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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Columbia, S.C.
Enrollment	29,957
Founded	1801
University President	Dr. Harris Pastides
Athletics Director	Eric Hyman
Faculty Representative	Dr. Zach Kelehear
Conference	Southeastern
Nickname	Gamecocks
Colors	Garnet & Black
Mascot	Cocky

TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach	Ray Tanner
Alma Mater	NC State, 1980
Record at South Carolina	689-296 (.698) (15 years)
Career Record	1,084-469-3 (.699) (24 years)
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2011 SEASON IN REVIEW/2012 OUTLOOK

2011 Overall Record	55-14
2011 SEC Record/Finish	22-8/T1st East/T1st Overall
2011 Postseason Finish	NCAA College World Series/National Champions
Position Starters Returning/Lost	4/6
Pitchers Returning/Lost	9/7
Players Returning/Lost	18/16

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Baseball	1892
First Year in SEC	1992
All-Time Record	2,319-1,407-17
All-Time SEC Record	324-248
SEC Championships	3 (2000, 2002, 2011)
SEC Conference Tournament Titles	1 (2004)
SEC East Titles	5 (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2011)
National Championships	2 (2010, 2011)
NCAA Appearances/Last	27/2011
NCAA Tournament Record	113-56 (.669)
College World Series Appearances/Last	10/2011
College World Series Record	28-17 (.622)

FACILITY INFORMATION

Stadium (Dimensions)	Carolina Stadium (L-325, C-400, R-325, A-375)
Capacity	6,400 permanent seats (8,242 standing-room only)
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Starters Returning (4): Evan Marzilli, Adam Matthews, Christian Walker, Jake Williams

Starters Lost (6): Robert Beary, Jackie Bradley Jr., Peter Mooney, Adrian Morales, Brady Thomas, Scott Wingo

Pitchers Returning (9): Nolan Belcher, Colby Holmes, Forrest Koumas, Logan Munson, Matt Price, Michael Roth, Patrick Sullivan, Tyler Webb, Adam Westmoreland

Pitchers Lost (7): Alex Burrell, Will Casey, Bryan Harper, Spencer Jordan, Jose Mata, Steven Neff, John Taylor

Players Returning (18): Nolan Belcher, Brison Celek, Patrick Harrington, Colby Holmes, Forrest Koumas, Evan Marzilli, Adam Matthews, Logan Munson, Erik Payne, Matt Price, Dante Rosenberg, Michael Roth, Patrick Sullivan, Drake Thomason, Christian Walker, Tyler Webb, Adam Westmoreland, Jake Williams

Players Lost (16): DeSean Anderson, Robert Beary, Jackie Bradley Jr., Greg Brodzinski, Alex Burrell, Will Casey, Bryan Harper, Spencer Jordan, Jose Mata, Peter Mooney, Adrian Morales, Steven Neff, John Taylor, Brady Thomas, Jake Watson, Scott Wingo

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2011 - A LOOK BACK

In 2010, the Gamecocks closed out Rosenblatt Stadium with the school's first national championship in baseball. In 2011, South Carolina returned to Omaha and opened up T.D. Ameritrade Park with the same result, a national championship, as the Gamecocks became only the ninth repeat champion in MCWS history. The Gamecocks have established NCAA records with 16 consecutive postseason wins and 11 consecutive wins in the College World Series. While in Omaha in 2011, South Carolina defeated Texas A&M, number one seed Virginia twice, and number two seed Florida twice without a loss. South Carolina finished the year 55-14 along with a 22-8 record in the Southeastern Conference.

South Carolina has 10 College World Series appearances including five in the last 10 years under head coach Ray Tanner. Under Tanner's leadership, South Carolina owns the third highest win total in the nation in the last 12 years with a 577-231 record. South Carolina is one of eight schools to appear in the NCAA Regional every season in the last 12 years including nine NCAA Super Regional appearances in that span, one of only five schools to accomplish the feat. Carolina owns more overall wins than any SEC team in the last 12 years and more conference wins than any SEC team in the last 12 years with a 222-137 conference record. South Carolina is the only SEC school to record 40 or more wins each season from 2000-present and the only SEC school to reach the NCAA Regional every season in the last 12 years. The Gamecocks also have the most NCAA Super Regional appearances of the 12 SEC schools in the last 12 years. Head coach Ray Tanner is the second winningest coach in Southeastern Conference history with a .699 winning percentage in 15 seasons at the helm of the Garnet & Black.



South Carolina would meet the Florida Gators in the CWS Championship Series. Carolina defeated Florida 2-1 in 11 innings in game one and followed that victory up with a 5-2 win in game two. Carolina poses with the National Championship trophy after the conclusion of game two.



The Gators had a strong opportunity to win the game one in the bottom of the ninth. The bases loaded with no outs and the infield pulled in, Scott Wingo made a diving stop on Tyler Thompson's grounder and threw to the plate to nail Mike Zunino for the first out. Catcher Robert Beary had a key pick on the play on the throw home from Wingo. Daniel Pigott then bounced into a 4-2-3 inning-ending double play, sending the game into extra innings.



Freshman right-hander Forrest Koumas was effective in his first start of the College World Series as he limited the Gators to just one run in 5.2 innings of work.



In game one, the Gamecocks used a pair of throwing errors to score the winning run as South Carolina outlasted Florida 2-1 in 11 innings. With one out in the 11th, Christian Walker, who was playing with a fractured hamate bone in his left wrist, singled up the middle. With Walker attempting to steal second base, catcher Mike Zunino's throw sailed into center field, allowing Walker to scramble to third. Center-fielder Bryson Smith's throw then bounced past the third base bag and into the stands, allowing Walker to score the go-ahead run.

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South Carolina rode the stellar pitching of left-hander Michael Roth in the 5-2 win over Florida. Roth earned his 14th win of the season. As a team, South Carolina finished with a 1.31 ERA in 10 NCAA Tournament games.



