


Returning Players

SOUTH CAROLINA

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**Bryson
ALLEN-WILLIAMS**

LB • 6-0 • 230 • SR. • 3L

**Ellenwood, Ga.
(Cedar Grove)**

GAMECOCKS

- 2017 Co-Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring
- 2016 Tenacity Award - Special Teams
- 2016 Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring
- 2015 Spring Everyday Attitude Award - Defense
- 14-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Senior who is considered one of the more vocal team leaders... penciled in as the starter at one of the linebacker positions... shared Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring accolades with D.J. Smith... has played 37 games over the past three seasons, making 10 starts... has 14.5 tackles for loss among his 125 career stops.

2016: Played in every game, making seven starts... ranked second on the team with 75 tackles, including 46 solo stops, and was second with 8.5 tackles for loss... had eight games with six or more tackles, including a career-high 12 stops in the regular-season finale at Clemson... logged a pair of interceptions, picking off passes at Clemson and against USF in the season's final two games... earned the special team's Tenacity Award, as selected by the players following the season... set a then-career high with seven tackles at Mississippi State, including two tackles for loss... matched that with seven tackles, including one tackle for loss, vs. East Carolina... made six tackles at Kentucky... matched a career high with seven tackles against Texas A&M... set a new career-high with nine tackles (all solo) and added one tackle for loss against Georgia... had a big day in the UMass win, matching career highs of nine tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss while recording his first career full sack... finished with four tackles and a 13-yard sack in the Missouri win... made three tackles with a forced fumble and a fumble recovery against Florida... made six tackles in the Western Carolina win... earned the Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring accolades.

2015: Saw action in every game with one start... credited with 23 tackles, including 14 solo stops... recorded a career-high six tackles including a half-tackle for loss at Georgia... logged five tackles, including four solos, at LSU... saw his most extensive duty against Vanderbilt after T.J. Holloman was ejected for targeting... logged three tackles and picked off his first pass against the Commodores... had four stops, including a pair of tackles for loss, against Florida... made his first start of the season against The Citadel and responded with three tackles, including a tackle for loss, and a quarterback hurry... recognized with the Everyday Attitude award for the defense in the spring.

2014: True freshman who started the season at linebacker in a 3-4 scheme but moved to defensive end late in the campaign... played in 12 games, making a pair of starts... logged 27 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss... earned the start in the season opener against Texas A&M... joined Al Harris Jr. as first true freshmen to start a season opener since Jadeveon Clowney in 2011... recovered first career fumble at Vanderbilt... forced two quarterback hurries to go with three tackles versus Missouri... collected a season-high five tackles versus Tennessee... had his best game at Florida, collecting a half sack, 2.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble... started at defensive end and made three tackles against South Alabama... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Cedar Grove (Ellenwood, Ga.) High School in 2014... coached by Jimmy Smith... the Saints went 7-5 in his senior season, reaching the second round of the state AAA playoffs... earned Class AAA second-team all-state honors by the Georgia Sportswriters... earned a spot on the AJC's Class AAA All-Metro squad... played in the U.S.

Army All-America Bowl following his senior season... collected 99 tackles with 22 tackles for loss including 16 sacks, three fumble recoveries and an interception, as a junior... was an AT&T Georgia Junior Bowl selection... recorded 64 tackles as a sophomore... Rivals considered him the sixth-best outside linebacker in the nation, No. 103 overall, and the 28th-best player in the state of Georgia... was Scout's 12th-best outside linebackers and rated No. 138 overall... 247Sports listed him as the nation's No. 6 outside linebacker, the seventh-best player in the state of Georgia and No. 96 on its Top247 list... ESPN considered him No. 162 on its ESPN300 list, the 10th-best outside linebacker in the nation and the 11th-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* number 208 on the Top 300 All-American Team.

PERSONAL: Bryson Joshua Allen-Williams was born October 15, 1996... a mass communications major.

ALLEN-WILLIAMS' STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2014	12/2	18	9	27	2.5-12	0.5-3	0	0	5	1	1
2015	12/1	14	9	23	3.5-9	0.0-0	1	0	1	0	0
2016	13/7	46	29	75	8.5-38	2.0-20	2	1	1	1	1
Total	37/10	78	47	125	14.5-59	2.5-23	3	1	7	2	2



ALLEN-WILLIAMS' HIGHS	
Tackles	12, Clemson, 2016
Tackles for Loss ..	2.5, twice: Florida, 2014 and UMass, 2016
Sacks	1.0, twice: UMass, 2016 and Missouri, 2016
Interceptions ..	1, 3 times; Last: USF, 2016

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**Michael
ALMOND**

K/P • 6-3 • 229 • SO. • 1L

**North Augusta, S.C.
(Westminster)**

GAMECOCKS

Walk-on kicker who is in his third season with the Gamecocks... heads into the fall competing with Joseph Charlton for the starting punter assignment... could also handle the kickoff chores and is a candidate for placements as well.

2016: Served as a reserve most of the season... was pressed into duty for the first time in his career in the Birmingham Bowl when regular Sean Kelly was not available due to injury... punted twice for a 44.0-yard average with a long of 48 yards.


2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Westminster School in Augusta, Ga., in 2015... as a senior, earned GISA Class AAA all-region and all-state honors in football, all-region honors in soccer, was Westminster's MVP in both football and soccer and was the school's Athlete of the Year... coached in football by Steve Ackley... as a senior for the Wildcats, converted 11-of-13 field goals, including one from 54 yards out, and all 31 extra-point attempts... averaged 42 yards on 42 punts and had 40 touchbacks on 57 kickoffs... also played wide receiver and defensive back... played in the GISA All-Star football game... successful on 11-of-14 field goals and all 26 PATs as a junior in 2013... averaged 39 yards per punt... helped the soccer team to the GISA state title in both 2014 and 2015.

PERSONAL: Michael Graham Almond was born August 12, 1996... an exercise science major.

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**Ben
ASBURY**

LS • 5-10 • 210 • JR. • SQ

**Atlanta, Ga.
(Holy Innocents/Berry)**

GAMECOCKS

Deep snapper who is in his second season with the Gamecocks... walk-on who will compete for duties as a long snapper in his redshirt junior season.

2016: Served as a backup deep snapper... did not see any game action.

2015: Enrolled at South Carolina but did not participate in football.

2014: Played tight end at Berry College in Rome, Ga... appeared in three games as a true freshman...saw action versus Rhodes, Washington (Mo.) and at Birmingham Southern... the Vikings posted a 2-8 campaign.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta in 2014... coached by Ryan Livezey... was a four-year letterwinner... named team captain as a senior... helped the Golden Bears to four playoff appearances during his career and a playoff win as a senior.

PERSONAL: Benjamin Douglas Asbury was born June 6, 1995... is an economics major.

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**Jacob
AUGUST**

TE • 6-6 • 258 • JR. • 2L

**Columbia, S.C.
(Cardinal Newman/Fork Union)**

GAMECOCKS

- 2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll**
- 2015 Most Improved Tight End of the Spring**
- 2014 Co-Freshman Offensive Player of the Spring**

Junior tight end who was placed on scholarship for the first time in the spring... the former walk-on has proven to be a solid contributor as a blocking tight end while also showing good hands... has made four starts over the past two seasons for the Garnet & Black.

2016: Played in all 13 games, with a start at Mississippi State... had five receptions for 52 yards... caught one pass for 10 yards at MSU... caught two passes in South Carolina's win over East Carolina... had a career-long 29 yard reception at Kentucky... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Walk-on who worked his way into the tight end rotation early in the season... appeared in five games, making three starts... had four catches for 38 yards and a touchdown... made his debut against Kentucky and caught one pass for seven yards... added a 10-yard reception at Georgia... earned a start in a two-tight end formation against UCF and responded with a pair of catches for 21 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown catch... also started at LSU... did not play after the coaching change... named the Most Improved Tight End at the 2015 spring game.

2014: Enrolled at South Carolina in January... shared Freshman Offensive Player of the Spring honors with Connor Mitch... redshirted in his first year.

2013: Spent the fall at Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy, where he was listed as a tight end, wide receiver, punter and placekicker on the post-graduate roster... coached by John Shuman... caught over 20 passes and a pair of touchdowns... also considered walking-on at Penn State and had scholarship offers from Southern Miss and Temple before electing to join the Gamecocks.

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HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia, S.C... coached by Brannon Tidwell.

PERSONAL: Jacob Joseph August was born July 4, 1995... a marketing major.



AUGUST'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	5/3	4	38	9.5	1	13
2016	13/1	5	52	10.4	0	29
Total	18/4	9	90	10.0	1	29

AUGUST'S HIGHS

Receptions..... 2, twice: UCF, 2015
and East Carolina, 2016
Yards Receiving 29, Kentucky, 2016
Long Reception 29, Kentucky, 2016
Receiving Touchdowns 1, UCF, 2015

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**Zack
BAILEY**

OL • 6-6 • 311 • JR. • 2L

**Summerville, S.C.
(Summerville)**

GAMECOCKS

- 2016 Co-Tenacity Award - Offense**
- 2015 Coaches' SEC All-Freshman Team**

Junior who was named preseason third-team All-SEC by Athlon... most consistent performer along the O-line... moved to right tackle in the spring where he is penciled in as the starter... played in every game over the past two seasons... made 18 career starts, including the last 15 in a row at left guard.

2016: Most consistent and highest performing offensive lineman... started every game at left guard... served as team captain at Kentucky... made his 10th-career start against Texas A&M and served as a team captain against the Aggies... served as a team captain against Florida... shared the offense's Tenacity Award with Hayden Hurst, as selected by the players following the season.


2015: Gained valuable experience as a true freshman in which he earned SEC All-Freshman accolades by the league's coaches at offensive center... had never played center prior to his arrival at South Carolina... played in all 12 games, making five starts, three at center and two at left guard... saw time on special teams against North Carolina... moved into the backup role at center after the ankle injury to Cody Waldrop and played on special teams against Kentucky... pressed into regular service at Georgia after an ankle injury to Alan Knott... made his first career start against UCF and graded out at 80 percent... also made the start at center at Missouri and versus Vanderbilt... moved to left guard where he made the start against The Citadel due to an injury to Mike Matulis... also started at left guard against Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Highly regarded offensive lineman who graduated from Summerville (S.C.) High School in 2015... was one of five finalists for South Carolina's Mr. Football award... helped legendary coach John McKissick and the Green Wave to an 8-5 record and to the second round of the Class AAAA Division I playoffs as a senior... played left guard for the Sandlappers in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas where he was recognized as the strongest player at the game... considered the No. 2 player in the state, the fifth-best offensive guard in the country and No. 72 overall by Rivals... rated as the 29th-best offensive guard in the country by Scout... regarded as the fourth-best player in the state, the 12th-best offensive guard in the country and No. 247 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the fifth-best player in the state, the No. 15 offensive guard in the country and No. 220 overall by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Zackary Dalton Bailey was born November 8, 1995... a criminal justice major.

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Corey
BANKS

WR • 5-11 • 187 • SO. • 1L

Tyrone, Ga.
(Sandy Creek)

GAMECOCKS



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Jake
BENTLEY

QB • 6-3 • 220 • SO. • 1L

Opelika, Ala.
(Opelika)

GAMECOCKS

Sophomore wide receiver who will compete for a spot in the regular rotation after seeing limited action as a true freshman.

2016: True freshman who played in six games... made his debut against Texas A&M... also played against Tennessee, Missouri, Western Carolina, Clemson and USE... caught his first pass, a five-yard reception, in the bowl game vs. USE.


HIGH SCHOOL: Wide receiver who earned honorable mention Class AAAA all-state honors as a senior at Sandy Creek High School in Tyrone, Ga... graduated in 2016... coached by Chip Walker... helped the Patriots to a 9-3 record by hauling in 61 catches for 813 yards and six scores in his senior season... Rivals rated him as the 65th-best player in the state... considered the 59th-best player in the state of Georgia and the No. 112 wide receiver in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as a the 50th-best player in the state and the No. 93 wide receiver in the country.

PERSONAL: Corey L. Banks Jr. was born October 11, 1997... is undecided on his major field of study.



BANKS' STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	6/0	1	5	5.0	0	5

BANKS' HIGHS	
Receptions.....	1, USE, 2016
Yards Receiving	5, USE, 2016
Long Reception.....	5, USE, 2016



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Wyman
BAXLEY

LS • 6-2 • 222 • FR. • RS

Athens, Ga.
(Athens Academy)

GAMECOCKS

Walk-on deep snapper who joined the squad in the fall of 2016... adds depth to the position.

2016: Redshirted in his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Athens (Ga.) Academy in 2016... played defensive end and was the long snapper for head coach Josh Alexander... helped the Spartans to a 9-2 record... won four letters in football and three in baseball... played in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star game... earned a spot on the *Athens Banner-Herald* All-Area honorable mention squad as a senior... earned the Athens Academy Specialist Award... also earned honorable mention all-region accolades and won the Spartan Award in baseball... a member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL: Wyman Elton Baxley was born March 10, 1998... is in the pre-business tract at South Carolina.

- 2017 Carolina Male New Student-Athlete of the Year
- 2017 Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring
- 2016 Steve Wadiak Co-Most Valuable Player
- 16-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Sophomore who is the incumbent at quarterback after starting each of the final seven games of the 2016 campaign... talented performer with a strong and accurate arm... after one season, ranks first on the Carolina list for career completion percentage at 65.8... named the Joe Morrison Offensive Player in the Spring... owns a 4-3 record as a starting quarterback... worked as a counselor at the prestigious Manning Passing Academy in June.

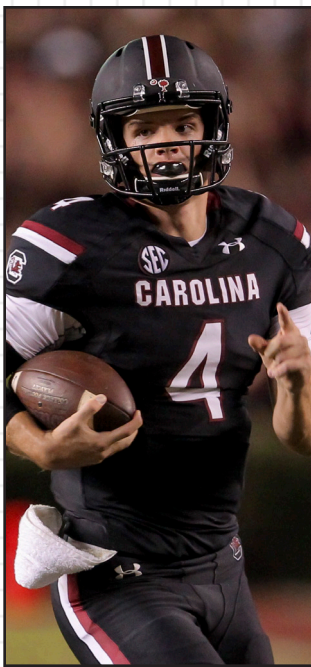
2016: Started each of the final seven games after not playing in the first six contests of the season... was 4-3 as a starter... was 125-for-190 for 1,420 yards and nine touchdowns and just four interceptions... his 65.8 percent completion percentage ranks fourth in Carolina history for a single-season... shared Steve Wadiak MVP honors with Deebo Samuel... made his debut as the starting quarterback against UMass... went 17-for-26 for 201 yards and two touchdowns vs. the Minutemen... became the fifth Gamecock true freshman to start at quarterback in the SEC era... won his first career start against an SEC opponent as the Gamecocks upset Tennessee... completed 15-of-20 passes against the Vols for 167 yards and two TDs... connected K.C. Crosby for a 35-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter that proved to be the game-winner against UT... improved to 3-0 as a starter and earned SEC Freshman of the Week accolades when he led the Gamecocks to a win over Missouri, going 22-for-28 for 254 yards and two touchdowns... connected on touchdown passes with Rico Dowdle and K.C. Crosby... his scoring connection with Crosby was the third-straight game the two players combined for a touchdown... became the first Carolina true freshman quarterback to win his first three collegiate starts since Steve Taneyhill notched four-straight wins in 1992... went 18-for-33 for 213 yards in his first road start at Florida... improved to 4-1 as a starter in the Western Carolina win, completing 14-of-23 passes for 154 yards... carried the ball five times for 34 yards against WCU and caught a pass on a trick play for 12 yards... set career highs with 32 completions, 43 pass attempts and three touchdowns in the Birmingham Bowl against USE... set the school record for bowl games and Birmingham Bowl records for passes completed (32), yards passing (390) and total offense (381) in the overtime loss to the Bulls... passed on his senior year of high school to enroll at South Carolina in the summer of 2016... joined Kansas safety Mike Lee as the only two FBS players who could have been playing prep football in 2016... named the South Carolina Male New Student-Athlete of the Year... named to the 2016-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated following his junior year to enroll at South Carolina... threw for 2,834 yards and 28 touchdowns in 2015, leading the Bulldogs to a 12-1 record... coached by Brian Blackmon... grew up in Duncan S.C. and attended Byrnes High School as a freshman before his family moved to Alabama... ranked as the No. 5 pro style quarterback by 247Sports... Scout considered him the No. 9 passer in the class of 2017... was the second-ranked quarterback and the 33rd-ranked player overall in the ESPN Junior 300... selected to play in the Under Armour All-American Game.

PERSONAL: Jacob L. Bentley was born Nov. 23, 1997... is an exercise science major... father, Bobby, is Carolina's running backs coach and previously was a highly-successful high school coach at Byrnes (S.C.) and at Presbyterian College... Jake's step-brother, Chas Dodd (Rutgers), and brother, Schuler Bentley (ODU/Murray State), both have started at quarterback in college.

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BENTLEY'S STATISTICS

-PASSING-						
Year	GP/GS	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2016	7/7	125-190-4	65.8	1,420	9	47
-RUSHING-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	7/7	50	-15	-0.3	0	16
-RECEIVING-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	7/7	1	12	12.0	0	12

BENTLEY'S HIGHS

Pass Attempts43, USE, 2016
 Pass Completions32, USE, 2016
 Passing Yards390, USE, 2016
 Passing Touchdowns.....3, USE, 2016
 Longest Pass 47, twice: UMass, 2016
 and Florida, 2016
 Rushing Attempts... 10, twice: Tenn., 2016
 and USE, 2016
 Rushing Yards..... 34, W. Carolina, 2016
 Longest Rush 16, Tennessee, 2016
 Receptions..... 1, W. Carolina, 2016
 Yards Receiving 12, W. Carolina, 2016
 Long Reception..... 12, W. Carolina, 2016

Single-Season Completion Percentage

(Min. 100 attempts)

- Connor Shaw (2012)675 (154 of 228)
- Steve Taneyhill (1995)671 (261 of 389)
- Blake Mitchell (2006)668 (135 of 202)
- Jake Bentley (2016)658 (125 of 190)**
- Connor Shaw (2011)654 (123 of 188)



Shameik BLACKSHEAR

DE • 6-4 • 260 • SO. • 1L

Bluffton, S.C.
(Bluffton)

GAMECOCKS

Third-year defensive end who has yet to reach his potential... has been limited by physical ailments throughout his Gamecock career.

2016: Second-year defensive end who played in nine games... made one tackle for loss against Mississippi State and had one tackle against Clemson... did not participate in spring drills while recovering from injuries sustained in an off-season incident.

2015: Limited to two games while battling back from a knee injury suffered in his senior year of high school... saw action against UCF and Missouri... credited with one solo tackle and one assisted tackle, both coming against the Tigers... petitioned and received a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Bluffton (S.C.) High School in 2015... played for coach Ken Cribb and the Bobcats... missed half of his senior season with a knee injury... selected to play in the Under Armour All-America Game... racked up 96 tackles, 18 for loss, five sacks and 15 hurries as a sophomore... considered the fifth-best player in the state and the 18th-best strong-side defensive end in the country by Rivals... rated the 11th-best defensive end in the country and No. 120 overall by Scout... regarded as the second-best player in the state, the eighth-best weakside defensive end in the country and No. 119 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the fourth-best player in the state, the No. 18 defensive end and No. 203 overall by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Shameik Micheal Blackshear was born July 9, 1997... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

BLACKSHEAR'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	2/0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	9/0	2	0	2	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11/0	3	1	4	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

BLACKSHEAR'S HIGHS

Tackles2, Missouri, 2015
 Tackles for Loss ..1.0, Mississippi St., 2016



Jajuan BLANKENSHIP

DL • 6-0 • 271 • FR. • RS

Anderson, S.C.
(T.L. Hanna)

GAMECOCKS

2016 Co-Defensive Scout Team Award

Walk-on who adds depth along the defensive line.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman... shared the Defensive Scout Team Award as selected by the coaches with Javion Duncan.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, S.C. in 2016... helped the Yellow Jackets to an 8-5 record as a senior... recorded 59 tackles with 6.5 sacks in his final season... earned first team All-Region 1AAAA and first team All-Area honors by the *Anderson Independent Mail*... named Hanna's male winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman and Defensive Line MVP... invited to play in the NUC Texas vs the World Senior Game... also earned Defensive Line MVP honors as a junior... was a four-year starter... totaled 148 tackles, 10.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries during his career... excelled in the classroom where he was an honors graduate... selected as a SC High School League Scholar Athlete... served as class president for three years and attended Palmetto Boys State.

PERSONAL: Jajuan Samuel Blankenship was born on September 24, 1997... a broadcast journalism major.



T.J. BRUNSON

LB • 6-1 • 230 • SO. • 1L

Columbia, S.C.
(Richland Northeast)

GAMECOCKS

True sophomore linebacker who should see his role increase this season after getting a taste of SEC football as a freshman in 2016... penciled in as a probable starter at either the Mike or the Will linebacker position.

