6-5	310	*Sr.
65	André Otto	OL	6-5	330	*So.
67	Richie Leonard IV	OL	6-2	329	*Sr.
70	Manasse Itete	OL	6-5	307	*Fr.
71	Ja'Elyne Matthews	OL	6-6	350	Fr.
72	Josh Raymond	OL	6-4	300	*Fr.
74	Jonathan Daniels	OL	6-4	300	*Fr.
75	Sean Poret	OL	6-5	286	Fr.
76	Adrian Medley	OL	6-5	309	*Sr.
78	Jayden Todd	OL	6-6	325	*Fr.
79	Lucas Simmons	OL	6-8	311	*So.
81	Elijah Moore	WR	6-4	206	*Fr.
82	Teriq Mallory	WR	6-5	205	Fr.
83	Tae'Shaun Gelsey	WR	6-4	235	Fr.
85	Willy Suarez	WR	5-10	195	*Fr.
87	Markeston Douglas	TE	6-5	270	*Sr.
88	Camdon Frier	WR	6-0	192	*Fr.
89	Greyson Labiad	TE	6-3	258	*Jr.
90	Darryll Desir	DL	6-5	262	Fr.
91	Tyeland Coleman	DL	6-4	309	Jr.
93	Mandrell Desir	DL	6-4	262	Fr.
94	L A Jessie Harrold	DL	6-5	253	Fr.
96	Tylon Lee	DL	6-4	287	Fr.
97	Jayson Jenkins	DL	6-6	276	*Jr.
98	Grant Fielder	DL	6-2	245	*So.
99	Jamorie Flagg	DL	6-3	318	*Fr.

* - one redshirt

STARTERS (OFFENSE)

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.
LT	55	Gunnar Hansen	6-5	325	*Sr.
LG	67	Richie Leonard IV	6-2	329	*Sr.
C	51	Luke Petitbon	6-2	310	*Sr.
RG	76	Adrian Medley	6-5	309	*Sr.
RT	57	Micah Pettus	6-7	349	*Sr.
TE	13	Randy Pittman Jr.	6-2	240	Jr.
WR	0	Duce Robinson	6-6	223	Jr.
QB	1	Tommy Castellanos	5-11	201	Sr.
RB	5	Roydell Williams	5-10	223	*Sr.
WR	4	Squirrel White	5-10	178	Sr.
WR	7	Lawayne McCoy	6-1	184	So.
PK	22	Jake Weinberg	5-10	189	*Fr.

STARTERS (DEFENSE)

Pos.	#	Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl.
DE	10	James Williams	6-6	259	*Jr.
NT	6	Darrell Jackson Jr.	6-5	337	*Sr.
DT	5	Daniel Lyons	6-4	302	*Jr.
DE	8	Deante McCray	6-4	287	*Jr.
LB	28	Justin Cryer	6-1	238	Jr.
LB	31	Elijah Herring	6-2	231	Sr.
JLB	9	Omar Graham Jr.	6-1	238	*Jr.
CB	11	Ja'Bril Rawls	6-1	185	*So.
ROV	0	Earl Little Jr.	6-1	199	*Jr.
S	27	Ashlynd Barker	6-3	216	*Jr.
P	43	Mac Chiumento	6-4	227	*Jr.

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- Mac Attack: Artisan Mac & Cheese
- Walking Taco Nacho Cart
- Wainani Shaved Ice
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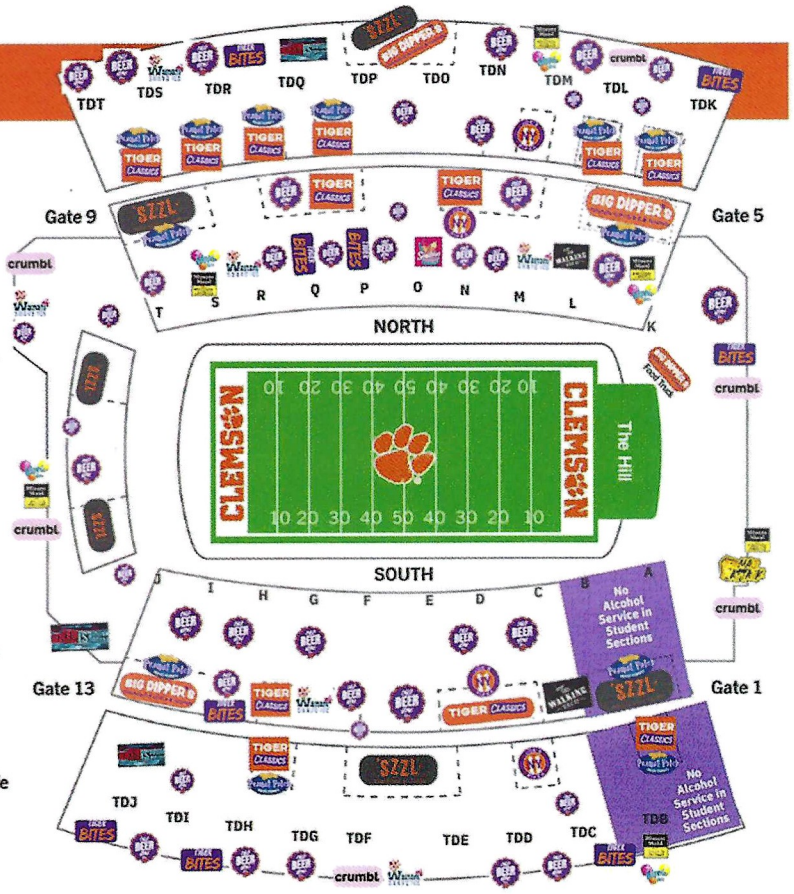

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- All IDs must be valid and within expiration date
- Valid IDs include: state drivers license, state ID card, US issued passport & US Military ID.
- NO VERTICAL IDs ACCEPTED, *even if still valid.*

All guests must be 21 years of age or older.

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STADIUM INFORMATION



ADA
ADA entrances are at gates 1, 5 and 13. Parking (with a state-issued placard) is located in the Sikes Hall parking lot.

CLEAR BAGS
Fans are encouraged to not bring bags. Clear bags that do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12" are permissible.

CONCESSION STANDS
Concession stands open two hours prior to kickoff and remain open through the end of the fourth quarter.

FIRST AID
First-aid stations are located at portal TDK on the north upper deck, portal TDE on the south upper deck, portal J on the south concourse and the Meyer Family Clinic is located at portal T on the north concourse. For emergencies, call 911.

LOST & FOUND
Report any item to the Clemson athletic department or event staff.

METAL DETECTORS
Walkthrough metal detectors are at all stadium entrances.

MOBILE RESOLUTION
Mobile resolution centers are located at Gates 1, 5 and 13, and they open when the gates open two hours prior to kickoff. The main ticket office at the IPTAY Center opens three hours prior to kickoff and can assist with mobile resolution.

PASSOUTS
Passouts are allowed, but fans must go through the same level of security screening as upon entering. Fans must acquire a re-entry voucher upon exit and present it and a valid game ticket for re-entry.

PROHIBITED ITEMS
Alcoholic beverages, artificial noisemakers, backpacks, bags (large) of any kind, banners, chairbacks with arms, coolers, flags, flagpoles, food and beverages from outside, umbrellas, video cameras and weapons of any kind are prohibited.

SENSORY INCLUSION
Sensory sensitivities or challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals (one in six) with autism, dementia, PTSD and other similar conditions. Clemson athletic staff members are sensory certified. Sensory bags are free to check out at all first-aid stands for anyone with sensory needs.

SOLICITATIONS
Solicitation for any purpose is prohibited at an athletic contest on the campus of Clemson University.

WELCOME BACK HOME TO CLEMSON

TIGER TRACKER
Fans can visit a guest service stand (gates 1, 5, 9, 11, 13, 16, 20) to receive a Tiger Tracker wristband for vulnerable guests. It helps identify guests in the event they become separated from the rest of their party.

TOBACCO POLICY
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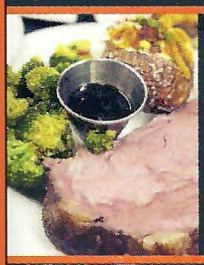

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Clemson's Memorial Stadium has been held in high esteem for many years. Whether it is players from the 1940s and 1950s, opposing players from the 1970s and 1980s, professional players in the 1990s or stars from the 21st century, the ambiance of this special setting is what college football is all about.

Clemson has finished in the top 20 in the country in average home attendance for 44 straight years. Clemson led the ACC (and finished 14th in the nation) in average home attendance in 2024, with 80,806 fans per home game.

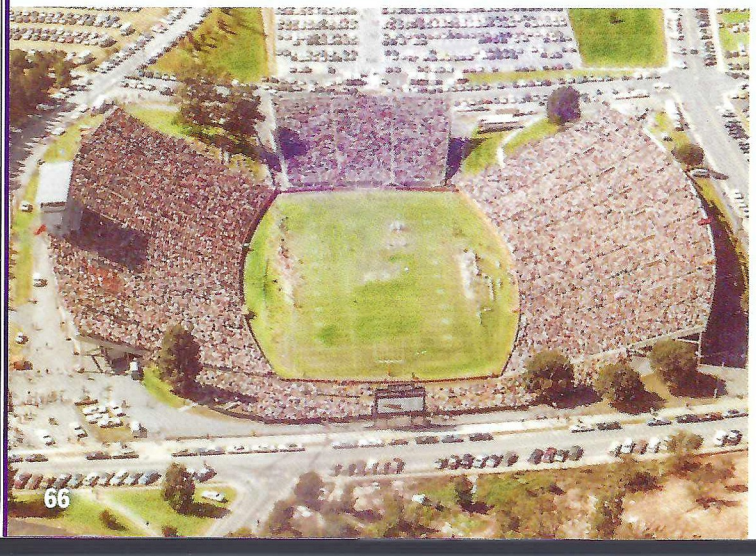
The storied edifice added to its legend when the first meeting of father-and-son head coaches (Bowden Bowl I) took place before a record crowd of 86,092 in 1999. The legend was further enhanced from 2016-22, when the Tigers had an ACC-record 40-game home winning streak, tied for eighth longest in FBS history. Since the advent of the CFP in 2014, Clemson is 70-5 (.933) at home, the second-highest home winning percentage in the nation.

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 success. Entering 2025, the Tigers totaled 345 wins in 83 years and won 76.1 percent of the contests (345-106-7). Defending national champions are 0-3 at Memorial Stadium as well.

The stadium has been good to the Tigers, but it was constructed against the advice of at least one coach. Before 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, Clemson officials decided to build the new stadium in a valley on the western part of campus. The crews went to work, clearing, cutting, pouring and forming.



"DEATH VALLEY" ORIGIN

THROUGH THE YEARS, MEMORIAL STADIUM HAS BECOME KNOWN AS "DEATH VALLEY" ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT WAS TAGGED BY PRESBYTERIAN HEAD COACH LONNIE McMILLIAN DURING THE LATE 1940s. AFTER BRINGING HIS TEAMS TO CLEMSON FOR MANY YEARS AND GETTING WHIPPED, HE SAID THE PLACE WAS LIKE "DEATH VALLEY." A FEW YEARS LATER, THE NAME STUCK.

On Sept. 19, 1942, Memorial Stadium opened with Clemson defeating Presbyterian by a score of 32-13. Those 20,000 seats installed for the opener would soon grow.

When the original part of the stadium was built in the early 1940s, much of the work was done by scholarship student-athletes, including football players. The first staking out of the stadium was done by two members of the football team, A.N. Cameron and Hugh Webb. Webb returned to Clemson years later to become an architecture professor and Cameron went on to become a civil engineer in Louisiana.

The construction of the stadium did not proceed without problems. One afternoon during the clearing of the land, a young player proudly announced that he was not allergic to poison oak. He then proceeded to attack the poison oak with a swing blade, throwing the plants to and fro. The next day, the boy was swollen twice his size and was hospitalized.

There are many other stories about the stadium, including one that Frank Howard put a chew of tobacco in each corner of the stadium as the concrete was poured.

Howard said that the seeding of the grass caused a few problems.

"About 40 people and I laid sod on the field. After three weeks on July 15, we had only gotten about halfway through. I told them that it had taken us three weeks to get that far and I would give them three more weeks' pay for however long it took to finish. I also told them we would have 50 gallons of ice cream when we got through.

"After that, it took them three days to do the rest of the field. Then we sat down in the middle of the field and ate up that whole 50 gallons.

"The gates were hung at 1 p.m. and we played at 2 p.m.," explained Howard on the day of the first game in Clemson's stadium.



In 1958, 18,000 sideline seats were added, and in 1960, 5,658 west end zone seats were added in response to increasing attendance. With the large east end zone ("Green Grass" section), the capacity increased to 53,000.

Later, upper decks were added to each side of the stadium as crowds swelled, the first in 1978 and the second in 1983. It increased capacity to over 80,000, which makes it one of the largest on-campus stadiums in the country. In 2006, the WestZone was added.

The original part of Memorial Stadium was built at a cost of $125,000, or $6.25 per seat. The newest upper deck was finished in 1983 at a cost of $13.5 million, or $866 per seat.

In 2022, Clemson debuted several stadium enhancements. The videoboard received its first major upgrade since 2005, installing the new videoboard above the east end zone that measures 126 feet wide by 56.5 feet tall, eighth largest in the NCAA at the time of its installation. The eight main stadium light poles were updated to an LED system, allowing for light fixture control, spotlighting of Howard's Rock and higher-quality field lighting.

The west side of the stadium received a facelift with the addition of IPTAY's Masters Club, a 688-seat premium area on the concourse level. Clemson also installed new signage honoring the all-time greats, championship seasons and backlighting of the traditional "Clemson Welcomes You to Death Valley" signage.

Clemson began Phase II renovations after the 2022 season. They included a new gameday locker room and a reimagining of Lot 5 and the Tiger Walk experience as a 365-day destination for Clemson fans.

Through the years, Memorial Stadium has become known as "Death Valley" across the country. It was tagged by Presbyterian Head Coach Lonnie McMillian during the late 1940s. After bringing his teams to Clemson for many 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 and his long service and dedication to Clemson. Luckily, it wasn't built behind the YMCA.



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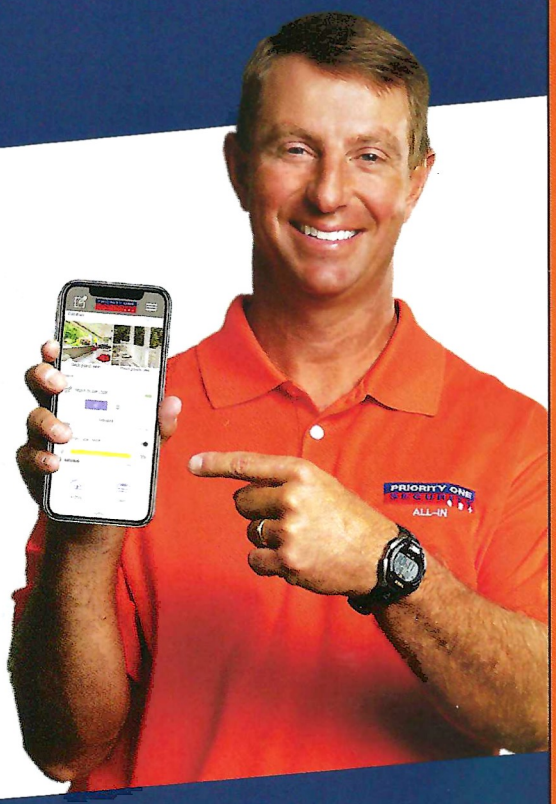

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RUNNING DOWN THE HILL

A CLEMSON TRADITION SINCE 1942, THE TIGERS HAVE RUN DOWN THE HILL HUNDREDS OF TIMES IN FRONT OF RAUCOUS DEATH VALLEY CROWDS.

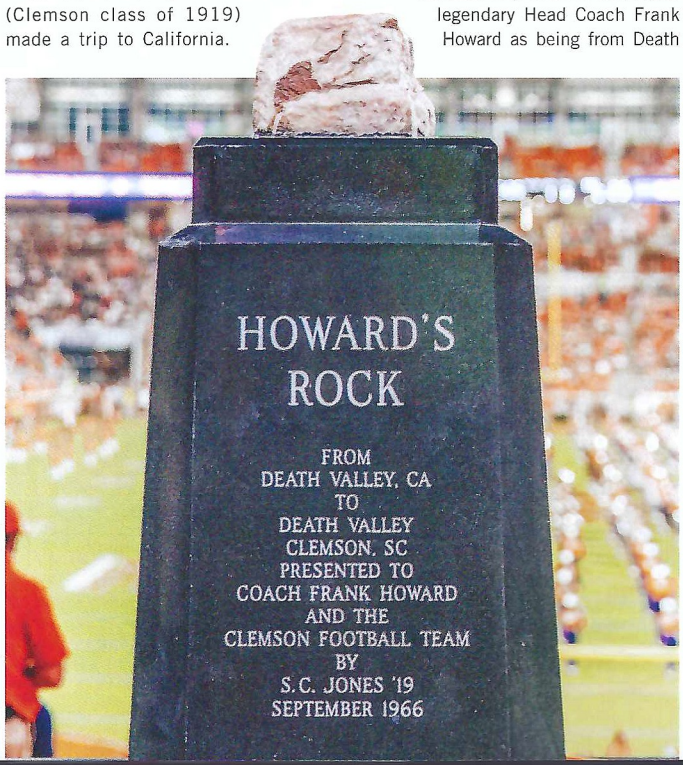
What has been described by television commentator Brent Musburger as "the most exciting 25 seconds in college football" from a color and pageantry standpoint actually started out as a matter-of-fact entrance, mainly because of necessity.

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 U.S. 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 end zone. There were no dressing facilities inside the west end zone...there was only a giant clock, where the hands turned, and a scoreboard that was operated by hand.

Players would dress in Fike Fieldhouse, walk down Williamson Road, enter at the gate underneath where the scoreboard now stands and jog down the Hill for their warmup exercises. There was little fanfare, no cannon shot fired, no Tiger Paw flag and no "Tiger Rag" played...just the team making its entrance and lining up to do the side-straddle hop. That is the way things went for the next 25 years.

In 1964 or 1965, Sam Jones (Clemson class of 1919) made a trip to California. He stopped at a spot in Death Valley, California and picked up a white flint rock. Jones presented the rock to legendary Head Coach Frank Howard as being from Death Valley, California to Death Valley, South Carolina.



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

Willimon did not think that was the way a rock should be treated. After all, it had been brought over 1,900 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 victories that had been recorded there. Actually, the name was first used by Lonnie McMillian, head coach at Presbyterian during the 1940s.

McMillian and the other Blue Hose coaches before him opened each season by playing at Clemson. Seldom scoring (24 shutouts in 39 games) and with only three wins and four ties, his teams were getting "killed" by the Tigers regularly.

In 1948, McMillian made the remark 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" in the 1950s, the name took off. Clemson is celebrating its 84th year in the "Valley" in 2025.

But getting back to Howard's Rock.

