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Usually a baseball team has one or two seniors that lead the team, but for the 2015 Gamecock team they have five of them.

And they also have five juniors that played significant innings last season. Among those juniors is infielder DC Arendas.

Arendas, who started 50 games last season, is back for his third season at Carolina Stadium.

He had a stellar fielding percentage in his sophomore season, boasting a .973 percentage and only six errors. He was a force at the plate as well, hitting .271 with 29 RBIs and 32 runs scored.

He said now that he's got more playing time under his belt, he and the other experienced players are ready to help lead the team.

"You usually gravitate to your senior leaders, but there are several underclassmen that played big roles for us last year down the stretch," Arendas said. "I think that experience helped everyone. It'll be a team effort."

He mentioned that he's been working hard this offseason, saying he was hungry to get better for the season. Not a true vocal leader, Arendas feels that it will be his play that helps the Gamecocks out in the upcoming year.

"I just want to serve these guys on a daily basis," he said. "I don't think it's anything where I say, 'follow me.' I just want to serve these guys on a daily basis and do what it takes to get better."

Head coach Chad Holbrook said that with so much talent on the field some players are going to have to become versatile in playing different positions if they want playing time.

That's nothing new to Arendas who has been a mainstay in the Gamecock infield. He's clocked in at second base, third base and shortstop and says that his role this year is something that isn't completely set yet.

"I think it's something that's going to change on a daily basis," Arendas said. "[It's] coming to the field every day thinking about how to help the team win. So wherever [Holbrook] puts us, I'm going to be fine with that."

With opening day less than a month away, it's not a question of if Arendas starts per se, it's where. He said that it doesn't matter, that he and the team are just trying to "get into midseason form as soon as possible."

They will need that when they host College of Charleston on opening day. The Cougars were a super regional team last year and Arendas knows that it's a challenge that the team is ready for.

"We know College of Charleston is a good team and we know we're going to have to play our best to start off the season," Arendas said. "It's exciting for us."

