

CAROLINA GAMECOCKS





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CAROLINA FOOTBALL



Jerell ADAMS

TE + 6-6 + 231 + SR. + 3L Pinewood, S.C. (Scott's Branch/Fork Union)

Talented senior tight end who should be a key cog in the Gamecocks' attack in 2015... only tight end on the roster with experience at the position... owns 38 career receptions for 556 yards, a 14.6-yard average, with four touchdowns in 35 games... has six career starts... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the recipient of the prestigious Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete Representative of the University of South Carolina at the 2015 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2014: Junior who saw action in all 13 games, making five starts... caught 21 passes for 279 yards with one score... had just three catches through the first six contests, but with Rory Anderson sidelined, Adams responded with 17 receptions for 220 yards over the final six regular season games, including five multiple-catch performances... collected a career-high 91 yards on three receptions against Furman, including a career-long 45-yard TD catch... had a career-best four receptions versus Tennessee and matched that number at Florida... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Most Improved tight end for the second-straight year in the spring of 2014.

2013: Tight end who played in all 13 games, making one start... caught 13 passes for 187 yards, a 14.4-yard clip, with a pair of scores... suffered an ankle injury in preseason camp which limited him early in the season... made the start and hauled in a then career-long 44-yard reception at UCF... caught two passes for 50 yards against Kentucky... caught three passes for 48 yards at Missouri... scored on a four-yard catch against Mississippi State... caught three passes including a touchdown in the Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... shared "Most Improved" tight end honors during the spring with Rory Anderson.

2012: True freshman tight end... earned SEC All-Freshman accolades by the league's coaches... caught four passes for 90 yards and a touchdown in nine games... averaged 22.5 yards per reception... one of three true freshmen to play in the season opener at Vanderbilt... caught his first pass, a 33-yarder from Seth Strickland, in the win over UAB... caught his first touchdown pass, a 29-yarder against Arkansas, for the game's first points.

PREP SCHOOL: Attended Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy in the fall of 2011... coached by John Shuman... was a four-star prospect by Rivals. com, Scout.com and 247Sports.com, and a three-star talent by ESPN.com.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played quarterback, tight end, linebacker, defensive end and punter in football and was a power forward on the basketball team at Scott's Branch High in Summerton, S.C., graduating in 2011... led the Eagles to the 1A Division II state title as a senior... coached by Leonard Johnson... in two years at quarterback he threw for 689 yards and 12 touchdowns in the run-dominated offense... also caught 21 passes for 581 yards and eight scores in his career... logged 96 tackles with five interceptions and a sack as a junior on the defensive side of the ball... was the first player from his school to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, where caught three touchdown passes... also played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Myrtle Beach... the Eagles were the 2008 1A Division II state champions and the 2009 state runners-up... also played basketball, averaging 19 points and 13 rebounds as a junior... given a three-star ranking, considered the state's 10thbest player and rated as the 17th-best tight end in the country according to Rivals.com... given three stars and considered the nation's 30th-best high school tight end by Scout.com... a four-star recruit by 247Sports... named to PrepStar's All-Atlantic Region class... selected South Carolina over Clemson.

PERSONAL: Jerell D. Adams was born December 31, 1992... is pursuing a degree in public health... scheduled to graduate in December.

	AC	ıam	s' Sta	atistic	CS	
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2012	9/0	4	90	22.5	1	33
2013	13/1	13	187	14.4	2	44
2014	13/5	21	279	13.3	1	45

Adams' Highs





Total 35/6

Bryson ALLEN-WILLIAMS

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LB + 6-1 + 233 + SO. + 1L Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)

Sophomore who is expected to make a significant contribution this year at the linebacker position after being shuffled around some during his freshman campaign... listed as the No. 2 WILL linebacker entering the fall, but could also play the SAM... has made two career starts... recognized with the Everyday Attitude award for the defense at the 2015 spring game.

2014: True freshman... 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 a career day 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.

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 in San Antonio, Texas 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.com considered him a four-star prospect, the sixth-best outside linebacker in the nation, No. 103 overall, and the 28th-best player in the state of Georgia... Scout.com gave him a four-star rating, is No. 12 on its list of outside linebackers and No. 138 overall... 247 Sports.com listed him as a four-star recruit, 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 a four-star prospect, 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 as a four-star prospect and No. 208 on the Top 300 All-American Team... also visited UCLA, Alabama and Georgia and had offers from over 20 other major schools.

PERSONAL: Bryson Allen-Williams was born October 15, 1996... is a journalism 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





Landon ARD PK + 5-9 + 182 + SR. + 2L Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)

Fifth-year senior who has handled kickoff duties for each of the past two seasons... 46 percent of his kickoffs (75-of-164) have been touchbacks... has one successful onside kick... enters the fall as the No. 2 placekicker behind Elliott Fry... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Harold White GPA award winner for special teams at the 2015 spring game.

2014: Handled kickoff duties for most of the season... averaged 60.7 yards with 36 touchbacks among his 68 kickoffs... had five touchbacks against East Carolina and logged six in eight kickoffs against Furman... executed an onside kick at Auburn, the Gamecocks' first since 2007... had six-of-seven touchbacks versus Tennessee... scored his only point of the season against South Alabama... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... selected as the Harold White GPA award winner for special teams in the spring.

2013: Sophomore who handled the kickoff chores for the Gamecocks all season... logged 83 kickoffs for an average of 61.7 yards with 36 touchbacks (43 percent)... opponents averaged 22.5 yards per return... credited with three tackles including a pair of solo stops... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... considered the Most Improved placekicker in the spring.

2012: Earned the duties as the kickoff specialist early in the season... also had a couple appearances when the Gamecocks attempted an onside kick... had three touchbacks among his 13 kickoffs... named one of four outstanding walk-ons at the 2012 spring game.

2011: Walk-on who joined the team in the fall and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from South Pointe High in Rock Hill, S.C. in 2011... played football for coach Bobby Carroll... earned all-area, all-region and all-state honors... turned down a scholarship from Newberry.

Ard's Statistics -Kickoffs-											
Year	No.	Yds	Avg.	TB	OB						
2012	13	809	62.2	3	0						
2013	83	5123	61.7	36	5						
2014	68	4126	60.7	36	2						
Total	164	10,058	61.3	<i>75</i>	7						

PERSONAL: Landon E. Ard graduated in May with a degree in sport and entertainment management.



Jacob AUGUST TE • 6-6 • 258 • FR. • RS Columbia, S.C. (Cardinal Newman/Fork Union)

Second-year walk-on who is listed on the third team entering the fall... put together a solid spring, earning an opportunity to see the field this fall... 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.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Cardinal Newman in Columbia, S.C... coached by Brannon Tidwell... had walk-on offers from South Carolina and Georgia as a punter out of high school.

PERSONAL: Jacob August is a business administration major.



Rivers BEDENBAUGH

FB + 6-2 + 245 + SO. + TR Leesville, S.C. (Lexington/Georgia Southern)

Former Georgia Southern player who returned home and will continue his career at South Carolina... joined the team as a walk-on in the spring of 2015... the redshirt sophomore is listed as the No. 1 fullback entering the fall.

2014: Attended the University of South Carolina in the fall... played at Gray College (now Palmetto Prep Academy)... team went 5-2-1... earned the Defensive Coaches' Award as a linebacker.

2013: Attended Georgia Southern as a walk-on... redshirted as a true freshman for the Eagles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Lexington (S.C.) High School in 2012... played football for head coach Scott Earley... was a two-time all-state and all-region selection... had scholarship offers from The Citadel, Newberry and Wingate.

PERSONAL: William Rivers Bedenbaugh was born May 4, 1994... interested in a degree in exercise science.



Matrick BELTON

WR • 6-4 • 209 • JR. • SQ Columbia, S.C. (Keenan/Hampton)

Wide receiver who is eligible to compete this fall following a redshirt season as a transfer... had a solid spring and is a viable option to gain a spot in the regular rotation... named the Outstanding Walk-on for the offense at the 2015 spring game... listed as the second team 'Z' receiver entering the fall.

2014: Walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad when spring practice began... enrolled at South Carolina in January... was not eligible in the fall per NCAA transfer rules after spending the fall of 2013 at Hampton University.

2013: Attended Hampton University... was on the football roster, but did not see any action.

2012: Played in six games for the Hampton Pirates, making one start... caught four passes for 33 yards on the season... caught one pass for 20 yards at Florida A&M on September 15.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Keenan High School in Columbia in 2012... coached by Mitchell Moton... named all-state as a senior, repeating as Keenan's Offensive MVP after racking up 1,157 yards and nine touchdowns... recorded 600 yards and five touchdowns as a junior while earning Offensive MVP honors... was an All-Region and All-Area selection... also played basketball... was featured in Midlands Prep.

PERSONAL: Matrick Belton was born May 26, 1994... majoring in physical education... had scholarship offers from South Carolina State, Campbell and Newberry before electing to attend Hampton.

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Larenz <u>BRYANT</u>

LB + 6-0 + 220 + JR. + 2L Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)

Junior who missed much of the spring after suffering a liver injury early in camp... expected to be more of a contributor in his third season in the Garnet & Black... enters the fall listed with the first team at the SAM linebacker position... has played in 24 games over the past two seasons, collecting 10 tackles.

2014: Sophomore who saw action in 12 games at Spur in the Gamecocks' 4-2-5 defense and on special teams... credited with three tackles... recorded a quarterback hurry versus Missouri... recorded his first sack and his first forced fumble of his career at Kentucky... did not play against Tennessee.

2013: True freshman... played in all 12 regular season games, mostly on special teams, making seven tackles... did not see action in the bowl win vs. Wisconsin... collected three of his seven stops including his only tackle for loss in the win over Coastal Carolina... had two tackles vs. Mississippi State.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played both running back and linebacker for the Vance Cougars in Charlotte, N.C., graduating in 2013... coached by Keith Wilkes... named to the 2012 Associated Press all-state team... helped his squad to a 9-4 record as a senior... logged 1,694 yards rushing and 21 touchdowns on offense and notched 84 tackles with nine sacks on defense... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game and in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl following his senior season... rushed for 1,423 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior while recording 154 tackles with 23 tackles for loss... returned three of his four interceptions for touchdowns... notched 56 tackles as a sophomore as his team reached the state finals... a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the fourth-best inside linebacker in the country and the 112th-best prospect in the nation according to Rivals... a four-star prospect and the nation's seventh-best outside linebacker by Scout... a four-star prospect, the top player in North Carolina, the sixth-best outside linebacker in the country and the 50th-best player overall according to 247Sports... rated a four-star prospect and No. 237 on the ESPN300... a four-star prospect, the nation's 44th-best player overall and the fifth-best "Big Back" by MaxPreps... a five-star prospect, the fourth-best outside linebacker in the country and No. 45 overall by PrepStar... selected South Carolina over a host of schools with Clemson, Florida, Virginia and Wake Forest also making his final list of five.

PERSONAL: Larenz Bryant was born November 1, 1994... is a journalism major.

Bryant's Statistics												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU (QBH	FF	FR	
2013	12/0	5	2	7	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0	
2014	12/0	3	0	3	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	1	1	0	
Total	24/0	8	2	10	2.0-14	1.0-10	0	0	2	1	0	



Shon CARSON

<u>TB + 5-8 + 204 + SR. + 2L</u> Scranton, S.C. (Lake City)

Fifth-year senior who provides depth and experience in the backfield... also saw some action in the slot in the spring... figures to compete for kickoff return duties again this season... has played in 29 games in his Carolina career

with one start... has averaged 5.0 yards per carry, gaining 406 yards on 82 totes, including two rushes of more than 50 yards, with three touchdowns... also has a dozen receptions for 100 yards and 40 kickoff returns with a 20.0-yard average, including a long of 42 yards... is a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Junior running back who also handled kick return duties... played in all 13 games... carried 18 times for 141 yards with two scores... averaged 7.8 yards per carry... also caught five passes for 40 yards... returned 31 kicks for a 20.4-yard average... ran back a career-long 42-yard kick return against Georgia to set up the eventual game-winning score... had a 25-yard touchdown burst at Kentucky... rushed seven times for 85 yards and a score against Furman, including a 56-yard run... selected as the "Most Improved" running back in the spring... suffered a broken collarbone during the Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2013: Tailback who was able to remain healthy and see significant playing time after being injured for much of his first two campaigns... third on the squad with 256 yards rushing on 61 carries with one TD... caught five passes for 59 yards and returned eight kickoffs for a 17.8-yard average... six of his kickoff returns came at Georgia where he logged 111 yards... carried a careerhigh 15 times for 56 yards in the win at Arkansas... had a career-long 24-yard reception against Mississippi State... came off the bench to rush 13 times for a career-high 102 yards in the win over Florida... his 58-yard burst off the 5-yard line in the fourth quarter set up the game-winning field goal... had 11 carries for 38 yards and a score against Coastal Carolina in his only career start... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... did not participate in spring ball as he was an outfielder on the baseball team... batted .194 (6-for-31) in 18 games including nine starts with seven runs and two RBI.

2012: Redshirt freshman who injured his left wrist early in camp and underwent surgery in late August... did not see any game action until the Outback Bowl when he caught two passes in the win over Michigan... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... did not go through spring drills while rehabbing a knee injury.

2011: True freshman who quickly moved up the depth chart... carried the ball three times for nine yards... rushed two times for seven yards in the season opener against East Carolina... also had a 23-yard kickoff return in that contest... suffered a torn ACL in his knee on his only carry at Georgia.... missed the rest of the season... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: A two-sport standout at Lake City (S.C.) High, graduating in 2011... also a highly-touted baseball player... selected in the 44th round of the MLB Draft by the Cincinnati Reds... rushed for 2,280 yards and 33 touchdowns as a senior... became just the third player in South Carolina history to tally 100 career touchdowns, joining former Byrnes standout Marcus Lattimore and former Lexington product Demetris Summers, both of whom played collegiately at South Carolina... helped his team to the third round of the Class AA state playoffs as a senior... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... earned the game's Offensive MVP award for South Carolina after rushing for 82 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries and catching four passes... also played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... rushed for 2,146 yards and 33 touchdowns as a junior... rushed for 1,636 yards and 19 touchdowns on 186 carries as a sophomore... rushed for nearly 1,300 yards as a freshman... considered a three-star prospect, the eighth-best player in the state and the 28th-best running back in the country, according to Rivals. com... regarded as a four-star prospect, the 192nd-best player in the country and the 24th-best running back by Scout.com... three-star prospect according to 247Sports.com... considered a PrepStar All-American... also had offers from Auburn, Clemson, Duke, East Carolina, Florida State, North Carolina, Tennessee and UCLA.

PERSONAL: Born Sept. 5, 1991, Jacquese Carson is a sport and entertainment management major... scheduled to graduate in December.

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Returning Players

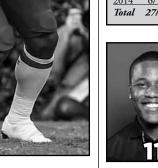


	Carson's Statistics -Rushing-										
Year	GP/GS	Att	-Rusmii Yds	ag- Avg	TD	Long					
2011	2/0	3	9	3.0	0	5					
2012	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0					
2013	13/1	61	256	4.2	1	58					
2014	13/0	18	141	7.8	2	56					
Total	29/1	82	406	5.0	3	58					
	-Receiving-										
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long					
2011	2/0	0	0	0.0	0	0					
2012	1/0	2	1	0.5	0	3					
2013	13/1	5	59	11.8	0	24					
2014	13/0	5	40	8.0	0	10					
Total	29/1	12	100	8.3	0	24					
		-1	Kick Ret	urns–							
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long					
2011	2/0	1	23	23.0	0	23					
2012	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0					
2013	13/1	8	142	17.8	0	27					
2014	13/0	31	633	20.4	0	42					
Total	29/1	40	<i>798</i>	20.0	0	42					

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Carson's	Highs
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Carries	15, Arkansas, 2013
Yards Rushing	102, Florida, 2013
Long Rush	58, Florida, 2013
Touchdowns Rushing	1, 3x; last Furman, 2014
Receptions	2, 3x; last Clemson, 2014
Yards Receiving	. 24, Mississippi State, 2013
Long Reception	. 24, Mississippi State, 2013
Long Kick Return	42, Georgia, 2014





Cedrick COOPER DE + 6-2 + 248 + SR. + 3L Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)

Senior who will battle for playing time along the defensive front... listed with the second team at right defensive end entering the fall... has been hampered by injuries throughout his career, limiting his ability to get on the field consistently... that trend continued in 2015 as he missed much of the spring drills after suffering a high right ankle sprain... former linebacker who has appeared in 27 games over the past three seasons, making one start... has been credited with 11 tackles.

2014: Played in six games during an injury-plagued season... logged five tackles and two quarterback hurries... suffered a high ankle sprain versus Missouri and missed the final seven regular season games... earned his first start in the Independence Bowl win over Miami... responded with a career-high three tackles... made the transition from linebacker to defensive end during the bowl camp in 2013 and spent the spring learning the nuances of the position.

2013: Sophomore linebacker who dislocated left elbow on August 6, causing him to miss the first three games... played in each of the final 10 contests, primarily on special teams... logged five tackles, including two against Mississippi State... did not practice during the spring while recovering from a knee injury suffered in the practices leading up to the Outback Bowl game.

2012: Redshirt freshman linebacker who saw action in 11 games... used primarily on special teams... credited with one tackle... injured his knee during the Outback Bowl practices... was limited in the spring of 2012 by a lower back injury.

2011: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Lithonia (Ga.) High School, graduating in 2011.... logged 97 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and six sacks as a senior for a squad that went 4-6... coached by Marcus Jelks... as a junior recorded 101 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, a pair of sacks and three pass breakups... only played two seasons at linebacker... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 61stbest outside linebacker in the country and the 70th-best player in the state of Georgia by Rivals.com... considered a three-star prospect and the nation's 45th-best outside linebacker by Scout.com... considered a three-star prospect by 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Southeast Region class... selected South Carolina over NC State, Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee and Ole Miss.

PERSONAL: Cedrick Cooper was born November 20, 1992... graduated with a degree in criminal justice in May.

C. Cooper's Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}$	QBH	FF	FR
2012	11/0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	10/0	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	6/1	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	27/1	6	5	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	2	0	0



Pharoh COOPER

<u>WR + 5-11 + 207 + JR. + 2L</u> Havelock, N.C. (Havelock)

Versatile performer who excels with the ball in his hands... coming off a breakout season in which he earned first-team All-SEC honors... an All-America candidate as he heads into his junior campaign... is a preseason firstteam All-SEC and third-team All-America wide receiver according to Phil Steele, and a preseason first-team All-SEC and All-America all-purpose back according to Athlon... has 402 rushing yards, 107 passing yards, 1,190 receiving yards, 359 kickoff return yards and 115 punt return yards in his 24-game career that includes 13 starts... has five plays of 70-plus yards (two rushing and three receiving).

2014: Earned first-team All-SEC honors by the AP and SEC coaches as a wide receiver and was a second-team pick by both as an all-purpose back... was a first-team All-SEC all-purpose back by ESPN.com... third in the SEC in receptions (69), second in receiving yards (1,136) and receiving yards per game (87.4), fourth in receptions per game (5.3) and ninth in all-purpose yards/game (108.5)... led the team in all receiving categories and was fourth on the squad with 200 yards rushing... his single-season marks ranked sixth in school history for receptions, third for receiving yards and tied for sixth for touchdown receptions... tied Mike Davis for the team lead with 11 touchdowns scored... completed 5-of-8 passes for 78 yards and two TDs... also handled punt returns... hauled in 10 passes for 114 yards and broke a 70-yard run at Vanderbilt... set a school record with 233 yards receiving on a careerhigh 11 receptions and two scores, including an 85-yarder, vs. Tennessee... also rushed for 23 yards and a TD and threw a 30-yard TD pass in that contest... first Gamecock since Connor Shaw in the 2014 Capital One Bowl to pass, rush and catch a touchdown in a game... tossed a TD pass, rushed for 42 yards and caught three passes for 95 yards against South Alabama, including a 73-yard TD reception... caught nine passes for 170 yards, including a 78-yard touchdown reception in the Independence Bowl win over Miami... that catch tied the school record for longest pass reception in a bowl game... earned Offensive MVP honors in the bowl game... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... was the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring.