2016: True freshman who played in 11 games... used at linebacker and on special teams... logged a dozen tackles... made his collegiate debut in the win over Vanderbilt... made his first career tackle in the East Carolina win... singled out by Coach Muschamp for making a key block on A.J. Turner's game-opening 80-yard kick return vs. ECU... made four tackles, all solo, and was credited with a quarterback hurry against Texas A&M... made two tackles against Georgia... tallied three tackles (two solo) in the UMass win... did not play against Missouri and Florida but returned against Western Carolina.

HIGH SCHOOL: Local product who played at Columbia's Richland Northeast High School, graduating in 2016... coached by Jay Frye... overcame a serious hip injury during his junior season to log 140 tackles as a



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senior, leading the Cavaliers to the Class 3A state playoffs... named the Defensive MVP of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas after leading the Sandlappers with 13 tackles and a sack... credited with 134 tackles as a junior... Rivals considered him the 14th-best player in the state and No. 56 in the country among outside linebackers... 247Sports ranked him as the 13th-best player in the state and the No. 30 inside linebacker in the nation... ESPN ranked him as the 22nd-best player in South Carolina and the No. 40 inside linebacker in the country... a *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region pick.

PERSONAL: Tremari Jerelle Brunson was born December 3, 1997... is in the pre-business tract.

BRUNSON'S HIGHS

Tackles 4, Texas A&M, 2016

BRUNSON'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	11/0	8	4	12	0-0-0	0.0/0	0	0	1	0	0



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Blake CAMPER

OL • 6-8 • 310 • JR. • 2L

Virginia Beach, Va.
(Frank W. Cox)

GAMECOCKS

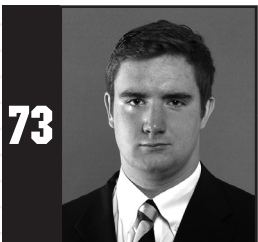
Third-year player who will compete for a spot on the offensive line, most likely at right tackle... played his best ball since coming to Carolina in the spring... has played in 18 games, making a pair of starts during his Gamecock career.

2016: True sophomore who played in six games with one start... did not start in the season opener at Vanderbilt but saw significant action on the offensive line at right tackle after an injury to Donell Stanley... started at Mississippi State but was sidelined with a high left ankle injury, which kept him out until the UMass contest... returned from a four-game injury absence and saw significant action at right tackle against the Minutemen.

2015: Saw action in all 12 games as a true freshman... earned his first career start against The Citadel when he got the nod at right tackle due to an injury to Mason Zandi.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach, Va. in 2015... coached by Bill Stachelski... helped the Falcons to a 9-3 record and to the second round of the 6A playoffs as a senior... considered the 26th-best player in the state and the 85th-best offensive tackle in the country by Rivals... the 88th-best offensive tackle in the country according to Scout... regarded as the 28th-best player in the state and the 75th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 32nd-best player in the state and the 90th-best offensive tackle in the country by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Blake Alan Camper was born December 17, 1996... is a management major... father, John, played for Steve Spurrier at Duke.



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Summie CARLAY

OL • 6-5 • 281 • FR. • HS

Laurens, S.C.
(Laurens)

GAMECOCKS

True freshman offensive lineman who graduated early and enrolled at South Carolina in January... went through spring drills with the squad.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Laurens (S.C.) District 55 High School in December 2016 and enrolled at South Carolina in January... earned a spot

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on the All-Region 2-5A team while playing for head coach Chris Liner... the Raiders went 7-6 and reached the second round of the playoffs in his senior season... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... formerly played tight end but moved to offensive tackle as a junior... Rivals ranked him as the sixth-best player in the Palmetto State and the 58th-best offensive tackle in the country... rated the 10th-best player in the state and the 65th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as the 13th-best player in the Palmetto State and the 59th-best player at his position in the country... Scout rated him as No. 89 in the nation among offensive tackles.

PERSONAL: William Summie Carlay was born August 11, 1998... interested in a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology.



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Kaleb CHALMERS

DB • 5-10 • 181 • SO. • JC

Greenwood, S.C.
(Greenwood/NW Mississippi)

GAMECOCKS

Junior college transfer who started his career at Clemson... joined the squad in January... will have three years to play three at South Carolina.

2016: Spent the 2016 season at Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia, Miss... helped the Rangers to a 9-3 season and a No. 6 final ranking in the NJCAA... coached by Benjy Parker... earned a spot on the All-MACJC first team as a cornerback... recorded 30 tackles with one sack, one interception and 13 pass breakups.

2015: Spent his true freshman season at Clemson where he was redshirted after being an early enrollee.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played his high school football for Dan Pippin at Greenwood (S.C.) High School, leading the Eagles to the state playoffs as a senior in 2014 after logging a pair of state titles... was a three-time all-state selection... also earned all-district and all-region accolades... earned a spot on the Shrine Bowl squad following his senior season... had 80 tackles, four interceptions and 12 pass breakups as a junior... had 45 tackles and four sacks as a sophomore.

PERSONAL: Kaleb Chalmers was born May 19, 1997... pursuing a degree in sociology.



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Javon CHARLESTON

DB • 6-0 • 189 • SO. • 1L

Gurnee, Ill.
(Warren Township)

GAMECOCKS

2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Redshirt sophomore who earned a letter for his play on special teams in 2016... former wide receiver who was converted full-time to the defensive secondary in the spring, where he played safety... listed with the second unit.

2016: Redshirt freshman who played in every game, primarily on special teams... recorded 10 tackles... moved from wide receiver to defensive back midway through fall preseason camp... made his collegiate debut in the win against Vanderbilt... returned to the wide receiver position prior to the Texas A&M game... saw his first action of the season at receiver against the Aggies and made one catch for 12 yards... notched a pair of special teams tackles in the Tennessee win... made two special teams tackles for the second-straight week in the Missouri win, when he was named Special Teams Player of the

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Game... caught four passes for 54 yards in the 2016 Garnet & Black Spring game... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Joined the squad as a walk-on in his first semester in Columbia... redshirted as a true freshman wide receiver... impressed the coaches enough with his athletic ability to be added to the travel roster for a couple of games but did not see any action.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Warren Township High School in Gurnee, Ill., in 2014... helped the Blue Devils to a 7-4 mark as a senior in 2013... gained a spot on the NIKE regional all-combine team... earned all-conference honors and all-area honorable mention accolades... also played basketball and ran on the track & field team... earned all-state honors as a 23-foot long jumper.

PERSONAL: Javon Charleston was born March 3, 1996... is a sociology major.

CHARLESTON'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	13/0	8	2	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

-RECEIVING-

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	13/0	1	12	12.0	0	12



CHARLESTON'S HIGHS

Tackles2, twice: Tennessee, 2016 and Missouri, 2016
 Receptions.....1, Texas A&M, 2016
 Yards Receiving12, Texas A&M, 2016
 Long Reception.....12, Texas A&M, 2016



Joseph CHARLTON

K/P • 6-5 • 190 • SO. • SQ

Columbia, S.C.
(A.C. Flora)

GAMECOCKS

Redshirt sophomore who is the only scholarship kicker on the roster... shows a big leg but needs to continue to develop consistency... expected to battle Michael Almond for the starting punter duties and with Parker White for the kickoff chores.

2016: Redshirt freshman who served as a backup to senior punter Sean Kelly... did not see any game action.

2015: Scholarship kicker who was redshirted as a true freshman... missed some practice time due to a back ailment.

HIGH SCHOOL: Local product who graduated from A.C. Flora High School in Columbia in 2015... handled the kickoff, punting and placekicking duties as a prep... helped the Falcons and coach Reggie Shaw to a 13-2 record and a spot in the state AAA semifinals as a senior... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals and Scout... regarded as the 20-best player in the state and the second-best punter in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as the 21st-best player in the state and the 15th-best kicker in the country.

PERSONAL: Joseph Charlton was born April 7, 1997... pursuing a degree in retailing.

Returning Players



K.C. CROSBY

TE • 6-1 • 242 • JR. • 2L

Bamberg, S.C.
(Bamberg-Ehrhardt)

GAMECOCKS

2015 Spring Outstanding Weight Room - Offense
14-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Was an integral part of the offense in 2016, as he was used in the slot or as an "H-Back" in a two-tight end set... displayed excellent hands and a penchant to reach the endzone... has played in 24 games with nine starts.

2016: Redshirt sophomore who played in every game with nine starts... logged 23 catches, fourth on the squad, for 217 yards... tied for the team lead with four touchdown receptions... made his first career catch in the win at Vanderbilt, a six-yard completion that picked up a first down on Carolina's lone touchdown drive... caught three balls at Mississippi State for 14 yards and his first career TD... started at tight end for the first time in his career in the East Carolina win... caught a career-high four passes for 31 yards against the Pirates... had a career day in a starting assignment against Texas A&M, catching four passes for 51 yards... caught a 16-yard scoring strike against UMass... caught one pass for a game-winning 35-yard touchdown versus Tennessee... caught one pass for a six-yard TD against Missouri, which was his third-straight week of catching a single pass that went for a score.

2015: Backup tight end and H-back who was used extensively on special teams... played in the final 10 games after not seeing action in the first two contests... returned a kickoff for six yards at LSU... garnered Outstanding Weight Room accolades for the offense at the 2015 spring game.

2014: Missed the bulk of the season after undergoing surgery on his right foot... made a brief appearance in the Kentucky game... petitioned for a medical redshirt... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Bamberg (S.C.)-Ehrhardt High School in 2014... caught 43 passes for 571 yards and 12 TDs for the Red Raiders as a senior... team finished with a 7-6 record and a spot in the semifinals of the AA-II playoffs... coached by his father, Kevin Crosby... earned a spot on the statewide all-state team as selected by the *High School Sports Report*... selected to the all-region team by the *Orangeburg Times and Democrat*... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Under Armour All-America Game... Rivals rated him as the sixth-best player in the state and the 11th-best tight end in the country... Scout ranked him as the 19th-best tight end in the country... considered the ninth-best player in the state and the eighth-best tight end in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN listed him as the No. 143 overall, the fourth-best tight end in the nation and the third-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* No. 116 on the Top 150 Dream Team.

PERSONAL: Kevin Devon Crosby Jr. was born May 23, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major.



CROSBY'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2014	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	--
2015	10/0	0	0	0.0	0	--
2016	13/9	23	217	9.4	4	35
Total	24/9	23	217	9.4	4	35

CROSBY'S HIGHS

Receptions....4, twice: East Carolina, 2016 and Texas A&M, 2016
 Yards Receiving51, Texas A&M, 2016
 Long Reception.....35, Tennessee, 2016
 Receiving Touchdowns.....1, 4 times: last vs. Missouri, 2016

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**Randrecous
DAVIS**

WR • 5-10 • 186 • FR. • RS

**Atlanta, Ga.
(Mays)**

GAMECOCKS

Second-year player who petitioned for a medical redshirt in 2016 after suffering a hamstring injury early in the season... missed most of the spring after undergoing surgery for a sports hernia... talented performer who will challenge for regular spot among the deep pool of receivers.

2016: True freshman who played in two games with one start... logged three catches for 45 yards... caught one pass in the Mississippi State game, going for 13 yards... made his first start in the East Carolina win... caught two passes for 32 yards and carried the ball one time for seven yards against the Pirates... suffered a hamstring injury in practice and did not play again.

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned first team Class AAAAA all-state honors as a wide receiver at Mays High School in Atlanta... graduated in 2016... caught 58 passes for 1,024 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior... also averaged 15.7 yards with two touchdowns as a punt returner... coached by Corey Jarvis... helped the Raiders to a 10-2 record in 2015... Rivals considered him the 17th-best player in the state of Georgia, the 44th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 206 overall... 247Sports rated him as the 43rd-best player in Georgia and the No. 77 wide receiver in the country... ESPN ranked him as the 44th-best player in Georgia and the 83rd-best wide receiver in the nation.


PERSONAL: Randrecous Davis was born September 27, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major.



DAVIS' STATISTICS							
-RECEIVING-							
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2016	2/1	3	45	15.0	0	26	
-RUSHING-							
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2016	2/1	1	7	7.0	0	7	

DAVIS' HIGHS	
Receptions.....	2, East Carolina, 2016
Yards Receiving	32, East Carolina, 2016
Long Reception	26, East Carolina, 2016
Carries.....	1, East Carolina, 2016
Yards Rushing	7, East Carolina, 2016
Long Rush.....	7, East Carolina, 2016

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**Chavis
DAWKINS**

WR • 6-2 • 212 • SO. • 1L

**Duncan, S.C.
(Byrnes)**

GAMECOCKS

Sophomore wide receiver who gained some early playing time and experience as a true freshman in 2016... will compete for a spot in the regular rotation in a crowded wide receiver unit in 2017... listed with the second team entering the fall... has made a pair of starts.

2016: True freshman wide receiver... played in 11 games, with two starts... logged eight catches for 69 yards... made his collegiate debut against East Carolina... caught his first career pass at Kentucky, going for 13 yards as part of a touchdown drive... earned his first career start vs. Texas A&M and

caught five passes for 17 yards... reeled in one catch for 34 yards in the Missouri win, the longest play of the game for Carolina... started at Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for Brian Lane at Byrnes High School in Duncan, S.C., graduating in 2016... as a senior, he was among the leading receivers in the state with 73 catches for 1,319 yards and 17 touchdowns... the Rebels posted a 12-2 record in his final season... was also the Sandlappers' leading receiver in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas with six catches for 62 yards and two scores... considered the 16th-best player in the state by 247Sports... ESPN tabbed him as the state's 17th-best player and the 143rd-best wide receiver in the nation... was a *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region selection.

PERSONAL: Chavis T. Dawkins was born November 15, 1997... is in the pre-business tract at South Carolina.



DAWKINS' STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	11/2	8	69	8.6	0	34

DAWKINS' HIGHS	
Receptions.....	5, Texas A&M, 2016
Yards Receiving	34, Missouri, 2016
Long Reception.....	34, Missouri, 2016

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**Mon
DENSON**

RB • 5-10 • 209 • SO. • SQ

**LaGrange, Ga.
(LaGrange)**

GAMECOCKS

2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll 15-16 First -Year SEC Honor Roll

Third-year performer who was healthy and put together a solid spring in an effort to contend for playing time this fall... was hampered by injuries for much of the 2016 campaign.

2016: Did not see any game action as a reserve running back... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Running back who graduated from LaGrange (Ga.) High School in 2015... also played linebacker... earned all-state honors for coach Dialleo Burks... the Grangers posted a 5-6 record and lost in the first round of the Class AAAAA playoffs in his senior season... rushed for nearly 1,300 yards and 15 touchdowns... selected to play in the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game where he scored on a 26-yard run... also selected for the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl... considered the 47th-best player in the state and the 46th-best running back in the nation, according to Rivals... rated as the 83rd-best running back in the country by Scout... regarded as the 82nd-best player in the state and the 57th-best running back in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 56th-best player in the state and the No. 50 running back in the country by ESPN.

PERSONAL: DaQuarious D. Denson was born September 25, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major.

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79		Trey DEROUEN	GAMECOCKS
	OL • 6-3 • 305 • SO. • 1L		
	Lilburn, Ga. (Parkview)		


Third-year offensive lineman who adds depth up front.

2016: Redshirt freshman who saw action in one game... logged late action at Clemson in his first collegiate appearance... did not participate in the spring while rehabbing from a knee injury.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Parkview High School in Lilburn, Ga. in 2015... the Panthers went 4-6 under coach Eric Godfree in 2014... earned second-team Class AAAAAA All-State honors by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... recognized as the nation's 91st-ranked offensive guard by Scout... rated the 91st-best player in the state and the 55th-best offensive guard in the country by 247Sports... considered the 91st-best player in the state and the 57th-best offensive guard in the nation by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Dennis J. Derouen III was born January 27, 1997... is an integrated information technology major.

26		Jaylin DICKERSON	GAMECOCKS
	DB • 6-1 • 188 • FR. • HS		
	Southern Pines, N.C. (Pinecrest)		

True freshman who enrolled at South Carolina in January and went through spring drills... shows good playmaking capabilities... impressed the coaches enough that he is listed with the second-team unit entering the fall.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines, N.C. in December 2016... helped the Patriots to a 10-3 record in his senior season... the team reached the second round of the 4AA playoffs... earned the conference Defensive Player of the Year accolades... coached by Chris Metzger... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... a three-year starter and three-time all-conference performer... made 58 tackles and three interceptions as a sophomore, then earned first-team All-Southeastern 4-A Conference honors and All-Cape Fear region honors as a junior when he had 64 tackles, six tackles for loss and two INTs... rated the 27th-best player in the state and the 55th-best safety in the country by Rivals... ranked as the 37th-best player in North Carolina and the 93rd-best safety in the nation by 247Sports... ESPN considered him the 12th-best player in the state and the No. 42 "athlete" in the country... Scout listed him No. 120 among safeties in the country... standout in basketball as well.

PERSONAL: Jaylin M. Dickerson was born November 2, 1998... interested in a degree in exercise science.

85		Devin DINGLE	GAMECOCKS
	WR • 5-10 • 167 • SO. • SQ		
	Summerville, S.C. (Cane Bay)		

2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll


Redshirt sophomore wide receiver who adds depth to the receiving corps.

2016: Served as a reserve wide receiver... worked with the scout team... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman walk-on wide receiver.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Cane Bay High School in Summerville, S.C. in 2015... played both basketball and football.

PERSONAL: Devin A. Dingle was born May 7, 1997... is an accounting major.

5		Rico DOWDLE	GAMECOCKS
	RB • 5-11 • 220 • SO. • 1L		
	Asheville, N.C. (A.C. Reynolds)		

2016 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team

True sophomore running back who is the incumbent for the starting role entering the fall... started each of the final six games of the 2016 season and seven overall... blessed with good speed, but can also run between the tackles... in 2016, became the first true freshman to lead the Gamecocks in rushing since Marcus Lattimore in 2010... owns three 100-yard rushing games, including a career-best 226-yard performance.

2016: Played in nine games, making seven starts... named to Athlon's All-SEC Freshman second team... led the team with 133 carries for 764 yards... his 764 rushing yards was ninth-best among FBS freshmen... second on the team with seven touchdowns... his six rushing touchdowns tied for 10th among FBS freshmen... had three 100-yard rushing games... had surgery for a sports hernia in the offseason and missed the first four games while recovering from the surgery... made his debut against Texas A&M and rushed nine times for 47 yards... made his first career start vs. Georgia... scored his first rushing touchdown, a 1-yard plunge, against the Bulldogs... had 16 carries for 87 yards and one score in the UMass win... logged his first 100-yard day when he carried 27 times for 127 yards and a touchdown in the win over Tennessee... paced the Gamecocks with 27 carries for 149 yards and a TD in the Missouri win... also caught three passes for 20 yards and a score... racked up a career-high 226 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries in the Western Carolina win, averaging 10.8 yards per carry... the 226 yards rushing was the sixth-highest single-game total in school history, the 11th 200-yard rushing game by a Carolina back and the most yards rushing since Marcus Lattimore logged 246 against Navy in 2011.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rushed for 2,545 yards and 51 touchdowns at A.C. Reynolds High, a Class 3AA school in Asheville, N.C... graduated in 2016... also passed for 1,434 yards with 11 scores and caught a 55-yard touchdown pass... earned first-team all-state accolades and was a PARADE All-American... the Rockets went 11-2 in 2015 under the direction of head coach Shane Laws... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, where he scored a pair of touchdowns... Rivals listed him as the 29th-best player in the state

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and the No. 17 all-purpose back in the country... 247Sports considered him the 11th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the 11th-best running back in the nation... ESPN ranked him as the 39th-best player in North Carolina and the No. 72 running back in the country... an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Rico Sharod Dowdle Jr. was born June 14, 1998... is undecided on his major field of study.

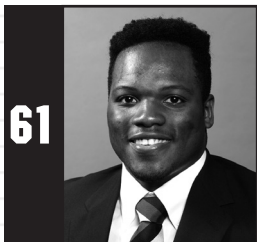


DOWDLE'S STATISTICS

-RUSHING-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	9/7	133	764	5.7	6	44
-RECEIVING-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	9/7	15	55	3.7	1	19

DOWDLE'S HIGHS

Carries.....27, twice: Tennessee, 2016 and Missouri, 2016
 Yards Rushing 226, W. Carolina, 2016
 Long Rush.....40, Tennessee, 2016
 Rushing Touchdowns2, W. Carolina, 2016
 Receptions.....3, 3x: Georgia, 2016, Missouri, 2016 & Clemson, 2016
 Yards Receiving 20, Missouri, 2016
 Long Reception 19, W. Carolina 2016
 Receiving Touchdowns.. 1, Missouri, 2016
 100-yard Rushing Games3 times



Javion DUNCAN

DL • 6-0 • 270 • JR. • SQ

Simpsonville, S.C.
(Woodmont/The Citadel)

GAMECOCKS

2016 Co-Defensive Scout Team Award

Junior walk-on defensive lineman who adds depth to the unit... began his career at The Citadel.

2016: Transfer who was added to the Gamecocks' roster just prior to the start of spring drills... shared the Defensive Scout Team Award as selected by the coaches with Jujuan Blankenship.

2015: Enrolled at Carolina in the fall but did not participate in football.