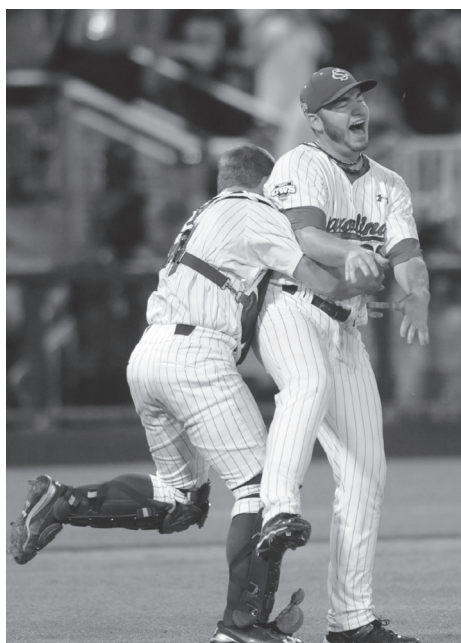
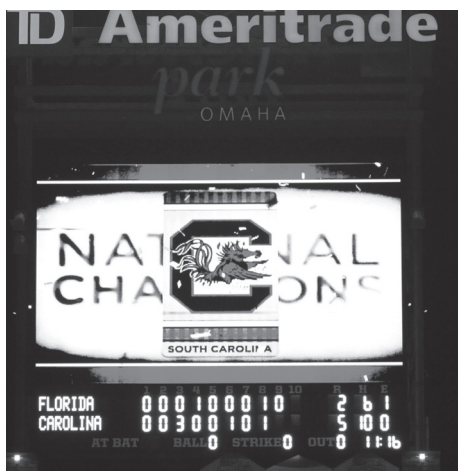
Peter Mooney is greeted at home plate by Robert Beary after his solo home run in the 5-2 win over the Gators. Mooney's homer was the only home run by a Gamecock player in the entire College World Series.



Scott Wingo was the 2011 CWS Most Outstanding Player. He had a career-high four hits including a game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning in the 5-4 win over Texas A&M. He followed that up with defensive plays left and right in consecutive wins over Virginia. His game-tying RBI single as well as his defensive showcase stop helped the Gamecocks defeat Florida 2-1 in game one of the championship series and he rounded out the CWS with a 1-for-3 day at the plate and two RBIs in the 5-2 win over Florida.



2011 Captains
Brady Thomas, Michael Roth, Scott Wingo



Robert Beary and Matt Price begin the dogpile near the pitcher's mound after the final out was recorded in South Carolina's 5-2 win over Florida.



South Carolina players continue the dogpile on the mound at the 2011 College World Series.

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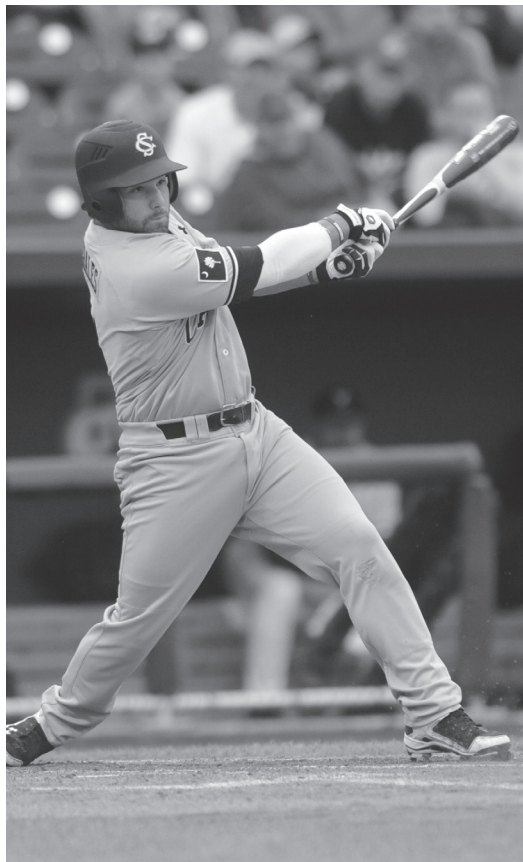
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Adrian Morales was 3-for-5 with two runs scored and a RBI in the 7-1 win over Virginia.



Scott Wingo's bases loaded RBI single off the base of the right field wall in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted South Carolina to a 5-4 victory over Texas A&M in the CWS opener for the Gamecocks.



Coach Tanner with ESPN's Kyle Peterson after the 5-4 victory over Texas A&M.



Colby Holmes tied a career-high with seven strikeouts in the 7-1 win over Virginia.



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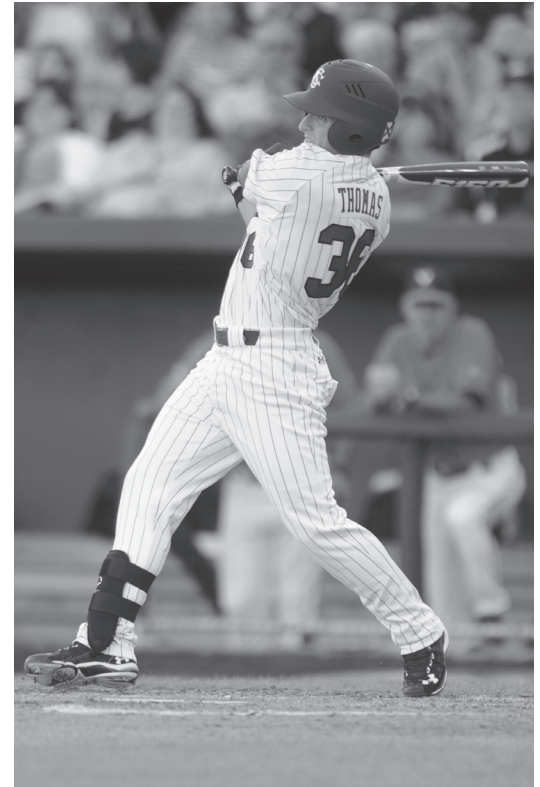
John Taylor pitched 4.1 scoreless innings of relief with one hit allowed to earn the win in the 7-1 victory over Virginia.



Jake Williams celebrates as Adam Matthews crossed the plate with the winning run in the 13th inning as South Carolina advanced to the Championship Series with a 3-2 win over Virginia.



Matt Price pitched a season-high 5.2 innings of scoreless relief in the 3-2 13-inning win over Virginia.



Brady Thomas' two-run double in the 3-2 win over Virginia.