2013: True freshman who saw his role increase as the season progressed... earned a spot on the Freshman All-SEC squad as both an all-purpose back

and return specialist... also was a second-team Freshman All-American by 247Sports... third on the squad with 655 all-purpose yards, including 202 rushing, 54 receiving, 40 on punt returns and 359 on kick returns... also completed 2-of-3 passes for 29 yards and a touchdown... moved from cornerback to wide receiver a week into fall camp... played in 11 of 13 games, not seeing action against either Georgia or Vanderbilt... used in the Wildcat formation for the first time at UCF... caught his first career pass, a 12-yard reception, in the win over Kentucky... had four carries for 45 yards, including a 33-yard burst out of the Wildcat in the win at Arkansas... completed his only pass attempt for three yards... also took over the kickoff and punt return duties in that contest and returned a punt 36 yards... made his first career start at Tennessee... saw more Wildcat formation work against Mississippi State, carrying six times for 23 yards... rushed twice for 81 yards, including a 71-yard run, and caught two passes for 42 yards and a score against Coastal Carolina... rushed four times for 15 yards and connected on a 26-yard TD pass to Brandon Wilds against Clemson to seal the victory... also had a 55yard kickoff return against the Tigers.

HIGH SCHOOL: Versatile performer who graduated in 2013... helped Havelock (N.C.) to back-to-back 3A state titles... Rams went 15-1 during his senior season and a perfect 16-0 during his junior campaign... coached by Jim Bob Bryant... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game after his senior season... used at quarterback, running back, receiver and was

P. Cooper's Statistics											
-Rushing-											
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	_	Avg	TD	Long				
2013	11/1	20	202		10.1	1	71				
2014	13/12	27	200		7.4	2	70				
Total	24/13	47	402	1	8.6	3	71				
-Passing-											
Year	GP/GS C	om-At	t-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long				
2013	11/1	2-3-	0	66.7	29	1	26				
2014	13/12	5-8-	0	62.5	78	2	30				
Total	24/13	7-11-	-0	63.6	107	3	30				
		-	-Receir	ring-							
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds		Avg	TD	Long				
2013	11/1	3	54		18.0	1	24				
2014	13/12	69	1136		16.5	9	85				
Total	24/13	72	1190		16.5	10	85				
		<i>−I</i>	Kick Re	turns	_						
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds		Avg	TD	Long				
2013	11/1	16	359		22.4	0	55				
2014	13/12	0	0		0.0	0	0				
Total	24/13	16	359		22.4	0	55				
		<i>−I</i>	Punt Re	turns	-						
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds		Avg	TD	Long				
2013	11/1	9	40		4.4	0	36				
2014	13/12	15	75		5.0	0	24				
Total	24/13	24	115		4.8	0	36				

P. Cooper's Highs

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Carries	6, Mississippi State, 2013
Yards Rushing	81, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Long Rush	71, Coastal Carolina, 2013
	Clemson, 2014
Receptions	11, Tennessee, 2014
	233, Tennessee, 2014
Long Reception	85, Tennessee, 2014
Touchdown Receptions	2, twice; Auburn, 2014
Touchdown receptions.	2, twice, riabain, 2011
rouchdown receptions.	& Tennessee, 2014
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Pass Attempts2,	& Tennessee, 2014
Pass Attempts2, Pass Completions	& Tennessee, 2014 4 times; last: Clemson, 2014
Pass Attempts2, Pass Completions Passing Yards	& Tennessee, 2014 4 times; last: Clemson, 2014 2, Clemson, 2014
Pass Attempts2, Pass Completions Passing Yards	& Tennessee, 2014 4 times; last: Clemson, 2014 2, Clemson, 2014 30, Tennessee, 2014
Pass Attempts	& Tennessee, 2014 4 times; last: Clemson, 2014
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the primary return man on punts and kickoffs in the Shrine game... finished with 253 total yards including a 45yard TD run, earning offensive MVP honors for the North Carolina squad... also played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... as a junior, rushed for 300 yards and caught 65 passes for 1,285 yards and 14 scores... registered 58 tackles with six interceptions... a fourstar prospect and the state's ninth-best player by Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 120th-best wide receiver by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 15th-best player in the state, and the 24th-best "athlete" in the country by 247Sports... a threestar prospect, the 62ndbest wide receiver and an All-Atlantic Region pick by PrepStar... also had offers from East Carolina and NC State.

PERSONAL: Pharoh Cooper was born March 7, 1995... is a sport and entertainment management major.



Kevin CROSBY

TE + 6-1 + 238 + FR. + RS Bamberg, S.C. (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)

Redshirt freshman who was healthy in the spring and began to showcase his talents... listed as the second-team tight end entering the fall... garnered Outstanding Weight Room accolades for the offense at the 2105 spring game.

2014: Missed the bulk of the season after undergoing surgery on his right foot... made a brief appearance in the Kentucky game but did not record any statistics... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: "KC" graduated from Bamberg (S.C.)-Ehrhardt High School in 2014... caught 43 passes for 571 yards and 12 touchdowns 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 a four-star prospect, the sixth-best player in the state and the 11th-best tight end in the country... Scout ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 19th-best tight end in the country... considered a four-star prospect, the ninth-best player in the state, and the eighth-best tight end in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN listed him as a four-star prospect, No. 143 on its ESPN300 list, the fourth-best tight end in the nation and the third-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 116 on the Top 150 Dream Team.

PERSONAL: Kevin Crosby Jr. was born May 23, 1996... is a physical education major.



Shaq DAVIDSON

<u>WR + 5-11 + 175 + FR. + RS</u> Gaffney, S.C. (Gaffney)

Redshirt freshman who looks to work his way into the rotation at the wide receiver position... listed as the third-team 'X' receiver entering the fall.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: 2014 Gaffney (S.C.) High product... coached by Dan Jones... led the Indians to an 8-4 record as a senior... threw for 1,539 yards and 13 TDs and rushed for 762 yards and seven scores as a quarterback... played in Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio... team reached the state championship game during his junior year... Rivals considered him a three-star prospect, the third-best player in the state and the 56th-best wide receiver in the country... Scout ranked him as a four-star prospect, the 22nd-best wide receiver in the country and No. 120 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the sixth-best player in the state, the 36th-best wide receiver in the nation and the 241st-best player overall according to 247Sports... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, No. 146 on its ESPN300 list, the 17-best wide receiver in the nation and the fourth-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 102 on the Top 150 Dream Team... also visited Auburn.

PERSONAL: Shaquille Davidson was born November 18, 1994... interested in a degree in public health.





Jordan DIGGS

SS + 6-0 + 209 + JR. + 2L Fort Myers, Fla. (Island Coast)

Junior who was moved from Spur to strong safety in the spring and is listed atop the depth chart at the position entering the fall... garnered Most Improved Safety honors during the spring... has played in every game over the past two seasons and in 28 games overall... has made three starts... credited with 67 career tackles, including 10.0 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks... is a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Redshirt sophomore who played in all 13 games with a pair of starts... tied for sixth on the squad with 37 tackles... tied for the team lead with 2.0 sacks and tied for second on the squad with 5.0 tackles for loss... recorded six tackles, including five solo stops, in the season opener against Texas A&M... started versus East Carolina and Georgia... recorded four tackles including a half a tackle for loss at Auburn... collected a career best nine tackles, including one for loss, versus Tennessee... forced and recovered a fumble on what would have been a third down conversion deep in Carolina territory in an overtime win at Florida... totaled three solo stops with a sack against South Alabama, the first of his career... had 2.0 tackles for loss including a sacks in the Independence Bowl win over Miami... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... selected as the Most Improved Spur during the spring.

2013: Backup Spur who played in all 13 games, logging 25 tackles... credited with 4.0 tackles for loss, one pass breakup and two quarterback hurries... had a tackle for loss in the opener against North Carolina and another against Vanderbilt... credited with a tackle for loss, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry at Tennessee... had a tackle for loss against Mississippi State... started the bowl game against Wisconsin and recorded a then career-high six tackles, including four solo stops... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2012: Played in two early contests, getting in against East Carolina and UAB... logged five tackles including a tackle for loss... sat out the remainder of the year due to a left calf strain... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Collected 63 tackles during his senior campaign at Island Coast High School in Cape Coral, Fla., graduating in 2012... selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Game... named to the Super 75 list by the Florida Times-Union and to the Super 120 by the Mobile (Ala.) Register... as a junior, logged 53 solo tackles, two forced fumbles, two interceptions and a sack... also played quarterback in the wildcat offense and wide receiver... earned first-team All-Area accolades by the News-Press... played on both sides of the ball as a sophomore, logging 62 tackles and three interceptions, while catching 15 passes for 201 yards and three scores... was a four-star prospect, the 11th-best safety in the country and the 39th-best player in the state of Florida by Rivals.com... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 27th-best safety by Scout.com... a four-star recruit, the 17th-best safety and the 45th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the 17th-best safety and the 43rd-best player in the state by 247Sports.com... selected Carolina over Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Nebraska and Michigan State.

PERSONAL: Jordan Diggs was born Sept. 28, 1993... father, Shed, played linebacker for Carolina from 1984-87... both performed in No. 42... is an interdisciplinary studies major who is slated to graduate in December.

	Diggs' Statistics												
ı	Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	\mathbf{PBU}	QBH	FF	FR	
ı	2012	2/0	4	1	5	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
ı	2013	13/1	16	9	25	4.0-4	0.0-0	0	1	2	0	0	
ı	2014	13/2	28	9	37	5.0-21	2.0-17	0	0	0	1	1	
I	Total	28/3	48	19	<i>67</i>	10.0-27	2.0-17	0	1	2	1	1	



Gerald DIXON

DE + 6-2 + 269 + JR. + 21 Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)

Fifth-year junior who is a returning starter at defensive end... hampered by a right shin contusion which held him out for the second half of spring drills... enters the fall listed atop the depth chart, but in a battle with David Johnson for the starting left defensive end position...credited with 61 tackles including 7.5 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks in 28 career games including a dozen starts.

2014: Started 11 of the 12 games in which he appeared... ranked fifth on the team with 42 tackles, most among the defensive linemen... tied for the team lead with 2.0 sacks and tied for second on the squad with 5.0 tackles for loss... had four tackles, including a 10-yard sack against Georgia ... logged a career-high three tackles for loss versus Missouri, including a 25-yard sack... recorded a career-best six tackles against Furman... matched his career high with six tackles at Auburn... did not play against South Alabama due to a shoulder injury...



forced and recovered a fumble late in the Independence Bowl game against Miami, setting up the game-winning score.

2013: Third-year player who saw his playing time increase as the season progressed... played in all 13 games, making one start... credited with 17 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss... had a pair of quarterback hurries... recovered a fumble in the win over UCF... had a career-high four tackles, all solo stops, against Missouri... logged three tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry versus Mississippi State... made his first start against Coastal Carolina.

2012: Redshirt freshman defensive end... notched a pair of tackles in three games, including a four-yard sack against East Carolina... received a second medical redshirt after suffering a concussion.

2011: Sat out the season with a tibia fracture... received a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Logged 132 tackles, 19.5 sacks, 18 tackles for loss and 22 quarterback hurries as a senior for South Pointe High School in Rock Hill, S.C.... graduated in 2011... helped the Stallions finish with a 13-2 record and as the Class 3A state runners-up... played in the Shine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior campaign... had over 100 tackles and 10 sacks as a junior for head coach Bobby Carroll... rated a three-star prospect, the number 11 prospect in the state and the number 25 weakside defensive end nationwide by Rivals... rated a two-star prospect by Scout and 247Sports.

PERSONAL: Gerald Gervoris Ky'Trell Dixon goes by "Lil' G"... was born August 7, 1993... is the younger half-brother of teammate Gerald Dixon Jr... father, Gerald Dixon Sr., played at Carolina from 1990-91 before going on to a 10-year career with three teams in the NFL and is an assistant coach at Rock Hill High... is an interdisciplinary studies major who graduated in May.

	Dixon's Statistics											
ı	Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	\mathbf{PBU}	QBH	FF	FR
ı	2012	3/0	2	0	2	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0
ı	2013	13/1	11	6	17	1.5-3	0.0-0	0	0	2	0	1
ı	2014	12/11	29	13	42	5.0-44	2.0-35	0	3	3	1	0
	Total	28/12	42	19	61	7.5-51	3.0-39	0	3	5	1	1





Gerald DIXON JR.

DT + 6-3 + 327 + SR. + 3L Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)

Fifth-year senior defensive lineman who is listed as a starter at the nose tackle position entering the fall... credited with 56 tackles including 4.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks over the past three seasons... has appeared in 37 games, making 15 starts... owns two blocked kicks... recognized as one of four Everyday Effort award winners in the spring... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Junior defensive tackle who started 12 of 13 games... recorded 29 tackles, forced one fumble and blocked a pair of kicks... blocked 42-yard field goal attempt against East Carolina, the first by a Gamecock since 2011... tied a then-career best with four tackles versus Georgia, which he previously set against the Bulldogs in 2013... recorded a tackle for loss at Vanderbilt... tied a career-high with four tackles and recorded his first career forced fumble at Auburn... made a career-high five tackles at Florida and blocked a field goal late in the contest, keeping the Gamecocks alive in a game they would win in overtime... had four stops including a sack in the Independence Bowl win over Miami... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2013: Played in 12 games, making one start... credited with 18 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss... started the opener against North Carolina and responded with three tackles, including a half-sack and a quarterback hurry... posted a career-high four stops against Georgia... logged a seven-yard tackle for loss at Tennessee... sustained an ankle sprain in that game and did not travel to Mizzou... credited with a half-tackle for loss among three stops versus Florida... presented with the Everyday Effort Award for the defense in the spring.

2012: Redshirt freshman defensive tackle... saw action in 12 games, making nine tackles.... started two contests, getting the nod against Florida and Tennessee, replacing an injured Kelcy Quarles... intercepted a pass at Kentucky... had a season-best three stops in the win over the Vols... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2011: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Northwestern High in Rock Hill, S.C. in 2011... coached by Jimmy Wallace... logged 100 tackles, 10 sacks, eight tackles for loss, 12 quarterback hurries, four forced fumbles, two recovered fumbles and two interceptions as a senior... anchored the line for a Trojan team that went 15-0 and won the Class 4A Division II state championship... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... logged 90 tackles and three sacks as a junior... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals.com and 247Sports.com... rated a two-star prospect by Scout. com... named to PrepStar's All-Atlantic Region class... selected Carolina over Maryland.

PERSONAL: Gerald Dixon Jr. was born March 30, 1993... is the older half-brother to teammate Gerald G. Dixon... father, Gerald Dixon Sr., played at South Carolina from 1990-91 before going on to a 10-year career with three teams in the NFL and is an assistant coach at Rock Hill (S.C.) High... is an interdisciplinary studies major who graduated in May.

			Di	xon	Jr.'s	Stat	tisti	cs			
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	12/2	4	5	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	0
2013	12/1	7	11	18	2.5-12	0.5-3	0	0	1	0	0
2014	13/12	15	14	29	2.0-3	1.0-2	0	0	0	1	0
Total	37/15	26	30	56	4.5-15	1.5-5	1	1	1	1	0



Phillip DUKES

<u>DT + 6-3 + 319 + SR. + 2L</u> Manning, S.C. (Manning)

Veteran defensive lineman who figures to see regular action in his final campaign... listed with the first-team unit at defensive tackle entering the fall... given the Everyday Hustle award for the defense in the spring... has appeared in 31 games over the past three seasons with a pair of starts... credited with 37 tackles including 4.5 tackles for loss.

2014: Appeared in all 13 games... made his lone start in the Independence Bowl win over Miami when J.T. Surratt was sidelined with illness... logged 20 tackles including three tackles for loss... had a two-yard tackle for loss versus East Carolina... credited with two tackles and a forced fumble against Furman... recorded two tackles, including one for a four-yard loss, at Auburn... made three solo stops with one tackle for loss and recovered a fumble against South Alabama.



2013: Third-year sophomore who played in all 13 games, making one start... credited with 14 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a pair of quarterback hurries... credited with a forced fumble at UCF... had a half-tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry against Mississippi State... credited with a tackle for loss against Florida... made the start against Coastal Carolina... named the Most Improved Defensive Lineman at the Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2012: Redshirt freshman defensive tackle... credited with three tackles in five games... had two stops against East Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2011: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Recorded 89 tackles, 23 tackles for loss, 12 sacks, seven forced fumbles and three blocked kicks as a senior at Manning (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2011... helped his team to the Lower State finals in Class AA... during his four-year career, he totaled 289 tackles, 63 tackles for loss, 29 sacks, 15 forced fumbles and eight blocked kicks... logged 87 tackles with 22 for loss and 10 sacks as a junior... as a sophomore, he collected 70 tackles and 12 sacks... coached by Robbie Briggs... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas (where he recorded a pair of sacks) and in the Offense-Defense All-American Game... regarded as a four-star prospect, the ninth-best defensive tackle, the 101st-best player overall in the country, and the fifth-best player in the state of South Carolina, according to Rivals.com... considered a four-star prospect, the nation's 123rd-best player and the 13th-best defensive tackle, according to Scout.com... a four-star prospect by 247Sports. com... named a *PrepStar* All-American... also played basketball... considered Clemson, Alabama, and North Carolina before choosing Carolina.

PERSONAL: Phillip Dukes was born January 8, 1992... graduated in May with a degree in sociology.

				Du	kes' St	atist	ics				
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}$	QBH	FF	FR
2012	5/0	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	13/1	7	7	14	1.5-4	0.0-0	0	0	2	1	1
2014	13/1	11	9	20	3.0-7	0.0-0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	31/2	21	16	<i>37</i>	4.5-11	0.0-0	0	0	2	2	2





Chaz ELDER SS + 6-2 + 209 + JR. + 2L Union City, Ga. (Banneker)

Junior who is listed on the second-team unit at the strong safety position entering the fall... has seen extensive action over the past two campaigns... has appeared in 24 games making nine starts... credited with 51 tackles and one interception.

2014: Sophomore safety who played in 12 games, starting three... collected 22 tackles... was the starter at free safety in the season opener against Texas A&M... recorded a career-best six stops, including three solo tackles in that contest... also made the start against Missouri and Florida... tied a career-best with six tackles versus Tennessee.

2013: Redshirt freshman who played in 12 games, making six starts including each of the final five contests... logged 29 tackles, including 20 solo stops... credited with a half tackle for loss at Georgia... began to see more duty in the win over Kentucky and responded with four solo tackles... earned his first start in the win at Arkansas... responded with four tackles and a fumble recovery... suffered a concussion late in that contest and missed the Tennessee game... intercepted a pass against Mississippi State.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Logged 83 tackles with two interceptions as a senior defensive back at Banneker High School in College Park, Ga., graduating in 2012... coached by Marquis Slaton... team finished 6-4 in his senior season... played in the Under Armour All-American Game in St. Petersburg, Fla. following his senior season... named to the *AJC* All-District team... named one of Fulton County's "Fantastic Four"... was a four-star prospect, the 15th-best safety and the 22nd-best player in Georgia by Rivals.com... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 45th-best safety by Scout.com... a four-star recruit, the nation's 123rd-best player, the fifth-best safety and the 13th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the 227th-best player in the country, the 13th-best safety and the 19th-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... the PrepStar All-American selected South Carolina over Georgia, Vanderbilt and Arkansas among others... Banneker High School also produced former Gamecocks Ladi Ajiboye and Carlos Thomas.

