

# Clemson Tigers



Atlantic Coast Conference - Atlantic Division

## Team Overview

National Championships - 3	
 <b>x1</b>	 <b>x2</b>
1981	2016, 2018

Conference Titles	
 <b>x20</b>	
Last Won: 2020	
Past Conf. Titles: 6	

**CLEMSON BIO**

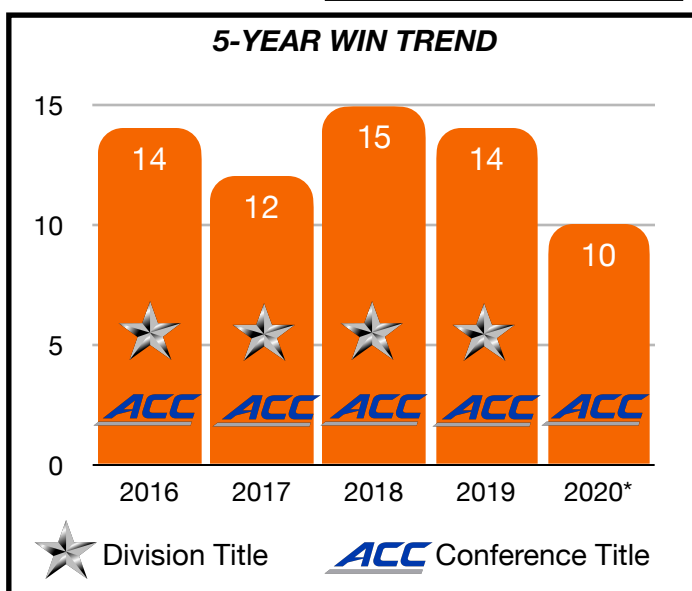
All-Time Record: **768-462-45**

Location: **Clemson, SC**

Official Colors  
**Orange**  
**Regalia**

Coach: **Dabo Swinney**  
(14th Year: 140-33)

2020 Results: **10-2 (8-1 ACC)**  
**ACC Champions**  
Lost to OSU in CFP Semifinal












**Stadium: Memorial Stadium - Capacity: 81,500**





## 2021 Schedule and Past Results

2021 Clemson Schedule		
Week	Date	Team
1	Sat, Sept 4	 vs. Georgia*
2	Sat, Sept 11	 vs. SC State
3	Sat, Sept 18	 vs. Georgia tech
4	Sat, Sept 25	 @ NC State
5	Sun, Oct 2	 vs. Boston C
6	Bye Week	
7	Fri, Oct 15	 @ Syracuse
8	Sat, Oct 23	 @ Pittsburgh
9	Sat, Oct 30	 vs. Florida State
10	Sat, Nov 6	 @ Louisville
11	Sat, Nov 13	 vs. UConn
12	Sat, Nov 20	 vs. Wake Forest
13	Sat, Nov 27	 @ South Carolina

**Conference Games in Bold**

2015 (14-1, 8-0 ACC)	
vs. Wofford	W 49-10
vs. App State	W 41-10
@ Louisville	W 20-17
vs. #6 ND	W 24-22
vs. Georgia Tech	W 43-24
vs. Boston C	W 34-17
@ Miami (FL)	W 58-0
@ NC State	W 56-41
vs. #16 Florida St.	W 23-13
@ Syracuse	W 37-27
vs. Wake Forest	W 33-13
@ S. Carolina	W 37-32
vs. #10 UNC*	W 45-37
vs. #4 Oklahoma*	W 37-17
vs. #2 Alabama*	L 40-45

2017 (12-2, 7-1 ACC)	
vs. Kent State	W 56-3
vs. #13 Auburn	W 14-6
@ #14 Louisville	W 47-21
vs. Boston C	W 34-7
@ #12 Va Tech	W 31-17
vs. Wake Forest	W 28-14
@ Syracuse	L 24-27
vs. Georgia Tech	W 24-10
@ #20 NC State	W 38-31
vs. Florida State	W 31-14
vs. The Citadel	W 61-3
@ #24 S. Carolina	W 34-10
vs. #7 Miami (FL)*	W 38-3
vs. #4 Alabama*	L 6-24

2019 (14-1, 8-0 ACC)	
vs. Georgia Tech	W 52-14
vs. #12 TA&M	W 24-10
@ Syracuse	W 41-6
vs. Charlotte	W 52-10
@ North Carolina	W 21-20
vs. Florida State	W 45-14
@ Louisville	W 45-10
vs. Boston C	W 59-7
vs. Wofford	W 59-14
@ NC State	W 55-10
vs. Wake Forest	W 52-3
@ S. Carolina	W 38-3
vs. #23 Virginia*	W 62-17
vs. #2 Ohio St.*	W 29-23
vs. #1 LSU*	L 25-42

2016 (14-1, 7-1 ACC)	
@ Auburn	W 19-13
vs. Troy	W 30-24
vs. SC State	W 59-0
@ Georgia Tech	W 26-7
vs. #3 Louisville	W 42-36
@ Boston College	W 56-10
vs. NC State	W 24-17
@ #12 Florida St.	W 37-34
vs. Syracuse	W 54-0
vs. Pittsburgh	L 42-43
@ Wake Forest	W 35-13
vs. S. Carolina	W 56-7
vs. #23 Va Tech*	W 42-35
vs. #3 Ohio St.*	W 31-0
vs. #1 Alabama*	W 35-31