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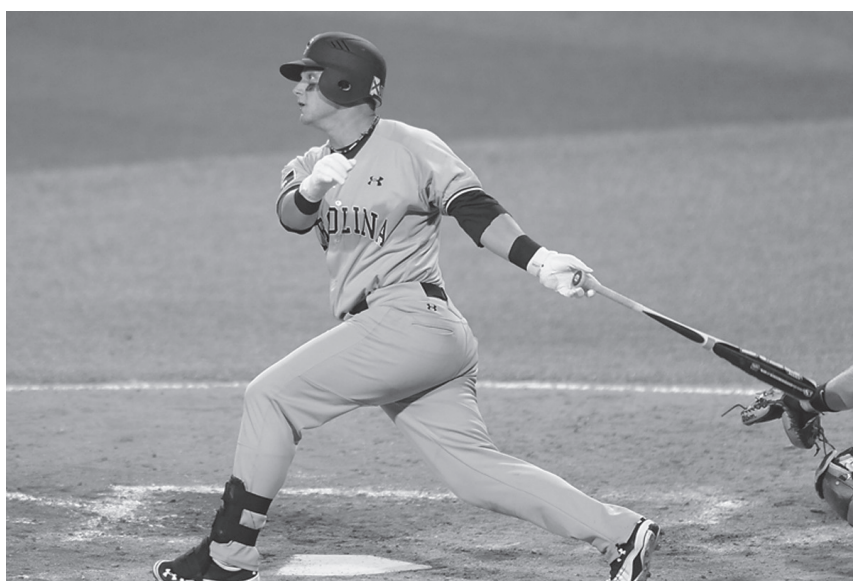
South Carolina hosted a NCAA Super Regional for the first time since 2004 and clinched a second straight trip to Omaha with victories of 5-1 and 8-2 over the Connecticut Huskies. Both games were played in front of a national television audience on the ESPN family of networks and in front of two sellout crowds of 8,242 at Carolina Stadium. South Carolina finished the season with a 36-4 record (.900) at home, the second best record at home in school history.

In game one, Gamecock ace Michael Roth continued his masterful work on the mound with 8.1 solid innings allowing just one unearned run on six hits to pick up the victory. Scott Wingo drove in two runs to pace the offense. South Carolina broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning as Jake Williams drew a two-out walk, and after a single by Peter Mooney advanced him to third base, he scored on a wild pitch by UConn starter Matt Barnes. Carolina added insurance with three more runs in the fifth inning. Steven Neff led off with a double and scored on a RBI base hit up the middle by Wingo. He would eventually score on Christian Walker's RBI base hit and Brady Thomas added a RBI single that plated home Walker.

Game two featured more quality pitching, consistent defense and timely hitting. Tied 2-2 in the top of the eighth inning, Christian Walker belted a go-ahead solo home run to lead off the frame and the Gamecocks added five more insurance runs in the ninth. Carolina batted around in the top of the ninth with RBIs from Thomas, Williams, Mooney and Robert Beary serving as highlights. Carolina closer Matt Price struck out the final two batters he faced that set of the traditional dogpile celebration on the pitcher's mound.



Michael Roth worked into the ninth inning and did not allow an earned run to pick up a victory in the 5-1 win over Connecticut.



Christian Walker hit game-winning homers in the eighth inning of consecutive NCAA Super Regionals. Walker had a three-run blast in 2010 vs. Coastal Carolina and a solo shot in 2011 vs. UConn.



Colby Holmes provided the Gamecocks with a quality start in game two as South Carolina defeated UConn 8-2.



The team salutes the fans with the Alma Mater after defeating Connecticut 8-2 to punch a ticket to the College World Series.

