CAROLINA-CLEMSON MEMORIES

We contacted several Gamecock players to ask what they remembered from their games against the Tigers and what follows is thoughts from 70 former players that cover games from 1964 through 2011.

1964

The Gamecocks fell behind early as Clemson kicker Frank Pearce made a 25-yard field goal to go up 3-0, a lead that held up into the fourth quarter when the Tigers marched to the Carolina half yard line. The Gamecock defense, led by linebacker Pete DiVinere stopped Clemson on the first three tries and on fourth down Tiger fullback Pat Crain fumbled and USC's Joe Komoroski recovered at the seven. Backup quarterback Jim Rogers, playing because Dan Reeves was out with an injury, made his first big play on the ensuing drive with a 45-yard pass to end J.R. Wilburn that moved to the Clemson 15, then with just 3:19 left Rogers ran 12 yards for the goahead score. Jack McCathern's extra point was the final score of the 7-3 win.

Randy Harbour, Tight End/Offensive Tackle, 1964-66 - 1964- I blew a comeback block on the off-side defensive end who came in and spun Jim Rogers around (as he was looking to pass to the right side) and he saw nothing but green grass and ran it in for the only TD of the game. Pete D and the D held on for a 7-3 win at Clemson. I always tell Jim that I made him a Gamecock Legend for life"

1965

Linebacker Bob Gunnels achieved his place in the rivalry history, as he broke up a two-point conversion pass with 40 seconds left to give Carolina a 17-16 win. The Tigers held a 10-7 halftime lead before a Jimmy Poole 31 yard field goal tied the game in the third quarter and then on the following possession Mike Fair pitched to Bob Harris, who ran it in for the eventual winning score (note – you can see some grainy video of this play on the video clips section of our website). A fourth-down pass to flanker Phil Rogers from Thomas Ray narrowed the game to 17-16 and Clemson coach Frank Howard chose to go for the win, setting up Gunnels' heroics.

Leroy Bailey, Defensive End – "The 1965 game played in Williams-Brice will always be the special game for me. A defensive struggle most of the game and with USC leding 17-10 Clemson made a drive in the waning minutes to score. And with all due respect to the legendary Frank Howard, Clemson lined up for a two point play as this play was for Clemson's and USC's (our REAL) FIRST football championship. I think their QB was Jimmy Addison who dropped back to pass and as he threw I looked back and my then roommate, linebacker Bob Gunnels, knocked the pass down and USC was ACC Co-Champions. In the summer of '66 with a new coach (Paul Dietzel) the ACC Commissioner, without any hearing or appeal requested by USC, declared us ineligible and forfeited our ACC games. That game was a great day for the team and all Gamecocks but even with our gold footballs and trophy it is bittersweet the way our championship was and has been handled by our athletic department."

Stan Juk, Safety, 1964-66 – "The most fun I had playing football – 1965 Carolina-Clemson game at Carolina Stadium. We won 17-16 when Clemson missed a two-point conversion at the end of the game; at that point it was for a share of the ACC title, which was taken away in 1966. But the fans were great, the weather was great and it was a well played game on both sides!"

J.R. Wilburn, End, 1963-65 - "Our guys will remember this game for the rest of their lives... they need to get this one in the worst sort of way... my fondest memory was our beating Clemson in '65 – the last game I played in a Gamecock uniform... left a good taste in my mouth"

1966

USC led the 1966 game 10-7 in the second quarter and had success running the ball behind the BG boys as they were known then - Benny Galloway (105 yards) and Ben Garnto (82). Unfortunately the Gamecocks fell behind 21-10 early in the third quarter and then lost their quarterback, Mike Fair, to a head injury. Backups Ted Wingard and John Marcotsis were unable to find the end zone and the Tigers won 35-10.

Tom Wingard, Offensive Guard - "In 1966 we played Clemson there. A fraternity brother lined me up with a blind date with a cute Columbia College coed for the freshman Carolina-Clemson game a few days before we played Clemson. Turned out she was the girlfriend of the linebacker that lined up across the line of scrimmage from me. It was before the days of trashmouth talking. Nothing transpired. They won the game and the coed and the linebacker got married and are living happy ever after."

1967

A strong Clemson team got a 23-0 lead on the Gamecocks as USC struggled offensively – Mike Fair threw three interceptions and leading rusher Warren Muir totaled only 34 yards. Carolina did fight back in the second half, scoring twice on touchdown runs by Fair, but ended up falling short. The game set the stage for Carolina to rule the rivalry for the next three seasons.

Dave DeCamilla, Offensive Tackle, 1967-70 – "My most distinct memory of the Carolina/Clemson game is actually from one in which I did not participate. It was the Clemson game of 1967. I was a redshirt transfer and was therefore ineligible to play, but I was on the sidelines. I don't recall if I was suited up or not. In any event, Clemson had a strong team that year – Wayne Mass, Buddy Gore, Harry Olsewski, Charlie Waters, etc. We put up a good fight but they had too much depth and just wore us down. We lost 23 to 12. As I was jogging off the field after the game Bill Shalofsky, our offensive line coach, grabbed me by the arm and told me that when the current freshman class (Poston, Suggs, Ganas, Wingard, et al) became sophomores we would beat them. He was right, we beat Clemson the next three years.

1968

The Gamecocks sent Clemson to their first losing record since 1964, as the Tigers could manage only a single field goal (set up by a 72-yard return of the opening kickoff) on a fierce Carolina defense. Clemson was held to only six first downs in the game, while USC reached the Tiger ten yard line three times without scoring. Safety Tyler Hellams, who made a touchdown saving tackle on the opening kickoff gave the Gamecocks their only points of the day with a 73-yard punt return for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Johnny Gregory, Wide Receiver, 1966-68 – "We beat Clemson 7-3 in 1968. Tyler Hellams ran a punt back 68 yards for the come from behind win. Clemson was a heavy favorite ... they had some good players - Charlie Waters ... Buddy Gore ... Billy Ware ... John Cagle. It was a joyous day, especially for the seniors."