2014: Was a member of The Citadel football team... worked along the offensive line... did not see any game action as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 2014 graduate of Woodmont High School in Piedmont, S.C... lettered six times in track & field and four times in football... started 44 consecutive varsity games... was an all-region 1-4A defensive end in 2012 and '13... named the Wildcats' defensive MVP in 2011, '12 and '13... posted 65 tackles, 20 tackles for loss, four pass breakups, four hurries and two fumble recoveries during his senior season... named the top shot put thrower of the year in both 2011 and 2012.

PERSONAL: Javion J. Duncan was born January 5, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major... uncle, Monty, was a wide receiver and punt returner at Florida from 1989-93.

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Spencer EASON-RIDDLE

LB • 5-11 • 219 • FR. • RS

Raleigh, N.C.
(Leesville Road)

GAMECOCKS

Redshirt freshman who is going through his second spring in the program... adds depth at the linebacker position.

2016: True freshman walk-on who joined the Gamecock football program in the spring of 2016 after enrolling in January... penciled in as a linebacker in his first season with the Garnet & Black.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Leesville Road High School in Raleigh, N.C. in 2015... played football for head coach Mike Hobgood... the Pride went 5-7 in his senior season... named the team MVP, was a two-time all-conference selection and earned the Heart of a Champion Award.

PERSONAL: Spencer J. Eason-Riddle was born January 12, 1997... interested in a degree in cardiovascular technology.



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Bryan EDWARDS

WR • 6-3 • 215 • SO. • 1L

Conway, S.C.
(Conway)

GAMECOCKS

- 2017 Harold White GPA Award - Offense
- 2016 Athlon's Freshman All-America Second Team
- 2016 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman First Team
- 2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Standout receiver who, in 2016, turned in the second-best true freshman season for a Gamecock wide receiver behind only Alshon Jeffery (46 catches, 763 yards), in 2009... bigger receiver with excellent hands... pairs with Debo Samuel to give the Gamecocks one of the top wide receiver duos in the SEC... limited somewhat in the spring after undergoing off-season surgery on a sports hernia... named the Harold White GPA Award winner for the offense at the Garnet & Black spring game... has made 12 career starts.

2016: True freshman who enrolled in January and went through spring drills... started all 12 games in which he appeared... earned Athlon's Freshman All-America second team honors and All-SEC Freshman first team accolades... turned in the second-best true freshman campaign for a wide receiver in school history behind only Alshon Jeffery... finished third on the team with 44 catches and with 590 receiving yards, and tied for first with four touchdown receptions... ranked eighth among FBS freshmen with 590 receiving yards and with 49.2 receiving yards per game... became the sixth true freshman to start in the season opener for Carolina since 2009, joining Stephon Gilmore (2009), Marcus Lattimore (2010), Jadeveon Clowney (2011), Bryson Allen-Williams (2014) and Al Harris Jr. (2014)... led all players in the Vandy win with eight receptions for 101 yards... his 100-yard receiving effort was the only one recorded by an FBS freshman in Week 1... caught six of his receptions for 89 yards after halftime, including a 33-yarder... became just the eighth Gamecock in history to accumulate over 100 receiving yards in a season opener... led the Gamecocks with five catches for 68 yards in the East Carolina win... hauled in a 42-yard reception, a personal best, to set up South Carolina's second touchdown drive of the game vs. the Pirates... missed the Texas A&M game with an injury suffered late in the Kentucky contest... returned to the lineup after a one-game injury absence and caught three passes for 35 yards against Georgia... caught three passes for

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42 yards in the UMass win, including his first career touchdown, a 24-yard catch from Jake Bentley in 2nd quarter... reeled in four passes for 41 yards and a touchdown in the Tennessee victory... pulled in a 17-yard scoring toss in the 2nd quarter against the Vols, giving him a touchdown for the second straight week... caught four passes for 47 yards in the Missouri victory... led the Gamecocks with four catches for 61 yards in the Western Carolina win, including a 40-yard reception... notched one reception against Clemson, a 33-yard touchdown catch on a trick play, with the pass coming from fellow wideout Deebo Samuel... caught six passes for 71 yards and a score in the Birmingham Bowl vs. USF... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Conway (S.C.) High School at the end of the 2015 fall semester... coached by Chuck Jordan... considered one of the state's top players as a senior in 2015 until suffering a season-ending knee injury in late October... was a finalist for South Carolina's "Mr. Football"... finished his senior campaign with 53 catches for 969 yards and nine scores... selected for the Shrine Bowl and the US Army All-American Game... finished his prep career with 188 catches for 2,562 yards and 32 touchdowns... Rivals ranked him as the fourth-best player in the state and the 64th-best wide receiver in the country... considered the third-best player in the state and the 12th-best wideout in the nation by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as the state's third-best player, the nation's 43rd-best wide receiver and No. 253 overall... an All-American and No. 223 overall by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Bryan J. Edwards was born November 13, 1998... is a sport & entertainment management major.



EDWARDS' STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	12/12	44	590	13.4	4	42

EDWARDS' HIGHS

Receptions.....8, Vanderbilt, 2016
 Yards Receiving 101, Vanderbilt, 2016
 Long Reception.... 42, East Carolina, 2016
 Receiving Touchdowns.....1, 4 times, 2016
 100-yard Receiving Games..... 1 time



Chandler FARRELL

OL • 6-2 • 292 • FR. • RS

Summerville, S.C.
(Summerville)

GAMECOCKS

Walk-on offensive lineman who has impressed the coaching staff... performs with a blue-collar work ethic... gives the Gamecocks quality depth at the center position.

2016: Walk-on offensive lineman... traveled with the squad as a backup of offensive center throughout the season... did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Summerville (S.C.) High School in 2016... played along the offensive line for the Green Wave... earned three varsity letters in football... played for head coach Joe Call in his senior season and the legendary John McKissick prior to that... was a three-time all-region and two-time all-state selection... also earned All-Low Country honors... selected for the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

PERSONAL: Chandler Riley Farrell was born June 30, 1998... is a chemistry major... father, Kenny, played football at South Carolina, lettering three times from 1990-92.

Returning Players



Daniel FENNELL

DL • 6-3 • 244 • SO. • 1L

Loganville, Ga.
(Grayson)

GAMECOCKS

2017 Harold White GPA Award - Defense

2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

15-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Third-year player who the coaches hope will work his way into more consistent playing time this fall... expected to compete with D.J. Wonnum at the Buck position... named the Harold White GPA Award winner for the defense at the Garnet & Black spring game... has played in six contests.

2016: Redshirt freshman who played in six games... made his Gamecock debut in the win over Vanderbilt... made his first career tackle on kickoff coverage versus East Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Linebacker who graduated from Grayson High School in Loganville, Ga. in 2015... helped the Rams and head coach Mickey Conn to a 10-2 record and the second round of the Class AAAAAA state playoffs in his senior season... rated the 46th-best player in the state and the 38th-best outside linebacker in the country by Rivals... regarded as the 71st-best player in the state and the 22nd-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the No. 40 outside linebacker by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Daniel Fennell was born October 18, 1996... is a retailing major at South Carolina.

FENNELL'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	6/0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0



Rashad FENTON

DB • 5-10 • 184 • JR. • 2L

Miami, Fla.
(Miami Carol City)

GAMECOCKS

Junior defensive back who has played both the cornerback and nickelback positions... also a talented returner on special teams... has returned one kick-off for a touchdown... appeared in 22 games over the past two seasons with seven career starts.

2016: Appeared in 12 games with seven starts... logged 38 tackles, with five pass breakups and an interception... had a tackle, a pair of pass breakups and a forced fumble in a starting assignment at Vandy... got the start and made four solo stops at both Mississippi State and Kentucky... missed the Georgia game with an injury... returned a pair of kicks for 72 yards, including a 50-yard effort and broke up one pass in the UMass win... made four tackles and combined with Darius English for his first career half-sack in the Tennessee win... had five tackles, one TFL and an interception against Missouri... his pick came on the Carolina 2-yard line and stopped a likely Mizzou score, keeping the game tied at 21... logged a career-high six tackles at Clemson... tallied five stops in the Birmingham Bowl vs. USF.

2015: Saw action in 10 games... credited with two tackles... averaged 26.1 yards on 14 kick returns, ranking fifth in the SEC... did not play against

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North Carolina... took the first kickoff return of his career 96 yards to paydirt at LSU... it was the first time he touched the ball in his collegiate career and was Carolina's first kick return for a score since 2002... did not make the trip to Tennessee... returned three kickoffs for 83 yards vs. The Citadel.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Miami Carol City High School in Miami Gardens, Fla. in 2015... coached by Aubrey Hill, who played for Steve Spurrier at Florida... played in the International Bowl in Arlington, Texas, following the season... started on the varsity squad at Norland High as a freshman... rated the 119th-best cornerback in the country according to Scout... considered the 58th-best player in the state of Florida and the 45th-best cornerback in the country by 247Sports... regarded as the 224th-best player in the state and the No. 97 cornerback in the country by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Rashad Khambrell Fenton was born February 17, 1997... is a pharmacy major.

FENTON'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	10/0	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	12/7	26	12	38	1.5-7	0.5-4	1	5	0	1	0
Total	22/7	28	12	40	1.5-7	0.5-4	1	5	0	1	0

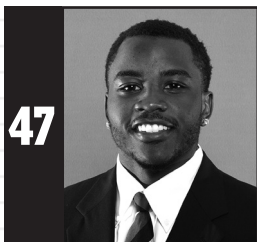
-KICK RETURNS-						
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	10/0	14	365	26.1	1	96
2016	12/7	2	72	36.0	0	50
Total	22/7	16	437	27.3	1	96

-PUNT RETURNS-						
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	12/7	2	8	4.0	0	5



FENTON'S HIGHS

Tackles 6, Clemson, 2016
 Tackles for Loss 1.0, Missouri, 2016
 Sacks 0.5, Tennessee, 2016
 Interceptions 1, Missouri, 2016
 Kick Return Yards 118, LSU, 2015
 Long Kick Return 96, LSU, 2015
 Kick Return Touchdowns 1, LSU, 2015
 Long Punt Return 5, Kentucky, 2016



Jaylan FOSTER

DB • 5-11 • 190 • SO. • TR
Duncan, S.C.
(Byrnes/Gardner-Webb)

GAMECOCKS

Former standout cornerback from Gardner-Webb who will not be eligible in 2017 per NCAA transfer rules... will have three years to play three at South Carolina.

2016: Played cornerback as a true freshman at Gardner-Webb for head coach Carroll McCray... named the Big South Conference Freshman of the Year... registered 45 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss... led the Runnin' Bulldogs with five pass interceptions and nine pass breakups... also recovered a pair of fumbles... earned Big South Freshman of the Week honors twice and was named to the 2016 Jerry Rice Award Watch List, annually given to the FCS Freshman Player of the Year... his five interceptions set a Big South freshman record... led the FCS with 185 defensive return yards, including 111 fumble return yards... scored on a 60-yard fumble return versus Benedict and on a 42-yard interception return at Liberty... also had a 51-yard fumble return against Coastal Carolina... posted a career-high 10 tackles and an interception at Ohio... sealed the win over No. 8 Charleston Southern with an interception in the end zone in the final seconds.

SOUTH CAROLINA

HIGH SCHOOL: Was a three-year starter for Byrnes (S.C.) High under head coach Brian Lane... standout all-around performer at defensive back, receiver and return specialist... helped the Rebels to a 12-2 mark in 2015 and to 48 wins over his four-year career... played in wins over nationally-ranked foes Apopka (Fla.) High, Concord (Calif.) De La Salle and Mallard Creek (N.C.) High over his final three seasons... named Division I Class 4A All-State by the S.C. High School Sports Report and earned first-team All-Area and All-Region honors following senior season at defensive back... had nearly 1,400 all-purpose yards and scored 13 touchdowns as a senior... caught 28 passes for 471 yards and seven touchdowns, averaged 28.3 yards on 20 kick-off returns with a touchdown and 15.3 yards on 15 punt returns with two scores... also rushed for three touchdowns... recorded 49 tackles, three interceptions and broke up six passes on defense... selected to play in the 2015 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... caught 16 passes for 311 yards and five touchdowns as a junior as part of a 12-2 finish for the Rebels in 2014... picked off five passes, broke up 10 passes and had two fumble recoveries in the secondary... started as a sophomore in the secondary for the Rebels in 2013... recorded 44 tackles and two interceptions... also caught seven passes for 101 yards and three touchdowns... earned All-Area honors in basketball as a junior after averaging 12.4 points, 5.5 assists and 6.4 rebounds per game.

PERSONAL: Jaylan W. Foster was born January 20, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major.



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Garrett FREDERICK

WR • 5-11 • 177 • FR. • RS
Plano, Texas
(Plano)

GAMECOCKS

Walk-on wide receiver who adds depth to the position.

2016: Walked-on to the program in August and redshirted as a true freshman wide receiver.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Plano (Texas) High School in 2016.

PERSONAL: Garrett C. Frederick was born March 3, 1998... pursuing a degree in sport and entertainment management.



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C.J. FREEMAN

RB • 5-11 • 210 • FR. • RS
Greensboro, N.C.
(Northern Guilford)

GAMECOCKS

Second-year running back who missed spring drills while recovering from surgery to repair an ACL injury.

2016: Redshirted in his true freshmen season after enrolling in January... injured in practice late in the year and underwent knee surgery in December.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Northern Guilford High School in Greensboro, N.C. midyear and enrolled at South Carolina in January 2016... played for head coach Johnny Roscoe... rushed for 2,091 yards and 23 touchdowns in his senior season, averaging more than seven yards per carry and nearly 150 yards per game... in four playoff games, he averaged 265 rushing yards... the Nighthawks went 10-5 and reached the state Class 3AA semifinals... rated the 30th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the No. 31 running back in the country by Rivals... considered the No. 36 running back in the nation by 247Sports Composite... ESPN considered him the

GAMECOCK FOOTBALL

28th-best player in the state and the No. 53 running back in the country... was a *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region pick.

PERSONAL: Caleb E. Freeman was born November 26, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major.

46		Harrison FREEMAN	GAMECOCKS
		LS • 6-4 • 224 • FR. • RS	
		Raleigh, N.C. (Leesville Road)	

Walk-on deep snapper who is part of the competition to replace All-America long snapper Drew Williams.

2016: Walk-on who served as a backup deep snapper... redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for The Pride of Leesville Road in Raleigh, N.C., graduating in 2016... coached by Brad Wilson... lettered three times in football... was the squad's 2014 Special Teams Player of the Year... was a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honors Society and a National Football Foundation award recipient... named a semifinalist for the Chris Rubio Award, which honors the nation's top long snapper.

PERSONAL: Harrison McLean Freeman was born December 13, 1997... is in the pre-business program.


50		Griffin GENTRY	GAMECOCKS
		DL • 6-1 • 262 • FR. • RS	
		Birmingham, Ala. (Homewood)	

Second-year defensive lineman who looks to work his way into the rotation after redshirting in 2016... turned in a solid offseason.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive end who earned a spot on the Alabama Class 6A first-team all-state squad as a senior in 2015 at Homewood High School in Birmingham... coached by Ben Berguson... the Patriots went 9-3 in his final campaign... logged 106 tackles and seven sacks as a junior... also played basketball... 247Sports considered him the 100th-best player in the state and the No. 110 strongside defensive end in the country... ESPN ranked him as the 34th-best player in the state and the No. 71 defensive tackle in the nation... a *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region pick.

PERSONAL: Full name is Kyle Griffin Gentry... born June 9, 1998... is in the pre-business program.

80		Shemar GLENN	GAMECOCKS
		WR • 6-1 • 170 • SO. • SQ	
		Union, S.C. (Union County/USC-Union)	

Walk-on wide receiver who adds depth to the unit.

2016: Worked as a reserve wideout on the scout team for the Gamecocks.

2015: Attended USC-Union.

Returning Players

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Union (S.C.) County High School in 2015... team captain for the Yellow Jackets... coached by former Gamecock standout Steve Taneyhill... also lettered three times in basketball... was a member of the BETA Club and on the honor roll... winner of the Upstate SC Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship... named Most Athletic in his class.

PERSONAL: Shemar Armonti Glenn was born May 13, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major... is the son of former South Carolina wide receiver Monty Means, who also wore number 80 with the Gamecocks.

6		Terry GOOGER	GAMECOCKS
		WR • 6-4 • 217 • JR. • 2L	
		Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)	

- 2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2015 Spring Most Improved Wide Receiver
- 14-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Fourth-year player who is the most veteran of the wide receiving corps... has caught a dozen passes for 140 yards in his career that includes five starts... penciled in as a starter entering the fall.

2016: Redshirt sophomore who played in 11 games with three starts... had seven catches for 66 yards... caught his first pass of the season for 11 yards at Mississippi State... started and caught a 10-yard pass at Kentucky... set a career-high with three catches, going for 25 yards, in a starting assignment vs. Texas A&M... made the start at wide receiver and caught one pass for 13 yards in the UMass win... did not appear against Missouri or Florida.

2015: Played in 11 games... caught five passes for 74 yards... had a solid debut as a Gamecock, catching a pair of passes for 39 yards against North Carolina... made his first career start at Georgia... caught a 13-yard pass against Vanderbilt... gained his second start at Texas A&M... had a 14-yard reception at Tennessee... earned a spot on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... garnered Most Improved accolades in the spring.

2014: Redshirted... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back for Woodward Academy in Atlanta... graduated in 2014... played for John Hunt, the former offensive line coach at Carolina... the War Eagles finished with a 9-3 record in his senior season and advanced to the second round of the AAA playoffs... threw for 967 yards and 10 TDs and ran for 1,116 yards and 16 scores... also lettered in basketball and track... Rivals considered him the 26th-best player in the state and the 19th-best "athlete" in the country... Scout ranked him as the 34th-best tight end in the country... considered the 42nd-best player in the state, and the 62nd-best wide receiver in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN ranked him No. 260 on its ESPN300 list, the 33rd-best "athlete" in the nation and the 24th-best player in the state... considered No. 238 on *PrepStar's* All-American Team.

PERSONAL: Corteries Cosea Googer was born December 10, 1994... pursuing a degree in sport and entertainment management.




GOOGER'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	11/2	5	74	14.8	0	22
2016	11/3	7	66	9.4	0	13
Total	22/5	12	140	11.7	0	22

GOOGER'S HIGHS

Receptions.....	3, Texas A&M, 2016
Yards Receiving	39, N. Carolina, 2015
Long Reception	22, N. Carolina, 2015

Returning Players

17		Danny GORDON	GAMECOCKS
		QB • 6-0 • 211 • JR. • SQ	
		Worthington, Ohio (Worthington/Miami (Ohio))	

Walk-on quarterback who provides depth at the position... also slated to be the holder on placements, replacing Sean Kelly.


2016: Was eligible for the first time at South Carolina after sitting out a year per NCAA transfer rules... served as a reserve quarterback on the scout team.

2015: Joined the squad when the roster expanded in August... was not eligible due to NCAA transfer rules... spent the fall working with the scout team.

2014: Attended Miami (Ohio) University, where he was a walk-on member of the football squad.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Thomas Worthington High School in Worthington, Ohio in 2014... played football for his father, Scott Gordon.

PERSONAL: Daniel S. Gordon was born June 28, 1996... is a finance major... sister, Kendall, played lacrosse at Louisville.

34		Scott GRANT	GAMECOCKS
		DB • 5-10 • 192 • JR. • SQ	
		Laurens, S.C. (Laurens)	

2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Walk-on safety who is in his third spring with the Carolina football team... adds depth to the secondary.


2016: Served as a reserve defensive back... worked on the scout team... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Joined the team in the spring... did not make the 105 to start fall camp in August, but was added back when the roster expanded.

2014: Attended South Carolina in the fall but did not participate in football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Laurens (S.C.) High School in 2014... coached by Greg Lawson and Mike Hawkins.

PERSONAL: Scottavian J. Grant was born February 23, 1996... is an integrated information technology major.

67		Ryan GREEN	GAMECOCKS
		OL • 6-3 • 289 • SO. • SQ	
		James Island, S.C. (James Island/Presbyterian)	

Sophomore offensive lineman who will be eligible for the first time at South Carolina after transferring from Presbyterian College... adds depth up front.

2016: Joined the Carolina squad and worked as a scout team offensive lineman... was not eligible per NCAA transfer rules.

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2015: Redshirted as a true freshman at Presbyterian College... played for head coach Harold Nichols.

HIGH SCHOOL: Started three years at James Island (S.C.) High School... earned all-region honors as well as the James Island Athlete of the Month and Offensive Line awards... participated in three years of wrestling and two years of track.

PERSONAL: Ryan N. Green was born September 26, 1996... pursuing a degree in sociology... father, Ralph, played football at South Carolina State... enjoys chess and piano.

16		Bailey HART	GAMECOCKS
		QB • 6-2 • 179 • FR. • RS	
		Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)	

Walk-on quarterback who will battle for the backup signal-caller duties behind incumbent Jake Bentley... was able to get more snaps in the spring due to the limited number of quarterbacks on the roster.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman... worked with the scout team.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Wando High School in Mount Pleasant, S.C. in 2016... lettered three times for coach Jimmy Noonan... was a two-time all-region selection, a three-time All-East Cooper team member and the 4A Big 16 Lower State Back of the Year following his senior season... also lettered three times in track & field for the Warriors.