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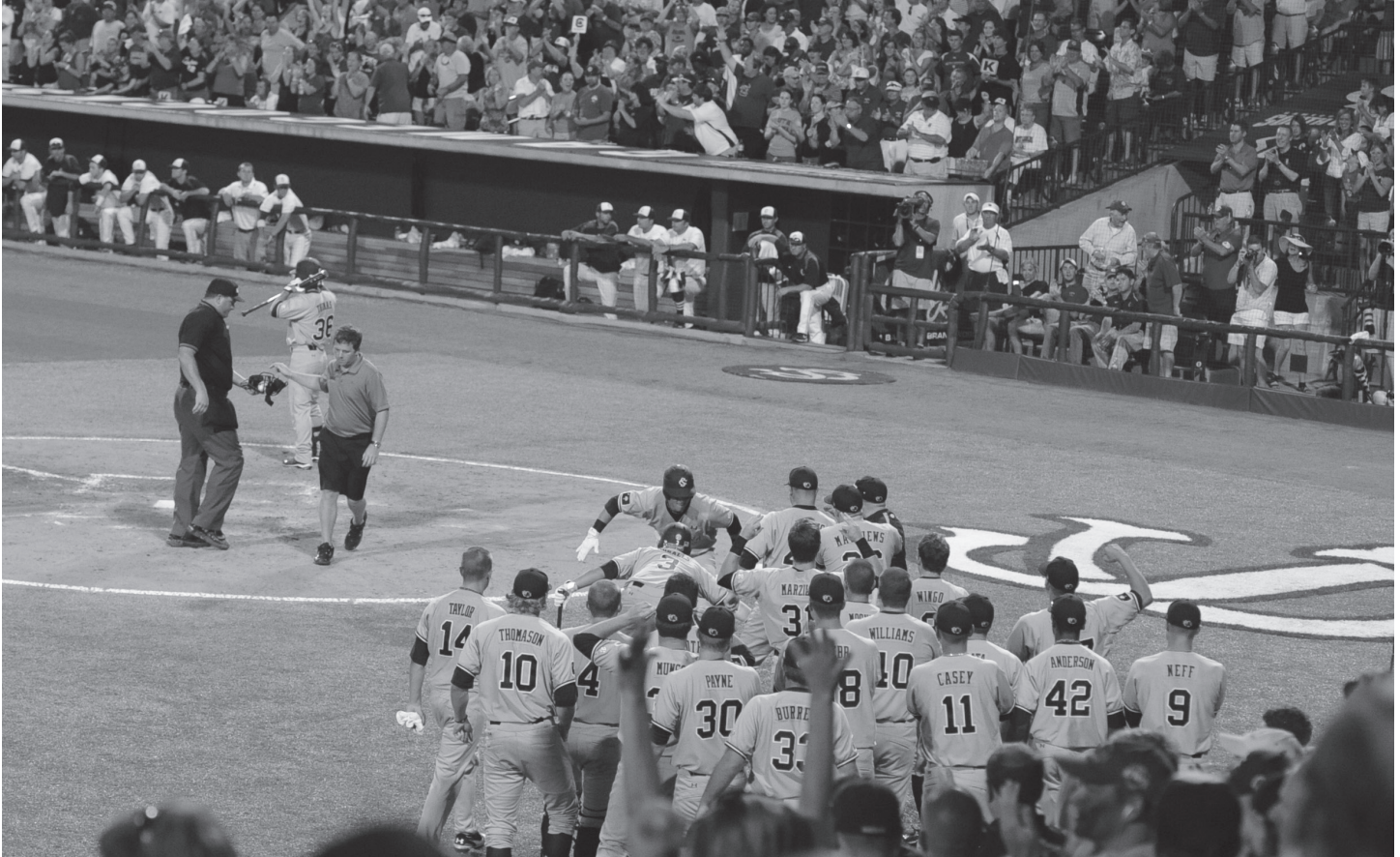
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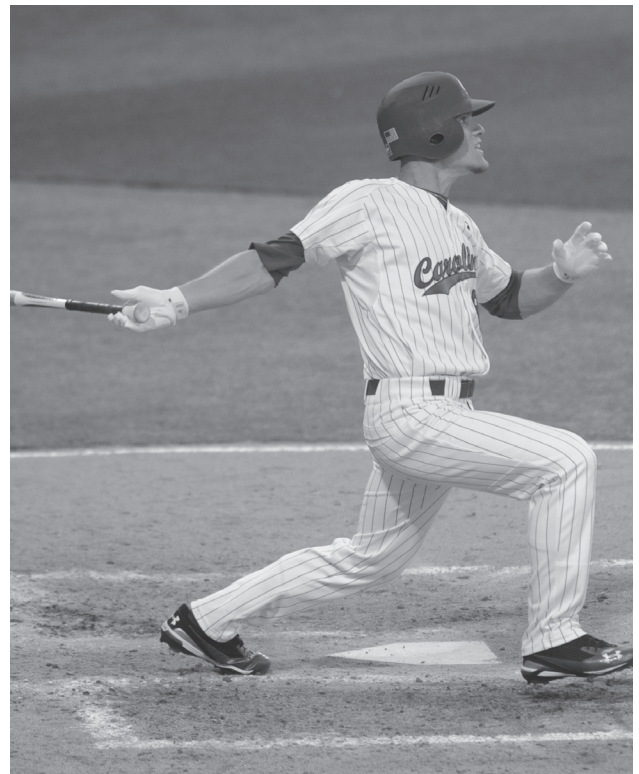
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Christian Walker is greeted by his teammates after belting a solo home run that put the Gamecocks ahead for good in the 8-2 victory over Connecticut.



Matt Price celebrates after striking out the final two batters he faced in the 2011 NCAA Super Regional to clinch a trip to Omaha.



Steven Neff was 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored in the 5-1 win over Connecticut.

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South Carolina opened up the postseason hosting a Regional at Carolina Stadium. South Carolina entered as the top seed and hosted Stetson seeded No. 2, N.C. State seeded No. 3 and Georgia Southern at No. 4. The Gamecocks would go undefeated to win the Regional.

Carolina would open the Regional winning a 2-1 pitcher's duel against Georgia Southern. Michael Roth would outlast GSU starter Andy Moyer and combined with Gamecock reliever Matt Price to two-hit the Eagles. Tied at 1-1, Carolina would take the lead for good in the sixth inning as Christian Walker drew a one-out walk, reached third on a perfect hit-and-run off the bat of Brady Thomas and scored on Adrian Morales' RBI single.

The Gamecock bats came alive on day two as Carolina exploded for 10 runs in the third and fourth innings to advance to the championship game with an 11-5 victory over Stetson. Four Gamecocks registered multi-hit games including Robert Beary, who belted a grand slam. Evan Marzilli, Scott Wingo and Walker all had two hits apiece as well. Colby Holmes earned the victory with 6.2 solid innings of work.

South Carolina would meet Stetson in a rematch in the championship game and defeated the Hatters 8-2 to advance to the Super Regional. Despite heavy rain and thunderstorms delaying the game from Sunday to Monday, the Gamecocks would hold on for the win behind the stellar relief effort from John Taylor and Price. One key to the Carolina victory was the success of their leadoff hitters. In six of the nine innings, the Gamecocks were able to get a leadoff runner on base. Five of those six times, that runner scored, accounting for five of the Gamecocks' runs.



Robert Beary was the Columbia Regional Most Valuable Player. Beary was 5-for-11 (.454) with five RBI, two runs scored and a 1.000 slugging percentage in the three games. Beary tallied a grand slam and a double in the 11-5 win over Stetson followed by two hits including a triple in the 8-2 regional clincher over the Hatters.



Michael Roth won the regional opener with 7-plus innings of work allowing just two hits and one unearned run in the 2-1 win over Georgia Southern.



Adrian Morales was named to the All-Tournament Team for a second straight season. He had the game-winning RBI single in the 2-1 win over Georgia Southern.



Scott Wingo scores in the 2-1 win over Georgia Southern. Wingo would also go 2-for-3 with a run scored in the 11-5 win over Stetson and 3-for-4 with two runs in the 8-2 win over the Hatters. He earned All-Tournament Team honors.