Tyler Hellams, Safety, 1968-71 – "Of course the Clemson game in '68 where I ran the punt back for a touchdown. And the opening kickoff, they almost scored on the opening kickoff and I made the tackle – I always played safety on the kickoff teams – and then they kicked a field goal on that first drive. That's the way it was until late in the third quarter. If anybody ever had a career game, that was it. Intercepted two passes, broke up a couple more passes. That was a big day."

Bob Mauro, Center, 1966-68 – "I was talking with our Captain Johnny Gregory at the annual Gamecock Letterman's Golf outing about our "last game" as seniors vs the Tigers... Frank Howard was still fat, Clemson ran down the hill as 12-point favorites, and were very confident about their chances. So were we!!! We rushed for about 450 yards and were inside their ten yard line about 5-6 times, but couldn't punch it into the end zone. We never attempted to kick a field goal... just keep them penned into their own side of the field. They were attempting to go the length of the field all day...and only could muster a field goal for a 3-0 lead... But we had our secret weapon-Tyler Hellams, who brilliantly ran a punt back about 70 yards to make the

final score 7-3!! A GAMECOCK TREASURE! It's many years later, but my greatest joy still comes to me just about every day. Since I live in Clemson, I ride by Death Valley and say loudly (about every day) "RUN TYLER RUN." And he scores every time!!!!!!!"

Roy Don Reeves, Defensive Back, 1965-68 – "Our 7-3 win at Clemson my senior year in 1968. What a way to end five great years at Carolina! GO COCKS!"

Warren Muir, Fullback, 1967-69 = "The way we beat the Tigers in 68 at Clemson is uncanny. We set season and perhaps all time offensive records in # of plays, time of possession, total offense, etc, but scored ZERO POINTS. Fortunately, our "D" was more impressive and held Clemson to 3 pts. and scored the only TD of the game on Tyler Hellams' late punt return. It was a team victory."

1971

The Gamecocks had won three straight from 1968 through 1970 but stumbled in 1971 as quarterback Glenn Morris was picked off five times by the Tigers. Clemson jumped to a 17-0 lead and held on though USC did add a late score on a touchdown run by Tommy Simmons for the 17-7 final score.

Robby Reynolds, Punter, 1970-73 – "Sophomore season, 1971, played in Columbia. Never see so many rubber chickens. Got beat. Also remember the pep rally on the Capitol steps – burned the tiger – it was great."

1973

Clemson led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter, but USC sophomore quarterback Jeff Grantz led the Gamecocks to 516 yards of total offense and scored 17 straight points to take control of the game. Grantz rushed for 185 yards and two scores while also passing for 121 yards and Randy Chastain and Casper Carter also scored on rushing touchdowns. Halfback Jay Lynn Hodgin chipped in 83 yards rushing and a 36 yard pass to Mike Farrell. The Gamecock defense held Clemson to 3 of 15 passing for 45 yards.

Mike Farrell, Wide Receiver, 1972-74 - my junior year, we were 6-4 and still had an slim outside shot at a bid to the Peach Bowl. I had broken my wrist the week before against Florida State and would need surgery after the season. It was a gorgeous sunny short-sleeve afternoon. Once taped and bathed in the excitement of Williams-Brice, thoughts of my wrist disappeared. We had tremendous senior leadership on the offensive line in Dave Cash and Darrell Austin and at tight end with Marty Woolbright. The game itself is a blur of "out cuts" and "in curls" and a halfback pass from Jay Lynn Hodgin. Jeff Grantz was magical both running and passing. It was my finest moment as a Gamecock! Go Gamecocks! Beat Clemson!

1975

USC jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back as senior quarterback Jeff Grantz led an assault to that point unparalleled in the history of this rivalry. Two players (Clarence Williams and Grantz) rushed for over 100 yards, while Grantz also threw five touchdown passes. There was little doubt the Gamecocks were looking to make a statement, as the final score came on a 19-yard pass from Grantz to Stevie Stephens with 54 seconds left in the game. The final score was 56-20 and set the stage for Clemson coach Red Parker to be fired in 1976.

Steve Bernish, Defensive Tackle, 1975-79 – "as a freshman, I had no idea what this game really meant"-(Bernish played high school ball in Minnesota) – "I could see by our seniors' eyes and Jeff Grantz constantly yelling for us to get 100 that this rivalry was like no other in thecountry. That game set the stage for my future Clemson games. I feel fortunate to have been a part of that win"

Randy Chastain, Wide Receiver, 1973-75 – ""This was 'THE GAME' for all of us seniors that year. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and we took it to Clemson like no other Carolina team has to date. As you can tell, I still brag about it to this day. I remember the 34 yd. perfect TD pass I caught from Jeff with 2 minutes left in the 1st quarter that put us up 14-0, and there was no looking back... Kudos to the coaching staff, all my teammates for a great game plan and execution, and to the fans that NEVER stopped yelling for us. Those days as a Gamecock will never be forgotten!!! Jeff was the best quarterback under pressure to ever wear a Gamecock jersey – hands down!!" I almost scored again later on a 40 yd. reverse but Clemson's 'All-ACC' free safety Peanut Martin managed to clip my ankle from behind and trip me up"

Jeff Grantz, Quarterback, 1972-75 - "beautiful November afternoon, perfect for football"... "dominating offensive line play, along with TE Brian Nemeth, which enabled Clarence, Kevin and Amrein to put on a rushing clinic"... There wasn't much dancing or "hotdogging" in the 70's, but I still remember the adrenaline rush, pumping my legs, and raising the ball high in front of all the Tiger fans in the end zone stands"

Jeff Kendziorski, Fullback, 1976-80 – "I was fortunate enough to be able to arrange my oncampus recruiting visit the same weekend as the Clemson game. I was hooked on USC thereafter."

