



XAVIER (0-0) AT NO. 9 CLEMSON (0-0)



FEB. 16-18, 2024

FRIDAY, 4 P.M. • SATURDAY, 2 P.M. • SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

DOUG KINGSMORE STADIUM • CLEMSON, S.C.



The No. 9 Tigers open their 127th season with a three-game home series against Xavier this weekend.

SERIES SETUP

- **Who** - Xavier (0-0) vs. Clemson (0-0)
- **Best Ranking** - XAV - NR; CU - No. 9 Baseball America, USA Today
- **When** - Friday (4 p.m.), Saturday (2 p.m.), Sunday (1 p.m.)
- **Where** - Clemson, S.C. (Doug Kingsmore Stadium)
- **Watch** - ACC Network Extra
- **Video Announcers** - Tim Bourret (Friday), Fred Cunningham (Sunday), William Qualkinbush (Friday, Saturday), Ron Smith (Saturday, Sunday)
- **Listen (Radio)** - Clemson Athletic Network (locally on WCCP (105.5 FM))
- **Listen (Internet)** - ClemsonTigers.com
- **Live Stats** - ClemsonTigers.com
- **Social Media** - ClemsonBaseball
- **Tickets** - ClemsonTigers.com, 1-800-CLEMSON

SERIES HISTORY

- **Overall Record** - Xavier leads 1-0 (2014)
- **Record at Clemson** - 0-0

STARTING PITCHERS

- **Friday** - RHP Luke Hoskins (XAV) vs. RHP Billy Barlow (CU)
- **Saturday** - LHP Nolan Hughes (XAV) vs. LHP Tristan Smith (CU)
- **Sunday** - RHP Nick Boyle (XAV) vs. RHP Aidan Knaak (CU)

CLEMSON OVERVIEW

- Clemson had a 44-19 overall record and 20-10 ACC mark in 2023, as it won the ACC championship.
- The Tigers are led by second-year Head Coach Erik Bakich.
- Clemson has 15 of its first 17 games at home.

XAVIER OVERVIEW

- Xavier is led by seventh-year Head Coach Billy O'Conner.
- The Musketeers, who eliminated Vanderbilt in the 2023 Nashville (Tenn.) Regional, had a 39-25 overall record in 2023.
- They hit .275 with a .374 on-base percentage and 74 steals, a 4.55 ERA and .978 fielding percentage in 2023.

QUICK HITS

- Clemson was picked to finish second in the ACC Atlantic Division in a vote by the 14 ACC head coaches in the preseason.

- Blake Wright has started on opening day each of the last three years. The last Tiger to start four in a row was Tyler Slaton (2012-15).
- Xavier first-year Assistant Coach Riley Bertram was a starter on Clemson's 2023 ACC title team after playing at Michigan under Erik Bakich.

POLLS

- Clemson is ranked as high as No. 9 in the nation by Baseball America and USA Today in the preseason.
- Clemson was ranked in the top 25 of at least one poll in each of the last eight weeks in 2023. It has a current streak of nine in a row.
- The Tigers have been ranked in at least one weekly poll every year since 1987, when Clemson began tracking weekly polls.

CAPTAINS

- Billy Barlow, Nick Clayton, Rob Hughes, Jacob Jarrell, Jimmy Obertop, Ty Olenchuk and Blake Wright were voted team co-captains.
- Wright was voted a team co-captain for the second time in his career, as he was a team co-captain in 2023.
- Joe Allen, Nolan Nawrocki, Rocco Reid and Will Taylor were voted to the leadership council (assistant captains).
- Aidan Knaak, Jarren Purify and Drew Titsworth were voted rising leaders (underclassmen).

PRESEASON HONORS

- A total of 17 Tigers earned preseason recognition. See the list below.

#10 CAM CANNARELLA, OF

- Golden Spikes Award Watch List member
- First-team All-American by D1Baseball
- Second-team All-American by Baseball America
- Second-team All-American by NCBWA
- Second-team All-American by Perfect Game
- First-team All-ACC by Perfect Game
- No. 2 outfielder in the nation by D1Baseball
- No. 4 sophomore in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 7 prospect for the 2025 draft by Perfect Game
- No. 1 college prospect for the 2025 draft by Baseball America
- No. 4 college prospect for the 2025 draft in the preseason by D1Baseball
- No. 1 ACC prospect for the 2025 draft by Baseball America
- No. 1 ACC prospect for the 2025 draft by D1Baseball
- No. 1 ACC prospect for the 2025 draft by Perfect Game