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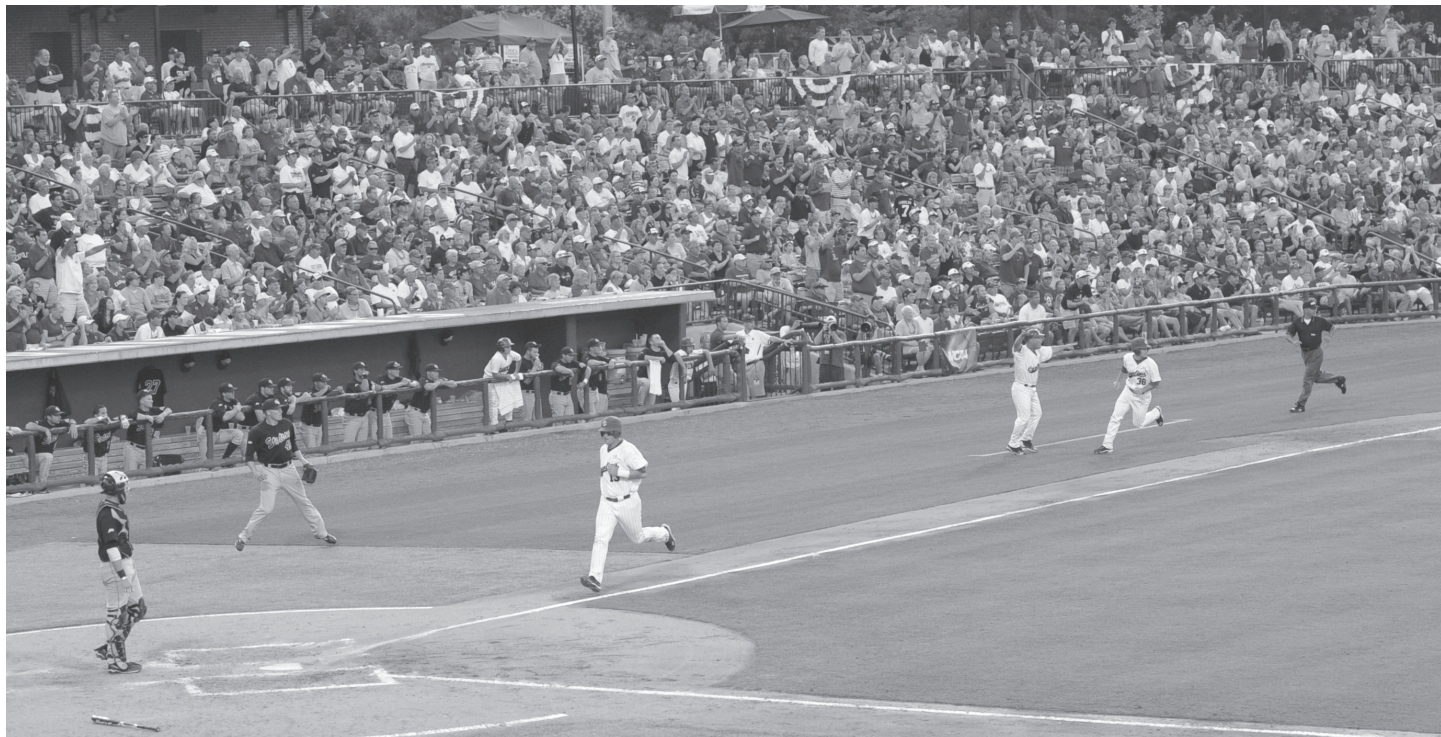
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Gamecock fans celebrate in the 11-5 win over Stetson as Christian Walker and Brady Thomas score on Jake Williams' RBI double in the fourth inning. South Carolina has won 19-consecutive postseason games at home and is now 8-0 at Carolina Stadium in NCAA Tournament play. Six Gamecocks were named to the All-Tournament Team - C Robert Beary, 1B Christian Walker, 2B Scott Wingo, 3B Adrian Morales, OF Evan Marzilli, SP Michael Roth.



Scott Wingo rallies the team together before the restart of the 8-2 win over Stetson. The game, which began on Sunday, did not conclude until mid-afternoon Monday after a severe thunderstorm nearly ripped the tarp off the infield and knocked power out of Carolina Stadium.



For the second consecutive season, Evan Marzilli earned All-Tournament Team honors at the Columbia Regional. Marzilli went 2-for-5 with a double and two runs scored in the 11-5 win over Stetson and followed that up with a solo home run and a sacrifice fly RBI in the 8-2 win over the Hatters.

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GAMECOCKS READY FOR 2012 SEASON

With back-to-back national championships in the fold, South Carolina enters the 2012 season with the same goal in mind as in the previous two years, be competitive enough to earn a spot in the postseason, and from there, taking it one game at a time. A plethora of outstanding arms combined with a talented nucleus on the field gives head coach Ray Tanner optimism. South Carolina sits at No. 2 in the *Collegiate Baseball* Preseason Top 40 and at No. 3 in the *Baseball America* Preseason Top 25.

"The good news is that there are a lot of veteran players in the program that have been outstanding performers, All-Americans, and we'll need for them to continue to perform at a high level," said **head coach Ray Tanner**. "The question is how our new infielders play, what kind of impact they have on this team. We lost some outstanding veteran players from a year ago and we are starting with new players at shortstop, second and third. That seems to be the biggest question. We are solid behind the plate, solid with our pitching corps, we have a veteran outfield, so the infield situation would be the question going into the season. But with a lot of veteran players back, an outstanding recruiting class, our expectations remain the same. We want to put an outstanding team on the field that is good enough to fight through a very difficult SEC and non-conference schedule to win enough games to get us into the postseason. That is the ultimate goal, to have that kind of team that gets you a chance to play at the end of the year."

The approach of South Carolina throughout Coach Tanner's tenure since he stepped foot on campus in the fall of 1996 has always remained the same. It is to be a competitive team that battles, plays the full nine innings and does everything possible on the field. It is that day-to-day approach, that mindset, that belief, which never leaves and is as uniform as the Garnet & Black that the team wears on the field on a daily basis.

"The focus (in this program) is on emphasizing what you have to do today," said Tanner. "I'm not a coach that sits down and brings my team together and puts a lot of goals on the board and talk about down the road and end of the year - we talk about what we are doing right now. I don't think it's necessary to put undue pressure on players. I want them to have a great experience. I want them to have fun. It's our job as coaches to get good players and get them in position to win. There is responsibility on the players. It's ownership, it's having a good time and playing for the name on the front of the jersey. It's just that simple. I don't try to make it more complicated than that. There are so many good college teams in the country. We are ecstatic that we have been able to win back-to-back national championships but we never dwelled on it. It wasn't something that we sat around and said we want to do this at the end of the year. We are just worried about today. Be as good as we can be today and then we will turn the page. It's important you do the very best you can at every opportunity and at the end of the year, if the cumulative effort is good enough, you get a chance to go to the postseason and that is where it all starts."