Phil Logan, Wide Receiver, 1974-77 – "the play was drawn up in the huddle. We did not have that play in our playbook. Jeff Grantz felt we needed to score with the clock running out in the first half... he drew up a post-corner pass play for me. It worked and the rest was history"

Brian Nemeth, Tight End, 1972-75 - "Having beat Clemson in rugby and track I really was looking forward to the Clemson game! We had a unbelievable potent offense which only played together for one year! Grantz and our entire offense were clicking and we were really fired up. I remember in the newspapers how Clemson team members were bad mouthing us. Well we kept our mouth shut and decided to let our pads do the talking. Our offense line played perfectly. As you know we scored every time we touched the ball, except once at the end where I was penalized for making a great block, but was too for from the play!! What!!! It brought back a beautiful touchdown pass to Phil Logan who beat his corner badly. I still get razzed about it at all our reunions. What a way to end the season."

"I remember talking to Jerome (Provence) and Steve (Courson) about our o-line audibles. We actually had additional blocking assignments, actual changes at the line to totally disorient our defenders. We never blocked our men the same and switched assignments constantly. Remove blocks, seal blocks, down blocks, trap blocks, even roll blocks. We could 'feel' our backfield and knew what to do. Our audibles also were designed to facilitate the play called...if it was an off-tackle, then I switched with Steve to let me block down and let him kick out the backer or pull to lead Clarence or Kevin. This would allow me to wipe out the end or tackle and maybe also get a second block on the sliding middle backer."

David Prezioso, Linebacker, 1975-77 – "just an old fashion ass-whippin', I've never seen my dad happier, what a thrill!" (Prezioso's father is former Gamecock letterman Chuck Prezioso).

1979

The Gamecocks broke a three game losing streak to the Tigers with a 13-9 victory at home in 1979. The only touchdown of the game came courtesy of Carolina's tight ends – QB Garry Harper hit tight end Willie Scott for a 60-yard gain, then finished things off with a 2-yard pass to another tight end, Ben Cornett. That score and an Eddie Leopard field goal gave USC a 10-6 halftime lead. Leopard and Clemson's Obed Ariri added second half field goals, setting up the game's big play – an 80-yard punt by USC's Jay Feltz, as he kicked from the Gamecock 16 to the Tiger 4, pinning Clemson deep on its final possession, which finally stalled 18 plays and 91 yards later, ending the game at the Carolina five.

Steve Bernish, Defensive Tackle, 1975-79 - "The best memory for me is the 1979 win over Clemson. It was my senior year and we had a very good football team and so did

Clemson. We beat Clemson 13 - 9 and secured the first 8 win season for Carolina since the late 1800's. Stopping Clemson on a 4th and inches play was the highlight! Go Cocks!"

Garry Harper, Quarterback, 1977-80 – "Throwing the TD pass to Ben Cornett and beating Clemson! What a great game and headed to the Hall of Fame Game versus Missouri!"

Andrew Provence, Defensive Tackle, 1979-82 - "My best memory was the only win of my four years... 1979. I actually saw some action as a freshman ... lined up over the Bostic brothers. The big play of the game of course was Jay Feltz's 83-yard punt. Happy Thanksgiving and Go Cocks!"

Rusty Russell, Offensive Tackle, 1980-83 – "As I was being recruited by both teams I made my decision after the 1979 game when Carolina beat Clemson and Del Wilkes and Ty Rietkovich, we all were rivals in high school we all agreed we would attend Carolina! What a heck of game to witness in front of nearly 80,000 I was thrilled to be a part of a long standing tradition"

1980

The Gamecocks fielded a very strong squad in 1980, led by George Rogers, who rushed for over 100 yards in every game. Carolina came into the game against Clemson with a 7-2 record, having beaten Michigan in Ann Arbor and lost by just a field goal to national champion Georgia and by ten to Southern Cal in Los Angeles. The game was tied at six at the half but a Homer Jordan touchdown run followed by a Willie Underwood 27-yard interception return for a score put the game away for the Tigers, ending in a 27-6 loss for USC.

Garry Harper, Quarterback, 1977-80 – "Very forgettable for me!"

Ty Rietkovich, **Tight End**, **1980-84** – "Obviously I remember the disappointment of 1980 very well. We were the better team, but we just didn't play better that day. Actually feel like that catapulted Clemson into the national spotlight for 1981."

1984

Coach Joe Morrison led USC to a school-record ten win season in just his second year at the helm, and one of those ten was a nail-biting 22-21 win in Death Valley. The Tigers held a 17-point lead at one point in the game, but the Gamecocks roared back with a touchdown run by Quinton Lewis and then defensive end Tony Guyton sacked Clemson QB Mike Eppley for a safety. A Scott Hagler field goal set up USC's final score, a touchdown run by quarterback Mike Hold. Hagler's extra point provided the final margin of victory.

Eric Cooper, Offensive Lineman, 1984-88 – "My favorite memory of this classic contest was in 1984, my first year as a player, when we came from behind to win a 22-21 on the final play of the game. It was such a huge win that it took me over 45 minutes to get back to the locker room. I had never before signed one autograph, much less the dozens I signed for excited Gamecock fans that day! This was an awesome experience!"

Scott Hagler, Kicker, 1982-86 – "The importance of that one point (*the final extra point*) was never in my mind. I always tried to treat every kick the same, whether it was a PAT or a 55-yard field goal. So to me it was just another kick I had to make. I still call that extra point the most famous PAT in Carolina-Clemson history. Most everyone has heard the story by now. Clemson had 12 men on the field and the 12th guy ran to our sideline to get off the field. At the same time as the snap for the extra point the referees blew the whistle to stop play. I lost focus, took my eyes off the ball, but still went through the motion of kicking the ball. The result was a kick that took a duck-hook left. My immediate thought was "What the heck just happened?". After realizing we were getting a second chance I had to re-group and get focused again. And it wasn't just me, it was our whole PAT unit. Tracy Evans and Jim Desmond were my snapper and holder and they had to regroup too. Fortunately the second time was successful and we came out of there with another great win. The 1984 Clemson game is probably the one that is most

fond to me. Ironically it's not because of the extra point. During the fourth quarter we were down 21-12 and had a drive stall in Clemson territory. We needed a field goal to get within a touchdown. So Coach Morrison sent our field goal unit in to attempt a 41-yard field goal. As usual we had a great snap and hold and I kicked one of the best field goals I ever made. I think it would have been good from sixty yards. In my mind that field goal was critical to our comeback and equally as important as the final PAT"

Wes Hendricks, Punter, 1984-87 – "A few great memories were beating Clemson in 1984 at Clemson when they received their first loss ever wearing orange pants. It also gave us a 10-1 record. When we got back to Columbia, there was a full house at Sarge Fry Field welcoming us back to campus."