It was mounted on a pedestal at the top of the Hill on the east side of the stadium. It was unveiled Sept. 24, 1966, when Clemson played Virginia. The Tigers trailed by 18 points with 17 minutes remaining in the game 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 Howard's Rock.

The team members started rubbing Howard's Rock prior to running down the Hill on Sept. 23, 1967, a day when Clemson defeated Wake Forest 23-6.

Prior to running down the Hill that day, Howard told his players, "If you're going to give 110 percent, you can rub that Rock. If you're not, keep your filthy hands off it!" Howard told of the incident the following day on his television show, and the story became legend.

When Hootie Ingram succeeded Howard as head coach in 1970, he made the logical decision that the team would make its final entrance out of the new dressing room in the west end zone.

In all home games in 1970 and 1971 and the first four games of 1972, when the Tigers did not run down the Hill, their combined record was 6-9.

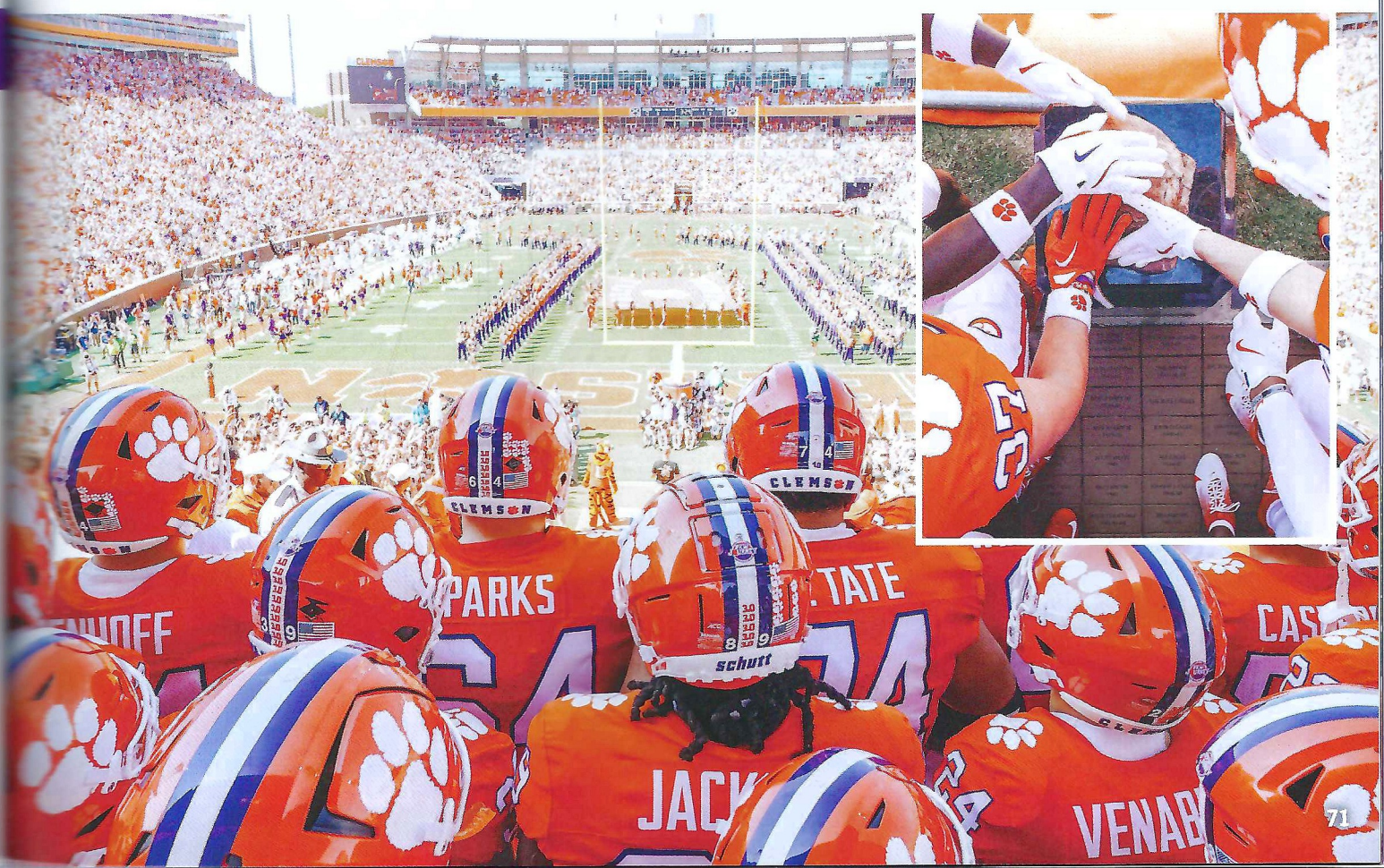
The seniors, led by Ben Anderson, decided to come down the Hill prior to the South Carolina game in the 1972 season finale. The result, in a cold, freezing rain, was a 7-6 victory thanks in large part to Jimmy Williamson's deflected pass on a two-point conversion attempt, which preserved the narrow win.

Clemson has made the entrance before every home game since 1942, except for the years mentioned and the first game in 1973 (442 times entering 2025).

After final warmups, the team gathers in its dressing room under the west end zone stands for its final pregame instructions. Ten minutes prior to kickoff, the players and coaches board multiple buses, ride around the north stands to the east end zone and disembark 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 carried by the spirit squads, the band forms two lines for the team to run between and plays "Tiger Rag." The frenzy starts in all sincerity and lasts three hours.

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



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TIGER PAW



John Antonio contacted the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and asked for a plaster-of-Paris cast of the imprint of a tiger's paw. On July 21, 1970, Clemson unveiled the Tiger Paw with a blitz of press conferences around the state. Soon after its release, the Tiger Paw was painted on all highways headed into Clemson. It was copyrighted after the 1981 national championship season when Clemson merchandising exploded. In 2025, we celebrate 55 years of the Tiger Paw as one of the most recognizable logos in the nation.

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During Clemson's early military days, freshman students wore rat caps and waved them in the air during every football game. Today, at the conclusion of singing the alma mater, students and alumni still wave their hands in the air.

SOLID ORANGE FRIDAY



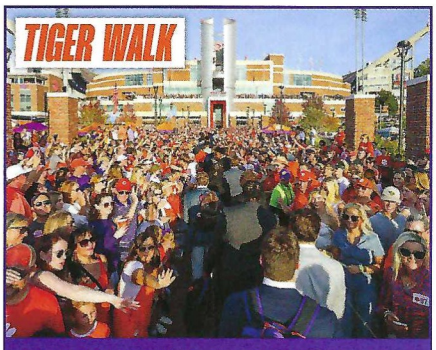
Every Friday, Clemson students, faculty, staff and alumni everywhere can be found wearing orange in a show of unity and pride.

TIGER MASCOTS



Clemson's athletic teams have been nicknamed the Tigers since 1896, when Head Coach Walter Riggs brought the name from his alma mater, Auburn. The first costumed Tiger mascot appeared in the early 1950s. The nephew of the Tiger mascot, the Tiger Cub, was introduced in 1993. These furry creatures can be seen signing autographs, getting their picture taken with dignitaries and doing pushups every time Clemson scores.

TIGER WALK



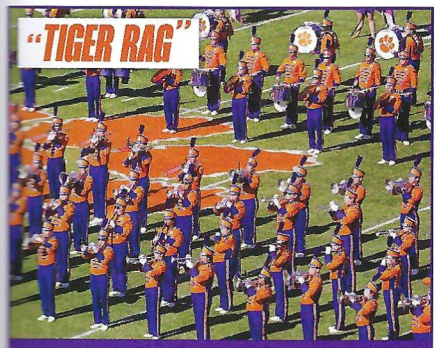
Established in 2008 when Dabo Swinney was named interim head coach, Tiger Walk takes place before every home game in the Rogers Family Lot. The team, led by Swinney, is dropped off at Perimeter Road and walks to the west entrance of Memorial Stadium on a 200-yard path lined with Clemson faithful. In 2023, Clemson unveiled the Brown Family Tiger Walk, a new entrance and brick walkway designed to support this beloved tradition. The names of every team captain in program history are embedded in the path.

HOMECOMING



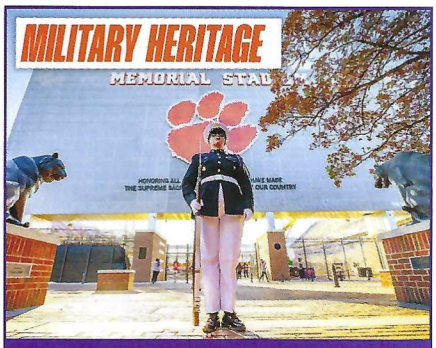
The excitement, spirit and enthusiasm of Homecoming celebrations have been a Clemson tradition since 1914. During the week preceding the game, Clemson alumni from across the country return to campus. Student organizations build Homecoming displays and construct a house for Habitat for Humanity on Bowman Field. The last Homecoming event is Tigerama, one of the nation's largest student-run pep rallies. Tigerama began in 1957 and has drawn a crowd of Tiger fans ever since for skits, the crowning of Miss Homecoming and fireworks.

"TIGER RAG"



In 1942, Student Band Director Dean Ross found the sheet music for "Tiger Rag" in an Atlanta music store and brought it back to campus to play at football games. "Tiger Fanfare" by Director Mark Spede was added in 2003, and today, the band has more than 15 ways to play what is known as "the song that shakes the Southland!"

MILITARY HERITAGE



Clemson's tradition of military excellence dates to its founding as a military school for cadets seeking the highest academic excellence. In 1916, ROTC was instituted under the National Defense Act, and in 1917, the entire senior class enlisted in World War I. To date, more than 10,000 Clemson alumni have served in the armed forces, and more than 490 have given their lives to secure the freedom of others. Clemson honors its military heroes with events throughout the year, culminating with Military Appreciation Day during a home game.

$2 BILLS



In 1977, the series between Georgia Tech and Clemson ended due to a scheduling dispute. In a show of protest, Clemson students and alumni stamped $2 bills with Tiger Paws and used them in Atlanta to illustrate the money Tiger fans spent at athletic events. Today, Clemson fans still use $2 bills when attending away games and bowl games to show the economic impact of the Clemson Family across the country.

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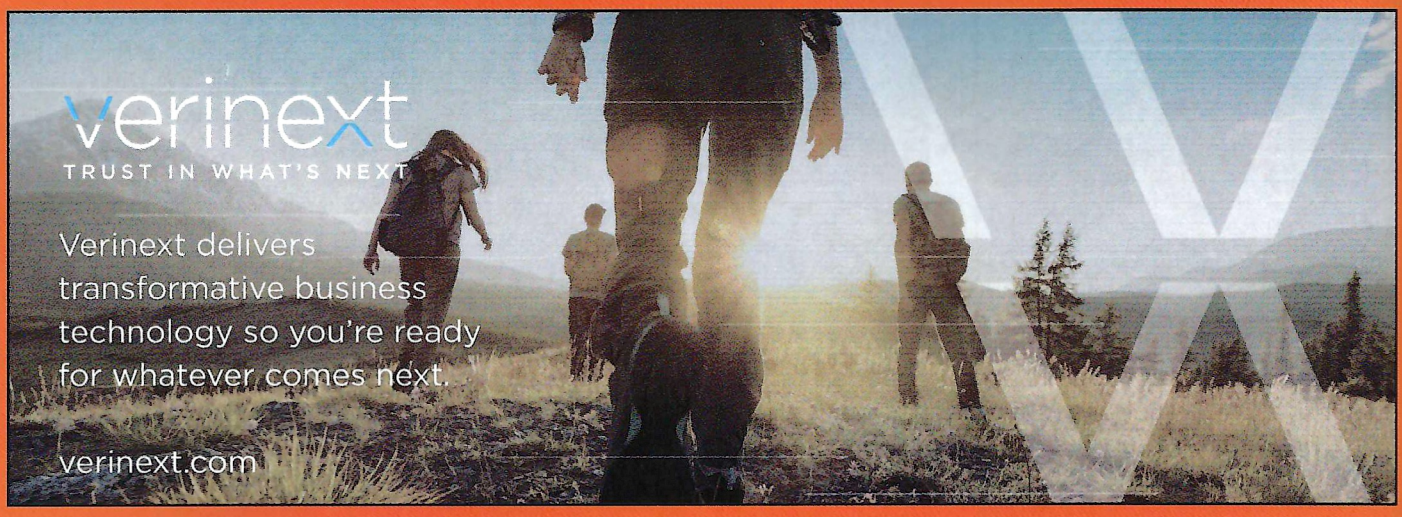

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CLEMSON'S STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY HOUSES ALL OPERATIONS FOR TIGER FOOTBALL AND IS THE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR EXCELLENCE.



Head Coach Dabo Swinney and Tiger athletics sought to build "the forever home of Clemson football" when envisioning what would become Allen N. Reeves Football Complex, which opened in 2017. Several years later, the facility remains among the gold standards of performance facilities, not just in college football, but in all of sports worldwide.

While discussion about the $55 million facility spanning in excess of 142,000 square feet often centers around its bells and whistles, its design offers unparalleled functionality. During the facility's ideation, Clemson staff toured more than 35 sports performance facilities, pulling the best, most innovative ideas from every location and using the gleaned insight to create what 247Sports ranked as the nation's No. 1 facility as recently as 2021.

Upon entry into the main lobby of Allen N. Reeves Football Complex, the first thing visitors see are national championship trophies sitting in front of a video screen flanked by massive trophy cases housing additional hardware from Clemson's history. The lobby also displays a scaled replica of Howard's Rock and the Hill from Memorial Stadium, which also includes a button to play audio of Brent Musburger describing college football's grandest entrance prior to Clemson's 2013 game against Georgia.

At the behest of Swinney's original design, visible on the lobby's right side is the home of P.A.W. Journey, a program that cultivates leadership on the team through three main pillars...personal growth, life skills and civic engagement and career and professional development under the guidance of former All-American Jeff Davis.

Next to P.A.W. Journey, a corridor lined with championship rings won in Clemson history leads to Hendrix Family Paw Bistro, the best-in-class dining facility whose cuisine is cited by many current and former players as their favorite part of the facility.

Despite national praise for the young facility, Clemson has not rested in its pursuit of making the facility the nation's standard-bearer. In the last several years, the Tigers have continued to invest in the facility's ability to meet the needs of the modern student-athlete, both on and off the field.

Prior to the 2023 season, Clemson completed the addition of Allen N. Reeves Clemson Athletics Branding Institute, a 12,000-square-foot, two-story area on the west end of Betty Sheppard Poe & William Maxwell Poe Indoor Facility and steps from the spacious weight room.



The institute, described in detail on pages 84 and 85 and known colloquially as "The CAB," contains two spacious photo and video studios, a customizable lighting grid, an audio studio, editing space, office space, meeting space and more to provide on-site resources for student-athletes choosing to pursue sponsorship opportunities and content generation.

The lower level of the facility is also home to Smart Family Media Center for press conferences with Swinney and student-athletes.

A balcony on the top level of the institute overlooks Poe Indoor Facility, an 80,000-square-foot, $10 million structure completed in 2012. Clemson updated the facility in 2023, replacing the decade-old playing surface with a Hellas Matrix Helix monofilament synthetic turf system with REALFILL rubber atop its Cushdrain drainage and shock pad. The surface helps to minimize wear and tear on Tiger players while allowing the team to continue its preparation in the event of inclement weather.

The facility received an aesthetic and functional facelift in 2023 with new photos and graphics adorning the walls and the addition of new storage areas for equipment staff. The facility also includes raised video platforms, a game-ready scoreboard, four play clocks, a videoboard and sound system.

BEST IS THE STANDARD



In 2022, Clemson invested significantly in the holistic health and wellness of its student-athletes with the completion of its "100 Yards of Wellness" area inside Allen N. Reeves Football Complex. Detailed further on pages 88 and 89, the project has become a central hub and hotbed of student-athlete activity as modern athletes continue to buy into the concept of "prehab," load management and active recovery.

The collaboration of Clemson's Director of Applied Science Dr. Alex Bina and Director of Athletic Training Pat Richards, two young, dynamic leaders in their respective fields, has kept Clemson at the forefront as one of the world's top sports science facilities.

In addition to being a free resource for Clemson's active student-athletes, the space has become a draw for Tiger alumni in the NFL. With Clemson's professional-grade-or-better training areas, Tigers in the NFL have routinely returned and brought their NFL teammates to train in Clemson's facilities during summers between minicamp and training camp. The facility, including the 100 Yards of Wellness area, has inspired both awe and jealousy from NFL players who played collegiately at other programs across the country.

Adjacent to the dining area and 100 Yards of Wellness are the outdoor player village and indoor player lounge. The outdoor area includes a nine-hole miniature golf course, an artificial-surface wiffle ball diamond, a sand volleyball facility, pickleball court, horseshoe pit, fountain with a Tiger Paw monument, outdoor kitchen and lounge area.

The indoor player lounge is complete with a two-lane bowling alley, Pop-A-Shot, three different video-game console centers, multiple table tennis and pool tables, a shuffleboard table and Super Bikes motorcycle arcade game.

Adjacent to the table-tennis area is a golf simulator, where Tigers can play golf courses from around the world and learn the game (and professional networking tool) in a comfortable setting.

Down the corridor from the golf simulator is an expanded and renovated barber shop with a pedicure station and massage chairs. The shop's 2021 expansion was designed and constructed in part by former Tiger defensive end Justin Foster, a construction science graduate who served as an assistant superintendent on the renovation project prior to his final season at Clemson.

Clemson's enormous weight room covers 23,000 square feet and debuted as the country's largest football-only weight room. The entire team can work out at once in the area that includes 20 inlay platforms, numerous machines, fatbells, kettlebells and dumbbells, as well as a well-equipped cardio deck overlooking the lifting area. It also houses the offices of Director of Performance Nutrition Meaghan Turcotte and her staff as well as a nutritional fuel bar.

Clemson's hydrotherapy areas include a large horizontal 47-degree cold tub that can handle 61 players at one time. Next to the locker room, it sits adjacent to the hydrotherapy portion of the 100 Yards of Wellness area that hosts a lap pool and four therapy pools.

The second floor houses offices and meeting spaces for Clemson football personnel, including Swinney's office, which is in the corner with accrued career memorabilia that serves for invited guests as a de facto museum of Clemson football and the future College Football Hall of Famer's career journey.

The second floor contains dedicated and customized meeting space for each position and the team meeting room that seats 180 people. It also features a movie theater with 20 lounge chairs.

But most famously, connecting the second-floor meeting spaces down to the locker room, weight room and practice fields is Clemson's renowned slide, which represents the most efficient means to get Tiger players from meetings to practice in a timely manner.

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P.A.W. JOURNEY IS MAKING A LIFELONG IMPACT ON CLEMSON FOOTBALL SCHOLAR-ATHLETES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JEFF DAVIS, JEUEL DAVIS, KAYLA OWENS AND JOSHUA WATSON.

Clemson football is unapologetic about developing its scholar-athletes through the cutting-edge leadership initiative that is P.A.W. Journey. P.A.W., which stands for "Passionate About Winning," is the founding principle of this player relations program, positioning Clemson's football scholar-athletes to maintain a continually competitive posture towards all aspects of their lives.