PERSONAL: Chaz Elder was born April 11, 1994... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

	Elder's Statistics														
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR				
2013	12/6	20	9	29	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	1				
2014	12/3	15	7	22	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0				
Total	24/9	35	16	51	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	1				



Darius ENGLISH DE + 6-6 + 225 + JR. + 2L Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)

Standout athlete who has gained extensive experience over the past two seasons... listed as the No. 3 right defensive end behind Marquavius Lewis and Cedrick Cooper entering the fall... has appeared in 27 games, making seven starts... credited with 46 tackles, including 5.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

2014: Sophomore defensive end who played in 12 contests... started each of the season's first six games... had five tackles, including his first career solo sack versus Georgia... logged three tackles at Vanderbilt and Kentucky... named the Outstanding Weight Room recipient for the defense in the spring.

2013: Redshirt freshman defensive end who played in all 13 games, making one start... logged 19 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss... forced a fumble in the season opener against North Carolina... made his first career start against Kentucky, replacing an injured Jadeveon Clowney... responded with three tackles, including a half sack... credited with a quarterback hurry at Arkansas... logged a career-high six tackles, including four solo stops against Coastal Carolina... honored as the Most Improved Player on defense at the 2013 spring game.

2012: Played briefly against East Carolina and UAB... logged three tackles, all against the Blazers, including a half tackle for loss... sat out the rest of the season with an injury to his right wrist... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Won Georgia's AAAAA Defensive Player of the Year honors by the *AJC* after a 21-sack senior season at McEachern High School in Powder Springs, Ga., graduating in 2012... coached by Kyle Hockman... squad went 10-2 in his senior season... named to the PARADE All-America team... also played basketball... was a three-star prospect, the 22nd-best weak-side defensive end and 15th-best player in Georgia by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 46th-best defensive end by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the 47th-best defensive end and the 41st-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the 20th-best defensive end and the 22nd-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... selected South Carolina over Arkansas among others.

PERSONAL: Darius English was born August 25, 1994... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major... interned in the University of South Carolina athletics marketing department.

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ı	Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	\mathbf{PBU}	QBH	FF	FR
ı	2012	2/0	2	1	3	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
ı	2013	13/1	14	5	19	2.5-8	0.5-2	0	0	1	1	0
ı	2014	12/6	17	7	24	2.0-7	1.0-3	0	1	2	0	0
ı	Total	27/7	33	13	46	<i>5.0-17</i>	1.5-5	0	1	3	1	0



Elliott FRY

PK • 6-0 • 164 • JR. • 2L Frisco, Texas (Prince of Peace Christian)

One of the top returning placekickers in the SEC and in the country... candidate for the Groza Award and all-conference accolades after being a Groza semifinalist and a second-team All-SEC selection in 2014... *Athlon* tabbed him as a 2015 third-team preseason All-SEC pick... has hit on 76.7 percent of his field goals (33-of-43), with three of his misses coming from 54 yards or longer... has converted on 105-of-106 extra point tries, including his last 99 in a row, a school record... ranks second in school history in field goal accuracy, third in PATs made, tied for third in PATs attempted and fourth in points scored... career long field goal is 47 yards... longest consecutive field goal streak is 12... earned two SEC Special Teams Player of the Week accolades... named the Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring for the second time in his career at the 2015 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2014: Earned second-team All-SEC accolades from the coaches and was one of 20 semifinalists for the Groza Award... ranked third in the SEC with 105 points, the third-highest single-season mark in school history, and was fifth in the league in points per game at 8.1... connected on 18-of-25 field goals

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(72 percent) with three of his misses coming from 54 yards or longer, and all 51 extra points... missed his first field goal opportunity of the season from 54 yards out, then converted each of his next 12 opportunities... named Groza Star of the Week and SEC Special Teams Player of the Week after tying a career-best 4-of-4 on field goal attempts versus East Carolina... hit a career-long 47-yard field goal against South Alabama... matched that with a 47-yarder at Clemson... earned a spot on the ESPN.com and the Phil Steele 2014 Midseason All-SEC first team... named Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring in 2014... nominated for the Burlsworth Trophy... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... placed on scholarship in the spring.

2013: True freshman placekicker who went from unknown walk-on to a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team... led the team with 99 points, the fourth-highest single-season total in school history... connected on 15-of-18 field goal attempts and 54-of-55 extra points... the 54 PATs in a season set a school record, surpassing the mark of 51, set by Spencer Lanning in 2010... scored nine points, including 2-for-2 on field goals of 39- and 26-yards, in the season opener against North Carolina... became the first true freshman to placekick in a season opener since Courtney Leavitt in 1996... booted a 36-yard field goal to start the scoring at Georgia... connected on both field goal attempts versus Kentucky, hitting from 40 and 41 yards out... remained perfect in field goal attempts on the season with a 33-yarder at Arkansas... missed for the first time in seven attempts when he failed from 45 yards out at Tennessee... named the SEC Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance at Missouri... hit a 20-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter, then connected from 40 yards out in the second overtime which proved to be the game-winner... booted a career-best 44-yard field goal, along with a 37-yard kick against Mississippi State... named the SEC Freshman of the Week for his efforts in the win over Florida... accounted for 13 of the Gamecocks' 19 points with a career-high four field goals, including a season-long 45-yarder... hit two field goals in the final period to give the Gamecocks the win.

HIGH SCHOOL: Worked as both the punter and placekicker for Prince of Peace Christian School in Carrollton, Texas, graduating in 2013... coached by Larry Thexton... was a first-team all-state selection... hit 49-of-50 extra point attempts and 8-of-9 field goals, helping his team to a 9-3 record as a senior... longest field goal was 44 yards... also kicked a 50-yard field goal in an all-star game... turned down a scholarship offer from Louisiana Tech.

PERSONAL: Elliott Fry was born December 12, 1994... is a psychology major... was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes as a seven-year old... active with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

	Fry's Statistics -Placekicking-														
Year GP FG-A Pct Long PAT-A Pts.															
2013	2013 13 15-18 83.3 45 54-55 99														
<u>2014 13 18-25 72.0 47 51-51 105</u>															
Total															
				–Field	Goals-										
Year	M-A	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk						
2013	15-18	83.3	0-0	5-5	4-5	6-8	0-0	45	0						
2014	18-25	72.0	0-0	5-5	6-7	7-10	0-3	47	0						
Total															



Garrison GIST

FB + 5-10 + 251 + SR. + SQ Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)

Walk-on fullback who joined the squad in the spring of 2013... has tremendous strength from many hours spent in the weight room... listed second on the depth chart at the fullback position beginning the fall.

2014: Did not see any game action in his second season in the program.

2013: Played fullback for the first time since middle school... saw action in two games, playing against Coastal Carolina and in the bowl win over Wisconsin... did not record any statistics.

2011-12: Did not participate in football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, S.C., graduating in 2011... played nose guard and linebacker for two seasons before moving to offensive tackle as a senior.

PERSONAL: Garrison Gist was born May 23, 1993... graduated in May with a degree in art history... has competed in weightlifting competitions... father, Anguan Gist, played safety at The Citadel.



Terry GOOGER

WR • 6-4 • 226 • FR. • RS Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)

Lanky wide receiver who, at 6-4, provides a big target for the Carolina quarterbacks... garnered Most Improved Wide Receiver accolades at the 2015 Garnet & Black Spring Game... enters the fall listed as a co-starter at the 'B' wide receiver position along with Carlton Heard.

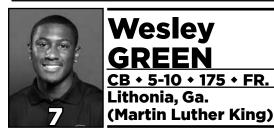
2014: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Versatile athlete who played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back for the War Eagles of Woodward Academy in Atanta... graduated in 2014... played for head coach John Hunt, the former offensive line coach at Carolina... team 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 touchdowns and ran for 1,116 yards and 16 scores... also lettered in basketball and track... Rivals considered him a four-star prospect, the 26th-best player in the state, and the 19th-best "athlete" in the country... Scout ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 34th-best tight end in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 42nd-best player in the state, and the 62nd-best wide receiver in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, No. 260 on its ESPN300 list, the 33rd-best "athlete" in the nation and the 24th-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a four-star prospect and No. 238 on its All-American Team.

PERSONAL: Corteries Cosea Googer was born December 10, 1994... interested in the sport and entertainment management program.







Wesley GREEN CB + 5-10 + 175 + FR. + RS Lithonia, Ga.

Redshirt freshman cornerback who is listed with the second-team unit behind Chris Lammons entering the fall.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played at Martin Luther King High in Lithonia, Ga., graduating in 2014... coached by Cortez Allen... helped the Lions to a 7-4 record as a senior... had five interceptions in his final campaign... Rivals considered him a four-star prospect, the 17th-best player in the state, the 17th-best cornerback in the country and No. 208 overall... Scout ranked him as a four-star prospect, the 21st-best cornerback in the country and No. 209 overall... 247Sports listed him as a four-star recruit, the nation's No. 15 cornerback, the 13th-best player in the state of Georgia and No. 185 on its Top247 list... rated a four-star recruit, the ninth-best player in the state, the nation's 13th-best cornerback and No. 120 overall by ESPN... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 193 on the Top 300 All-American Team... committed to South Carolina over Georgia and Ole Miss.

PERSONAL: Wesley Green was born September 29, 1995... is a criminal justice major.



Kelsey GRIFFIN DT + 6-2 + 316 + JR. + 2L **Buford, Ga.** (Mill Creek)

Third-year defensive tackle... has played in 15 games over the past two seasons with 20 tackles... listed with the third-team entering the fall behind Phillip Dukes and Taylor Stallworth... will compete for a spot in the regular rotation in the fall.

2014: Credited with eight tackles in six games... logged a tackle for loss in the opener against Texas A&M... did not play in the last four regular season contests or in the bowl game... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2013: True freshman defensive tackle who got his feet wet in 2013... played in nine games, logging a dozen tackles... had four tackles including a halftackle for loss in the season opener against North Carolina... collected a season-high five stops in the win over Coastal Carolina.

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive tackle who recorded 108 total tackles including 10 sacks as a senior at Mill Creek High School (Hoschton, Ga.)... graduated in 2013... helped the Hawks to a 9-4 record and the third round of the 6A state playoffs as a senior... coached by Shannon Jarvis... named to the Atlanta Journal Constitution Class AAAAAA all-state team... named secondteam all-state by the Georgia Sportswriters Association... played in the Under Armour All-American game following his senior season... recorded 44 tackles with six tackles for loss as a junior, earning all-state and All-Gwinnett County accolades... four-star prospect who was regarded as the 10th-best player in Georgia, the seventh-best defensive tackle in the country and the 120th-best player overall on the Rivals250... a four-star prospect and the nation's 13thbest defensive tackle according to Scout... a four-star prospect, the eighthbest player in Georgia, the seventh-best defensive tackle in the country, the 78th-best player overall and a second-team All-American according to

247Sports... a four-star prospect, the 12th-best defensive tackle in the country and the 123rd-best player overall by PrepStar... considered the nation's 12th-best defensive tackle by MaxPreps... rated a four-star prospect and No. 100 on the ESPN150... named honorable mention on PARADE magazine's All-America team... had numerous offers including Auburn, Florida, Florida State, Georgia and Tennessee.

PERSONAL: Kelsey Griffin was born September 19, 1994... is a retail management major.

	Griffin's Statistics													
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU (QBH	FF	FR			
2013	9/0	7	5	12	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0			
2014	6/0	4	4	8	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total	15/0	11	9	20	1.5-2	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0			



Ali **GROVES** FS + 5-10 + 183 + SO. + SQ Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)

Third-year defensive back who has been hampered by injuries for much of his Carolina career... made the move to safety in the spring after spending much of his time at cornerback... could play either of the two safety spots, but listed on the preseason depth chart as the third-team free safety.

2014: Redshirt freshman defensive back... did not see any game action... limited in the spring while continuing to recover from right shoulder surgery... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2013: Redshirted in his true freshman season... injured his right shoulder late in the season and underwent surgery.

HIGH SCHOOL: Two-way standout who figures to be a cornerback at South Carolina... played wide receiver and defensive back for the Stephenson Jaguars in Stone Mountain, Ga., graduating in 2013... coached by Ronald Gartrell... team went 9-3 in his senior season... played just four games as a junior due to injury, finishing with 23 tackles, one interception and two forced fumbles... also ran in the sprint events and competed in the long jump in track & field... three-star prospect who was the state's 78th-best player and the 74th-best "athlete" in the country according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 110th-best cornerback by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 45th-best player in the state, and the 39th-best cornerback in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 55th-best cornerback in the country and an All-Southeast Region pick according to PrepStar... numerous offers included Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Ole Miss, Missouri, Vanderbilt and NC State.

PERSONAL: Ali Groves was born September 16, 1994... mother attended T.L. Hanna High in Anderson, S.C... is a business administration major.



T.J. **GURLEY** SPR + 5-10 + 193 + SR. + 3L Cairo, Ga. (Cairo)

Elder statesman of the defensive secondary... hard-hitter who is listed as the starter at the Spur or nickelback position entering the fall after playing safety for the past three seasons... named the Most Improved Spur of the spring

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at the 2015 Garnet & Black Spring Game after his first tour of duty at the position... has played in 34 games making 14 starts... credited with 113 career tackles... has a pair of interceptions... a two-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Junior safety who ranked second on the team with 80 tackles including 49 solo stops... ranked 24th in the SEC with 6.2 tackles per game... started in 10 of the 13 games... recorded at least five tackles in every regular season game... grabbed an interception and made six stops versus East Carolina... credited with eight tackles at Kentucky and made seven stops versus Tennessee... broke up a pass and made a season-high nine tackles in the win over South Alabama... made eight tackles with a pass breakup against Clemson... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. named the "Most Improved" safety and the Harold White GPA award for the defense during the spring.

2013: Sophomore safety who worked his way back following a knee injury suffered midway through the 2012 season... played in all 13 games, making a pair of starts... logged 30 tackles, including 21 solo stops... came off the bench to lead the team in tackles with nine, including seven solo stops, in the season-opening win over North Carolina... made his first start of the season at Georgia and responded with a career-high 11 tackles, including eight solo stops... collected 20 tackles in the first two games then just 10 in the final 11 contests... made his second start in the win at Arkansas... intercepted a pass against Coastal Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2012: Safety who was selected to the SEC All-Freshman squad by the league's coaches... played in eight games logging 13 tackles... one of four true freshmen to play in the season opener at Vanderbilt... made his first career start against Missouri, replacing the suspended D.J. Swearinger... made his second career start at Florida when the Gamecocks opened in a goal line defense... suffered a season-ending knee injury in that game while covering a punt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned Class AAA all-region and all-state honors as a senior defensive back at Cairo (Ga.) High School, graduating in 2012... three-year varsity starter who recorded 82 tackles and four interceptions in his senior season for the Syrupmakers... coached by Tom Fallow... team went 11-3 in 2011 after a 12-1 season in 2010... earned first team all-area and all-region and honorable mention all-state honors as a junior... participated in the RisingSeniors.com junior all-star game... was a three-star prospect, the 44th-best cornerback and the 70th-best player in the state by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 74th-best cornerback by Scout. com... a three-star recruit, the 35th-best safety and the 83rd-best player in Georgia according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the 55th-best cornerback and the 51st-best player in the state by 247Sports.com... other suitors included Arkansas, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Mississippi State, Southern Miss and Tennessee.

PERSONAL: Timothy "T.J." Gurley was born February 20, 1994... is pursuing a degree in integrated technology.

Gurley's Statistics												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	\mathbf{PBU}	QBH	FF	FR	
2012	8/2	8	5	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2013	13/2	21	9	30	0.5-0	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	0	
2014	13/10	49	31	80	1.0-3	0.0-0	1	4	0	0	0	
Total	34/14	<i>78</i>	45	113	1.5-3	0.0-0	2	5	0	0	0	



HARRIS JR.

CB • 5-11 • 163 • SO. • 1L

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
(St. Thomas Aquinas)

Sophomore cornerback who looks to build on a solid first season in the Garnet & Black... listed on the second-team entering the fall behind Rico Mc-

Williams but is expected to see plenty of game action... garnered a spot on the SEC All-Freshman squad a year ago... played in 12 games making four starts.

2014: True freshman who earned a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team as selected by the league's 14 coaches... played in 12 games, making four starts at cornerback... logged 21 tackles and broke up three passes... earned the start in the season opener against Texas A&M... joined linebacker Bryson Allen-Williams as the first true freshmen to start as season opener since Jadeveon Clowney... credited with five tackles and pass breakup in that contest... recorded a pass break up and first career tackle for loss against Georgia... tied season-high with five tackles and a pass break up at Kentucky.

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive back at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla... tore his hamstring in the third game of his senior season and was not able to play the rest of the way... the Raiders finished the 2013 slate with a 10-3 record and went to the regional finals of the 7A state playoffs... helped his team to the 7A state title in his junior season... Rivals. com considered him a three-star prospect, the 74th-best player in the state, and the 44th-best cornerback in the country... Scout.com ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 46th-best cornerback in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 78th-best player in the state, and the 49th-best cornerback in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him a three-star prospect, the 83rd-best cornerback in the nation and the 228th-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick.

PERSONAL: Alshinard Harris Jr. was born November 19, 1995... is a sport and entertainment management major... father, Al Harris Sr., was a two-time pro bowl cornerback who played 14 seasons in the NFL for Philadelphia, Green Bay, Miami and St. Louis and is currently a coach for the Chiefs.

			Ha	rris	Jr.'s	Stat	tisti	CS			
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2014	12/4	17	4	21	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	3	0	0	0



Ernest HAWKINS

LB • 6-1 • 224 • SO. • JC Baltimore, Md. (Dunbar/Hartnell College)

Junior college transfer who enrolled at South Carolina in January... went through spring drills and enters the fall listed as the second-team SAM linebacker behind Larenz Bryant... has four years to play three at South Carolina.

2014: Played one year for coach Matt Collins at Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif... earned first-team all-conference honors in the Golden Coast Conference for a Panther team that went 9-2... credited with 56 tackles in just eight games played with 12.0 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 35th-best JUCO player in the state, the third-best junior college inside linebacker in the country and No. 135 overall by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect and the No. 3 junior college inside linebacker by ESPN... also considered Colorado and Hawaii after his year of junior college.

2012-13: Originally signed with UTEP in 2012, but did not attend school until enrolling at Hartnell College in 2014.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Dunbar High in Baltimore in 2012... led Dunbar to consecutive state titles and three crowns in four years... was an all-state second team member who compiled 120 tackles... was a two-star athlete according to ESPN.com... also offered by Purdue.

PERSONAL: Ernest Hawkins is pursuing a degree in sociology.





Carlton HEARD

WR + 6-0 + 182 + SR. + 1L Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central/Gardner-Webb)

Former walk-on who earned a scholarship prior to the start of the 2014 campaign... valuable special teams performer... put together a solid spring and enters the fall listed as a co-starter at the 'B' wide receiver position along with Terry Googer.

2014: Went on scholarship prior to the start of the season... played in 12 of 13 games, primarily on special teams... blocked a punt late in the fourth quarter at Florida that led to the game-tying touchdown forcing overtime... also credited with one tackle... earned Most Improved Wide Receiver honors in the spring of 2014.

2013: Walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad for the first time in the spring... enrolled in January... impressed the coaches in his first opportunity on the practice fields... was not eligible in the fall per NCAA transfer rules.

2012: Played in eight games for the Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs... caught 31 passes for 422 yards, averaging 13.6 yards per catch, with one touchdown... had seven catches for 107 yards against Samford... logged seven receptions for 137 yards, including a career-long 54-yard touchdown catch against Liberty, earning Big South Freshman of the Week accolades.

2011: Redshirted as a true freshman at Gardner-Webb... Began August camp as a walk-on and earned a scholarship with outstanding performance and work ethic in preseason practices.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played at Northeast Georgia powerhouse Clarke Central (Ga.) High under Coach Leroy Ryals... graduated in 2011... moved to receiver full time as a senior... caught 25 passes for 520 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior... helped the Gladiators to an 11-1 record and the Georgia region 8-AAAA title in 2010.