PERSONAL: Patrick Bailey Hart was born August 11, 1997... is an exercise science major.

51		Cory HELMS	GAMECOCKS
		OL • 6-4 • 309 • SR. • 1L	
		Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton/Wake Forest)	

2016 Co-Strength & Conditioning Award
2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2013 Freshman All-American

Fifth-year senior offensive lineman... has played both guard (19 career starts) and center (17 career starts)... sat out the 2015 campaign after transferring from Wake Forest, where he played in all 24 games, making 23 starts from 2013-14, earning Freshman All-America accolades in 2013... has made 36 career FBS starts, most on the squad.

2016: Junior offensive lineman who started all 13 games... made his Gamecock debut in the Vanderbilt win, starting at center... shifted to right guard at Mississippi State and held that position throughout the remainder of the season... served as a team captain against Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee... shared the Strength & Conditioning Award with Hayden Hurst as selected by the coaches... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Former Wake Forest offensive lineman who joined the Gamecocks in the fall... was not eligible due to NCAA transfer rules.

2014: Started the first seven games at left guard, then moved back to center for the final five contests for the Wake Forest Demon Deacons and head coach Dave Clawson.

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2013: Earned Freshman All-America accolades for head coach Jim Grobe... played in all 12 games with 11 starts at center as a true freshman... started every game except Senior Day vs. Duke, giving way to senior Whit Barnes... became the first Demon Deacon since defensive tackle Marvin Mitchell in 1987 to start his first collegiate game when he got the call against Presbyterian in the season opener.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 2013 graduate of Milton High School in Georgia... played for coach Howie DeCristofaro... earned all-metro, all-region and high school All-America honors... awarded first team All-Region 5-6A honors as a senior... was the starting center for the Blue team in the Offense-Defense All-America Bowl in Houston... ranked as the No. 9 center nationally and the No. 58 prospect in Georgia by Rivals.

PERSONAL: Cory Helms was born December 31, 1994... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

82		Evan HINSON	GAMECOCKS
		TE • 6-4 • 240 • FR. • RS	
		Deltona, Fla. (Deltona)	

Redshirt freshman tight end who is a two-sport performer at South Carolina... joined Frank Martin's men's basketball team in January and did not participate in spring football drills, as the cagers advanced to the Final Four.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman tight end... joined the South Carolina men's basketball team after the bowl game and saw action in eight contests... scored nine points with five rebounds in limited action for a squad that advanced to the Final Four for the first time in school history.

HIGH SCHOOL: Versatile two-sport standout from Deltona (Fla.) High School... graduated in 2016... played all over the gridiron during his prep career... coached by Allen Johnson... helped the Wolves to a 6-4 record in 2015... earned honorable mention Class 6A all-state recognition... caught 24 passes for 465 yards and six touchdowns while making 35 tackles, including eight tackles for loss and five sacks, as a senior... logged 500 receiving yards, 11 touchdowns and 15 sacks as a junior... an excellent high school basketball player... averaged 23.5 points, 6.8 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game as a junior when he was the Daytona Beach *News-Journal's* Player of the Year... rated the 18th-best tight end in the nation by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as the No. 131 player in the state of Florida and the No. 19 tight end-H back in the country.

PERSONAL: Full name is Evan Reese Hinson... born April 6, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major... father, Denny Hinson, was his high school basketball coach.

81		Hayden HURST	GAMECOCKS
		TE • 6-5 • 250 • JR. • 2L	
		Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)	

- 2017 Outstanding Student-Athlete Representative
- 2016 Team Captain
- 2016 Co-Strength & Conditioning Award
- 2016 Co-Tenacity Award - Offense
- 2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 15-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Returning Players

Honors candidate after turning in a record-setting season in 2016... named 2017 preseason first-team All-SEC by Athlon... selected as a team captain in 2016, becoming the first sophomore in school history to be a permanent team captain... has 56 career receptions for 722 yards with one score in 25 games, including 14 starts... named the Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete Representative at the 2017 Garnet & Black spring game... a former professional baseball player who came to South Carolina as a walk-on.

2016: Sophomore tight end... named one of four permanent team captains... set Carolina's single-season record for catches by a tight end with 48... the previous mark was 38, set by Doug Hamrick in 1970... was the first Carolina tight end to catch 30 passes since Weslye Saunders in 2009... also broke Danny Smith's school record for receiving yards by a tight end (576 in 1987) with 616... ranked among the nation's top dozen tight ends in both receptions and yards receiving... had at least five receptions in five games and at least 80 receiving yards in four contests... logged a career-best eight catches for 68 yards against Mississippi State... caught two passes for 43 yards in the East Carolina win... came up with a season-high 36-yard reception to set up South Carolina's crucial field goal in the fourth quarter against the Pirates... led all players with seven catches for 84 yards at Kentucky, including a 30-yard reception to set up Carolina's touchdown... caught five passes for a career-high 90 yards against Texas A&M... also threw one pass on a trick play against the Aggies, finding A.J. Turner for a nine-yard reception... led all players with six catches for 86 yards in the Georgia game... also served as the Gamecocks' punt returner against Georgia, becoming the biggest punt returner in Division I football in recent memory... caught three passes for a team-high 63 yards at Florida, including a career-long 47-yarder, when he matched a Carolina single-season record for tight ends... caught one pass for 15 yards and completed one pass on a trick play, which went for 12 yards, in the Western Carolina victory... caught three passes for 26 yards and carried the ball twice for nine yards at Clemson... hauled in six passes for 86 yards in the Birmingham Bowl against USF, including his first career points... hauled in a 25-yard touchdown reception for Carolina's first score of the contest and tallied a two-point conversion to tie the game late in regulation... shared the Strength & Conditioning Award with Cory Helms as selected by the coaches... shared the Tenacity Award for the offense with Zack Bailey as selected by the players... nominated for the Burlsworth Trophy... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... placed on scholarship in the spring.

2015: Former professional baseball player who played in the Pittsburgh Pirates' organization before walking on to the Carolina football team in the summer of 2015... played in all 12 games, making one start... caught eight passes for 106 yards... played at tight end and on special teams early in the season... moved to wide receiver after the UCF game... caught his first pass, a nine-yard reception, at LSU... hauled in a career-long 47-yard reception at Texas A&M... made his first career start and responded with a pair of catches for 12 yards against Florida... had two catches versus The Citadel... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla. in 2012... played football but was also a standout on the baseball diamond... selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 17th round of the 2012 baseball draft... helped the Bulldogs to a pair of state baseball titles... was a Florida All-Region first-team selection and a 2012 Rawlings second-team All-American as a righthanded pitcher with a fastball in the low 90s... pitched in the 2011 Under Armour All-America Baseball Game... turned down a baseball scholarship to attend Florida State to sign with the Pirates.

PERSONAL: Hayden Randle Hurst was born August 24, 1993... is a sport and entertainment management major... played two seasons in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization in the rookie Gulf Coast League, as a pitcher in 2013 and as a first baseman in 2014... underwent Tommy John surgery as an eighth grader.

Returning Players

SOUTH CAROLINA



HURST'S STATISTICS						
-RECEIVING-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	12/1	8	106	13.2	0	47
2016	13/13	48	616	12.8	1	47
Total	25/14	56	722	12.9	1	47
-PASSING-						
Year	GP/GS	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2015	12/1	0-0-0	--	0	0	--
2016	13/13	2-2-0	100.0	21	0	12
Total	25/14	2-2-0	100.0	21	0	12
-RUSHING-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	12/1	0	0	--	0	--
2016	13/13	2	9	4.5	0	7
Total	25/14	2	9	4.5	0	7

HURST'S HIGHS	
Receptions.....	8, Mississippi State, 2016
Yards Receiving	90, Texas A&M, 2016
Long Reception.....	47, Texas A&M, 2015 and Florida, 2016
Touchdown Receptions	1, USEF, 2016
Pass Completions	1, Texas A&M, 2016 and Western Carolina, 2016
Passing Yards ..	12, Western Carolina, 2016
Longest Pass ...	12, Western Carolina, 2016
Carries.....	2, Clemson, 2016
Yards Rushing	9, Clemson, 2016
Long Rush.....	7, Clemson, 2016



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Cameron JOHNSON

OL • 6-6 • 305 • FR. • RS

Bennettsville, S.C. (Marlboro County)

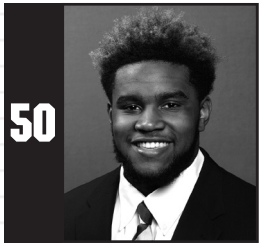
GAMECOCKS

Young offensive lineman who needs to continue to physically develop his body to be ready to compete for playing time.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman walk-on offensive lineman... worked with the scout team.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Marlboro County High School in South Carolina in 2016... lettered three years in football for head coach Dr. Dean Boyd... named to the All-Region 6-3A squad and was a *High School Sports Report* All-State Top 100 selection... also a standout basketball player who received some Division II offers while earning four letters for the Bulldogs... also lettered once in track & field... excellent student in the classroom who was a member of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, a Merit Scholar and New Dimensions Scholar.

PERSONAL: Randall Cameron Johnson was born July 17, 1998... is an environmental science major... father, Randall, played basketball at Johnson C. Smith University.



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Sadarius HUTCHERSON

OL • 6-4 • 316 • FR. • RS

Huntingdon, Tenn. (Huntingdon)

GAMECOCKS

2016 Co-Offensive Scout Team Award
16-17 First -Year SEC Honor Roll

Redshirt freshman offensive lineman who will compete for the starting left tackle position... fast-twitch athlete who has added 40 pounds over the past year by working hard in the weight room... has a big upside.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman... shared the Offensive Scout team Award with Ty'Son Williams as selected by the coaching staff following the season... named to the 2016-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played on both sides of the line at Class 1A Huntingdon (Tenn.) High School for head coach Eric Swenson... graduated in 2016... the Mustangs went 10-2 and reached the second round of the playoffs in his senior season... collected 45 tackles and six sacks as a defensive end in his final campaign... played tight end on the offensive side of the ball... logged 53 tackles, including 11 tackles for loss and six sacks as a junior... also played high school basketball... Rivals rated him as the 21st-best senior in Tennessee... 247Sports regarded him as the 21st-best player in the state and the 38th-best strongside defensive end in the nation... ESPN ranked him as the 22nd-best player in Tennessee and the No. 105 defensive end in the nation... an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Full name is Sadarius Martese Hutcherson... born April 22, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major.



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Ulric JONES

DL • 6-5 • 312 • SR. • 1L

Oxford, Ala. (Oxford/Butler C.C.)

GAMECOCKS

Fifth-year senior who is penciled in as a starter in the interior of the defensive line... one of the strongest players on the squad... gained valuable experience in 2016, appearing in every game including eight as a starter... graduated in May with a degree in interdisciplinary studies.

2016: Played in every game, making eight starts... tallied 42 tackles and blocked a pair of field goal attempts... led the team with nine tackles against Mississippi State... made his first career start in the East Carolina win and had two tackles to go with a pass breakup and a blocked field goal... was back in the starting lineup at Kentucky and tallied five tackles... started and led the Gamecocks with six tackles in the Tennessee win... tallied three tackles and blocked a field goal attempt at Clemson.

2015: Redshirted in his first season with the Garnet & Black... began his Gamecock career on the defensive line... was moved midway through the year to the offensive side of the ball where he worked at tight end.

2014: Finished up his two-year junior college stint at Butler (Kan.) Community College... coached by Troy Morrell... earned honorable mention all-conference accolades in the Jayhawk Conference at defensive end... credited with 43 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks in 2014 for a Grizzlies team that went 8-3... rated the No. 97 JUCO player in the country by Scout... regarded as the 21st-best JUCO player in the state, the 10th-best JUCO strong-side defensive end in the country and the No. 119 JUCO player overall by 247Sports... ranked as the No. 9 junior college defensive end by ESPN.

2013: Played on the defensive line at Butler (Kan.) Community College... logged 19 tackles with two tackles for loss.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Oxford (Ala.) High School in 2013... selected Mississippi State out of high school.

GAMECOCK FOOTBALL

PERSONAL: Ulric Shemon Jones was born Jan. 13, 1995... is an interdisciplinary studies major who graduated in May.

JONES' HIGHS

Tackles 9, Miss. State, 2016
Tackles for Loss 0.5, Miss. State, 2016

JONES' STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	13/8	13	29	42	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	2	0	0	0



JaMarcus KING

DB • 6-2 • 186 • SR. • 1L

Mobile, Ala.
(Blount/Coffeyville C.C.)

GAMECOCKS

Senior cornerback who used his first off-season in Columbia to gain more strength to aid in his already developed ball skills... excellent cover corner who picked off three passes in his first season of Division I football... was the SEC Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in a two-interception game in the 2016 win over Tennessee... suffered a broken arm in the spring game.

2016: First year at South Carolina... had 56 tackles, including 51 solo stops, with a team-leading nine pass breakups in 13 games including 11 starts... logged three interceptions, tying for eighth in the SEC... notched three tackles including one for loss in a victory over Vanderbilt in his debut... added five solo stops and another TFL at Mississippi State... made his first career start versus East Carolina and set a then-career-high with six solo tackles along with an interception in the end zone... made five tackles and forced a fumble against Kentucky... set a career-high with seven tackles and returned one punt for two yards against Texas A&M... made three solo tackles, including one tackle for loss, against Georgia... made two tackles and was credited with three pass breakups in the UMass win... named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against Tennessee, when he tallied five tackles and two interceptions, including a fourth-quarter pick to help Carolina seal the victory... served as a team captain against Missouri and made two tackles along with two pass breakups... made four tackles and recovered a Florida fumble against the Gators... recorded six tackles against Clemson.

2015: One of the nation's top junior college cornerbacks... played two seasons at Coffeyville C.C. in Kansas for head coach Aaron Flores... registered 37 tackles with three interceptions and a team-high 10 pass breakups, helping the 14th-ranked Red Ravens to an 8-3 record, while garnering first-team All-Jayhawk Conference and honorable mention All-America accolades in his sophomore season... was the number one-rated junior college cornerback in the country and the seventh-best JUCO prospect regardless of position according to Rivals... considered the No. 2 junior college cornerback in the country and the 16th-best JUCO prospect overall by 247Sports Composite... ESPN considered him as the top cornerback and the 10th-best junior college player in the country... rated a JUCO All-American by *PrepStar*.

2014: Earned first-team All-KJCCC and second-team NJCAA All-America honors after logging 27 tackles and five pass break ups as the 10th-ranked Red Ravens went 9-3 overall and 6-1 in the league in his freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Primarily played wide receiver at Mattie T. Blount High School in Eight Mile, Ala., graduating in 2014... the Leopards went 9-2 in his senior season.

PERSONAL: JaMarcus J. King was born December 7, 1994... is majoring in sociology.

KING'S HIGHS

Tackles 7, Texas A&M, 2016
Tackles for Loss 1.0, 3x: Vandy, 2016, Miss. State, 2016 & Georgia, 2016
Interceptions 2, Tennessee, 2016

KING'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	13/11	51	5	56	3.0-10	0.0-0	3	9	0	1	1

Returning Players



Caleb KINLAW

RB • 5-11 • 202 • JR. • JC

Goose Creek, S.C.
(Goose Creek/Pearl River C.C.)

GAMECOCKS

Former Goose Creek (S.C.) running back who joined the Gamecock football squad in January as a walk-on... began his career at Wisconsin... underwent multiple surgeries during his time as a Badger... has two years to play two.

2016: Transferred from Wisconsin to Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Miss. in the summer of 2016... rushed 34 times for 150 yards and a touchdown in six games for the Wildcats while being hampered by a series of nagging injuries.

2015: Played in one game as a redshirt freshman for the Badgers, carrying seven times for 30 yards and caught a touchdown pass in a win over Miami (Ohio)... also spent practice time at cornerback.

2014: Originally signed with Wisconsin and head coach Gary Anderson out of high school in 2014... redshirted in his first year in Madison.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rushed for 4,186 yards, averaging 8.9 yards per carry in his prep career at Goose Creek (S.C.) High School, including three 1,000-yard seasons... scored 52 touchdowns in 39 career games for the Gators... rushed for 1,154 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior en route to all-state, all-region and All-Lowcountry honors... selected to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season.

PERSONAL: Caleb D. Kinlaw was born October 17, 1995... is pursuing a degree in sociology.



KINLAW'S STATISTICS

-RUSHING-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	1/0	7	30	4.3	0	10
-RECEIVING-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	1/0	1	5	5.0	1	5

KINLAW'S HIGHS

Carries.....7, Miami (O), 2015
Yards Rushing30, Miami (O), 2015
Long Rush.....10, Miami (O), 2015
Receptions.....1, Miami (O), 2015
Yards Receiving5, Miami (O), 2015
Long Reception.....5, Miami (O), 2015
Receiving TDs.....1, Miami (O), 2015



Alan KNOTT

OL • 6-4 • 290 • SR. • 3L

Tyrone, Ga.
(Sandy Creek)

GAMECOCKS

2015 Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring
2015 Most Improved Offensive Lineman of the Spring

Fifth-year senior offensive lineman... penciled in as the probable starter at center... used the offseason to get stronger in the weight room, something that he was not able to do a year ago while rehabbing a shoulder injury... has played in 35 contests over the past three seasons... his 29 career starts as a Gamecock leads the squad... on the Rimington Award preseason Watch List.

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2016: Redshirt junior offensive center who started 12 of the 13 games... did not play in the season opener at Vanderbilt... made his season debut when he started at center vs. Mississippi State... nominated for the Remington Award.

2015: Offensive center who started each of the season's first three games... suffered a high ankle sprain at Georgia and was not able to play against UCF or Missouri... returned to the starting lineup at LSU... played the second half against Vanderbilt... returned to the starting lineup at Texas A&M and held that position throughout the remainder of the season, making nine starts overall... named to Rimington Watch List... put together an excellent spring where he was recognized by the coaches as the Most Improved Offensive Lineman and also the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring.

2014: Missed most of the preseason with a right knee injury... made first career start at center versus East Carolina... remained the starter at center for seven of the first eight games... played in all 13 contests, making eight starts, including the Independence Bowl win over Miami.

2013: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Helped the Sandy Creek (Tyrone, Ga.) Patriots to a pair of state titles, including a perfect 15-0 mark in 2012... graduated in 2013... coached by Chip Walker... named first-team Class AAAA all-state by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and by the Georgia Sportswriters Association... played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif. following his senior season... regarded as the 61st-best player in Georgia and the 53rd-best offensive tackle in the country according to Rivals... the nation's 30th-best offensive guard according to Scout... the 43rd-best player in the state, and the 27th-best offensive guard in the country by 247Sports... the 43rd-best offensive guard and an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: David Alan Knott was born December 16, 1994... is a criminal justice major.



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Chris LAMMONS

DB • 5-10 • 190 • SR. • 3L

Lauderhill, Fla. (Plantation)

GAMECOCKS

- 2016 Co-Most Productive Player - Defense
- 2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2015 Harold White GPA Award - Defense
- 2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 14-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Experienced defensive back who has played both the cornerback and nickelback positions in his career... has a nose for the football with four career interceptions, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in 31 games, including 24 starts... also showed his punt return skills in the 2016 Birmingham Bowl with a key 39-yard return late in the contest.

2016: Junior who started every game either at cornerback or at nickel... one of eight players to start every game... shared the Most Productive Player on Defense Award with Darius English, as selected by the players following the season... logged 53 tackles... tied for eighth in the SEC with three interceptions... notched five tackles plus a tackle for loss at Mississippi State... credited with a career-high eight tackles vs. East Carolina, including two for loss, his first career sack, an interception and a forced fumble... served as team captain at Kentucky and made four tackles... made four tackles with one interception against Texas A&M... involved in two turnovers, a fumble recovery and an interception, against UMass... recovered a fumble in the Missouri win... made six tackles at Florida and also returned three punts for 10 yards... made four tackles and broke up two passes in the Western

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Carolina win... tied for the team lead with seven tackles in the Birmingham Bowl against USE... also forced a fumble, broke up a pass and had three punt returns for 48 yards, including a career-long 39-yard return... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll for the second time in his career.

2015: Played in eight games, making four starts in a season that was hampered by injury... credited with 24 tackles, four pass breakups and an interception... earned the start in the season opener against North Carolina and recorded five tackles... missed the next three games with a knee injury... returned against Missouri and recorded a tackle for loss among his two stops... saw more action at LSU and logged five stops... registered three tackles and his first career interception against Vanderbilt... made his second start of the season at Texas A&M and notched a tackle and a pass breakup... notched four tackles and a pass breakup in a start versus Florida... had three stops including a half tackle for loss against The Citadel... did not play in the season finale against Clemson... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... garnered the Harold White GPA award for the defense at the 2015 spring game.

