

CLEMSON BASKETBALL FINAL NOTES 2008-09

Booker Led ACC in Rebounding and Field Goal Percentage

Clemson 6-7 forward Trevor Booker led the ACC in field goal percentage and rebounding in 2008-09, a rare double in the 56 years of ACC play. He is just the seventh player in ACC history to do so, the first since Tim Duncan of Wake Forest in 1996-97.

Booker finished the year with a .571 field goal percentage and a 9.7 rebounding average. He is the first Tiger to lead the league in field goal percentage since Devin Gray did so in 1993-94 and the first Tiger to lead in rebounding since Harold Jamison in 1998-99.

The ACC field goal percentage and rebound double was first accomplished by Buck Williams of Maryland in 1980-81 when he averaged 11.7 rebounds and shot 64.7 percent from the field. Ralph Sampson did it in 1982-83, his senior year when he was National Player of the Year for Virginia.

Clemson's Horace Grant was the next to lead the ACC in both major categories. In fact that year Grant led the league in scoring and it was the first time and still one of only two occasions that the same player led the league in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage in the same season, the "Triple Crown" of ACC basketball. Duncan did it in 1996-97.

Dale Davis led the ACC in field goal percentage and rebounding in 1988-89 and 1989-90, his sophomore and junior years. The former Clemson center is the only ACC player in history to do it twice. Four of the seven times it has been accomplished by Clemson players.

Booker ranked second in the ACC in blocked shots (1.97) and was 15th in scoring (15.3) this past season. The junior will have 792 career rebounds entering his senior year, most among active ACC players entering the 2009-10 season.

ACC Players who Led ACC in Rebounding and FG%

| Year | Player | School | Reb | FG% |
|---------|---------------|-------------|------|------|
| 1980-81 | Buck Williams | Maryland | 11.7 | .647 |
| 1982-83 | Ralph Sampson | Virginia | 11.7 | .604 |
| 1986-87 | Horace Grant | Clemson | 9.6 | .656 |
| 1988-89 | Dale Davis | Clemson | 8.9 | .670 |
| 1989-90 | Dale Davis | Clemson | 11.3 | .525 |
| 1996-97 | Tim Duncan | Wake Forest | 14.7 | .608 |
| 2008-09 | Trevor Booker | Clemson | 9.7 | .571 |

Clemson Led the ACC in Four Areas

Clemson led the ACC in four different statistical team categories this year. Clemson paced the league in three-point goals per game (8.0), turnovers forced per game (17.2), blocked shots per game (5.84) and steals per game (9.31). It marks the first time Clemson has led the ACC in three-point goals per game, third first time it has led in blocked shots per game since 1989-90 when Dale Davis and Elden Campbell patrolled the paint for the Clemson defense, and the fourth time in the last five years Clemson has led in steals per game.

Clemson also finished the season third in the ACC in three-point goal percentage (.374), third in scoring offense (78.3) and third in scoring margin (+10.3) to go with four in scoring defense (68.0).

From an individual standpoint, Trevor Booker led the ACC in rebounding, defensive rebounding and field goal percentage, was second in blocked shots and third in offensive rebounds per game. Terrence Oglesby was second in the league in three-point percentage and third in three-point goals per game. Demontez Stitt was sixth in the ACC in assists, and assist/turnover ratio, while K.C. Rivers was seventh in three-point goals per game and steals per game. Reserve forward Jerai Grant was eighth in the ACC in blocked shots per game.

Clemson Has Improved Winning Percentage Five Straight Years

Clemson finished the season with a 23-9 record for a .719 winning percentage. This marks the fifth consecutive year that Clemson has improved its winning percentage from the previous year. Clemson Head Coach Oliver Purnell joins former Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins as the only coaches in ACC history to take a program to a better winning percentage in five consecutive years. Cremins did it from 1980-81 through the 1986-87 season.

Clemson Year by Year under Oliver Purnell

| Year | W-L | Pct |
|---------|-------|------|
| 2003-04 | 10-18 | .357 |
| 2004-05 | 16-16 | .500 |
| 2005-06 | 19-13 | .594 |
| 2006-07 | 25-11 | .694 |
| 2007-08 | 24-10 | .706 |
| 2008-09 | 24-9 | .719 |

Team Notes

•Clemson finished the year with 23 wins, tied for the fifth highest total in school history. The .719 winning percentage ranks in a tie for fourth best in school history and the best since the 1989-90 team was 24-8 for a .750 winning percentage.

•The 23 victories gave Clemson at least 20 wins for the third straight year, a first in Clemson history. Clemson has 72 wins over the last three years, third among ACC teams behind North Carolina and Duke.

•Clemson finished the year ranked 24th in the final Associated Press poll and 26th in the USA Today Coaches poll. It marks the second consecutive year Clemson has been ranked in the final AP Top 25 poll, the first time in history Clemson has finished in the top 25 in any poll in consecutive years.

•Clemson was ranked in the AP poll for 14 consecutive weeks and in the USA Today poll for 13 consecutive weeks, the second longest streak of weeks in the top 25 in the same season in Clemson history and most since 1996-97 team was ranked in all 19 polls. Clemson reached a high ranking of #9 in the **USA Today** poll on Feb. 9, the highest ranking for the program since the 1997-98 season.

•Clemson was selected for the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year, joining Duke and North Carolina as the only ACC schools to make the tournament each of the last two years. It is just the third time in Clemson history that Clemson has gone to the NCAAs in consecutive years.

•Clemson won 10 games away from home, including seven on the opponent's home court. The 10 wins away from home were the most since the 1996-97 team won a record 11. The seven road wins were the most since the 1986-87 team won eight on the opponent's home court.

•Clemson had a winning ACC record in regular season play (9-7). Coupled with last year's 10-6 ACC record, this marks the first time since the 1965-66 and 1966-67 seasons that Clemson has had consecutive winning seasons in ACC play.

•Clemson defeated five NCAA tournament teams during the regular season in Duke, Maryland, Boston College, Temple and Illinois. It is the most wins over NCAA Tournament teams in the regular season for the Clemson program since 1997-98. One of the wins was a 29-point victory over Maryland, the largest margin of victory in Clemson history over the Terps, and tied for the largest margin of victory for a Clemson team against an **ACC team** that advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Clemson defeated Florida State in 1997-98 by 29 points.

•Clemson defeated a third-ranked Duke team on Feb. 4 by 27 points, the largest victory margin for the Tigers against the Blue Devils since 1975 and the first regular season win for the Tigers against the Blue Devils since 1997. It was the highest ranked team Clemson has defeated since 2001 when Clemson defeated a number-one ranked North Carolina team. The 27-point victory margin was the largest in Clemson history against a team ranked in the top 25.

•Clemson finished the regular season with a 14-0 record against non-conference teams, one of just eight Division I teams with a perfect non-conference record. The others were Pittsburgh, UCONN, North Carolina, Wake Forest, Minnesota, Illinois State and Stanford.

•Clemson's 10-point win over Boston College in Boston on Feb. 10 was just the third road win over an ACC team that finished the year with a winning record in the last 22 years. Boston College finished the ACC regular season with a 9-7 record and went to the NCAA tournament.

•The Tigers posted a 4-4 ACC road record this year, the most ACC road wins in a season for the Clemson program since 1996-97.

•The Tigers won seven regular season ACC games by double digits, the most **regular season** league wins by 10 points or more in Clemson history.

•Statistically, Clemson finished the year with a +10.3 average margin of victory, third best in school history. Clemson's .688 free throw percentage was the third best for the program in the last 22 years. Clemson's .374 three-point percentage was the fourth best in school history.

Individual Notes

•Clemson's senior class of K.C. Rivers, Raymond Sykes and Jesse Yanutola finished their careers with 91 victories, a Clemson record for a four-year class. The previous record was 84. The class also had a record 33 ACC regular season wins and 12 ACC road wins. The .679 winning percentage is second best in Clemson history behind the seniors of 1979-80.

•Head Coach Oliver Purnell was named the NCAA District III Coach of the Year by the United States Basketball Writers of America and was one of 10 finalists for the Hank Iba Award.

•Trevor Booker led the ACC in field goal percentage and rebounding, the first ACC player to do that since Tim Duncan in 1996-97.

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He is the first ACC underclassman to do it since Dale Davis of Clemson in 1989-90.

•Booker was named second-team All-ACC, first-team All-District and first-team All-ACC Defense this year.

•Booker finishes his junior year with 1,239 points, the fifth highest total in Clemson history for a junior. He is already seventh in school history in career rebounds with 792 and will need just 208 rebounds his senior year to become the third player in Clemson history with at least 1000 rebounds, joining all-time greats Tree Rollins and Dale Davis. Booker is already first in Clemson history in rebounds among players 6-7 or shorter.

•Booker will enter his senior year with a .576 field goal percentage for his career, fifth best in school history. He also stands fifth in career blocked shots with 204.

•K.C. Rivers leaves Clemson as the school's career leader in victories (91), ACC wins (35), three-point goals (281) and tied for first in games played (134). He is third in steals (210), fourth in double figure scoring games (90), fourth in field goals (625), sixth in career scoring (1684), and 11th in rebounding (721). He is first among Clemson players 6-5 and under in rebounding.

•Rivers finished his career with 210 steals and 174 turnovers, just the second player in Clemson history to complete a career with more steals than turnovers (Sean Tyson 1987-91).

•Freshman guard Andre Young finished the year with a 2.87/1 assist/turnover ratio (66/23), the second best assist/turnover ratio in Clemson history.

•Raymond Sykes finished his career with 102 career blocked shots, ninth best in Clemson history. He played in 85 victories, second on the Clemson all-time list.

•Terrence Oglesby made 92 three-point goals in 2008-09, fourth highest single season total in school history. Oglesby enters his junior year sixth in school history in three-point goals with 177.

•Demontez Stitt took 18 charges this year, tied for sixth best in Clemson history and most by any Clemson player since Jerry Pryor had 21 in 1987-88.

Tigers Had Five Wins over NCAA Tournament Teams

Clemson had five wins over teams in the NCAA Tournament this year. The list of wins includes a 27-point win over number-two seed Duke and a 29-point win over number-10 seed Maryland. Clemson defeated Temple on a neutral site in Charleston by a 76-72 score and downed fifth seeded Illinois by a 76-74 at Illinois in December. Clemson had a 5-5 overall regular season record against teams in the NCAA Tournament.

The five wins this year are the most wins over NCAA Tournament teams since the 1997-98 season when Clemson had six wins over tournament teams. Overall, the five wins this year tie for the sixth most in Clemson history.

