

Nestled among rolling green hills, the orange and white peaks of Memorial Stadium and the glistening waters of Lake Hartwell is Doug Kingsmore Stadium — home to one of the nation's best collegiate baseball programs. It is here — within the complex's green walls — that dreams are realized, lessons are learned, and history is made.

There is nothing quite like Tiger baseball. The excitement of the game. The enthusiasm of the fans. And those moments where you witness something so athletically great, it takes your breath away.

Indeed, Doug Kingsmore Stadium is the home of great Tiger baseball. But, the needs of our players and fans demand that we make this good facility even better.

Doug Kingsmore Stadium needs major-league improvements to match the competitive level of the team and the enthusiasm of the fans. A significant construction and enhancement project is crucial for Clemson baseball to continue its impressionable standing in the ACC. Always known as the most consistent team in the league, Clemson must make financially sizable changes to the current baseball stadium in order to maintain its position in the ACC and across the country. It is time to make the improvements necessary to create the Clemson University Baseball Complex.

## THE REALITY

College baseball has risen to an unprecedented level of popularity. To keep up, many of Clemson's rivals are building new or refurbishing existing baseball stadiums. The University of South Carolina plans to complete construction on a massive \$35.6 million baseball stadium in 2009, with the hope that it will become the one of the best stadiums not only in South Carolina, but quite possibly, the nation.

The University of South Carolina, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Miami, the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State and Virginia have all made or plan to make multimillion-dollar improvements to their existing facilities in order to compete on a national level — both on the field and in recruiting. Our competition has also invested in the needs of the student athlete. It is important that we maintain an environment that enhances our recruiting efforts, promotes the development of our players, and recognizes the accomplishments of the past and present teams and individuals.

The Tiger baseball facility can't get behind the competition and the demands of our fans. Season-ticket sales have increased to the point that a percentage of our season-ticket holders are assigned seats in temporary bleachers. Many students who wish to attend our most popular games are turned away for the lack of adequate seating in the stadium. They resort to building temporary scaffolding outside the outfield fence to see the games. These temporary solutions add to the outstanding atmosphere in the stadium, but at the same time, take away from the design features that make Doug Kingsmore Stadium so unique.

The plan is to create the Clemson University Baseball Complex. The idea is to blend the AAA baseball park look of Doug Kingsmore Stadium with the unique traditions of the game-day environment that define Clemson baseball and create one of the best college baseball atmospheres in the country.



## THE BENEFITS

With enough private support, Clemson University can turn Doug Kingsmore Stadium into an even better showplace for Tiger baseball, an arena admired and revered by other collegiate baseball teams nationwide. Donors will have various naming opportunities throughout the complex and will be honored on a Wall of Fame near the stadium's entrance.

## Clemson Baseball boasts:

- 11 College World Series appearances, including five in the last 14 years
- 21 NCAA Regional appearances
- 33 NCAA Tournament appearances overall
- Played host to an NCAA Regional nine of the last 15 years
- Averaged 45 wins per year over the last 15 years
- Tied for fifth in the country in wins in the last 15 years
- Ranked in the final top 25 for 18 of the last 22 seasons
- Won 187 games over top-25 ranked teams in the last 15 years
- Produced eight first-round draft picks in the last 14 years
- 84 players drafted or signed pro contracts in the last 15 years
- Consistently in the top 15 for attendance in the country
- Home of National Players-of-the-Year Kris Benson (1996) and Khalil Greene (2002)
- In 2006, Clemson led the ACC and was No. 7 in the nation in Division I attendance records, thanks to the loyalty of its fans.



### THE NEED

Clemson University Athletics needs to raise more than \$10 million in private funding for improvements and additions to Doug Kingsmore Stadium, creating the Clemson University Baseball Complex, to include:

- Stadium Lights (funded and installed)
- Player Development Field
- The Thomas F. Chapman Grandstand: Four new sections of covered chairback seats for approximately 1,000 Tiger baseball fans including a reserved area for our students.
- Tiger “Paw”vilion: This area will include a plaza for picnics and a fun zone for our younger Tiger fans. The Tiger Pawvilion will extend from beyond the left-center landmark tree behind the modern Pawvilion scoreboard to the right-center field side of the batter’s eye.
- New permanent stands down the left-field line for season ticket holders.
- Clemson Baseball Student Athlete Center
  - Lobby of Legacies
  - Renovated players’ lounge
  - Practice/game-day training area
  - Renovated locker room, restroom and shower area
  - New “pro” locker room
  - New utility area
  - Secondary equipment area (washer and dryer)
  - Amenities for baseball recruiting
- Miscellaneous aesthetic improvements around the stadium

### THE DIFFERENCE



*“Clemson is truly a unique place. The fans, the coaches, the athletes all have a tremendous passion for Clemson Baseball. Bar-none, it is one of the greatest baseball atmospheres in the country.”*

COACH LEGGETT

Coach Jack Leggett is no stranger to success. In 15 seasons, he has led Clemson Baseball to 680 victories (45 per season), 14 NCAA Tournament appearances and five College World Series berths. Clemson is tied for fifth-winningest program during his time as head coach.

Going into 2008, Coach Leggett has 1,026 career wins. He reached the 1,000-win mark in Clemson’s 5-0 win at Maryland on March 25, 2007, to become just the 29<sup>th</sup> head coach in Division I history to reach 1,000 career wins. At the age of 53, he also became the second-youngest coach to reach that mark.

And, Coach Leggett wants to continue and even better his team’s winning tradition.

The environment and excitement of the players and fans define Doug Kingsmore Stadium during games, and Coach Leggett wants to put that same energy and enthusiasm toward its facilities, taking them to a level consistent with the team’s national reputation and ranking.

“We are not just talking about upgrades to the field or stadium,” Coach Leggett says. “We are talking about undertaking a comprehensive improvement to the whole center — creating the Clemson University Baseball Complex — which will enhance not only the players’ experience, but the fans’ experience as well.”

With the competition between schools in the ACC, the state and the nation stronger than ever before, Clemson must keep up, and in some instances, play catch-up. Those schools that make changes and put effort into their facilities inevitably will come out on top.

Also, facilities affect recruiting. The country’s best players want great facilities that provide the necessary equipment for optimal skill and performance development.

“If we don’t manage progress as it needs to be managed, other schools will have a recruiting advantage,” he says.

And finally, the Clemson Baseball tradition deserves the Baseball Complex. “When you have quality facilities, it shows the athletes and the fans just how deep the commitment and support is,” says Coach Leggett. “And when that support is felt, the players play at another level and the fans truly own the game with their spirit and energy.”