Head Coach Dabo Swinney consistently encourages his scholar-athletes to maximize all that football has to offer, including opportunities it creates and the skills it cultivates within each young man that can be used for a lifetime. P.A.W. Journey, serving as the guiding light for how to transfer all the treasure to be gained from football, supports scholar-athletes daily in this endeavor.

P.A.W. Journey focuses on holistic development through its three pillars: Striped, C.U. in Life and 5th Quarter. These pillars work harmoniously to progressively develop individuals as a whole so they can become first-class men and world-class leaders.

Striped intentionally identifies and fosters each person's sense of purpose and the man they aspire to become. C.U. in Life bridges the gap between excellence on the field and excellence in community, career and around the globe.

The 5th Quarter pillar instills entrepreneurial spirit and executive skills through professional development, influential marketplace exposure and purposeful employment opportunities.



(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) JOSHUA WATSON, MARIN VALBUENA, JEFF DAVIS, JEUEL DAVIS, BLACKMON HUCKABEE JR. AND KAYLA OWENS COMPRISE THE TEAM THAT BRINGS CLEMSON'S INNOVATIVE P.A.W. JOURNEY PROGRAM TO LIFE.

Founded and led by Clemson's very own Jeff Davis, the P.A.W. Journey program is the national model for player relations. Along with his team of dedicated personnel, Jeuel Davis, Kayla Owens, Joshua Watson, Blackmon Huckabee Jr. and Marin Valbuena, P.A.W. Journey supports and mentors Clemson's football scholar-athletes from the time they step foot on campus to their graduation and beyond.

Gratitude for the P.A.W. Journey experience was expressed by senior defensive end Cade Denhoff.

"Traveling to Italy gave me a great opportunity to not only serve the community, but to get to know my teammates on a deeper level, which enhanced what we can do on the field as well as off the field."

Denhoff has always embraced the significance of his holistic development and put his all into it just like he does with football, from becoming a P.A.W. Journey ambassador to attending Business Week in Los Angeles, a microinternship at Segars Ranch in Montana and most recently the service abroad trip to Italy. He is well known for his impeccable and tireless work ethic, which translates to his excellence in all he does.


SCHOLAR-ATHLETES TOURED POMPEII WHILE ON THE SERVICE ABROAD TRIP TO ITALY IN MAY.

P.A.W. JOURNEY - A LIFESTYLE OF WINNING

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Striped intentionally identifies and fosters each individual's sense of purpose and the man they aspire to become. It emphasizes personal growth through utilizing influence, overcoming adversity and initiating transformation.

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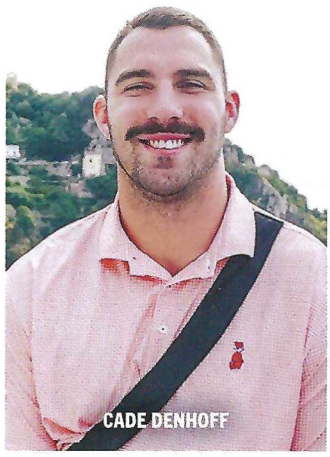
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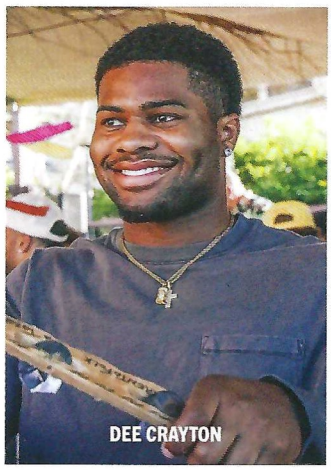
DEE CRAYTON


NOLAN HAUSER

Whether it is fighting to earn his spot as a major contributor on defense, being diligent in seeking out mentorship with the P.A.W. Journey staff or opportunities to challenge his growth, like when he co-hosted P.A.W. Journey's Donor Appreciation Dinner, Denhoff has never shied away from being "The Example," which makes him an excellent example of the power of P.A.W. Journey.

The program not only encourages the Tigers to persevere through adversity and hone their skills and passions, it empowers them to lead. While no two journeys look the same, the ability to lead with confidence and conviction grows each day with each young man and the experiences they take part in.

Linebacker Dee Crayton leads with earnestness and gratitude by serving as a P.A.W. Journey ambassador, a prestigious leadership position currently held by 25 football scholar-athletes. Ambassadorship requires them to collaborate with the P.A.W. Journey staff to address the team's needs and desires, and to be a representative for P.A.W. Journey on the team and campus as well as in the marketplace and community.

"P.A.W. Journey has and continues to be a key contributor to my development as a young man and scholar-athlete," stated Crayton. "My personal growth has been visible not only within myself, but also amongst my peers and family."

Crayton came to Clemson knowing he wanted to soak in all P.A.W. Journey has to offer, participating in the P.A.W. Journey Showcase to develop his personal brand, attending Business Week in Los Angeles and traveling to Italy for service abroad in his first two years as a Tiger. Becoming a P.A.W. Journey ambassador was not even a question once the time came for him because of the way he earned the respect and trust of his peers with how he committed to his development in football and as a man.

Coming off a historic performance in the ACC Championship Game, Nolan Hauser was not satisfied with kicking the longest game-winning field goal in program history to cement a stellar freshman season as Clemson's starting placekicker. He came back in the spring not only ready to continue to improve on the field, but to continue to do so in all other arenas of his life as well, and he credits P.A.W. Journey with encouraging him to do so.

"P.A.W. Journey has changed my outlook on life after football," said Hauser. "Now, I believe I can be unstoppable on and off the field."

Earning a microinternship with Segars Ranch in Montana as a freshman and a second with Elliot Realty in Myrtle Beach as a sophomore, participating in the P.A.W. Journey Showcase for two years and sharing the power of P.A.W. Journey with the team and recruits with passion have all shown Hauser's consistent commitment to growing as a man, leader and scholar-athlete in the present and for years to come.

Within the ever-evolving landscape of college football, P.A.W. Journey is confident in its ability to recognize and respond to the needs of the newly empowered scholar-athlete at Clemson University and beyond.

Being passionate about winning in the sport of football, and more importantly in life, will always be the foundation for every Clemson Tiger to pursue first-class manhood and world-class leadership.


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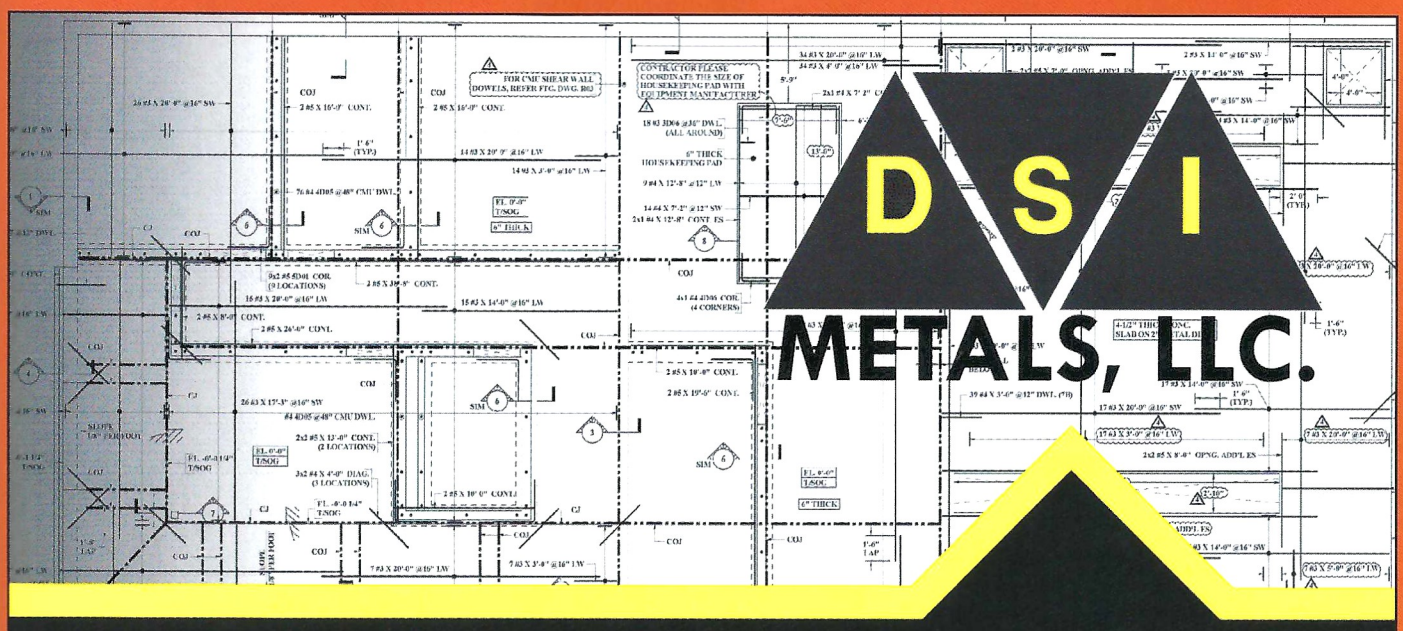

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TIGER STUDENT-ATHLETES ARE UTILIZING "THE CAB" AS A DESTINATION TO SEEK BRANDING GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES TO HELP ELEVATE THEMSELVES AMONG A CROWDED MARKETPLACE.

The "Best" in "Best is the Standard" got better in 2023, as Clemson opened Allen N. Reeves Clemson Athletics Branding Institute to provide Tiger student-athletes best-in-class facilities and resources for branding, marketing, sponsorship, content creation and more.

Attached to the west end of the Poe Indoor Facility, the 12,000-square-foot, two-story facility houses two photo and video studios, an audio studio, editing space and a conference room, all intended to provide on-site resources for student-athletes choosing to pursue sponsorship opportunities and content generation. The facility is also home to Smart Family Media Center directly inside the main doors to the facility.

From its ideation, "The CAB," as Head Coach Dabo Swinney nicknamed it, has been intended as a destination for student-athletes seeking branding guidance and resources to help elevate themselves among a crowded marketplace.

"We're going to call it 'The CAB,' because what does a cab do? It gives you a lift to your destination," said Swinney. "But you've gotta pay the fare. We can't do it for you. You've got to do the work. I'm really excited about it, because it's a living, breathing space where our guys know they can go for expertise.

"If you're injured, you go to the training room," added Swinney. "If you want to get stronger, you go to the weight room. This was an opportunity for our players to know that if they want help with branding, sponsorship, NIL, tax education, finances and all of these very real-world issues, you go to 'The CAB,' where we have a dedicated space with people ready to help them."

According to C.D. Davies, long-time financial services CEO and former NIL coordinator, that real-world experience is indispensable and part of Clemson's educational mission.

"This is a great education for them," remarked Davies of the opportunity for Clemson student-athletes to mon-



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etize their name, image and likeness. "They're getting an education that a lot of business schools don't get to give young people as far as actually being in the midst of doing these deals and negotiating for themselves, and we're giving them all the tools we can to make sure our players are in control of these transactions."

At the top of the stairs to the second floor of the new facility is a conference room overlooking Clemson's indoor practice field, providing a location for potential sponsors to meet with Clemson student-athletes.

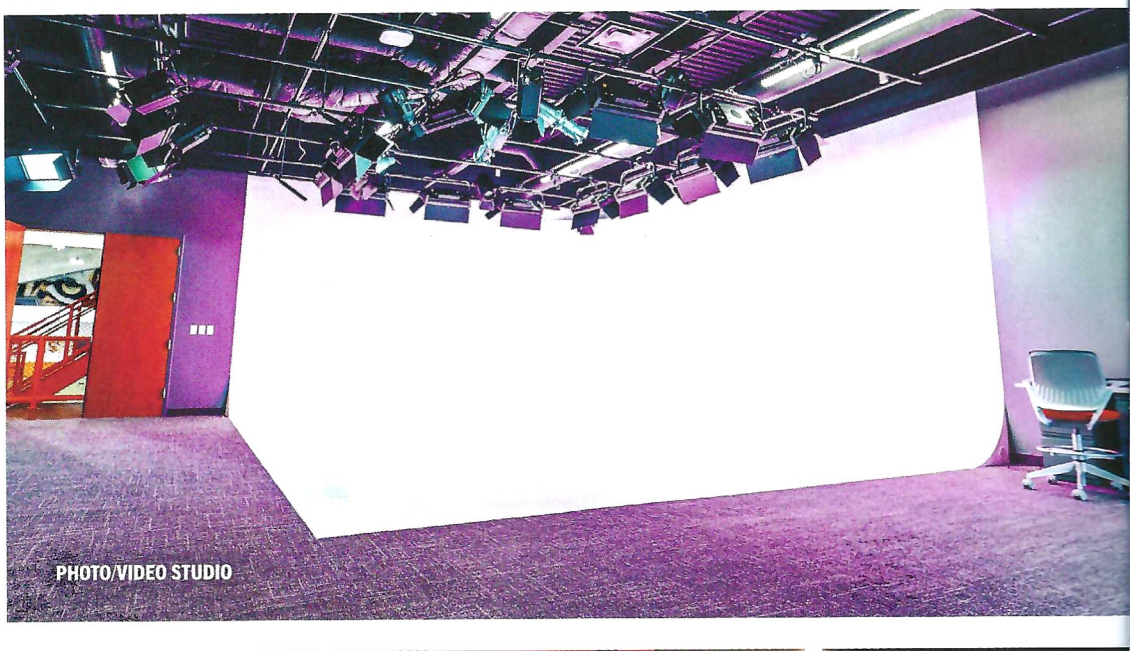
Down the walkway overlooking the practice field sit three studio spaces for content creation. The first includes a 625-square-foot infinity wall plus permanently installed customizable lighting to provide Clemson content creators and others quick, turnkey options for professional-grade studio space. It also includes a feature wall adorned with a neon-backlit Clemson logo.

The second studio is a blank canvas to provide greater flexibility for creation of custom photo and video sets. The third is a soundproof studio complete with top-of-the-line RØDECaster equipment for the production of audio content, such as Clemson's 2 Right Turns podcast.

The ground level is home to Smart Family Media Center, which serves as a central hub for Clemson's award-winning media operations. The 1,200-square-foot center includes wired workspace for 40 media members to work comfortably and efficiently while interviewing Clemson personnel seated in front of the stage's 163-inch video branding wall, which can be customized for each student-athlete.

The creation of Smart Family Media Center is the latest illustration of Clemson's larger commitment to serving local and national media and helping them tell the stories of Tiger student-athletes. Through the 2024 season, Clemson's athletic communications staff won 12 Super 11 awards, presented annually by Football Writers Association of America to the FBS' most helpful sports information departments. That total is the most in the award's history. The coaches' and student-athletes' helpfulness and authenticity with the media resulted in Clemson becoming the first program in the nation to earn the honor 10 consecutive years, doing so from 2015-24.

Building construction and renovations for The CAB also included the creation of updated spaces for pro scouts and returning Clemson football players. The professional scout room has nine workstations for NFL scouts to watch tape, write reports and meet with Clemson personnel. A few yards away is Clemson's NFL locker room, a dedicated space for former NFL players to dress and shower upon their returns to Tigertown to train during the offseason.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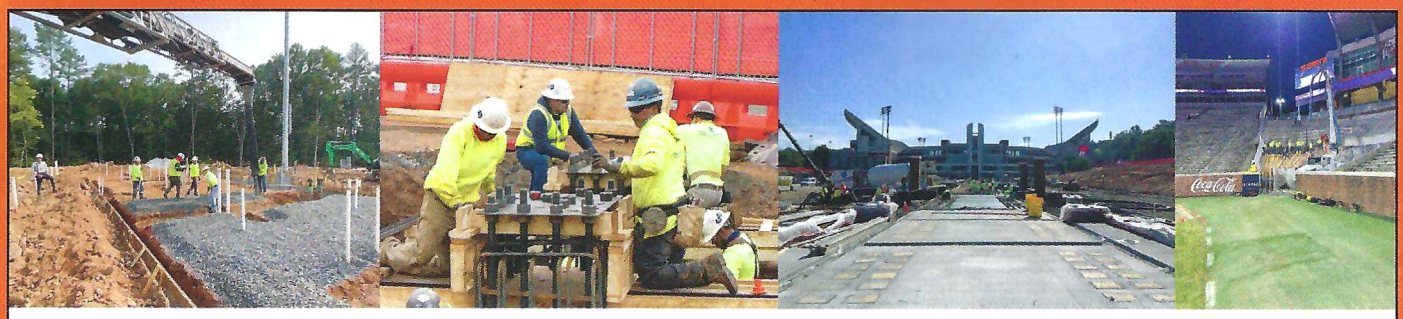

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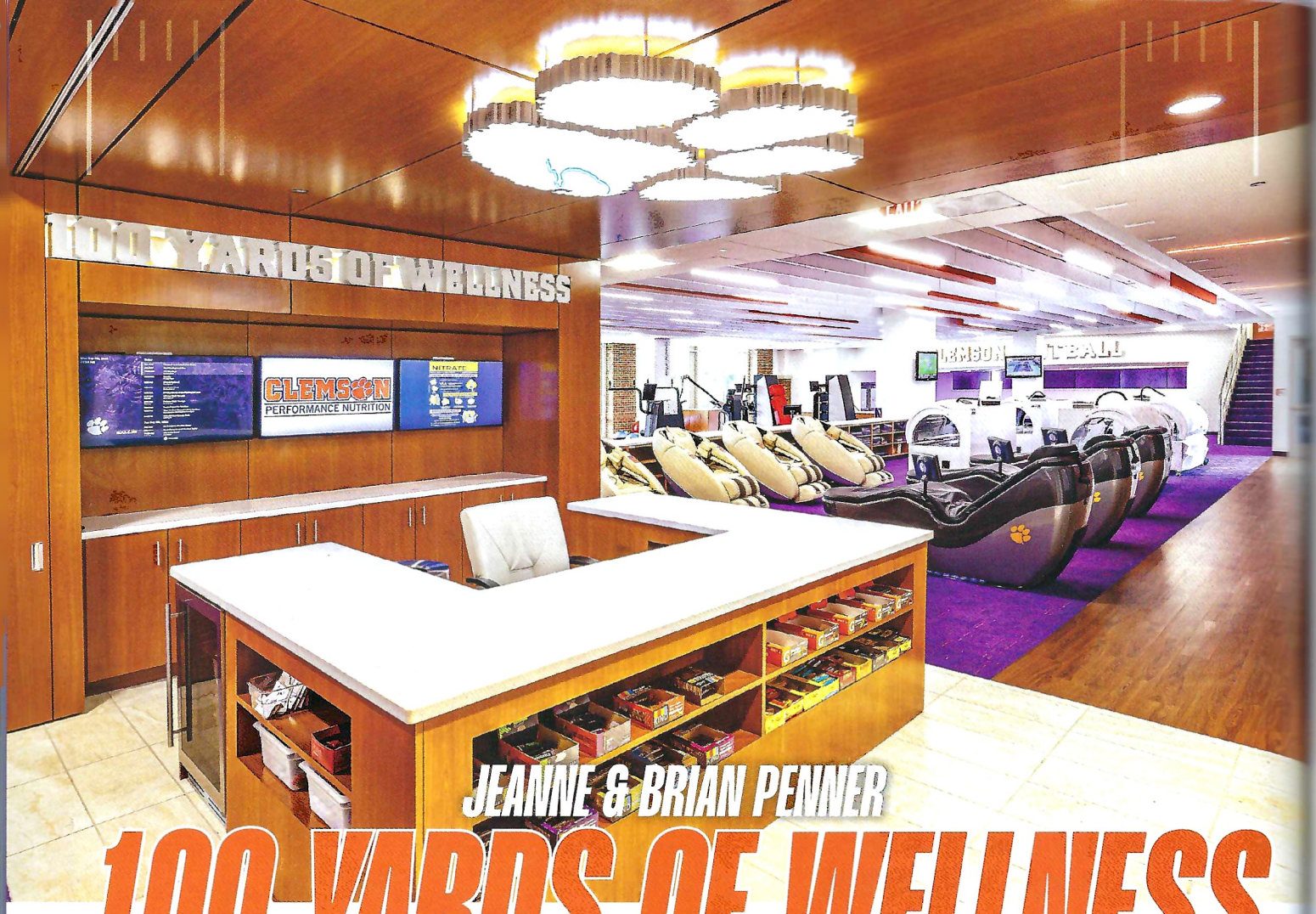

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100 YARDS OF WELLNESS

CLEMSON HAS BROKEN DOWN WALLS, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, TO CREATE THE NATION'S PREEMINENT WELLNESS CENTER.

