



2020-21 CLEMSON BASKETBALL
PROSPECTUS

QUICK FACTS

ACC 29 POSTSEASON APPEARANCES | 4 SWEET SIXTEENS | 1 ELITE EIGHT | 1990 ACC REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS 

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location:	Clemson, SC 29633
Founded:	1889
Enrollment:	24,951
President:	James P. Clements (UMBC '85)
Director of Athletics:	Dan Radakovich (Indiana (Pa.) '80)
Conference:	Atlantic Coast
Nickname:	Tigers
Colors:	Tiger Orange & Regalia
Arena:	Littlejohn Coliseum (9,000)
Web:	ClemsonTigers.com
Twitter / Instagram	@ClemsonMBB

MEN'S BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach

Brad Brownell (DePauw '91)
Clemson record: 185-142 (10 years)
Overall record: 352-227 (18 years)

Assistant Coach

Dick Bender (West Maryland '86)

Assistant Coach

Antonio Reynolds Dean (Rhode Island '99)

Assistant Coach

Anthony Goins (St. John's '08)

Director of Operations

Matthew Bucklin (Georgia '12)

Director of Basketball Strength & Conditioning

Justin McClelland (Eastern University '11)

Director of Player Development

Terrell McIntyre (Clemson '15)

Special Assistant to the Head Coach

Marty Simmons (Evansville, '88)

Video Coordinator

Amit Tailor (Illinois '08)

Athletic Trainer

Brad Crowe (Grand Valley State '10)

Graduate Managers

Kylen Butler (Indianapolis, '19)

Aaron Stevens (Clemson, '19)

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Play-by-Play: Don Munson

Color Analyst: Tim Bourret

Engineer: Ben Millstead

2020-21 PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN

Lettermen Returning: 11

Name	Pos	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.	PPG	RPG	FG%	FT%
Aamir Simms	F	6-8.5	248	Sr.	13.0	7.2	.474	.705
John Newman III	G	6-5	197	Jr.	9.5	3.9	.440	.726
Al-Amir Dawes	G	6-2	180	So.	9.0	2.8	.381	.789
Clyde Trapp	G	6-4	196	Sr.	6.0	3.9	.367	.500
Hunter Tyson	F	6-8	204	Jr.	5.5	3.0	.445	.707
Chase Hunter	G	6-3	200	So.	5.3	1.0	.378	.636
Alex Hemenway	G	6-3	180	So.	4.8	0.9	.500	1.000
Wells Hoag	G	6-2	180	Jr.	0.7	0.3	.333	.000
Parker Fox	G	6-7	210	Jr.	0.6	0.3	.667	.000
O'Neil McBride	F	6-7	195	So.	0.3	0.8	.500	.000
Jonathan Baehre	F	6-10	209	Sr.	0.0	3.5	.000	.000

Notes: Nick Honor sat out the 2019-20 season due to NCAA transfer eligibility rules.

Newcomers: 3

Name	Cl.	Pos	Hgt	Wgt
PJ Hall	Fr.	F/C	6-10	235
Lynn Kidd	Fr.	C	6-10	220
Olivier-Maxence Prosper	Fr.	G/F	6-8	205

Lettermen Lost: 5

Name	Pos	Hgt	Wgt	PPG	RPG	FG%	FT%
Paul Grinde	C	6-10	275	1.4	0.3	.625	.750
Trey Jemison	C	7-0	256	1.7	2.0	.490	.364
Tevin Mack	G/F	6-6	227	12.2	5.2	.449	.613
Khavon Moore	G/F	6-8	217	1.8	1.7	.373	.571
Curran Scott	G	6-4	205	5.7	1.7	.369	.787

Starters Returning: 1 (Simms)

Starters Lost: 1 (Mack)

Top Returning Scorer: Aamir Simms (13.0 ppg)

Top Returning Rebounder: Aamir Simms (7.2 rpg)

Top Returning Assist Maker: Aamir Simms (78)

Top Returning FG Shooter: Aamir Simms (.474, min. 100 attempts)