Clemson Wins over Teams That Played in NCAA tournament

| Year | Teams |
|---------|---|
| 1988-89 | 7, SC State, Middle Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Duke, Georgia Tech |
| 1996-97 | 7, Kentucky, Virginia, Charleston Southern, South Carolina, Duke, Maryland, Virginia |
| 1989-90 | 6, Providence, Virginia (2), Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Duke |
| 1997-98 | 6, Iona, Maryland, South Carolina, SC State, Florida State (2) |
| 1986-87 | 6, NC State (2), Georgia Tech (2), Virginia (2) |
| 1979-80 | 5, North Carolina, Duke, Furman, Maryland, NC State |
| 1995-96 | 5, Duke, Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, Maryland, North Carolina |
| 2008-09 | 5, Temple, Illinois, Maryland, Duke, Boston College |

Clemson Had +10.3 Victory Margin

Clemson had a +10.3 scoring margin this year and that ranks as the third best in Clemson history. Clemson has averaged 78.3 points per game and allowed 68.0 for the +10.3 figure. The Clemson record is +17.7 points per game by the 1976-77 team that was led by Tree Rollins. That Clemson team finished 22-6, but could not go to postseason play due to probation. The 1986-87 team led by Horace Grant is second with a +14.6 scoring margin.

Clemson outscored the opposition by +9.4 points per game last year, tied for the fifth best margin in school history.

Clemson had seven wins by at least double digits in ACC play this year to contribute to the good scoring margin. That included a 27-point win over ACC Champion Duke and a 29-point win over Maryland.

| Top Clemson Scoring Margins Seasons | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------|------|-------|
| Rk | Year | CU | Opp | Mar |
| 1. | 1976-77 | 86.6 | 68.9 | +17.7 |
| 2. | 1986-87 | 86.1 | 71.5 | +14.6 |
| 3. | 2008-09 | 78.3 | 68.0 | +10.3 |
| 4. | 1979-80 | 80.0 | 80.2 | +9.8 |
| 5. | 1989-90 | 79.3 | 69.9 | +9.4 |
| | 2007-08 | 79.2 | 69.8 | +9.4 |
| 7. | 1977-78 | 82.6 | 73.7 | +8.9 |
| 8. | 1980-81 | 75.5 | 66.8 | +8.7 |

Purnell Has Taken Three Schools to NCAA Tournament

Oliver Purnell became the 32nd coach in NCAA history to take three teams to the NCAA tournament when he took the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament in 2008. Two of the other 31 have ties to Clemson. Rick Barnes, now the head coach at Texas, and Cliff Ellis, now the head coach at Coastal Carolina, are on the list. Barnes took Clemson to the NCAA tournament in 1996-97-98 and Ellis took Clemson in 1987, 1989 and 1990.

He now has taken the Tigers to the tournament a second consecutive year. This is also the first time in his career he has taken a team to the NCAA Tournament in back to back years.

Purnell took the 1991-92 Old Dominion team to the tournament as a 15-seed and lost to #2 seed Kentucky, 88-69 in Worcester, MA. He took Dayton to the NCAA tournament twice, in 2000 and 2003.

Clemson Winning Percentage Ranks Fourth

Clemson finished with a .719 winning percentage, tied for fourth in Clemson history. The 1979-80 Clemson team was also 23-9. The record is a .806 by the 1986-87 team that featured ACC Player of the Year Horace Grant, the uncle of current Tiger Jerai Grant. It is interesting to note that three of the top 10 Clemson teams in history in winning percentage have been coached by Oliver Purnell. The 2007-08 team had a .706 percentage and is seventh and he 2006-07 team that had a .694 percentage is ninth.

Clemson Top Winning Percentage Seasons

| Year | W-L | Pct | Head Coach |
|---------|-------|------|----------------|
| 1986-87 | 25-6 | .806 | Cliff Ellis |
| 1976-77 | 22-6 | .786 | Bill Foster |
| 1989-90 | 24-8 | .750 | Cliff Ellis |
| 2008-09 | 23-9 | .719 | Oliver Purnell |
| 1979-80 | 23-9 | .719 | Bill Foster |
| 1951-52 | 17-7 | .708 | Banks McFadden |
| 2007-08 | 24-10 | .706 | Oliver Purnell |
| 1996-97 | 23-10 | .697 | Rick Barnes |
| 2006-07 | 25-11 | .694 | Oliver Purnell |
| 1966-67 | 17-8 | .680 | Bobby Roberts |

Booker Joins 40-40-40 Club

One of the reasons Trevor Booker made second-team All-ACC and was seventh in the overall All-ACC voting was his all-around abilities. In addition to his 15.3 scoring average and 9.7 rebound average, Booker ranks second in the ACC in blocked shots with 63 and has also added 47 steals and 54 assists. His blocks and steals were big reasons he made first-team All-defense in the ACC voting.

Booker became just the second player in Clemson history to accumulate 40 assists, 40 blocks and 40 steals in the same season. The only other Tiger to do it was Elden Campbell in 1989-90 and it took Campbell 34 games to get there. Booker got it done in 32 games this year. Campbell finished the 1989-90 season, his senior year with 44 assists, 97 blocks and 54 steals.

Booker Named to Second-Team All-ACC & ACC's All-Defensive Team

Clemson forward Trevor Booker was named a second-team All-ACC by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association (ACSMA). It marks the first All-ACC honor in Booker's career, although he was a first-team All-Tournament selection last season. Senior captain K.C. Rivers earned honorable mention honors after he was a second-team selection as a junior.

Booker led the Tigers in scoring at 15.3 points per game, and in league scoring at 15.0 points per game. He led the ACC in field goal percentage and rebound.

He also led the league in defensive rebounds per game and was third in offensive rebounding. Booker averaged a double-double in ACC play, the only player in the league to accomplish the feat. Booker, a native of Whitmire, SC, tied with Toney Douglas as the leading vote-getter for the All-Defensive Team. He is the ACC's active leader with 204 blocked

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shots and is second in league history in total blocks among players 6'7" or shorter.

Booker led the team with 63 blocked shots and was third on the squad with 47 steals. He was one of only three players in the ACC with at least 40 blocks and 40 steals in the regular season. He is the first Clemson player named to the ACSMA All-Defensive Team since Vernon Hamilton in 2006.

Booker was also named first-team All-District III by the USBWA and was named to Barry Jacobs All-Defensive team, a team picked by the ACC Coaches. This marks the second straight year Clemson has had a second-team all-conference choice. Last year, K.C. Rivers was second-team and Cliff Hammonds was named to the third-team. Booker is also the fourth player under Head Coach Oliver Purnell to be named to an All-ACC team. Sharrod Ford was a third-team selection in 2005.

Rivers ranked second on the team in scoring this season at 14.2 points per game, including an average of 14.4 per game in the ACC regular season. Clemson's career leader in three-point shooting ranked first on the team with a 39.2 percent accuracy from the outside, including a 47-percent mark in ACC games. Rivers also ranked second on the team with 6.0 rebounds per game and was seventh in the league with 1.7 steals per game.

Booker Had Eight Double-Doubles in ACC

Trevor Booker had 13 double-doubles this year, eight in ACC play and five in non-conference play, including the NCAA Tournament game against Michigan. Booker was the only ACC player to average a double-double in league play with 15.0 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. Overall he averaged 15.3 points and 9.7 rebounds per contest.

A look to the ACC stats shows that Booker's eight double-doubles in league games ranked first in the conference, one more than Tyler Hansbrough of North Carolina. Booker's 13 overall double-doubles ranked second to Gani Lawal of Georgia Tech, who has 15 this year, but just five in league games. Booker's 22 career double double will be first among active ACC players in 2009-10.

Booker Reaches Top 10 in Career Double-Doubles

Trevor Booker finished his junior year with 13 double-doubles this year and now has 22 for his Clemson career. He moved into a tie with Sharrod Ford for ninth place on the all-time Clemson list when he had 18 points and 11 rebounds against Michigan in the NCAA Tournament.

He moved ahead of Larry Nance on the list when he had 18 points and 10 rebounds at Wake Forest in the regular season finale. Nance had 20 between 1977-81 before going on to an NBA All-Star career.

Tree Rollins has the all-time record with 61, while Dale Davis had 52.

Clemson Career Leaders in Double-Doubles

| Rk | Name | Years | GP | DD |
|-----|----------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. | Tree Rollins | 1973-77 | 110 | 61 |
| 2. | Dale Davis | 1987-91 | 121 | 52 |
| 3. | Sharone Wright | 1991-94 | 92 | 41 |
| 4. | Horace Grant | 1983-87 | 122 | 36 |
| 5. | Randy Mahaffey | 1964-67 | 73 | 30 |
| 6. | Tom Mahaffey | 1959-62 | 76 | 27 |
| 7. | Richie Mahaffey | 1966-69 | 75 | 26 |
| 8. | Elden Campbell | 1986-90 | 123 | 24 |
| 9. | Sharrod Ford | 2001-05 | 118 | 22 |
| | Trevor Booker | 2006-09 | 102 | 22 |
| 11. | Larry Nance | 1977-81 | 117 | 20 |

Purnell Finalist for Henry Iba Award

Clemson basketball coach Oliver Purnell was one of 10 finalists for the 2009 Henry Iba Award. The honor is presented each year to the National Coach of the Year by the United States Basketball Writers Association. He was also named the District Coach of the Year by the USBWA.

Purnell was the only ACC coach on the list. There were three Big 12 coaches on the list, including Mike Anderson of Missouri, Bill Self of Kansas and Jeff Capel of Oklahoma. The other coaches on the list were Stew Morrill of Utah State, John Calipari of Memphis, Brad Stevens of Butler, Mike Montgomery of California and Jamie Dixon of Pittsburgh.

Rivers Among Clemson's All-Time Greats

Clemson senior K.C. Rivers finished his career as one of Clemson's greatest players in history. He played in 91 Clemson victories over the last four years, more wins than any other player in school history.

The native of Charlotte ranks in the top 10 in school history in scoring, double figure scoring games, minutes played, games played, field

goals, three-point goals, and steals. He has the school record for three-point goals in a career with 281.