2018 (15-0, 8-0 ACC)	
vs. Furman	W 48-7
@ Texas A&M	W 28-26
vs. Georgia So.	W 38-7
@ Georgia Tech	W 49-21
vs. Syracuse	W 27-23
@ Wake Forest	W 63-3
vs. #16 NC State	W 41-7
@ Florida State	W 59-10
vs. Louisville	W 77-16
@ #17 Boston C	W 27-7
vs. Duke	W 35-6
vs. S. Carolina	W 56-35
vs. Pittsburgh*	W 42-10
vs. #3 ND*	W 30-3
vs. #1 Alabama*	W 44-16

2020 (10-2, 8-1 ACC)	
@ Wake Forest	W 37-13
vs. The Citadel	W 49-0
vs. Virginia	W 41-23
vs. #7 Miami (FL)	W 42-17
@ Georgia Tech	W 73-7
vs. Syracuse	W 47-21
vs. Boston C	W 34-28
@ #4 ND	L 40-47
vs. Pittsburgh	W 52-17
@ Virginia Tech	W 45-10
vs. #2 ND*	W 34-10
vs. #3 Ohio St.*	L 28-49

### Key Games

**Sat, Sept 4: vs. Georgia** - The game of the year for Clemson happens in Week 1 from Charlotte. Two teams with playoff or bust mentalities will collide in Clemson and Georgia. A win here for Clemson likely means another undefeated regular season.

**Sat, Sept 25: @ North Carolina State** - This is likely the biggest challenge on the conference schedule. The Tigers will travel to Raleigh where the Wolfpack squad is coming off one of their best ACC finishes in school history.

**Sat, Nov 27: @ South Carolina** - The 2021 schedule is bookended by SEC opponents with the final game against rival South Carolina. The "Palmetto Bowl" was not played last year due to COVID-19, the first interruption in the series in 111 years. Clemson has won the last four matchups by at least 21 points.



## 2020 Team Statistics

Points Scored	Points Allowed	Passing Yards	Rushing Yards	Turnover Margin
<b>43.5</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>348.5</b>	<b>153.8</b>	<b>+8</b>
T-3rd in FBS	18th in FBS	15th in FBS	75th in FBS	T-22nd in FBS

## 2021 Projections

### Key Players

#### #5 - DJ Uiagalelei - Freshman QB



Uiagalelei was thrust into action in 2020 when Trevor Lawrence missed games due to COVID-19. While one of those games was a close loss to Notre Dame, Uiagalelei showed that he is a very capable quarterback and help bridge the gap left by Lawrence's departure to the NFL as the #1 overall pick. He threw for 914 yards, 5 touchdowns, and a 66.7% completion percentage in 2 starts and a few other backup appearances. Uiagalelei is talented and has enough talent around him to lead Clemson to another title and maybe pick up a Heisman trophy along the way.

#### #47 James Skalski - Senior LB

Skalski is the vocal leader of the defense and is taking advantage of the extra year of eligibility to return to a defense that brings nine starters back from a relatively solid defense. The Tigers gave up 96 combined points in their two losses last season, so expect Skalski and company to prevent that from happening again. If Skalski can stay healthy, he will likely return to his 100+ tackle form of 2019.



The 2020 campaign ended in disappointment for Clemson, who found themselves on the wrong end of a 49-28 drubbing against Ohio State in the College Football Playoff. The Tigers have been a part of the College Football Playoff for the last six years and you can expect them to reload for yet another run. The biggest change is obviously at quarterback, where Trevor Lawrence departs after being picked #1 by Jacksonville in the NFL Draft. In steps DJ Uiagalelei to try his best to fill Lawrence's shoes. That's an extremely tall order, but Clemson seems confident that the 6-4 righty is capable to take Clemson all the way. The running game will look different too with the all-time program leader in rushing yards (4,952) Travis Etienne also being drafted. Freshman Will Shipley will most likely be asked to take over the majority of carries for the Tigers.

The return of receiver Justyn Ross will be important, who missed all of 2020 with injury but racked up nearly 2,000 yards between 2018 and 2019. A healthy Ross will help Clemson tremendously but will also likely result in Ross being drafted in the first round next year.

For a team that traditionally loses a lot of talent to the draft, the defense brings back nine starters including Baylon Spector and cornerback Andrew Booth who were both second-team ACC members. DT Bryan Bresee and Nolan Turner earned first-team honors on the defensive end. James Skalski returns to lead the defense, a group that should be motivated given the result of the Ohio State game.

The game of the season happens in week 1 when the Georgia Bulldogs and Clemson Tigers face-off from Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte. Clemson's conference schedule is extremely favorable, where the Tigers face just one team who had a winning record in conference and no Miami or North Carolina on the schedule. Expect another championship run.

**Aaron's Projection: (12-0) 1st in ACC Atlantic**