Top Returning 3-Point Shooter: Aamir Simms (.400, min. 50 attempts)

Top Returning FT Shooter: Al-Amir Dawes (.789, min. 50 attempts)

Top Returning Shot Blocker: Aamir Simms (23)

Top Returnee in Steals: John Newman III (31)

2020-21 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

By Class: 3 seniors, 5 Juniors, 3 sophomores, 3 freshmen

By State: South Carolina 4, Florida 2, North Carolina 2, Georgia 1, Virginia 1, Indiana 1, Nevada 1, New Jersey 1

By Country: United States 13, Canada 1, Germany 1

2019-20 SEASON REVIEW

Overall Record: 16-15

ACC Record: 9-11 (8th)

Postseason: Cancelled Due to COVID-19

Associated Press Final Ranking: NR

USA Today Final Ranking: NR

ALL-TIME POSTSEASON PLAY

Overall NCAA Appearances: 12

Overall NCAA Tournament Record: 11-12

Last NCAA Appearance/Result: 2018, lost to Kansas in the Sweet Sixteen, 80-76

Overall NIT Appearances: 17

Overall NIT Record: 19-17

Last NIT Appearance/Result: 2019/Second Round

2020-21 ROSTERS

ALPHABETICAL

No	Name	Pos	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	Previous School
1	Jonathan Baehre	F	6-10	214	Sr.	TR	Wiesbaden, Germany	Wilkinson County HS/UNCA
2	Al-Amir Dawes	G	6-2	180	So.	1VL	Newark, N.J.	The Patrick School
11	Parker Fox	G	6-7	212	Jr.	2VL	Reno, Nev.	Oconee HS (Ga.)
24	PJ Hall	F	6-10	235	Fr.	HS	Spartanburg, S.C.	Dorman HS
12	Alex Hemenway	G	6-3.5	185	So.	1VL	Newburgh, Ind.	Castle HS
21	Wells Hoag	G	6-3	199	Jr.	1VL	Greenville, S.C.	Greenville HS
4	Nick Honor	G	5-10	205	RSO.	TR	Orlando, Fla.	Lake Highland/Fordham
3	Chase Hunter	G	6-3.5	204	So.	1VL	Atlanta, Ga.	Westlake HS
20	O'Neil McBride	F	6-7	207	So.	1VL	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Myrtle Beach HS
22	Lynn Kidd	C	6-10.5	235	Fr.	HS	Gainesville, Fla.	IMG Academy
15	John Newman III	F	6-5	207	Jr.	2VL	Greensboro, N.C.	Greensboro Day School
10	Olivier-Maxence Prosper	F	6-8	218	Fr.	HS	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	NBA Academy
25	Aamir Simms	F	6-8.5	245	Sr.	3VL	Palmyra, Va.	Blue Ridge School
0	Clyde Trapp	G	6-4	203	Sr.	3VL	Eastover, S.C.	Lower Richland HS
5	Hunter Tyson	F	6-8	215	Jr.	2VL	Monroe, N.C.	Piedmont HS

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Sports Medicine: Brad Crowe

Video Coordinator: Amit Tailor

Graduate Managers: Kylan Butler and Aaron Stevens

Undergraduate Managers: Jake Cerota, Jack Nauseef, Thomas Brockhorst, Johnny Heijer, Will Solomon (Will is completing his degree through Clemson's Tiger Trust Program)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jonathan Baehre	"Bear"
Brad Brownell	BROW -nehl
Olivier-Maxence Prosper	Oh-LIV -ee-ay

CLEMSON TIGERS BLUEPRINT

Via High School Ranks (9)

Clyde Trapp (2017 recruiting class)
 Al-Amir Dawes (2019 recruiting class)
 Chase Hunter (2019 recruiting class)
 Hunter Tyson (2018 recruiting class)
 Alex Hemenway (2019 recruiting class)
 John Newman III (2018 recruiting class)
 Aamir Simms (2017 recruiting class)
 PJ Hall (2020 recruiting class)
 Olivier-Maxence Prosper (2020 recruiting class)
 Lynn Kidd (2020 recruiting class)