Position Players

When examining the 2012 lineup, one of the key cogs from the previous two years is back as All-America first baseman **Christian Walker** returns for his junior year. A clutch performer, Walker is expected to be in the key No. 3 spot in the lineup.

"Christian is the best hitter in the program and one of the better players in the country," said Tanner. "His offensive prowess is evident but his outstanding defensive play is evident as well."

Walker hit .358 with 10 homers and 62 RBI as a sophomore and looks to continue to provide solid output in his junior campaign. Walker is among the top 100 players expected to be selected in the 2012 MLB Draft.

As noted by Coach Tanner, the Gamecocks will have to replace the double play combination of All-SEC second baseman Scott Wingo and the steady shortstop Peter Mooney as well as the veteran influence of Adrian Morales at the hot corner.

Enter a bevy of talented newcomers that look to fill those roles. Second base features junior college transfer **Chase Vergason** and freshman standouts **Connor Bright** and **TJ Costen**. The shortstop job is expected to go to freshman **Joey Pankake** with junior college transfer **Tanner Lovick** in the mix. **LB Dantzler**, a junior college transfer from State College of Florida (Manatee-Sarasota) showed offensive prowess in the fall and is expected to get the Opening Day nod at third with sophomore **Erik Payne** backing him up.

"We are not looking for them to carry us," noted Tanner. "We are not looking for them to hit fourth. We are not looking for them to be the Most Valuable Player.

What we are looking for them is to be steady contributors on an everyday basis with a veteran team. If they can do that, that will be good enough for what we expect of them in 2012."

Chase Vergason played last season at Brevard CC where he was an All-Southern Conference performer. A left-handed bat, he also had success in the summer with the Columbia Blowfish as a Collegiate Plains League All-Star. He and Connor Bright are expected to see time at second base. Bright enters the program after a heralded career at Wando HS where he was a two-time All-State infielder as well as the 2011 *Charleston Post & Courier* Lowcountry Player of the Year. Costen, a 22nd round pick by the Rangers, has the ability to play second and short as well.

Joey Pankake continues the lineage of great shortstops to don the Garnet & Black. Twice he earned All-State honors and he was drafted by the Texas Rangers this past year but chose school over a professional career.

"Pankake has an outstanding throwing arm and he continues to develop defensively," said Tanner. He is an offensive shortstop and was very impressive in the fall drills and won the shortstop job.

Pankake and LB Dantzler look to provide a punch in the lineup for Carolina. Dantzler also enters with an impressive resume as he was among the top junior college players in the state of Florida in 2011 as Suncoast Conference Player of the Year. He kept up his solid season with a strong summer stint in the New England Collegiate Baseball League with the Laconia Muskrats, as he was named an All-Star. Dantzler kept that pace going in the fall and won the job at third base.

Depth does not seem to be an issue with the four infield spots as very capable backups are available and ready if needed. Payne had a solid fall and is right behind Dantzler at third. Costen and Lovick bring speed and experience to the middle infield. Freshman **Kyle Martin** has a potent left-handed bat and will receive some opportunity to play with sophomore **Brisson Celek** bringing a physical right-handed bat to the plate as well.

While the infield features new faces, the outfield has a familiar feel. Seniors **Adam Matthews** and **Jake Williams** return as does junior **Evan Marzilli**. The addition of talented freshman **Tanner English** gives South Carolina one of the top outfields in all of college baseball.

"It's a very talented defensive outfield," said Tanner. "You would be hard-pressed to find a better outfield in college baseball. There are four guys that are starters and they will all play. If a guy is slightly banged up, it does give us a chance to give a guy a rest when in years past he may have had to play through it. It's a very special outfield."

Hampered by a hamstring injury that sidelined him for 35 games last year, Matthews decided to return for his senior campaign instead of pursuing a professional career. One of three captains on this year's team, Matthews is penciled in as the starter in right field and is expected to be in the top order of the lineup.

Marzilli, a junior, has seen time in all three outfield positions. He is expected to begin the season in center field. A five-tools player, Marzilli has put together some of his best play in the month of June and on the biggest stages. He has twice been named to the NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team. He looks to raise his batting average from last year's .291 clip and also improve on his three homers and 31 RBIs from a year ago.

Williams played a crucial role on the 2011 championship squad. The senior left fielder came on late in the year to provide a steady bat. He also developed defensively and came through in a crucial spot last year in the championship finals when he nailed Florida's Mike Zunino at home plate with a perfect throw to catcher Robert Beary to keep the Gamecocks tied with the Gators on the way to a big victory in game one of the championship finals.

That veteran influence also receives a jolt in the mold of freshman Tanner English. A 13th round selection by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 2012 draft, English chose to be a Gamecock and hold off on a professional career. An All-State honoree as a senior in high school in the state of South Carolina, the speedy English is one of the fastest players to ever wear "Carolina" across the chest. His talent and ability gives him the opportunity to get on the field immediately.

Junior **Sean Sullivan** and redshirt freshman **Patrick Harrington** are also a pair of right-handed bats that could see time in either corner outfield spot. Both should factor in as pinch-hitters and designated hitter options.

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Catchers and Pitchers

One of Coach Tanner's highlights in fall workouts was the progress behind the plate by freshman **Grayson Greiner** and junior **Dante Rosenberg**. Despite the loss of Robert Beary and Brady Thomas, the Gamecocks don't expect to miss a beat at the catching position as both Greiner and Rosenberg provided steady influence and defense in one of the key areas on the field. Both also come from athletic backgrounds as Greiner's father, Mark, was a letterwinner in basketball under the legendary Frank McGuire at South Carolina and Rosenberg's dad, Steve, spent time in the Majors with both the Chicago White Sox and San Diego Padres.

When Coach Tanner speaks about Greiner, he often compares the freshman phenom to former Gamecock great and current MLB player Landon Powell. As is the case with several of his teammates in this past year's recruiting class, Greiner was an All-State performer in South Carolina.