Clemson's path to the forefront of elite athlete recovery started with a culture change. For generations, despite the best efforts and cheeriest dispositions of athletic trainers, an unfortunate misconception lingered...the athletic training room is for the injured, and for the injured, the athletic training room is not a happy place to be.

"We really wanted to get away from the mentality of the 'training room'," said Head Coach Dabo Swinney. "We wanted to get away from the idea that it was only for guys who are injured and don't want to be in there."

Enter Jeanne & Brian Penner 100 Yards of Wellness, Clemson's $4.9-million wellness space at Allen N. Reeves Football Complex that spans roughly 300 feet in length. It has become a central hub of activity and major point of pride for Clemson football.

Completed in 2022, 100 Yards of Wellness represents the natural evolution of Tiger football's long-time commitment to student-athlete health and wellness. By literally and figuratively breaking down walls that divided the focus areas, the new space combines Clemson's athletic training and rehabilitation expertise with its continued innovation in active recovery and applied science.

"Now it's a total wellness commitment, the mental side, the wellness side, the 'prehab' side, the applied science side, your stretching, your nutrition...all of it is combined in this one big space," said Swinney. "It has created an environment where the guys want to be there all the time."

In 2018, Clemson enclosed what was previously an outdoor patio area to create Clemson Applied Science Lab (or "The CASL," pronounced "castle"). The area served a two-fold mission. It served as the hub of Clemson's data and performance analysis as well as a space for "prehab" and recovery.

As Tiger student-athletes bought in, the space became one of Allen N. Reeves Football Complex's most heavily trafficked areas. With demand quickly outgrowing the footprint, Clemson embarked upon the renovation and expansion immediately after the team's final practice of the spring in 2022.

Whereas walls previously divided the athletic training room from the recovery space, the new open-concept area features Clemson's medical diagnostic and treatment area to the north and the recovery space to the south, bisected by a nutrition bar. Visitors are often surprised to find an almost club-like atmosphere with upbeat music and moving colored lights, creating a welcoming environment rather than a stale, clinical one.

The center has created additional collaboration between the athletic training staff, led by Director of Athletic Training Pat Richards, and the applied science group, pioneered by Dr. Alex Bina.

"There is no one in the country I would rather have caring for our student-athletes in these positions than the duo of Pat Richards and Alex Bina," added Swinney. "Pat is incredibly well respected and is a young, dynamic leader in the athletic training industry.

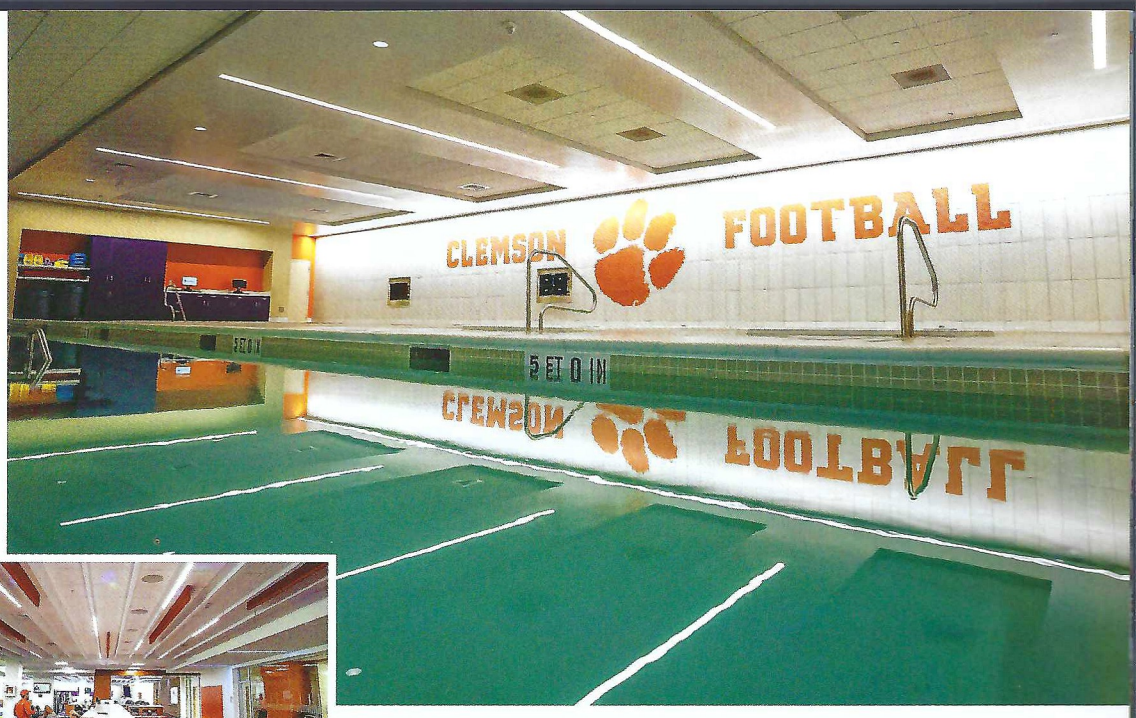
"Alex is an example of blooming where you're planted. He was a student volunteer who went from working from a laptop on a weight room stool to creating



an applied science department that operates college football's premier recovery facility. Those two are the best in the business, and that shows in how much our players love them and trust them."

Clemson's treatment and athletic training room area includes all requisite athletic training resources, including a diagnostic office with a full digital X-ray space and diagnostic ultrasound, general medical exam room, 30 yards of turf and hydrotherapy areas, including two underwater treadmills. Among the features of the recovery center are:

- A cryotherapy chamber for muscle recovery through extreme cold temperature exposure.
- Infrared hyperthermic Cocoon pods for far-infrared light therapy and vibrational massage.
- A sensory deprivation float tank that houses 1,200 pounds of Epsom salt dissolved in water at skin temperature to remove athletes from light, sound and some gravitational force.
- Photobiomodulation therapy beds that leverage multiple wavelengths of infrared light to reduce oxidative stress.
- A hyperbaric chamber to create a pressurized environment for concentrated oxygen intake.
- Numerous massage chairs, including both percussive massage and hydromassage options.
- Percussive Hypervolt massage guns.
- Dedicated tables and space for practioner-assisted stretching, percussive massage gun therapy and Normatec compressive sleeves provided to each player prior to the season.
- Functional testing equipment to obtain objective information on student-athlete muscle and joint function that can be used for injury prevention and return-to-play purposes.





The renovations also included updating the outdoor basketball court into an indoor basketball court, which, in addition to being a source of friendly competition, now can be transformed following games into a movement studio for active recovery modalities like yoga.

The CASL is also a nap destination, but the high-energy vibes and heavy traffic of the subsequent 100 Yards of Wellness space required an additional solution. Atop a portion of the south end of the recovery area is what the team calls "Tranquility Tower," an upstairs, quiet location with much of the same recovery equipment, but in a serene, peaceful environment conducive to rest and away from the social activity of the main floor.

Clemson's recovery resources have become a source of envy for its former players. Two-time All-American and NFL wide receiver Sammy Watkins remarked to Swinney that he routinely spends more than $50,000 annually on services to maintain his body now provided to Clemson student-athletes for free.

The facility has also become a destination for Clemson's alumni in the NFL, as several dozen NFL players have opted to train in Clemson during recent offseasons to take advantage of the state-of-the-art recovery space.



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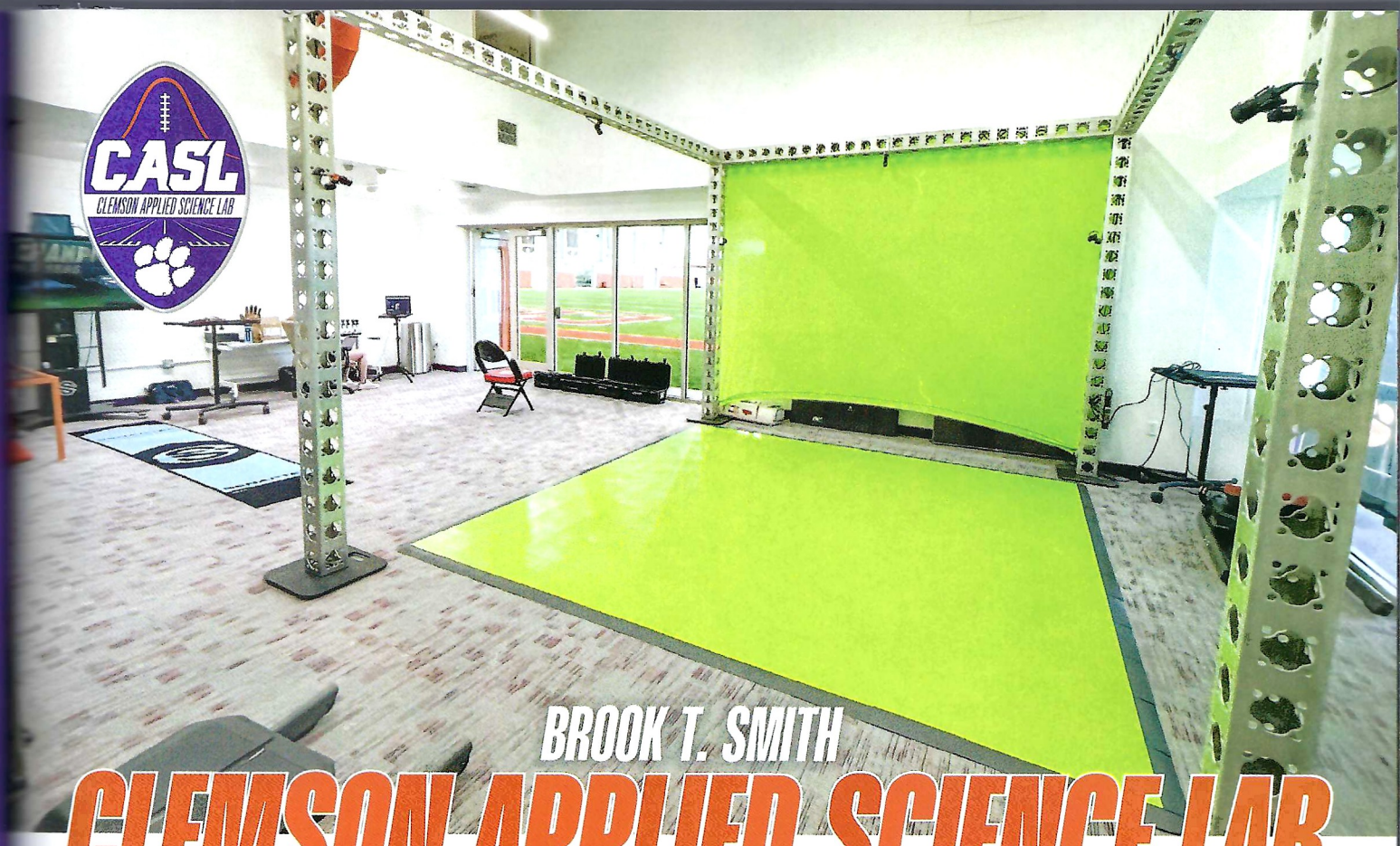

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CLEMSON APPLIED SCIENCE LAB

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. ALEX BINA, CLEMSON PLAYERS ARE MAXIMIZING PERFORMANCE AND EXPEDITING RECOVERY.

Brook T. Smith Clemson Applied Science Lab has a very simple mission..."Carry out the vision of the head football coach by providing confidence to student-athletes that their physical and technical development is constantly advancing."

Director of Applied Science Dr. Alex Bina has done everything in his power to ensure that those words ring true and Tiger student-athletes are given every possible opportunity to both improve performance and physically recover, using any and all modern technologies available.

The two key focuses of "The CASL" are maximizing performance and expediting recovery. The ultimate goal is quantifying human performance.

Once the body and its abilities are put into numerical terms, it becomes considerably easier to determine what needs to be improved and the best possible route to enhance it.

Throughout the yearly training cycle, athletes are evaluated using technologies that leverage motion capture, force plates, sensory station, augmented reality, force transducers and GPS sensors in order to quantify athletic development. Through this process, an athlete's body composition, movement efficiency, vertical jump performance, cognitive reasoning skills, specific muscle strength, joint range of motion and on-field speed become clear to coach and athlete alike.

By building a database of the "Clemson Effect" on athlete development and performance, the Clemson football staff can continue to build championship squads for future generations of Tiger players.

Not only does "The CASL" provide coaches and student-athletes with quantitative data with which they can analyze performance, it also is a key resource for student-athletes to use during the recovery process and injury risk mitigation protocols. Bina stressed that quick and healthy recovery is the priority of the staff at The CASL.

The path to success in recovery is a two-step process. The first is communication and collaboration between the student-athlete and his strength & conditioning coach, nutrition and sports medicine experts and his sports psychologist. The second is using the established baseline scores of the student-athlete as targets for return-to-play protocols and as a foundation for injury-prevention training.

In 2022, through a collaborative effort with the sports medicine staff, "The CASL" launched an injury-risk-mitigation protocol that leverages data analysis to inform athlete-specific interventions. After each training cycle (winter, spring, summer), the entire roster is evaluated for strength and mobility deficiencies or imbalances. These deficiencies inspire tune-up exercises carried out by the sports medicine staff to attack issues before they become long-term injuries.

The injury-risk-mitigation program carried out in The CASL was made possible through a cornerstone gift donated by Clemson alum and former Student Athletic Trainer Brook T. Smith ('89) to ensure that Tiger student-athletes can benefit from leading innovations occurring in human performance development.

Bina has always been interested in bioengineering, which is the degree he earned from Penn State. Bina, who received his Ph.D. from Clemson, is implementing a simple plan, which is to "learn how the body works as a machine and put students in a position to manipulate that machine to improve recovery and performance."

Tiger players have been responding very positively to the work that Bina and The CASL have done for them, and as a program, Clemson has seen tremendous success in terms of both its players' short and long-term recoveries.

Bina wants to ensure that "everything possible is being done for them" to get them back to their peak performance as healthily and as quickly as possible.

As far as long-term and overarching goals and aspirations for The CASL, Bina offered the following.

"When we talk about, 'Best is the Standard,' that means in all ways possible. This is just another piece of that puzzle."



BROOK T. SMITH (THIRD FROM RIGHT) AND HIS WIFE ALONGSIDE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) DAVIS BABB, ALEX BINA, DABO SWINNEY, JIM CLEMENTS AND GRAHAM NEFF.



JOEY BATSON IS IN HIS 29TH AND FINAL SEASON AT THE HELM OF THE STRENGTH & CONDITIONING PROGRAM. BATSON ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT UPON THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2025 SEASON.

As part of Allen N. Reeves Football Complex that opened on Feb. 1, 2017, the Tiger program opened one of the top strength training facilities in the nation. The 23,000 square-foot football facility has all the latest in modern strength training that helps the Tigers prepare year-round.

The facility includes 20 inlay platforms, 30 pieces of cardio equipment, a full line of fatbells, kettlebells and dumbbells, eight different training zones and a nutrition bar.

The facility also has a high-tech sound system, many flatscreens and the best lighting available that puts wall graphics in full view, leading to the best possible work environment. In 2023, a videoboard was constructed inside the strength training facility.

The facility is attached to the indoor football facility and faces the outdoor practice fields, making for the most convenient and efficient facility in the nation.

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JOEY BATSON AND HIS STAFF IN THE STRENGTH TRAINING FACILITY AT ALLEN N. REEVES FOOTBALL COMPLEX HAVE PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THE TIGERS' 161 WINS THE PAST 14 YEARS AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2016 AND 2018.





JOEY BATSON

DIRECTOR OF STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

- 29th Season at Clemson
- Newberry '85
- Born June 22, 1961

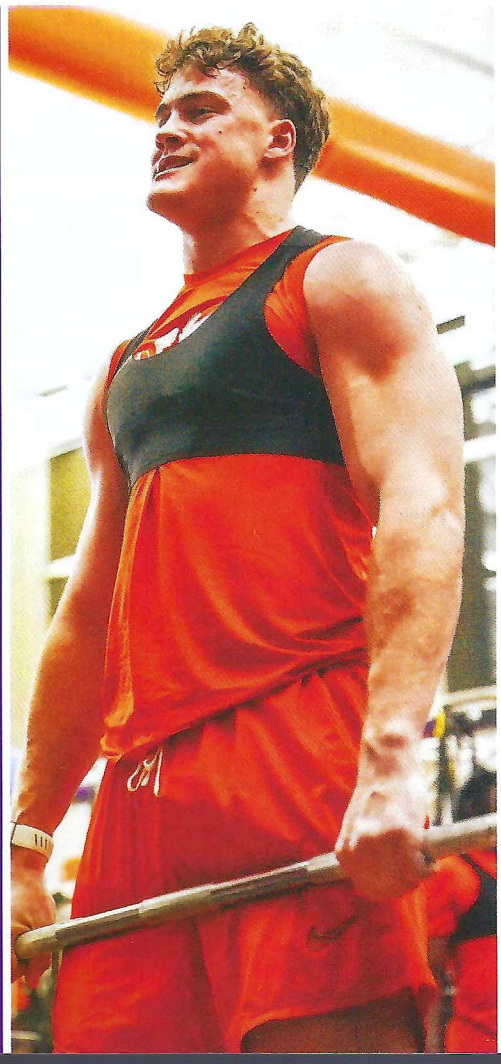
Joey Batson is in his 40th year as a strength & conditioning coach at the college level and 29th year as the director of strength & conditioning at Clemson in 2025. Batson, who is retiring after this season, has served as a head strength & conditioning coach 36 of his 40 years of service.

Batson was named Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCa) in 2009. This honor is the highest given in the strength & conditioning coaching profession.

The Travelers Rest, S.C. 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.