Via Transfer Portal (3)

Jonathan Baehre (2018 transfer from UNC Asheville)
 Nick Honor (2019 transfer from Fordham)

Via Walk-On (3)

Parker Fox (2018 Recruiting Class)
 Wells Hoag (2019 Recruiting Class - Elevated manager)
 O'Neil McBride (2019 Recruiting Class)

2020-21 SCHEDULE

REGULAR SEASON

Wednesday	Nov. 25	vs. Mississippi State (Space Coast Challenge)	Melbourne, Fla.	Titan Field House	CBSSN	8:30 p.m.
Thursday	Nov. 26	vs. Purdue/Liberty (Space Coast Challenge)	Melbourne, Fla.	Titan Field House	CBSSN	TBA
Wednesday	Dec. 2	South Carolina State	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	ACCN	6 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 9	Maryland (ACC/Big Ten Challenge)	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Dec. 12	vs. Alabama (Holiday Hoopsgiving)	Atlanta, Ga.	State Farm Arena	ACCN	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 15	at Virginia Tech*	Blacksburg, Va.	Cassell Coliseum	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Dec. 19	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	Colonial Life Arena	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	Dec. 22	Morehead State	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	ACCN	2 p.m.
TBA	Dec. 29/30	Florida State*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Jan. 2	at Miami*	Coral Gables, Fla.	Watsco Center	TBA	TBA
TBA	Jan. 5-6	NC State*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Jan. 9	at North Carolina*	Chapel Hill, N.C.	Dean E. Smith Center	TBA	TBA
TBA	Jan. 12-13	at Syracuse*	Syracuse, N.Y.	Carrier Dome	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Jan. 16	Virginia*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
TBA	Jan. 19-20	at Georgia Tech*	Atlanta, Ga.	McCamish Pavilion	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Jan. 23	at Florida State*	Tallahassee, Fla.	Donald L. Tucker Civic Center	TBA	TBA
TBA	Jan. 25-26	Boston College*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Jan. 30	at Duke*	Durham, N.C.	Cameron Indoor Stadium	TBA	TBA
TBA	Feb. 2-3	North Carolina*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Feb. 6	Syracuse*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Feb. 13	Georgia Tech*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
TBA	Feb. 16-17	at Notre Dame*	Notre Dame, Ind.	Joyce Center	TBA	TBA
Sunday	Feb. 21	at Pittsburgh*	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Petersen Events Center	TBA	TBA
TBA	Feb. 23-24	at Wake Forest*	Winston-Salem, N.C.	LJVM Coliseum	TBA	TBA
Saturday	Feb. 27	Miami*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
TBA	March 2-3	Louisville*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA
TBA	March 5-6	Pittsburgh*	Clemson, S.C.	Littlejohn Coliseum	TBA	TBA

POSTSEASON

Tue.-Sat.	Mar. 9-13	New York Life ACC Tournament	Washington, D.C.	Capital One Arena	ESPN/ACCN	
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HEAD COACH BRAD BROWNELL



(Clicking on Coach Brownell's headshot will take you to his online bio)

CAREER RECORDS

Overall Record: 352-227
 Conference Games (regular season career): 186-134
 Non-Conference Games (at Clemson): 95-41
 ACC Tournament: 5-9
 NCAA Tournament (career): 3-5
 Overtime Games (at Clemson): 11-7
 NIT (career): 4-3

CAREER RECORDS (ACC PLAY)

Overall Record (Regular Season): 85-93
 Overall Record (inc. postseason): 90-102
 ACC Tournament: 5-9

ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACHES

1.	Brad Brownell (2010-present)	185-142
2.	Cliff Ellis (1985-94)	177-128
3.	Bill Foster (1975-84)	156-106
4.	Oliver Purnell (2003-10)	138-88
5.	Joe Davis (1932-40)	101-86

CAREER COACHING RECORDS

Season Victories: 25
 Cliff Ellis, 1986-87
 Oliver Purnell, 2006-07
 Brad Brownell, 2017-18