K.C. Rivers Ranking in Career Categories at Clemson

| Category | Figure | Rank | Record |
|------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Wins | 91 | 1 st | 91 |
| ACC Wins | 35 | 1 st | 35 |
| Three-point goals | 281 | 1 st | 281 |
| Three-point Goals/Game | 2.10 | 6 th | 2.88 |
| Three-point Percent | .385 | 7 th | .515 |
| Steals | 210 | 3 rd | 271 |
| Steals/Game | 1.58 | 6 th | 2.13 |
| Scoring | 1684 | 6 th | 1880 |
| Double Figure Games | 90 | 4 th | 97 |
| Field Goals | 625 | 8 th | 754 |
| Games played | 134 | 1 st | 134 |
| Minutes | 3873 | 7 th | 4285 |
| Rebounds | 721 | 11 th | 1311 |

Career Leaders in Points Scored

| Rk | Player | Years | GP | Avg | Points |
|-----|--------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | Elden Campbell | 1986-90 | 123 | 15.3 | 1880 |
| 2. | Terrell McIntyre | 1995-99 | 126 | 14.6 | 1839 |
| 3. | Butch Zatezalo | 1967-70 | 75 | 23.5 | 1761 |
| 4. | Greg Buckner | 1994-98 | 122 | 14.4 | 1754 |
| 5. | Horace Grant | 1983-87 | 122 | 13.9 | 1696 |
| 6. | K.C. Rivers | 2005-Pr | 134 | 12.6 | 1684 |
| 7. | Dale Davis | 1987-91 | 121 | 13.6 | 1650 |
| 8. | Bill Yarborough | 1952-57 | 85 | 18.5 | 1553 |
| 9. | Vincent Hamilton | 1980-85 | 116 | 13.2 | 1530 |
| 10. | Cliff Hammonds | 2004-08 | 134 | 10.9 | 1465 |

Career Leaders in Three-Point Goals

| Rk | Player | Years | GP | Att | Goals |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1. | K.C. Rivers | 2005-Pr | 134 | 729 | 281 |
| 2. | Terrell McIntyre | 1995-99 | 126 | 696 | 259 |
| 3. | Cliff Hammonds | 2004-08 | 134 | 697 | 244 |
| 4. | Will Solomon | 1998-01 | 94 | 585 | 214 |
| 5. | Shawan Robinson | 2002-06 | 120 | 538 | 203 |
| 6. | Terrence Oglesby | 2007-Pr | 66 | 448 | 177 |
| 7. | Chris Whitney | 1991-93 | 58 | 404 | 167 |
| 8. | Tony Stockman | 2000-02 | 59 | 416 | 155 |
| 9. | Andrius Jurkunas | 1995-00 | 115 | 414 | 146 |
| 10. | David Young | 1988-92 | 97 | 402 | 138 |

Career Leaders in Steals

| Rk | Player | Years | GP | SPG | Steals |
|----|--------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. | Vernon Hamilton | 2003-07 | 127 | 2.13 | 271 |
| 2. | Cliff Hammonds | 2004-08 | 134 | 1.68 | 225 |
| 3. | K.C. Rivers | 2005-Pr | 134 | 1.58 | 210 |
| 4. | Terrell McIntyre | 1995-99 | 126 | 1.54 | 194 |
| 5. | Grayson Marshall | 1984-88 | 122 | 1.55 | 189 |
| 6. | Derrick Johnson | 1975-79 | 111 | 1.69 | 188 |

Clemson Seniors First in Total Wins

Clemson's 2009 senior class of K.C. Rivers, Raymond Sykes and Jesse Yanutola had a record of 91-43, the winningest senior class in school history based on total victories. The previous record was 84 wins set by the seniors of 1989-90 and last year's seniors led by Cliff Hammonds.

From a winning percentage basis, this group of seniors won 67.91 percent of its games, and that is second best. The 1979-80 seniors, led by All-ACC guard Billy Williams and academic All-American Bobby Conrad, had a 79-37 overall record for a 68.1 percent mark and that is the existing record among classes.

Of the 91 overall victories, 33 came in ACC regular season play. That includes at least seven league wins for four consecutive seasons. The record for regular season play was 31 ACC regular season wins in a four-year period by the seniors of 1990.

This group of seniors set the record for ACC road wins as well. This group had 12 ACC road wins over the last four years to break the previous record of 10 set by the 2007-08 seniors.

Here are some significant accomplishments for this senior class:

- First in history in total wins with 91
- First in school history in ACC road wins with 12, a record that was set with the win at Boston College on Feb. 10, 2009.

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- First ACC regular season wins with 33.
- Set school record for wins over ACC teams in a four-year period (includes ACC Tournament) with 35. The seniors of 1989-90 had 32.
- First class to get to ACC Tournament championship game in 46 years (2008).
- Tied school record for wins in a season with 25 in 2006-07 as sophomores
- First class to win at least 20 games three years in a row.
- First Clemson class to win at least seven ACC games four years in a row.
- Took Clemson to NIT championship game in 2007.
- Had a perfect 4-0 record against state rival South Carolina.
- Had a perfect 4-0 record in the ACC vs. Big Ten Challenge

Clemson's Winningest Senior Classes

| Rk | Year | Coach/Coaches | Pct | W-L |
|----|---------|----------------|------|-------|
| 1. | 2008-09 | Oliver Purnell | .684 | 91-43 |
| 2. | 1989-90 | Cliff Ellis | .672 | 84-41 |
| | 2007-08 | Oliver Purnell | .627 | 84-50 |
| 4. | 1979-80 | Bill Foster | .681 | 79-37 |
| 5. | 1998-99 | Barnes/Shyatt | .612 | 79-50 |
| 6. | 1980-81 | Bill Foster | .647 | 77-42 |
| 7. | 1988-89 | Cliff Ellis | .621 | 77-47 |
| 8. | 1981-82 | Bill Foster | .633 | 76-44 |

Tigers Ranked in Top 20 in Four Categories

Clemson finished in the top 20 in the nation in four different team categories and had two players ranked in the top 50 in five different areas this season. Clemson ranked in the top 10 in the nation in both blocked shots and steals, the only school in the nation that could make that claim. Clemson finished 17th in the nation in scoring with 78.3 points per game and 16th in scoring margin at +10.3 points per game.

Trevor Booker finished in the top 50 in the nation in rebounding (22nd with 9.7), 28th in field goal percentage (.571) and 49th in blocked shots per game (1.97). Terrence Oglesby finished 39th in three-point goals per game at 2.88 and is 46th in three-point goal percentage at .388.

Clemson in the NCAA Stats

| Category | Figure | Rank |
|---------------|--------|------------------|
| Scoring | 78.3 | 17th |
| Score Margin | +10.3 | 16th |
| Blocked Shots | 5.8 | 10 th |
| Steals | 9.3 | 7 th |

Individuals

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|------------------|----------------|------|------|
| Terrence Oglesby | 3Pt Goals/G | 2.88 | 39th |
| | 3Pt Percentage | .388 | 46th |
| Trevor Booker | Field Goal % | .571 | 28th |
| | Rebounds/G | 9.7 | 22nd |
| | Blocked Shots | 1.97 | 49th |

Clemson Free Throw shooting Best in Eight Years

Clemson shot .688 from the foul line this year, including .699 in ACC play. The .688 accuracy is the best for the program since the 2000-01 team shot .702 from the line. That is the only season in the last 22 that Clemson has shot at least 70 percent from the foul line.

Clemson shot .623 from the foul line last year so the Tigers were much improved from the stripe over last year. It is 11 percent better than the .578 free throw shooting percentage of 2006-07. That was the worst single season figure in ACC history.

Clemson's Top Free Throw Shooting Seasons in last 22 Years

| Year | FT-FTA | Pct |
|---------|---------|------|
| 2000-01 | 456-658 | .702 |
| 1994-95 | 293-421 | .696 |
| 2008-09 | 427-621 | .688 |
| 1996-97 | 543-799 | .680 |
| 1999-00 | 384-572 | .671 |
| 1992-93 | 432-649 | .666 |

Clemson Had 10 Wins Away from Home

Clemson had 10 wins away from home this year, a 7-4 record on the opponent's home court and a 3-2 record at neutral sites. That is the most wins away from home for the program since the 1996-97 team under Rick Barnes, had 11 wins away from home. This year's team is the seventh to record 10 wins away from home.

As far as road wins are concerned, the seven recorded on the

opponent's home court was the most by a Clemson team since 1986-87 when the Tigers were 8-2 in road games. The record is nine set in 1935-36 when the Tigers were 9-4 on the road.

Clemson Record Most Wins Away from Home in a Season

| Year | Away | Neut | Total |
|---------|------|------|-------|
| 1996-97 | 6-4 | 5-3 | 11-7 |
| 2008-09 | 7-4 | 3-2 | 10-6 |
| 1986-87 | 8-2 | 2-2 | 10-4 |
| 1975-76 | 7-4 | 3-1 | 10-5 |
| 1966-67 | 7-5 | 3-1 | 10-6 |
| 1938-39 | 6-7 | 4-0 | 10-7 |
| 1989-90 | 6-5 | 4-3 | 10-8 |
| 2007-08 | 6-5 | 4-3 | 10-8 |

Clemson Record Most Road Wins in a Season

| Year | Road |
|---------|------|
| 1935-46 | 9-4 |
| 1951-52 | 8-5 |
| 1986-87 | 8-2 |
| 2008-09 | 7-4 |
| 1934-35 | 7-1 |

Clemson's Winning/Break Even ACC Road Seasons

| Year | W-L |
|---------|-----|
| 1963-64 | 3-3 |
| 1976-77 | 4-2 |
| 1986-87 | 5-2 |
| 1996-97 | 4-4 |
| 2008-09 | 4-4 |

Seven Tigers Recorded Three-point Goal at Virginia Tech

Clemson made 14-25 three-point goals in the win at Virginia Tech on January 29, the most made three-point goals in a game by the Tigers this year and tied for the seventh most three point goals in a game in school history. It tied for the fourth most in an ACC game in school history. The school record for any game is 16 against Puerto Rico Mayaguez on December 19, 2006 and at Virginia last year, a game played on February 7, 2008.

What was even more unusual about the performance at Virginia Tech was the fact that seven different Clemson players made at least one three-point goal. It was the first time Clemson had done that since that game against Puerto Rico Mayaguez two seasons back.

It was just the fourth time in school history that Clemson had seven different players make a three-point goal in a game. The record is eight different Tigers making a three. That happened at Virginia on January 22, 1983 when eight different Tigers had a three in a 105-87 loss to a Ralph Sampson led Virginia team. That game was played with the 17-9 three-point goal line, three feet closer than it is today.

It also happened against Duke in January of 1995 when seven different Tigers combined to shoot 10-15 on three-point goals in a 75-70 win at Duke. That is the last time Clemson won in Cameron Indoor Stadium. It was also Rick Barnes's first ACC game as Clemson Head Coach.

Most Different Players Making a 3-Point Goal

| Date | Site | Opponent | Dist | Cu-Opp | 3g-A | Players |
|----------|------|---------------|------|--------|-------|---------|
| 1-22-83 | A | Virginia | 17-9 | 87-105 | 15-23 | 8 |
| 1-29-09 | A | Virginia Tech | 20-9 | 86-82 | 14-25 | 7 |
| 1-4-95 | A | Duke | 19-9 | 75-70 | 10-15 | 7 |
| 12-19-06 | A | PR-Mayaguez | 19-9 | 101-60 | 16-28 | 7 |

Rivers Has More Steals Than Turnovers for Career

Clemson senior K.C. Rivers is known for his efficiency in many areas of the game. One of the statistical indicators deals with his ability to steal the ball on defense and not turn the ball over on offense. For his career, Rivers had 210 steals and just 174 turnovers. Rivers tied the Clemson single game record for steals in the win over Duke when he had seven.

This is a rare accomplishment in Clemson history. Since turnover and steal statistics have been kept (1973-74), Rivers is one of just two Clemson players with more steals than turnovers (min. 15 games played) for a career. The only other Tiger to do it is Sean Tyson, who had 104 steals and 97 turnovers between 1987-91.

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Booker Moves into Top 10 in Rebounding

Clemson junior Trevor Booker has moved into the top 10 in Clemson history in rebounding. Booker has 792 career rebounds, including 311 in 2008-09 to rank seventh in school history. He averaged 9.7 rebounds per game this past year, best in the ACC, and has a 7.8 average for his career. Booker has started 102 consecutive games, 72 of which have ended in Clemson victories.

Booker moved ahead of all four Mahaffey Brothers on the Clemson career list and Larry Nance, a player who went on to an NBA All-Star career, at the end of his junior year.

