

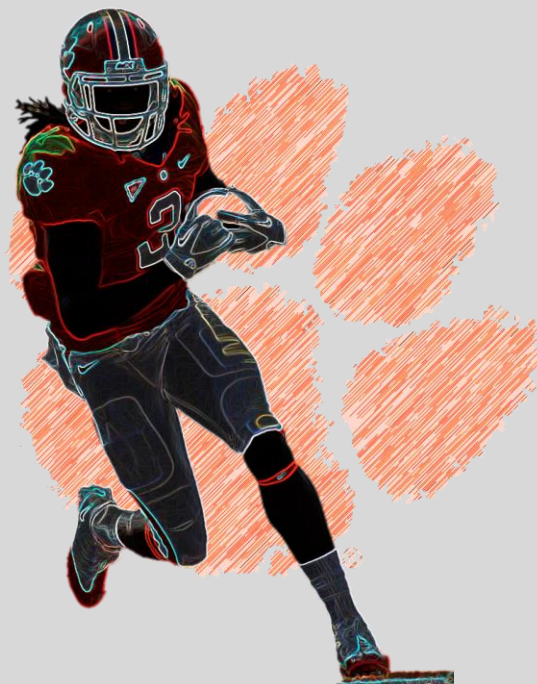


GEORGIA @ CLEMSON

Saturday, August 31

Memorial Stadium
Clemson, South Carolina
8:00 ET // ABC

Odds: UGA by 2 (72)



COACH

Mark Richt, 13th year here

Georgia Projected Starters

OFFENSE

QB: 12 Aaron Murray, Sr.
RB: 3 Todd Gurley, So.
WR: 26 Malcolm Mitchell, Jr.
WR: 82 Michael Bennett, Jr.
WR: 31 Chris Conley, Jr.
TE: 88 Arthur Lynch, Sr.
C: 61 David Andrews, Jr.
RG: 68 Chris Burnette, Sr.
LG: 64 Dallas Lee, Sr.
RT: 71 John Theus, So.
LT: 72 Kenarious Gates, Sr.

DEFENSE

DE: 56 Garrison Smith, Sr.
NT: 96 Mike Thornton, Jr.
DE: 47 Ray Drew, Jr.
OLB: 59 Jordan Jenkins, So.
ILB: 51 Ramik Wilson, Jr.
ILB: 52 Amarlo Herrera, Jr.
OLB: 33 Chase Vasser, Sr.
FS: 28 Tray Matthews, Fr.
SS: 25 Josh Harvey-Clemons, So.
CB: 5 Damian Swann, Jr.
CB: 2 Sheldon Dawson, So.

SPECIALISTS

K: 13 Marshall Morgan, So.
P: 16 Collin Barber, So.
KR: 26 Malcolm Mitchell, Jr.
KR: 3 Todd Gurley, So.
PR: 26 Malcolm Mitchell, Jr.

Advantages

Quarterbacks:

TIE



Running Backs:



Wide Receivers:



Offensive Line:



Defensive Line:



Secondary:



Special Teams:



Overall:



COACH

Dabo Swinney, sixth year here

Clemson Projected Starters

OFFENSE

QB: 10 Tajh Boyd, Sr.
RB: 28 Roderick McDowell, Sr.
WR: 2 Sammy Watkins, Jr.
WR: 1 Martavis Bryant, Jr.
WR: 19 Charone Peake, Jr.
TE: 81 Stanton Seckinger, So.
C: 58 Ryan Norton, So.
RG: 62 Tyler Shatley, Sr.
LG: 68 David Beasley, Jr.
RT: 70 Gifford Timothy, Jr.
LT: 63 Brandon Thomas, Sr.

DEFENSE

DE: 3 Vic Beasley, Jr.
NT: 50 Grady Jarrett, Jr.
DT: 91 Josh Watson, Jr.
DE: 93 Corey Crawford, Jr.
SLB: 34 Quandon Christian, Sr.
MLB: 33 Spencer Shuey, Sr.
WLB: 42 Stephone Anthony, Jr.
FS: 11 Travis Blanks, So.
SS: 27 Robert Smith, Jr.
CB: 8 Darius Robinson, Sr.
CB: 26 Gary Peters, Jr.

SPECIALISTS

K: 39 Chandler Catanzaro, Sr.
P: 92 Bradley Pinion, So.
KR: 2 Sammy Watkins, Jr.
KR: 1 Martavis Bryant, Jr.
PR: 16 Adam Humphries, Jr.

2012 STATS

Team	OPPG	OYPG	OPYPG	ORYPG	DPPG	DYPG	DPYPG	DRYPG	TOs	'12 REC	Ret. Strs
GEORGIA	37.8	468	285	183	19.6	358	176	182	+11	12-2	9/3/2
CLEMSON	41.0	513	322	191	24.8	396	240	156	+2	11-2	6/6/1

Game History Recap: Clemson and Georgia have faced off many times in their history. It was a home and home series the last time the schools faced off in 2002 and 2003 seasons with Georgia winning both matchups by a combined 61-28. In 2002, Georgia was preseason #4 and headed into the season as a legitimate national title contender (finished 13-1). The Clemson defense held David Greene to only 67 yards passing with an interception. The Clemson offense outgained Georgia 233-203 (combine the two offensive yard totals and the number will still be less than the average of either one of those teams now). Clemson went scoreless in the fourth quarter and Georgia scored ten to capture the win. Next season, it was nowhere near a nail biter as Georgia dominated on all cylinders with 411 offensive yards and holding Clemson just shy of 200 total yards. This season I expect the game to be a lot closer than it was in their last meeting.

2002 Final Score: Georgia 31 Clemson 28



Preview: Both teams are coming into this matchup as preseason top ten teams after both posting double digit wins in 2012. Clemson had its best year offensively in 2012 with Heisman caliber quarterback Tajh Boyd leading the way with 46 total touchdowns! His favorite target DeAndre Hopkins turned pro but the freshman phenomenon, Sammy Watkins, is back with much to prove. This would be the game to get his name back out there. The offensive line will be the biggest question for Clemson in this game. Yes, I am aware the line returns four starters but we all know it's a different world when facing a SEC school. The defense has some work to do have having a mediocre performance in 2012. The unit is much improved though as it showed in the Chick-fil-a Bowl defeating LSU 25-24. Georgia may possess its best offense in school history with nine returning starters and their record breaking quarterback Aaron Murray. Murray will manage against a young Clemson secondary with his top receivers returning. The Gurshall package is the best duo in college football and this season will be running behind one of the better offensive lines in the SEC. With inexperience on Clemson's defensive line these backs could have their day. The defense loses nine starters. The defense will have to deal with a pass heavy offensive attack. The defense is obviously the biggest concern for Georgia heading into this game.

My Prediction: The offensive power of both teams will produce but the defense who gets the stops wins this game. SEC > ACC

Score Prediction:

Georgia 34 Clemson 27