PERSONAL: Carlton Heard was born August 21, 1993... is a sociology major who is slated to graduate in December.



Jalen HENRY LB • 5-10 • 207 • FR. • HS Foley, Ala. (Foley)

Linebacker who graduated from high school early and enrolled at Carolina in January... went through spring drills with the Gamecocks... listed with the third team at the MIKE linebacker position... considered by the coaching staff as the Most Improved Freshman on the defensive side of the football during the spring.

HIGH SCHOOL: Coached by Todd Watson at Alabama's Foley High School, graduating in December 2014... the Lions reached the state Class 7A semifinals with a 10-4 record... selected for the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star game following his senior season... missed the majority of his junior season after breaking his foot in the second game of the year... led his team in tackles as a sophomore... also played baseball and basketball... considered a three-star prospect and the 31st-best player in the state by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 76th-best outside linebacker in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 38th-best player in the state and the 40th-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... ranked as

a three-star prospect, the 30th-best player in the state and the No. 78 outside linebacker by ESPN... also considered Southern Miss.

PERSONAL: Jalen A. Henry is pursuing a degree in journalism.



T.J. HOLLOMAN LB · 6-2 · 231 · JR. · 2L

Stone Mountain, Ga. (St. Pius X)

Junior linebacker who has the experience and the expertise to play a key role during the 2015 campaign... listed behind Skai Moore at the MIKE linebacker position entering the fall... had an excellent spring in which he was recognized along with Gerald Dixon Jr. as the Everyday Effort award winner for the defense... has played in 26 games over the past two seasons making seven starts... credited with 77 career tackles with 7.5 tackles for loss, a pair of sacks and three interceptions... is a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Sophomore linebacker who played in all 13 games making four starts... credited with 33 tackles including 2.5 tackles for loss... posted six solo stops in a start versus East Carolina... credited with four stops at Vanderbilt... totaled six tackles against South Alabama including a 13-yard sack... matched a career-high with seven tackles against Clemson... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... earned the Big Plays award for the defense during the spring.

2013: Redshirt freshman who played in all 13 games, making three starts at linebacker... named to Athlon's third-team Freshman All-America squad... split time with Kaiwan Lewis... collected 44 tackles, including 28 solo stops... had 5.0 tackles for loss and a sack... tied for second on the squad with three interceptions... tied for the team lead with five tackles at UCF, including a tackle for loss... also logged his first career interception against the Knights... made his first career start against Kentucky... responded by tying for the team lead with six tackles, including five solo stops... also started against Tennessee and Arkansas... registered seven tackles at Tennessee with a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry... collected another seven stops including his first career sack in the win over Coastal Carolina... intercepted a pass against Mississippi State and another against Clemson... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... recognized at the 2013 Garnet & Black Game for the Harold White GPA Award for the defense.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Coached by Paul Standard at St. Pius X Catholic School in Atlanta, graduating in 2012... team went 12-1 in his senior season... racked up 48 tackles and four interceptions as a junior... played quarterback for half a season and threw for 500 yards and rushed for 430 more... also ran track... was a three-star prospect, the 60th-best player in the state of Georgia and the nation's 63rd-best outside linebacker by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 90th-best outside linebacker by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the 60th-best outside linebacker and the 63rd-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the 29th-best outside linebacker and the 67th-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... selected the Gamecocks over Illinois, Louisville and NC State.

PERSONAL: Thomas "T.J." Holloman was born August 15, 1994... is majoring in accounting... stepfather played football at North Carolina.

	Holloman's Statistics													
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	\mathbf{PBU}	QBH	FF	FR			
2013	13/3	28	16	44	5.0-13	1.0-6	3	1	1	0	0			
2014	13/4	20	13	33	2.5-18	1.0-13	0	1	1	0	0			
Total	26/7	48	29	77	2.5-18 7.5-31	2.0-19	3	2	2	0	0			

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Jakob <u>HUECHTKER</u>

LS + 5-6 + 188 + SO. + HS Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)

Walk-on who joined the squad just prior to spring drills in 2015... provided depth as a long snapper on special teams.

2014: Enrolled at South Carolina in the fall but did not play football.

2013: Spent the fall at USC-Lancaster and the spring semester at York Tech.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from South Pointe High School in Rock Hill, S.C. in 2013... coached by Strait Herron... helped his squad to the 2011 state title... also was on the Upper State Championship teams of 2010 and 2012.

PERSONAL: Jakob E. Huechtker was born November 17, 1994... is a physical education major at South Carolina.



Shannon JAMES

CB + 5-7 + 154 + JR. + SQ Florence, S.C. (South Florence)

Walk-on defensive back who adds depth at the cornerback position... listed as a redshirt junior... missed much of the spring with a hamstring injury.

2014: Worked on the scout team as a redshirt sophomore cornerback... joined the squad just prior to the start of spring drills.

2013: Attended Florence Darlington Tech.

2012: Attended the University of South Carolina but did not play football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from South Florence (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2012... coached in football by Lynn Flemming... was an all-region selection and garnered the Dual Threat Award.

PERSONAL: Shannon James was born December 25, 1993... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.



Shamier JEFFERY

WR + 6-1 + 189 + SR. + 2L St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)

Senior wide receiver who enters his final campaign listed second on the depth chart at the 'X' wide receiver position behind Deebo Samuel... has appeared in 17 games over the past two seasons making one start and in 20 games overall... has eight career completions for 41 yards... tremendous bloodlines as his brother, Alshon, is a former Gamecock All-American and 2013 NFL Pro Bowler with the Chicago Bears.

2014: Fourth-year wide receiver... saw action in nine games... caught two passes for nine yards... caught his first pass of the season against Furman... had one reception for four yards at Auburn... made his first career start at Florida... presented with the Everyday Attitude award for the offense during the spring of 2014.

2013: Sophomore wide receiver who saw action in eight games... caught six passes for 32 yards... five of the receptions came in the win over Arkansas... also had a catch in the Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin... made one of the bigger plays of the season when, as part of the "hands team" he recovered the onside kick vs. Kentucky to preserve the victory... shared Most Improved honors among the wide receivers with Shaq Roland in the spring.

2012: Played in three contests, getting on the field against East Carolina, Arkansas and Michigan... did not log any statistics.

2011: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played both quarterback and wide receiver at Calhoun County in St. Matthews, S.C., graduating in 2011... coached by Walt Wilson... passed for over 2,000 yards as a senior... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Myrtle Beach following his senior campaign... was a two-time Orangeburg (S.C.) Times and Democrat Elite 11 selection... passed for 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns in just seven games as a junior signal-caller for the Saints... also played basketball at Calhoun County... given a three-star rating, considered the 53rd-best wide receiver in the country and ranked as the 13th-best player in the state of South Carolina by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 86th-best wide receiver by Scout.com... four-star prospect, according to 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Atlantic Region class... had offers from Auburn, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, NC State and Tennessee.

PERSONAL: Shamier Jeffery was born September 9, 1991... is a sociology major... brother of Carolina's record-setting All-American wide receiver Alshon Jeffery, a 2012 second-round draft pick by the Chicago Bears.

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Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2012	3/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013	8/0	6	32	5.3	0	11
2014	9/1	2	9	4.5	0	5
Total	20/1	8	41	5.1	0	11

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David <u>JOHNSON</u>

<u>DE + 6-1 + 240 + SO. + 1L</u> Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)

Sophomore defensive end... listed as the No. 2 left defensive end behind Gerald Dixon entering the fall... coming off an excellent spring in which he garnered Most Improved honors among the defensive linemen... worked hard in the offseason to drop some weight as he was listed at 275 in the spring... figures to play a key role in the rotation in 2015 after seeing action in nine games, making five starts during his redshirt freshman campaign.

2014: Redshirt freshman who played in nine games... started each of the last five games of the regular season... played in each of the first four games, then injured his knee at Vanderbilt and did not play versus Missouri, Kentucky and Furman... made first career start at Auburn, collecting three tackles... made a career-high five tackles against Florida... added four stops against Clemson... did not play in the Independence Bowl after suffering a concussion in the week prior to the game during practice.

2013: Came to Carolina as a linebacker but moved to defensive end during his true freshman campaign... redshirted as a true freshman.

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HIGH SCHOOL: Linebacker who recorded 109 tackles including 20 tackles for loss and 11 sacks as a senior at Lithonia (Ga.) High... graduated in 2013... coached by Marcus Jelks... named first-team Class AAAA all-state by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution...* played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl following his senior campaign... had 94 tackles including 15 tackles for loss and seven sacks with three forced fumbles as a junior... notched 105 tackles with 10 sacks as a sophomore... earned All-DeKalb County honors... a three-star prospect who was considered the 30th-best player in the state and the 29th-best outside linebacker in the country, according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the 62nd-best defensive end in the country by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 37th-best player in the state, and the 17th-best weakside defensive end in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 24th-best outside linebacker and an All-Southeast Region pick by Prep-Star... had numerous offers including Auburn, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, NC State, Pitt and Vanderbilt.

PERSONAL: David Johnson was born January 20, 1995... is pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

			D. J	ohn	son'	s St	atis	tics			
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU (QBH	FF	FR
2014	9/5	8	8	16	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0



Sean KELLY P + 5-10 + 189 + JR. + TR Oakland, Fla. (West Orange/FAU)

Transfer who joined the Gamecocks in January of 2015 as a walk-on... was the only punter to go through spring drills, giving him the edge to replace three-year starter Tyler Hull heading into the fall... experienced player who was the starting punter at FAU for two seasons... averaged 41.3 yards on 140 career punts for the Owls with 42 inside the 20 and 33 over 50 yards... has two years to play two at South Carolina.

2014: Did not play football while attending Tallahassee Junior College.

2013: Spent the season at Florida Atlantic University... punted for 3,072 yards, averaging 42.7 yards on 72 punts... had 19 punts of over 50 yards, including a season-long 64-yarder, and pinned opponents inside the 20 on 26 occasions... ranked third in Conference USA and 36th in the NCAA for average yards per punt... ranked third in punting yards and second in average yards per punt in FAU history... also had a pair of 63-yard boots... named the Special Teams MVP and was a three-time FAU game ball winner (at ECU, at Rice and New Mexico State)... received second-team honors in Phil Steele's Mid-Season All-C-USA team and was a second team all-conference selection.

2012: Joined the FAU squad in the fall and handled every punt during the season... averaged 39.9 yards on 68 punt including 14 that were 50-plus yards... 26 landed inside the 20... had a career-long 68-yard punt against Lafayette, a 66-yarder against Bowling Green and a 64-yarder against FIU... saw four games where he was called into action eight times, all on the road (Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana-Monroe and Western Kentucky)... four of his 50+ yard boots were at Alabama, including two that fell inside the 20... attempted a field goal in the season opener and was credited with six kickoffs in the first two games with a pair of touchbacks... awarded a scholarship after his freshman season by Carl Pelini.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from West Orange High in Winter Garden, Fla. in 2012... played quarterback, punter and kicker for the Warriors... during his final two seasons, he set 11 school records... as a senior, he connected on 5-of-9 field goals, 19-of-26 extra points and averaged 34 yards per punts.

PERSONAL: Sean Kelly is pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

	Kelly's Statistics													
Year	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20						
2012	12	68	2711	39.9	68	5	6	16						
2013	12	72	3072	42.7	64	5	21	26						
2013 Total	24	140	<i>5783</i>	41.3	68	10	27	42						



Alan KNOTT OC + 6-4 + 270 + SO. + 1L Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)

Redshirt sophomore who made eight starts during the 2014 campaign... named to the 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... enters the fall listed atop the depth chart at center.

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 a three-star prospect, the 61st-best player in Georgia and the 53rd-best offensive tackle in the country according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 30th-best offensive guard by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 43rd-best player in the state, and the 27th-best offensive guard in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 43rd-best offensive guard and an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*... offers included Kentucky, Miami, Virginia Tech and North Carolina.

PERSONAL: David Alan Knott was born December 16, 1994... is undecided on his major field of study.



Abu
LAMIN
DT * 6-4 * 326 * JR. * 1L
Fayetteville, N.C.
(Trinity Christian/Fort Scott CC)

Defensive tackle who made the transition from junior college to SEC football in 2014... expected to be more of a contributor this fall in his second season in the Garnet & Black... listed on the second team at nose tackle entering the fall behind Gerald Dixon Jr.

2014: Played in 10 games, recording eight tackles in his first season in Columbia... had two solo tackles in the season opener against Texas A&M and two stops against Vanderbilt... did not play in the final three regular season games after being injured in a car accident during the second bye week... named the Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring by the coaches.

2013: Attended Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, where he played for head coach Curtis Horton... racked up 34 tackles in 2013 with 7.5 tackles

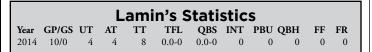


for loss and 1.5 sacks in nine games for the 2-7 Greyhounds... also forced one fumble... Rivals.com lists him as a four-star prospect and the No. 19 junior college player in the nation... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect... considered a four-star prospect, the No. 18 junior college prospect in the country and the No. 6 JUCO defensive tackle, according to 247Sports. com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect and No. 43 on its ESPNJC50 list... ranked by *PrepStar* as a three-star prospect and a JUCO All-American... selected the Gamecocks over offers from Alabama, Arkansas, Nebraska and Tennessee among others.

2012: Redshirted in his first season at Fort Scott C.C.

HIGH SCHOOL: Originally from Trinity Christian School in Fayetteville, N.C., graduating in 2012... coached by Chuck Webster.

PERSONAL: Abu Lamin is a sociology major.





Chris LAMMONS CB • 5-10 • 183 • SO. • 1L Lauderhill, Fla. (Plantation)

Sophomore cornerback who came on strong as his true freshman season progressed... penciled in as a probable starter at the left cornerback position entering the fall... started seven contests as a true freshman... garnered the Harold White GPA award for the defense at the 2015 Garnet & Black 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.

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 a four-star prospect, the 45th-best player in the state and the 14th-best "athlete" in the country... Scout ranked him as a four-star prospect, the 31stbest cornerback in the country and No. 265 overall... 247Sports listed him as a four-star prospect, the nation's No. 22 cornerback and the 40th-best player in the state of Florida... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, the 12thbest "athlete" in the nation, No. 86 on the ESPN300 list and the 15th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 101 on the Top 150 Dream Team... originally committed to Florida... also visited Wisconsin... a member of the high school honor roll.

PERSONAL: Christopher Lamar Lammons was born January 31, 1996..... interested in a business administration degree.

			La	mm	ons'	Stat	tisti	CS			
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



Marquavius LEWIS

DE + 6-3 + 264 + JR. + JC Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood/Hutchinson CC)

Junior college transfer who enrolled at Carolina in January... immediately worked his way into the projected starting lineup at the right defensive end position... expected to provide the Gamecocks with a pass rush that was lacking in 2014... selected as the Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring by the coaching staff... has three years to play two at South Carolina.

2014: Played at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College for head coach Rion Rhoades... named the Jayhawk Conference Defensive Player of the Year and first-team all-conference... twice earned conference Player of the Week accolades and once garnered national Player of the Week honors... credited with 63 tackles in 12 games including 20.5 tackles for loss and 11.0 sacks... had 21 quarterback hurries, forced two fumbles and recovered one... helped the Blue Dragons to an 11-win season for the first time in the program's 83-year history and a No. 4 final ranking, their highest ever in the NJCAA Football Poll... is a four-star prospect according to Rivals... rated a five-star prospect and the best JUCO prospect in the country by Scout... ranked as a four-star prospect and the No. 1 junior college strong-side defensive end in the country and No. 3 overall by 247Sports... ESPN considered him a four-star recruit, the second-best defensive end and the No. 6 player overall in the JUCO ranks... also considered Auburn.

2013: Recorded 63 tackles with 19 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks, 15 quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and a blocked kick in his first season at Hutchinson.

2012: Attended Greenville Tech part time in the fall before transferring to Hutchinson Community College in the spring.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Greenwood (S.C.) High School in 2012.

PERSONAL: Marquavius Lewis is pursuing a degree in sociology.



Cedrick MALONE

LB + 6-0 + 200 + JR. + SQ Camden, S.C. (Camden/Coastal Carolina)

Walk-on who is in his third campaign with the Garnet & Black... worked as a Spur linebacker for his first two years, but transitioned to the SAM linebacker position in the spring where he provides depth... began his collegiate career at Coastal Carolina.

2014: Worked with the scout team as a reserve... saw brief action in the win over Furman... credited with one tackle.

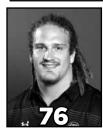
2013: Joined the squad for the first time when the roster expanded in August... initially enrolled at Carolina in January of 2013... was not eligible due to NCAA transfer rules.

2012: Initially enrolled at Coastal Carolina in January of 2012 and participated in football spring drills.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Camden (S.C.) High School in 2011... played football for Jimmy Neal... was an all-region selection.

PERSONAL: Cedrick Malone was born January 27, 1993... is an interdisciplinary studies major.





Mike MATULIS

OT + 6-5 + 293 + SR. + 2L Boynton Beach, Fla. (Park Vista)

Fifth-year offensive lineman... figures to compete for a starting role and certainly adds depth to the offensive line if he is healthy enough to contribute... can play either tackle or guard and enters the fall listed as a co-starter at right tackle with Mason Zandi... talented player who has been hampered by injuries... has undergone surgery on both shoulders and a knee since coming to Carolina... was not available in the spring while rehabbing from knee surgery... has started 10 games during his career.



2014: Moved to right guard in the spring and entered the fall as the probable starter at that position after playing tackle throughout his career... 2014 was the first spring he was able to practice due to injuries... presented with the Everyday Hustle award for the offense by the coaches in the spring... suffered a left knee injury midway through fall camp and was sidelined for the first half of the campaign... saw first action of the season against Furman and also played against Tennessee... underwent surgery and missed the remainder of the season.

2013: Redshirted after having his right shoulder scoped on August 9... also missed all of spring ball while rehabbing from shoulder surgery.

2012: Started five games along the offensive line... was the starting right tackle in the season opener at Vanderbilt... moved to left tackle and started each of the next two contests before moving back to right tackle for the Missouri game... did not play at Kentucky due to an injured shoulder... made the start at left tackle against Florida... the shoulder injury ultimately required season-ending surgery... also missed the spring of 2012 while rehabbing from offseason shoulder surgery.

2011: A first-team Freshman All-American according to *Sporting News...* saw very limited action in the first four games as the coaches considered redshirting the true freshman tackle... redshirt was taken off for good when senior starting left tackle Kyle Nunn suffered a back injury... made his first collegiate start at left tackle against Auburn... saw limited action again over the next three games, then moved into the starting right tackle slot for the Florida contest and held the starting job for the remainder of the season... made five starts during the season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was a two-year starter at left tackle for the Park Vista High School Cobras in Lake Worth, Fla., graduating in 2011.. missed some time early in his senior season with a knee injury... coached by Brian Dodds... played in Florida's North-South All-Star game... also invited to the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Myrtle Beach, S.C. following his senior season but did not participate due to an ankle injury... earned Class 6A first-team all-state honors in 2009 after leading the Cobras to a 6-4 record and a spot in the playoffs... also wrestled in high school... given a three-star ranking, named the 33rd-best offensive tackle in the country and the 79th-best player in the state of Florida by Rivals.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the 54th-best offensive tackle by Scout.com... three-star prospect, according to 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Southeast Region class... had numerous scholarship offers including ones from Florida State, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisville, Minnesota, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt and West Virginia.

PERSONAL: Michael Matulis was born November 30, 1992... graduated in May with a degree in criminal justice... brother, Chris, was a pitcher at LSU.