Mike Hold, Quarterback, 1983-85 – "Going back and watching when we scored the go ahead touchdown to make it 21-21 with the extra pt. to follow. Sure the T.D. is great, but the memory that sticks in my mind is watching Bill Bradshaw cutting back flips in the end zone. That game meant so much to the seniors and Bill's excitement put an exclamation point on it. Go back and watch the game, it's a great moment!"

Quinton Lewis, Running Back, 1981-84 – "For me, it would have to be the USC-Clemson game in 1984. After the devastating loss to Navy the week before, we were not going to end our season with a loss to the hated (to this very day) Tigers. Unfortunately we came out flat and fell behind big in the first half. But right before halftime, we had one last chance to score. I was hoping I would get the chance to touch the ball. Well, the coaches called a trap right over William "The Refrigerator" Perry, and the o-line cleaned his big butt out and I scored the touchdown. I believe that was the spark that ignited our second half comeback. That was the best victory of the year for me."

Ty Rietkovich, Tight End, 1980-84 – "The elation of 1984 and all that went into it - I knew William Perry very well from our high school days and the scene of Mike Hold holding that ball out in front of him at the end of the game is everlasting for me. The crowd that was waiting on us when we returned back to the Roost that night was unbelievable!"

1987

The 1987 edition of the Gamecocks was one of the most talented squads USC would ever field, with Todd Ellis, Harold Green and Sterling Sharpe leading the run-and-shoot offense and the Black Death defense throwing shutouts left and right. Clemson would score first after a roughing the punter penalty kept their first drive alive. Two Collin Mackie field goals made it 7-6 at the half and then Ellis hooked up with Ryan Bethea on a bomb that set up a short touchdown run by Harold Green. The icing on the cake was the first of free safety Brad Edwards' two interceptions that night, as he picked off a Rodney Williams pass and ran it all the way back.

<u>Jones Andrews, Wide Receiver, 1984-87</u> – "The '87 Clemson game stands out the most. They scored on their first drive I recall. That was shocking. However, they did not do a thing after the first drive. That was a huge win for our program."

Ryan Bethea, Wide Receiver, 1985-87 – "It was a hard game, neither team wanted to give up anything run or pass. There was not a lot of talking going on, on the field it was a very slow paced game, nothing really big happened until Todd Ellis called for a play that I was to drag over the middle of the field about fifteen yards deep. I push up the field and then cut inside for my route and Donnell Woolford (Clemson CB) dropped back hard and I knew I was open. I caught the ball dead in the middle of the field about the 20. I saw Keith Bing (USC fullback) throw a block so I went outside of him and up the field. No one was close to me, I just had to run. I could not see the back side of the field, I thought I lost Woolford in the drag part of the play, then my legs locked up and I went down inside the ten yard line. Then our defense took over and Brad Edwards did his thing. I gave my part of the goal post to a Clemson friend from high school, it's the only Carolina thing he has in his house."

Derrick Frazier, Defensive Tackle, 1986-88 – "The time I sacked Rodney Williams in 1987! I received a piece of the goal post from that game"

Wes Hendricks, Punter, 1984-87 – "In 1987, my last home game, we won convincingly by a score of 20-7. Brad Edwards scored a touchdown against Clemson for a second straight year. The crowd chanted loudly and in unison, "Rodney, Rodney" when he couldn't throw the ball in the ocean if he were in a boat. This was something I always remember about my times at Williams-Brice stadium, going out a winner against Clemson. We only lost to Clemson once in four years at Carolina. It is awesome for me because I was born, raised and currently live and work in Pickens, SC. (Clemson is in our county, unfortunately..lol)"

1990

USC led 3-0 after one quarter, thanks to a Collin Mackie field goal, but the Clemson rushing attack dominated the game for the next two, building up a 17-6 lead. A Mackie field goal early in the fourth made it 17-9 and then in one of the crazier plays of the rivalry the subsequent kickoff wasn't fielded by Clemson and USC's Bru Pender recovered it at the Tiger 12. A touchdown run by Mike Dingle made it 17-15 with 10:28 to go. The Tigers pulled back ahead 24-15; USC made it to the Clemson 25 on its next drive, but a battered Bobby Fuller (sacked five times) had to leave the game for two plays and the drive stalled. The game would end 24-15.

Bobby Fuller, Quarterback, 1989-91 – "We did have them on the ropes a little while in '90 at the valley but they put together a few drives and pulled away. I think their entire defense played in the league. Levon Kirkland had a little mercy on me at the end of the game and helped me up after he would knock the crap out of me."

Jerry Inman, Cornerback, 1989-93 — "In 1990, we went to Clemson to play. I was a redshirt freshman and starting my second or third game at cornerback. I can remember hearing the beating of the drum at Clemson during the walk-through on Friday. I can remember riding up I-26 and seeing the dead hanging chickens on the overpass on the way to the game. I remember being so ready to play in my first USC-Clemson game that I may have slept only a few hours the night before because I was so jacked up and ready to play!! Thank God it was a noon kickoff that day! (I think) Clemson was my favorite place to play on the road. They always had great turf on the field and it was never hot — conditions were ideal overall. We lost a close exciting game in 1990."

1991

The Gamecocks would lose their fourth straight to the Tigers, dropping to 0-3 under Sparky Woods in the rivalry game in 1991. USC could only rush for 45 yards in the game and Bobby Fuller was picked off twice through the air. Clemson's rushing attack led to a 41-24 Tiger win.