During his time as Clemson's director of strength & conditioning, Batson has coached 76 All-Americans, 247 All-ACC selections and 23 NFL first-round draft picks. He has helped Clemson to 26 bowl games, nine ACC championships, seven College Football Playoff appearances and two national championships.

Batson and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Michael, a former Tiger punter, and Ben, a former Tiger quarterback and safety who is a strength & conditioning assistant for the Clemson football program.



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LEFT TO RIGHT - BEN BATSON, DENNIS LOVE, JOEY BATSON, DABO SWINNEY, LARRY GREENLEE, MIKE BRUNO, PAUL HOGAN.

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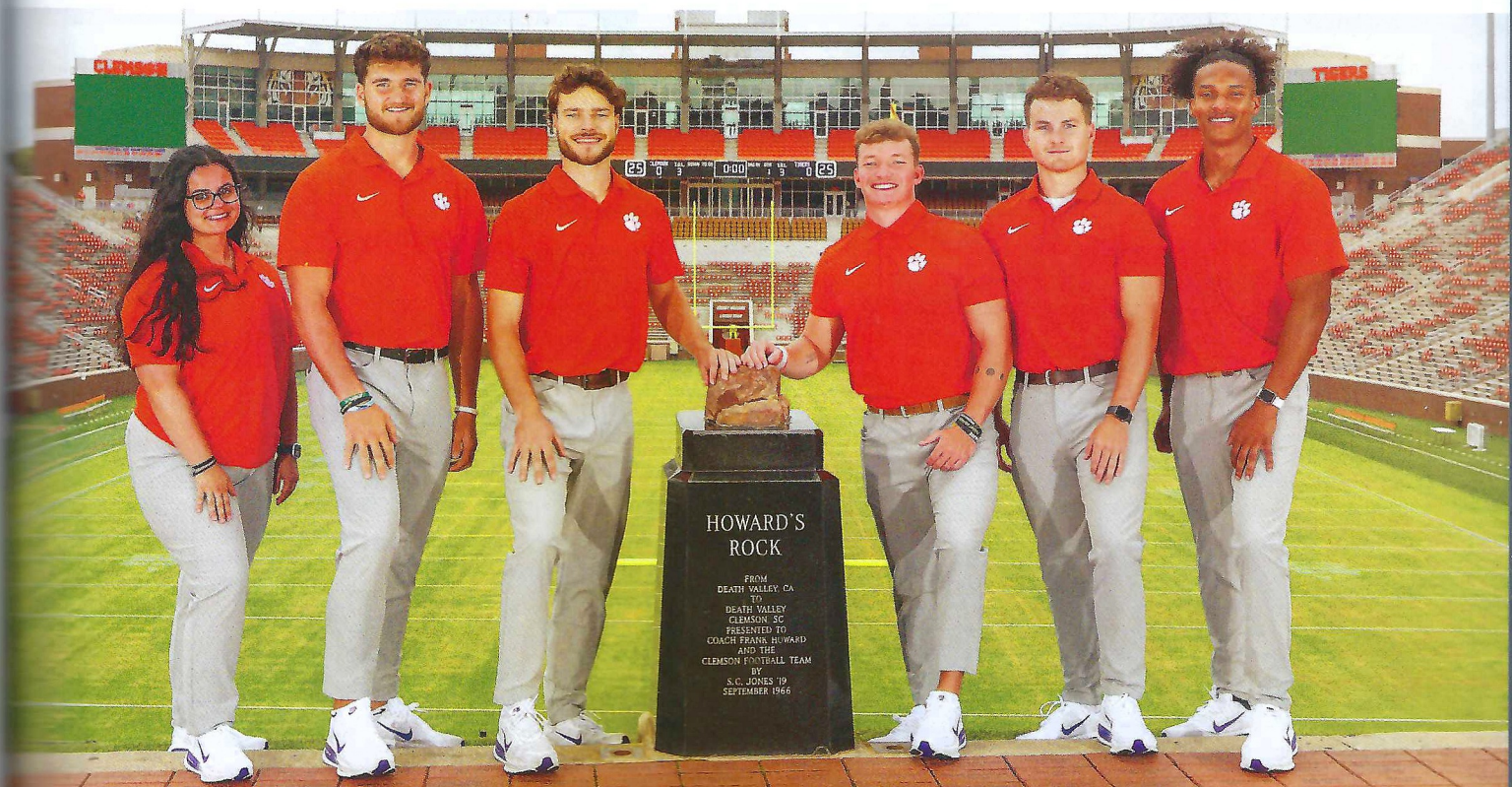

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TASKED WITH ENHANCING THE PERFORMANCE LEVEL OF TIGER FOOTBALL PLAYERS, THE PERFORMANCE NUTRITION PROGRAM, LED BY MEAGHAN TURCOTTE, AMY PERALTA AND DALTON LEDFORD, HAS SET A NEW STANDARD.

Going "All In" is a frequently used sports adage that stems from the bold yet committed and confident decision made in a game of poker. While in sports, a promise made by an athlete, a coach or an executive to go "All In" is typically used rather loosely, usually referencing an unabated drive to win. For the Tiger program, it is the bedrock that the team's foundation is built upon.

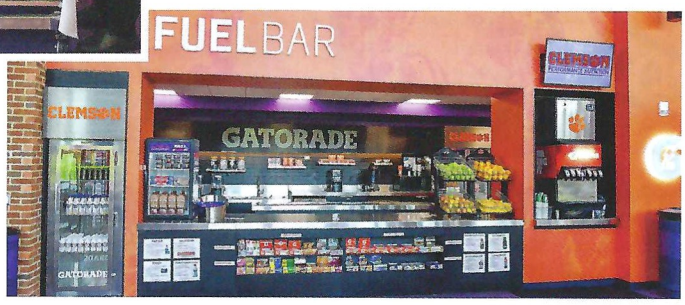
As part of its holistic approach to winning, Clemson University and its athletic department have also been "All In" with the football program, as evinced by the construction of the state-of-the-art Allen N. Reeves Football Complex. And a glowing example of the comprehensive approach to football is the team's performance nutrition program.





One of the primary components of the football complex is Hendrix Family "Paw Bistro" Athletic Dining Hall. More than a cafeteria, the facility is a small part of the incredible work being conducted by the performance nutrition team.

Spearheaded by Director of Football Performance Nutrition Meaghan Turcotte, Assistant Amy Peralta, Executive Performance Chef Dalton Ledford, a graduate assistant, 14 student workers and an expert and dedicated Hendrix Family "Paw Bistro" food service staff, the program is virtually one of a kind in the realm of college athletics in the fact that it forms the basis of an entire entity centered around the nutrition of one particular program.



More than just credentialed nutrition and skilled culinary professionals, Turcotte and Peralta are performance specialists with keen understandings of the intricate and all-important nature of a student-athlete's diet.

Goal-oriented, the performance nutrition program is built around a never-ending drive for betterment. Complete with one-on-one meetings with players, where nutritional goals and plans are outlined, and added life skills, such as cooking classes and grocery store tours, it is making positive waves.

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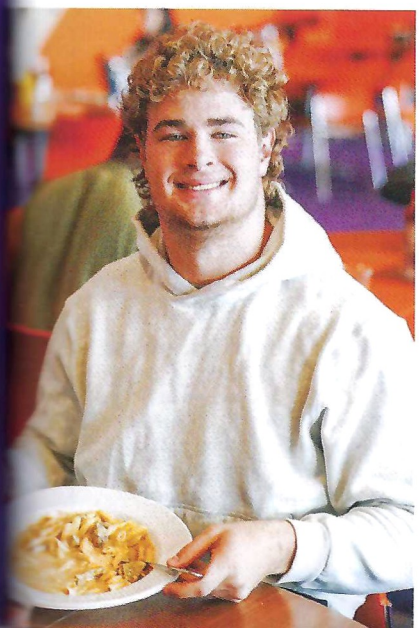
As a result, positive effects from the program are put on display via the players' showings on the field and in the weight room, all byproducts of the steadfast dedication put forth by the performance nutrition specialists.

While an average workday for Turcotte and Peralta could span as long as 13 hours, the commitment to providing players with the best nutritional advice and service possible is the primary component of what makes the unique program so special.

From scheduled purposeful snacks throughout the day to post-practice refueling routines, the nutrition staff ensures that fueling, hydration and recovery with a performance mindset are priorities.

The program serves top-notch foods that are ideal for providing players with the appropriate and healthy nourishment required of performing at a high level on the gridiron. The staff is passionate about its craft, constantly tweaking the menu and making notice of each player's dietary preferences and needs.

The perfect complement of the "All In" philosophy, the football performance nutrition team is committed to helping players compete as well as possible, and are thereby key cogs in the well-oiled machine that is Clemson football.





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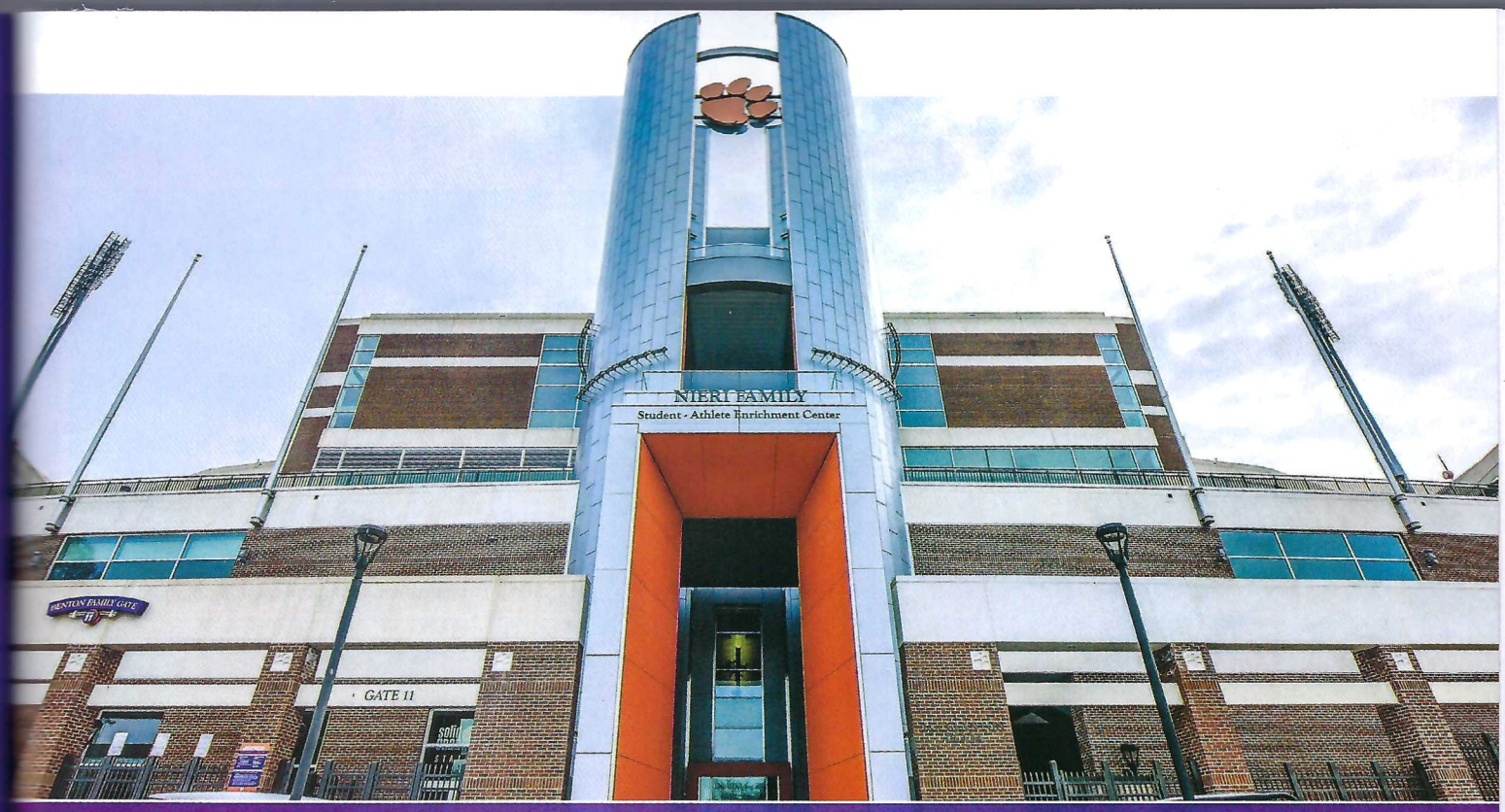

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When Nieri Family Student-Athlete Enrichment Center officially opened on the west side of Memorial Stadium on Aug. 9, 2017, it became the new home of Clemson student-athlete enrichment services. The facility was a result of a $2.5 million cornerstone gift pledged to Tiger athletics by Michael (Clemson '86) and Robyn Nieri and their family.

Nieri Family Student-Athlete Enrichment Center houses 27 full-time staff members in athletic academic advising, educational services and student-athlete development, as well as multiple graduate assistants and over 100 student employees who serve as content tutors and strategic mentors.

It is the mission of the entire staff to help our student-athletes succeed and maintain high standards academically, to reach their goals in the classroom and with career planning and to prepare them for a future in the working world.

In addition to staff offices, the 43,000 square-foot facility includes 44 tutor rooms, abundant study hall space, a large auditorium and several quiet spaces for free study. In 2023, Nieri CAB (Clemson Athletics Branding Institute) was constructed and five mental health and sport psychologist professionals joined the staff.

The center and its staff offer countless resources for Clemson student-athletes to enable and enhance their academic success. Athletic academic coordinators meet weekly with students to assist in course tracking, discuss academic progress and teach productive classroom behaviors, organization, time management and study habits. Coordinators also support the student-athletes in major exploration along with registration and course selection, which includes priority registration.

The educational services staff develops and implements individualized academic success plans to help identified Clemson student-athletes strengthen their academic skills through research-based learning strategies and study skills. This department also trains and works with content-specific tutors and strategic mentors to assist Tiger student-athletes in their specific areas of study, as well as to provide additional support as the student-athletes grow their organization and time-management skills.

The student-athlete development program is dedicated to the holistic development of Clemson student-athletes, propelling them toward success, not only during college, but in life, through career development, community service and outreach, leadership development and personal enhancement and responsibility.



Student-athletes are prepared for career readiness via professional development programs, internship placement, resumé assistance and mock interviews. They are encouraged to establish partnerships with the community by participating in individual and team service opportunities and outreach projects. Additional programming supports their development as individuals and leaders.

The support from the facility has played a large part in both Tiger football's and Clemson athletics' success in the classroom. In the most-recent report, student-athletes had a 96-percent graduation success rate, the highest figure by a power conference public institution for the second year in a row, while the football program's 99-percent graduation success rate was highest in the nation.

Clemson athletics' GPA has increased for nine consecutive semesters, with a spring GPA of 3.35, highest in history for the department. A total of 11 programs earned NCAA Public Recognition Awards for ranking in the top-10-percent of the APR as well.

Since its inception in 1991, the department, initially located in Vickery Hall on Clemson's campus until the move to Nieri Family Student-Athlete Enrichment Center in 2017, has seen its name and location evolve over 34 years. However, its continued commitment and dedication to Clemson student-athletes and their pursuit of excellence has remained unwavering.

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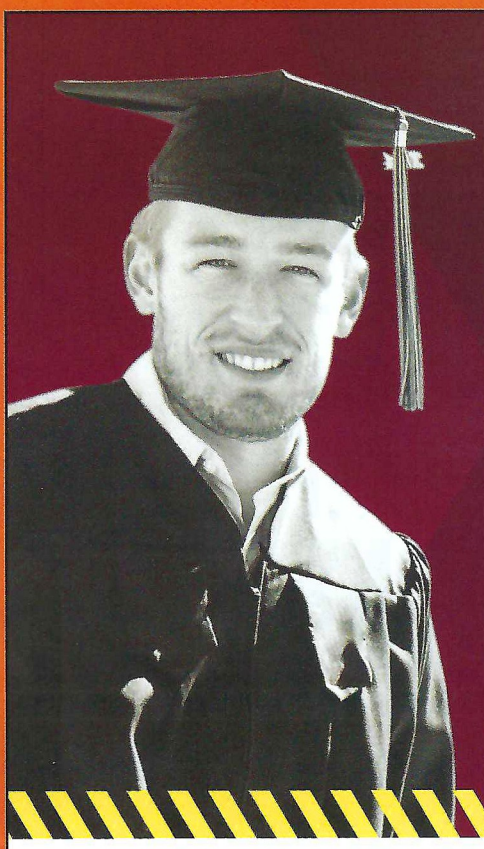

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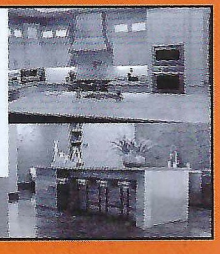

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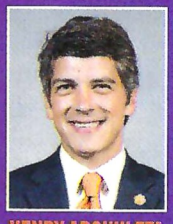

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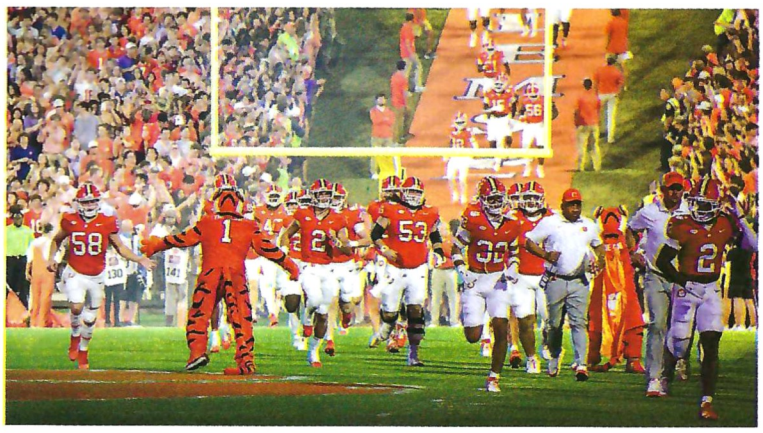

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Use a current student-athlete's name, image or likeness (NIL) to promote products or services without a quid pro quo (i.e., something for something) arrangement. For example, extra benefits remain impermissible. However, a student-athlete may receive compensation for use of his/her NIL.

CAN

Provide summer employment for the student-athlete (with prior compliance approval), so long as he/she is paid for work actually performed, paid for hours actually worked, paid at the same rate as anyone doing the same job or not used in promotions for an employer.

Collect autographs and photos with our team. However, no payment or gifts may be involved unless there is NIL activity with a quid pro quo. Also, NIL activity must be separate and distinct from team-mandated activities.

INTERACTION WITH RECRUITS

CAN'T

Provide ANY type of gift or benefit to a recuit or his/her family members. Examples:

- Money in any form
- Discounts
- Lodging
- Transportation
- Meals
- Gifts (of any value)
- Complimentary tickets

Contact a recruit (or his/her family) via text, email and social media for a recruiting purpose.

Face-to-face contact on or off campus (includes family members if no previously established relationship).

Employ relatives, guardians or friends of a prospect as an inducement for the prospect's enrollment and athletics participation at Clemson.

