

PHIL STEELE'S COACH OF THE YEAR

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Phil is proud to be publishing the 23rd edition of "Phil Steele's College Football Preview" this year. In 2011, he publicly released his first Coach of the Year Award. The inaugural winner was Bill Snyder of Kansas State, who led the Wildcats to a 10-win season after they had not topped 7 wins the previous 7 seasons. This year Phil is proud to announce Dabo Swinney as his Collegiate Coach of the Year for 2016!

CONGRATULATIONS DABO SWINNEY PHIL STEELE'S 2016 COACH OF THE YEAR

In his ninth year as head coach at Clemson University, Swinney led the #3 seeded Tigers to a shutout victory in the CFB Playoff semi-Final, earning a trip to the National Championship and after beating Alabama, Clemson took home its first National Title since 1981. Swinney guided Clemson to an 11-1 regular season and with the win over Virginia Tech an ACC Championship. Over the last six seasons Swinney has won 10 or more games.



Clemson has now played in the National Championship in back-to-back seasons. The 2016 campaign was one of the most memorable for Clemson led by QB Deshaun Watson (2x winner of the Davey O'Brien Award, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and placed second in the Heisman voting). The Tigers began the season #2 in the AP poll and never fell out of the Top 5 while also being ranked in the Top 4 every week of the CFP rankings.

Dabo Swinney was a walk-on WR at Alabama in 1989 who earned a scholarship (3 year letterwinner) for his hard work which has translated into his coaching. In 2016 he was surrounded by a lot of talented coaches including co-OC's Jeff Scott and Tony Elliott, DC Brent Venables (2016 Frank Broyles Award Winner) and co-DC Marion Hobby along with Associate HC Dan Brooks and Assistant HC/Special Teams Coordinator Danny Pearman.



PREVIOUS COACH OF THE YEAR WINNERS:

**2012 NICK SABAN, ALABAMA • 2013 GUS MALZAHN, AUBURN
2014 URBAN MEYER, OHIO ST • 2015 DABO SWINNEY, CLEMSON**