"Grayson has been very impressive as a freshman at the catching position," said Tanner. "He is a tremendous receiver with loads of offensive potential."

Rosenberg came to the Gamecock program in the fall of 2010 but did not see much action in 2011 due to a nagging back injury. He is back at 100 percent for the 2012 campaign and ready to produce.

"Dante had an outstanding fall campaign," noted Tanner. "Both he and Grayson are a dynamic 1-1A punch that we have in place."

The ability defensively of both Greiner and Rosenberg will be an influence on a pitching staff that is shaping up to be one of the deepest in recent history at Carolina.

An equation to the success of both the 2010 and 2011 teams was quality pitching and dependable defense. As the calendar turns to the 2012 season, that equation is at the front again for a successful season.

"When you talk about baseball, you talk about pitching and defense," explained Tanner. "It's never been more evident than in college baseball today with the bat legislation in play. It's very difficult to put double-digit runs on the board in college baseball against good opponents. Pitching and defense are always emphasized in baseball, but they are at a premium in college baseball."

Examining the options on the mound for the 2012 season, it all starts with **Michael Roth** and **Matt Price**. Both All-Americans return and join Matthews as captains for the 2012 season. Roth, now a senior, stepped into the Friday night starter role and went the whole season as the ace of the staff. The southpaw was 14-3 as a junior with a 1.06 ERA and always seemed to be on the mound for a Gamecock victory including the 5-2 national championship clinching victory in Omaha. Also on the mound that night was Price, who closed out the win. The junior right-hander has been dominant in both back-to-back national championship runs. Last year, Price tallied seven wins and 20 saves including two victories and five saves and 0.00 ERA in eight postseason relief appearances. This year will be a new role for Price though as he moves from the bullpen to a starting role.

Rounding out the weekend rotation is **Colby Holmes**. The junior right-hander compiled a 7-3 record and a 3.69 ERA in his first full year in the weekend rotation including a victory in Tuscaloosa, Ala. that saw the Gamecocks clinch a share of the Southeastern Conference championship on the final day of the regular season.

The bullpen corps features experienced arms and standout newcomers. With Price's move to the rotation and the departure of John Taylor, all eyes will be on who will step up and elevate their game to close out games.

"We are not going to have a John Taylor, a guy that gave us 50 appearances," said Tanner. "Do we have some depth? We have some depth. Some of those roles are not defined yet. Although I think we have candidates that can share the load. We have three or four guys that can do 50 together and give us some quality appearances. We do have quality starters right now with the first three - Roth, Price and Holmes, but we have to have some guys out of the pen step up. Whether it's a **Forrest Koumas**, a **Tyler Webb**, an **Ethan Carter**, the freshmen **Evan Beal** and **Joel Seddon**, **Patrick Sullivan**, **Nolan Belcher** is back onto the scene, **Adam Westmoreland**, we got some guys with some experience. It may be a little different formula but I think the quality is there to finish the equation."

Koumas may be the first in line to close out games from the right side. A SEC All-Freshman selection last year, he posted six wins as a starter and figures to bring a bulldog mentality to his role out of the pen.

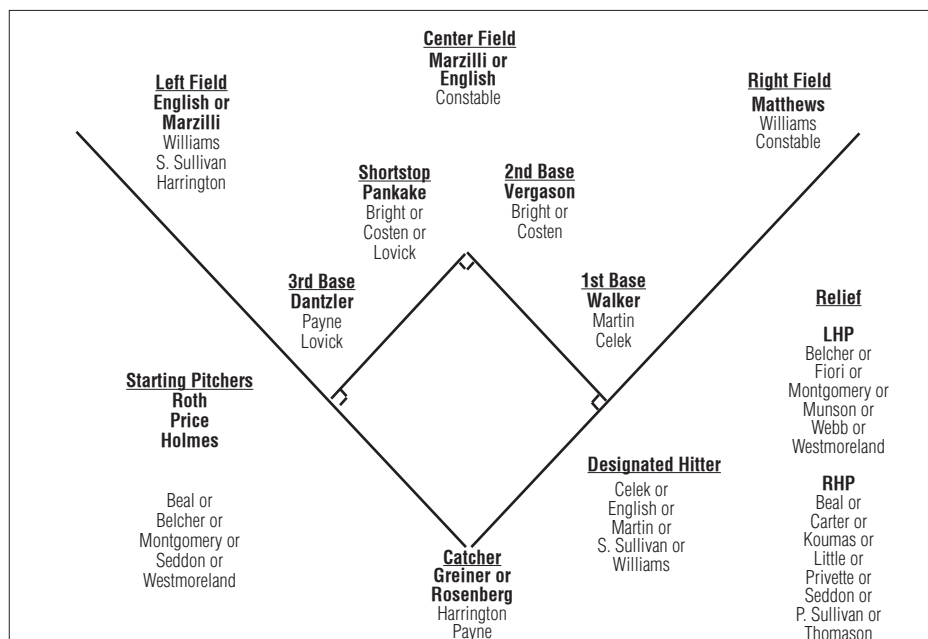
"Koumas is very capable as a closer," said Tanner.

The situation may present itself to go with some other arms to finish games though and that is an area that Tanner sees depth factoring in to play.

"There are some other guys that can finish some games," noted Tanner. "I think the depth and experience is there for us to be pretty good from the 5th-6th to the 9th."

Junior left-hander Tyler Webb produced in a bullpen role last year including a pair of key innings in the first game of the championship series. Two other junior southpaws also are candidates for innings as Nolan Belcher and Adam Westmoreland should see time in either spot starting roles or as relievers to get a left-handed bat out. Freshmen **Vince Fiori** and **Jordan Montgomery** have bright futures ahead and will figure in as well. Senior **Logan Munson** is a veteran southpaw.

Evan Beal and Joel Seddon are two previously drafted freshmen that come in with high credentials. Both right-handers figure to get quality innings in their first season in the program. Junior right-hander Patrick Sullivan has increased his innings total each season and he seems to be ready to make a move for more innings in the 2012 campaign. Ethan Carter, a prominent reliever on the 2010 national championship team, returns to the Carolina program after spending the 2011 season at Louisburg College. **Thomas Little** and **Hunter Privette** also come in from the junior college ranks. Freshman right-hander **Drake Thomason** is ready for his first full season after recovering from Tommy John surgery. Thomason is a former MLB Draft pick and brings a power right arm to the mix.