Nick MCGRIFF

<u>LS + 6-0 + 224 + FR. + RS</u> Gainesville, Fla. (Gainesville)

Walk-on who will compete for the backup long snapper position behind incumbent Drew Williams... enters the fall listed second on the depth chart.

2014: Joined the team in the fall... redshirted as a true freshman tight end.

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: Nick McGriff is pursuing a degree in sport and entertainment management.



Rico MCWILLIAMS CB · 5-11 · 186 · JR. · 2L

Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy)

Junior who is penciled in as a starter at the right cornerback position entering the fall... turned in a solid spring as he was named Most Improved Cornerback on the squad... has played in 21 career games with eight starts... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Played in 12 games, making six starts... credited with 33 tackles and five pass breakups... made five solo stops in the opener against Texas A&M... started versus East Carolina and was credited with five tackles, including one for a three-yard loss... collected three tackles in a start against Georgia and added four tackles in a start at Vanderbilt... best game came against Tennessee when he was credited with four pass breakups and five solo tackles... suffered a concussion against South Alabama and did not play against Clemson... logged a career-high six tackles, all solo stops, in the Independence Bowl win over Miami... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2013: Redshirt freshman cornerback who played in nine games making a pair of starts... made the start at Arkansas and recorded his only tackle in that contest... also made the start in the Capital One Bowl win against Wisconsin... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... sat out the spring as he continued to rehab from a knee injury suffered early in fall camp 2012.

2012: Suffered a season-ending left knee injury during the second practice of the preseason... underwent surgery in mid-August.

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned AAAA first-team all-state honors at Lovejoy High in Hampton, Ga. as a senior, graduating in 2012... coached by Al Hughes... helped his team to a 14-1 record as a senior and a spot in the state title game and was 24-2 over his last two seasons... named to the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... named to the *AJC* All-Area team... logged 40 tackles and two interceptions, along with 12 receptions for 301 yards as a senior... had 35 tackles and two picks as a junior... named one of Clayton Country's "Fantastic Four" prior to his senior season... played wide receiver early in his career before moving to cornerback... a three-star prospect, the state's 30th-best player and the nation's 26th-best cornerback according to Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 28th-best cornerback by Scout... a three-star recruit, the country's 89th-best cornerback and the state's 91st-best player according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the nation's 62nd-best cornerback and the 71st-best player in the state by 247Sports.

CAROLINA FOOTBALL

PERSONAL: Rico McWilliams was born July 31, 1993... is a sociology major at South Carolina who is scheduled to graduate in December.

	McWilliams' Statistics													
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU C	(BH	FF	FR			
2013	9/2	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0			
2014	12/6	27	6	33	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	5	0	0	0			
Total	21/8	27	7	34	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	5	0	0	0			



Connor MITCH

<u>QB + 6-3 + 211 + SO. + SQ</u> Raleigh, N.C. (Wakefield)

Sophomore quarterback who enters the fall listed atop the depth chart at quarterback, but will have to hold off the challenges of Perry Orth, Michael Scarnecchia and Lorenzo Nunez to hold onto that role... highly regarded coming out of high school... shared Most Improved Quarterback in the spring accolades with Orth where he showed more confidence and a better understanding of the offense... possesses a strong arm.

2014: Played in two games as a redshirt freshman... connected on 2-of-6 passes for 19 yards in limited duty... completed 2-of-4 passes for 19 yards in first playing time of his career against Furman... attempted two passes against South Alabama... shared co-Freshman Most Improved honors for the offense in the spring with tight end Jacob August.

2013: Enrolled at Carolina in January 2013... took a redshirt in the fall.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Wakefield High School in Raleigh, N.C in December 2012... a four-year starter... coached by Rod Sink... finished his prep career ranked second in four career categories in North Carolina high school history, passing for 12,078 yards with 1,384 attempts, 807 completions and 153 touchdowns... threw for 4,661 yards and 63 touchdowns while completing 62 percent of his passes as a senior, leading the Wolverines to an 11-2 record... set the state record with nine touchdown passes in a win over Broughton, one shy of the national record... as a junior, threw for 3,832 yards and 48 touchdowns as the team went 9-3... earned all-state and allregion honors... threw for 3,300 yards and 33 scores as a sophomore, leading Wakefield to a 9-3 mark... four-star prospect who was regarded as the seventh-best player in the state, the 13th-best pro-style quarterback in the country and ranked No. 248 on the Rivals250... a three-star prospect and the nation's 44th-best quarterback by Scout... a four-star prospect, the seventh-best player in the state, the 13th-best pro-style quarterback and ranked No. 243 overall by 247 Sports... rated a four-star prospect and No. 226 on the ESPN300... considered the 10th-best pro-style quarterback in the country by MaxPreps... a three-star prospect, the 15th-best pro-style quarterback in the country and the 167th-best player overall by *PrepStar...* named honorable mention on PARADE magazine's All-America team... chose the Gamecocks over Alabama, LSU, Auburn and North Carolina.

PERSONAL: Connor Mitch is a psychology major... comes from an athletic family... father, Bob Mitch, played quarterback and safety at Syracuse in the early 1970s... brother, Ryan, played quarterback at Maryland... sister, Brittany, played basketball at Duke.

	Mitch's Statistics													
	-Passing-													
Year	GP/GSC	om-Att-I	nt Pct.	Yds	TD	Long								
2014	2014 2/0 2-6-0 33.3 19 0 14													
	-Rushing-													
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long								
2014	2/0	3	-3	-1.0	0	5								



Mitch's Highs

Pass Attempts	4, Furman, 2014
Pass Completions	2, Furman, 2014
Passing Yards	19, Furman, 2014
Long Pass	14, Furman, 2014
Rushing Attempts	3, Furman, 2014
Rushing Yards	3, Furman, 2014
Long Rush	5, Furman, 2014





Chris MOODY

FS + 6-1 + 215 + JR. + 2L McDonough, Ga. (Henry County)

Junior safety who saw extensive action in 2014... listed atop the depth chart at free safety entering the fall... has played in 25 games over the last two campaigns, making seven starts.

2014: Sophomore safety who played in all 13 games making seven starts... credited with 37 tackles... tallied a game- and career-high eight tackles, including seven solo stops, in the season opener versus Texas A&M... made first career start against East Carolina, making three tackles... recorded four stops and grabbed his first interception against Furman... recovered the first fumble of his career in a start at Auburn... credited with seven tackles in a start versus Tennessee... added six tackles at Clemson.

2013: Redshirt freshman safety who saw action in 12 games... primarily used on special teams... credited with seven tackles... saw his most action at Tennessee when Chaz Elder was sidelined with an injury and Kadetrix Marcus was ejected for targeting... responded with three tackles in that contest.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played quarterback and defensive back for Henry County High School in McDonough, Ga., graduating in 2012... coached by Mike Rozier... recruited as an athlete who could play cornerback or safety and could be used in the Wildcat offense... was a first-team AAAAA All-State selection and the Henry County Player of the Year as a senior... led the Warhawks to an 8-4 record... rushed for 1,064 yards and passed for 1,475 yards on offense while accounting for 22 touchdowns... also logged 25 tackles with a couple of interceptions on the defensive side of the ball... played in the annual GACA North vs. South All-Star Game following the season... threw for 1,100 yards and rushed for 500 more with 16 combined TDs as a junior for the Warhawks... rated a three-star prospect, the 64th-best "athlete" and the 67th-best player in the state by Rivals.com... three-star prospect and the nation's 63rd-best safety according to Scout.com... a three-star player, the 36th-best "athlete" and the 46th-best player in Georgia according to ESPN. com... given three stars, rated the 65th-best player in Georgia and the 72ndbest "athlete" in the country by 247Sports.com... originally committed to Vanderbilt before switching to Carolina... had scholarship offers from over 15 FBS schools with UCF and USF also making his final four.

PERSONAL: Chris Moody was born June 9, 1994... is an interdisciplinary studies major who is scheduled to graduate in December.

	Moody's Statistics												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR		
2013	12/0	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0		
2014	13/7	25	12	37	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	1		
Total	13/7 ! 25/7	29	15	44	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1	1	0	1		





Skai MOORE

LB + 6-2 + 218 + JR. + 2L Cooper City, Fla. (University)

Talented junior who is a candidate for postseason accolades... is a preseason third-team All-SEC pick by *Athlon* and a fourth-team selection by *Phil Steele...* plays MIKE linebacker... has led Carolina in tackles in each of the last two years, becoming the first player to do so since Emanuel Cook (2007-08)... the last to do it three years in a row was Tony Watkins (1992-94)... recognized with the Big Plays award for the defense in the spring... played in 25 games with 13 starts... owns 149 career tackles and seven interceptions.

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... was 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 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... was a second-team midseason All-SEC according to *Phil Steele.*.. was a preseason second-team All-SEC selection by *Athlon's* and a fourth-team pick by *Phil Steele.*.. selected by the coaches for the "Everyday Hustle" award for the defense during the spring.

2013: Linebacker who earned a spot on the coaches' Freshman All-SEC squad and was a second-team Freshman All-American 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... the Suns posted five shutouts and limited seven of their opponents to three points or less... credited with 70 tackles including 18 tackles for loss during his junior campaign... a four-star prospect and the 43rd-best player in the state and the No. 19 outside linebacker in the nation according to Rivals... a three-star recruit and the No. 29 outside linebacker prospect in the country per Scout... considered a four-star prospect the 45th-best player in Florida and the 22nd-best outside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... named All-Southeast Region by PrepStar... originally committed to Rutgers... also considered Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

PERSONAL: Skai Moore is a hotel, restaurant and tourism management major.

ı	Moore's Statistics													
١	Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR		
١	2013	13/4	30	26	56	3.5-7	0.5-3	4	0	0	0	1		
١	2014	12/9	52	41	93	2.5-13	1.0-9	3	0	1	0	1		
١	Total	25/13	82	67	149	TFL 3.5-7 2.5-13 6.0-20	1.5-12	7	0	1	0	2		



Sean ODOM

WR + 6-0 + 194 + JR. + SQ Orangeburg, S.C. (Orangeburg Prep)

Redshirt junior walk-on who adds depth to the receiving corps... enters the fall listed with the third-team unit at the 'B' wide receiver position.

2014: Joined the team just prior to the start of spring ball... worked with the scout team as a reserve wide receiver... did not see any game action.

2012-13: Attended South Carolina but did not compete in football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Orangeburg (S.C.) Prep in 2012... coached by Adam Holmes... served as team captain... set school records in touchdowns and yards for a receiver... turned down scholarship offers from Newberry, Presbyterian and Campbell.

PERSONAL: Sean Odom was born October 24, 1993... is an exercise science major.



Perry ORTH

QB + 6-1 + 203 + JR. + SQ Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Ponte Vedra/Florida St. College)

Walk-on quarterback who has impressed the coaches enough to figure in the mix with Connor Mitch and Michael Scarnecchia for the starting signal-caller duties in 2015... listed on the second-team entering the fall... shared Most Improved Quarterback honors in the spring with Connor Mitch.

2014: Saw action in one game... went 0-for-2 passing against Furman in his second career game... recognized as the Most Improved Quarterback and earned the Big Plays award for the offense during the 2014 spring drills.

2013: Enrolled at Carolina in January and joined the football squad in time for spring practices... saw brief action late in the game against Coastal Carolina, completing his only pass attempt for five yards.

2012: Spent the fall semester at Florida State College, a community college in Jacksonville... did not play football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Ponte Vedra (Fla.) High School in 2012... coached by Mike Loyd... helped his team to the district title as a senior... set school records for both a season (2011) and career in passing yards, completion percentage and touchdown passes... played in the 2011 Shrine Bowl in Jacksonville... threw for 1,800 yards and a school-record 17 touchdowns in his junior season when he was second-team all-district and all-conference... also played baseball, starting for the varsity team as an eighth grader... hit .475 in 2012 while helping his team to a runnerup finish in the Florida 5A playoffs.

	Orth's Statistics												
–Passing–													
Year	GP/GS C	om-Att-I	nt Pct.	Yds	TD	Long							
2013	1/0	1-1-0	1.000	5	0	5							
2014	1/0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0							
Total	2/0	1-3-0	33.3	5	0	5							
		<i>−R</i>	Rushing–										
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long							
2013	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0							
2014	1/0	1	–13 -	-13.0	0	-13							
Total	2/0	1	-13 -	-13.0	0	-13							

PERSONAL: Perry
Orth is a business administration major...
father, Rusty, played
football at West Virginia... brother, Calvin,
played baseball at The
Citadel... owns a lawn
maintenance business
with his brothers.





Christian OWENS

WR + 6-5 + 204 + FR. + HS Griffin, Ga. (Griffin)

Lanky wide receiver who enrolled early in January and went through spring drills with the Gamecocks... enters the fall listed as a reserve at the 'X' wide receiver position.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Griffin (Ga.) High School in December of 2014... the Bears, under head coach Jarrett Laws, went 11-1 in 2014 and reached the second round of the Georgia Class AAAA playoffs... as a junior he had 23 catches for 600 yards and three touchdowns... considered a four-star prospect, the 33rd-best player in Georgia and the 11th-best tight end in the country by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 79th-best wide receiver in the country by Scout... 247Sports considers him a three-star prospect, the 64th-best player in Georgia and the nation's 70th-best wide receiver... ranked as a four-star prospect, the 38th-best player in the state and the No. 5 H-tight end in the country by ESPN... also played basketball in high school... originally committed to Georgia and had offers from Clemson, Louisville, North Carolina and Tennessee among others.

PERSONAL: Christian Owens is a journalism major.



D.J. PARKOT • 6-4 • 325 • SO. • 1L
Dillon, S.C.
(Dillon)

Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman... listed as the second-team left tackle entering the fall, but could also play guard... 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... four-star prospect who 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... a four-star prospect and the nation's 23rd-best offensive tackle, and No. 294 on the Scout300 list... a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, and the 16th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... considered a four-star prospect, the nation's second-best offensive tackle and the 52nd-best player overall by MaxPreps... a four-star prospect, the 20th-best offensive tackle in the country and the 178th-best player overall by *PrepStar*... had offers from numerous other schools throughout the Southeast, including Auburn, Clemson, Florida, LSU and Tennessee.

PERSONAL: D.J. Park is a criminal justice major.



Darius <u>PAULK</u>

TB + 5-8 + 198 + JR. + SQ Columbia, S.C. (Richland NE/North Greenville)

Walk-on who is eligible for the first time at South Carolina after transferring from North Greenville... provides depth at the tailback position... recognized with the Everyday Hustle award for the offense during the spring... brother of former Gamecock linebacker Rodney Paulk.

2014: Walk-on who joined the squad in the spring... impressed the coaches in his first work in the Garnet & Black to garner the Outstanding Walk-On award for the offense... was not eligible to compete after spending the last two seasons at North Greenville... took a redshirt season.

2013: Carried 32 times for 120 yards in nine games for a 5-6 North Greenville squad.

2012: Rushed for 748 yards on 161 carries in nine games for North Greenville... also had nine catches for 34 yards... team went 5-6.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Richland Northeast High School in Columbia in 2012... coached by Jay Frye... was an all-region selection after rushing for over 1,000 yards on 155 carries with nine touchdowns as a senior... two-time team captain... lettered three times... had scholarship offers from North Greenville and Newberry.

PERSONAL: Darius Paulk was born February 8, 1994... is a management major... brother, Rodney, played linebacker at South Carolina... brother, Leonard, played football at East Carolina.



Sherrod PITTMAN

LB + 6-0 + 225 + FR. + HS Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)

Linebacker who enrolled early at Carolina in January of 2015... earned Outstanding Weight Room accolades for the defense upon his arrival... did not participate in spring drills while he continued to recover from a broken leg, suffered during his senior year of high school... enters the fall listed on the third team at the WILL linebacker position.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from First Coast High School in Jacksonville, Fla. in December of 2014... coached by Marty Lee... Buccaneers went 12-1 in his senior season and reached the third round of the Florida 8A playoffs... broke his leg late in his final campaign... earned a spot on the Florida Class 8A all-state squad... tallied 103 tackles and three interceptions as a junior, earning first-team all-state honors... logged 74 tackles with seven forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries as a sophomore... considered a four-star recruit, the 19th-best player in the state of Florida, the nation's fifth-best inside linebacker, and the country's 112th-best player overall by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 31st-best middle linebacker in the country by Scout... 247Sports ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 61st-best player in Florida and the nation's 32nd-best outside linebacker... ranked as a four-star prospect, the 40th-best player in Florida, the No. 6 inside linebacker and No. 222 overall by ESPN... also considered Louisville and Southern California.

PERSONAL: Sherrod E. Pittman is a sport and entertainment management major.





Devin POTTER

TB + 5-10 + 203 + JR. + SQ Granite Falls, N.C. (South Caldwell)

Redshirt junior running back who adds depth to the position... named the Harold White GPA award winner for the offense for the second-straight year at the 2015 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2014: Reserve running back... played in two contests, seeing action against both Furman and Tennessee... named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll... honored as the Harold White GPA award winner for the offense during the spring.

2013: Saw action in one contest... played in the Coastal Carolina game, logging three carries for 12 yards... recognized as the Outstanding Walk-on for the offense at the 2013 spring game.

2012: Running back who joined the team when the roster expanded in August... redshirted in his first season with the Garnet & Black.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated valedictorian in the class of 2012 at South Caldwell High School in Hudson, N.C... rushed for 3,200 yards and 40 touchdowns over his final two seasons as the starting fullback... named the conference Offensive Player of the Year... coached by Bruce Carter.

PERSONAL: Devin Potter was born January 26, 1994... is an exercise science major... cousin, Aaron Church, suffers from Pelizaeus Merzbacher disease (PMD), an extremely rare condition that targets the central nervous system... funds and awareness for the disease have been generated by South Carolina's participation in "Lift for Life" as part of the Uplifting Athletes organization.

Potter's Statistics -Rushing-												
Year GP/GS Att Yds Avg TD Long												
2013	1/0	3	12	4.0	0	5						
2014	2/0	0	0	0.0	0	0						
Total	3/0	3	12	4.0	0							
		-	-Receivin	g_								
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long						
2013	1/0	1	14	14.0	0	14						
2014	2/0	0	0	0.0	0	0						
Total	3/0	1	14	14.0	0	14						

Potter's Highs
Carries3, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Yards Rushing12, , Coastal Carolina, 2013
Long Rush5, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Receptions
Yards Receiving14, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Long Reception14, Coastal Carolina, 2013





Benji RUSSELL SS + 6-0 + 188 + SO. + SQ Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)

Walk-on who adds depth in the Gamecock secondary at the strong safety position.

2014: Walk-on defensive back who joined the squad just prior to the start of spring practice... worked with the scout team.

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

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Woodward Academy in Atlanta... coached by former Gamecock assistant John Hunt... named his squad's most valuable wide receiver... turned down a scholarship offer from Dartmouth.

PERSONAL: Benjamin Russell is a business administration major.



Deebo SAMUEL

WR + 6-0 + 202 + FR. + RS Inman, S.C. (Chapman)

Redshirt freshman wide receiver... listed atop the depth chart entering the fall at the 'X' position... had an excellent spring, propelling him into being considered the No. 2 option at wide receiver behind Pharoh Cooper entering the fall... 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: "Deebo" played for head coach Mark Hodge at Chapman High School in Inman, S.C.... helped lead the Panthers to an 11-4 record and to the semifinals of the AAA playoffs as a senior... accumulated 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 mainly defensive back and some running back as a sophomore... Rivals.com considered him a thee-star prospect, the No. 53 wide receiver in the nation and the 17th-best player in the state... listed as a two-star prospect by Scout. com... considered a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, the 35th-best wide receiver in the nation, and is No. 238 overall according to 247Sports.com... ESPN rated him a three-star prospect, the 192nd-best wide receiver in the nation and the 32nd-best player in the state... ranked by Prep-Star as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick... selected South Carolina over North Carolina, Vanderbilt and Appalachian State.