2014: Played in 10 games, making seven starts at cornerback as a true freshman... totaled 21 tackles, including 20 solo stops... earned first career playing time in the season opener against No. 21 Texas A&M, making one solo stop... did not travel to Vanderbilt due to an ankle injury... made first career start against Furman, producing five solo tackles... started each of the season's final seven games... collected a season-high six tackles and half tackle for loss at Auburn... collected four solo tackles against South Alabama... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played on both sides of the ball for head coach Steven Davis at Plantation (Fla.) High School... helped the Colonels to an 8-3 record and to the second round of the 7A playoffs... as a quarterback, he threw for about 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns while running for another 900 yards and seven scores... as a defensive back, he registered 30 tackles with eight pass breakups and two interceptions... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio following his senior season... Rivals rated him as the 45th-best player in the state and the 14th-best "athlete" in the country... Scout ranked him as the 31st-best cornerback in the country and No. 265 overall... 247Sports listed him as the nation's No. 22 cornerback and the 40th-best player in the state of Florida... ESPN considered him the 12th-best "athlete" in the nation, No. 86 on the ESPN300 list and the 15th-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as No. 101 on the Top 150 Dream Team... a member of the high school honor roll.

PERSONAL: Christopher Lamar Lammons was born January 31, 1996... pursuing a sociology degree.

LAMMONS' STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2014	10/7	20	1	21	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	8/4	18	6	24	1.5-5	0.0-0	1	4	0	0	0
2016	13/13	36	17	53	4.0-20	1.0-10	3	6	0	2	2
Total	31/24	74	24	98	6.0-26	1.0-10	4	10	0	2	2
-PUNT RETURNS-											
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long					
2016	13/13	9	71	7.0	0	39					



LAMMONS' HIGHS	
Tackles	8, East Carolina, 2016
Tackles for Loss ...	2.0, East Carolina, 2016
Interceptions	1, 4x, last: UMass, 2016
Sacks	1.0, East Carolina, 2016
Punt Returns	3, twice: Florida, 2016 USEF, 2016
Punt Return Yards	48, USEF, 2016
Long Punt Return	39, USEF, 2016

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Returning Players

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Mitch LANGFORD
LB • 5-10 • 215 • JR. • TR
Richburg, S.C.
(Lewisville/Newberry)

GAMECOCKS

Walk-on linebacker who joined the squad in the spring... transferred to South Carolina from Newberry College after beginning his collegiate career at Charleston Southern... will have two years to play two for the Gamecocks.

2016: Transferred to South Carolina during the summer after going through spring drills at Newberry... did not participate in football during the fall.

2015: Transferred to Newberry (S.C.) College after a year at Charleston Southern... suffered an ankle injury and requested a medical redshirt.

2014: Was a member of the Charleston Southern Buccaneer squad... red-shirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Lewisville High School in Richburg, S.C. in 2014 where he played outside linebacker and fullback.

PERSONAL: Colon Mitchell Langford was born January 8, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major.

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Kyle MARKWAY
TE • 6-5 • 250 • SO. • 1L
St. Louis, Mo.
(St. John Vianney)

GAMECOCKS

2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
15-16 First -Year SEC Honor Roll

Redshirt sophomore tight end who is healthy again after missing all of the 2016 season with a foot injury... gained some experience as a true freshman at both tight end and on special teams in 2015... has made one career start.

2016: Redshirted in his second season at Carolina while battling a foot injury all year... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll following the season.

2015: True freshman who appeared in all 12 games with one start... a regular on special teams who also saw action at tight end... logged three receptions for 57 yards... caught his first pass in his home state of Missouri... had a season-long 27-yard completion at Texas A&M... also caught a pass against Florida... made his first start against The Citadel... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Tight end who graduated from St. John Vianney in Kirkwood, Mo. in 2015... coached by Paul Day... played in multiple roles for the Golden Griffins... team went 7-5 in his senior campaign... earned first-team Class 5 All-State honors as a tight end... as a junior, he caught 28 passes for 254 yards and a touchdown and recorded 64 tackles with seven sacks, helping his squad to a 7-4 record... logged 18 catches for 225 yard and two scores and earned all-conference honors at defensive end after collecting 43 tackles with four sacks as a sophomore... rated the 13th-best player in the state by Rivals... ranked the 31st-best tight end in the country by Scout... regarded as the 18th-best player in the state and the 45th-best tight end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 10th-best player in the state and the No. 17 tight end by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Kyle Matthew Markway was born March 4, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major... uncle, Matt Markway, played for Iowa in the '90s.



MARKWAY'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	12/1	3	57	19.0	0	27

MARKWAY'S HIGHS

Receptions.....	1, Three times, 2015
Yards Receiving	27, Texas A&M, 2015
Long Reception.....	27, Texas A&M, 2015

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Nick MCGRIFF
LS • 6-0 • 220 • JR. • 1L
Gainesville, Fla.
(Gainesville)

GAMECOCKS

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
14-15 First -Year SEC Honor Roll

Walk-on junior long snapper who will compete for the starting duties following the departure of Drew Williams... is the only experienced deep snapper on the squad, as he earned a letter in his redshirt freshman season of 2015.

2016: Served as a backup deep snapper behind Drew Williams... did not see any game action.

2015: Redshirt freshman long snapper who saw action in six games... saw his first collegiate action against UCF... also appeared against Missouri, LSU, Vanderbilt, Texas A&M and Florida... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Joined the team in the fall... redshirted as a true freshman tight end... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Gainesville (Fla.) High School in 2014... coached by Mark Latsko... Hurricanes went 9-3 in his senior season, reaching the regional semifinals in 6A... also played baseball.

PERSONAL: Nicholas Emmer McGriff was born January 24, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major.

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Steven MONTAC
DB • 5-11 • 181 • JR. • 1L
Covington, Ga.
(Newton/Coffeyville C.C.)

GAMECOCKS

Versatile junior defensive back who figures to play a prominent role again this fall... came to South Carolina as a walk-on junior college transfer and made an immediate impact... listed as the probable starter at safety entering the fall but has played safety, cornerback and nickel... has made six career starts.

2016: Walk-on defensive back who joined the team just after fall camp got underway... despite his late arrival, made an early impact... played in 11 games, with six starts... notched 39 tackles... made his debut against East Carolina, starting at safety... made six tackles, including five solo stops against the Pirates... forced a fumble in the Missouri win... set a career-high with nine tackles and added a pass breakup against Florida... tallied four tackles in the Western Carolina win... recorded seven tackles against Clemson... had a strong performance in the Birmingham Bowl against USF with six tackles including a half-tackle for loss, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup.

Returning Players

2015: Spent one season at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College... played defensive back for head coach Aaron Flores... recorded 17 tackles with one interception and three pass breakups... helped the 14th-ranked Red Ravens to an 8-3 mark.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Newton High School in Covington, Ga. in 2015... helped his team to a 7-5 record in his senior season.

PERSONAL: Steven A. Montac was born September 26, 1997... is a visual communications major.

MONTAC'S HIGHS

Tackles 9, Florida, 2016
Tackles for Loss 0.5, USF, 2016

MONTAC'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	11/6	23	16	39	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	3	0	2	1

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Skai MOORE

LB • 6-2 • 218 • SR. • 3L

Cooper City, Fla. (University)

GAMECOCKS

- 2015 Team Captain
- 2015 Second-Team All-SEC (AP and Coaches)
- 2015 Spring Big Plays Award - Defense
- 2014 Independence Bowl Defensive MVP
- 2014 Spring Everyday Hustle Award - Defense
- 2013 Second-Team Freshman All-America (247Sports)
- 2013 Coaches' SEC All-Freshman Team

Senior linebacker who returned to the field in the spring after taking a red-shirt year in 2016 due to a neck injury... most decorated returning player on the roster... named preseason second-team All-SEC by Athlon... was a second-team All-SEC selection in 2015 by both the AP and the league's coaches... has tallied 260 career tackles, needing 47 to move into the school's all-time top-10... led the team in tackles for three-consecutive seasons from 2013-15, becoming the first player to do so since Tony Watkins from 1992-94... could become the first Gamecock to lead the team in tackles in four seasons, a feat that has been done just 14 times in NCAA Division I history... has recorded 10 games with double-figures in tackles... also owns 11 career interceptions, tying for third on the all-time list and just three shy of Bo Davies' school record of 14... has a trio of two-interception games.

2016: Redshirted while rehabbing from a surgically-repaired herniated disk.

2015: Named one of six team captains... earned second-team All-SEC accolades by both the AP and coaches after leading the team with 111 tackles, which ranked third in the SEC with 9.2 tackles per game... also led the team with 6.5 tackles for loss and with four pass interceptions, tying for fourth in the SEC... led the team and tied for fourth in the SEC with three forced fumbles... became the first Gamecock to reach the century mark in tackles since 2006, while his 111 tackles was the second-highest total recorded by a South Carolina player in the last 25 years... recorded double figures in tackles six times, including a career-high 14 tackles at Texas A&M... keyed the Gamecocks in their season-opening victory, picking off two passes in the end zone against North Carolina... also led the team with 11 tackles while earning SEC Defensive Player of the Week accolades... made eight tackles with a tackle for loss against Kentucky and returned his third interception of the season 14 yards to set up a touchdown... credited with a dozen stops at Georgia and at Missouri... added nine tackles against UCF... had 11 stops including a strip sack with a fumble that he recovered against Vanderbilt... also had an interception and a pass break up against the Commodores... had six stops with 1.5 tackles for loss and a sack at Tennessee... did not start and

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saw only limited action against The Citadel after missing much of the week's practice time due to a death in the family... came back with a game-high 13 tackles and forced a pair of fumbles against Clemson... recognized with the Big Plays award for the defense in the spring.

2014: Second-year linebacker who led the team with 93 tackles, the most for a Gamecock since Jasper Brinkley's 107 in 2006... ranked 10th in the SEC with 7.8 tackles per game... second on the squad with three interceptions... led the team in tackles eight times: seven stops against East Carolina, 10 vs. Georgia, nine at Kentucky, eight at Auburn, a then-career-high 12 at Florida, nine vs. South Alabama, 10 at Clemson and 11 against Miami... recovered an onside kick at Auburn, the Gamecocks' first since 2007... did not play versus Tennessee due to a sprained ankle... logged all three of his interceptions in the last two regular games, picking off two against South Alabama and one at Clemson... named the Defensive MVP of the Independence Bowl after an 11-tackle effort in the win over Miami (Fla.)... was a second-team midseason All-SEC according to *Phil Steele*... selected by the coaches for the "Everyday Hustle" award for the defense during the spring.

2013: Earned a spot on the coaches' Freshman All-SEC squad and was a second-team Freshman All-America linebacker according to 247Sports... played in all 13 games, making four starts... led the team with 56 tackles... added a team-high four interceptions and recovered a fumble... recorded seven tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a half-sack, in the season opener against North Carolina... credited with six tackles at Georgia... led the team with six tackles, including a tackle for loss, in the win at Arkansas... added another six stops at Tennessee... made his first start against Mississippi State and was credited with six tackles along with his first career interception... started each of the final four regular season games... tied for the team lead with six tackles against Florida, including a tackle for loss... intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble in the win over Clemson... recorded five tackles and had a pair of interceptions in the Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin.

HIGH SCHOOL: Helped Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) University High School to an undefeated season and the 3A state title as a senior... graduated in 2013... coached by Roger Harriott... racked up 14 tackles and a sack in the championship game for the Suns... totaled 103 tackles with six sacks and four interceptions during his final season... credited with 70 tackles, including 18 tackles for loss as a junior... the 43rd-best player in the state and the No. 19 outside linebacker in the nation according to Rivals... the No. 29 outside linebacker prospect in the country per Scout... considered the 45th-best player in Florida and the 22nd-best outside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... named All-Southeast Region by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Skai A. Moore was born January 8, 1995... is an interdisciplinary studies major who is slated to graduate in August.

MOORE'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	13/4	30	26	56	3.5-7	0.5-3	4	0	0	0	1
2014	12/9	52	41	93	2.5-13	1.0-9	3	0	1	0	1
2015	12/11	69	42	111	6.5-21	2.0-11	4	4	1	3	1
Total	37/24	151	109	260	12.5-41	3.5-23	11	4	2	3	3



MOORE'S HIGHS

Tackles 14, Texas A&M, 2015
Tackles for Loss 1.5, twice: N. Carolina, 2013, and Tennessee, 2015
Sacks 1.0, 3 times: last: Tennessee, 2015
Interceptions 2, 3 times, last: North Carolina, 2015
Forced Fumbles 2, Clemson, 2015

GAMECOCK FOOTBALL

Returning Players

Career Interceptions

1. Bo Davies (1969-71).....	14
2. Dick Harris (1969-71).....	12
3. Henry Laws (1973-75).....	11
Robert Perlotte (1979-81).....	11
Pat Bowen (1979-82).....	11
Bryant Gilliard (1982-84).....	11
Robert Robinson (1985-88).....	11
Skai Moore (2013-15).....	11
9. 7 players tied.....	10

Division I Tackle Leaders in Four Seasons

PLAYER.....	SCHOOL.....	YEARS
Dan Bass.....	Michigan State.....	1976-79
Mark Blosch.....	Utah.....	1982-85
Pete Najarian.....	Minnesota.....	1982-85
Larry Station.....	Iowa.....	1982-85
Greg Garnica.....	Ball State.....	1986-89
Dana Howard.....	Illinois.....	1991-94
Mike Staid.....	Tulane.....	1991-94
Mike Parker.....	Houston.....	1994-97
Dat Nguyen.....	Texas A&M.....	1995-98
Greg Jones.....	Michigan State.....	2007-10
Jerry Franklin.....	Arkansas.....	2008-11
Marcus McGraw.....	Houston.....	2008-11
Tyler Matakevich.....	Temple.....	2012-15
Dakota Cox.....	New Mexico.....	2013-16
Skai Moore*.....	South Carolina.....	2013-15

*Moore will be a senior in 2017.

was the state's third-best player, the 19th-best offensive tackle in the land and the nation's 220th-best prospect according to Rivals... the nation's 23rd-best offensive tackle and No. 294 on the Scout300 list... rated the fifth-best player in the state and the 16th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... considered the nation's second-best offensive tackle and the 52nd-best player overall by *MaxPreps*... the 20th-best offensive tackle in the country and the 178th-best player overall by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Joseph Dijion Park was born February 15, 1995... is a criminal justice major who graduated in May.



Christian PELLAGE

OL • 6-6 • 296 • SO. • 1L

Brooksville, Fla. (Nature Coast Tech)

GAMECOCKS

15-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll


Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman who looks to be in the mix to compete for regular playing time this fall... was not able to participate in spring drills due to a calf strain... played as a true freshman in 2015.

2016: Redshirted during his true sophomore season.

2015: Played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive lineman who graduated from Nature Coast Tech in Brooksville, Fla. in 2015... helped coach Justin Worden and the Sharks post a 7-4 mark in his senior season... earned a spot on the Florida Class 5A first-team all-state squad... invited to play in the Under Armour All-America Game played in St. Petersburg Fla... considered the 75th-best player in the state and the 51st-best offensive tackle by Rivals... rated as the 63rd-best offensive tackle in the country by Scout... regarded as the 62nd-best player in the state and the 47th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 28th-best player in Florida, the No. 14 offensive tackle in the nation and No. 138 overall by ESPN..

PERSONAL: Christian Leigh Peltage was born January 22, 1997... is a marketing major.



Kiel POLLARD

TE • 6-0 • 240 • SO. • 1L

Moultrie, Ga. (Colquitt County)

GAMECOCKS

16-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Sophomore tight end who was a solid special teams performer and also saw limited time at tight end as a true freshman... had an outstanding off-season...provides the Gamecocks with another solid option at tight end.

2016: Played in 12 games... caught one pass for 18 yards... saw his first action against Mississippi State... made a key block on A.J. Turner's game-opening 80-yard kick return vs. East Carolina... logged his first catch against Georgia, an 18-yard reception... named to the 2016-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named to the all-state team and was the 6A Offensive Player of the Year after helping lead Colquitt County to a 15-0 record and the Georgia state championship... graduated in 2016... logged 76 catches for 1,163 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior... the Packers won two straight

D.J. PARK

OL • 6-4 • 337 • SR. • 3L

Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)

GAMECOCKS

2015 Spring Everyday Effort Award - Offense

Big-bodied, senior offensive lineman with power and athleticism... versatile performer who can play guard or tackle... spent the spring battling for the starting left guard position with Donell Stanley... has appeared in 31 games with three starts... graduated in May with a degree in criminal justice.

2016: Redshirt junior offensive lineman... played in every game, with three starts... earned his first career start at right tackle vs. Vanderbilt... moved to right guard in the Vandy win after an injury to Donell Stanley... shifted back to right tackle against Mississippi State.

2015: Played in 10 of 12 games... most of his action came on special teams... earned one of four Everyday Effort awards presented in the spring at the Garnet & Black game.

2014: Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... saw action in eight games, primarily on special teams... played in just one of the first five contests, then saw more consistent action as the season progressed.

2013: Offensive lineman who enrolled at Carolina in January 2013... worked primarily at right tackle during the spring due to numbers, but moved inside in the fall... redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Dillon (S.C.) High School in December 2012... started at left tackle for the Class AA I state champions... the Wildcats went 14-1 during his senior season... coached by Jackie Hayes... participated in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif... named to the *MaxPreps* 2012 Small Schools All-American Football team... earned all-region and all-state honors as a junior...

Returning Players

state titles and were ranked No. 2 in the USA Today poll in 2015... coached by Rush Propst... Rivals ranks him as the No. 23 player in the state of Georgia, the 15th-best "athlete" in the country and No. 249 overall... 247Sports considers him No. 86 in Georgia... ESPN also ranks him the 84th-best player in the state and the 148th-best wide receiver in the country.

PERSONAL: Full name is Kiel Tyrell Pollard... born February 3, 1997... is a middle level education major.



POLLARD'S STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	12/0	1	18	18.0	0	18

POLLARD'S HIGHS	
Receptions.....	1, Georgia, 2016
Yards Receiving	18, Georgia, 2016
Long Reception	18, Georgia, 2016

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Will
PUTNAM

OL • 6-5 • 299 • FR. • RS

Harrisburg, N.C.
(Hickory Ridge)

GAMECOCKS

Redshirt freshman offensive lineman who used his first year on campus to get stronger in the weight room... worked at center in the spring... adds depth.

2016: Redshirted in his true freshman campaign.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played left tackle and defensive end for Hickory Ridge High in Harrisburg, N.C., graduating in 2016... the Class 3AA Ragin' Bulls went 7-5 under head coach Marty Paxton in his senior season... considered the 50th-best player in North Carolina by Rivals... rated the 50th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the nation's No. 112 offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as the 64th-best player in the state and the No. 132 offensive tackle in the nation... an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: William J. Putnam was born January 18, 1998... is in the pre-business program at South Carolina.

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Deebo
SAMUEL

WR • 6-0 • 215 • JR. • 2L

Inman, S.C.
(Chapman)

GAMECOCKS

- 2016 Steve Wadiak Co-Most Valuable Player
- 2016 Steve Spurrier Most Valuable Player - Offense
- 2016 Most Explosive Player - Offense
- 2016 Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring
- 2015 Spring Big Plays Award - Offense

Standout wide receiver who was named preseason first-team All-SEC as an all-purpose back and second-team as a kick returner by Athlon... top returning receiver on the squad with 71 career catches for 944 yards... has scored nine career touchdowns - six on the ground, two receiving and one via kickoff return... has also thrown one TD pass... tied the school's single-game record with 14 receptions and set Birmingham Bowl records with 14 catches for 190 yards against USE... has started 13 of the 15 games in which he's appeared.

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2016: Sophomore who shared the Steve Wadiak MVP Award with Jake Bentley, was the Steve Spurrier Award winner as the Offense's MVP and was selected as the Most Explosive Player on offense by his teammates... led the squad with 59 catches for 783 yards despite playing in just 10 games... also rushed 15 times for 98 yards and six TDs, returned 16 kickoffs for a 26.9-yard average with one score, returned two punts for eight yards and threw a 33-yard touchdown pass... ranked third in the SEC in receptions per game (5.9), fourth in receiving yards per game (78.3), third in kickoff return average and second in all-purpose yardage per game (132.0)... caught two passes for 36 yards at Vandy and scored on an eight-yard run for Carolina's lone TD... battled hamstring issues throughout the Mississippi State game... did not play against East Carolina, Kentucky or Texas A&M due to the balky hamstring... had four catches for 90 yards against Georgia... tallied eight catches for 106 yards vs. UMass... collected eight catches for 83 yards in the Tennessee win... set then-career highs with nine catches for 125 yards and had a rushing TD against Missouri... scored three times against Western Carolina, two rushing and one on a 100-yard kick return... threw a 33-yard TD pass and returned six kicks for 124 yards against Clemson... had his best game against USF when he tied the school record with 14 receptions and set Birmingham Bowl records with 14 receptions and 190 receiving yards... also scored a rushing touchdown in that contest... garnered the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring honors.