CAN

Accept a call from a recuit or his/her family. However, you:

- Can't initiate a call.
- Can't talk about athletics or recruitment.
- Can't be at the direction of Clemson staff.

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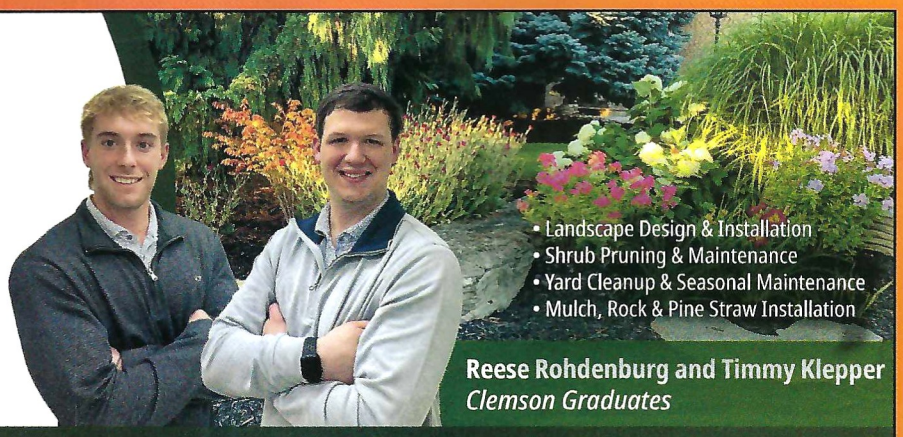

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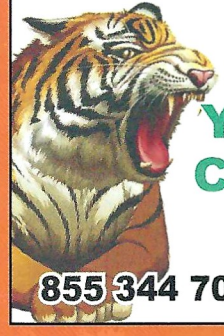

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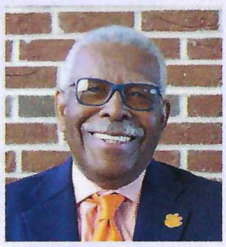

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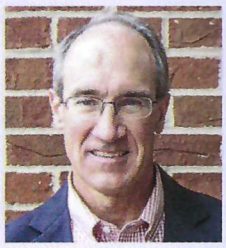

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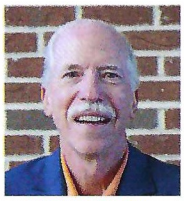

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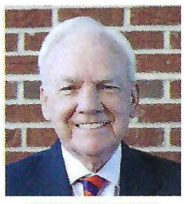

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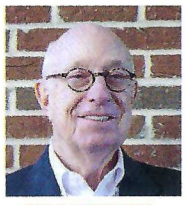

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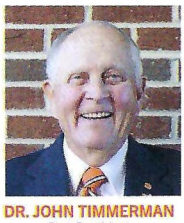

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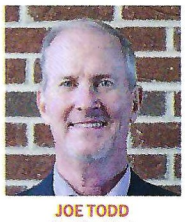

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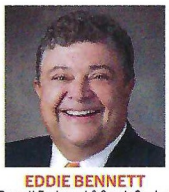

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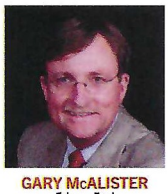

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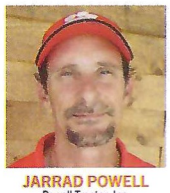

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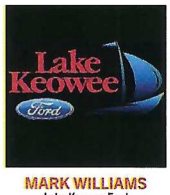

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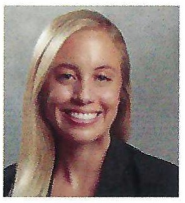

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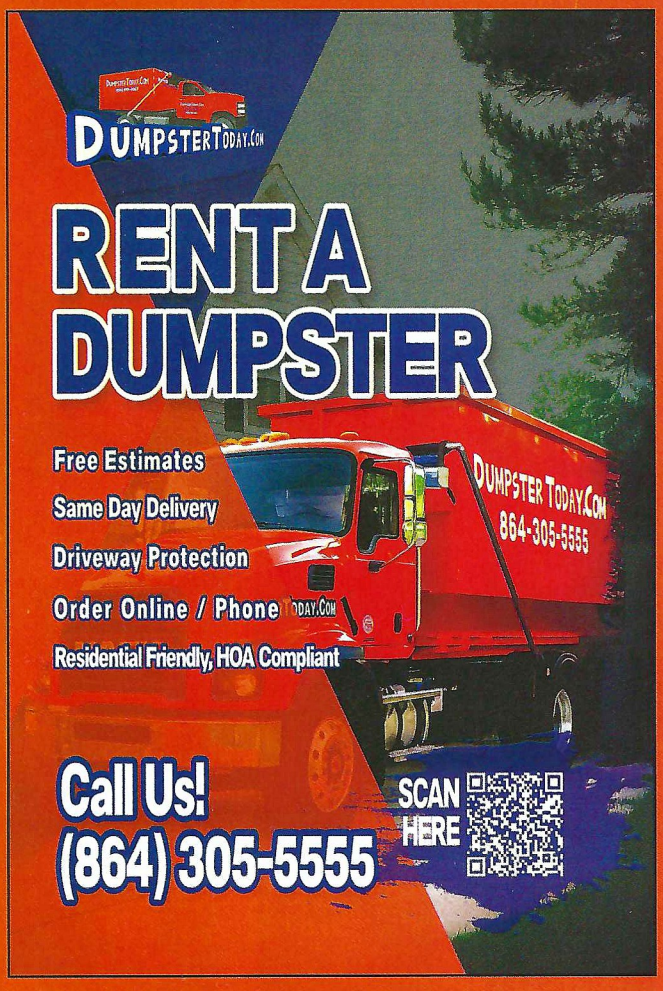

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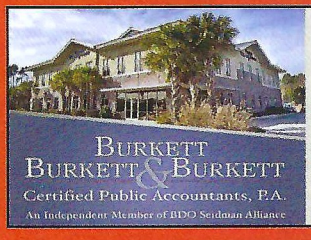

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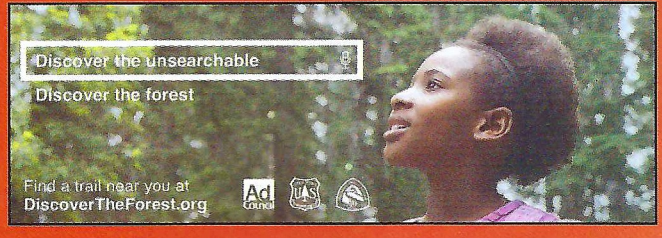

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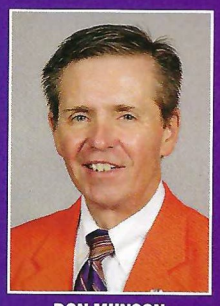

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BY DYLAN WHITMAN

Tiger Band invites fans to remain in their seats during halftime to enjoy the final home performance of our show, "Wicked." In commemoration of the band's original "Wicked" performance at the CFP National Championship Game 10 years ago and to celebrate the release of the highly anticipated "Wicked: For Good" on Nov. 21, the band brings the sounds of Oz to Death Valley.

With hits inspired by the original Broadway soundtrack, we invite fans to sing along and watch as Elphaba flies on her broom to the sounds of "Defying Gravity." Other musical selections include "No One Mourns the Wicked," "The Wizard and I," "Popular" and "One Short Day."

Senior trumpet player Caleb Standridge is our featured soloist, playing Elphaba's famous riff during the performance. We hope fans enjoy our final showing of "Wicked" in Death Valley today.



As we celebrated last weekend's Homecoming in Clemson, Tiger Band welcomed back 100 alumni to campus to play in the annual CUTBA Alumni Band. It performed with Tiger Band at the 90 Minutes Before Kickoff Concert, held in the amphitheater, and marched in the parade to Memorial stadium. The Alumni Band then joined Tiger Band on the field for pregame, getting a chance to experience "the most exciting 25 seconds in college football" once again.

The Alumni Band and Tiger Band are made possible by CUTBA (Clemson University Tiger Band Association). This group of Clemson alumni work to provide Tiger Band students with new opportunities and materials through fundraising and volunteering. If fans would like to support Tiger Band through CUTBA, visit the Tiger Band website and find the CUTBA tab for more information.

Join Tiger Band in showing appreciation for Morgan Oliver, our administrative coordinator and former baritone player, for her dedication and service to Tiger Band throughout her almost eight years in Clemson. During her time with Tiger Band, she served as baritone section leader and vice commander before graduating and serving as our administrator. Oliver is embarking on a new journey, and we wish her all the best throughout her future.

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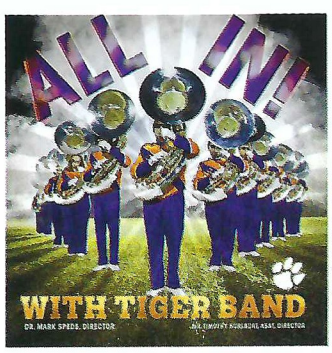

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TIM BOURRET

Sports Information Department • 1978-18

- Worked in the Clemson sports information department for 40 years, from 1978-89 as assistant director under Bob Bradley and from July 1989 to July 2018 as director.
- Inducted into the National College Sports Information Directors Hall of Fame in 2017.
- Received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the College Sports Information Directors Association in 2019.
- Received the Bobby Richardson Award from the state of South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.
- Clemson won the "Super 11" award from the Football Writers Association as one of the top-11 football SID offices in the nation five times under his leadership.
- Edited over 100 Clemson award-winning publications, including 37 that covered Clemson football.
- Served on ESPN's committee in conjunction with the 150-year anniversary of college football.
- In his 47th year broadcasting Clemson men's basketball games, as he is the dean of broadcasters in any sport in the ACC. He is also in his 13th year as a color commentator for Clemson football games.
- Named an honorary alumnus of Clemson in 2007.
- Author of four books about Clemson football, including "The Vault" and "2016 National Champions."

OSWALD DRAWDY

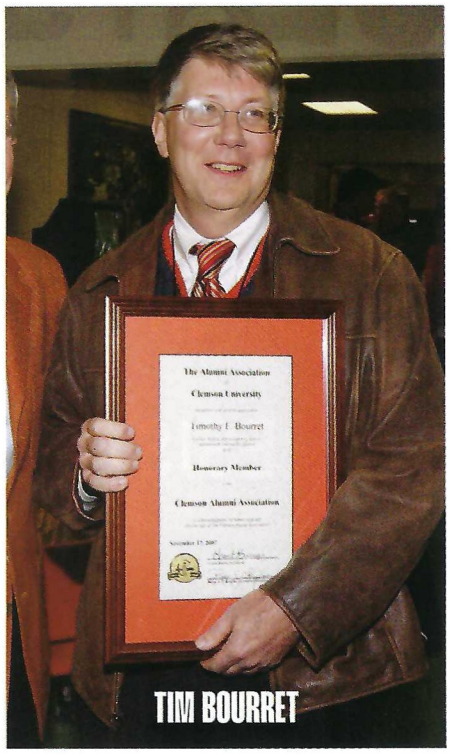
Golf • 1986-90

- Three-time Academic Scholar recipient from College Golf Foundation, one of just two three-time selections in Clemson history.
- All-ACC selection in 1988 and 1990.
- Starter on three top-20 teams, including the 1989 team that finished No. 3 in the nation.
- Member of three ACC championship teams. He finished in the top 25 three times at ACC Championships.
- Honorable mention All-American in the 1988 and 1989 seasons, and he was a third-team All-American in 1990.
- One of only four Tigers in history to be named an honorable mention All-American and an Academic Scholar by the College Golf Foundation.
- Is 12th in Clemson history in career top-10 finishes (18).
- Had 97 rounds at 75 or better, 15th in program history.
- Played in the 1993 U.S. Open at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J.

NATOYA GOULE

Track • 2013-15

- Competed one season at Clemson, becoming the national champion in the 800m at the 2015 NCAA Indoor Championships meet with a time of 2:01.64. It was an NCAA Indoor Championships record and ACC record.
- It was her third career national championship, as she had won two at LSU before transferring to Clemson to follow Mark Elliott.
- Helped Clemson to a sweep of the ACC Outdoor and Indoor Championships in 2015.
- Two-time individual ACC champion, including 2015 in the 4x400m indoors and 2015 in the 800m outdoors.
- Led Clemson to a 12th-place finish at the 2015 NCAA Indoor Championships.
- Named ACC Indoor Track Athlete-of-the-Year in the 2015 season.
- Won the 800m at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.
- Competed for Jamaica in the Olympics in 2016, 2021 and 2024. She finished eighth in the 800m at the 2021 Olympics.



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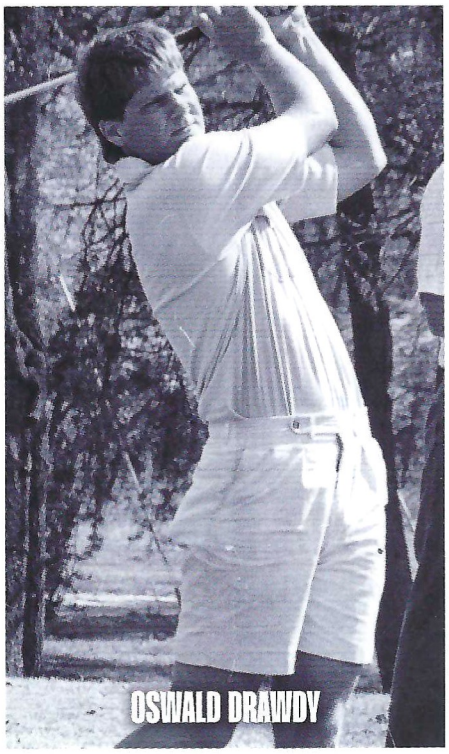
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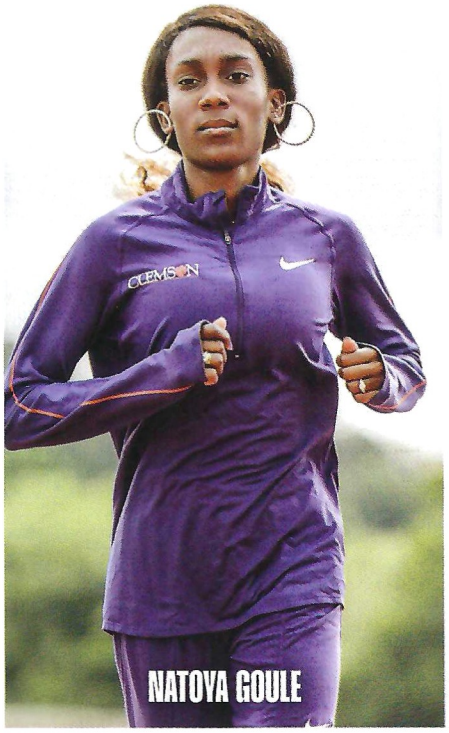
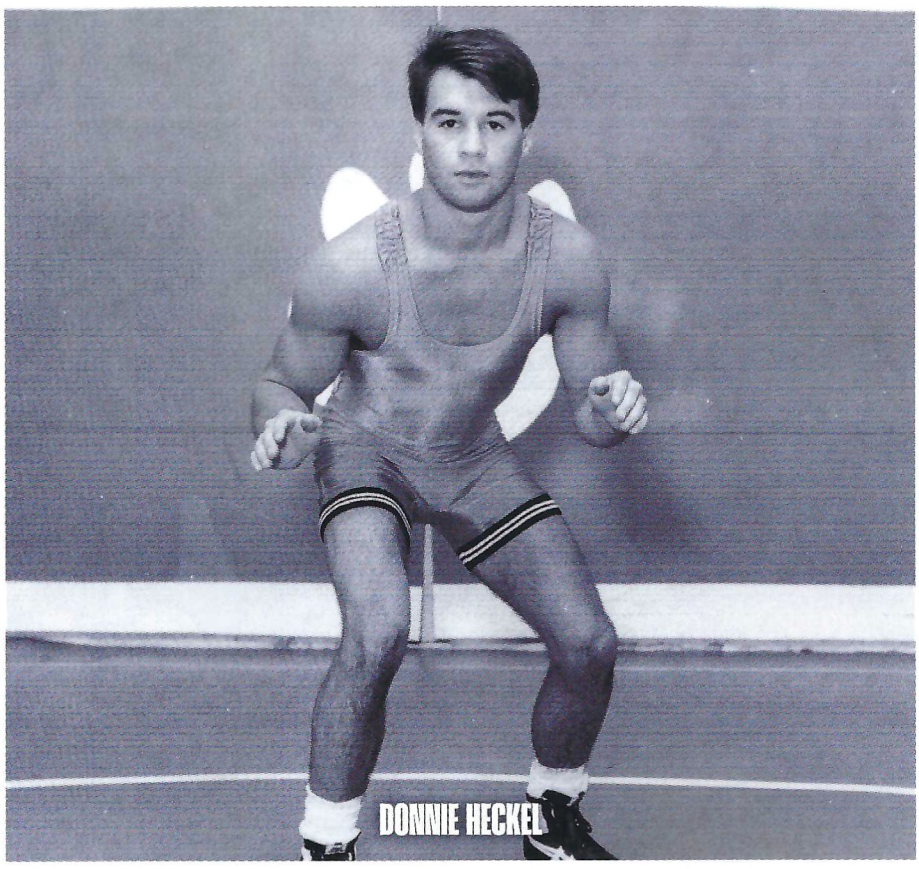


NATOYA GOULE

DONNIE HECKEL

Wrestling • 1987-91

- ACC Wrestler-of-the-Year in 1991.
- Two-time All-American (1989,91).
- ACC champion in 1988 and 1991 at the 118-pound class.
- Four-time participant in the NCAA Tournament.
- Three-time team MVP.
- ACC runner-up in the 118-pound class in 1989 and 1990.
- Reached the Elite Eight at the NCAA Tournament in 1989.
- Finished his career with 101 wins, fourth most by a Tiger.