Ernest Dye, Offensive Tackle, 1991-92 - "I was so mad because I heard more about that game than anything else we had done that season. I was fresh from JUCO so I grew up with the rivalry but living it blew my mind. That was the last game my brother (Carolina defensive lineman Marty Dye) and I would ever play in on the same team.

1992

The '92 season was one that started in the dumps (0-5) but saw true freshman Steve Taneyhill lead the team to five wins in their final six games, including a 24-13 win in Death Valley. Taneyhill threw for 296 yards and touchdowns to Asim Penny and Toby Cates. Brandon Bennett chipped in with 93 yards and a rushing touchdown and the defense held the Clemson offense without a touchdown (the Tigers' scores came on two field goals and an interception return).

Ernest Dye, Offensive Tackle, 1991-92 - My senior year we beat them. I remember playing a hard game against Brentson Buckner. That was an important game for my success in football. I had been getting calls from agents all week and I was pumped.

Derrick Gregory, Deep Snapper, 1992-95 - "My favorite memory was my first year playing in 1992 and we went to Death Valley and beat the tigers 24-13. Each time we would kick the for extra point or field goal Brenston Buckner would line up in front of me. Each time we would kick I would end up on my back near Derwin Jeffcoat (holder) and watch Marty Simpson (kicker) follow through with his kick. I would have to watch the reaction from those to teammates to know what the results were. Every hit every bruise was well worth the result. The life of a snapper - never see the game from the same views as everyone else."

Ben Hogan, Linebacker, 1989-92 - "1992 - We hadn't beaten them for three and we played at Clemson that year. It was a great football day; cool temperatures, overcast and a little misty. On the first kickoff return Matthew Campbell and I crushed some dude into our sidelines. It was one of those games where everything except you was moving in slow motion and you were just a step faster than everything else. At the end of the game I found my dad down on the field and I broke down in tears when he hugged me. That was the last football game that I ever played in and we had finally beat Clemson. What a great way to end a career"

Jerry Inman, Cornerback, 1989-93 - "The Taneyhill home-run game. Great memories!"

Marty Simpson, Kicker/Punter, 1990-94 – "1992 - What I call the Taneyhill Poster Shot Game. We won the game physically and mentally. We dominated the game but weren't winning on the scoreboard until the third guarter. A few things stand out:

- Rob Deboer and Taneyhill pretending to pitch and hit a home run into the Clemson fans.
- The picture of Steve of course is the all-time money shot.
- Marty Simpson On the last play of the half we kicked a 43 yarder. After a perfect snap (they were always perfect) by Derrick Gregory and a perfect hold (they were always perfect) from Derwin Jeffcoat, and because of what hash we were on and the way it worked out, I had drifted back as the ball flew and ended up right in the Clemson Paw when it was signaled good. I turned to our student section as it went through and signaled as well. I hit one knee, thanked the Lord for the blessing, then grabbed a handful of Clemson-Paw dirt that I still have in a plastic Coke bottle to this day. Then finished it off by pounding the paw a few times.

As I was starting to rise from one knee, Boomer had come up beside me without me knowing, and was yelling, "That's the way to be Marty Simpson! YES SIR, Marty Simpson!!" Boomer always had a calm leadership about him that I respected. Something about calling me by my full name is what made it memorable to me. My suite mate, Matthew Campbell was there too right after Boomer. That play is probably the highlight of my career at Carolina individually. (Tennessee upset was probably a close second.)

ANOTHER memory from that game was the CRAZINESS afterwards. We could not even breath folks were jammed in so tight celebrating. At Clemson they let the fans run down on the field. I remember seeing Blake Williamson getting mauled by a dozen people. It was literally claustrophobia -- Masses of people all jammed together. It took over an hour to get to the locker-room. (Maybe twenty minutes, but it seemed like forever.) I remember Brandon Bennett's touchdown to seal that same game. Off-tackle, bounce outside, and push the ball toward our student section. AWESOME!

1994

A 7-7 halftime tie quickly evaporated as USC returned the second half kickoff to the Clemson five on a little trickery – Brandon Bennett took the kick then turned and threw across the field to speedy cornerback Reggie Richardson, who made it all the way to the Tiger 5. Touchdown runs by Bennett and Stanley Pritchett provided all the margin the Gamecocks needed and linebacker Benji Young added the icing on the cake with a 27-yard touchdown interception return with just under a minute left in the game.

Chris Alford, Wide Receiver, 1991-95 – "Passing over the orange paws on the way to the stadium, their ROTC beating on that \$#&% drum during our walkthroughs, the dead chickens everywhere, the hill, orange clad people everywhere screaming "you suck". It is one of the best road experiences and atmospheres ever. What makes it better is I (and about 150 other guys) never lost there. Hopefully another 100 or so join the club this weekend."

Paul Beckwith, Center, 1994-97 – "Freshman year we play at Clemson. I get off the bus and there is a mob as we are getting off the bus. I remember this elderly lady right in front of me saying welcome to tiger country and then proceeds to SPIT on me! I say oh s—t it's on! Later on that afternoon we proceeded to run all over them."

Stacy Evans, Defensive End, 1993-94 – "My senior year we beat them 35 to 7 and how we ran down the hill the day before the game like a dog we were marking our territory!!!"

<u>Selvesta Miller, Defensive End</u> – "In 1994 at Death Valley when we stomped them 33-7. I was a redshirt that year so I had a front row seat for the game. I remember Chris Rumph and Stacy Evans out there representing for the D-line, making play after play. I remember Chris making a shoestring tackle that day and of course Reggie Richardson's famous kickoff return."

Mike Reddick, Running Back, 1991-95 – "We went 2-0 in Death Valley my four years there. My favorite memory is Reggie Richardson on a kick return trick play where he almost scored. That win got us to the Carquest Bowl and on our first bowl win ever"

Reggie Richardson, Cornerback, 1992-96 – "My famous throw-back catch from Brandon Bennett in 1994!!!!!!"