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



Jasper SASSER

SPR + 6-0 + 210 + SO. + 1L Jacksonville, Fla. (Wolfson)

Redshirt sophomore who moved from strong safety to Spur in the spring... adapted well to the move and climbed the depth chart to where he is listed with the second-team unit entering the fall behind senior T.J. Gurley... had a

pair of interceptions in the 2015 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2014: Played in nine games, primarily on special teams... earned his first letter... did not record any statistics... highlight of the season came when he re-

covered Carlton Heard's blocked punt that set up the game-tying touchdown in the win over Florida... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2013: Redshirted in his first season in the Garnet & Black.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played running back, quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back at Wolfson High School in Jacksonville, Fla., graduating in 2013... likely will begin his Carolina career at safety but could also play receiver... coached by Walter Williams... Wolfpack went 3-7 in his senior season... fractured his foot during his senior season and underwent surgery... missed most of the football season but returned to the basketball hardwood... in four games on the gridiron he passed for over 300 yards, had 298 yards receiving and five touchdowns on offense... also had 15 tackles and returned two kickoffs for scores... rushed for 2,000 yards and 17 scores as a junior... earned all-district honors as both a sophomore and junior... three-star prospect who was ranked as the 59th-best "athlete" in the nation and 96th on the Florida top-100 by Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 84th-best safety by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 156th-best player in the state, and the 79th-best "athlete" in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 47th-best safety and an All-Southeast Region pick by PrepStar... turned down offers from Clemson, Ole Miss, NC State, South Florida and Stanford among others.

PERSONAL: Jasper Sasser was born November 30, 1993... is a sport and entertainment management major.



Michael SCARNECCHIA QB • 6-4 • 210 • FR. • RS Fleming Island, Fla. (Fleming Island)

Redshirt freshman quarterback who is challenging Connor Mitch and Perry Orth for the starting signal-caller duties... had an equal number of snaps in the spring as the other two QBs... considered the Most Improved Freshman on the offensive side of the ball in the spring by the Gamecock coaching staff... enters the fall listed on the third-team... more of a traditional drop-back quarterback.

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

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... Rivals.com considered him a three-star prospect while Scout.com gave him a two-star rating... rated a two-star prospect, the 277th-best player in the state, and the 84th-best pro-style quarterback in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him a three-star prospect, the 66th-best pocket-passing quarterback in the nation and the 239th-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick... selected Carolina over an offer from UAB.

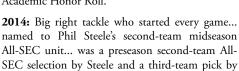
PERSONAL: Michael Anthony Scarnecchia was born July 25, 1995... uncle, Sam Scarnecchia, played football at Miami (Fla.)... was a member of the National Honor Society... interested in a degree in biology.

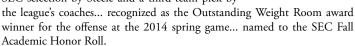


Brandon SHELL

OT + 6-6 + 328 + SR. + 3L Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek)

Fifth-year senior offensive tackle who is the most experienced returning offensive lineman on the squad... a 2015 postseason honors candidate... is a preseason third-team All-SEC selection according to *Phil Steele...* will get a look at moving to the left side of the offensive line this fall to protect the quarterback's blind side after playing right tackle for most of his career... sat out the spring after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder in the offseason to repair a torn labrum... has made 36 career starts over the past three seasons, by far the most on the squad... brings a streak of 35 consecutive starts into 2015... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.





2013: Sophomore who held down the right tackle position... started all 13 games... presented with the Everyday Effort award at the 2013 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2012: Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... earned Freshman All-SEC honors and was named first-team Freshman All-American by FoxSportsNext. com... started 10 of the 13 contests... made his first career start as the left tackle at Vanderbilt in the season opener... did not start the next three games while transitioning to his more comfortable right side... returned to the starting lineup as the right tackle at Kentucky and held that spot for the rest of the season... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... shared Most Improved Offensive Lineman accolades at the spring game with Will Sport.

2011: Redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman... saw action for four plays in the season opener against East Carolina... was hampered for much of the season with a shoulder injury.

HIGH SCHOOL: Standout offensive lineman for head coach Chuck Reedy at Goose Creek (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2011... helped his team to the Class 4A Division II state semifinals as a senior... selected as the Charleston (S.C.) *Post and Courier's* Player of the Year... earned a spot on the prestigious *PARADE* All-America team... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the U.S. Army All-American Game... a four-star prospect who was listed as the state's third-best player, the fourth-best offensive tackle in the country and the 66th-best player regardless of position by Rivals.com... regarded as a five-star prospect and the fifth-best offensive tackle by Scout. com... four-star prospect, ranked No. 77 in the country, the number three recruit in the state and the 12th-best offensive tackle in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ranked 78th in the *PrepStar* 150... named first-team All-American by *MaxPreps...* also played basketball... had offers from all over the Southeast before selecting Carolina over Alabama and Clemson.

PERSONAL: Brandon Shell was born February 6, 1992... is a sociology major who graduated in December 2014... great uncle is NFL Hall of Famer Art Shell.





Darin

SMALLS

SPR • 5-11 • 190 • FR. • HS

Summerville, S.C.
(Summerville)

Enrolled at Carolina in January 2015... went through the spring with the squad, but did not participate in any team drills as he continued to rehab from a high school knee injury... listed as a third team Spur entering the fall.

2014: Signed with the Gamecocks in the spring, but did not enroll in school while rehabbing his knee injury throughout the fall.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for legendary coach John McKissick at Summerville (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2014... the Green Wave went 11-3 and reached the state semifinals in his senior season... suffered a knee injury in his final campaign... logged 60 tackles and intercepted six passes as a sophomore, returning two for touchdowns... also competed in baseball and track... Rivals considered him a three-star prospect, the 11th-best player in the state and the 37th-best cornerback in the country... Scout rated him as a three-star prospect and the 53rd-best cornerback in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 15th-best player in the state, and the 37th-best safety in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN considered him a three-star prospect, the 23rd-best safety in the nation and the 14th-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick... had more than a dozen major college offers.

PERSONAL: Darin Smalls is a sport and entertainment management major.



Demetrius SMALLS CB • 5-11 • 172 • SO. • SQ Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)

Walk-on defensive back who is in his second season with the Gamecock program... adds depth in the Gamecock secondary at the cornerback position.

2014: Joined the squad just prior to the start of spring ball.

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 Smalls was born December 20, 1994... is a sport and entertainment management major.



D.J. SMITH FS * 5-11 * 195 * SO. * 1L Marietta, Ga. (Walton)

Sophomore defensive back who has played both cornerback and safety in his brief Carolina career... gained significant experience as a true freshman in the secondary and on special teams... listed second on the depth chart at free safety entering the fall behind Chris Moody... has made one career start.

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.com considers him a four-star prospect, the 10th-best player in the state and the 26th-best cornerback in the country... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect, the 16th-best safety in the country and No. 168 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the 45th-best player in the state, and the 36th-best cornerback in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, 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 a four-star prospect and No. 95 on the Top 150 Dream Team... selected South Carolina over Tennessee and Clemson... had more than 20 Division I offers.

PERSONAL: David Jordan Smith was born September 8, 1995... comes from the same school that produced Gamecock assistant coach G.A. Mangus... interested in a degree in sport and entertainment management.



Jamari
SMITH
CB + 5-10 + 200 + SO. + 1L
Jacksonville, Fla.
(Fletcher)

Redshirt sophomore defensive back who missed the entire 2014 season after suffering a broken left foot during fall camp... began his Carolina career at tailback and has alternated between that and cornerback with the hopes of getting on the field sooner... listed on the third team at right cornerback entering the fall.

2014: Redshirted after suffering a broken left foot during fall camp... missed the entire season... moved to cornerback in the spring.

2013: True freshman who moved from running back to cornerback a week into fall camp... returned to running back during the week prior to the Tennessee game... played in nine games... used primarily on special teams... logged four carries for five yards in the win over Mississippi State... with injuries mounting at running back, had an opportunity to showcase his wares against Coastal Carolina... responded with a 103-yard effort and a touchdown on 10 carries... included was a 52-yard burst... finished the season with 108 yards rushing on 14 carries, a 7.7-yard average.

HIGH SCHOOL: Running back who prepped at Fletcher High School in Neptune Beach, Fla, graduating in 2013... team went 12-3 in his senior season under head coach Josh Corey... tallied 2,178 yards on the ground with 24 touchdowns earning first-team Class 8A all-state honors as a junior... did not have a fumble in 295 carries as a junior while garnering Florida Times-Union Offensive Player of the Year accolades... three-star prospect, the 43rd-best running back in the nation and ranked 82nd on the Florida top 100 according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 61st-best running back by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 64th-best player in the state, and the 14th-best all-purpose back in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 33rd-best running back and an All-Southeast Region pick by PrepStar... selected South Carolina over Wake Forest but drew scholarship offers from multiple programs including Arkansas, Georgia Tech, Kentucky,

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Mississippi, Mississippi State, Notre Dame, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Virginia, West Virginia, and others.

PERSONAL: Jamari Smith was born October 19, 1994... is a sport and entertainment management major.



Will **SPORT** OG • 6-5 • 295 •

OG + 6-5 + 295 + SR. + 3L Milton, Fla. (Pace)

Offensive lineman who has continued to show improvement throughout his career... penciled in as the starter at the right guard position, but could also play tackle... garnered the Everyday Attitude award in the spring for the offense... has played in 33 contests over the past three seasons, making 12 career starts... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Projected backup when the season began who ended up starting 11 games at the right guard position... did not start in the opener against Texas A&M or against Georgia when Cody Waldrop got the nod, but did see action in all 13 contests... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2013: Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman... played in eight of 13 games... made his first start of his career at Tennessee, replacing the injured Ronald Patrick at right guard... also saw extensive action against Coastal Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2012: Played in 12 of 13 games, primarily on special teams... shared Most Improved Offensive Lineman honors at the spring game with Brandon Shell.

2011: Redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Pace (Fla.) High School in 2011... coached by Mickey Lindsey... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals. com... was a two-star prospect and the nation's 150th-best offensive tackle by Scout.com... two-star prospect according to 247Sports.com... also had offers from FAU, FIU, USF, Southern Miss and UCF.

PERSONAL: William Sport was born September 25, 1992... is a management major who is scheduled to graduate in August.



Brock STADNIK

<u>OG + 6-5 + 285 + JR. + 2L</u> Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)

Fourth-year offensive lineman... enters the fall listed as the No. 2 right guard behind Will Sport... twin brother, Clayton, is also a member of the Gamecock squad... has appeared in 13 games over the past two seasons.

2014: Missed fall preseason camp with a right knee injury... saw first playing time of the season at Vanderbilt... played in five contests... primarily saw action on special teams... recognized as the Most Improved offensive lineman in the spring by the coaches.

2013: Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... played in each of the last eight games on special teams... saw his first action on the offensive line in the win at Arkansas... also saw extensive playing time against Coastal Carolina.

2012: Enrolled at Carolina in January 2012... underwent shoulder surgery upon his arrival and did not participate in spring drills... was limited in the fall while rehabbing... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Western Guilford High School in Greensboro, N.C. in December 2011... coached by Chris Causey... squad lost in the first round of the North Carolina 4A state playoffs and finished the season with a 4-7 record... was a 2012 Under Armour All-American Game selection and 2011 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas selection... named to the PARADE All-America team... was an all-conference and all-state selection as a junior... is a four-star prospect, the seventh-best player in the state, and the 36th-best offensive tackle in the country according to Rivals.com... was a four-star recruit, the 18th-best tackle in the country and the 129th-best player overall according to Scout.com... a four-star recruit who ranked as the nation's 16th-best tackle and the sixth-best player in North Carolina by ESPN.com... was a four-star recruit, considered the state's seventh-best prospect, the 18th-best offensive tackle in the country and the nation's 143rdbest player overall, according to 247Sports.com... the PrepStar All-American selected South Carolina over Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Florida State and Virginia Tech among over 25 offers.

PERSONAL: Brock Stadnik is slated to graduate in December with a degree in psychology... is the older twin brother of teammate Clayton Stadnik... father, John, played center for one season with the San Diego Chargers and four years in the USFL after playing collegiately at Western Illinois.



Clayton STADNIK

TE + 6-3 + 240 + JR. + 2L Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)

Fourth-year player... has started a dozen games at offensive center over the past two seasons, with a playing weight between 270 and 280 pounds... lost approximately 40 pounds between the end of the 2014 season and the start of spring drills after having surgery to remove his tonsils... the weight loss forced a move to tight end where he's listed as a reserve on the depth chart... could also see action as a blocking fullback... had limited reps in the spring after suffering a sprained left knee... twin brother, Brock, is a member of the Gamecocks' offensive line.

2014: Redshirt sophomore who saw action in seven games at the center position... made five starts... started at center in the season opener versus Texas A&M... regained his starting duties later in the season, starting each of the final four regular season games against Tennessee, Florida, South Alabama and Clemson.

2013: Redshirt freshman who was pressed into duty at center when starter Cody Waldrop was out with injuries... started seven games in the middle of the O-line... made his first career appearance and start at Georgia... named the SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for his efforts in the win over Vanderbilt in just his second start... graded out at 82 percent while playing all 87 snaps... made five successive starts against Kentucky, at Arkansas, at Tennessee, at Missouri and against Mississippi State.

2012: Enrolled at Carolina in January 2012 and went through spring drills... redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Western Guilford High School in Greensboro, N.C. in December 2011... coached by Chris Causey... squad lost in the first round of the North Carolina 4A state playoffs and finished the season with a 4-7 record... played right tackle as a junior before making the switch to center... rated among the Top 40 players in North Carolina by the *Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer...* a three-star recruit and the nation's 18th-best center according to Rivals.com... a three-star recruit and the nation's 11th-best center as rated by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the eighth-best center and the 24th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... considered a two-star prospect, the 24th-best center in the country and the 48th-best

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player in North Carolina by 247Sports.com... a PrepStar All-Atlantic Region pick... offered by NC State, Virginia Tech, East Carolina and Wake Forest.

PERSONAL: Clayton Stadnik is working towards a degree in criminal justice... is the younger twin brother of teammate Brock Stadnik... father, John, played center for one season with the San Diego Chargers and four years in the USFL after playing collegiately at Western Illinois.



Taylor STALLWORTH DT • 6-2 • 308 • SO. • 1L Mobile, Ala. (Murphy)

Sophomore defensive tackle who garnered some experience as a true freshman in 2014... expected to play a more significant role this fall... was limited in the spring after suffering a torn pec muscle, but is expected to be at full strength in the fall... enters the fall listed on the second team behind senior Phillip Dukes.

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 Mississisppi-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 a three-star prospect, the 12th-best player in the state and the 30th-best defensive tackle in the country... Scout.com ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 124th-best defensive end in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 20th-best player in the state, and the 49th-best defensive tackle in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him a three-star prospect, the 107th-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 51st-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick... had offers reaching double-digits and also visited Mississippi State before selecting Carolina.

PERSONAL: Taylor Stallworth as born August 18, 1995... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

Stallworth's Statistics

 Year
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Donell STANLEY

<u>OG + 6-4 + 320 + FR. + RS</u> Floydale, S.C. (Latta)

Big offensive lineman who used a vast number of reps in the spring to position himself for a starting spot up front... earned one of four Everyday Effort awards presented in the spring at the Garnet & Black game... enters the fall listed as the No. 2 left guard behind Cody Waldrop... could also play center.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman... did not practice for much of the fall while rehabbing from surgery on his left wrist.

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 statewide 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 a four-star prospect, the 10th-best player in the state and the 16th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout.com ranked him as a four-star prospect, the sixth-best offensive guard in the country and No. 105 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the fifth-best offensive guard in the nation and the 121st-best player overall according to 247 Sports.com... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, 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 a four-star prospect and No. 213 on the Top 300 All-American Team... was a member of the National Honor Society... selected Carolina over Clemson.

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



TALLEY TB + 5-10 + 201 + SO. + SQ Laurens, S.C. (Laurens/Gardner-Webb)

Walk-on who will be eligible this fall at South Carolina for the first time following a transfer from Gardner-Webb... adds depth at running back.

2014: Enrolled at Carolina in January and joined the squad just prior to the start of spring ball... was not eligible due to NCAA transfer rules... took a redshirt season.

2013: Was a scholarship player on the 7-5 Gardner-Webb football squad... played in eight games, was second on the team in rushing... carried 40 times for 276 yards (6.9 per carry) and three touchdowns as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Laurens (S.C.) High School in 2013... coached by Greg Lawson... named 2012 Laurens County Player of the Year in 2012... a two-time, first-team All-County selection... earned All-Region honors in 2012... rushed for 3,120 yards and 30 touchdowns in his final two seasons... carried 261 times for 1,530 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior... helped lead Raiders to an 8-4 overall record and the state playoffs... ran for 332 yards and two touchdowns on 35 carries vs. Woodruff (S.C.) High... had scoring runs of 62 and 94 yards in that game... named WSPA Player of the Week for his efforts... rushed for 1,590 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior... earned All-County honors in 2011.

PERSONAL: Rodrick Talley was born July 3, 1995... is an integrated technology major at South Carolina.

CAROLINA FOOTBALL



Cody WALDROP OG + 6-2 + 300 + JR. + 2L Seffner, Fla. (Armwood)

Fourth-year offensive lineman... listed as the probable starter at the left guard position as the fall begins but could also be used at center... coming off knee surgery in January, one that limited his availability during the spring... has made eight career starts, all coming at center... is a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Penciled in as the starter at center when fall camp opened, but slid over to right guard following the injury to Mike Matulis midway through the preseason drills... started the season opener against Texas A&M and also got the starting nod against Georgia... injured his knee in that contest and played only briefly for the remainder of the season, seeing action against South Alabama... played in four contests overall... earned a spot on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... underwent knee surgery after the season.

2013: Redshirt freshman offensive lineman who filled the big shoes left by T.J. Johnson at the center position... totaled six starts... made his first career start in the season opener against North Carolina... injured his right foot in the contest and was not able to play at Georgia or against Vanderbilt... returned to the starting lineup at UCF... did not play against Kentucky or Arkansas due to an ankle injury... re-aggravated the ankle injury in practice leading to the Tennessee game and did not make the trip to Knoxville or Missouri and did not dress against Mississippi State... finally returned to the starting lineup against Florida and started the final four games... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... recognized as the Most Improved Freshman on offense during the spring at the 2013 spring game.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: A three-time all-state selection at Armwood High in Seffner, Fla., graduating in 2012... coached by Sean Callahan... helped the Hawks to a 15-0 record and a Class 6A state title as a senior... team finished third nationally in USA Today's poll... first-team All-Hillsborough County as a junior, according to the Tampa Tribune... named to the Super 75 by the Florida Times-Union... selected to the 2011 Super Southeast 120 by the Mobile (Ala.) Register... ranked 36th among the Gainesville Sun Florida's Top 50 prospects... was the state's No. 40 prospect according to FlaVarsity.com... was a three-star prospect, the nation's 16th-best guard and the 47th-best player in the state by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 37th-best offensive guard by Scout... a three-star recruit, the nation's 33rd-best guard and the 70th-best player in the state according to ESPN... a three-star recruit, the nation's second-best center and the 55th-best player in Florida by 247Sports... the PrepStar All-American committed to Carolina over Georgia... had offers from Florida State, North Carolina and Tennessee among others.

PERSONAL: Cody Waldrop was born July 8, 1993... is a criminal justice major at South Carolina who is slated to graduate in December.



Reubyn WALKER LB + 5-10 + 220 + JR. + TR Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern/Florida A&M)

Walk-on who enrolled at South Carolina in January joined the team in the spring of 2015... worked primarily at the SAM position in the spring.

2014: Attended school at Florida A&M... did not participate in football.

2013: Was a scholarship football player for North Greenville as a redshirt freshman... started at linebacker and was credited with 88 tackles, including 7.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks in 11 games... also forced one fumble and had one interception... had five quarterback hurries and a pass breakup.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman at North Greenville.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, S.C. in 2012.