ACC Season Victories
 11, Brad Brownell, 2017-18

ACC Home Victories
 8, Brad Brownell, 2017-18

ACC Regular Season Career Victories
 85, Brad Brownell (85-93), 2010-20

Overall Wins vs. ACC Teams
 90, Brad Brownell (90-102), 2010-20

Overall Winning Percentage
 vs. ACC Teams: .469, Brad Brownell (90-102), 2010-20

Overall ACC Home Winning Percentage
 .677, Brad Brownell (67-32), 2010-20

BROWNELL'S YEAR-BY-YEAR HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL	.PCT	CONF.	POSTSEASON
2002-03	UNC Wilmington	24-7	.744	15-3	NCAA, 1st round
2003-04	UNC Wilmington	15-15	.500	9-9	
2004-05	UNC Wilmington	19-10	.655	13-5	
2005-06	UNC Wilmington	25-8	.758	15-3	NCAA, 1st round
2006-07	Wright State	23-10	.697	13-3	NCAA, 1st round
2007-08	Wright State	21-10	.677	12-6	
2008-09	Wright State	20-13	.606	12-6	
2009-10	Wright State	20-12	.625	12-6	
2010-11	Clemson	22-12	.647	9-7	NCAA, 2nd round
2011-12	Clemson	16-15	.516	8-8	
2012-13	Clemson	13-18	.419	5-13	
2013-14	Clemson	23-13	.639	10-8	NIT, Semifinals
2014-15	Clemson	16-15	.516	8-10	
2015-16	Clemson	17-14	.548	10-8	
2016-17	Clemson	17-16	.515	6-12	NIT, 1st Round
2017-18	Clemson	25-10	.714	11-7	NCAA, Sweet Sixteen
2018-19	Clemson	20-14	.588	9-9	NIT, 2nd Round
2019-20	Clemson	16-15	.516	9-11	No Postseason Due to COVID-19
2020-21	Clemson	0-0	.000	0-0	

HEAD COACHING SUMMARY

at UNC Wilmington	83-40	.675	52-20
at Wright State	84-45	.651	49-21
at Clemson	185-142	.566	85-93
TOTALS	352-227	.608	186-134

NOTE: Conference record is regular season only.

ABOUT BRAD BROWNELL

Born November 15, 1968
Hometown Evansville, Indiana
High School Harrison High School
Degree DePauw University (1991); history
Master's University of Indianapolis (1994); history

FAMILY

Wife Paula
Daughter Abby
Daughter Kate

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Years	School, Position
1991-92	Evansville, graduate assistant
1992-94	Indianapolis; assistant coach
1994-2002	UNC Wilmington, assistant coach
2002-06	UNC Wilmington, head coach
2006-10	Wright State, head coach
2010-pres.	Clemson, head coach

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Years
 1988-91 DePauw University
 (Ranks seventh in school history in career assists - 332; 15th in steals - 102; 17th in free throw percentage - .782)
 1989-90 Season
 .899 free throw percentage; 132 assists, 47 steals (all top 10 single season; 2nd in FT, 10th in AST, 9th in STL)

COACHING HONORS

2003 Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year
 2006 Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year
 2008 Horizon League Coach of the Year
 2018 Sports Illustrated College Basketball Coach of the Year

COACHING TREE

Colton Ayers (Assistant coach at Limestone College)
Nick Bowman (Assistant coach at Nicholls State)
Tee Butters (Assistant coach at Charleston Southern)
Austin Claunch (Head coach at Nicholls State)
Billy Donlon (Head coach at UMKC)
Jimmy Garrity (Head women's coach at Wofford)
CJ Gleaton (Assistant coach at Quincy University)
Adam Gordon (Associate head coach at Southeast Missouri State)
Earl Grant (Head coach at College of Charleston)
Marty McGillan (Assistant coach at Longwood)
Riley McGillan (Director of operations at Longwood)
Lucas McKay (Assistant coach at UMKC)
Terrence Oglesby (Assistant coach at Carson-Newman)
Rick Ray (Head coach at Southeast Missouri State)
Richie Riley (Head coach at South Alabama)
Tanner Smith (Assistant coach at Kennesaw State)
Mike Winiacki (Assistant coach at Lakeland Magic (NBA G-League))

NBA DRAFT PICKS UNDER BROWNELL

2014 K.J. McDaniels, 32nd to Philadelphia
 2017 Jaron Blossomgame, 59th to San Antonio

TV & RADIO ROSTER



#0 CLYDE TRAPP
G • 6-4 • 203 • Sr.
Eastover, S.C.



