



GATOR BOWL HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF CLEMSON

QUICK FACTS

Gator Bowl Appearances: 10

Gator Bowl Record: 5-5

Last Gator Bowl Played: December 29, 2023

34th Game: December 29, 1978

Clemson Tigers vs Ohio State Buckeyes

17

15

Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 72,011

Coached By: Danny Ford

Team MVP: Steve Fuller, QB

APPEARANCE HISTORY

4th Game: January 1, 1949

Clemson Tigers vs. Missouri Tigers

24

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Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 32,939

Coached By: Frank Howard

Team MVP: Bobby Gage, QB

42nd Game: December 27, 1986

Clemson Tigers vs. Stanford Cardinal

27

21

Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 80,104

Coached By: Danny Ford

Team MVP: Rodney Williams, QB

7th Game: January 1, 1952

Clemson Tigers vs. Miami Hurricane

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Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 34,577

Coached By: Frank Howard

Team MVP: N/A

45th Game: December 30, 1989

Clemson Tigers vs. West Virginia Mountaineers

27

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Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 82,911

Coached By: Danny Ford

Team MVP: Levon Kirkland, LB

33rd Game: December 30, 1977

Clemson Tigers vs. Pittsburgh Panthers

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Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 72,289

Coached By: Charley Pell

Team MVP: Jerry Butler, SE

51st Game: January 1, 1996

Clemson Tigers vs. Syracuse Orange

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Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 67,940

Coached By: Tommy West

Team MVP: Peter Ford, CB



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APPEARANCE HISTORY

56th Game: January 1, 2001
Clemson Tigers vs. Virginia Tech Hokies
20 41

Stadium: Alltel Stadium
Attendance: 68,741
Coached By: Tommy Bowden
Team MVP: Bobby Gage, QB

64th Game: January 1, 2009
Clemson Tigers vs. Nebraska Cornhuskers
21 26

Stadium: Jacksonville Municipal Stadium
Attendance: 67,232
Coached By: Dabo Swinney
Team MVP: Brian Burgdorf, QB

79th Game: December 29, 2023
Clemson Tigers vs. Kentucky Wildcats
38 35

Stadium: EverBank Stadium
Attendance: 72,289
Coached By: Dabo Swinney
Team MVP: Phil Mafah, RB

ICONIC PLAYERS, COACHES & MOMENTS

- With his 12th career bowl win, Dabo Swinney broke Bobby Bowden's ACC record (11) for the most career bowl wins leading an ACC program.
- Clemson's kicker, Jack Miller, made the first ever field goal in the 1949 Gator Bowl.
- Clemson played in the second most-watched Gator Bowl in 1989 against West Virginia, with 82,911 fans.
- Danny Ford's first game as head coach was the 1978 Gator Bowl, which Clemson won. He went on to lead Clemson to a national championship in 1981.
- Quarterback, Steve Fuller, led Clemson to victory in the 1978 Gator Bowl.



2023 Clemson Quarterback, Cade Klubnik.