2015: Played in five games, making three starts while battling injuries... fourth on the team with 12 receptions for 161 yards and a touchdown... started but suffered a hamstring injury in the season opener against North Carolina... made his first catch for 10 yards against Kentucky... started and caught two passes for 20 yards against Georgia... continued to have issues with the hamstring and sat out the next seven contests... returned to action against The Citadel... moved back into the starting lineup for the season finale against Clemson and responded with a then-career-best performance, logging five catches for 104 yards and a his first career TD, a seven-yard catch... also had a career-long 48-yard reception in that contest... recognized with the Big Plays award for the offense in the spring.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman... worked with the scout team.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for Mark Hodge at Chapman High School in Inman, S.C.... led the Panthers to an 11-4 record and a semifinal berth in the AAA playoffs as a senior... logged 166 catches for 2,751 yards and 36 touchdowns during his career... also rushed 133 times for 898 yards and scored 13 times on the ground... collected a school-record 53 career TDs... added 94 tackles and 12 interceptions... as a senior, logged 61 receptions for

1,184 yards and 15 scores... added 837 yards on the ground with 13 TDs... also scored twice on INTs... named the *High School Sports Report* Class AAA Offensive Player of the Year... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... caught 78 passes for 1,246 yards and 18 scores as a junior... also had a kick return and a punt return for a touchdown... played defensive back and running back as a sophomore... Rivals considered him the No. 53 wide receiver in the nation and the 17th-best player in the state... was the fifth-best player in the state, the 35th-best wide receiver in the nation, and was No. 238 overall according to 247Sports... ESPN rated him the 192nd-best wide receiver in the nation and the 32nd-best player in the state... a *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region pick.

SAMUEL'S STATISTICS						
-RECEIVING-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	5/3	12	161	13.4	1	48
2016	10/10	59	783	13.3	1	47
Total	15/13	71	944	13.3	2	48
-RUSHING-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	5/3	0	0	-	0	0
2016	10/10	15	98	6.5	6	23
Total	15/13	15	98	6.5	6	23
-KICK RETURNS-						
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	5/3	1	24	24.0	0	23
2016	10/10	16	431	26.9	1	100
Total	15/13	17	455	26.8	1	100
-PUNT RETURNS-						
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	5/3	0	0	-	0	0
2016	10/10	2	8	4.0	0	7
Total	15/13	2	8	4.0	0	7
-PASSING-						
Year	GP/GS	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2015	5/3	0-0-0	-	0	0	0
2016	10/10	1-1-0	100.0	33	1	33
Total	15/13	1-1-0	100.0	33	1	33

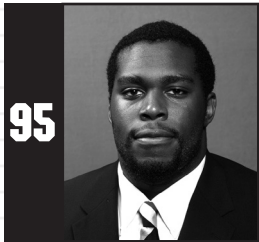
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PERSONAL: Tyshun Samuel was born January 15, 1996... is a retail management major... the nickname "Deebo" comes from the neighborhood bully character played by actor Tiny Lister in the movie "Friday."



SAMUEL'S HIGHS

Receptions.....14, USF, 2016
 Yards Receiving190, USF, 2016
 Long Reception 48, Clemson, 2015
 Touchdown Receptions . 1, Clemson, 2015 and USF, 2016
 100-yard Receiving Games4 Times
 Carries..... 5, Western Carolina, 2016
 Yards Rushing 31, UMass, 2016
 Long Rush..... 23, UMass, 2016
 Rushing TDs..... 2, W. Carolina, 2016
 Kick Returns 6, Clemson, 2016
 Kick Return Yards 194, W. Carolina, 2016
 Long Kick Return 100, W. Carolina, 2016
 Pass Attempts 1, Clemson, 2016
 Pass Completions 1, Clemson, 2016
 Passing Yards 33, Clemson, 2016
 Passing Touchdowns..... 1, Clemson, 2016
 Longest Pass 33, Clemson, 2016
 Touchdowns Scored . 3, W. Carolina, 2016



Dante SAWYER

DL • 6-3 • 275 • SR. • 2L

Suwanee, Ga.
 (North Gwinnett/E. Miss. C.C.)

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2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Senior defensive lineman who figures to play a prominent role in his final campaign... projected as a starter at defensive end but could also move inside... has appeared in 24 games over the past two seasons making four starts... credited with 42 tackles including 6.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks.

2016: Appeared in all 13 games... logged 25 tackles, including 4.0 for loss... recovered a fumble in the first quarter of the East Carolina game, setting up South Carolina's first field goal... posted a strong effort at Kentucky, with three tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and a sack... was in on two tackles, including one tackle for loss, against Georgia... chalked up two tackles and two QB hurries in the Tennessee win... set a career-high with six tackles in the Western Carolina win... credited with five tackles including a tackle-for-loss, in the Birmingham Bowl vs. USF... sat out the spring while rehabbing from off-season shoulder surgery... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Played in 11 of 12 games, making four starts... credited with 17 tackles including 2.5 sacks and a fumble recovery... provided one of the biggest plays of the game in a win over North Carolina, picking up a sack late in the fourth quarter... had a nine-yard sack in his first career start against UCF, his first of three-straight starts... had three tackles including a half-sack at Missouri... set a then-career-high with five tackles and was credited with a pass breakup in a start at Tennessee... did not play against The Citadel due to an injury... recovered a fumble against Clemson.

2014: Defensive end who spent the season at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, Miss... played for coach Buddy Stephens... helped the Lions to a perfect 12-0 record and the NJCAA football championship... credited with 21 tackles including 6.5 sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss... also forced a pair of fumbles... was the No. 36 JUCO player in the country according to Scout... regarded as the third-best JUCO player in the state, the top JUCO weakside defensive end in the country and No. 6 overall junior college prospect by 247Sports... ranked as the No. 3 junior college defensive end and 13th overall by ESPN.

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HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee, Ga. in 2014... coached by Bob Sphire... helped the Bulldogs to a 13-3 record and the state championship game as a senior... logged 49 tackles, including eight tackles for loss and three sacks in his final campaign... earned first-team Class 6A all-state accolades by the Georgia Sportswriters... also earned a spot on the A/JC's Class 6A all-metro team... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl... recorded three sacks in that all-star game... Rivals considered him the 13th-best player in the state, the seventh-best strongside defensive end in the country and No. 87 on the Rivals100 list... Scout ranked him as the 24th-best defensive end in the country and No. 231 overall... considered the eighth-best player in the state, the fifth-best weakside defensive end in the nation, and No. 121 overall, according to 247Sports... ESPN considered him No. 88 on its ESPN300 list, the ninth-best defensive end in the nation and the seventh-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar No. 60 on the Top 150 Dream Team.

PERSONAL: Dante Octavious Sawyer was born December 17, 1994... is an interdisciplinary studies major who slated to graduate in August.

SAWYER'S HIGHS

Tackles 6, Western Carolina, 2016
 Tackles for Loss 2.0, Kentucky, 2016
 Sacks 1.0, 3x: North Carolina, 2015, UCF, 2015 & Kentucky, 2016

SAWYER'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	11/4	9	8	17	2.5-18	2.5-18	0	1	1	0	1
2016	13/0	17	8	25	4.0-15	1.0-7	0	2	4	0	1
Total	24/4	26	16	42	6.5-33	3.5-25	0	3	5	0	2



Michael SCARNECCHIA

QB • 6-4 • 209 • JR. • SQ

Fleming Island, Fla.
 (Fleming Island)

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2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
 2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
 2015 Most Improved Freshman of the Spring - Offense
 14-15 First -Year SEC Honor Roll

Fourth-year junior who enters the fall listed as the No. 2 quarterback... has returned to full strength after missing the entire 2016 campaign with a shoulder injury... considered more a traditional dropback passer with a strong arm.

2016: Missed the entire season after undergoing labrum surgery in the summer on his left (non-throwing) shoulder... suffered the injury working out at his home in May... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Backup quarterback who saw action in one contest... got in late in the LSU contest... completed his only pass for nine yards... also ran once for no yards... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... considered the Most Improved Freshman on the offensive side of the ball in the spring by the Gamecock coaching staff.

2014: Redshirted... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for coach Frank Hall at Fleming Island (Fla.) High School... led the Golden Eagles to a 10-1 record as a senior while throwing 28 touchdowns and only two picks... earned a spot on the A.P. All-State team... as a junior, completed 101-of-156 passes for 1,553 yards and 18 TDs in his first year as a starter, earning honorable mention all-state honors... team logged a 7-3 record... rated the 277th-best player in the state and the 84th-best pro-style quarterback in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him the 66th-best pocket-passing quarterback in the nation and the 239th-best player in the state... an All-Southeast Region pick by PrepStar.

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PERSONAL: Michael Anthony Scarnecchia was born July 25, 1995... uncle, Sam Scarnecchia, played football at Miami (Fla.)... was a member of the National Honor Society... interested in a degree in finance.

SCARNECCHIA'S STATISTICS

		-PASSING-				
Year	GP/GS	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2015	1/0	1-1-0	100.0	9	0	9
		-RUSHING-				
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	1/0	1	0	0.0	0	0



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**Jason
SENN**

DB • 5-8 • 182 • SO. • SQ

**Beaufort, S.C.
(Beaufort)**

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2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Walk-on safety who was added to the squad when the roster expanded in August of 2015.

2016: Redshirt freshman walk-on who spent time on the scout team... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Walk-on who worked with the scout team in his true freshman campaign for the Garnet & Black.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Beaufort (S.C.) High School in 2015... played for head coach Mark Clifford... earned all-area honors.

PERSONAL: Jason D. Senn was born July 15, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major.



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**Brett
SHORE**

LB • 5-11 • 214 • SR. • SQ

**Irmo, S.C.
(Dutch Fork/Tyler J.C.)**

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Senior walk-on linebacker who adds depth.

2016: Served as a reserve linebacker in his first season with the Gamecocks... did not see any game action... graduated magna cum laude from Tyler (Texas) Junior College in May... was on the Dean's list and Honor Society at Tyler.

2015: Spent three semesters at Tyler (Texas) Junior College. beginning with the spring of 2015... did not participate in football.

2014: Did not attend school in the fall of 2014.


2013: Attended Greenville Tech for the 2013-14 academic year.

2012: Did not attend school in the fall of 2012.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, S.C. in 2012... played football for head coach Tom Knotts and the Silver Foxes... totaled 115 tackles with 15 sacks and six forced fumbles as a senior in 2011... earned all-state and all-region honors in both 2010 and 2011... lettered in both baseball (2010) and track & field (2010) at Fork Union Military Academy prior to finishing his prep career at Dutch Fork.

PERSONAL: Brett McNeese Shore was born May 27, 1993... is majoring in criminal justice.

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**Demetrius
SMALLS**

DB • 5-9 • 174 • SR. • SQ

**Bluffton, S.C.
(Bluffton)**

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2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Fifth-year senior walk-on defensive back... adds depth in the Gamecock secondary at the cornerback position... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2016: Reserve defensive back who worked with the scout team... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll for the second time.

2015: Walk-on who worked with the scout team... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Joined the squad just prior to the start of spring practice as a defensive back.

2013: Attended South Carolina but did not participate in football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Bluffton (S.C.) High School in 2013... coached by Ken Cribb... served as a team captain... earned the squad's Best Receiver Award... turned down a scholarship offer from Army.

PERSONAL: Demetrius S. Smalls was born December 20, 1994... is a criminal justice major.



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**Chris
SMITH**

DB • 5-10 • 180 • FR. • RS

**Rock Hill, S.C.
(South Pointe)**

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Redshirt freshman cornerback who has gone through two springs with the Gamecocks... provides depth in the secondary.

2016: True freshman who graduated from high school after the first semester and enrolled at Carolina in January 2016... went through spring drills... redshirted in his first season in the Garnet & Black.


HIGH SCHOOL: Multi-position athlete who played on both sides of the ball... graduated from South Pointe High School in Rock Hill, S.C., in December 2015... coached by Strait Herron... helped the Stallions to a 14-1 record as a senior and the 3A state title for the second-straight season... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... as a junior, he logged 71 tackles and five interceptions along with 600 all-purpose yards... ESPN ranks him as the 16th-best player in the Palmetto State and the No. 46 cornerback in the nation... rated an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Christopher P. Smith was born October 27, 1997... is the son of former Arkansas defensive back Pat Burris and the nephew of Notre Dame standout Jeff Burris... is a sociology major.

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D.J. SMITH

DB • 5-11 • 198 • SR. • 3L

Marietta, Ga. (Walton)

2017 Co-Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring
2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Senior safety who led the team in tackles in 2016... three-year letterwinner who has logged 113 career tackles with one interception and a pair of fumble recoveries... has appeared in 37 games over the past three seasons, making a dozen starts.

2016: Played in every game, making 10 starts... led the team with 80 tackles, including 62 solo stops, the third-highest total of solo tackles in the SEC... had 3.0 tackles for loss... set a new career high in tackles in each of the first three games and did it on six separate occasions this season... came up with five tackles including a tackle for loss at Vanderbilt... credited with a then-career-best six tackles, all solo, at Mississippi State... exceeded that mark in the East Carolina win with a then-career-high eight tackles and a fumble recovery... his fumble recovery came at a crucial time, as he scooped up a Pirate fourth-quarter fumble in the end zone... made four tackles, 1.0 tackles for loss and his first career interception at Kentucky... led the Gamecocks and set another career-high with nine tackles, including a TFL, in the Texas A&M game... set a new career high yet again and led Carolina with 12 tackles (10 solo) in the UMass win... picked up three tackles and recovered a fumble in the Western Carolina win... set a career-best and led all players with 13 tackles, including 10 solo efforts, at Clemson... logged seven stops in the Birmingham Bowl vs. USE.

2015: Saw action in all 12 games, primarily on special teams, but began to split more time with Jordan Diggs at strong safety as the season progressed... credited with 22 tackles on the season, including 18 solo stops... had a career-high four tackles at Missouri... matched that with four stops, including a tackle for loss and a pass break up at LSU... had four solo stops at Texas A&M... made his first start of the season at Tennessee and responded with a pair of tackles... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: True freshman defensive back... saw action in 12 games, making one start... played both cornerback and safety... credited with 11 tackles and one pass breakup... missed the first couple of weeks of fall camp after having his wisdom teeth removed and did not play in the season opener... saw first action of the season against East Carolina... credited with two tackles at Vanderbilt... made first start of career at free safety at Kentucky, collecting a season-best three tackles along with his first career pass breakup.


HIGH SCHOOL: Played safety during his senior season at Walton High School in Marietta, Ga., after playing cornerback as a sophomore and a junior... recorded 77 tackles with a pair of interceptions in his final campaign while leading the Raiders to a 6-5 mark... coached by Rocky Hildago... Rivals considered him the 10th-best player in the state and the 26th-best cornerback in the country... Scout ranked him as the 16th-best safety in the country and No. 168 overall... considered the 45th-best player in the state, and the 36th-best cornerback in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN considered him the 12th-best cornerback in the nation, No. 108 on the ESPN300 list and the eighth-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as No. 95 on the Top 150 Dream Team.

PERSONAL: David Jordan Smith was born September 8, 1995... interested in a degree in sport and entertainment management.

D.J. SMITH'S HIGHS	
Tackles	13, Clemson, 2016
Tackles for Loss	1.0, 4 times last: Texas A&M, 2016
Interceptions	1, Kentucky, 2016

D.J. SMITH'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2014	12/1	8	3	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2015	12/1	18	4	22	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2016	13/10	62	18	80	3.0-7	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Total	37/12	88	25	113	4.0-10	0.0-0	1	2	0	0	2

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Kobe SMITH

DL • 6-2 • 286 • SO. • 1L

Lawrenceville, Ga. (Archer)

Sophomore defensive lineman who figures to be a regular contributor in the middle of the Gamecock front this fall after a year of experience and time in the weight room... enters the fall listed with the second-team at D-tackle.

2016: True freshman who graduated from high school after the fall semester and enrolled at Carolina in January... went through spring but was limited following shoulder surgery... defensive tackle who played in 11 games... credited with four tackles... made his Gamecock debut in the Vanderbilt win... posted his first collegiate tackle at Mississippi State... made one tackle in the Missouri win, playing his most significant action of the season against the Tigers... logged the first two-tackle performance of his career at Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Archer High School in Lawrenceville, Ga. at mid-semester and enrolled at South Carolina in January... played for head coach Andy Dyer... helped the Tigers to an 11-2 record and a spot in the Georgia AAAAAA state quarterfinals as a senior... invited to play in the Semper Fidelis All-American Game following his senior season... Rivals considered him the 31st-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 48th-best player in Georgia... rated the 63rd-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 83rd-best player in the state of Georgia by 247Sports... was the 40th-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 43rd-best player in Georgia according to ESPN... an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Kobe A. Smith was born June 23, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major at South Carolina.

K. SMITH'S HIGHS	
Tackles	2, Clemson, 2016

K. SMITH'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	11/0	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

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OrTre SMITH

WR • 6-4 • 219 • FR. • HS

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)

True freshman who enrolled at South Carolina in January... was limited in some contact drills throughout much of the spring while continuing to rehab from an ankle injury suffered in high school... talented and physical wide receiver who is expected to make an early contribution this fall.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Wando High School in Mount Pleasant, S.C., in December 2016 and enrolled at South Carolina in January... caught 37 passes for 448 yards and two touchdowns at wide receiver while totaling 29 tackles and an interception as the starting safety before missing the remainder of the 2016 season with an ankle injury, which required sur-

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gery... played for coach Jimmy Noonan... the Warriors posted an 8-4 record in his senior season... named the Class 5A Lower State Back of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... was a finalist for the Mr. Football award... selected to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... traveled to the U.S. Army All-American Game in San Antonio but did not participate due to the injury... logged 84 catches for 1,364 yards and 18 touchdowns as a junior and 28 receptions for 441 yards and four scores as a sophomore... Rivals rated him as the top player in the Palmetto State, the 15th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 104 overall... ranked by 247Sports as the top player in the Palmetto State, the 15th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 86 overall... ESPN considered him as the second-best player in the state, the 36th-best wide receiver in the nation and No. 234 on the ESPN300 list... Scout considered him the 25th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 185 overall.

PERSONAL: OrTre A. Smith was born September 11, 1998... interested in a degree in experiemental psychology... mother, Tashia Greene, played volleyball at Clemson from 1989-90.



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Taylor STALLWORTH

DL • 6-2 • 305 • SR. • 3L

Mobile, Ala. (Murphy)

GAMECOCKS

2016 Co-Unselfish Teammate Award - Defense

Senior who figures to a stalwart in the middle of the defensive line for the Gamecocks again in 2017... projected as a starter at defensive tackle... has appeared in 30 games over the past three seasons with 18 career starts.

2016: Junior defensive tackle who started all 13 games... shared the Unselfish Teammate Award for the defense as selected by the players with Marquavius Lewis... had 41 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sack... set a then-career high with four tackles in the Vandy win... joined with Darius English to come up with a huge sack on Vanderbilt's last drive of the game... established a career-high with six tackles at Mississippi State... also had a QB hurry at MSU... made two tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and was credited with half a sack in the East Carolina win... made four tackles and broke up a pass at Kentucky... posted five tackles (two solo) against Texas A&M... made three tackles and 0.5 tackles for loss in both the Florida and Clemson games... also had three stops in the Birmingham Bowl versus USE.

2015: Played in nine contests, making five starts... credited with eight tackles... started each of the first three games... had a key fourth-down stop in the season-opening win over North Carolina... logged two tackles against UCF... credited with two tackles, including his first career tackle for loss and a pass breakup in a start against Vanderbilt... also started at Texas A&M, where he suffered a chest injury, causing him to miss a pair of games.

2014: Saw action in eight games... collected eight tackles... six of his eight stops came in the final three games of the season as he garnered more playing time... made first career appearance against Georgia... had his best day against South Alabama with three total tackles... matched that with three tackles in the Duck Commander Independence Bowl win over Miami.

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive lineman at Mobile, Alabama's Murphy High School... the Panthers went 6-5 under head coach Ronn Lee in 2013... credited with 53 tackles, including 12 tackles for loss, seven hurries and four sacks as a senior... played in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Classic following his senior season... tallied eight tackles and a sack in that contest... recorded 57 tackles as a junior, including nine for loss and four sacks... Rivals.com considered him the 12th-best player in the state and the 30th-best defensive tackle in the country... Scout.com ranked him as the 124th-best defensive end in the country... considered the 20th-best player in the state, and the 49th-best

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defensive tackle in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him the 107th-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 51st-best player in the state... a *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region pick.

PERSONAL: Taylor Joseph Stallworth was born August 18, 1995... is a hospitality management major.

STALLWORTH'S HIGHS

Tackles6, Mississippi State, 2016

Sacks0.5, twice: Vanderbilt, 2016 and East Carolina, 2016

Tackles for Loss 1.5 East Carolina, 2016

STALLWORTH'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2014	8/0	4	4	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	9/5	5	3	8	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2016	13/13	19	22	41	3.0-13	1.0-9	0	3	2	0	0
Total	30/18	28	29	57	4.0-14	1.0-9	0	4	2	0	0



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Donell STANLEY

OL • 6-4 • 317 • JR. • 1L

Floydale, S.C. (Latta)

GAMECOCKS

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2015 Spring Everyday Effort Award - Offense
14-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Offensive lineman who looks to regain a starting spot this season after an ankle injury caused him to miss most of the 2016 campaign... enters the fall listed atop the depth chart at the left guard position.

