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**I**t's tough being a basketball team in football country, an ACC member in SEC land, the lone South Carolina representative in a North Carolina-dominated conference. All of which makes Clemson's hardcourt success that much more remarkable. The landmarks include the 1939 Southern Conference tournament title, the 1990 ACC regular-season championship, three Sweet 16 appearances, an Elite Eight trip in 1980 and a runner-up finish in the 1999 NIT.

**BEST TEAM: 1989-90** Led by the imposing Duo of Doom—Dale Davis and Elden Campbell—the Tigers kept their fans on the edge all the way to the NCAA Sweet 16. The ACC regular-season champs rallied from halftime deficits to victories six times, including a climb back from a 16-point hole against La Salle in the second round of the NCAA Tournament (the largest halftime deficit overcome in school history). Too bad that in 1992, the NCAA stripped Clemson of its two '90 Tournament wins for using an academically ineligible player, Wayne Buckingham.

**BEST PLAYER: F ELDEN CAMPBELL (1986-90)** Although Horace Grant and Tree Rollins were the only Tigers named to the ACC's 50th Anniversary Team, Campbell was Clemson's most complete player. In addition to ranking as the school's all-time leading scorer, he's the only Tiger with more than 100 career blocks, steals and assists.

**BEST COACH: CLIFF ELLIS (1984-94)** A former ostrich farmer and lead singer for a beach music group, Ellis's calling card was the 1-3-1 zone press, which the Tigers rode to the postseason eight times. He was named ACC Coach of the Year in 1986-87 and 1989-90—the only Clemson coach to win that award.

**GAME FOR THE AGES:** On Feb. 28, 1990, Clemson clinched a share of its first ACC regular-season title when Kirkland Howling hit four free throws in the final :17 for a 97-93 triumph over Duke at Littlejohn Coliseum. The real highlight came after the game, as the Tigers cut down the nets and celebrated on the court with their fans.

**HEARTBREAKER:** In their 1990 Sweet 16 matchup against No. 1-seed Connecticut, the Tigers erased a 19-point deficit, capped by David Young's three-pointer, which gave them a 70-69 lead with :11 left. Nine seconds later, the upset seemed in hand when Clemson's Sean Tyson was fouled after grabbing a rebound. But Tyson missed the front end of the one-and-one and Scott Burrell, a top pitching prospect who would be picked in the first round of both the NBA and MLB drafts, threw a full-court pass to Tate George, who turned around and drained the winning jumper as the buzzer went off. Oh, the agony!

**FIERCEST RIVAL:** The institutional bad blood between Clemson and South Carolina most famously plays out on the gridiron (for example, see their 2004 brawl). But the hoops teams have had some wars of their own. Exhibit A: Dec. 4, 2004, when freshman Cheyenne Moore's three-pointer with 3.4 seconds left in OT

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lifted the Tigers to a 63-62 victory. The Gamecocks lead overall, 86-73.

**FANFARE AND HOOPLA:** Football will always be No. 1 at Clemson, but that doesn't mean Littlejohn is a fun place for visitors—not with those crazed orange-overall-wearing fans camped under the basket. Since it opened in 1968, Tigers faithful have been rewarded with 51 home wins over ranked teams.

**FAN FAVORITE: F SAM PERRY (2004-08)** The Greenville, S.C., product never averaged more than 6.3 ppg in any season, but he captured the hearts of the home crowd with his hustle, fancy dunks and timely blocks.

## FIRST-ROUND PRO PICKS

1977	Tree Rollins, Atlanta (14)
1981	Larry Nance, Phoenix (20)
1987	Horace Grant, Chicago (10)
1990	Elden Campbell, LA Lakers (27)
1991	Dale Davis, Indiana (13)
1994	Sharone Wright, Philadelphia (6)

## PROFILE

**Clemson University, Clemson, SC**  
**Founded:** 1889  
**Enrollment:** 17,585 (14,270 undergraduate)  
**Colors:** Burnt orange and northwest purple  
**Nickname:** Tigers  
**Current arena:** Littlejohn Coliseum, opened in 1968 (9,850)  
**First game:** 1911  
**All-time record:** 1,140-1,166-2 (.494)  
**Total weeks in AP Top 20/25:** 117