Marc Saylor, Kicker, 1993-94 – "1994 - "The Gator" That was the name of the kickoff return we had set up against Florida, and used at the beginning of the 2nd half up 14 - 7. Brandon (Bennett) threw the lateral to Reggie (Richardson) and he got it down to inside the 5, and Brandon scored on the next play including the Tootsie Roll dance celebration - back when you could celebrate scoring when your emotions didn't draw a 15 yard penalty for playing football!!! We went on to win 33 - 7 that day, earning the Carquest Bowl bid and making history. The best moment of that day was all of the garnet and black that swarmed the field when the game was over, that was an awesome sight!"

Marty Simpson, Kicker/Punter, 1990-94 – "Of course the 1994 game, the throwback to Reggie Richardson ... great call by Coach Scott. Great execution by everyone. I think Brandon threw that ball...and the wall was set-up perfectly. I think Marc Saylor has a picture of it on his Facebook. NOTEWORTHY -- My class never lost at Death Valley. Once vs LSU and twice vs Clemson!!"

1996

USC made it three straight in Death Valley with a wild 34-31 victory. Troy Hambrick and Duce Staley each rushed for two touchdowns and more than 130 yards and the Gamecocks held on as a 34-17 lead was reduced to a field goal with only two and a half minutes to go, and Clemson's Matt Padgett missed a potential tying 37-yard field goal with six seconds to go.

Paul Beckwith, Center, 1994-97 – "My junior year where our two backs had over I think 150 yards apiece, Staley and Hambrick"

<u>Daron Brooker, Linebacker, 1996-98</u> - "My greatest memory was in 1996 when we played Clemson in Death Valley. Watching the highlights of that game is what college football is all about. I didn't get a chance to play that year but watching the highlights sure made me get ready the next year"

Arturo Freeman, Cornerback, 1995-98 – "1996, great rivalry game. We came out strong, clicking on all cylinders – offense / defense / special teams. We were up by 21 fast but you know in rivalry games it isn't over til it's over. We played hard. I picked off a nice INT on the sideline, but the biggest thing was that we played for one another. Didn't matter the record it was about ruling the state for 365 days."

Jason Lawson, Tight End, 1994-97 – "1996 at Clemson, long ball to Marcus Robinson down the field where he caught it over his shoulder. Also, in '96 making a big block to help Troy Hambrick get a big run down the field."

Selvesta Miller, Defensive End – "I remember the battles in the trenches and specifically with their tight end. I remember getting a fifteen yard penalty for unnecessary roughness after the whistle. In those games you actually played after the whistle and kept your head on a swivel. Great times!"

Steve Mixon, Fullback, 1995-99 – "Beating Clemson in Death Valley in 1996...who remembers the travis whitfield speech the night before?"

Joe Troupe, Cornerback, 1992-96 – "Yes, My most memorable moment took place after we beat Clemson in Death Valley. Immediately following the game, I ran out on the field and a Clemson trainer bumped into me and was knocked out cold. I didn't know what happened until the police interviewed me on the next Monday. Nevertheless, it was a great win"

1997

Injuries dimmed the Gamecocks' chances at home in 1997 as quarterback Anthony Wright was lost for the year in the previous game against Tennessee, forcing USC to go with untested redshirt freshman Vic Penn. At 5-5 and hoping to go to the Motor City Bowl with a win, USC held a 14-3 lead at the end of the first quarter behind Troy Hambrick's touchdown runs of 54 and 35 yards. The game got away from Carolina in the third as Clemson scored 27 points on their way to a 47-21 win; Penn was 18 of 35 for 205 yards in a difficult spot.

Jason Lawson, Tight End, 1994-97 – "Even though we lost in 1997, coming back from a devastating ankle injury to start the game wearing the old 41 at tight end and then coming out putting on #73 and giving my boy Dre Spearman a break at right tackle. I guess if I liked playing against Clemson any more I would be two players, wait I guess I was. I would do it all over again if I could it doesn't get any better than Carolina/Clemson week."

Vic Penn, Quarterback, 1996-97 – "I'll never forget the second start of my career, against Clemson in 1997. What an atmosphere at Williams-Brice. A day I'll never forget"

1999

A 31-21 loss to Clemson was a painful end to an 0-11 season, but was the dark before the dawn as Lou Holtz would lead the next two Gamecock squads to New Year's Day bowl wins. Kicker Steve Florio had USC in front 6-0 early and the Gamecocks were as close as 24-21 with seven minutes to go, but a touchdown pass from Woody Dantzler to Rod Gardner closed things out.

C.J. Frye, Offensive Line, 1999-2002 – "I remember 1999, my first year at Carolina as a player. We had just lost the game to Clemson and their team decided they were going to rush the field and stomp on the Gamecock in the middle of the 50. Their fans had already started throwing Zero candy bars on the field as one sign of disrespect and this was the next step. I remember running out on the field, charging to the 50 yard line to protect the Gamecock. As I take off on the field I get past the hash and realize that I might be by myself, so I turned and looked back over my shoulder and I saw our entire sideline running behind me. It turned into pushing and shoving and was broken up but I think this was the beginning of the Lou Holtz era of Trust, Care and Commitment by teammates, greatest team turnaround in the history of a program."

Kevin Johnson, Offensive Guard, 1998-99 - "I remember when Clemson fans threw Zero-Bars on the field. I believe it was 1999 season but now it's payback time let's beat them 50-0."

Mike Jones, Offensive Tackle, 1998-99 — "Well, no matter what the record (and I played on the 1-10 and 0-11 teams) the Clemson week was always easy to get up for. You knew what was at stake and that a win would make things all right".

2001

Carolina entered the game with a 7-3 record but were coming off a tough loss to Florida. QB Phil Petty was questionable to play with a sore shoulder but played enough to throw for 152 yards and backup Corey Jenkins had one of the key moments of the game, scoring on a 4th and 1 to put USC up 20-9. Carolina's 20-15 win included holding the ball 21 of 30 minutes in the second half, as Andrew Pinnock rushed for 80 yards and Derek Watson pitched in 54 more.