2016: Sophomore season was derailed by an early injury... earned the starting right guard position for the season opener at Vanderbilt... suffered a high ankle sprain in the first series of the game, causing him to miss the remainder of the season... applied for a medical redshirt that would get him a sixth year of eligibility.

2015: Played in all 12 games as a redshirt freshman, primarily on special teams... also saw a limited number of reps at offensive guard... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... took a vast number of reps in the spring as the numbers were thin on the offensive line... earned one of four Everyday Effort awards presented in the spring at the Garnet & Black game.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman... did not practice for much of the fall while rehabbing from surgery on his left wrist... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive lineman who prepped at Latta (S.C.) High School... the Vikings went 7-4 in 2013 under head coach Kelly Williamson... was a finalist for the South Carolina "Mr. Football" award... earned a spot on the all-state team as selected by the *High School Sports Report*... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... also played basketball and baseball... played for the baseball state title as a junior... Rivals.com considered him the 10th-best player in the state and the 16th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout.com ranked him as the sixth-best offensive guard in the country and No. 105 overall... considered the fourth-best player in the state, the fifth-best offensive guard in the nation and the 121st-best player overall according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him the 14th-best offensive guard in the nation, No. 214 on the ESPN300 list and the seventh-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as No. 213 on the Top 300 All-American Team... was a member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL: Donell Lavon Stanley Jr. was born June 27, 1995... enrolled in the sport and entertainment management program.

GAMECOCK FOOTBALL

Returning Players



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Keir
THOMAS

DL • 6-2 • 262 • SO. • 1L

Miami, Fla.
(Miami Central)

GAMECOCKS

Sophomore defensive lineman who gained valuable experience as a true freshman in 2016... can swing and play both inside and outside, but listed with the second-team unit at defensive end entering the fall... expected to be a regular contributor in 2017.

2016: Graduated from high school mid-year and enrolled at Carolina in January... played in all 13 games with two starts... credited with 24 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks... made three tackles in his collegiate debut, a victory over Vanderbilt... had two tackles and made his first career sack in the East Carolina win... made his first career start against Texas A&M and had a strong effort with five tackles (three solo)... made his second straight start at defensive tackle against Georgia and was in on one tackle... made two tackles, including one stop for loss, added a quarterback hurry and a fumble forced in the UMass win... made two tackles in the Missouri victory, including a crucial sack in the fourth quarter... tallied three tackles at Florida... made two tackles, including one tackle for loss, in the Western Carolina win.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Miami (Fla.) Central High School at mid-year and enrolled at South Carolina in January 2016... coached by Roland Smith... played multiple positions, including nose guard, defensive tackle, defensive end and linebacker... earned first-team Class 6A all-state honors... recognized as the 8A-6A Defensive Player of the Year as part of the *Miami Herald's* All-Dade Awards event... racked up 22 sacks among his 83 tackles as a senior... recorded 71 tackles and 18 sacks as a junior... regarded as the 23rd-best strongside defensive end in the country and the 49th-best player in Florida, according to Rivals... 247Sports ranked him as the 26th-best strongside defensive end in the nation and the 64th-best player in the Sunshine State... ESPN rated him as the 26th-best defensive end, the 37th-best player in the state and No. 192 overall on the ESPN 300... was a *Prep-Star* All-American and ranked No. 288 overall.

PERSONAL: Keir S. Thomas was born January 25, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major.

THOMAS' STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	13/2	15	9	24	4.0-15	2.0-7	0	0	1	1	0



THOMAS' HIGHS	
Tackles	5, Texas A&M, 2016
Tackles for Loss	1.0, 4 times, last: Western Carolina, 2016
Sacks	1.0, twice: East Carolina, 2016 and Missouri, 2016



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Aaron
THOMPSON

DL • 6-3 • 297 • FR. • RS

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
(Dillard)

GAMECOCKS

16-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Redshirt freshman defensive lineman who the coaches would like to see take the next step... works in the interior of the defensive line.

2016: Redshirted in his true freshman season... saw action briefly at Mississippi State but was hampered throughout the fall with an ankle sprain... named to the 2016-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played along the defensive line at Fort Lauderdale's Dillard High School in Florida... graduated in 2016... the Panthers went 6-5 in his senior season... coached by Lorenzo Davis... Rivals rated him the 91st-best player in the Sunshine State and the 46th-best defensive tackle in the country... rated the 78th-best player in Florida and the No. 31 strongside defensive end in the country by 247Sports... ESPN considered him the 108th-best player in Florida and the 49th-best defensive tackle in the nation.

PERSONAL: Aaron Bernard Thompson Jr. was born June 24, 1997... interested in a degree in retail management.



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A.J.
TURNER

RB • 5-10 • 184 • SO. • 1L

Clifton, Va.
(Centreville)

GAMECOCKS

2016 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team

Sophomore running back who will compete with Rico Dowdle and Ty'Son Williams for playing time in 2017... put together a solid redshirt freshman campaign in which he rushed for 497 yards and three scores, including a 116-yard effort against Texas A&M... can also return kicks.

2016: Redshirt freshman running back has played in 12 games with four starts... named to Athlon's All-SEC Freshman second team as a kick returner... ranked second on the team with 116 carries for 497 yards... led the team with 13 carries for 70 yards at Vanderbilt... had 16 carries for 32 yards and caught two passes for 25 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown at Mississippi State for his first career TD... burst 80 yards on the opening kick to set up South Carolina's first touchdown against East Carolina... was back in the starting lineup at Kentucky, when he carried the ball 12 times for 42 yards and a score... had his best rushing game against Texas A&M with 10 carries for 116 yards and a TD while also catching four passes for 22 yards... broke loose on the A&M game's first play from scrimmage, racing 75 yards to paydirt just 17 seconds into the game, the fastest score for Carolina since Nov. 20, 2010, when Marcus Lattimore had a 17-yard touchdown run 13 seconds in against Troy... carried the ball 11 times for 30 yards, caught four passes for 17 yards and returned three kicks for 69 yards against Georgia... left the Missouri game with an injury and missed the Florida game... returned to carry the ball 17 times for 97 yards against Western Carolina... had 10 carries for 49 yards and a touchdown in the Birmingham Bowl versus USF.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Running back who graduated from Centreville High School in Clifton, Va., in 2015... played both sides of the ball for head coach Chris Haddock... missed much of his senior season with a wrist injury when the Wildcats went 12-3 and reached the state 6A title game before losing in overtime... played in the International Bowl in Arlington, Texas, following the season... helped guide his team to an undefeated season and a state title as a junior when he rushed for 1,287 yards, scored 32 touchdowns and logged eight interceptions... rated the 18th-best player in the state and the 44th-best running back in the nation by Rivals... rated the 41st-best running back in the country by Scout... regarded as the 17th-best player in the state and the 34th-best running back in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 31st-best player in Virginia and the No. 80 running back in the country by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Antonio Turner was born May 12, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major.

Returning Players

SOUTH CAROLINA



TURNER'S STATISTICS						
-RUSHING-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	12/4	116	497	4.3	3	75
-RECEIVING-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	12/4	21	143	6.8	1	18
-KICK RETURNS-						
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	12/4	13	321	24.7	0	80

TURNER'S HIGHS	
Carries.....	17, Western Carolina, 2016
Yards Rushing	113, Texas A&M, 2016
Long Rush.....	75, Texas A&M, 2016
Rushing TDs... 1, 3 times:	Kentucky, 2016 Texas A&M, 2016; and USF, 2016
100-yard Rushing Games	1 Time
Receptions.....	4, twice: Texas A&M, 2016 and Georgia, 2016
Yards Receiving	27, Vanderbilt, 2016
Long Reception	18, twice: Vanderbilt, 2016 and Miss. St., 2016
Touchdown Receptions ..	1, Miss. St., 2016
Long Kick Return ...	80, E. Carolina, 2016

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M.J. WEBB

DL • 6-3 • 290 • FR. • HS

Rutledge, Ga. (Morgan County)

GAMECOCKS

True freshman defensive lineman... graduated from high school a semester early and joined the Gamecocks in time to go through bowl practices in Columbia in 2016...figures to add depth at defensive tackle in his first season for the Garnet & Black.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Morgan County (Madison, Ga.) High School in December 2016... named the Georgia 3A Region 8 Player of the Year in 2016... helped the Bulldogs and head coach Bill Malone post an 8-3 record and earn a spot in the state playoffs in his senior season... recorded 77 tackles, including a dozen tackles for loss and 7.0 sacks as a junior in 2015... played in the RisingSeniors.com Georgia Junior Bowl following the 2015 season... considered the 21st-best player in the state, the 12th-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 200 overall by Rivals... rated as the 26th-best player in the state of Georgia, the 13th-best strongside defensive end in the country and No. 295 nationally overall by 247Sports... ESPN considered him the 28th-best player in the state of Georgia, the 16th-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 220 on the ESPN300 list... Scout rated him No. 52 among the nation's defensive tackles.

PERSONAL: Marcellus "M.J." Webb was born October 10, 1998... interested in studying criminal justice.

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Jerad WASHINGTON

WR • 5-8 • 171 • SO. • SQ

Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)

GAMECOCKS

Speedy wide receiver who has gone through three springs with the Gamecocks... a redshirt sophomore, he is now healthy after suffering a broken leg in the fall of 2015.

2016: Served as a backup wide receiver, primarily working with the scout team... did not see any game action.

2015: Enrolled at Carolina in January after graduating from high school early... went through spring drills with the Gamecocks... suffered a broken leg in practice in August which required surgery and missed the entire season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from First Coast High School in Jacksonville in December 2014... helped the Buccaneers under head coach Marty Lee to a 12-1 record and the third round of the 8A playoffs as a senior... caught 52 passes for 889 yards... earned a spot on the Florida Class 8A all-state squad... played for Nease High in Ponte Vedra Beach (Fla.) as a freshman, where he caught 67 passes for 790 yards and five touchdowns before his family moved to Baltimore... played his sophomore season in Maryland before moving back to the Jacksonville area... rated as the 144th-best wide receiver in the country by Scout... 247Sports ranked him as the 214th-best player in Florida and the nation's 187th-best wide receiver... regarded as the 171st-best player in the state and the 149th-best wide receiver in the country by ESPN... also played baseball.

PERSONAL: Jerad Washington was born February 24, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major.

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Parker WHITE

K/P • 6-4 • 195 • FR. • HS

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)

GAMECOCKS

Redshirt freshman specialist who was added to the roster as a walk-on in January... could challenge for the kickoff duties in the fall.

2016: Was enrolled at South Carolina but did not participate in football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Wando High School in Mount Pleasant, S.C. in 2016... two-time Special Teams Player of the Year for the Warriors.

PERSONAL: Parker H. White was born July 24, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major.

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Antoine WILDER

LB • 5-10 • 190 • SO. • 1L

Riverdale, Ga. (Hapeville Charter)

GAMECOCKS

- 2016 Community Service Award
- 2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 15-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Redshirt sophomore who has played safety and the nickel position... gained valuable experience last fall with appearances in a dozen games, including three starts... listed with the second team as a linebacker entering the fall.

GAMECOCK FOOTBALL

2016: Redshirt freshman defensive back who played in 12 games, making three starts... logged 15 tackles, one forced fumble and one interception... made his debut in the win over Vanderbilt... earned his first career start and had his best performance in the East Carolina win, posting five tackles (four solo) and a forced fumble... jarred the ball loose at a crucial time, creating a fourth-quarter turnover near the goal line... started at the nickel position against Texas A&M and made two tackles... made his first career interception against Georgia, with the pick coming inside of the Carolina 10-yard line... also logged a tackle for loss in that contest... did not play against Missouri but was back on the field against Florida... notched three tackles, including a tackle for loss, at Clemson... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

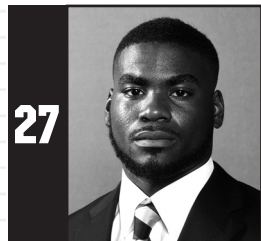
2015: Redshirted in his first season with the Garnet & Black... missed some practice time with a right knee sprain... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Hapeville Charter in Atlanta in 2015... played both safety and running back for coach Winston Gordon and the Hornets... underwent knee surgery in October and missed the rest of his senior season... rated the 52nd-best safety in the country by Scout... regarded as the 70th-best player in the state and the 41st-best safety in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 90th-best player in Georgia and the No. 58 safety in the country by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Antoine D. Wilder Jr. was born December 2, 1996... is an experimental psychology major.

WILDER'S HIGHS	
Tackles	5, East Carolina, 2016
Tackles for Loss	1.0, twice, Georgia, 2016 and Clemson, 2016
Interceptions	1, Georgia, 2016

WILDER'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	12/3	13	2	15	2.0-9	0.0-0	1	0	0	1	0



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Ty'Son WILLIAMS

RB • 6-0 • 215 • SO. • SQ

Sumter, S.C.
(Crestwood/North Carolina)

GAMECOCKS

2016 Co-Offensive Scout Team Award

Redshirt sophomore running back who will compete with Rico Dowdle and A.J. Turner for the starting spot this fall... transfer from North Carolina who sat out last season per NCAA transfer rules... possesses a good combination of size and speed... excellent one-cut runner.

2016: Took a redshirt season per NCAA transfer rules... impressed the coaches with his work ethic and ability despite not being eligible to play... shared the coaches' Offensive Scout Team Award with Sadarius Hutcherson.

2015: Rushed 19 times for 57 yards and caught one pass as a true freshman at North Carolina... appeared in six games with highs of 10 carries for 31 yards in the win over Duke... logged four carries for 19 yards vs. NC A&T.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Crestwood High School in Sumter, S.C., in 2015... played for Keith Crolley and Roosevelt Nelson... ran for 1,058 yards and 14 touchdowns on 194 carries as a senior... named all-region and selected to play in the 2014 Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl, a South Carolina all-star game... rushed 181 times for 1,608 yards and 16 touchdowns as a junior in 2013... also gained 1,008 yards on the ground and scored 17 touchdowns as a sophomore... helped lead the Knights to a 9-4 record and a AAA playoff victory in 2013... member of the ESPN300 as the No. 135 player in the country... considered the top player in South Carolina by ESPN as well as the No. 11 running back nationally.


Returning Players

PERSONAL: Ty'Son Williams was born on September 4, 1996... is an exercise science major.



WILLIAMS' STATISTICS						
-RUSHING-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	6/0	19	57	3.0	0	8
-RECEIVING-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	6/0	1	0	0.0	0	0

WILLIAMS' HIGHS	
Carries.....	10, Duke, 2015
Yards Rushing	31, Duke, 2015
Long Rush.....	8, twice: N.C. A&T, 2015 and Duke, 2015
Receptions.....	1, South Carolina, 2015



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D.J. WONNUM

DL • 6-4 • 251 • SO. • 1L

Stone Mountain, Ga.
(Stephenson)

GAMECOCKS

2017 Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring
2016 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team
16-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Sophomore defensive lineman who was a pleasant surprise for the Gamecocks in 2016 and should only see his productivity increase after an offseason in the weight room... enters the fall listed as the probable starter at the Buck position.


2016: True freshman defensive lineman who played in every game... named to Athlon's All-SEC Freshman second team... logged 32 tackles, tops among all Gamecock freshmen... also had 3.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks and a pair of quarterback hurries... came up with three tackles at Mississippi State... had his best game in the East Carolina win, with four solo tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and a sack... made three stops at Kentucky... notched two tackles and was credited with two quarterback hurries against Texas A&M... recorded two tackles and combined for a sack in the Missouri win... made two tackles, including 1.0 TFL, at Florida... logged three tackles and returned a kick for one yard in the triumph over Western Carolina... matched a career-high with four tackles at Clemson... named to the 2016-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Dennis "D.J." Wonnum Jr. was named to the All-Region team for Class 6 – AAAAA Division A as a senior at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga... graduated in 2016... collected 38 tackles with 11 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks... the Jaguars posted a 9-2 record and earned a spot in the state playoffs in 2015 under head coach Ron Gartrell... earned all-state honors at tight end during his junior season... 247Sports rated him the 126th-best player in the state of Georgia and the 87th-best weakside defensive end in the country... ESPN considered him the 113th-best player in Georgia and the No. 121 defensive end in the country.

PERSONAL: Full name is Dennis O. Wonnum Jr... born October 31, 1997... undecided on his major field of study.

WONNUM'S HIGHS	
Tackles	4, 3 times: Miss. State, 2016, East Carolina, 2016, Clemson, 2016
Tackles for Loss ...	2.0, East Carolina, 2016
Sacks	East Carolina, 2016

WONNUM'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	13/0	16	16	32	3.5-14	1.5-12	0	0	2	0	0

42		Alexander WOZNICK	GAMECOCKS
		PK ♦ 5-11 ♦ 164 ♦ FR. ♦ RS	
		Greenville, S.C. (Eastside)	

2017 Harold White GPA Award - Special Teams

The odds-on favorite to win the starting placekicking duties, replacing Elliott Fry, the school's all-time leading scorer... recognized as the Harold White GPA Award winner for special teams at the 2017 Garnet & Black spring game... booted fields goals of 47, 48 and 50 yards in that spring contest.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman placekicker.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Eastside High School in Greenville, S.C., in 2016... played football for head coach Steve Wilson... was a three-year letterwinner for the Eagles... named the Eastside Football Special Teams Player of the Year as a senior after tying for the team lead with 60 points... received a five-star ranking by Chris Sailer Kicking... also lettered twice in soccer... helped his team to the 2014 soccer AAA state title... earned the SCHSL Scholar-Athlete Award... a member of the BETA Club.

PERSONAL: Alexander Dymitre Woznick was born March 9, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major.

77		Malik YOUNG	GAMECOCKS
		OL ♦ 6-3 ♦ 303 ♦ JR. ♦ 1L	
		Pelzer, S.C. (Woodmont)	

Returning starter at right tackle... moved to the left side in the spring where he competed with Sadarius Hutcherson for the starting role... enters the fall listed atop the depth chart at left tackle... possesses excellent athleticism and quickness... appeared in 16 contests over the past two seasons with nine starts.

2016: Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman... played in every game, with nine starts, all at right tackle... made his first career start against Texas A&M and did not leave the starting lineup for the remainder of the year.

2015: Offensive lineman who saw limited duty in three contests... played on special teams against Kentucky, Georgia and UCF... also took some snaps on offense late in the game against the Bulldogs... was receiving more quality reps in the spring due to the number of injuries among the front line before suffering a left ankle sprain.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive lineman who prepped for the Woodmont Wildcats in Piedmont, S.C... coached by Jason Farmer... team went 4-7 in his final year... earned a spot on the Division II-AAAA all-state team by the *High School Sports Report*... an all-region and two-time all-county selection... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and the Offense-Defense All-American Game... also lettered in track & field... Rivals.com considered the 20th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout ranked him as the 98th-best offensive tackle in the country... considered the 23rd-best player in the state, and the 47th-best offensive guard in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him the 36th-best offensive guard in the nation and the 19th-best player in the state... a *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region pick.

PERSONAL: Malik Shaqid Young was born January 18, 1996... is a retail management major... enjoys playing basketball and reading.