**Current conference:** Atlantic Coast (1953- )

**Conference titles:**

ACC: 1 (1990)

**Conference tournament titles:**

Southern: 1 (1939)

**NCAA Tournaments:** 9 (1 appearance vacated)

Sweet 16s (since 1975): 3

**NIT appearances:** 14

Semifinals: 2

## TOP 5

- G **Greg Buckner** (1994-98)
- G **Terrell McIntyre** (1995-99)
- F **Elden Campbell** (1986-90)
- F **Horace Grant** (1983-87)
- C **Tree Rollins** (1973-77)

RECORDS	GAME	SEASON	CAREER
POINTS	58 J.O. Erwin, vs. Butler Guards (Feb. 9, 1912)	651 Horace Grant (1986-87); Bill Yarborough (1954-55)	1,880 Elden Campbell (1986-90)
POINTS PER GAME		28.3 Bill Yarborough (1954-55)	23.5 Butch Zatezalo (1967-70)
REBOUNDS	30 Tommy Smith, vs. Georgia (Feb. 21, 1955)	395 Dale Davis (1989-90)	1,311 Tree Rollins (1973-77)
ASSISTS	20 Grayson Marshall, vs. UMES (Nov. 25, 1985)	262 Grayson Marshall (1985-86)	857 Grayson Marshall (1984-88)

## SEASON REVIEW

SEASON	W-L	CONF.	COMMENTS	COACH	RECORD	SEASON	W-L	CONF.	COMMENTS	COACH	RECORD
1911-18	29-23-2		Undeclared (4-0) in inaugural season			1928-29	15-12	6-4		Josh Cody	
1918-19	3-1			Jiggs Donahue	6-3 .667	1929-30	16-9	8-4		Josh Cody	
1919-20	8-6			Country Morris	16-8 .667	1930-31	6-7	3-5		Josh Cody	48-55 .466
1920-21	10-4			Larry Conover	10-4 .714	1931-32	7-13	2-9		Joe Davis	
1921-22	8-13	0-3		E.R. Stewart		1932-33	10-9	0-2		Joe Davis	
1922-23	11-6	3-3		E.R. Stewart	19-19 .500	1933-34	7-12	0-6		Joe Davis	
1923-24	2-14	0-6		Bud Saunders		1934-35	15-3	3-1		Joe Davis	
1924-25	4-14	3-2		Bud Saunders	6-28 .176	1935-36	15-7	5-5		Joe Davis	
1925-26	4-17	1-7		A.A. Gilliam	4-17 .190	1936-37	6-15	2-7		Joe Davis	
1926-27	2-13	1-7		Josh Cody		1937-38	16-7	9-4	Banks McFadden	13.3	Joe Davis
1927-28	9-14	5-7		Josh Cody		1938-39	16-8	6-6	Banks McFadden	11.8	Joe Davis

SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	POSTSEASON	SCORING	REBOUNDS	ASSISTS	COACH	RECORD
1939-40	9-12	9-7		Banks McFadden	13.7		Joe Davis	101-86 .540
1940-41	8-14	7-8		Marion Craig	12.7		Rock Norman	
1941-42	3-14	2-10		C.C. Graham	6.3		Rock Norman	
1942-43	3-13	0-10		Marion Craig	13.1		Rock Norman	
1943-44	1-10	1-2		Leonard Riddle	11.4		Rock Norman	
1944-45	8-8	3-5		Eddis Freeman	11.1		Rock Norman	
1945-46	9-11	5-7		June Pruitt	12.3		Rock Norman	32-70 .314
1946-47	7-13	2-12		June Pruitt	10.4		Banks McFadden	
1947-48	6-17	3-14		Leonard Riddle	11.5		Banks McFadden	
1948-49	10-11	6-9		Doug Haugk	10.9		Banks McFadden	
1949-50	10-10	8-8		Johnny Snee	13.9		Banks McFadden	
1950-51	11-7	9-4		Johnny Snee	17.5		Banks McFadden	
1951-52	17-7	11-4		Johnny Snee	14.7		Banks McFadden	
1952-53	8-10	6-8		John McGraw	13.8	John McGraw 11.1	Banks McFadden	
1953-54	5-18	0-9		Ames Wells	15.2	Charley Gage 11.3	Banks McFadden	
1954-55	2-21	0-14		Bill Yarborough	28.3	Tommy Smith 8.5	Banks McFadden	
1955-56	9-17	1-13		Vince Yockel	20.9	Gene Seay 10.5	Banks McFadden	85-131 .394
1956-57	7-17	3-11		Vince Yockel	19.8	Gene Seay 7.5	Press Maravich	
1957-58	8-16	4-10		Vince Yockel	13.8	George Krajack 6.9	Press Maravich	
1958-59	8-16	5-9		George Krajack	13.0	George Krajack 6.4	Press Maravich	
1959-60	10-16	4-10		Choppy Patterson	16.4	Tommy Mahaffey 7.5	Press Maravich	
1960-61	10-16	5-9		Choppy Patterson	19.0	Tommy Mahaffey 11.3	Press Maravich	
1961-62	12-15	4-10		Jim Brennan	17.1	Donnie Mahaffey 6.8	Press Maravich	55-96 .364
1962-63	12-13	5-9		Jim Brennan	16.6	Donnie Mahaffey 10.7	Bobby Roberts	
1963-64	13-12	8-6		Jim Brennan	18.3	Donnie Mahaffey 8.9	Bobby Roberts	
1964-65	8-15	4-10		Randy Mahaffey	17.3	Randy Mahaffey 9.7	Bobby Roberts	
1965-66	15-10	8-6		Garry Helms	19.2	Randy Mahaffey 10.2	Bobby Roberts	
1966-67	17-8	9-5		Jim Sutherland	18.8	Randy Mahaffey 9.0	Bobby Roberts	
1967-68	4-20	3-11		Butch Zatezalo	23.0	Richie Mahaffey 11.5	Bobby Roberts	
1968-69	6-19	2-12		Butch Zatezalo	25.8	Ronnie Yates 6.4	Bobby Roberts	
1969-70	7-19	2-12		Butch Zatezalo	21.7	Richie Mahaffey 9.1	Bobby Roberts	82-116 .414
1970-71	9-17	3-11		Dave Angel	13.7	Dave Angel 6.9	John Coakley 38	Taylor "Tates" Locke
1971-72	10-16	2-10		Dave Angel	13.9	Dave Angel 9.7	Terrell Suit 40	Taylor "Tates" Locke
1972-73	12-14	4-8		Van Gregg	13.6	Dave Angel 6.7	Ron DiPasquale 42	Taylor "Tates" Locke
1973-74	14-12	3-9		Van Gregg	13.8	Tree Rollins 12.2	Jeff Reisinger 45	Taylor "Tates" Locke
1974-75	17-11	8-4	NIT FIRST ROUND	Skip Wise	18.5	Tree Rollins 11.7	Jo Jo Bethea 81	Taylor "Tates" Locke
1975-76	18-10	5-7		Tree Rollins	13.7	Tree Rollins 11.0	Derrick Johnson 98	Bill Foster
1976-77	22-6	8-4		Stan Rome	15.3	Tree Rollins 12.8	Derrick Johnson 169	Bill Foster
1977-78	15-12	3-9		Stan Rome	12.7	John Campbell 7.2	Derrick Johnson 132	Bill Foster
1978-79	19-10	5-7	NIT SECOND ROUND	Billy Williams	13.2	Larry Nance 7.2	Bobby Conrad 101	Bill Foster
1979-80	23-9	8-6	NCAA REGIONAL FINALS	Billy Williams	17.6	Larry Nance 8.1	Bobby Conrad 157	Bill Foster
1980-81	20-11	6-8	NIT FIRST ROUND	Larry Nance	15.9	Larry Nance 7.6	Chris Dodds 187	Bill Foster
1981-82	14-14	4-10	NIT FIRST ROUND	Vincent Hamilton	15.0	Horace Wyatt 6.7	Mike Eppley 89	Bill Foster