Other than Booker, each of the top eight rebounders in Clemson history played in the NBA. The career leader is Tree Rollins at 1311, while Dale Davis had 1216. It will be difficult for Booker to catch either of those Clemson greats, but he will have a chance to get to 1000 rebounds during his senior year. Rollins and Davis are the only Clemson basketball players with 1000 career rebounds.

K.C. Rivers finished with 721 rebounds during his career, 11th best in Clemson history, but the most among players 6-5 or shorter. Booker is Clemson's career leader among players 6-7 or shorter.

Clemson Career Rebound Leaders

| Rk | Name | Hgt | Years | GP | Avg | Reb |
|-----|----------------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1. | Tree Rollins | 7-1 | 1973-77 | 110 | 11.9 | 1311 |
| 2. | Dale Davis | 6-11 | 1987-91 | 121 | 10.0 | 1216 |
| 3. | Horace Grant | 6-10 | 1983-87 | 122 | 8.0 | 981 |
| 4. | Harold Jamison | 6-8 | 1995-99 | 129 | 7.3 | 937 |
| 5. | Sharone Wright | 6-11 | 1991-94 | 92 | 9.8 | 903 |
| 6. | Elden Campbell | 6-11 | 1986-90 | 123 | 6.8 | 838 |
| 7. | Trevor Booker | 6-7 | 2006-09 | 102 | 7.8 | 792 |
| 8. | Larry Nance | 6-10 | 1977-81 | 117 | 6.7 | 784 |
| 9. | Sharrod Ford | 6-9 | 2001-05 | 118 | 6.5 | 762 |
| 10. | Tom Wideman | 6-9 | 1995-99 | 129 | 5.6 | 723 |
| 11. | K.C. Rivers | 6-5 | 2005-09 | 134 | 5.4 | 721 |
| 12. | Richie Mahaffey | 6-7 | 1966-70 | 75 | 9.4 | 707 |
| 13. | Randy Mahaffey | 6-7 | 1965-67 | 73 | 9.7 | 706 |

Booker #2 Ranked ACC Shot Blocker 6-7 and under

Clemson junior forward Trevor Booker has 204 career blocked shots. What is impressive is the fact that Booker is just 6-7 in height and is just the second ACC player 6-7 or shorter in history with 200 blocked shots. The only other player in league history listed at 6-7 with 200 or more blocked shots is Derrick Lewis, who played at Maryland from 1985-88. Lewis, who was listed at 6-7, had 339 blocks in 127 games.

Purnell Has 11 20-Win Season

Clemson Head Coach Oliver Purnell clinched his 11th career 20-win season with a 10 point win at Boston College on Feb. 10. It was the third straight year Clemson gained its 20th victory, a first in school history.

Purnell now has 11 career 20-win seasons, five at Dayton, three at Clemson, two at Old Dominion and one at Radford. He is one of seven active Division I coaches to take at least four different schools to a 20-win season. The others are Gary Williams of Maryland, Rick Barnes of Texas, Lon Kruger of UNLV, Tom Penders of Houston, Rick Pitino of Louisville, Bill Self of Kansas.

Oliver Purnell 20-Win Seasons

| Year | School | W-L | Pct | Post |
|---------|--------------|-------|------|------|
| 1990-91 | Radford | 22-7 | .759 | |
| 1992-93 | Old Dominion | 21-8 | .724 | NIT |
| 1993-94 | Old Dominion | 21-10 | .677 | NIT |
| 1997-98 | Dayton | 21-12 | .636 | NIT |
| 1999-00 | Dayton | 22-9 | .710 | NCAA |
| 2000-01 | Dayton | 21-13 | .617 | NIT |
| 2001-02 | Dayton | 21-11 | .656 | NIT |
| 2002-03 | Dayton | 24-6 | .800 | NCAA |
| 2006-07 | Clemson | 25-11 | .694 | NIT |
| 2007-08 | Clemson | 24-10 | .706 | NCAA |
| 2008-09 | Clemson | 23-9 | .719 | NCAA |

Note: Took Old Dominion to NCAA Tournament in 1991-92 without 20 wins.

Clemson Among Top 15 Home Venues

Clemson's Littlejohn Coliseum was ranked second in the nation in voting for the "Toughest Places to Play" in college basketball by EA Sports in March. The video games company is working on a special game for NCAA Basketball '09. Producers of the videogame franchise were at Clemson for the Maryland game.

The final 15 schools ranked were Clemson, Syracuse, Duke,

Arkansas, UCLA, North Carolina, Kansas, Florida, Pittsburgh, Illinois, Louisville, Maryland, Tennessee, Texas and Xavier.

Clemson Had Winning ACC Regular Season

Clemson finished 2008-09 with a 9-7 ACC record, a second consecutive winning season in league play. This was just the 11th winning season in 56 ACC seasons for the Clemson program. That includes last year when Clemson was 10-6. Clemson now has a second straight winning ACC regular season.

This is just the second time in history Clemson has had a winning record in ACC play in consecutive years, the first time in 42 years. In 1965-66 and 1966-67 Clemson had back to back winning ACC seasons. The Tigers were 8-6 in 1965-66 and 9-5 in 1966-67.

Clemson's ACC Seasons Winning Record

| Year | Head Coach | Overall | ACC |
|---------|----------------|---------|------|
| 1963-64 | Bobby Roberts | 13-12 | 8-6 |
| 1965-66 | Bobby Roberts | 15-10 | 8-6 |
| 1966-67 | Bobby Roberts | 17-8 | 9-5 |
| 1974-75 | Tates Locke | 17-11 | 8-4 |
| 1976-77 | Bill Foster | 22-6 | 8-4 |
| 1979-80 | Bill Foster | 23-9 | 8-6 |
| 1986-87 | Cliff Ellis | 25-6 | 10-4 |
| 1989-90 | Cliff Ellis | 24-8 | 10-4 |
| 1996-97 | Rick Barnes | 23-10 | 9-7 |
| 2007-08 | Oliver Purnell | 24-10 | 10-6 |
| 2008-09 | Oliver Purnell | 23-9 | 9-7 |

Tigers Had Seven ACC Wins by Double Digits

Clemson had nine ACC wins in 2008-09, including seven by double digits. Clemson had wins by 19 over Miami, 12 over NC State, 14 over Georgia Tech, 27 over Duke, by 10 over Boston College, by 29 against Maryland and by 18 against Virginia. Clemson has 10 ACC wins by 27 points or more in history and two of the 10 took place in 2008-09 and four of the 10 took place over the last two years.

The win over Virginia in March set the Clemson record for double digit ACC wins in a regular season with seven. The previous high was last year in a regular season. That means, Oliver Purnell's Tigers have 13 ACC wins by 10 points or more over the last two regular seasons.

Largest Margin of Victory vs. ACC Teams

| Date | Opponent | Score | Mar |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| 2-15-1975 | Duke-H | 100-66 | +34 |
| 3-14-2008 | Boston College (N) | 82-48 | +34 |
| 2-14-1999 | Florida State-H | 78-45 | +33 |
| 2-7-2008 | at Virginia | 82-51 | +31 |
| 2-15-1998 | at Florida State | 78-49 | +29 |
| 2-17-2009 | Maryland-H | 93-64 | +29 |
| 2-15-1999 | Georgia Tech-H | 92-64 | +28 |
| 1-8-1965 | Virginia-H | 99-72 | +27 |
| 2-4-2009 | Duke-H | 74-47 | +27 |
| 1-6-1986 | Wake Forest | 91-64 | +27 |

Purnell Ties Clemson Coach Record

Clemson head coach Oliver Purnell did not win a single road game his first year at Clemson, an 0-10 ledger that included road losses at eight ACC schools, plus losses at Purdue and Cincinnati, a pair of top 20 teams.

Purnell has certainly turned the Tigers around when it comes to road games in recent years. That includes ACC play. Clemson had a 4-4 record on the road in ACC play in 2008-09, the most ACC road wins in a year since Clemson was 4-4 in 1996-97.

Oliver Purnell now has 14 ACC road wins in his six years, tying the school coaching record in this category. Purnell is the first Clemson coach in history to win at least three ACC road games in three consecutive years. Between 1998-99 and 2003-04 Clemson was 3-45 in ACC Road games so the improvement has been significant.

With the win at Georgia Tech in February, Purnell tied the career record for ACC road wins with 14. That is quite an accomplishment because the coaches who hold the record all coached at least eight years. Purnell is still in his sixth year at Clemson. Bill Foster was 14-46 on the road in the ACC from 1976-84, Cliff Ellis was 14-59 from 1985-94 and Bobby Roberts was 14-50 from 1963-70 and that is the existing career record for ACC road wins.

Purnell also has the Clemson career coaching record for winning percentage in ACC road games. He is 14-34 overall, including 10-14 over the last three years. That .292 winning percentage is best in school his-

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tory, ahead of the .281 (9-23) recorded by Rick Barnes for his four years of ACC road games at Clemson (1994-98).

Clemson Downs #3 Duke, 74-47 February 4, 2009 at Clemson, SC

Trevor Booker scored 21 points on 8-10 field goal shooting and Terrence Oglesby added 17, including five three point goals to lead Clemson to a 74-47 victory over Duke on February 4, 2009. Both teams were ranked in the top 10 in the nation entering the game, just the sixth matchup of top 10 teams in Littlejohn Coliseum history.

Clemson's defense held Duke to season lows 47 points and 31 percent field goal shooting (finished second), including 23 percent on three-point shots. It was the fewest points scored by Duke since Feb. 4, 1995 (14 years to the day) when they scored just 44 in a 51-44 Clemson victory at Clemson. It was the fewest points scored by Duke under Mike Krzyzewski since they scored just 47 in a 47-46 win over Georgia Tech on Feb. 3, 1982. (Krzyzewski did not coach Duke in that 1995 game at Clemson due to a back ailment.)

Clemson's 27 point victory margin was the largest for a Duke opponent since UNLV defeated Duke 103-73 in the 1990 National Championship game. It was Duke's largest margin of defeat against an ACC team since a 31-point loss at Wake Forest on January 18, 1984.

Clemson won the rebounding 41-30 and the 11-rebound margin in Clemson's favor was the best against Duke all year. Clemson also won the rebound margin and the turnover margin, as the Tigers forced 16 turnovers and committed just 12. The Tigers had 12 steals, including a record tying seven by KC Rivers.

Trevor Booker had five offensive rebounds among his eight total and added three blocks and a steal in 29 minutes. K.C. Rivers shot just 4-12 and didn't make a three-point goal, but had 11 points, seven rebounds, four assists and seven steals. Clemson got eight points off the bench from David Potter and Jerai Grant, who also had four rebounds and two blocks.

Duke took a 6-5 lead with 17:12 left in the first half on a diving layup by Henderson. That was Duke's last lead of the game. The two teams were tied at 11 and 13 before Clemson went on an 8-2 run to take a 21-15 lead at the 8:44 mark of the first half. A 7-0 run to close the first half gave the Tigers a 33-21 margin at intermission. Duke did not score the last 5:06 of the first half. Clemson then scored the first seven points of the second half to make it a 14-0 run over the two halves and led 38-21 with 18:37 left after a three-point play by K.C. Rivers.