GAMECOCK FOOTBALL

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN (HIGH/LAST SCHOOL)

Davonne Bowen	LB	6-1	218	Simpsonville, S.C. (Woodmont)
Zay Brown	DB	5-11	194	Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central)
Summie Carlay*	OL	6-5	281	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens)
Jordon Carty	OL	6-7	299	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. (South Broward)
Kaleb Chalmers*	DB	5-10	181	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood/ Northwest Mississippi C.C.)
Dennis Daley	OL	6-6	330	Columbia, S.C. (Ridge View/ Georgia Military College)
Jaylin Dickerson*	DB	6-1	188	Southern Pines, N.C. (Pinecrest)
Eric Douglas	OL	6-4	308	Charlotte, N.C. (Mallard Creek)
Sherrod Greene	LB	6-1	223	Rocky Mount, N.C. (Rocky Mount)
Tavyn Jackson	DB	5-10	174	Tallahassee, Fla. (Rickards)
Brad Johnson	DL	6-2	225	Pendleton, S.C. (Pendleton)
Javon Kinlaw	DL	6-6	326	Charleston, S.C. (Goose Creek/ Jones County J.C.)
Keisean Nixon	DB	5-10	192	Compton, Calif. (Salesian/ Arizona Western College)
Will Register	TE	6-4	245	Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)
Jordan Rhodes	OL	6-5	318	Fairburn, Ga. (Creekside)
OrTre Smith*	WR	6-4	219	Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
Shi Smith	WR	5-10	179	Union, S.C. (Union County)
Damani Staley	LB	6-1	210	Columbia, S.C. (Ridge View)
Aaron Sterling	DL	6-1	240	Atlanta, Ga. (Tucker)
Chad Terrell	WR	6-3	212	Bogue Chitto, Miss. (North Paulding)
Eldridge Thompson	LB	6-1	215	Houston, Texas (White Station/ Coffeyville (Kan.) C.C.)
Jay Urich	QB	6-4	194	Greenville, S.C. (Wren)
M.J. Webb*	DL	6-3	290	Rutledge, Ga. (Morgan County)
Jamyest Williams	DB	5-9	175	Dacula, Ga. (Grayson)

*Enrolled in January 2017

2017 Signing Class

By Position

OFFENSE (10)

Quarterback (1): Jay Urich
Wide Receiver (3): OrTre Smith, Shi Smith, Chad Terrell
Tight End (1): Will Register
Offensive Line (5): Summie Carlay, Jordon Carty, Dennis Daley, Eric Douglas, Jordan Rhodes

DEFENSE (14)

Defensive Line (4): Brad Johnson, Javon Kinlaw, Aaron Sterling, M.J. Webb
Linebacker (4): Davonne Bowen, Sherrod Greene, Damani Staley, Eldridge Thompson
Defensive Back (6): Zay Brown, Kaleb Chalmers, Jaylin Dickerson, Tavyn Jackson, Keisean Nixon, Jamyest Williams

By State


South Carolina (11): Davonne Bowen, Summie Carlay, Kaleb Chalmers, Dennis Daley, Brad Johnson, Javon Kinlaw, Will Register, OrTre Smith, Shi Smith, Damani Staley, Jay Urich
Georgia (5): Zay Brown, Jordan Rhodes, Aaron Sterling, M.J. Webb, Jamyest Williams
North Carolina (3): Jaylin Dickerson, Eric Douglas, Sherrod Greene
Florida (2): Jordon Carty, Tavyn Jackson
California (1): Keisean Nixon
Mississippi (1): Chad Terrell
Texas (1): Eldridge Thompson




2017 SPRING ENROLLEES: SUMMIE CARLAY, ORTRE SMITH, HEAD COACH WILL MUSCHAMP, M.J. WEBB, JAYLIN DICKERSON

54		Davonne BOWEN	GAMECOCKS
		LB • 6-1 • 218 • FR. • HS	
		Simpsonville, S.C. (Woodmont)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Played outside linebacker and defensive end at Woodmont High School in Piedmont, S.C... graduated in 2017... coached by Ned Cuthbertson... credited with 75 tackles, six sacks and a pair of interceptions as a senior in 2016... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... recorded 61 tackles including 14 sacks as a junior in 2015... Rivals rated him as the eighth-best player in the state of South Carolina and the 49th-best outside linebacker in the country... considered the fourth-best player in the state, the 16th-best outside linebacker in the country and No. 252 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the 14th-best player in South Carolina and the 65th-best defensive end in the country by ESPN... Scout considered him the 115th-best defensive end in the country... father, Tracy Bowen, was a standout running back who is a member of the Wingate Sports Hall of Fame.

33		Zay BROWN	GAMECOCKS
		DB • 5-11 • 194 • FR. • HS	
		Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central)	


HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Clarke Central High School in Athens, Ga... helped the Gladiators to a 7-5 record and reached the second round of the 5A state playoffs in his senior season... coached by David Perno... credited with 80 tackles and three interceptions in 2016... earned first team all-state honors by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... logged 78 tackles with six interceptions as a junior... played in the RisingSeniors.com Georgia Junior Bowl following the 2015 season... Rivals rated him as the 97th-best player in the state of Georgia... considered the 180th-best player in the state and the 137th-best safety in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 109th-best player in Georgia and the 77th-best safety in the country by ESPN... Scout rated him as the 108th-best safety in the nation.

75		Jordon CARTY	GAMECOCKS
		OL • 6-7 • 299 • FR. • HS	
		Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. (South Broward)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Played offensive tackle for South Broward High School in Hollywood, Fla... the Bulldogs posted a 6-3 mark in Class 7A during his senior season... Rivals ranked him as the 82nd-best player in the state of Florida and the 68th-best offensive tackle in the country... ranked as the 187th-best player in Florida and the 114th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... Scout rated him as the 59th-best offensive tackle in the nation.

22		Austin CONNOR	GAMECOCKS
		WR • 6-0 • 180 • FR. • HS	
		Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Played at nearby Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, S.C... helped the Silver Foxes to a perfect 15-0 record as a senior and the Class 5A state championship... coached by Tom Knotts... caught 30 passes for 454 yards... selected to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... caught 30 passes for 805 yards and five touchdowns as a junior while leading Dutch Fork to a 9-4 record... finished fifth in the 100-meters and second in the 200-meters during the 2016 Class 4A state track championships after finishing third in the 200 as a sophomore... ranked by 247Sports and the 12th-best player in South Carolina and the 112th-best wide receiver in the nation... excellent in the classroom and a member of the National Honor Society.

74		Dennis DALEY	GAMECOCKS
		OL • 6-6 • 330 • JR. • JC	
		Columbia, S.C. (Ridge View/Georgia Military)	

2016: Second-year starter at Georgia Military College... played for Bert Williams... earned a spot on the junior college All-America first team following the season... helped the Bulldogs to a 9-2 mark while averaging 46.2 points per game, fourth in the country... the Bulldogs finished the year ranked 14th in the country... Rivals rated him as the 39th-best player in the JUCO ranks... considered the sixth-best offensive tackle in the junior college ranks and No. 39 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the third-best junior college offensive tackle in the country and No. 18 overall among JUCO players by ESPN.

2015: Was a starter along the offensive line at Georgia Military College.

HIGH SCHOOL: Local product who played left tackle and defensive end for the Ridge View Blazers, graduating in 2015... coached by Perry Parks... will have three years to play two at South Carolina.

35		Stephen DAVIS JR.	GAMECOCKS
		RB • 6-3 • 206 • FR. • RS	
		Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork/Auburn)	

Running back who will sit out the 2017 season per NCAA transfer rules.


2016: Was a late addition to the Auburn signing class... redshirted while recovering from a knee injury sustained during his senior year of high school... originally listed as a defensive back, but worked with the running backs.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played safety and running back for head coach Tom Knotts at Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, S.C... missed much of his senior season with a knee injury... recorded 46 tackles, an interception and a forced fumble as a junior when he was named to the Class 4A Division 1 all-state team... top 10 prospect in South Carolina by Scout, Rivals, 247 Sports, ESPN... also a basketball and track letterman.

PERSONAL: Stephen Davis Jr. was born July 3... father, Stephen, played football at Auburn and for the NFL's Redskins, Panthers and Rams.

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4		Darius DOUGLAS	GAMECOCKS
		QB • 5-11 • 185 • FR. • HS	
		Moncks Corner, S.C. (Berkeley)	


HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Berkeley High School in Moncks Corner, S.C. in 2017 where he was a dual-threat quarterback... led the Stags to a 9-3 record and the second round of the Class 4A state playoffs as a senior... threw for 2,112 yards and 28 touchdowns in 2016, adding 760 yards and 13 scores rushing... named the Class 4A Lower State Back of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... coached by Randy Robinson... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season.

71		Eric DOUGLAS	GAMECOCKS
		OL • 6-4 • 308 • FR. • HS	
		Charlotte, N.C. (Mallard Creek)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Eric Douglas II played offensive tackle at Mallard Creek High School in Charlotte... helped the Mavericks to a 9-3 record and reached the second round of the state playoffs in his senior season... coached by Michael Palmieri... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... helped the Mavericks to the North Carolina 4AA state championship in 2015... Rivals rated him as the 21st-best player in the state of North Carolina, and the 60th-best offensive tackle in the nation... considered the 10th-best player in the state, the 35th-best offensive tackle in the country and No. 293 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the 26th-best player in North Carolina and the 75th-best offensive tackle in the country by ESPN... ranked 61st among senior offensive tackles in the country by Scout... father was a two-time all-conference player at South Carolina State.

68		Nicholas EDWARDS	GAMECOCKS
		OL • 6-6 • 280 • FR. • HS	
		Centralia, Wash. (Centralia)	


HIGH SCHOOL: Played along the offensive line at Centralia High School in Washington... graduated in 2017... the Tigers went 3-6 in his senior campaign... also played on the basketball squad... weighed in at 390 pounds prior to the start of the 2015 football season before losing 110 pounds in less than a year... is the nephew of Gamecocks' Assistant A.D./Video Operations Joe Lisle.

44		Sherrod GREENE	GAMECOCKS
		LB • 6-1 • 223 • FR. • HS	
		Rocky Mount, N.C. (Rocky Mount)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Rocky Mount (N.C.) High School... helped the Gryphons to a 13-3 record in his senior season and a spot in the North Carolina Class 3A state championship game... logged 96 tackles and a pair of INTs... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... the Gryphons went 14-2 and were crowned state champions during his junior campaign in which he was credited with 154 tackles and five sacks... coached by Jason Battle... Rivals rated him as the 13th-best player in North Carolina, and the 16th-best inside linebacker in the country... considered the 14th-best player in the state, the 21st-best outside linebacker in the country and No. 363 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the 23rd-best player in North Carolina and the 24th-best inside linebacker in the country by ESPN... Scout rated him as the 23rd-best inside linebacker in the nation... also played basketball.

28		Tayvn JACKSON	GAMECOCKS
		DB • 5-10 • 174 • FR. • HS	
		Tallahassee, Fla. (Rickards)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at James S. Rickards High School in Tallahassee, Fla... helped the Raiders to a 10-2 record and the third round of the Class 5A playoffs as a senior... logged 76 tackles and four interceptions... earned first-team all-state honors... coached by Quintin Lewis... collected 58 tackles and 15 pass breakups as a junior... Rivals rated him as the 70th-best cornerback in the nation... considered the 112th-best player in the state of Florida and the 88th-best cornerback in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 98th-best cornerback in the country by ESPN... rated as the 66th-best cornerback in the nation by Scout.

41		Caleb JENERETTE	GAMECOCKS
		TE • 6-2 • 200 • FR. • HS	
		Aynor, S.C. (Aynor)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Aynor (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2017... was an ABC-15 All-Zone selection following a productive senior season in which he played several positions including quarterback, accounting for more than 1,000 yards of total offense... rushed for more than 700 yards, and caught 12 passes for nearly 200 yards, scoring ten touchdowns for the Blue Jackets... added two interceptions on defense... coached by his uncle, Jody Jenerette... plans to study sports management... is the first Aynor High product to play for the Gamecocks since T.J. Johnson, who is now with the Cincinnati Bengals.

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19		Brad JOHNSON	GAMECOCKS
		DL • 6-2 • 225 • FR. • HS	
		Pendleton, S.C. (Pendleton)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Played both defensive end and running back at Pendleton (S.C.) High School... coached by Paul Sutherland... named the Class 3A Upper State Lineman of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... Rivals ranked him as the fifth-best player in the state and the 28th-best weakside defensive end in the country... considered the third-best player in the Palmetto State, the 16th-best weakside defensive end in the country and No. 219 overall by 247Sports... ESPN rated him as the seventh-best player in the state and the 38th-best defensive end in the nation... Scout rated him as the 14th-best inside linebacker in the country.

99		Javon KINLAW	GAMECOCKS
		DL • 6-6 • 326 • SO. • JC	
		Charleston, S.C. (Goose Creek/Jones J.C.)	

2016: Defensive tackle who spent the 2016 season at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Miss... coached by Steve Buckley... the Bobcats posted a 6-3 ledger in 2016... named second-team All-America, first-team All-Region 23 and first-team All-MACJC... also named the MACJC South Division's Most Valuable Defensive Lineman after recording 26 tackles with 8.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks... Rivals considered him the 27th-best JUCO prospect in the country... 247Sports rated him as the No. 2 strong-side defensive end in JUCO ranks and the seventh-best JUCO recruit overall... Scout considered him the No. 16 JUCO prospect in the nation.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Goose Creek (S.C.) High School in 2016... will have four years to play three at South Carolina.

36		Sean MCGONIGAL	GAMECOCKS
		LB • 6-2 • 205 • FR. • HS	
		Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Myrtle Beach (S.C.) High School in 2017... helped the Seahawks to a 9-2 record as a senior... collected 19.5 sacks, the second-highest total in the state... recorded 89 tackles including 30 tackles for loss... coached by Mickey Wilson... named first-team all-state by the High School Sports Report and the 4A region District 11 Defensive Line Player of the Year... was a WPDE All-Zone selection... invited to the Offense Defense All-American Bowl... also a four-year letterwinner on the Seahawks' swim team, helping the squad to a third-place finish at the Class 4A state meet while earning all-state honors... is an honor student in the classroom.

SOUTH CAROLINA

9		Keisean NIXON	GAMECOCKS
		DB • 5-10 • 192 • JR. • JC	
		Compton, Calif. (Salesian/Arizona Western)	

2016: Spent his second season at Arizona Western College in Yuma... played cornerback and was used as a kick returner by head coach Tom Minnick... the Matadors finished the season with an 11-1 record and ranked third in the NJCAA rankings... their only loss came in the national championship game to Garden City (Kan.)... earned second-team All-America honors after recording 30 tackles with six interceptions, returning two for scores, and five pass breakups... averaged 42.0 yards on nine kickoff returns, with two touchdowns... was named the NJCAA Special Teams Player of the Week after logging 316 return yards, including back-to-back kickoff returns for touchdowns, against Mesa... considered the 25th-best junior college prospect in the nation by Rivals... ranked at the nation's No. 34 overall junior college prospect and the No. 3 JUCO cornerback by 247Sports... rated as the third-best JUCO cornerback and the 10th-best junior college player overall by ESPN... considered the fifth-best cornerback and the 23rd-best JC player overall by Scout.

2015: Collected 36 tackles with five INTs and four pass breakups as a freshman at Arizona Western College.


HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Salesian High School in California in 2015... will have three years to play two at South Carolina.

88		Will REGISTER	GAMECOCKS
		TE • 6-4 • 245 • FR. • HS	
		Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)	

HIGH SCHOOL: The first player to commit to the Gamecocks in the 2017 signing class... local product who played at Chapin (S.C.) High School... the Eagles went 11-3 and reached the Class AAAA state semifinal game in his senior season... coached by Justin Gentry... caught 24 passes for 251 yards... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... named the Class 4A Lower State Lineman of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... named to *The State's* All-Midlands team... Rivals rated him as the third-best player in the Palmetto State and the 14th-best tight end in the country... considered the seventh-best player in the state and the 25th-best tight end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the third-best player in the Palmetto State, the sixth-best Y-tight end in the country and No. 242 overall by ESPN... Scout considered him the 41st-best tight end in the nation.

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76		Jordan RHODES	GAMECOCKS
		OL • 6-5 • 318 • FR. • HS	
		Fairburn, Ga. (Creekside)	


HIGH SCHOOL: Coached by Will Rogers at Creekside High School in Fairburn, Ga... did not play football until his junior year of high school and only had one season of game experience... was a unanimous selection by the coaches to the all-region team as a left tackle following his senior season... the Seminoles posted a 5-5 mark in 2016... grew up playing basketball... considered the 133rd-best player in Georgia and the 113th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... rated the 85th-best offensive tackle in the nation by Scout.

49		Matthew SMITH	GAMECOCKS
		LS • 6-1 • 205 • FR. • HS	
		Roswell, Ga. (Roswell)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Roswell (Ga.) High School in 2017... helped the Hornets to a 14-1 record as a senior, with their only loss coming in overtime in the state Class AAAAAAA championship game... coached by John Ford... also played baseball where he was a standout pitcher... an AP Scholar and a member of the Principal's Honor Roll.

13		Shi SMITH	GAMECOCKS
		WR • 5-10 • 179 • FR. • HS	
		Union, S.C. (Union County)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Union (S.C.) County High School... helped the Yellowjackets post a 9-5 mark and reach the second round of the Class AAAA playoffs in his senior season... caught 47 passes for 609 yards and 10 touchdowns... named the 4A Upper State Back of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... coached by Bradley Adams... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... caught 54 passes for 1,337 yards and 17 touchdowns as a junior in 2015... Rivals rated him as the second-best player in the state of South Carolina, the 34th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 205 overall... considered the second-best player in the state, the fourth-best "athlete" in the country and No. 159 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the best player in the state, the 16th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 107 overall by ESPN... rated as the 67th-best wide receiver in the nation by Scout.

30		Damani STALEY	GAMECOCKS
		LB • 6-1 • 210 • FR. • HS	
		Columbia, S.C. (Ridge View)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Local product who set the school record with 29 sacks as a senior defensive end at Ridge View High School, breaking his own mark of 21, set as a junior in 2015... recorded at least two sacks in 12 of 13 games as a senior... registered 120 tackles overall... helped the Blazers to a 10-win season and a trip to the third round of the Class 4A state playoffs... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... named *The State's* Defensive Player of the Year for the second-consecutive season and selected to the All-Midlands team... coached by Perry Parks... Rivals rated him as the 14th-best player in the state... considered the 20th-best player in the state and the 81st-best tight end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 18th-best player in South Carolina and the 78th-best outside linebacker in the country by ESPN... ranked as the 60th-best outside linebacker in the country by Scout... father, Duce Staley, was a standout at Carolina before embarking on an NFL career.

15		Aaron STERLING	GAMECOCKS
		DL • 6-1 • 240 • FR. • HS	
		Atlanta, Ga. (Tucker)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive tackle who prepped at Tucker High School in Georgia... the Tigers posted a 13-2 record and reached the state AAAAAA Championship game in his senior season... earned first team all-state honors by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... coached by Bryan Lamar... participated in the Under Armour All-America Game in Orlando following his senior season... Rivals considered him the 23rd-best player in the Peach State and the 14th-best defensive tackle in the country... ranked as the 93rd-best player in the state of Georgia and the 45th-best strongside defensive end in the country by 247Sports... ESPN considered him the 26th-best player in the state, the 15th-best defensive tackle in the nation and No. 210 overall... Scout ranked him as the 47th-best defensive end in the nation.

15		Chad TERRELL	GAMECOCKS
		WR • 6-3 • 212 • FR. • HS	
		Bogue Chitto, Miss. (North Paulding)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at North Paulding High School in Dallas, Ga... helped the Wolfpack to a 7-4 mark and a spot in the 7A state playoffs in his senior season... registered 64 receptions for 1,236 yards and 17 TDs... earned honorable mention all-state honors from the Georgia Sports Writers Association... coached by Scott Jones... collected 115 receptions for 2,062 yards and 27 touchdowns during his prep career... Rivals ranked him as the 18th-best player in the state of Georgia, the 32nd-best wide receiver in the country and No. 194 overall... considered the 31st-best player in the state, the 42nd-best wide receiver in the country and No. 331 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the 58th-best player in Georgia and the 85th-best wide receiver in the country by ESPN... considered the 60th-best wide receiver in the nation by Scout.


11		Eldridge THOMPSON	GAMECOCKS
		LB • 6-1 • 215 • JR. • JC	
		Houston, Texas (White Station/Coffeyville C.C.)	

2016: Played at Coffeyville (Kan.) C.C... hampered with a shoulder injury which kept him sidelined... coached by Aaron Flores... Rivals rated him as the 89th-best junior college player in the country... considered the third-best JUCO outside linebacker and the 97th-ranked JUCO overall by 247Sports... ranked as the seventh-best JUCO outside linebacker by ESPN.

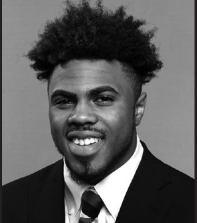
2015: Led the Red Ravens in tackles and ranked fourth in the conference in 2015 with 102, averaging over nine per game, including six games of double-digit tackles... added three sacks, an interception and returned a fumble for a touchdown while earning honorable mention all-conference accolades.

2014: Redshirted due to an ankle injury.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from White Station High School in Memphis, Tenn., in 2014... played for Joe Rocconi... played wide receiver and safety... helped his team reach the state semifinals in Class 6A as a senior.

10		Jay URICH	GAMECOCKS
		QB • 6-4 • 194 • FR. • HS	
		Greenville, S.C. (Wren)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for the Wren Hurricanes in Piedmont, S.C... completed 58.1 percent of his passes during his senior season, going 183-for-315 for 2,055 yards... tossed 20 TDs while averaging 186.8 yards passing... rushed 183 times for 1,036 yards and 15 scores... coached by Jeff Tate... selected to play in the North-South All-Star Game following his senior season... threw for 2,758 yards with 21 touchdowns in 12 games as a junior in 2015... Rivals ranked him as the fourth-best player in the state, and the 14th-best dual-threat quarterback in the country... considered the 17th-best player in the state and the 19th-best dual-threat in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 10th-best player in South Carolina and the 26th-pocket passer in the country by ESPN... considered the 54th-best QB in the nation by Scout.

21		Jamyest WILLIAMS	GAMECOCKS
		DB • 5-9 • 175 • FR. • HS	
		Dacula, Ga. (Grayson)	

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Grayson High School in Loganville, Ga... played for head coach Jeff Herron... the Rams posted a 14-1 record while earning the Class 7A state title in 2016 after reaching the semifinals in 2015... named first-team all-state... played in the Under Armour All-American Game following his senior season... played in the RisingSeniors.com Georgia Junior Bowl in 2015... Rivals rated him the 13th-best player in the state, the 12th-best "athlete" in the country and No. 159 overall... considered the ninth-best player in the state, the 12th-best cornerback in the country and No. 87 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the fourth-best player in Georgia, the third-best cornerback in the country and the No. 39 player overall by ESPN... rated as the fifth-best "athlete" in the country and No. 86 overall by Scout.