1982-83	11-20	2-12		Raymond Jones	11.5	Raymond Jones 7.1	Marc Campbell 124	Bill Foster
1983-84	14-14	3-11		Murray Jarman	15.0	Murray Jarman 5.5	Marc Campbell 104	Bill Foster
1984-85	16-13	5-9	NIT FIRST ROUND	Vincent Hamilton	15.1	Vincent Hamilton 6.9	Grayson Marshall 192	Cliff Ellis
1985-86	19-15	3-11	NIT QUARTERFINALS	Horace Grant	16.4	Horace Grant 10.5	Grayson Marshall 262	Cliff Ellis
1986-87	25-6	10-4	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Horace Grant	21.0	Horace Grant 9.6	Grayson Marshall 221	Cliff Ellis
1987-88	14-15	4-10	NIT FIRST ROUND	Elden Campbell	18.8	Dale Davis 7.7	Grayson Marshall 182	Cliff Ellis
1988-89	19-11	7-7	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Elden Campbell	17.5	Dale Davis 8.9	Marion Cash 161	Cliff Ellis
1989-90	26-9	10-4	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Elden Campbell	16.4	Dale Davis 11.3	Marion Cash 174	Cliff Ellis
1990-91	11-17	2-12		Dale Davis	17.9	Dale Davis 12.1	David Young 100	Cliff Ellis
1991-92	14-14	4-12		Chris Whitney	13.4	Sharone Wright 8.1	Chris Whitney 161	Cliff Ellis
1992-93	17-13	5-11	NIT SECOND ROUND	Devin Gray	16.7	Sharone Wright 10.5	Chris Whitney 193	Cliff Ellis
1993-94	18-16	6-10	NIT QUARTERFINALS	Sharone Wright	15.4	Sharone Wright 10.6	Lou Richie 182	Cliff Ellis
1994-95	15-13	5-11	NIT FIRST ROUND	Greg Buckner	12.0	Greg Buckner 5.9	Merl Code 111	Rick Barnes
1995-96	18-11	7-9	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Greg Buckner	13.1	Harold Jamison 5.9	Terrell McIntyre 90	Rick Barnes
1996-97	23-10	9-7	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Greg Buckner	15.6	Harold Jamison 5.7	Terrell McIntyre 145	Rick Barnes
1997-98	18-14	7-9	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Greg Buckner	16.3	Harold Jamison 7.3	Terrell McIntyre 154	Rick Barnes
1998-99	20-15	5-11	NIT RUNNER-UP	Terrell McIntyre	17.9	Harold Jamison 9.9	Terrell McIntyre 5.4	Larry Shyatt
1999-2000	10-20	4-12		Will Solomon	20.9	Adam Allenspach 7.1	Will Solomon 3.2	Larry Shyatt
2000-01	12-19	2-14		Will Solomon	19.7	Chris Hobbs 6.3	Edward Scott 4.2	Larry Shyatt
2001-02	13-17	4-12		Jamar McKnight	12.5	Ray Henderson 8.8	Edward Scott 7.9	Larry Shyatt
2002-03	15-13	5-11		Edward Scott	17.7	Sharrod Ford 6.8	Edward Scott 5.8	Larry Shyatt
2003-04	10-18	3-13		Sharrod Ford	11.9	Sharrod Ford 7.1	Vernon Hamilton 3.2	Oliver Purnell
2004-05	16-16	5-11	NIT FIRST ROUND	Sharrod Ford	14.9	Sharrod Ford 8.2	Shawan Robinson 2.9	Oliver Purnell
2005-06	19-13	7-9	NIT SECOND ROUND	Shawan Robinson	12.3	Akin Akingbala 8.2	Cliff Hammonds 3.3	Oliver Purnell
2006-07	25-11	7-9	NIT RUNNER-UP	K.C. Rivers	14.0	T. Booker, J. Mays 6.4	Cliff Hammonds 4.1	Oliver Purnell
2007-08	24-10	10-6	NCAA FIRST ROUND	K.C. Rivers	14.7	Trevor Booker 7.4	Cliff Hammonds 4.0	Oliver Purnell
2008-09	23-9	9-7	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Trevor Booker	15.3	Demontez Stitt 9.7	Demontez Stitt 3.8	Oliver Purnell

Cumulative totals listed when per game averages not available.

❖ Record does not reflect games forfeited or vacated. For adjusted records, see p. 521.

▼ Coach's record adjusted to reflect games forfeited or vacated: 177-128, .580. For yearly totals, see p. 521.