PERSONAL: Reubyn Walker was born March 11, 1994... is a criminal justice major at South Carolina.



Jonathan WALTON LB • 6-0 • 235 • JR. • 2L

Daphne, Ala. (Bayside Academy)

Hard-hitting linebacker who came on strong as the 2014 season unfolded, positioning himself as the probable starter at WILL linebacker entering the fall... named the Most Improved Linebacker in the spring by the Gamecock coaching staff for the second-straight spring... has made six career starts.

2014: Played in all 13 games making six starts... ranked third on the squad with 61 tackles of which 38 of those came in the final five games... made first career start in the season opener against Texas A&M... collected six tackles and first career fumble recovery at Kentucky... recorded seven tackles against Furman in his second start of the season before leaving with a concussion... recorded 11 tackles in a start versus Tennessee to set a career high, then



one-upped it with 12 tackles at Florida, tying for the most tackles by a Game-cock in 2014... came up big in the Independence Bowl win over Miami with 1.5 tackles for loss and a pass interception... regarded as the Most Improved Linebacker during the 2014 spring drills... also selected by the coaches as the Most Improved Freshman on the defensive side of the ball.

2013: True freshman linebacker who saw action in all 13 games... credited with eight tackles... also notched a quarterback hurry... logged a pair of tackles in the win over Mississippi State.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played linebacker at Bayside Academy in Daphne, Ala., graduating in 2013... helped the Admirals to a 7-5 record as a senior... logged 122 tackles and three blocked punts during his final season... coached by Phil Lazenby... regarded as a three-star prospect, the No. 20 player in the state of Alabama and the 21st-best inside linebacker in the nation by Rivals... a three-star recruit and the No. 46 middle linebacker in the country according to Scout... considered a three-star prospect, the 21st-best player in the state and the 39th-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... named All-Southeast Region by PrepStar... originally committed to Penn State... also officially visited Auburn, Tennessee and Minnesota.

PERSONAL: Jonathan Walton was born September 20, 1994... is pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

	Walton's Statistics												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR		
2013	13/0	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0		
2014	13/6	36	25		2.5-3		1	2	1	0	1		
Total	26/6	41	28	69	2.5-3	0.0-0	1	2	2	0	1		





Jerad WASHINGTON

WR • 5-8 • 158 • FR. • HS Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)

Speedy wide receiver who enrolled at Carolina in January after graduating from high school early... went through spring drills with the Gamecocks... listed on the third team at the 'Z' wide receiver position entering the fall.

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... a three-star prospect according to Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 144th-best wide receiver in the country by Scout... 247Sports ranked him as a three-star prospect, the 214th-best player in Florida and the nation's 187th-best wide receiver... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 171st-best player in the state and the 149th-best wide receiver in the country by ESPN... also played baseball... had interest from Kentucky and North Carolina among other schools.

PERSONAL: Jerad Washington is a sport and entertainment management major.



Dexter WIDEMAN

DT + 6-4 + 293 + FR. + PS Saluda, S.C. (Saluda/Camden Military)

Defensive lineman who enrolled at Carolina in January and went through spring drills... expected to give the Gamecocks some much-needed help up front... listed with the third team unit entering the fall at nose tackle.

2014: Signed with the Gamecocks in February 2014... spent the fall at Camden (S.C.) Military Academy... played for head coach Will Rice... dislocated his elbow in the third game... rated as a four-star prospect by Rivals and ESPN... considered a four-star prospect and the top prep school recruit in the country by 247Sports.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Saluda (S.C.) High School in 2014... the Tigers went 5-6 under head coach Wayne Bell in 2013... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Under Armour All-America game following his senior season... logged four tackles in the Shrine Bowl... credited with 64 tackles and seven sacks in 2012... logged 61 tackles with 14.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks in 2011... Rivals considered him a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, the 15th-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 237 on the Rivals250 following his senior season... Scout ranked him as a four-star prospect, the 22nd-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 266 overall... 247Sports listed him as a four-star prospect, the nation's No. 7 defensive tackle, the second-best player in the state and No. 64 on its Top247 list... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, the 12th-best defensive tackle in the nation, No. 179 on the ESPN300 list and the sixth-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a four-star prospect and No. 141 on the Top 150 Dream Team... originally committed to Florida State.

PERSONAL: Dexter Wideman was born Oct. 28, 1995... is a public health major.



Brandon WILDS

TB • 6-2 • 216 • SR. • 3L Blythewood, S.C. (Blythewood)

Fifth-year senior running back who has been waiting in the wings behind Mike Davis for the past three years, now gets an opportunity to get the bulk of the carries in 2015... penciled in as the probable starter at tailback, but will have to hold off a challenge from others, most notably David Williams... ranks 28th on Carolina's all-time rushing list with 1,277 yards on 256 carries, an average of 5.0 yards per carry... has made 11 career starts... has four 100-yard rushing games in his career, including two against Tennessee.

2014: Junior running back who was second on the squad with 570 yards rushing on 106 carries (5.4 per carry) with four touchdowns... also caught 18 passes for 143 yards and a score... started four of the 12 games in which he appeared... recorded 93 yards on 14 carries against Georgia and scored the game-winning touchdown on 24-yard run... left the Vanderbilt game with a sprained shoulder... did not play versus Furman due to a knee injury... became the 42nd player in school history to cross the 1,000-yard rushing barrier for a career at Auburn... had a career-high 143 yards and two touchdowns on just eight carries, including a career-long 70-yard run, versus Tennessee... also added two receptions for 30 yards a touchdown against the Vols... opened the game's scoring at Florida with a 20-yard run... earned the start against South Alabama, rushing 16 times for 77 yards.

2013: Sophomore tailback who was hampered for much of the season with injuries... limited to just seven games with two starts... logged 43 carries for 221 yards, a 5.1-yard average, with three touchdowns... also caught nine passes for 119 yards and two scores... ran a dozen times for 64 yards in the season opener against North Carolina... it was his first action since the 2011 season... scored on a seven-yard burst at Georgia... rushed 10 times for 36 yards and caught a career-high five passes for a career-best 65 yards with a 33-yard TD catch in the win over Vanderbilt... rushed five times for 31 yards at UCF before suffering a dislocated elbow... missed six games between the elbow and a hamstring injury... returned to action with seven carries for 62 yards and two touchdowns against Coastal Carolina... caught two passes for 36 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown reception that sealed the win, against Clemson... garnered the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring accolades at the 2013 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2012: Sat out the season as a redshirt after suffering a high ankle sprain... worked extremely hard in the weight room to gain strength and speed.

2011: True freshman who burst on the scene after the season-ending injury to Marcus Lattimore and proved to be an SEC-caliber back... began the fall camp listed as the fifth-string tailback... Injuries to Lattimore (knee), Shon Carson (knee), Kenny Miles (wrist) and Eric Baker (ankle) vaulted Wilds to the top of the heap... used primarily as a special teams performer early in the season... appeared in each of the first seven games, rushing 13 times for 75 yards, an average of 5.8 yards per carry... made his first career start at Tennessee... rushed 28 times for 137 yards, an average of 4.9 yards per carry, with a long of 24 yards against the Vols... also was the Gamecocks' leading receiver with three catches for 31 yards... He was held in check at Arkansas with 10 carries for just 21 yards, but scored his first collegiate touchdown... bounced back with his second 100-yard rushing game when he went for 120 yards on a career-high 29 carries against Florida... logged 109 yards and two TDs on 20 carries against The Citadel including a season-best 47-yard burst... finished the season with three 100-yard rushing games among his five starts... was third on the squad with 486 net yards rushing on 107 carries, an average of 4.5 yards per tote... scored three rushing touchdowns... also caught 15 passes for 136 yards, 9.1 yards per catch.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Blythewood (S.C.) High School in 2011... finished his prep career with 500 carries for 2,700 yards with 29 rushing scores in 33 games... coached by Geremy Saitz... carried 175 times for 818 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior... played in the North-South All-Star game following the season... rushed for 1,551 yards (129 per game) and scored 20 TDs as a junior... became the first player in Bengal history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season... had 73 carries for 331 yards as a sophomore in 2008... considered a three-star recruit and the state's 29th-best player by Rivals.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the nation's 115th-best running back by Scout.com... named a *PrepStar* All-American... also considered East Carolina, Arkansas, Illinois and Maryland.

PERSONAL: Brandon T. Wilds was born July 22, 1993... is an interdisciplinary studies major who is scheduled to graduate in December.

	Wilds' Statistics											
–Rushing–												
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long						
2011	13/5	107	486	4.5	3	47						
2012		D	NP – Rec	dshirted								
2013	7/2	43	221	5.1	3	27						
2014	12/4	106	570	5.4	4	70						
Totals	32/11	256	1277	5.0	10	70						
			–Receivin	ıg–								
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long						
2011	13/5	15	136	9.1	0	20						
2012		D	NP – Rec	dshirted								
2013	7/2	9	119	13.2	2	33						
2014	12/4	18	143	7.9	1	30						
Totals	32/11	42	367	8. 7	3	33						



Wilds'	Highs
Carries	29, Florida, 2011
Yards Rushing	143, Tennessee, 2014
Long Rush	70, Tennessee, 2014
Touchdowns Rushing	2, twice; Citadel, 2011
	Tennessee, 2014
Receptions	5, Vanderbilt, 2013
Yards Receiving	65, Vanderbilt, 2013
Long Reception	33, Vanderbilt, 2013
100-Yard Rushing Games	4 times





David WILLIAMS TB • 6-1 • 214 • SO. • 1L Philadelphia, Pa. (Imhotep Charter)

Redshirt sophomore tailback who is expected to play a major role in the Gamecocks' attack in 2015... listed with the second team unit entering the fall behind fifth-year senior Brandon Wilds... named the Most Improved Running Back in the spring by the Gamecock coaching staff... owns one 100-yard rushing game in his career.

2014: Played in nine games as a redshirt freshman... logged 256 yards on 45 carries, a 5.7 average... scored a pair of touchdowns... also caught seven passes for 99 yards.... rushed for 25 yards on four carries, including first career touchdown on two-yard run, at Vanderbilt... registered 11 carries for a career-high 110 yards in the win over Furman... ran a season-high 12 times for 65 yards against South Alabama, including a 14-yard touchdown run... had a career day out of the backfield, catching four passes for 70 yards at Clemson, including a 59-yard catch-and-run.

2013: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rushed for 1,904 yards on 195 carries (9.8 per rush) with 23 touchdowns as a senior at Imhotep Charter in Philadelphia... led the Panthers to a 14-1 record... graduated in 2013... coached by Albie Crosby... played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif. following his senior season... earned first-team All-City honors as a junior when he fell just short of 2,000 yards rushing... a four-star recruit, the eighth-best player in the state and the 21st-best running back in the country according to Rivals... a four-star prospect and the nation's 23rd-best running back by Scout... a four-star prospect, the seventh-best player in the state, the eighth-best running back in the country and the 146th-best player overall according to 247Sports... rated a four-star prospect and No. 131 on the ESPN150... considered the nation's 11th-best running back by *MaxPreps...* turned down offers from Ohio State, Arizona State, Tennessee, Miami, Arizona, Auburn and Boston College among others.

PERSONAL: David Williams was born June 17, 1994... is a retail management major at South Carolina.

Da. Williams' Statistics

-Rushing-										
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
2014	9/0	45	256	5.7	2	37				
–Receiving–										
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
2014	9/0	7	99	14.1	0	59				



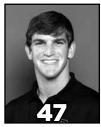
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	South Alabama, 2014	
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ds Receiving	70, Clemson, 2014	
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 Receptions
 4, Clemson, 2014

 Yards Receiving
 70, Clemson, 2014

 Long Reception
 59, Clemson, 2014

 100-yard Rushing Games
 1 time



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Drew <u>WILLIAMS</u> LS • 6-2 • 213 • JR. • 2L

Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)

Third-year player who has appeared in every game over the past two seasons as the deep snapper in punting situations... slated to continue in that role in 2015 and will add short snapping duties for field goals and extra points... named the Most Improved Special Teams performer in the spring by the Gamecock coaching staff.

2014: True sophomore deep snapper on punts who played in every game... credited with two solo tackles... earned a spot on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Most Improved special teams long snapper in the spring.

2013: True freshman walk-on who handled the snapping duties on punts throughout the season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Served as the long snapper for Dutch Fork High School in nearby Irmo, S.C... also played some quarterback and receiver for the Silver Foxes... coached by Tom Knotts... joined the Gamecock program in the summer as a walk-on... honored as the Student of the Year and received the Citizenship award.

PERSONAL: Charles Andrew Williams was born June 17, 1994... is a public health major.





Malik
YOUNG
OT • 6-3 • 308 • FR. • RS
Pelzer, S.C.
(Woodmont)

Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... enters the fall listed as a backup at the left guard position... was getting 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 considers him a three-star prospect and the 20th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout.com ranks him as a three-star prospect and the 98th-best offensive tackle in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 23rd-best player in the state, and the 47th-best offensive guard in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 36th-best offensive guard in the nation and the 19th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick.

PERSONAL: Malik Shaqid Young was born January 18, 1996... remains undecided on his major field of study... enjoys playing basketball and reading.



Mason ZANDI OT • 6-9 • 314 • JR. • 2L Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)

One of the biggest players on the team at 6-9 and 314 pounds... enters the fall listed as a co-starter on the depth chart at the right tackle position along with senior Mike Matulis... could also play left tackle... has played both offensive tackle and tight end in his Carolina career... limited for much of the spring after suffering a hamstring injury... has made one career start.

2014: Reserve offensive lineman who saw playing time in every game during the season, primarily on special teams.

2013: Redshirt freshman... played both offensive tackle (No. 74) and tight end (No. 83)... saw action in every game... made his first career start, playing tight end, against Vanderbilt... considered the Most Improved offensive lineman in the spring.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for the Chapin (S.C.) Eagles, graduating in 2012... competed for just one season on the offensive line... was the state 3A champion in the shot put as a junior... was a two-star prospect by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 102nd-best offensive tackle by Scout.com... a two-star recruit, the 146th-best offensive tackle and the 32nd-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... considered the 35th-best prospect in South Carolina, the 145th-best offensive tackle in the country and a two-star recruit by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Mason Zandi was born July 26, 1994... is a political science major who is scheduled to graduate in December.



NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH/LAST SCHOOL)
Zack Bailey	OG	6-6	320	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
Shameik Blackshear	DE	6-4	250	Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)
Toure Boyd	FS	5-11	180	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
				(Rancho Cucamonga/Chaffey College)
Blake Camper	OT	6-8	295	Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank W. Cox)
Joseph Charlton	K/P	6-5	180	Columbia, S.C. (A.C. Flora)
Jalen Christian	WR	5-9	177	Damascus, Md. (Damascus)
Devante Covington	DE	6-4	235	Rockingham, N.C. (Richmond County/
				Georgia Military College)
Mon Denson	RB	5-10	222	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange)
Trey Derouen	OG	6-3	314	Lilburn, Ga. (Parkview)
Daniel Fennell	LB	6-3	220	Loganville, Ga. (Grayson)
Rashad Fenton	CB	5-10	180	Miami, Fla. (Miami Carol City)
Ernest Hawkins*	LB	6-1	224	Baltimore, Md. (Dunbar/Hartnell College)
Jalen Henry*	LB	5-10	207	Foley, Ala. (Foley)
Octavis Johnson	CB	6-0	185	Homerville, Ga. (Clinch County)
Ulric Jones	DT	6-5	300	Oxford, Ala. (Oxford/Butler CC)
Marquavius Lewis*	DE	6-3	264	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood/
				Hutchinson CC)
Kyle Markway	TE	6-4	243	St. Louis, Mo. (St. John Vianney)
D.J. Neal	WR	6-3	193	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
Lorenzo Nunez	QB	6-3	210	Kennesaw, Ga. (Harrison)
Christian Owens*	WR	6-5	204	Griffin, Ga. (Griffin)
Christian Pellage	OT	6-6	314	Brooksville, Fla. (Nature Coast Tech)
Sherrod Pittman*	LB	6-0	225	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
Connor Redmond	TE	6-4	225	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Archer)
Dante Sawyer	DE	6-3	291	Suwanee, Ga.
				(North Gwinnett/East Mississippi CC)
Darin Smalls*	SPR	5-10	190	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
A.J. Turner	RB	5-10	185	Clifton, Va. (Centreville)
Jerad Washington*	WR	5-8	158	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
Boosie Whitlow	DE	6-4	220	Opelika, Ala. (Opelika)
Dexter Wideman*	DE	6-4	293	Saluda, S.C. (Saluda/Camden Military)
Antoine Wilder	SS	5-10	185	Riverdale, Ga. (Hapeville Charter)

^{*}Enrolled in January 2015, Bio can be found in the Player Profiles section.

By Position

OFFENSE (13)

Quarterback (1): Lorenzo Nunez **Running Back (2):** Mon Denson, A.J.

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Wide Receiver (4): Jalen Christian, D.J. Neal, Christian Owens, Jerad Washington Tight Ends (2): Kyle Markway, Connor Redmond

Offensive Line (4): Zack Bailey, Blake Camper, Trey Derouen, Christian Pellage

DEFENSE (16)

Defensive End (5): Shameik Blackshear, Devante Covington, Marquavius Lewis, Dante Sawyer, Boosie Whitlow

Defensive Tackle (2): Ulric Jones, Dexter Wideman

Linebacker (4): Daniel Fennell, Ernest Hawkins, Jalen Henry, Sherrod Pittman

Defensive Backs (5): Toure Boyd, Rashad Fenton, Octavis Johnson, Darin Smalls, Antoine Wilder

SPECIAL TEAMS (1)

Kicker/Punter (1): Joseph Charlton

By State

Alabama (3): Jalen Henry, Ulric Jones,

Boosie Whitlow

California (1): Toure Boyd

Florida (4): Rashad Fenton, Christian Pellage,

Sherrod Pittman, Jerad Washington

Georgia (10): Mon Denson, Trey Derouen, Daniel Fennell, Octavis Johnson, D.J. Neal, Lorenzo Nunez, Christian Owens, Connor Redmond, Dante Sawyer, Antonie Wilder

Maryland (2): Jalen Christian, Ernest Hawkins

Missouri (1): Kyle Markway

North Carolina (1): Devante Covington South Carolina (6): Zack Bailey, Shameik Blackshear, Joseph Charlton, Marquavius Lewis, Darin Smalls, Dexter Wideman

Virginia (2): Blake Camper, A.J. Turner

Year-by-Year **Recruiting Rankings** Year Rivals.com Scout.com 2002 11 18 8 2003 15 2004 35 28 2005 23 20 24 2006 33 2007 6 2008 22 34 2009 12 13 2010 24 34 2011 18 11 2012 19 13 2013 16 24 2014 16 24 2015 19 20

2015 Newcomers





Michael ALMOND

K/P + 6-3 + 200 + FR. + HS North Augusta, S.C. (Westminster)

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... as a junior in 2013, was successful on 11-of-14 field goals and all 26 PATs... averaged 39 yards per punt... helped the soccer team to the GISA state title in both 2014 and 2015.



Zack BAILEY

OG + 6-6 + 320 + FR. + HS Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)

HIGH SCHOOL: Highly regarded in-state offensive lineman who graduated from Summerville 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 a four-star prospect, the No. 2 player in the state, the fifth-best offensive guard in the country and No. 72 overall by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 29th-best offensive guard in the country by Scout... regarded as a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the 12th-best offensive guard in the country and No. 247 overall by 247Sports... ranked as a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, the No. 15 offensive guard in the country and No. 220 overall by ESPN... had offers from all over the Southeast.

PERSONAL: Zackary Bailey was born November 8, 1995.