Adam Holmes, Deep Snapper, 1998-2001 – "Being able to beat Clemson my senior year was huge. I didn't want to go through my whole career and never beat Clemson. Also, being senior day made it that much more special. It also gave us eight wins, the most in a long time. Just knowing the last time you walked out of Williams-Brice you came out victorious against Clemson doesn't get any sweeter!"

Jonathan Martin, Safety, 1998-2002 – "The 2001 game is definitely a highlight as we were having a banner year and to end that season on a high note by by beating our in-state rival after two tough SEC losses did wonders for our season going into the bowl season. We absolutely dominated Clemson in every aspect of the game including our offense overpowering their defense to seal the game and our defense shutting down a powerful offense led by Woody Dantzler, who was a phenomenal athlete and had set NCAA records that season."

<u>Langston Moore, Defensive Tackle, 1999-2002</u> - "'Clempson' loses in 2001 and the Cocks go to their second straight January 1st bowl – my favorite memory of Carolina vs. 'Clempson'"

John Strickland, Center, 2000-04 - My greatest memory was the 2001 Clemson game when I was a redshirt freshman and Larrell Johnson went down hurt on the 2nd series of the game. I had to come in and play center the whole game. I remember in the fourth quarter we were just gonna pound the ball down Clemson's throat and make them stop us. Us guys up front (OL) along with Pinnock ate up the clock and went down and scored with a Corey Jenkins keeper right behind me for a TD. One of my favorite all-time games as a Gamecock!!!

Cedric Williams, Offensive Lineman, 1998-2002 - "2001- I remember the last drive of the game we just pounded their defense. Skip Holtz told us (Offensive Line) that we were going to clinch it. Andrew Pinnock right Pinnock left. Yessir!!"

2004

The 2004 game put USC and Clemson in the national spotlight, but not for the right reasons. The two teams were chippy all game and a late hit by Clemson's Bobby Williamson on USC's Syvelle Newton spurred an all-out brawl that was captured on national TV by ESPN. The game would be Lou Holtz's last at USC and both schools decided to forgo bowl bids that year as a response to the on-field mayhem.

C.J. Frye, Graduate Assistant - "As a coach on the staff for Coach Holtz's last game at Clemson – yes, the brawl – I knew we didn't like each other but I always thought the players at least respected each other before that game happened. I was in the booth with Skip Holtz and watched the entire brawl from up top. I felt helpless in protecting our players in what had just become a very hostile environment. Leaving the press box and coming back downstairs after the game was very intense also. The Clemson fans had gotten to the point to where it seemed like one little thing could start a rivalry riot in the entire stadium."

2006

Big plays had Carolina down throughout the first three quarters as Clemson scored on a 76-yard pass to Jacoby Ford, touchdown runs of 80 and 31 yards by C.J. Spiller and an 80-yard interception return by defensive lineman Jock McKissic. The Gamecocks were not to be denied though, as Mike Davis scored twice in the last six minutes to tie the game at 28 and Ryan Succop scored the final period's only points with a 35-yard field goal to go up 31-28. Jad Dean's 39-yard field goal try with 13 seconds left was partially blocked by Carolina to preserve the win

Yvan Banag, Linebacker, 2005-08 - "When we beat them in 2006 after they missed a field goal"

Cory Boyd, Running Back, - "The best memory I have is the year we beat them at their home in '06 with Kenny, Mike Davis, Blake Mitchell and I running and throwing the ball all over them. I remember Mike Davis running over Gaines Adams to set the tone for our run game. Kenny was catching everything like he was DeSean Jackson. We won the game on the last play of the game and it was the last time I had the chance to beat Clemsux."

Web Brown, Center/Guard, 2003-07 - "2006 win was great when we got to celebrate with our teammates, coaches, fans, and the band on their field! Never forget it!"

Thomas Coleman, Offensive Guard – "Not too many good memories – 63-17, the brawl, etc. – but did end my senior year on a win at Death Valley in 2006. Finally kicked the door in ha ha."

Hutch Eckerson, Offensive Tackle, 2006-10 – "In 2006 when we were up by a field goal and with no time left their kicker missed wide left and gave us the win"

Chris White, Center, 2002-06 - "My best memory of the rivalry was 2006, my senior year! When Jad Dean missed the field goal at the end of the game! To see our fans jump over that wall down in the corner where the visitor's locker room is and come celebrate with us on the field with us was amazing! 31-28! GO COCKS!"

Cedric Williams, Assistant Coach - "As a Coach I remember Coach Spurrier going for it on 4th down inside our own 35 yard line and us barely getting it. Once we got it I knew we were going to take over. We went up and down the field that day. Blake was on that day and I remember Mike Davis running over Gaines Adams (RIP) and we were jacked! Great memories!"

2009

USC had dropped three straight to Clemson and things weren't looking good after the opening kickoff when the Tigers' C.J. Spiller returned it 88 yards for a touchdown. This Gamecock team would not be shaken by that though and Steve Spurrier pulled out the stops on creativity. Cornerback Stephon Gilmore led a 60-yard scoring drive at quarterback, including a 39-yard pass to Alshon Jeffery, to tie the game. Stephen Garcia made it a 24-7 lead with touchdown passes to Weslye Saunders and Tori Gurley and the defense contained Clemson on the way to a 34-17 win.

Moe Brown, Wide Receiver - "Slapping hands with Scottie Spurrier as time ran out on my last time playing in Williams-Brice and the score board reading Gamecocks 34 Clemson 17. No better way than that to leave that field on that day as a Gamecock. Not to mention we started the current streak!"

2010

The Tigers scored first on a bomb from Kyle Parker to Nuk Hopkins, but would not score again as the Gamecocks steamrolled their way to a 29-7 win. Stephen Garcia threw touchdowns to Patrick DiMarco (5 yards) and Alshon Jeffery (37 yards) and Antonio Allen put the icing on the

cake with a 37-yard interception return for a touchdown. This gave Carolina back-to-back wins over Clemson.