DONNIE HECKEL

DEANDRE HOPKINS

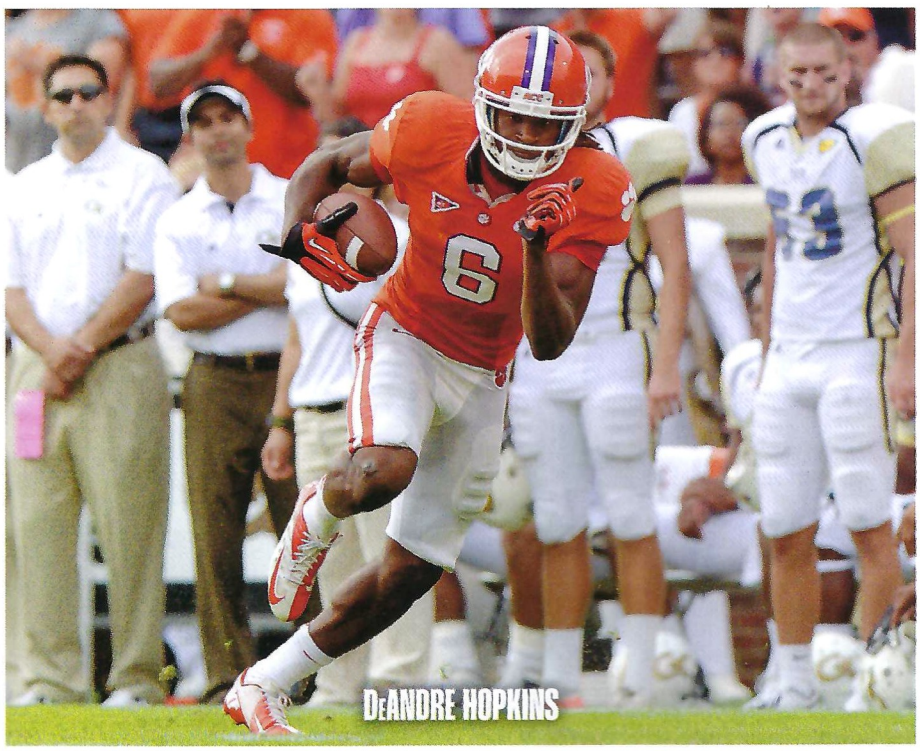
Football • 2010-12

- Finished his 39-game Clemson career with 206 receptions (fourth in Clemson history) for 3,020 yards (second in Tiger history) and 27 touchdowns (tied for first in Clemson history).
- Had 82 receptions for 1,405 yards and an ACC-record 18 receiving touchdowns in 2012, earning him First-Team All-ACC honors, a second-team All-America selection by Athlon, CBS Sports, Lindy's, Phil Steele and Scout and a third-team All-America selection by AP.
- One of 10 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award in 2012.
- Had 12 career 100-yard receiving games, second in Clemson history.
- In 2011, he helped lead Clemson to its first ACC championship since 1991.
- First-round draft selection of the Houston Texans in 2013 and was named to the NFL All-Rookie team in the 2013 season.
- Five-time Pro Bowl and All-Pro selection.
- Rated among the top-100 players in the NFL seven times, including No. 8 rankings in 2020 and 2021.
- He is 17th in NFL history in receptions (994), 19th in receiving yards (13,157) and tied for 19th in receiving touchdowns (85).

DOV KREMER

Cross Country • 1987-89

- 1988 ACC champion in cross country.
- All-ACC in 1987, 1988 and 1989 in cross country.
- All-district selection in 1987 and 1988 in cross country.
- All-American in 1987 and 1988 in cross country.
- Helped Clemson to two ACC championships in cross country.
- Helped Clemson to a 15th-place national finish in outdoor track in 1988, then an eighth-place finish in indoor track in 1989.
- All-ACC indoors in the mile and 3000m in 1989.
- Third on Clemson's all-time list in the 5000m indoors.
- Indoor track All-American in the 5000m in 1989, when he finished sixth at the NCAA meet with a time of 14:23.35.
- Two-time outdoor track All-American, as he finished second at the NCAA meet in the 5000m in 1988, then finished fifth in the same event in 1989.
- 1988 ACC champion in the 1500m outdoors with a time of 3:44.36.
- CoSIDA Academic All-American.
- Received an ACC Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship.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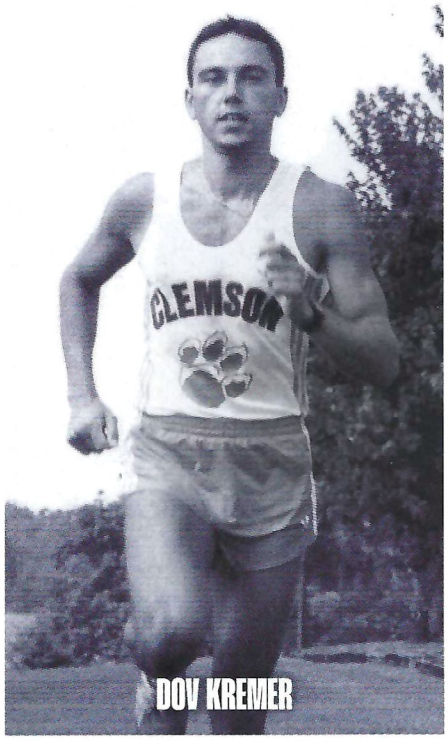

DOV KREMER

CHESTER McGLOCKTON

Football • 1988-91

- Inducted into the state of South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011, state of South Carolina Football Hall of Fame in 2021 and state of North Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in 2025.
- Led the ACC in sacks (7) as a freshman even though he was not a starter.
- Had a sack, caused fumble and recovered fumble for a touchdown to clinch the Gator Bowl win over West Virginia in 1989.
- Finished his career with 151 tackles, 39 tackles for loss, 20.5 sacks, eight caused fumbles and three recovered fumbles.
- A starter on the 1990 team that led the nation in total defense, the first Tiger team to finish first. He was also a starter on the 1991 defense that led the nation in rushing defense.
- His eight career caused fumbles are tied for third in Clemson history.
- First-Team All-ACC selection in 1991, when he had 62 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and seven sacks.
- First-round NFL draft pick (No. 15 overall) of the Raiders in 1992.
- Played 12 years (1992-03) in the NFL.
- Four-time Pro Bowl pick and three-time All-Pro pick.

JENNIFER MIHALIK

Swimming • 1996-98

- Honorable mention All-American in the 200 backstroke in 1998.
- ACC champion in the 100 backstroke (1999) and 200 backstroke (1998,99).
- Member of Clemson's Academic Hall of Fame (1999).
- Graduated with a degree in microbiology in only three years, registering a 3.89 GPA.
- Member of the ACC 50-Year Anniversary Team.
- CoSIDA Academic All-American (1999).
- Olympic Trial qualifier in the 100 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke.
- In Clemson's all-time top 10 in six events (50 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 200 freestyle, 400 freestyle relay).
- Received a Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship and an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.
- Helped the Tigers to their fourth ACC title in 1997, placing second in the 200 backstroke, second in the 100 backstroke and ninth in the 50 freestyle, and was a member of the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relays and 200 medley relay.



STEWART RALPH

Track & Field • 1975-78

- A three-time All-American in javelin, as he became the first African-American track athlete in Clemson history to earn All-America honors in 1976.
- Three-time ACC champion, as he won in 1975 (as a freshman), 1976 and 1978.
- His throw of 81.2m in winning the 1976 ACC championship was a career long and the second longest in Clemson history at that weight category.
- Only Tiger to compete in the javelin at four different NCAA Championships (1975-78).
- Second Clemson track & field athlete in any event to be a three-time All-American.
- Three-time All-American in the javelin, one of two Tigers to do that in the javelin (Roger Collins).
- Third at the 1976 NCAA Championships with a 73.6m throw.
- Finished third again in 1977 with a throw of 78.33m. The champion that year was just 0.38m longer.
- Finished a career-high second place in 1978 at the NCAA Championships with a throw of 80.26m.
- AAU All-American in 1978.

SOPHIE WOORONS

Tennis • 1996

- Played one season for the Tigers, earning ACC Player-of-the-Year honors in 1996,
- Singles and doubles All-American in 1996, the first player in program history to be an All-American in singles and doubles in the same year and the only one to do it during the first 26 years of the program.
- Compiled a 31-11 singles record and 28-11 doubles record in 1996.
- Team MVP in 1996.
- Reached the Final Four of the NCAA Singles Championship after winning four matches in the tournament. She was the second player in program history to reach the Final Four of the NCAA Singles Championship.
- Helped Clemson to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament in 1996.
- ACC No. 1 singles flight champion in 1996.
- Finished 1996 No. 8 in singles and doubles.

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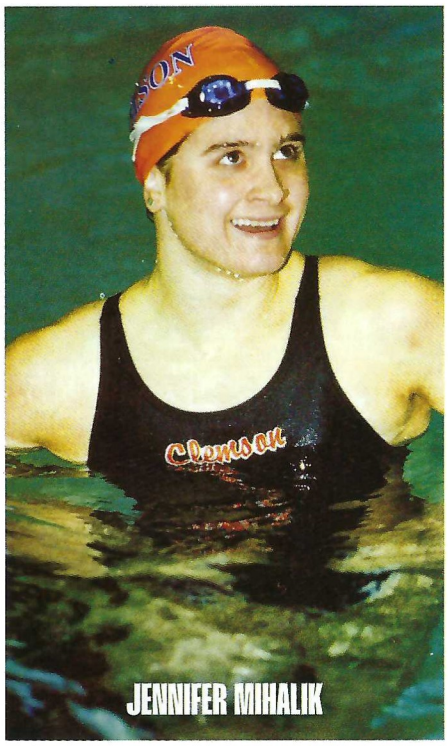



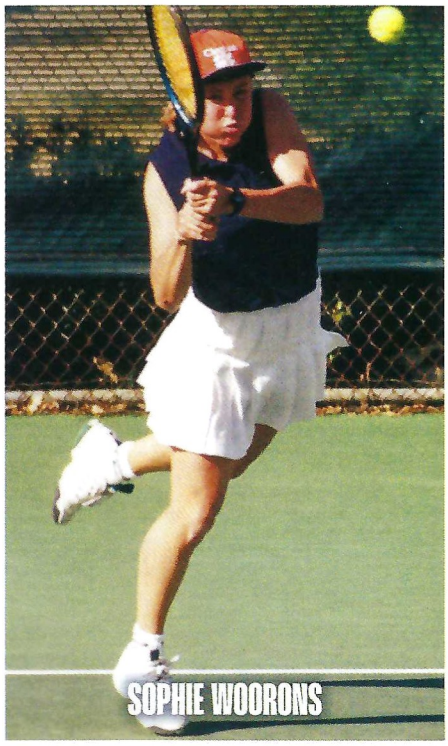


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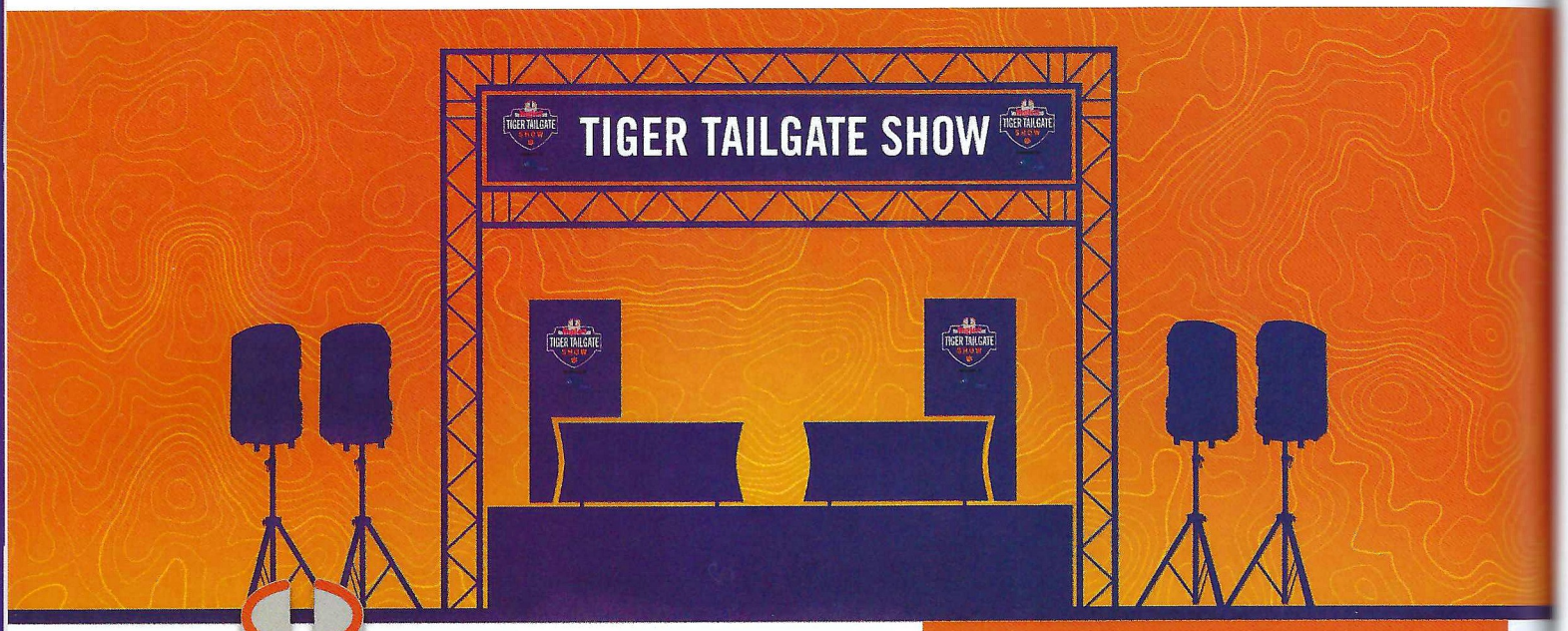

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ROBERT CARSWELL

THE FORMER TIGER STAR SAFETY IS NOW AN ALL-AMERICA SECONDARY EDUCATOR.

BY TIM BOURRET

On Dec. 9, 2023, former Tiger safety Robert Carswell stood alone in program history. On that day, he received his doctorate degree from Wingate and became the first former Tiger All-American to earn a doctorate degree after having played in the NFL.

That is quite a trifecta of accomplishments.

A look to the Clemson recordbook shows that Carswell still holds the Tiger career record for tackles by a defensive back (374). He accumulated those tackles from 1997-00, playing two years for Head Coach Tommy West and two years for Head Coach Tommy Bowden.

A third-team All-American by AP and Sporting News as a senior, Carswell helped the Tigers to a 9-3 record and No. 14 final ranking that year, the highest final ranking for the program in 10 years.

The native of Stone Mountain, Ga. was drafted by the San Diego Chargers. He played two years in the NFL before injuries cut his career short in 2002.

Carswell came back to finish his undergraduate degree in secondary education in 2003, then went into the pharmaceutical sales industry for 12 years.

But something was missing. He decided to put his Clemson degree to use and become a secondary educator.

"I started as a substitute teacher at Kelly Miller Elementary School in Columbia, S.C. in January 2015, and at the end of that academic year, they offered me a full-time teacher position."



It did not take him long to have an impact on his 20 students, and the rest of the school took notice. In just his second year, he was named teacher-of-the-year at Kelly Miller Elementary School.

"When I was a kid, I learned the most when the lesson was fun. I basically follow the approach in the way I taught."

An example of this approach used sports as a teaching tool.

"For a lesson on friction, I brought the kids outside, dropped some golf balls in the grass and had them putt. Then we went inside and did the same thing on the carpet. Any time you can take them outside and do something, they tend to pay attention and grasp the concept."

Another time, Carswell set up a green screen in the classroom and had the students practice broadcasting. One of the students now aspires to be a meteorologist.

When Carswell had a science lesson, he wore a white lab coat.

"Sometimes I would blow something up in the class. They really enjoyed that, so they got excited when I put on the lab coat."

When Carswell won the teacher-of-the-year award, it told him a lot about himself and his career goals, and it motivated him to earn advanced degrees with the goal of eventually becoming a principal.

"It meant a lot because it told me that I was more than just a football player. Getting that award meant more to me than being an All-American."

In 2018, Carswell moved to Lake Carolina Elementary School in Columbia and continued his innovative teaching approach. At the same time, he pursued a master's degree at Wingate, which he earned.

In 2019, he accepted an assistant principal position at Joseph Keels Elementary School in Columbia. Four years later, he earned his doctorate degree in educational leadership from Wingate.

A Google search indicates there are many former NFL players who have earned doctorate degrees. The list includes former Browns quarterback Frank Ryan and former Cardinals quarterback Charley Johnson. Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive end Alan Page became a Supreme Court judge in Minnesota after earning his J.D. But I am yet to find a former NFL player who earned a doctorate degree in the education field.

In addition to his time spent in the classroom, Carswell has authored two books. They are entitled, "Robert Uses His Imagination," and "Robert Learns Responsibility."

Clemson's Call Me MiSTER program has put the books to use.

"I brought some of our elementary students to Clemson to show them the campus and meet the students in the Call Me MiSTER program. We brought them books to use in their classes.

"That program did not exist when I was a student at Clemson, but I certainly would have been in the program. I am proud to be involved today."

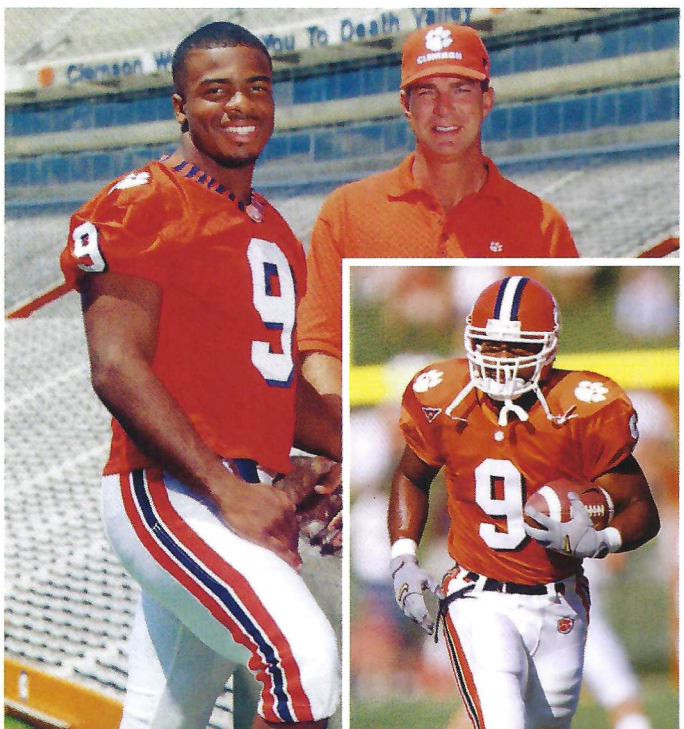
Carswell's dedication to helping youth has extended to the football field. He was a youth football coach in Columbia for 10 years, then retired to watch his own kids in their extracurricular activities.

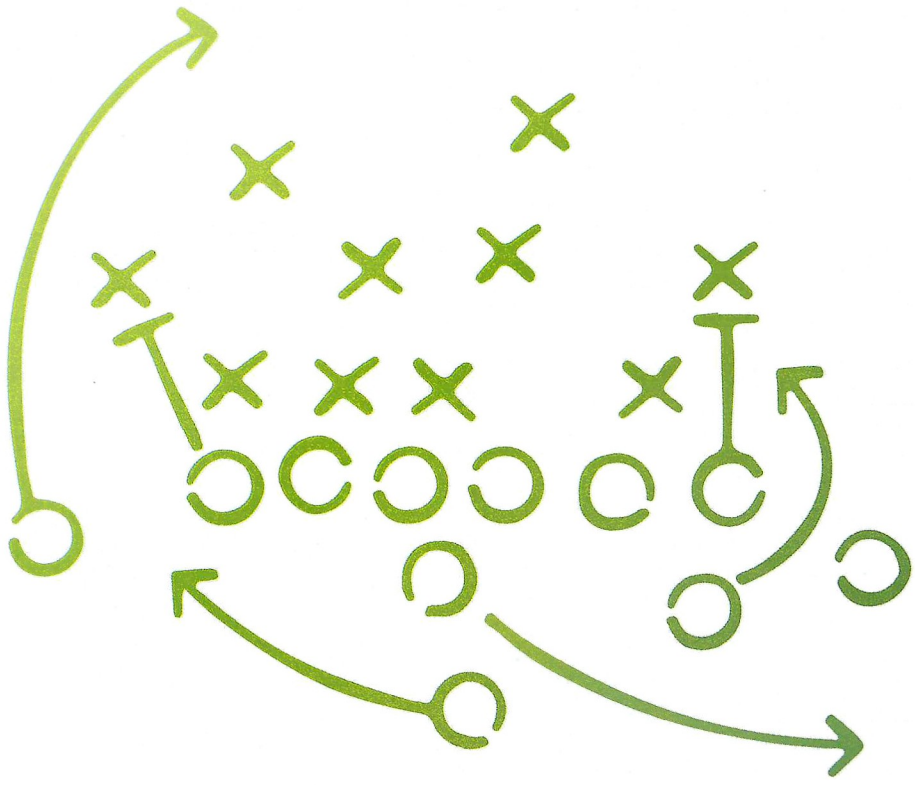
This year, with his kids now older, Carswell has returned to the gridiron sidelines, where he is an assistant coach for a team of kids who are eight years old and under.

