

# 'Duo of Doom' will help Tigers wreak havoc

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An identity crisis seems to be what is holding Clemson back from being projected as a legitimate Top 20 basketball team. Several ACC coaches, including UNC's Dean Smith and Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, have said

they fear Clemson this year.

Yet the Tigers got lost in the shuffle in most ACC preseason polls, picked as low as fourth or fifth. A lot of media-types have not recognized that sports at Clemson does not end with football season.

"The problem with the writers is

that (the players) have 'Clemson' across here," Smith said as he pointed to a UNC logo on a reporter's T-shirt. "You put those same players in another uniform and they're going to be great. They don't get the respect they deserve."

Clemson head basketball coach Cliff Ellis needs no reminders of what his team's only glaring weakness is. He knows that good outside play is a must in order to open things up inside for big men Elden Campbell and Dale Davis.

"If our perimeter game comes along, which it didn't last year, we can be awesome," said Ellis, a sixth-year coach with a 93-60 record at Clemson. "If it doesn't we can be so-so. If you look at our big wins, you will see that we got good outside shooting early."

The frontcourt and experience will definitely be strengths for Clemson, and the Tigers' overall depth is the best Ellis has had in his tenure. Only two lettermen are lost from the team that went 19-11 last year. Forward Jerry Pryor was the only starter who graduated.

But all the depth in the world won't help the Tigers if neither Tim Kincaid nor Marion Cash establishes himself as a top-notch point guard. Neither is a complete player, so for now certain situations will dictate who is at the point at what times.

"I don't want to platoon them, but I may have to depending on who we



Marion Cash leads the Tiger backcourt

play," Ellis said. "Cash can push the ball up and down the floor, and Kincaid can shoot."

The Twin Towers, Campbell and Davis, could be the most devastating center-power forward combination in the country.

Campbell, a 6-11 senior, has led the ACC in blocked shots each of the last two seasons and should move into the top five in league history in that category this year. The second-team All-ACC selection averaged 17.5 points and 7.7 rebounds in 1989.

Campbell's partner in the "Duo of Doom," the 6-11 Davis, broke a 17-year ACC record for field goal percentage last year when he connected at a 67-percent rate.

Already one of the strongest inside players in the South, Davis' stock increased further this summer when he toured Greece with the ACC All-Star team. There, Davis averaged 25.6 points per game and led the team in rebounding.

The Tigers are high on Wayne Buckingham, a 6-9 freshman from Atlanta, who can play either power forward or center. The McDonald's All-American is an early candidate for ACC Rookie of the Year.

Power forward Sean Tyson (6-7) is slated to return after sitting out last year because of gall bladder surgery.

Ricky Jones (6-7) will start again at small forward. He started 16 games in 1989, averaging 11 minutes and 4.3 points per contest. Ellis is counting on him to open up the inside with consistent outside shooting.

Kirkland Howling (6-4) and Colby Brown (6-8) will share time with Jones at small forward.

Six-foot-seven senior Derrick Forrest returns at shooting guard. He led the Tigers in minutes played and three-pointers while dividing time at guard and forward. He was named Clemson's top defensive player last year and led the team with 48 steals.

"Derrick was our shutdown guy on defense last year," Ellis said. "He was our top outside shooter and he was a team leader in general. He was a guy I could count on day-in and day-out."

David Young (6-4) and Donnell Bruce (6-5) will back up Forrest at second guard. Yugoslavian Zlatko Josic (6-5), a junior also from El Camino Junior College, will spend time at small forward, wing guard and sometimes point guard.

## Clemson Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Year	Hometown
44	**Colby Brown	F	6-8	200	Jr.	Baconton, Ga.
14	**Donnell Bruce	G	6-5	180	Jr.	Branchville, S.C.
42	Wayne Buckingham	F	6-9	235	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
41	**Elden Campbell	C	6-11	215	Sr.	Inglewood, Calif.
12	**Marion Cash	G	6-3	180	Sr.	Bronx, N.Y.
34	**Dale Davis	F	6-11	225	Jr.	Toccoa, Ga.
13	**Derrick Forrest	G	6-3	175	Sr.	Malone, Fla.
4	**Kirkland Howling	F-G	6-4	180	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
25	**Ricky Jones	F	6-7	195	Jr.	Pendleton, S.C.
32	Zlatko Josic	F	6-5	205	Jr.	San Pedro, Calif.
33	**Tim Kincaid	G	6-3	180	Sr.	Spindale, N.C.
15	Shawn Lastinger	G	6-1	155	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
22	Sean Tyson	F	6-7	215	Jr.	Baltimore, Md.
11	*David Young	G	6-4	175	So.	Greenville, S.C.

\*Denotes Letters Won

### Head Coach

Cliff Ellis (Florida State, 1968)

### Assistants

Len Gordy (Arizona, 1977)

Eugene Harris (Florida State, 1978)

Rich Marshall (Marquette, 1980)

Bobby Hussey (Appalachian State, 1962)



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