Garrett Chisolm, Offensive Lineman, 2009-10 - "Alshon catching that great pass from Steven "

Brandan Davis, Cornerback – "I remember two years ago when we were in Death Valley with fans who spit and threw things at us. However when we on the game and the fans came on the field some Clemson fans asked to take pictures with me. And with a shocked face expression I took a picture with them. So much for the hated rivalry"

Josh Dickerson, Linebacker, 2009-10 – "Yea I remember when Antonio Allen had the pick-six to seal the game and I remember pancaking (Clemson QB Kyle) Parker just to watch my teammate score the touchdown to seal the win."

Tony Straughter, Linebacker, 2009-10 – "Yeah I can actually remember two years ago (2010) when we played them at their place and defeated them, and after the game the Clemson fans to my surprise came down on the field and congratulated us on winning the SEC East and embraced and shook our hands wishing us luck. I think that showed how strong and connected both teams are and the state of South Carolina. I will never forget that moment."

2011

The third straight Gamecock victory was about USC dominating the second half. USC went into halftime up 17-10 after a 15-yard Connor Shaw touchdown run broke a 10-10 tie. Carolina outscored the Tigers 17-3 in the second half, as Shaw threw touchdown passes to Busta Anderson and Alshon Jeffery and the defense shut Clemson down.

Rodney Paulk, Linebacker, 2006-11 – "Mine (favorite memory) is myself and Terrance Campbell being the only Gamecocks SO FAR to beat Clemson a total of four years throughout our career."

<u>Travian Robertson, Defensive Tackle, 2007-11</u> – "(Favorite) memory I have is last year's game, getting the last sack of the game."

THE RIVALRY RECORD BOOK

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4	Troy Williamson	2002	140
5	Phil Logan	1976	135
6	Jim Mitchell	1970	132
7	Kenny McKinley	2007	125
8	Fred Zeigler	1969	122
	Sidney Rice	2005	122
10	Zola Davis	1995	114

Most Receiving TD vs. Clemson Player Year TD 1 Phil Logan 1975 2 Brian Brownlee 2003 2 Kenny McKinley 2007 2 Weslye Saunders 2008 2

Most Equivalent Points, Single Game vs. Clemson Equivalent points are a stat developed by Bill Connelly of Varsity Study Hall and Football Outsiders. He determined the number of equivalent points for each yardline on the field (i.e. a gain from the opponents' 27 to the 20 is worth more than from your own 13 to your own 20)

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4	Player	Year	EqPts
1	Connor Shaw	2011	14.61
2	Tommy Suggs	1970	12.09
3	Blake Mitchell	2007	11.67
4	Blake Mitchell	2006	10.91
5	Chris Smelley	2008	10.74
6	Steve Taneyihll	1994	10.66
7	Tommy Suggs	1968	9.70
8	Derek Watson	2000	9.59
9	Dondrial Pinkins	2002	9.05
10	Anthony Wright	1998	9.01
11	Tommy Suggs	1969	8.81
12	Warren Muir	1969	8.42
	Mike Fair	1967	8.42
14	Clarence Williams	1975	8.35
15	Jay Lynn Hodgin	1974	8.34
16	Phil Petty	2000	8.06
17	Brandon Bennett	1994	8.00
18	Stephen Garcia	2009	7.97
19	Ruḋy Holloman	1969	7.92
20	Jeff Grantz	1975	7.90

Most Defensive Impact Plays, Single Game A defensive impact play is given to a defender who makes a play when the offense gains less than 40% of the yardage necessary for a first down on 1st down, less than 60% on 2nd down and anything less than a first down on 3rd and 4th down

	Player	Year	Tkl
1	Pete DiVenere	1964	12
2	Eric Norwood	2007	9
	Kenneth Robinson	1986	9
	Chuck Allen	1979	9
	Tim Bice	1967	9
	John LeHeup	1971	9
7	John LeHeup	1970	8

8	Tyler Hellams	1968	7
	Jasper Brinkley	2008	7
	George Gause	2004	7
	Travian Robertson	2008	7
	Gleen Peacock	1985	7
	Bob Roe	1971	7
	Jahmal Pettiford	1993	7
	Ed Baxley	1979	7
	Bob Cole	1967	7
	Kenneth Robinson	1985	7
	Matt McKernan	1987	7
	Pat Kohout	1971	7

Most Defensive Impact Play Points vs. Clemson Impact play points go along with impact plays and are calculated by giving points for how much the offense failed to make the goal (ie 40% on first down) so on 2nd and 4 making a 1-yard stop is worth more than a 3 yard stop. Turnovers are awarded five points.

Player	Year	IPP
Pat Watson	1968	20.44
Eric Norwood	2007	17.92
Tyler Hellams	1968	17.01
Jasper Brinkley	2008	16.35
Kenneth Harney	1999	16.30
Pete DiVenere	1964	15.43
Kenneth Robinson	1986	15.39
Brad Edwards	1987	14.99
Travian Robertson		14.72
		14.61
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Career Rushing Yards vs. Clemson

	Player	Att	Yds	TD
1	George Rogers	53	408	0
2	Troy Hambrick	44	338	4
3	Jeff Grantz	42	332	3
4	Jay Lynn Hodgin	64	311	2
5	Brandon Bennett	72	277	2
6	Mike Davis	51	258	2
7	Steve Wadiak		256	2
8	Harold Green	55	243	2

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Kenny McKinley
Eddie Muldrow Yds Rec 297 Zola Davis Robert Brooks 2 1 Alshon Jeffery 8 Sterling Sharpe 9 Sidney Rice 10 Toby Cates 220

Career Passing Yards vs. Clemson

	Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	INT
1	Steve Taneyhill	121	72	932	5	7
2	Blake Mitchell	99	57	732	3	8
3	Tommy Suggs	88	51	729	1	6
4	Todd Ellis	82	39	601	2	2
5	Phil Petty	90	47	588	1	5
6	Bobby Fuller	67	32	417	1	3
7	Ron Bass	59	24	410	2	2
8	Jeff Grantz	52	23	372	5	2
9	Stephen Garcia	51	24	353	5	1
10	Mike Hold	50	22	290	0	1