#1 JONATHAN BAEHRE
F • 6-10 • 214 • Sr.
Wiesbaden, Germany



#2 AL-AMIR DAWES
G • 6-2 • 180 • So.
Newark, N.J.



#3 CHASE HUNTER
G • 6-3.5 • 204 • So.
Atlanta, Ga.



#4 NICK HONOR
G • 5-10 • 205 • RS.O.
Orlando, Fla.



#5 HUNTER TYSON
F • 6-8 • 215 • Jr.
Monroe, N.C.



#10 OLIVIER-MAXENCE PROSPER
G/F • 6-8 • 218 • Fr.
Montreal, Quebec, Canada



#11 PARKER FOX
G • 6-7 • 212 • Jr.
Reno, Nev.



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F • 6-3.5 • 185 • So.
Newburgh, Ind.



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Myrtle Beach, S.C.



#21 WELLS HOAG
G • 6-3 • 199 • Jr.
Greenville, S.C.



#22 LYNN KIDD
F/C • 6-10.5 • 235 • Fr.
Gainesville, Fla.



#24 PJ HALL
F/C • 6-10 • 235 • Fr.
Spartanburg, S.C.



#25 AAMIR SIMMS
F • 6-8.5 • 245 • Sr.
Palmyra, Va.



BRAD BROWNELL
Head Coach
11th Season at Clemson



DICK BENDER
Assistant Coach
9th Season at Clemson



ANTONIO REYNOLDS DEAN
Assistant Coach
4th Season at Clemson



ANTHONY GOINS
Assistant Coach
2nd Season at Clemson



MATT BUCKLIN
Director of Operations
3rd Season at Clemson

SEASON OUTLOOK

With the return of four starters, four of the top five scorers, five of the top six rebounders and each of the top four assist makers, Clemson has plenty of reason for optimism as Brad Brownell, the Tigers' winningest basketball coach in history, both overall (185 wins) and in ACC games (85), begins his second decade with the program.

The squad has also added its most highly regarded recruiting class in his tenure and welcomed a transfer who averaged 15 points per game two years ago.

As long as the injury/COVID-19 bug stays away, this will certainly be Clemson's deepest team since the program's run to the Sweet 16 in 2017-18 and perhaps the deepest in Brownell's tenure.

"We compare much better to the rest of the league than we have previously when you look at our players, seventh through 10th," said Brownell in early October. "I hope to have nine or 10 guys play double-figure minutes. We need to stay healthy, and if we do, we will be a team with some depth."

While the newcomers will be significant factors, there are seven returning lettermen who played at least 175 minutes and combined for 113 starts. They experienced a 2019-20 season that was one of the most accomplished in school history.

Among the landmark data points:

- Led the nation in wins over top-6 Associated Press teams with three (victories over Duke, Louisville and Florida State). It was the first time in 40 years Clemson defeated three top-6 teams in the same year.
- The win over No. 3 Duke was the highest ranked team Clemson has defeated since 2001.
- Ended a 94-year losing streak that covered 59 consecutive games in North Carolina, a thrilling 79-76 overtime victory that saw Clemson overcome a 10-point deficit with just 2:08 left in regulation.
- Wins over all four ACC teams from the state of North Carolina for the first time since 1995-96. The Tigers posted a 4-2 record against the "Big Four" ACC schools

from North Carolina, just the second year in the last 30 Clemson had a winning mark against those teams.

- Beat NC State, North Carolina and Duke in consecutive games for the first time since 1966-67.
- Defeated three of the top four winningest coaches (Jim Boeheim, Mike Krzyzewski and Roy Williams) in the history of college basketball.