Clemson held a double digit lead the rest of the game. Clemson got the margin to 20 for the first time at 48-28 with 14:23 left on a dunk by Jerai Grant after a Rivers steal and Demontez Stitt assist. The lead got 23 points at 10:48 left on two free throws by David Potter. Clemson led by at least 20 points over the last 8:39 of the game. The largest margin was 29 points at 74-45 with 54 seconds left. The final 27 point margin was the largest for Clemson over Duke since 1975 when Clemson won 100-66.

Clemson Registered 27-Point win over Ranked Team

Clemson's 27-point victory over third ranked Duke was the largest victory margin in school history over a ranked team. The previous record was 22 points, in a 92-70 win over a fourth ranked NC State team led by David Thompson in 1974-75 and a 22-point win over a 13th ranked Maryland team in 1976-77, Tree Rollins' senior year at Clemson.

Duke went on to win the ACC Tournament, giving Clemson its first win over the ACC Champion since 1995-96.

Clemson's Largest Victory Margins over Ranked Teams

| Date | Opponent | Opp Rk | Site | CU-Opp | Mar |
|---------|----------------|--------|------|--------|-----|
| 2-4-09 | Duke | 3-3 | H | 74-47 | +27 |
| 2-22-75 | NC State | 4-4 | H | 92-70 | +22 |
| 1-19-77 | Maryland | 13-18 | H | 93-71 | +22 |
| 1-13-98 | Florida State | 17-16 | H | 85-65 | +21 |
| 2-21-79 | Duke | 6-7 | H | 70-49 | +21 |
| 1-29-77 | North Carolina | 19-NR | H | 93-73 | +20 |
| 1-19-80 | Virginia | 12-15 | H | 88-68 | +20 |

Tigers Have Three Straight 20-Win Seasons

The comeback victory at Boston College on Feb. 10 gave Clemson its third straight 20-win season, a first in the program's history. Clemson had a 25-11 record in 2006-07, a 24-10 record last year and a 23-8 mark so far this season.

This was Clemson's 10th 20-win seasons in its history, all since the 1976-77 season. That year Clemson finished 22-6 behind senior Tree Rollins. The Clemson record for wins in a season is 25, set in 2006-07 and by the 1986-87 team that was led by Horace Grant. That club under Head

Coach Cliff Ellis, was 25-6.

Purnell has now tied Bill Foster for the most career 20-win seasons by a Clemson head coach with three.

Clemson had 23 regular season wins, most for the program since 1989-90 when it also had 23. That Clemson team finished with 26 wins on the court, but two of the wins were taken away due to NCAA probation. The record for overall season wins and regular season wins is 25 set by the 1986-87 season.

Clemson's 20-win Seasons Chronological Order

| Year | Head Coach | Post Season | W-L |
|---------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| 1976-77 | Bill Foster | None | 22-6 |
| 1979-80 | Bill Foster | NCAA (8) | 23-9 |
| 1980-81 | Bill Foster | NIT | 20-11 |
| 1986-87 | Cliff Ellis | NCAA (64) | 25-6 |
| 1989-90 | Cliff Ellis | NCAA (16) | 24-8 |
| 1996-97 | Rick Barnes | NCAA (16) | 23-10 |
| 1998-99 | Larry Shyatt | NIT Finals | 20-15 |
| 2006-07 | Oliver Purnell | NIT Finals | 25-11 |
| 2007-08 | Oliver Purnell | NCAA (64) | 24-10 |
| 2008-09 | Oliver Purnell | NCAA (64) | 23-9 |

Clemson's Winningest Seasons

| Year | Head Coach | Post Season | W-L |
|---------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| 2006-07 | Oliver Purnell | NIT Finals | 25-11 |
| 1986-87 | Cliff Ellis | NCAA (64) | 25-6 |
| 1989-90 | Cliff Ellis | NCAA (16) | 24-8 |
| 2007-08 | Oliver Purnell | NCAA (64) | 24-10 |
| 2008-09 | Oliver Purnell | NCAA (64) | 23-9 |
| 1979-80 | Bill Foster | NCAA (8) | 23-9 |
| 1996-97 | Rick Barnes | NCAA (16) | 23-10 |
| 1976-77 | Bill Foster | None | 22-6 |
| 1980-81 | Bill Foster | NIT | 20-11 |
| 1998-99 | Larry Shyatt | NIT Finals | 20-15 |

Purnell Second Winningest Clemson Coach on Percentage Basis

Clemson head coach Oliver Purnell has moved into second place in Clemson history in career winning percentage. Purnell has a record of 117-77 for a .603 winning percentage. Former Clemson coach Rick Barnes, who had a 74-48 mark for a .607 winning percentage is first.

Purnell has a 45-61 record against ACC teams (includes ACC Tournament games) over his first six years at Clemson, including a 9-7 record this year. That .425 winning percentage is second to Rick Barnes, who had 30-40 record (.429) against ACC teams in his career with the Tigers between 1994-98.

Purnell and the Tigers had a 7-4 record on the road, including wins over Illinois, South Carolina, Virginia Tech, Charlotte, Miami, Boston College and Georgia Tech. He now has a 26-40 record on the road as Clemson coach for a .393 winning percentage. This is second best in Clemson history behind the .469 percentage recorded by Joe Davis, who coached the Tigers from 1932-40.

Clemson Coaching Winning Percentage Bests

| Rk | Player | Years | Yrs | W-L | Pct |
|----|----------------|----------|-----|---------|------|
| 1. | Rick Barnes | 1994-98 | 4 | 74-48 | .607 |
| 2. | Oliver Purnell | 2003-Pr. | 6 | 117-77 | .603 |
| 3. | Bill Foster | 1976-84 | 9 | 156-106 | .595 |
| 4. | Cliff Ellis | 1985-94 | 10 | 177-128 | .580 |
| 5. | Joe Davis | 1932-40 | 9 | 101-86 | .540 |

Clemson Coaching Winning Percentage vs. ACC Teams

| Rk | Player | Years | Yrs | W-L | Pct |
|----|----------------|----------|-----|--------|------|
| 1. | Rick Barnes | 1994-98 | 4 | 30-40 | .429 |
| 2. | Oliver Purnell | 2003-Pr. | 6 | 45-61 | .425 |
| 3. | Bill Foster | 1976-84 | 9 | 44-74 | .373 |
| 4. | Cliff Ellis | 1984-94 | 10 | 59-100 | .371 |
| 5. | Bobby Roberts | 1963-70 | 8 | 41-71 | .366 |

Clemson Road Winning Percentage

| Rk | Player | Years | Yrs | W-L | Pct |
|----|----------------|---------|-----|-------|------|
| 1. | Joe Davis | 1932-40 | 9 | 45-51 | .469 |
| 2. | Oliver Purnell | 2003-Pr | 6 | 26-40 | .393 |
| 3. | Rick Barnes | 1994-98 | 4 | 16-25 | .390 |
| 4. | Bill Foster | 1976-84 | 9 | 31-50 | .383 |
| 5. | Bobby Roberts | 1963-70 | 8 | 28-57 | .329 |

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Loud Littlejohn

It was quite an atmosphere in Littlejohn Coliseum on Saturday, January 17 when second ranked Wake Forest played 10th ranked Clemson. A sellout crowd anticipated just the fifth matchup of top 10 teams in the 41-year history of Littlejohn Coliseum.

Roy Philpott of CUTigers.com, brought a decibel meter to the coliseum and it reached a high of 110 when Terrence Oglesby made a three-point goal late in the game. In 1997, there was a decibel reading of 112 in a matchup of #2 Wake Forest against a #2 Clemson team.

ABC Announcers Brent Musburger and Steve Lavin also commented on the atmosphere during the broadcast.

"How about the pre-game buildup to the tip-off," said Lavin. "It's like the old Tark the Shark out in Vegas turning off the lights twice. I'm just impressed with the atmosphere. We've traveled coast to coast, covered so many games in different leagues and this is as good as I've seen in five years."

The decibel level record was broken in Clemson's win over third ranked Duke on February 4 when the Tigers beat Duke. In the second half on a dunk by Jerai Grant, the meter read 113. Students camped out for tickets five days ahead of that game.

Clemson Third Winningest ACC Team Last Three Years

Clemson has a 72-30 overall record and a 26-22 mark in ACC games over the last three years, or since he 2009-10 seniors arrived on campus. Clemson was 25-11 in 2006-07, 24-10 in 2007-08 and 23-9 this past year. Clemson has a .706 overall winning percentage for the last three years, third best in the ACC behind North Carolina and Duke. Clemson's .553 winning percentage in ACC games (26-22) is tied for third with Virginia Tech.

The only Tiger in the starting lineup over this period of time is Trevor Booker, who came to Clemson as a freshman in 2006-07. Booker has started all 102 games in the last three years, the only Tiger to do that. David Potter, a senior in 2009-01, has played in all 102.

Winningest ACC Teams Last Three Years Overall Games

| Rk | School | W-L | Pct |
|-----|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | North Carolina | 101-14 | .878 |
| 2. | Duke | 80-24 | .769 |
| 3. | Clemson | 72-30 | .706 |
| 4. | Florida State | 66-38 | .635 |
| 5. | Maryland | 65-38 | .631 |
| 6. | Wake Forest | 56-36 | .609 |
| 7. | Virginia Tech | 62-41 | .602 |
| 8. | Boston College | 57-41 | .582 |
| 9. | Miami (FL) | 54-44 | .551 |
| 10. | NC State | 51-46 | .526 |
| 11. | Virginia | 48-45 | .517 |
| 12. | Georgia Tech | 47-48 | .495 |

ACC Games (regular season only)

| Rk | School | W-L | Pct |
|-----|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | North Carolina | 38-10 | .792 |
| 2. | Duke | 32-16 | .667 |
| 3. | Virginia Tech | 26-22 | .542 |
| | Clemson | 26-22 | .542 |
| 5. | Maryland | 25-23 | .521 |
| 6. | Florida State | 24-24 | .500 |
| 7. | Boston College | 23-25 | .479 |
| | Wake Forest | 23-25 | .479 |
| 9. | Virginia | 20-28 | .417 |
| 10. | Miami (FL) | 19-29 | .396 |
| 11. | Georgia Tech | 17-31 | .354 |
| 12. | NC State | 15-33 | .312 |

Booker Over 1000 Points

Clemson forward Trevor Booker finished his junior year with 1239 career points. He was the 17th junior in Clemson history to reach 1000 career points and his point total is the fifth most points by a Tiger at the end of his junior year. The record is junior 1431 scored by Will Solomon by the end of his junior season. He turned pro after that year. Only Solomon, Bill Yarborough, Sharone Wright and Elden Campbell have more at the end of three years than Booker.

Entering his senior year Booker needs 562 points to become Clemson's career scoring leader. If he plays 32 games next year that would be an average of 17.5 points per game.