"I really enjoy teaching them the basics of football, the blocking, proper tackling and other aspects of the game."

Carswell wants to pass on the learning experiences he had as a child.

"I still remember my teachers in kindergarten and early grades and remember the positive impact they had on me. I want to do that for these kids."





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DEATH VALLEY NIGHTS

MEMORIAL STADIUM IS SET TO MAKE A GRAND RETURN AS A CONCERT VENUE IN 2026.

BY KEN SCAR

Memorial Stadium is going to be "lit" in 2026. George Strait is headlining the first "Death Valley Nights" concert on May 2. He will be joined by Cody Johnson and Wyatt Flores for a performance "in the round" that is expected to be attended by more than 90,000 fans. The concert was announced at the Clemson Board of Trustees fall quarterly meetings.

The stadium that normally holds over 81,000 fans for a football game is no stranger to the ecstatic roar of crowds, but it generally sits quiet the rest of the year. It has been so for more than 25 years, with the last concert at Memorial Stadium in 1999, also headlined by Strait.

The stadium hosted concerts by some of the most celebrated artists of all time in the 1980s and 1990s, starting with the most legendary of them all, The Rolling Stones. The iconic English rockers brought their Steel Wheels tour to Memorial Stadium in 1989.

In a 1989 interview with The Greenville News, Allen Corbett, a promoter with Camden-based C&C Entertainment who brought the show to Clemson, said more than 60,000 tickets were made available for the show and the university was uniquely positioned to handle the logistics of such a large crowd.

"It's just like Clemson has another home game this year, only this time it's not a football game, it's The Rolling Stones."

Tickets for that show cost $31.50, not exactly cheap in 1989.

In a 2017 post about the concerts on Clemson's Facebook page, alumnus Lester H. Cutter III said the following.

"Couldn't afford tickets for The (Rolling) Stones, but I was able to listen to the entire concert from my dorm room at the Clemson House!"

Now, Tiger athletics has announced a partnership with Clemson Ventures and Does Entertainment to bring concert events back to the stadium. Dubbed "Death Valley Nights," the series of concerts offers fans near and far the opportunity to see some of the world's top musical acts.

"Memorial Stadium has always been more than a football venue," said Eric Sabin, executive senior associate athletic director at Clemson. "It's a place where unforgettable memories are made. With 'Death Valley Nights,' we're excited to bring that tradition full circle and create new experiences that will unite our students, alumni and community in the same spirit of pride and passion that defines Clemson."



Perhaps the biggest touring group in history, Pink Floyd, brought its Division Bell tour to Memorial Stadium in May 1994, the night before graduation.

Although the school year had ended and many students were long gone, 50,000 fans came to campus and were dazzled on May 12 by the sounds of Pink Floyd in Memorial Stadium. The sound of the band rehearsing the massive production echoed across campus, interrupting a normally tranquil day.

Billy Joel and Elton John played in the stadium in April 1995 during their Face to Face tour. They closed the show with the two of them duetting on Joel's "Piano Man" to a sea of lit cigarette lighters swaying back and forth, a memory still fondly recalled on Clemson discussion boards to this day.

One of the best-selling musical artists of all time, the Eagles, stopped in Tigertown on their Hell Freezes Over tour in June 1996. The tour represented the first reunion of the band in 14 years.

U2 came to Clemson in May 1997, with opening band Rage Against the Machine, during their PopMart tour. That particular show was one of the most ambitious rock concerts ever produced. It featured an LED screen that was 170 feet wide and more than 50 feet tall, the largest video screen ever made at the time, a 100-foot parabolic arch and a 40-foot motorized mirror ball shaped like a lemon that the band made its entrance from.

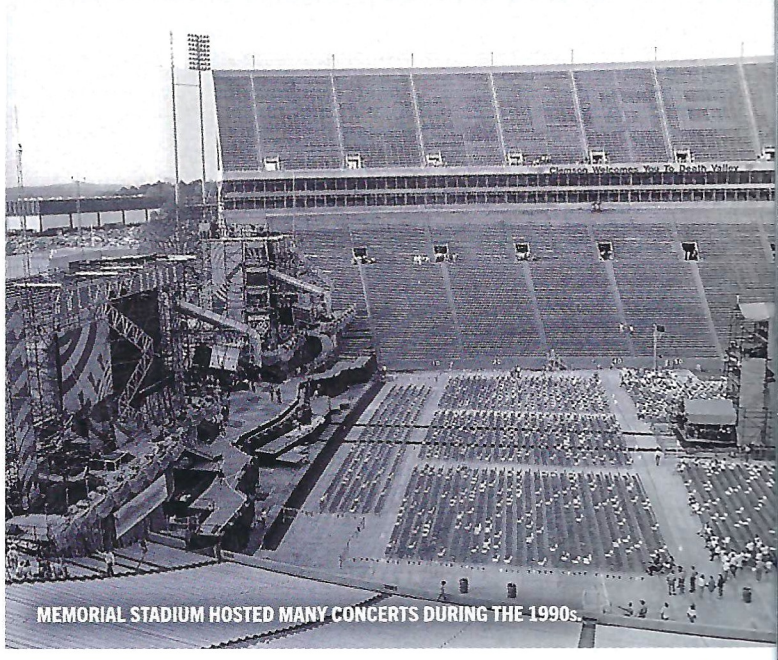
In March 1999, Strait brought his George Strait Country Music Festival through Clemson. The day-long event, dubbed "The Country Music Lollapalooza" by Tim McGraw, also featured McGraw, Kenny Chesney, the Dixie Chicks, Jo Dee Messina, Mark Wills and Asleep at the Wheel.

A story about the event in the 2000 Clemson University edition of TAPS describes how, "Due to the size of the concert, the stage itself was built two weeks prior to the show."

That was the last major non-football event held in Memorial Stadium until April 26, 2025, when the Savannah Bananas brought their traveling baseball show to Clemson and beat the arch-rival Party Animals 4-3 in front of a soldout crowd of 81,000 people. It was the first time the stadium was reconfigured for a baseball game and was the biggest crowd in Banana Ball history.

"That special event was over 18 months in the making, and plans for additional events have been going on for just as long," added Sabin. "Death Valley is going to provide unforgettable experiences for the community for years to come."

More information regarding the upcoming shows can be found online at DeathValleyNights.com.



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BOWDEN BOWL I

TWENTY-SIX YEARS AGO, CLEMSON AND TOP-RANKED FLORIDA STATE MET IN AN EPIC BATTLE AT MEMORIAL STADIUM.

BY TIM BOURRET

I would be hard-pressed to think of a Clemson regular-season game that received more pregame publicity than the Oct. 23, 1999 game between Clemson and Florida State at Memorial Stadium.

Florida State was ranked No. 1 with a perfect record under Hall of Fame Head Coach Bobby Bowden. Clemson was 3-3 and unranked under first-year Head Coach Tommy Bowden.

Whenever the top-ranked team in the nation comes to your stadium, it is a big deal, but this was the first meeting of father-and-son head coaches in Division I college football history.

Personally as Clemson sports information director, I never put in more time to manage one regular-season game in my career. Just as they say student-athletes come to Clemson and Florida State for these games of national interest, these are the types of games I came to Clemson to work in the sports information office.

The Bowden family was very media savvy and knew the attention on this game would be good for both programs. They embraced it.

A month before the game, Florida State's sports information director, Rob Wilson, and I were already getting countless interview requests from national media. There were just as many requests for interviews with Ann Bowden, Tommy's mom and Bobby's wife of over 50 years.

So, I asked Tommy if he was willing to do a teleconference call with his mother 10 days prior to the game. This was unprecedented in that I had have never asked a coach to do a press conference 10 days prior to a game with another game in between.

As I said, the Bowden family embraced the situation, and we had a teleconference with Tommy and his mother on Thursday, Oct. 14, nine days prior to the Florida State game and two days prior to Clemson's contest at Maryland.

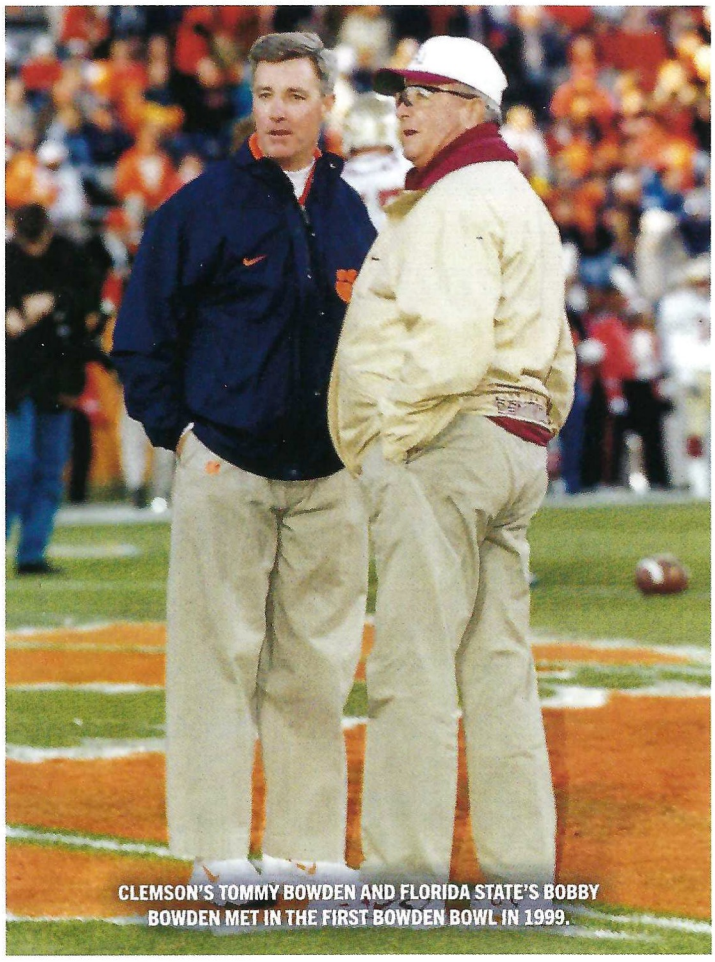
We had media on the line from Los Angeles to Chicago to New York. I cut the call off after an hour.

On gameday, we had so many photographers and television media covering the game that was nationally televised by ESPN that Wilson and I had to plan the pregame meeting of head coaches on the field. The only way we could allow the most media to get pictures of the meeting of father and son was to keep all the media inside the field hashmarks.

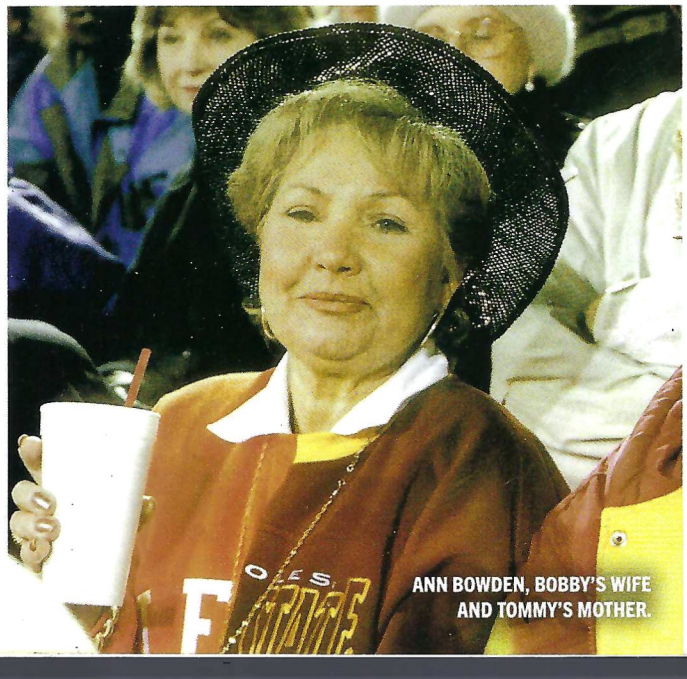
Wilson and I communicated with the media hours before the game and personally managed the pregame. To everyone's credit, they obeyed our request and everyone got pictures of the historic pregame greeting.

One of my most memorable moments of my career took place during this pregame meeting. After the media had gotten what they needed, I somehow ended up on the field one-on-one with Bobby. He grabbed me by the arm and said, "Isn't this great?"

I smiled as I thought how secure he was in his job and how great it was that he could appreciate the moment. In the middle of his first year at Clemson with a 3-3 record, I was not sure Tommy was feeling the same.



CLEMSON'S TOMMY BOWDEN AND FLORIDA STATE'S BOBBY BOWDEN MET IN THE FIRST BOWDEN BOWL IN 1999.



ANN BOWDEN, BOBBY'S WIFE AND TOMMY'S MOTHER.

Many Tiger fans feared this could be a blowout in the Seminoles' favor. Florida State was averaging 40 points and well over 500 yards per game on offense behind quarterback Chris Weinke and Heisman Trophy candidate Peter Warrick, who had torched Clemson for 372 all-purpose yards in Death Valley two years earlier in a Florida State victory.

For once, a game lived up to the hype. It was a contest the still Death Valley record crowd of 86,092 fans will not soon forget.

Clemson took a 14-3 lead at halftime behind a seven-yard touchdown pass from Woodrow Dantzler to Rod Gardner and a one-yard touchdown run by Dantzler. A trick play played a role in the first touchdown when punter Ryan Romano completed a 23-yard pass to Braxton K. Williams. It was Romano's only career pass attempt and Williams' only career reception.

The Clemson defense, behind linebacker Keith Adams, who had 19 tackles in the game, held the Seminoles to just one field goal in the first half and only one touchdown in the game.

Florida State scored 11 points in the third quarter, and the game was tied 14-14 entering the fourth quarter. The Seminoles took the lead on Sebastian Janikowski's 39-yard field goal with 5:26 remaining in the game.

The Tigers then drove 53 yards in seven plays to the Florida State 25. On fourth-and-one, Tommy decided to attempt a 41-yard tying field goal by Tony Lazzara. But the attempt was tipped by Tay Cody. Florida State ran out the clock and escaped with a 17-14 victory.

The win was the 300th of Bobby's career and allowed the Seminoles to remain No. 1. They ran the table to give him his second national championship.

It would be the closest game Florida State had in Bowden's second national championship season.

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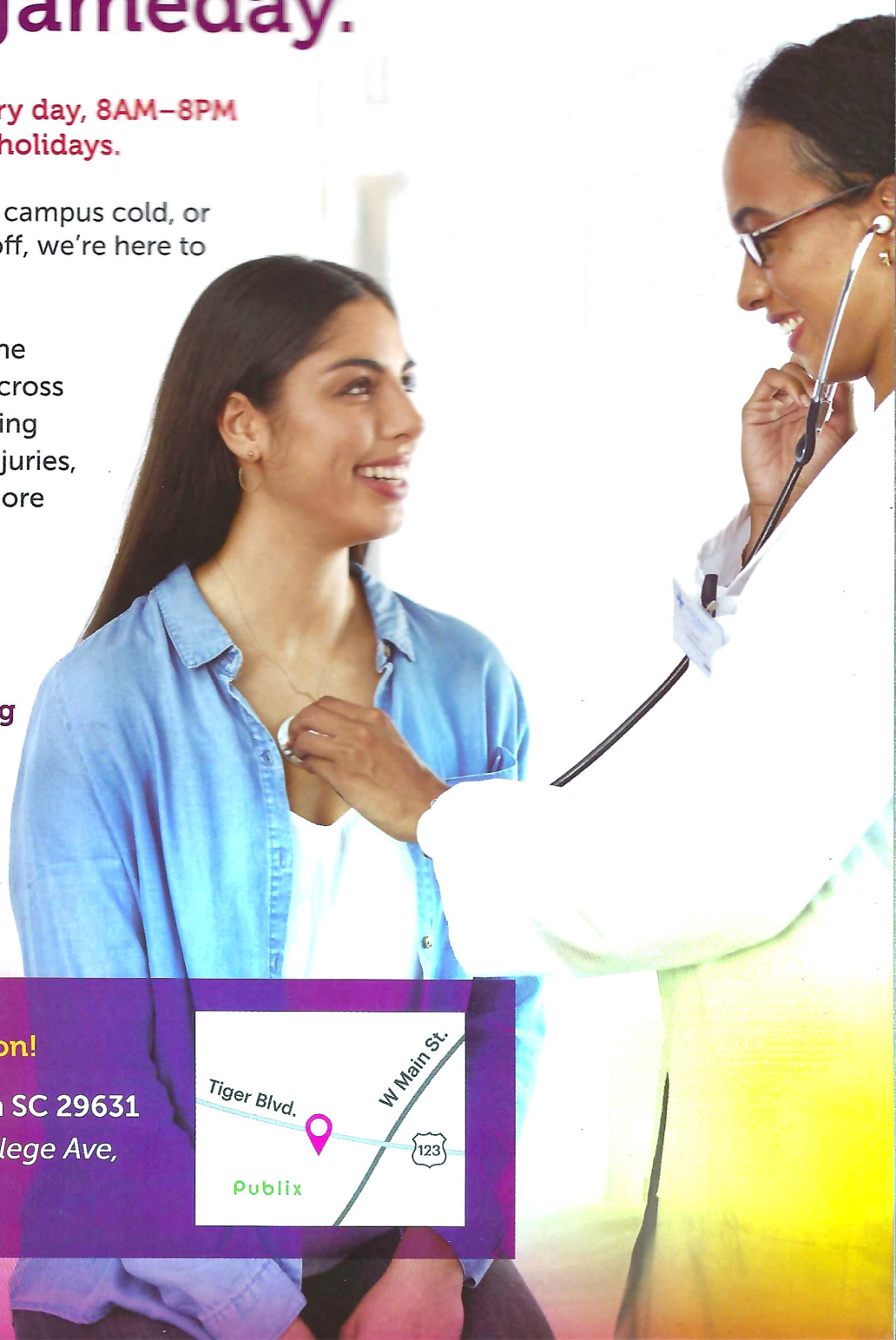

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