"We accomplished some great things last year," said Brownell. "It was a year of a lot of turnover in that we had new players and revamped the way we do things offensively to fit our personnel."

"We expect to play faster this year because of our depth, especially at point guard. We will have more of a post presence offensively than we did last year. We will look more traditional at times."

While there are many reasons for optimism, Brownell will be the first to tell you there are areas his team must improve. "We need a proven perimeter scorer. We don't have a Marquise Reed or a Donte Grantham who you know is going to score for you every game. We might have to do that on a game-to-game basis."

The Tigers also look to improve their negative rebounding margin of a year ago. "We can be an improved rebounding team this year, but when you look at our KenPom numbers, we were a good defensive rebounding team, especially for a relatively small team."

"Where we don't rebound as well is offensive rebounding. But I emphasized getting back on defense and setting our defense last year. I didn't want to give up easy baskets. We will crash the glass more this year."

Brownell also looks to see improvement when it comes to 3-point shooting. "Last year, if we made threes, we could beat top-10 teams. We hope to be more consistent with the more experienced players we have taking the threes this year. That will be an important part of our offense."

Another reason for optimism within the program is that important intangible... leadership. "Aamir Simms is



JOHN NEWMAN III IMPROVED HIS SCORING BY 7.0 POINTS PER GAME FROM HIS FRESHMAN YEAR TO SOPHOMORE YEAR.



HEAD COACH BRAD BROWNELL RETURNS FOR HIS 11TH SEASON AT THE HELM OF THE TIGERS' PROGRAM, HAVING ALREADY BECOME THE PROGRAM'S ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACH.

SEASON OUTLOOK



AAMIR SIMMS EARNED ALL-ACC THIRD TEAM HONORS FOR HIS PERFORMANCES ON THE COURT LAST SEASON.

one of the best leaders I've had. He's been on a Sweet 16 team, and he's seen what it takes. He's seen leaders like Donte Grantham and Gabe DeVoe before him. He knows what good leadership looks like. Clyde Trapp is also healthy and will provide leadership."

Backcourt

Brownell looks to have a more up-tempo attack this year thanks to the fact he will have depth at point guard, a position that will feature sophomore Al-Amir Dawes and redshirt sophomore transfer Nick Honor.

"We enter this year with two quick point guards with a year or experience under their belt playing college basketball. We are going to try to throw the ball ahead and make some plays."

Dawes had moments of brilliance last year, especially at Boston College, when he scored 22 points in a Tiger victory, and when he scored the game-winning field goal on a coast-to-coast drive to beat Florida State with a second left. Dawes finished the season fourth on the team in scoring with a 9.0 average and was second in assists with 76. He had a team-best 48 3-point field goals, and that number will likely increase in his sophomore year. Honor played the 2018-19 season at Fordham and averaged 15.3 points per game, best among Atlantic 10 rookies, and 14th-best among freshmen nationally. He made 70 3-point shots, hit 81.6 percent from the foul line and was named to the All-Atlantic 10 rookie team.

Honor was able to play for the Tigers in the summer of 2019 in the World University Games and was a factor in Clemson's drive to winning the gold medal. He committed just four turnovers the entire tournament.

Veterans John Newman III and Clyde Trapp return for their third and fourth years with the program, respectively. Newman was, fittingly, third on the team in scoring (9.5), rebounds (122) and assists (68) last year. He gained confidence during the 2019 World University games, when he averaged 13.3 points a game. He had a memorable game last year, when he had 23 points in Clemson's win over No. 5 Louisville.



HUNTER TYSON SAW INCREASES IN MINUTES, POINTS, FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE AND THREE-POINT SHOOTING LAST YEAR.

SEASON OUTLOOK

Trapp missed 10 games at the outset of 2019-20 while recovering from a torn ACL but still made 19 starts. "Clyde got the brace off this summer and is gaining more and more confidence. His knee is strong and I look for him to have a really good senior year. The game has slowed down for him."