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The South Carolina Media Relations Office would like to thank you for your interest in South Carolina Baseball. This guide has been prepared to assist you in your coverage of the team. If you have any questions or requests, please reach South Carolina baseball contact Andrew Kitick at (803) 777-5257 or via e-mail at kitick@mailbox.sc.edu

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South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner, staff and all Gamecock players are available for media interviews. Interviews can be conducted on Thursdays before practice from 1:45-2:30 p.m. or at other times arranged through the South Carolina Media Relations Office.

It is requested that all interviews be arranged through Andrew Kitick. Players and coaches have been instructed to not agree to interviews not arranged by the Media Relations Office.

GAME UPDATES

Media who wish to retrieve home score updates can follow a variety of ways to receive the latest information.

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Wireless internet is available for use. Wired outlets for photographers and videographers are also available in the back of the press box.

Each media member will receive (1) food coupon per game to purchase food at the concessions stand. Soft drinks and water are also available in the press box.

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Accredited news media are admitted on a game-by-game basis through the main entrance located near center field. Personnel assigned to cover games should contact Andrew Kitick at least one day before the game to arrange for proper credentials.

PARKING

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POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

Post-game interviews are conducted in the media room at Carolina Stadium. After a brief cooling-off period, requested players will be brought to the interview area followed by head coach Ray Tanner. A mult box is available for use. The South Carolina locker room is closed to the media. Media who wish to interview opposing coach or players should make requests through the Visiting SID.



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WNKT (107.5 FM), "The Game," in Columbia will be the flagship stations for originations of all 56 regular season games plus all postseason play. Games can also be heard on www.GamecocksOnline.com.

Andy Demetra enters his third year as the voice of Carolina Baseball on the Gamecock Baseball Radio Network. Demetra also serves as the radio play-by-play announcer for the USC Men's Basketball team and the television announcer for the Gamecock football telecasts for SportSouth as well as Pay Per View.

In addition, Demetra hosts "Carolina Calls" during men's basketball and baseball season featuring head coaches Darrin Horn and Ray Tanner.

Demetra is a familiar name to those who follow Gamecock Athletics closely, as he served as the play-by-play voice for Carolina women's basketball and selected men's basketball games from 2003-06.

Since his time in Columbia, Demetra has worked for ISP Sports in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has done basketball play-by-play for the Big East National Game of the Week, football play-by-play for the ACC National Game of the Week and baseball play-by-play for the 2008 and 2009 ACC Tournaments for XM Radio. In addition, he has provided play-by-play work in basketball for the University of Pittsburgh, Vanderbilt, Virginia Tech, Villanova, UCF and Furman.

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He has also done play-by-play broadcasting for the Syracuse Chiefs, the Triple-A baseball affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Demetra, who graduated summa cum laude from Syracuse University, was the 2005 and 2006 South Carolina Broadcasters Association Radio Sportscaster of the Year. He was the youngest recipient of the award in the organization's 60-year history.

Tommy Moody is in his 13th year calling Gamecock baseball contests. Moody is the chairman of the USC Athletic Hall of Fame and was a past president of the USC Association of Lettermen in 1992. Moody played under head coach Bobby Richardson on the Gamecock baseball team from 1970-72 as an infielder.

Moody co-hosts a talk show, "The Early Game" on The Game (107.5 FM), Monday-Friday from 6-9 am.

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Florence	WOLH	1230 AM
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Sumter	WDXY	1240 AM
Woodruff	WQUL	1510 AM



Andy Demetra & Tommy Moody

2012 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

17	VMI	3 p.m.
18	VMI	3 p.m.
19	VMI	1:30 p.m.
24	Elon	3 p.m.
25	Elon	1:30 p.m.
26	Elon	1:30 p.m.
28	Presbyterian	4 p.m.

MARCH

2	vs. Clemson (Charleston)	6 p.m.
3	Clemson	2 p.m.
4	at Clemson (ESPN3)	2 p.m.
7	UNC Asheville	7 p.m.
9	Princeton	7 p.m.
10	Princeton	4 p.m.
11	Princeton	1:30 p.m.
13	Charleston Southern	7 p.m.
14	Appalachian State	7 p.m.
16	at Kentucky*	6:30 p.m.
17	at Kentucky*	2 p.m.
18	at Kentucky*	1 p.m.
20	at Furman	7 p.m.
21	Wofford	7 p.m.
22	Florida* (ESPN2)	7:30 p.m.
23	Florida*	7 p.m.
24	Florida*	1:30 p.m.
27	at The Citadel	7 p.m.
30	at Vanderbilt*	7 p.m.
31	at Vanderbilt*	3 p.m.

APRIL

1	at Vanderbilt*	2 p.m.
4	at College of Charleston	6 p.m.
6	Tennessee*	7 p.m.
7	Tennessee*	4 p.m.
8	Tennessee*	1:30 p.m.
10	The Citadel	7 p.m.
11	at Francis Marion	7 p.m.
13	Mississippi State*	7 p.m.
14	Mississippi State*	4 p.m.
15	Mississippi State*	1:30 p.m.
17	College of Charleston	7 p.m.
20	at Auburn*	7 p.m.
21	at Auburn*	4 p.m.
22	at Auburn*	2 p.m.
26	Alabama* (ESPN2)	7:30 p.m.
27	Alabama*	7 p.m.
28	Alabama*	1:30 p.m.

MAY

2	Davidson	7 p.m.
4	at Arkansas*	7:35 p.m.
5	at Arkansas*	7:35 p.m.
6	at Arkansas*	2:05 p.m.
9	Furman	7 p.m.
11	at Georgia*	7 p.m.
12	at Georgia*	3 p.m.
13	at Georgia*	2 p.m.
15	USC Upstate	7 p.m.
17	LSU*	7 p.m.
18	LSU*	7 p.m.
19	LSU*	1:30 p.m.
22-27	SEC Baseball Tournament	TBA

JUNE

1-4	NCAA Regionals	TBA
8-11	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
15-25/26	College World Series	TBA

All times Eastern

Dates and times subject to change

* denotes SEC game