Shameik BLACKSHEAR

DE + 6-4 + 250 + FR. + HS Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)

HIGH SCHOOL: Talented defensive end who 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 in St. Petersburg, Fla... racked up 96 tackles, 18 for loss, five sacks and 15 hurries as a sophomore... considered a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state and the 18th-best strongside defensive end in the country by Rivals... rated a four-star prospect, the 11th-best defensive end in the country and No. 120 overall by Scout... regarded as a four-star prospect, the second-best player in the state, the eighth-best

weakside defensive end in the country and No. 119 overall by 247Sports... ranked as a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the No. 18 defensive end and No. 203 overall by ESPN... had numerous offers from all over the Southeast, with Clemson, North Carolina, Georgia and LSU among his favorites.

PERSONAL: Shameik Blackshear was born July 9, 1997.



Toure BOYD

FS + 5-11 + 180 + JR. + JC
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
(Rancho Cucamonga/Chaffey)

2014: Junior college transfer who played safety at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. for one year under head coach Rob Hadaway... recorded 80 tackles, two interceptions and broke up 10 passes... also blocked four kicks for the Panthers, who finished 6-5... garnered all-conference honors... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals, Scout and ESPN... rated a four-star prospect, the fifth-best JUCO player in California, the third-best JUCO safety in the country and the 21st-best junior college player overall, according to 247Sports... selected South Carolina over Arizona, Southern Miss, Utah and Washington State.

2013: Enrolled at College of the Desert (Palm Desert, Calif.) in the spring and played football in the fall for the Roadrunners.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.) High School in 2012... helped the Cougars to an 11-2 record under head coach Nick Balz in 2011... originally planned to attend Boise State.

PERSONAL: Toure Boyd was born February 21, 1994... grew up in Birmingham, Ala. before moving to California as a teenager... has three years to play two at South Carolina.



Blake CAMPER

OT + 6-8 + 295 + FR. + HS Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank W. Cox)

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive lineman who 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 a three-star prospect, the 26th-best player in the state and the 85th-best offensive tackle in the country by Rivals... a three-star prospect and the 88th-best offensive tackle in the country according to Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 28th-best player in the state and the 75th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 32nd-best player in the state and the 90th-best offensive tackle in the country by ESPN... committed to Rutgers before switching his pledge to the Gamecocks... also considered East Carolina, Louisville, Maryland, North Carolina State, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest and West Virginia.

PERSONAL: Blake Camper was born December 17, 1996... father, John, played for Steve Spurrier at Duke.





Joseph CHARLTON

K/P + 6-5 + 180 + FR. + HS Columbia, S.C. (A.C. Flora)

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 a three-star prospect, the 20-best player in the state and the second-best punter in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 21st-best player in the state and the 15th-best kicker in the country.

PERSONAL: Joseph Charlton was born April 7, 1997.



Jalen CHRISTIAN

WR + 5-9 + 177 + FR. + HS Damascus, Md. (Damascus)

HIGH SCHOOL: Standout wide receiver who graduated from Damascus (Md.) High School in 2015... helped the Hornets and head coach Chris DeRosa to a 14-1 record and a spot in the state championship game as a senior... was on the 2015 Semper Fidelis All-American roster... was a two-way, four-year varsity starter who played receiver, defensive back, and returned kicks and punts... considered a four-star prospect, the eighth-best player in the state and the 38th-best wide receiver in the nation, according to Rivals... rated a four-star prospect, the 33rd-best wide receiver in the country and No. 231 overall by Scout... regarded as a four-star prospect, the best player in the state, the seventh-best "athlete" in the country and No. 105 overall by 247Sports... ranked as a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in Maryland, the No. 29 wide receiver in the country and No. 252 overall by ESPN... had over 20 Division I offers.

PERSONAL: Jalen Christian was born January 12, 1997.

Devonte COVINGTON

<u>DE + 6-4 + 235 + JR. + JC</u> Rockingham, N.C. (Richmond Co./Georgia Military)

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JUNIOR COLLEGE: Defensive end who originally signed with the Game-cocks in February 2013... spent the past two seasons at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga... coached by Bert Williams... considered a two-star prospect by Rivals and Scout... ranked as a three-star prospect and the No. 10 junior college defensive end by ESPN.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Richmond County (Rockingham, N.C.) in 2013... helped his squad to an 11-2 record and to the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs as a senior in 2012... coached by Paul Hoggard... named to the 2012 Associated Press all-state team... participated in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... as a junior, recorded 34 tackles and eight sacks... out of high school he was considered a three-star prospect

who was ranked as the 28th-best player in the state of North Carolina by Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 42nd-best defensive end by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 17th-best player in the state, and the 20th-best weakside defensive end in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick according to PrepStar... also had offers from Clemson, East Carolina, NC State and Tennessee... hails from the same high school that produced former Gamecock All-American Melvin Ingram.

PERSONAL: Devonte Covington was born March 6, 1994... will have three years to play two.



Mon DENSON

TB + 5-10 + 222 + FR. + HS LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange)

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 a three-star prospect, the 47th-best player in the state and the 46th-best running back in the nation, according to Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 83rd-best running back in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 82nd-best player in the state and the 57th-best running back in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 56th-best player in the state and the No. 50 running back in the country by ESPN... had nearly 20 Division I offers.

PERSONAL: Daquarious Denson was born September 25, 1996.



Trey DEROUEN

<u>OG + 6-3 + 314 + FR. + HS</u> Lilburn, Ga. (Parkview)

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive line who 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... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals... recognized as a three-star prospect and the nation's 91st-ranked offensive guard by Scout... rated a three-star prospect, the 91st-best player in the state and the 55th-best offensive guard in the country by 247Sports... considered a three-star prospect, the 91st-best player in the state and the 57th-best offensive guard in the nation by ESPN... originally committed to Mississippi State... also visited Florida and Louisville.

PERSONAL: Dennis Derouen III was born January 27, 1997.

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Daniel FENNELL

LB + 6-3 + 220 + FR. + HS Loganville, Ga. (Grayson)

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 a three-star prospect, the 46th-best player in the state and the 38th-best outside linebacker in the country by Rivals... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 71st-best player in the state and the 22nd-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect and the No. 40 outside linebacker by ESPN... had over 20 Division I offers.

PERSONAL: Daniel Fennell was born October 18, 1996.



Rashad FENTON

<u>CB + 5-10 + 180 + FR. + HS</u> Miami, Fla. (Miami Carol City)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Miami Carol City High School in Miami Gardens, Fla. in 2015... coached by Aubrey Hill, who played for Coach 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 a three-star prospect by Rivals... is a three-star prospect and the 119th-best cornerback in the country according to Scout... considered a three-star prospect, the 58th-best player in the state of Florida and the 45th-best cornerback in the country by 247Sports... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 224th-best player in the state and the No. 97 cornerback in the country by ESPN... selected South Carolina over Louisville and Florida.

PERSONAL: Rashad Fenton was born February 17, 1997.



Cory HELMS

OC + 6-4 + 301 + JR. + TR Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton/Wake Forest)

Transfer who will join the Gamecocks this fall after playing 24 games including 23 starts over the past two years for Wake Forest... will not be eligible for the 2015 campaign due to NCAA transfer rules... a Freshman All-American in 2013, Helms will have two years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina.

2014: Started the first seven games of the 2014 season at left guard, then moved back to center for the final five contests for the Wake Forest Demon Deacons and head coach Dave Clawson... selected the Gamecocks over offers from Mississippi State, Texas A&M and Penn State after electing to leave Wake Forest.

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...

started the season opener vs. Presbyterian to become the first Demon Deacon since defensive tackle Marvin Mitchell in 1987 to start his first collegiate game.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 2013 graduate of Milton High School in Georgia... earned all-metro, all-region and high school All-American 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... played for coach Howie DeCristofaro... had 11 offers including South Carolina, Syracuse, Cincinnati, Louisville and USF.

PERSONAL: Cory Helms was born December 31, 1994.



Hayden HURST

WR • 6-5 • 221 • FR. • HS Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)

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... played for 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.



Isaiah <u>JOHNSON</u>

<u>SS + 6-1 + 210 + SR. + TR</u> Cary, N.C. (Panther Creek/Kansas)

Fifth-year senior who graduated from the University of Kansas in May and transferred to South Carolina for his final season of eligibility... decorated athlete at KU who should make an immediate impact in the Gamecock secondary... could play either safety position or possibly Spur... during his two seasons in the Big 12, recorded 148 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, six interceptions, seven pass breakups and a forced fumbled while starting all 24 games.

2014: Started all 12 games and ended the season as KU's second-leading tackler with 75 total stops while also tallying one interception and two pass breakups... earned Midseason All-Big 12 Second Team honors from Phil Steele... provided six tackles at Duke... boasted a team-best eight tackles against Central Michigan... recorded seven stops against Texas... snagged an interception and led the field with nine total tackles at West Virginia... logged eight tackles at Baylor... contributed a career-high-tying 12 tackles and added a forced fumble at Oklahoma.

2013: Named Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year by the conference coaches, while also earning honorable mention honors at the safety position... started all 12 games... finished the season ranked second on the team and 20th in the Big 12 with 73 tackles... tied for second in the conference with a team-high five interceptions... also contributed 3.0 TFLs... recorded



one punt return for nine yards and registered 45 return yards on five interceptions... debuted vs. South Dakota and tallied four stops... turned in nine tackles at Rice and had first career interception against the Owls, returning it for 31 yards... set a career-high with 12 tackles vs. Texas Tech... Led KU with nine tackles, recorded an interception of the season, and had 1.5 TFLs at TCU... had eight stops, including 1.5 TFLs, vs. Oklahoma... had his first multiple-interception game with two picks to go along with five tackles at Texas... recorded his first career punt return for nine yards against WVU... grabbed his fifth interception of the season vs. Kansas State.

2012: Helped lead Iowa Western Community College to a NJCAA National Championship... earned Honorable Mention All-America honors playing for head coach Scott Strohmeier... tabbed First Team All-Midwest Football Conference... totaled 41 tackles and eight interceptions... Selected NJCAA Player of the Week on October 31, after recording three interceptions in a game against Ellsworth Community College...chose Kansas over offers from Texas Tech, New Mexico, Wyoming, Northern Iowa and South Alabama.

2011: : Attended Western Carolina... granted a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered two years at Panther Creek High School in Cary, N.C. under coach Wayne Bragg... played wide receiver and safety... named second team all-conference as a senior... recorded 96 tackles, 11 interceptions and seven pass breakups during his final two seasons... had three interception returns for touchdowns... tallied 67 receptions for 864 yards and 14 receiving touchdowns during his high school career... also lettered in basketball... named first team all-conference on the hardwood.

PERSONAL: Isaiah Johnson graduated from the University of Kansas in May with a degree in sociology.

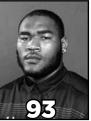
I. Johnson's Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	12/12	44	29	73	3.0-16	0.5-7	5	5	0	0	0
2014	12/12	52	23	75	0.5-0	0.0-0	1	2	0	1	0
Total	24/24	96	52	148	3.5-16	0.5-7	6	7	0	1	0

Octavis <u>JOHNSON</u>

<u>CB + 6-0 + 185 + FR. + HS</u> Homerville, Ga. (Clinch County)

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive back who graduated from Clinch County High School in Homerville, Ga. in 2015... played on both sides of the ball for the Panthers, who were eliminated in the first round of the Class A state playoffs... coached by Jim Dickerson... earned first-team all-state accolades... rated a four-star prospect, the 18th-best player in the state, the 19th-best cornerback in the country and the 209th-best player overall, according to Rivals... rated a four-star prospect, the 31st-best cornerback in the country and No. 288 overall by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 37th-best player in the state and the 31st-best "athlete" in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 54th-best player in Georgia and the No. 55 "athlete" in the country by ESPN... had a dozen major Division I offers and selected South Carolina over Clemson and Tennessee.

PERSONAL: Octavis Johnson was born December 4, 1995.



Ulric JONES DT • 6-5 • 300 • JR. • JC Oxford, Ala. (Oxford/Butler CC)

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Junior college transfer who played two seasons 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... logged 19 tackles with two tackles for loss in 2013... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the No. 97 JUCO player in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 21st-best JUCO player in the state, the 10th-best JUCO strongside defensive end in the country and the No. 119 JUCO player overall by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect and the No. 9 junior college defensive end by ESPN... originally committed to Maryland before selecting the Gamecocks.

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

PERSONAL: Ulric Jones was born Jan. 13, 1995... will have three years to play two at South Carolina.



Kyle MARKWAY TE + 6-4 + 243 + FR. + HS St. Louis, Mo. (St. John Vianney)

HIGH SCHOOL: Tight end who graduated from St. John Vianney in Kirkwood, Mo. in 2015... coached by Paul Day... played both ways and in multiple roles for the Golden Griffins during his prep career... 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 a three-star prospect and the 13th-best player in the state by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 31st-best tight end in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 18th-best player in the state and the 45th-best tight end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 10th-best player in the state and the No. 17 tight end by ESPN... offer list included several Big Ten schools with Iowa at the top of his list, where his uncle, Matt Markway, played for the Hawkeyes in the '90s.

PERSONAL: Kyle Markway was born March 4, 1997.





Max MOORMAN

FB + 5-10 + 234 + FR. + HS Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Milton (Ga.) High School in 2015... played offensive guard... team went 11-2 in his senior season and was the 6A-Region 5 champs... also visited Vanderbilt, Miami (Fla.) and UCF.



D.J.
NEAL
WR • 6-3 • 193 • FR. • HS
Stone Mountain, Ga.
(Stephenson)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga. in 2015... played multiple positions on both sides of the ball for coach Ron Gartrell... helped the Jaguars to an 8-4 record and the second round of the Class AAAAA state playoffs as a senior... caught seven touchdowns and averaged over 15 yards per catch as a sophomore... rated a fourstar prospect, the 23rd-best player in the state and the 31st-best wide receiver in the country by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 127th-best wide receiver in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 77th-best player in the state and the 85th-best wide receiver in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a four-star prospect, the 44th-best player in the state and the No. 54 wide receiver in the country by ESPN... had offers from about 20 Division I schools with his interest primarily on Georgia, Tennessee, Clemson and Auburn... also a highly regarded as a baseball player who was selected by the Atlanta Braves in the 32nd round of the 2015 Major League Baseball Draft... was a first-team All-American outfielder and rated the No. 43 overall baseball prospect by Perfect Game... could join Chad Holbrook's Carolina baseball squad in the spring.

PERSONAL: Dexter Neal was born January 11, 1997.



Lorenzo
NUNEZ

GB • 6-3 • 210 • FR. • HS

Kennesaw, Ga.
(Harrison)

HIGH SCHOOL: Quarterback who graduated from Harrison High School in Kennesaw, Ga. in 2015... coached by Matt Dickmann... the Hoyas went 5-6 in his senior season... also played cornerback and safety... threw for 803 yards and rushed for 1,193 as a senior... threw for 1,200 yards as a junior... considered a four-star prospect, the 25th-best player in the state and the 16th-best dual-threat quarterback in the country according to Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 31st-best quarterback in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 38th-best player in the state and the 15th-best dual-threat quarterback in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 53rd-best player in Georgia and the No. 18 dual-threat quarterback by ESPN... had numerous offers from all over the country.

PERSONAL: Lorenzo Nunez was born September 11, 1996.



Christian PELLAGE

OT + 6-6 + 314 + FR. + HS Brooksville, Fla. (Nature Coast Tech)

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 a three-star prospect, the 75th-best player in the state and the 51st-best offensive tackle by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 63rd-best offensive tackle in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 62nd-best player in the state and the 47th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a four-star prospect, the 28th-best player in Florida, the No. 14 offensive tackle in the nation and No. 138 overall by ESPN... selected South Carolina over Florida among more than 30 offers.

PERSONAL: Christian Pellage was born January 22, 1997.

Gage PUCCI

QB + 5-11 + 195 + FR. + HS Glendora, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)

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HIGH SCHOOL: Quarterback who spent his senior season at Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.) High School after being a two-year starter at Damien High School in La Verne, Calif... played his senior season for the Cougars and head coach Nick Baiz... threw for 1,800 yards and 18 scores as a sophomore and 1,498 as a junior for the Spartans of Damien High.



Connor REDMOND

<u>TE + 6-4 + 225 + FR. + HS</u> Lawrenceville, Ga. (Archer)

HIGH SCHOOL: Tight end prospect who graduated from Archer High School in Lawrenceville, Ga. in 2015... overcame a back injury to help head coach Andy Dyer and the Tigers to the Class AAAAAA state championship game and an 11-4 record after an 0-3 start in his senior season... earned a spot on the 2013 AJC first-team offense all-state team after making about 40 catches... played tight end and linebacker as a freshman then moved strictly to tight end for the remainder of his prep career... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 37th-best tight end in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 158th-best player in the state and the 60th-best tight end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 106th-best player in Georgia and the No. 21 tight end in the country by ESPN... had more than a dozen Division I offers... picked South Carolina over Boston College, Virginia and Kansas State.

PERSONAL: Connor Redmond was born September 9, 1996.





Dante SAWYER

<u>DE + 6-3 + 291 + SO. + JC</u> Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinett/East Miss. CC)

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... considered a four-star prospect by Rivals... was a three-star prospect and the No. 36 JUCO player in the country according to Scout... regarded as a four-star prospect, 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 a four-star prospect, the No. 3 junior college defensive end and 13th overall by ESPN.

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 AJC's Class 6A all-metro team... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl... recorded three sacks in that all-star game... out of high school, Rivals considered him a four-star prospect, 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 a four-star prospect, the 24th-best defensive end in the country and No. 231 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the 8th-best player in the state, the fifth-best weakside defensive end in the nation, and No. 121 overall, according to 247Sports... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, 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 as a four-star prospect and No. 60 on the Top 150 Dream Team... also visited Missouri before choosing the Gamecocks.

PERSONAL: Dante Sawyer was born December 17, 1994.

A.J. <u>TURNER</u>

TB + 5-10 + 185 + FR. + HS

Clifton, Va. (Centreville)

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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 a three-star prospect, the 18th-best player in the state and the 44th-best running back in the nation by Rivals... rated a four-star prospect and the 41st-best running back in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 17th-best player in the state and the 34th-best running back in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 31st-best player in Virginia and the No. 80 running back in the country by ESPN... had over 20 Division I offers with Virginia and Michigan State as his top choices.

PERSONAL: Antonio Turner was born May 12, 1997.

Boosie WHITLOW

<u>DE + 6-4 + 220 + FR. + HS</u> Opelika, Ala. (Opelika)

HIGH SCHOOL: "Boosie" is a defensive end who graduated from Opelika (Ala.) High School. in 2015... played for coach Brian Blackmon... helped the Bulldogs to a 9-2 record and the second round of the Class 6A playoffs in his senior season... recorded 50 tackles including 17.5 for loss, 5.5 sacks and 27 quarterback hurries... participated in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic where he had three tackles for loss including a sack... had eight tackles for loss and his 43 tackles as a junior in 2013... handled the team's kickoffs as a sophomore... rated a three-star prospect, the 15th-best player in the state and the 24th-best weakside defensive end in the nation by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 61st-best defensive end in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 29th-best player in the state and the 38th-best weakside defensive end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 23rd-best player in Alabama and the No. 53 defensive end by ESPN... also visited Louisville and Florida among his numerous

PERSONAL: Quandeski Whitlow was born May 16, 1997... is a cousin of former Kentucky quarterback Jalen Whitlow.



offers.

Antoine WILDER

<u>SS + 5-10 + 185 + FR. + HS</u> Riverdale, Ga. (Hapeville Charter)

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive back who 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... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 52nd-best safety in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 70th-best player in the state and the 41st-best safety in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 90th-best player in Georgia and the No. 58 safety in the country by ESPN... also visited Tennessee State and had interest in Mississippi State and Louisville..

PERSONAL: Antoine Wilder Jr. was born December 2, 1996.