2024 SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent (Rank)	Video	Time
2-16	Fri	Xavier	ACCNX	4 p.m.
2-17	Sat	Xavier	ACCNX	2 p.m.
2-18	Sun	Xavier	ACCNX	1 p.m.
2-20	Tue	Presbyterian	ACCNX	4 p.m.
2-23	Fri	Kennesaw State	ACCNX	5 p.m.
2-24	Sat	Kennesaw State	ACCNX	2 p.m.
2-25	Sun	Kennesaw State	ACCNX	2 p.m.
2-27	Tue	USC Upstate	ACCNX	4 p.m.
3-1	Fri	at South Carolina	SECN+	7 p.m.
3-2	Sat	^ South Carolina		4 p.m.
3-3	Sun	South Carolina	ACCNX	2 p.m.
3-6	Wed	Kansas State	ACCNX	4 p.m.
3-8	Fri	UNC Greensboro	ACCNX	4 p.m.
3-9	Sat	UNC Greensboro	ACCNX	2 p.m.
3-10	Sun	UNC Greensboro	ACCNX	2 p.m.
3-12	Tue	Manhattan	ACCNX	4 p.m.
3-13	Wed	Manhattan	ACCNX	4 p.m.
3-15	Fri	* at Duke	ACCNX	4 p.m.
3-16	Sat	* at Duke	ACCNX	3 p.m.
3-17	Sun	* at Duke	ACCNX	1 p.m.
3-19	Tue	Winthrop	ACCNX	6 p.m.
3-20	Wed	# Presbyterian		6 p.m.
3-22	Fri	* Florida State	ACCN	8 p.m.
3-23	Sat	* Florida State	ACCNX	2 p.m.
3-24	Sun	* Florida State	ACCNX	1 p.m.
3-26	Tue	Coastal Carolina	ACCNX	6 p.m.
3-28	Thu	* at Miami (Fla.)	ACCN	7 p.m.
3-29	Fri	* at Miami (Fla.)	ACCNX	7 p.m.
3-30	Sat	* at Miami (Fla.)	ACCNX	1 p.m.
4-2	Tue	# USC Upstate	ESPN+	6 p.m.
4-5	Fri	* at Notre Dame	ACCNX	4:30 p.m.
4-6	Sat	* at Notre Dame	ESPN2	5:30 p.m.
4-7	Sun	* at Notre Dame	ACCNX	1 p.m.
4-9	Tue	USC Upstate	ACCNX	6 p.m.
4-12	Fri	* NC State	ACCNX	7 p.m.
4-13	Sat	* NC State	ACCN	8 p.m.
4-14	Sun	* NC State	ACCNX	1 p.m.
4-16	Tue	Charlotte	ACCNX	5 p.m.
4-19	Fri	* Pittsburgh	ACCNX	6 p.m.
4-20	Sat	* Pittsburgh	ACCNX	2 p.m.
4-21	Sun	* Pittsburgh	ACCNX	Noon
4-23	Tue	at Georgia	ESPNU	7 p.m.
4-26	Fri	* at Louisville	ACCNX	6 p.m.
4-27	Sat	* at Louisville	ACCNX	1 p.m.
4-28	Sun	* at Louisville	ESPNU	4 p.m.
5-3	Fri	* Georgia Tech	ACCNX	6 p.m.
5-4	Sat	* Georgia Tech	ACCNX	2 p.m.
5-5	Sun	* Georgia Tech	ACCNX	1 p.m.
5-7	Tue	% at Charlotte	ESPN+	6 p.m.
5-10	Fri	* at Wake Forest	ACCNX	6 p.m.
5-11	Sat	* at Wake Forest	ACCN	4 p.m.
5-12	Sun	* at Wake Forest	ESPN2	Noon
5-14	Tue	at Coastal Carolina	ESPN+	6 p.m.
5-16	Thu	* Boston College	ACCNX	6 p.m.
5-17	Fri	* Boston College	ACCNX	6 p.m.
5-18	Sat	* Boston College	ACCN	Noon

* - ACC regular-season game; ^ - Segra Park; # - Greenville, S.C.; % - Trust Field; Note: Home games in **bold**; all times are Eastern; live audio for all games is available on Clemson Athletic Network; best opponent ranking among Baseball America, D1Baseball, NCBWA, Perfect Game and USA Today polls listed.



PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

XAVIER

Day	# Pitcher	Pos.	Cl.	W-L	ERA
Fri	34 Luke Hoskins	RHP	Jr.	---	-----
Sat	11 Nolan Hughes	LHP	Jr.	---	-----
Sun	45 Nick Boyle	RHP	Sr.	---	-----

CLEMSON

Day	# Pitcher	Pos.	Cl.	W-L	ERA
Fri	30 Billy Barlow	RHP	*So.	---	-----
Sat	18 Tristan Smith	LHP	So.	---	-----
Sun	19 Aidan Knaak	RHP	Fr.	---	-----