A third returning letterman at shooting guard is the team's best shooter, Alex Hemenway. His playing time was also limited by injury last year as a freshman, when he played just 15 games, but he showed his abilities as Clemson's top outside shooter. He led the team in 3-point shooting by a wide margin (.476) and shot a team best 50 percent overall. He finished the year with a 4.8 scoring average in just 12 minutes per game.

Another 2019-20 freshman who had an injury-plagued season was Chase Hunter. The native of Atlanta came to Clemson as a national top-100 player and started the season opener. But he played just nine games due to multiple injuries. Unfortunately, he suffered a broken finger in practice in early October that required surgery and will miss six weeks.

Frontcourt

The leader of the frontcourt and the entire team for that matter is senior Aamir Simms, among the most versatile players in the ACC and Clemson history.

One fact supports that statement. In 2019-20, he became the first player in Clemson history to lead the Tigers in scoring (13.0), rebounding (7.2) and assists (7.8) in the same season.

The native of Virginia will always be remembered for his signature performance in the win in Chapel Hill, N.C., when he had 20 points, eight rebounds, six assists, four blocks and three steals. He led the Tigers in all five categories, the only game in history a Tiger has had a "quintuple leadership" with at least three data points in each category.

"Last year, Simms gained confidence over the course of the season. Early in the season, [the coaching staff] thought he was better than he played. He didn't realize how good a player he was. He is a very cerebral player who is constantly trying to help the younger guys."

Hunter Tyson is another veteran who can help the Tigers in the frontcourt. The junior averaged 5.5 points and 3.0 rebounds per game a year ago and hit many timely 3-point shots.

The other four frontcourt scholarship players on the

Clemson roster have played a total of two games for the Tigers. They have size, with three listed at 6-foot-10 and the other at 6-foot-8.

Jonathan Baehre is the most experienced of the group when it comes to college basketball. The transfer from UNC Asheville has suffered a pair of ACL injuries and is anxious to attend a Clemson game in uniform instead of a suit.

He played 34 games (21 as a starter) for the Bulldogs in 2017-18 and averaged 7.4 points per game and pulled down 48 rebounds. He came on strong at the end of the season, first with 16 point and 13 rebounds in the regular season conference title-clinching win over Winthrop and then in the NIT against Southern California, when he had 28 points and 14 rebounds.

The other three members of the frontcourt are all freshmen. "The freshmen are talented and have good size and athletic ability," said Brownell. "They've raised the competition level in practice and are going to make us a better team.

"It will take them some time to learn on defense, but when they do, they are going to get more and more playing time."

Olivier-Maxence Prosper, known as "O-Max," comes to Clemson from Montreal, the first Canadian scholarship player on the Clemson roster in 20 years. "O-Max is very physical and a hard driver, something we haven't had a lot of in the last couple of years. He's versatile and can play the wing and both forwards. He's very eager and a hard worker."

P.J. Hall is a national top-60 player coming out of Spartanburg, S.C., who was the South Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year. "P.J.'s a unique player in that he's a big guy who can make a three from the top of the key. He can also bury you from under the basket. It's hard to find guys who can do both, but he can. He was well-coached in high school and wants to be good.

Lynn Kidd is a 6-foot-10, 220-pounder from Gainesville, Fla., who was slated to attend a prep school this year and was named a national top-100 recruit by ESPN for the 2021 class. But he decided to reclassify and came to Clemson this past summer. "Lynn doesn't have a ton of game experience because he's always played on balanced teams with outstanding players. He runs well and jumps well. He's a talented hard worker who can finish at the basket."



CLYDE TRAPP ENTERS THE 2020-21 SEASON FULLY RECOVERED FROM A TORN ACL AND WILL LOOK TO HELP LEAD THE TIGERS AS A SENIOR WITH SIMMS AND JONATHAN BAEHRE.



AL-AMIR DAWES WAS THRUST INTO A STARTING ROLE AS A FRESHMAN LAST SEASON, AND RESPONDED BY AVERAGING OVER 9.0 POINTS PER GAME.