Clemson 1000 Point Scorers by end of Junior Year

| Rk | Player | Years | pts |
|-----|----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. | Will Solomon | 1998-01 | 1431 |
| 2. | Bill Yarborough | 1952-57 | 1368 |
| 3. | Sharone Wright | 1991-94 | 1308 |
| 4. | Elden Campbell | 1986-90 | 1305 |
| 5. | Trevor Booker | 2006-Pr | 1239 |
| 6. | Greg Buckner | 1994-98 | 1233 |
| 7. | K.C. Rivers | 2005-Pr | 1231 |
| 8. | Devin Gray | 1991-95 | 1224 |
| 9. | Terrell McIntyre | 1995-99 | 1212 |
| 10. | Butch Zatezalo | 1967-70 | 1207 |
| 11. | Dale Davis | 1987-91 | 1149 |
| 12. | Vincent Hamilton | 1080-85 | 1093 |
| 13. | Cliff Hammonds | 2004-08 | 1077 |
| 14. | Tree Rollins | 1973-77 | 1069 |
| 15. | Horace Grant | 1983-87 | 1045 |
| 16. | Stan Rome | 1974-78 | 1023 |
| 17. | Vince Yockel | 1955-58 | 1018 |

Grant Averaging a Block every 10 Minutes

Clemson sophomore reserve center Jerai Grant had 45 blocked shots in 450 minutes this year. That is a blocked shot every 10.4 minutes, better than the block every 15.6 minutes by Trevor Booker, who ranked second in the ACC.

Grant had five blocked shots in 20 minutes against Tyler Hansbrough and North Carolina in January. That tied his career high for blocked shots in a game, as he also had five against Savannah State earlier this year.

Grant's one block every 10.4 minutes was ninth best in Clemson history on a per minute basis. The record is a block every 7.20 minutes by Tree Rollins in 1976-77, his senior year when he had 108 total blocks in 778 minutes.

Grant is in pretty good company on the list below as the only seasons better than his per minute rate have been recorded by Rollins, Sharone Wright and Elden Campbell, who were all first round draft choices. His rate is better than anything his father, Harvey Grant, or his uncle, Horace Grant, had at Clemson.

Clemson Season Bests in Blocked Shots per Minute

| Rk | Player | Year | Min | BS | Min/B |
|-----|--------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1. | Tree Rollins | 1976-77 | 778 | 108 | 7.20 |
| 2. | Tree Rollins | 1975-76 | 861 | 117 | 7.360 |
| 3. | Sharone Wright | 1992-93 | 913 | 124 | 7.363 |
| 4. | Elden Campbell | 1986-87 | 534 | 62 | 8.61 |
| 5. | Elden Campbell | 1987-88 | 808 | 88 | 9.18 |
| 6. | Elden Campbell | 1988-89 | 814 | 87 | 9.36 |
| 7. | John Campbell | 1977-78 | 537 | 53 | 10.13 |
| 8. | Sharone Wright | 1993-94 | 1027 | 99 | 10.37 |
| 9. | Jerai Grant | 2008-09 | 468 | 45 | 10.40 |
| 10. | Elden Campbell | 1989-90 | 1038 | 97 | 10.70 |
| 11. | Raymond Sykes | 2006-07 | 388 | 36 | 10.78 |
| 12. | Sharone Wright | 1991-92 | 747 | 63 | 11.86 |
| 13. | Trevor Booker | 2006-07 | 936 | 78 | 12.00 |

Clemson Player Development

One of the reasons Clemson has improved each year under Oliver Purnell has been player development. The Tigers lost three outstanding seniors off the 2007-08 team in Cliff Hammonds, James Mays and Sam Perry, so it was important for returning players to step up.

When taking a look at four major statistical categories for the seven returning players, there was improvement or at least the same number in 20 of the 28 stat slots. Trevor Booker saw his scoring average go from 11.0 to 15.3, his rebound average from 7.3 to 9.7, and his free throw percentage from 57.3 to 70.7.

Improvement Chart of Clemson Veterans

| Player | PPG 08-09 | FG% 08-09 | FT% 08-09 | Reb 08-09 |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Trevor Booker | 11.0-15.3 | 55.5-57.1 | 57.3-70.7 | 7.3-9.7 |
| K.C. Rivers | 14.7-14.2 | 43.8-44.9 | 68.0-66.7 | 6.3-6.0 |
| Terrence Oglesby | 10.5-13.2 | 38.1-37.5 | 85.1-84.5 | #1.8-1.7 |
| Demontez Stitt | 8.8-8.7 | 41.0-41.3 | 67.1-67.3 | #3.1-3.8 |
| Raymond Sykes | 4.4-7.9 | 57.3-57.8 | 50.0-55.7 | 2.4-5.1 |
| David Potter | 4.8-4.9 | 41.2-38.0 | 73.3-75.6 | 2.1-2.2 |
| Jerai Grant | 2.1-4.7 | 46.3-64.4 | 37.5-64.7 | 2.2-3.2 |

#Denotes Assist average

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Rivers Is Winningest Clemson Player

Clemson senior K.C. Rivers has played in every game over his four years so far and has been a part of 91 Tiger triumphs. With the January win over Georgia Tech at Clemson, he became the school's winningest player. Rivers, former teammate Cliff Hammonds and former Tiger Elden Campbell had been tied at 84 wins prior to the win over Georgia Tech. Bobby Conrad, Harold Jamison and Tom Wideman all finished with 79 wins over their careers to tie for fourth. Classmate Raymond Sykes has been a part of 85 wins and is now second.

Rivers has played in 35 ACC wins, 33 in the regular season and two in the ACC Tournament. He established the Clemson record for wins in ACC play when the Tigers defeated Maryland on Feb. 17.

Clemson's Winningest Players

| Player | Years | Wins |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| K.C. Rivers | 2005-Present | 91 |
| Raymond Sykes | 2005-Present | 85 |
| Cliff Hammonds | 2004-08 | 84 |
| Elden Campbell | 1987-90 | 84 |
| Bobby Conrad | 1976-80 | 79 |
| Tom Wideman | 1995-99 | 79 |
| Harold Jamison | 1995-99 | 79 |

Booker and Sykes in Top 10 in Clemson History in FG&

Clemson post players Raymond Sykes and Trevor Booker both finished the 2008-09 season in the top 10 in Clemson history in career field goal percentage. Sykes, a senior, finished with a .579 mark for fifth place and Booker is at .576 entering his senior year, good enough for sixth place.

Clemson Career Leaders in Field Goal Percentage

| Rk | Name | Years | FGM | FGA | Pct |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | Harold Jamison | 1995-99 | 454 | 746 | .609 |
| 2. | Horace Grant | 1983-87 | 660 | 1104 | .598 |
| 3. | Dale Davis | 1987-91 | 633 | 1076 | .5882 |
| 4. | Akin Akingbala | 2002-06 | 284 | 483 | .5880 |
| 5. | Raymond Sykes | 2005-09 | 216 | 373 | .579 |
| 6. | Trevor Booker | 2006-Pr. | 499 | 867 | .576 |
| 7. | John Campbell | 1977-80 | 283 | 501 | .565 |
| 8. | Elden Campbell | 1986-90 | 754 | 1342 | .562 |
| 9. | Murray Jarman | 1980-84 | 242 | 440 | .550 |
| 10. | Jerry Pryor | 1985-89 | 452 | 825 | .548 |

Min 200 made field goals

Young Assist/Turnover Ratio Near Record Pace

Clemson freshman Andre Young has a 66/23 assist/turnover ratio, a 2.87 figure. That includes a 12/1 figure over the last four games of the season. His 2.87 ratio for the year was second best in school history. The record is 2.99 by Grayson Marshall, who had 221 assists and 74 turnovers in 1986-87.

Clemson Best Assist/Turnover Ratio Season (Min 50 assists)

| Rk | Player | Year | Ast-To | Ratio |
|----|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | Grayson Marshall | 1986-87 | 221-74 | 2.99 |
| 2. | Andre Young | 2008-09 | 63-23 | 2.87 |
| 3. | Grayson Marshall | 1985-86 | 262-93 | 2.82 |
| 4. | Marc Campbell | 1982-83 | 124-45 | 2.76 |
| 5. | Cliff Hammonds | 2006-07 | 147-59 | 2.49 |
| 6. | Marc Campbell | 1983-84 | 104-43 | 2.42 |
| 7. | Terrell McIntyre | 1997-98 | 154-68 | 2.26 |

Booker Ranks Among Top Shot-Blockers in School History

Trevor Booker is the ACC's active leader with 204 career blocked shots, including 64 in 32 games in 2008-09. He will obviously continue to be the active ACC leader entering 2009-10. In the 2008 ACC Tournament championship game, Booker set a final game record with six blocked shots against North Carolina.

Booker ranked second in the ACC in blocked shots per game in 2008-09, averaging 2.0 per contest. He ranks fifth among the school's all-time leaders in blocks. Only Tree Rollins, Elden Campbell, Sharone Wright and Dale Davis, all NBA first round draft choices, have more than Booker.

Senior Raymond Sykes moved into the top 10 in Clemson history and needs just one to reach 102 for his career.

Career Leaders in Blocked Shots

| Rk | Player | Years | GP | BPG | Blocks |
|----|--------------|---------|-----|------|--------|
| 1. | Tree Rollins | 1973-77 | 110 | 4.09 | 450 |

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|-----|----------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 2. | Elden Campbell | 1986-90 | 123 | 2.71 | 334 |
| 3. | Sharone Wright | 1991-94 | 92 | 3.11 | 286 |
| 4. | Dale Davis | 1987-91 | 121 | 1.73 | 210 |
| 5. | Trevor Booker | 2006-Present | 102 | 2.00 | 204 |
| 6. | Sharrod Ford | 2001-05 | 118 | 1.50 | 177 |
| 7. | John Campbell | 1977-80 | 84 | 1.50 | 126 |
| 8. | Glen McCants | 1982-86 | 108 | 1.05 | 113 |
| 9. | Raymond Sykes | 2005-09 | 124 | 0.82 | 102 |
| 10. | Larry Nance | 1977-81 | 117 | 0.84 | 98 |

Clemson In Top 20 in Both Polls

Clemson was ranked in each of the last 14 Associated Press polls in 2008-09. The streak started on December 15 with a number-25 ranking in AP and USA Today. Clemson reached a high of ninth in the USA Today poll Jan. 12 and Jan 19 after a 16-0 start. Clemson finished 24th in the final AP poll on March 16 and was 26th in the final USA Today poll on April 8. Clemson's final ranking in AP is the March 16 ranking.

Clemson was ranked in the final top 25 last year with a number-22 in the final AP poll. This is the first time in history that Clemson has been ranked in the final top 25 of the AP poll in consecutive seasons.

Clemson was ranked 36th in the final RPI, but was 19th on Selection Sunday.