NOTES

QUICK FACTS

Nickname	Tigers
Location	Clemson, S.C. 29633
Colors	Tiger Orange & Regalia
Founded	1889
Enrollment	28,466
President	Dr. James P. Clements (UMBC '85)
Director of Athletics	Graham Neff (Georgia Tech '06)
Conference	Atlantic Coast Conference (Atlantic Division)
Facility (Capacity)	Doug Kingsmore Stadium (6,272)
Year Opened	1970
Dimensions	LL - 310, LC - 360, C - 390, RC - 365, RL - 320
Record Crowd	6,636 (March 6, 2022 vs. South Carolina)
Head Coach	Erik Bakich (East Carolina '00)
Record at Clemson	44-19 (2nd season)
Career Record	442-333-1 (15th season)
Assistant Coaches	Nick Schnabel (East Carolina '03) Jimmy Belanger (Louisville '09) Griffin Mazur (UC Irvine '20)
First Year of Baseball	1896
Seasons of Baseball	127th
Overall Record	2995-1675-30
ACC Regular-Season Record	887-507-4
ACC Tournament Record	118-75
ACC Championships	16 (1954,58,59,67,76,78-81,89,91,93,94,06,16,23)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	45 (1947,50,58,59,67,75-81,87-07,09-19,23)
College World Series Appearances	12 (1958,59,76,77,80,91,95,96,00,02,06,10)
NCAA Tournament Record	122-97
Regional & Super Regional Record	110-73
College World Series Record	12-24
National Players-of-the-Year	3
All-Americans	66
Major Leaguers	69

DOUG KINGSMORE STADIUM



Doug Kingsmore Stadium, the home of Tiger baseball since 1970, has seen many changes and improvements over the years, but it has not lost its aesthetic beauty and unique feel on the west side of the Clemson University campus.

Doug Kingsmore Stadium has over 4,500 permanent seats, but is capable of holding 6,272 fans thanks to a hill area down the left-field line that is popular with students.

The park features a terrace in the outfield adjacent to the fence, similar to the old Crosley Field in Cincinnati. Former Head Coach Bill Wilhelm liked the look and practicality of a field with grass around the outfield instead of gravel or dirt.

In 2015, a three-story building was constructed behind the first-base dugout. It houses a state-of-the-art clubhouse, coaches offices and a player lounge among other amenities.

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2024 MEDIA INFORMATION

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ClemsonTigers.com/2024-Baseball-Media-Information

#20 NICK CLAYTON, RHP

- NCBWA Stopper-of-the-Year Watch List

#49 CHANCE FITZGERALD, RHP

- No. 152 freshman in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 16 ACC prospect for the 2026 draft by Perfect Game

#15 REED GARRIS, RHP

- NCBWA Stopper-of-the-Year Watch List

#56 AUSTIN GORDON, RHP

- No. 26 starting pitcher in the nation by D1Baseball
- No. 95 junior in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 108 college prospect for the 2024 draft by D1Baseball
- No. 23 ACC prospect for the 2024 draft by Perfect Game
- No. 24 ACC prospect for the 2024 draft by D1Baseball

#9 JACOB JARRELL, C

- No. 35 ACC prospect for the 2025 draft by D1Baseball

#19 AIDAN KNAAK, RHP

- No. 74 freshman in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 44 freshman in the ACC by D1Baseball
- No. 14 ACC prospect for the 2026 draft by Perfect Game

#33 JUSTIN LeGUERNIC, LHP

- No. 36 freshman in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 25 freshman in the ACC by D1Baseball
- No. 7 ACC prospect for the 2026 draft by Perfect Game

#47 LUCAS MAHLSTEDT, RHP

- No. 83 transfer in the nation by D1Baseball

#36 MATTHEW MARCHAL, RHP

- No. 52 transfer in the nation by D1Baseball

#55 TRYSTON McCLADDIE, INF/OF

- No. 169 freshman in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 49 freshman in the ACC by D1Baseball

#12 HIDEKI PRATHER, C

- No. 391 freshman in the nation by Perfect Game

#23 JARREN PURIFY, INF

- No. 49 freshman in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 20 freshman in the ACC by D1Baseball
- No. 11 ACC prospect for the 2026 draft by Perfect Game

#18 TRISTAN SMITH, LHP

- No. 53 sophomore in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 88 college prospect for the 2024 draft by D1Baseball
- No. 21 ACC prospect for the 2024 draft by D1Baseball
- No. 21 ACC prospect for the 2024 draft by Perfect Game

#16 WILL TAYLOR, OF

- No. 16 outfielder in the nation by D1Baseball
- No. 25 junior in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 55 college prospect for the 2024 draft by D1Baseball
- No. 9 ACC prospect for the 2024 draft by Perfect Game
- No. 12 ACC prospect for the 2024 draft by Baseball America
- No. 15 ACC prospect for the 2024 draft by D1Baseball

#00 DREW TITSWORTH, RHP

- No. 216 freshman in the nation by Perfect Game
- No. 46 freshman in the ACC by D1Baseball

#8 BLAKE WRIGHT, INF

- No. 42 ACC prospect for the 2024 draft by D1Baseball