

THE O'ROURKE-McFADDEN TROPHY
THE LEATHER HELMET

• To be awarded annually to the winner of the Boston College-Clemson football game by the Boston College Gridiron Club.
• A genuine leather helmet will be awarded annually to the game's MVP. The helmet will be a replica of the one worn in the 1940s.
• The Boston College Gridiron Club initiated this award in recognition of the efforts of the Clemson fans to welcome Boston College into the ACC.
• The trophy honors the rich football tradition of both schools as well as the legacy of a great player from each school who played during the leather helmet era.
• Clemson and Boston College met for the first time in the 1940 Cotton Bowl. It was the first bowl game for each team.
• Clemson won the game, 6-3, led by James "Banks" McFadden, an All America quarterback and the first Clemson player to be elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.
• That same day Boston College was led by Chuckin' Charlie O'Rourke, their All America quarterback.
• The loss to Clemson was the last of O'Rourke's career, as he led the Eagles to an undefeated season and National Championship in 1940.
• O'Rourke was the first Boston College player elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.
• The teams have met 25 times and Clemson has the edge, 14-9-2.
• Games have been played at historic venues like the Cotton Bowl, Fenway Park, Braves Field, Memorial Stadium and Alumni Stadium.





CHARLES C. O'ROURKE

• Also known as Chuckin' Charlie.
• He quarterbacked the BC football team to one of its most famous wins. It was his 24-yard run late in the fourth quarter that gave the Eagles a 19-13 victory over Tennessee in the 1941 Sugar Bowl, staking BC's claim to the national championship.
• He was also the first Boston College player inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame.
• O'Rourke was Boston College's first major quarterback and is one of the most important players in the school's history. In three seasons, he completed 69-of-150 passes for 1,108 yards and 14 touchdowns.
• He went on to play quarterback and defensive back for the Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Dons and Baltimore Colts.
• Aside from his two years as an NFL coach, O'Rourke was head football coach at UMass from 1952-1959. In eight seasons he complied a 21-39-4 record with one winning season (1952).
• He served as commissioner of the Pop Warner League, a national organization of junior football teams.

SERIES HISTORY

Year	Score	Winner	Venue
1940	6-3	Clemson	Cotton Bowl
1941	26-13	Clemson	Fenway Park, Boston
1942	14-7	Boston College	Fenway Park, Boston
1947	32-22	Boston College	Braves Field, Boston
1948	26-19	Clemson	Braves Field, Boston
1949	40-27	Boston College	Clemson, SC
1950	35-14	Clemson	Braves Field, Boston
1951	21-2	Clemson	Clemson, SC
1952	13-0	Clemson	Braves Field, Boston
1953	14-14	Tie	Fenway Park, Boston
1958	34-12	Clemson	Clemson, SC
1960	25-14	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA
1982	17-17	Tie	Clemson, SC
1983	31-16	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA
2005	16-13ot	Boston College	Clemson, SC
2006	34-33 2ot	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA
2007	20-17	Boston College	Clemson, SC
2008	27-21	Clemson	Chestnut Hill, MA
2009	25-7	Clemson	Clemson, SC
2010	16-10	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA
2011	31-14	Clemson	Clemson, SC
2012	45-31	Clemson	Chestnut Hill, MA
2013	24-14	Clemson	Clemson, SC
2014	17-13	Clemson	Chestnut Hill, MA
2015	34-17	Clemson	Clemson, SC

JAMES McFADDEN

• Also known as Bonnie Banks.
• Named All-American in both basketball (1938-1939) and football (1939).
• Led Clemson to its first conference basketball championship (1939).
• Led Clemson to its first bowl game and victory over Boston College in the 1940 Cotton Bowl.
• Held Clemson punting record (43.5) for 40 years (1939-1979).
• First Clemson player invited to participate in the College All-Star game in Chicago.
• Charter member in the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame and Clemson Ring of Honor.
• Charter member in the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.
• First Clemson player ever chosen for the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.
• Highest NFL draft pick in Clemson history (No. 4 in entire 1940 draft). Defensive end Gaines Adams ties McFadden in the 2007 NFL draft when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers select him fourth in the first round.