Clemson Weekly Rankings in 2008-09

| Date | AP | Coach | RPI |
|---------------|----|-------|-----|
| Dec. 15, 2008 | 25 | 25 | 1 |
| Dec. 22, 2008 | 22 | 20 | 5 |
| Dec. 29, 2008 | 20 | 16 | 5 |
| Jan. 5, 2009 | 12 | 11 | 5 |
| Jan. 12, 2009 | 10 | 9 | 3 |
| Jan. 19, 2009 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| Jan. 26, 2009 | 12 | 11 | 10 |
| Feb. 2, 2009 | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| Feb. 9, 2009 | 12 | 11 | 8 |
| Feb. 16, 2009 | 13 | 13 | 10 |
| Feb. 23, 2009 | 12 | 13 | 9 |
| Mar. 2, 2009 | 18 | 19 | 14 |
| Mar. 9, 2009 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Mar. 16, 2009 | 24 | 21 | 28 |
| Apr. 8, 2009 | 24 | 26 | 36 |

Clemson Reached #1 in RPI

The Tiger basketball team climbed atop the RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) calculations on Monday, Dec. 15, according to both RealTimeRPI.com and WarrenNolan.com. It marked the first time Clemson was ranked #1 in the RPI since the calculations began being computed on a daily basis.

Clemson was ranked in the top 10 of the RPI every day from December 1 2008 through February 25, 2009.

Clemson Perfect 14-0 vs. Non-Conference in Regular Season

Clemson finished its non-conference regular season schedule with a 66-59 victory over Alabama on January 6. That gave Clemson a 14-0 mark in non-conference games. It is the second time in the last three years that Clemson had a perfect record in regular season games in non-conference play. Two years ago, Clemson was 14-0 in the regular season against non-conference foes, then reached the finals of the NIT to close with an 18-1 record against non-league foes. The only loss was in the finals of the NIT against West Virginia (78-73).

This is the sixth time in history Clemson has run the table in non-conference games in the regular season. Clemson's 1986-87 team was 15-0 in regular season non-conference games. The Tigers also accomplished the feat in 1992-93 (10-0), 1994-95 (10-0), 2003-03 (10-0) and 2006-07 (14-0).

Clemson was one of eight teams in the nation with an undefeated record in non-conference play. Clemson is the only team with a 14-0 record against Division I non-conference competition. The other undefeated teams in non-conference play are Pittsburgh (12-0), UCONN (12-0), North Carolina (13-0), Wake Forest (13-0), Minnesota (11-0), Illinois State (11-0) and Stanford (11-0).

Clemson Had 16-Game Home Winning Streak

Clemson won 16 consecutive home games before losing to Wake Forest on January 17. It was the longest home winning streak since winning a record 29 in a row from 1989-90. This tied for the fourth longest home winning streak in Clemson history. The streak included eight straight ACC home wins and eight non-conference home wins. Wake Forest ended the streak when it lost to second-ranked Wake Forest on January

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17. The 16-straight wins is tied for the second longest winning streak by any Division I team this year.

Clemson's Longest Home Winning Streaks

| GP | First Win | Streak Breaker |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| 29 | Jan. 7, 1989, 75-58 vs. Maryland | Dec. 15, 1990, 108-100 Charlotte |
| 24 | Feb. 21, 1979, 70-49, Duke | Jan. 17, 1981, 68-62, Maryland |
| 16 | Jan. 30, 1985, 52-50, UNC | Jan. 11, 1986, 83-81, Virginia |
| 16 | Jan. 12, 2008, 97-85, FSU | Jan. 17, 2009, 78-68, W. Forest |
| 15 | Jan. 16, 1950, 85-59, Furman | Dec. 6, 1953, 57-55, Georgia |
| 14 | Feb. 14, 2006, 89-77, Maryland | Jan. 17, 2007, 77-55, UNC |

Purnell 12-4 vs. the SEC

Clemson has a 12-4 record against SEC teams since Oliver Purnell became the Tigers head coach at the start of the 2003-04 season. Clemson was 2-0 this past year, wins over South Carolina (98-87) and Alabama (66-59). Clemson has now won nine of its last 10 games against SEC foes.

Clemson's only loss to an SEC team in the last 10 games is a 85-82 loss to Mississippi in the finals of a tournament in Puerto Rico last year. That broke Clemson's 11-game winning streak to start last year.

Clemson had a record of 132-204 against SEC teams before Oliver Purnell came to Clemson, a .393 winning percentage. Purnell is 12-4 against SEC teams for a .750 winning percentage. He is 6-1 at home, 5-1 on the road and 1-2 at neutral sites against SEC teams over the last six seasons. The only home loss was to South Carolina in his first year, the 2003-04 season.

Tigers Opened Season 16-0

Clemson opened the season 16-0 before losing to second ranked Wake Forest. This was the third best start in Clemson history and the third longest winning streak in Clemson history. The record is 17-0 starts in 1986-87 and 2006-07. This was the fourth year in a row Clemson has won at least 10 games to open the season. It is also the third best overall winning streak in Clemson history, trailing the 17-0 starts listed below. Clemson won 12 in a row during the 1996-97 season and that is the only overall winning streak that was not a season opening streak.

Clemson Best Starts to a Season

| Year | Start | Record | Post Season |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1986-87 | 17-0 | 25-6 | NCAA |
| 2006-07 | 17-0 | 25-11 | NCAA |
| 2008-09 | 16-0 | 23-8 | NCAA |
| 1985-86 | 11-0 | 19-15 | NIT |
| 1995-96 | 11-0 | 18-11 | NCAA |
| 2005-06 | 11-0 | 19-13 | NIT |
| 2007-08 | 10-0 | 24-10 | NCAA |
| 1994-95 | 10-0 | 15-13 | NIT |

Purnell Earns 100th Win at Clemson

Oliver Purnell finished his sixth season with the Tiger basketball program in 2008-09 and he now has 117 victories, third in school history. On Nov. 25 he earned his 100th win as Clemson's mentor.

Joe Davis first achieved the 100-win mark, earning a 101-86 record as the program's leader from 1932-40. Davis had a 51-29 record at home and also earned 45 victories on the road, a school record among the program's 21 head coaches.

More recently, Bill Foster and Cliff Ellis both went over the century mark in wins while coaching at Clemson. Foster's teams posted a record of 156-106 in his nine seasons with the Tiger basketball program. He took Clemson to the first and only NCAA Elite Eight appearance in 1980. Ellis holds the record for coaching victories at Clemson, having tallied 177 between 1985-94. Ellis' teams advanced to three NCAA Tournaments and won the school's only ACC regular season championship in 1990.

Foster was the fastest to reach 100 wins, reaching the plateau in just 148 games at Clemson. Ellis was not far behind, reaching 100 wins in his 154th game as head coach.

Rivers and Booker Both Named ACC Player-of-the-Week

Following his outstanding 28-point performance in the ACC opener with Miami, senior K.C. Rivers was named the league's Player-of-the-Week on Dec. 22. Rivers averaged 17 points and 6.0 rebounds per game for the week, which included a win over North Florida as well. He also won the award on February 1 for his 29 point performance at Virginia Tech. Last season, he was ACC Co-Player-of-the-Week after wins over Purdue and South Carolina during the non-conference portion of Clemson's schedule. So he has won the honor three times in his career.

Trevor Booker was named ACC Player of the Week for the second week of the season. It is the second straight year both players were honored.

Tigers Displaying Resiliency This Season

One important trait Head Coach Oliver Purnell points out about his team in 2008-09 as much as any other was its ability to show resiliency when falling behind early. In five games this past year, the Tigers trailed by 10 or more points at some juncture of the contest, yet still came from behind to win. It is a Clemson record for double digit comebacks for victory in a season. The previous record was four in 1989-90, the year Clemson won the ACC regular season championship.

The first example was in the season-opening Charleston Classic tournament, when Temple jumped out quickly to an 18-10 lead in the first half. Clemson responded with a 15-0 run and managed the last six minutes.

At Illinois, the Tigers were down eight at the halftime break but a strong spurt coming out of intermission put Clemson in position to take a lead late in the game. The most stirring comeback was against Liberty, when the Flames held a 66-54 lead with just over 10 minutes left in the game. Clemson rode the hot hand of K.C. Rivers and pulled out the victory, despite trailing by four at the last media timeout.

In Clemson's league opener against Miami, the Hurricanes were up 21-9 just over eight minutes in, but Clemson reeled off 16 straight points and never looked back. The Tigers once again pulled off the comeback in their last contest, overcoming an early 14-3 South Carolina advantage before taking the lead for good midway through the opening half.

Clemson won at Virginia Tech after trailing by nine at the half and by 15 in the second half with 16 minutes left. Clemson trailed by 15 again at Georgia Tech, 27-12, then had the game tied by halftime before winning by eight.

Overcoming Deficits of Eight or More Points

| Date | Opponent | Score | Deficit | Time (Half) | Final |
|----------|-----------------|-------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 11/16/08 | Temple | 10-18 | -8 | 15:02 (1) | 76-72 |
| 11/22/08 | Illinois | 32-40 | -8 | Halftime | 76-74 |
| 12/7/08 | Liberty | 54-66 | -12 | 10:02 (2) | 80-75 |
| 12/21/08 | Miami (FL) | 9-21 | -12 | 11:23 (1) | 91-72 |
| 12/30/08 | South Carolina | 3-14 | -11 | 15:51 (1) | 98-87 |
| 1/29/09 | Virginia Tech | 48-63 | -15 | 16:40 (2) | 86-82 |
| 2/22/09 | at Georgia Tech | 12-27 | -15 | 8:54 (1) | 81-73 |

Oglesby Surpasses Century Mark in Three-Point Goals

It took just 40 games for sophomore Terrence Oglesby to reach 100 career three-point goals. The long-range marksman has made 177-448 in his 66 games with Clemson, which equates to a 39.5 percent accuracy. His average of 2.68 three-pointers per game ranks second in school history, behind only Chris Whitney who played just two years at Clemson.

He is already sixth in Clemson history in total three-point goals made.

Career Leaders in Three-Point Goals Per Game

| Rk | Player | Years | Made | Gms | 3FG/G |
|----|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. | Chris Whitney | 1991-93 | 167 | 58 | 2.88 |
| 2. | Terrence Oglesby | 2007-Present | 177 | 66 | 2.68 |
| 3. | Tony Stockman | 2000-02 | 155 | 59 | 2.63 |
| 4. | Will Solomon | 1998-01 | 214 | 94 | 2.28 |
| 5. | Michael Tait | 1985-87 | 70 | 31 | 2.26 |

Rivers Surpasses 1600 Points, 700 Rebounds, 200 Assists

K.C. Rivers has always been an asset for the Tigers with his ability to rebound the basketball, and the 2008-09 season has been no different. He ranks second on the team with 5.9 boards per game.

In the win over Miami, he surpassed the 600 rebound mark for his career. He is 11th-place in Clemson history in career rebounds (712). He also notched his 200th career assist in the win over Miami and is one of only two players in Clemson history to score 1,600 points and have 700 rebounds and 200 assists. Horace Grant is the only other Tiger to reach those numbers.

The only other players to meet the standards in those three categories were Vincent Hamilton, who played at Clemson from 1980-85, and Horace Grant, a Tiger from 1983-87.

1600 Points, 700 Rebounds, & 200 Assists in a Career

| Player | Years | Pts | Rebs | Asts |
|--------------|----------|------|------|------|
| Horace Grant | 1983-87 | 1696 | 981 | 206 |
| K.C. Rivers | 2005-Pre | 1671 | 712 | 233 |

T.O.'s Three-Point Streak Ends at 23 Games

Sophomore guard Terrence Oglesby saw his streak of consecutive games with a three-point goal end at 23 when he did not make one in the win over NC State. He got just one attempt.

Cliff Hammonds owns the top streak at Clemson with at least one three-

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point goal. The 2008 senior made at least one long ball in 45 straight games from December of 2006 through January of 2008. His streak is the fourth-longest in ACC history, behind only Dennis Scott of Georgia Tech (69 games), Justin Gray (51) of Wake Forest, and Curtis Staples (50) of Virginia.

Oglesby's streak began on Feb. 27, 2008 when he made 2-3 in a home win over Miami. It ended against NC State on Jan. 10.

Oglesby now has another streak going entering his junior year, as he has made at least one three in 16 straight games dating to the NC State game on Jan. 10, 2009. It will be the longest active streak in the ACC entering the 2009-10 season.

Clemson Consecutive Game Streak With a Three-Point Goal

| Player | Start Date | End Date | Games |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Cliff Hammonds | 12/5/06 | 1/19/08 | 45 |
| Terrell McIntyre | 2/11/98 | 1/12/99 | 26 |
| Chris Whitney | 11/21/92 | 3/22/93 | 25 |
| Will Solomon | 3/16/99 | 2/2/00 | 24 |
| K.C. Rivers | 2/18/07 | 1/1/08 | 23 |
| Terrence Oglesby | 2/27/08 | 1/10/09 | 23 |
| Cliff Hammonds | 1/22/06 | 12/6/06 | 21 |
| Will Solomon | 2/6/00 | 12/30/00 | 20 |
| Terrell McIntyre | 2/3/96 | 12/1/96 | 17 |
| Chris Whitney | 1/29/92 | 12/17/92 | 17 |
| Terrence Oglesby | 1/17/09 | Active | 16 |

Oglesby, Spiller Shared Same Locker

Boston College has one of the most unusual facility setups in college athletics. The Conte Forum is connect to Alumni Stadium, so close in fact that visiting football and basketball teams use the same locker room.

Thus, Clemson's football team and men's basketball team used the same locker room for contests against the Eagles during this academic year.

On November 1, 2008, Clemson defeated the Eagles for the first time since 1958 by a 27-21 score behind All-ACC running back C.J. Spiller, who had 242 yards of all-purpose running, including 108 receiving yards, most ever by a Tigers running back.

When the Clemson basketball team went to Boston College on February 10, 2009 to face the Eagles, Clemson sophomore guard Terrence Oglesby was assigned the same locker Spiller used for the football game the previous fall. Oglesby kept the good aura of that locker as he led the Tigers to an 87-77 victory with 21 points and a career high tying six assists. He made six three-point goals as well in 10 attempts, including five in the second half. That also tied his career high for three-point goals in game.

Clemson Announces Strongest Signing Class in Years

The Clemson men's basketball program announced the signing of three prospects to national letters of intent on Nov. 12, the first day of the early signing period. Clemson's 2009-10 freshman class will include Milton Jennings, a 6-9 forward from Summerville, SC, Devin Booker, a 6-7 forward from Whitmire, SC, and Donte Hill, a 6-5 guard from Virginia Beach, VA. Clemson's class is ranked as high as #10 nationally by Prep Stars.

"I think thus far we've put together an outstanding class for 2009," said Oliver Purnell, Clemson's sixth-year head coach. "We've added nice size, but have not sacrificed athleticism or skill. These guys are quality prospects and people."

Jennings is rated as a top 50 prospect by nearly every major recruiting service and is arguably Clemson's highest-rated signee in men's basketball since Sharone Wright in 1991. Jennings is listed as the nation's #12 prospect, regardless of position, by [Rivals.com](#). He is also #16 according to ESPNU and Prep Stars, #23 by [Scout.com](#), and #33 by Hoop Scoop. Jennings chose to sign with the Tiger program over scholarship offers from Florida, Connecticut, Georgetown, and UCLA.

Jennings has scored over 1,800 points in his decorated prep career heading into his senior season at Pinewood Preparatory School. He averaged 18.9 points, 10.6 rebounds, and 4.2 blocked shots per game as a junior when he was named South Carolina's Gatorade Player-of-the-Year. He has led the Panthers to three straight SCISA (Class AAA) championships.

"Milton is a very skilled big man with tremendous versatility," Purnell said. "He has loads of potential and the sky is the limit for how good he can be."

Booker is a familiar name for Tiger basketball fans, as his older brother, Trevor, is a junior standout on Purnell's team this season. The younger Booker is rated as high as the nation's #65 prospect by [Scout.com](#). The 225-pound power forward is also ranked #66 in the nation by Prep Stars and is a member of the top nation's top 150 according to [Rivals.com](#).

Booker averaged 22.1 points, 14.6 rebounds, and 3.3 blocked shots per

game as a junior for Union High School last season. An All-Region player, he made over 60 percent of his field goal attempts. He had a season-high 34 points against Greer High School and pulled down 22 rebounds the same week in a game against Riverside (Greenville, SC).

"Devin is a powerful inside player who is continuing to expand his game," Purnell said. "He is a tremendous rebounder at the high school level and has the potential to do the same at the next level. I know his brother doesn't want to hear it, but he's got a chance to be as good or better than him."

Hill comes to Clemson from the Norfolk Collegiate School, the same school that produced Tiger junior Karolis Petrukonis. The wing player is ranked as high as the nation's #109 prospect by [HoopsReport.com](#). Hill, who averaged 20.3 points and 7.9 rebounds per game as a junior, is also cited as a three-star prospect by both [Rivals.com](#) and [Scout.com](#). The All-Tidewater performer chose Clemson over offers from Marquette and Old Dominion.

"Donte was the best perimeter defender I saw all of last year," Purnell said. "Yet, he possesses the ability to score and make his teammates better on the offensive end. At 6-5 with long arms, he has the potential to be a Cliff Hammonds-type contributor."

Milton Jennings Selected for McDonald's All-American Game

First Clemson Signee Selected since 1991

Clemson 2009 basketball signee Milton Jennings has been chosen for the McDonald's All-American game. Jennings is the first Clemson signee selected since 1991 when Sharone Wright was chosen. Overall, he is just the third Clemson signee selected for the game that began in 1979.

This year's McDonald's All-American game will be played at 8:00 PM on April 1 at UnitedBank Arena in Miami, FL.

Jennings is the only high school player from the state of South Carolina in this year's game and is the first South Carolina player to play in the game since 2002 when Raymond Felton was selected.

The 6-9 forward is averaging 20.1 points and 8.9 rebounds per game this year for Pinewood Prep in Summerville, SC. He recently went over 2500 points for his career and has led his team to a 26-5 record and a fourth consecutive SCISA Class AAA State Championships.

Jennings is the fourth Clemson signee to be chosen to the McDonald's All-America game. The others are Clarke Bynum (1980), Ricky Jones (1986) and Sharone Wright (1991). Wright won the three-point shooting contest at the 1991 McDonald's All-American game, then never made a three-point goal in his Clemson career. Michael Brown, who played for the Tigers during the 1986-87, was selected for the game out of high school, but enrolled at Syracuse before transferring to Clemson.

Jennings is a consensus top 30 national player this year. He is ranked 12th by [Rivals.com](#), 23rd by [Scout.com](#) and 26th by [ESPN.com](#).

Clemson McDonald's All-Americans (Signed with Clemson out of high school)

| | |
|------|-----------------|
| 1980 | Clarke Bynum |
| 1986 | Ricky Jones |
| 1991 | Sharone Wright |
| 2009 | Milton Jennings |

Tigers Claim Charleston Classic

The men's basketball team got its season off to the strong start it was looking for Nov. 16 after the Tigers held off a feisty Temple team to take a 76-72 win in the championship game of the inaugural Charleston Classic.

Trevor Booker finished with 15 points and 16 rebounds, just one career shy of his career high. Booker came through in the clutch for the Tigers, hitting 7-8 free throws for the game, including 5-6 in the second half with the Owls making a serious run.

Clemson fell behind early in the ballgame, with Temple taking a 10-3 lead following a pair of free throws from Luis Guzman. The Owls stretched their advantage to as much as eight points at an 18-10 margin, but for the second time in the tournament Clemson reeled off 15 consecutive points to completely erase Temple's lead.

The Owls' outside shooting heated up in the final minutes of the half and Temple was able to cut a double-digit lead to 45-39 at intermission. In the second half, Clemson's working margin was comfortable for much of the early stages. The Tigers built a lead out to 14 points after a Raymond Sykes jumper in the paint gave Clemson the 63-49 advantage.

Temple cut the advantage down once again in the game's final minutes, thanks to the outside firepower of Lavoy Allen. He scored eight points in the span of two minutes to pull Temple within two at 70-68 with 2:44 remaining in the game. From there, the Tigers hit 5-8 from the charity stripe and held on for the 76-72 win.

In the second game of the tournament, against TCU, the Tigers won 70-58, but did so after holding onto a slim two-point lead at the half. Clemson was led by Rivers, who had 18 points on 8-16 shooting. Booker was held to

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eight points, but did contribute 12 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

In the opener, the Tigers downed Hofstra 98-69 and were able to go deep into the bench to give the core group of players much-needed rest to compensate for the remainder of the tournament. Twelve players scored, including all three freshmen on the dress list. Seven players had nine or more points, led by Booker's 16.

Regular Season Tournament Championships Under Purnell

| Year | Tournament | Teams Defeated |
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| 2005 | San Juan Shootout | Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, Holy Cross, Akron |
| 2006 | Cox Classic | Arkansas St., Monmouth, Old Dominion |
| 2008 | Charleston Classic | Hofstra, TCU, Temple |

Clemson to Play in Anaheim's 76 Classic in 2009

ESPN Regional Television, Inc., a subsidiary of ESPN, announced on Thanksgiving day the field for the third annual 76 Classic. The 12-game, bracketed collegiate basketball tournament features eight schools. The games in 2009 will be played Thanksgiving weekend at the Anaheim Convention Center adjacent to Disneyland on Nov. 26, 27 and 29. Tournament pairings and game times will be announced at a later date.

The 76 Classic field for 2009 includes eight teams from eight conferences: UCLA (Pac-10), Texas A&M (Big 12), West Virginia (Big East) Long Beach State (Big West), Clemson (ACC), Butler (Horizon), Minnesota (Big 10) and Portland (West Coast). Five of the eight teams earned berths in the 2007-08 NCAA Tournament: UCLA, Texas A&M, West Virginia, Clemson and Butler.

Smith Makes Academic All-ACC

Freshman guard Tanner Smith was named to the All-ACC Academic men's basketball team for the 2008-09 season, as announced by league Commissioner John Swofford. Smith was one of eight players honored, and one of three freshmen on the team. Clemson has had at least one player on the Academic All-ACC team since the 2002-03 season.

To be eligible for consideration, a student-athlete must have earned a 3.0 grade point average for the previous semester and maintained a 3.0 cumulative average during his academic career.

Smith, a pre-business major from Alpharetta, GA, played in all 32 games during the 2008-09 season and averaged 13.0 minutes of playing time per contest. He averaged 3.6 points and 1.8 rebounds per game and ranked fifth on the team with 29 steals.