



GAMECOCK FOOTBALL CAROLINA

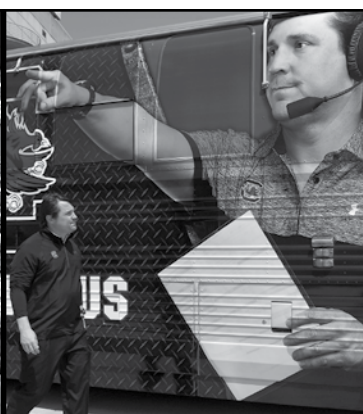


INTRODUCTION



1 Introduction

The South Carolina Gamecocks are set for their 123rd season of intercollegiate football. An overview of the 2016 football season, including the schedule, preseason outlook, rosters, depth chart, squad breakdown and other notes of interest, is provided. For the latest up-to-date information on the Gamecocks, visit the team's official website: www.gamecocksonline.com.



17 Coaching Staff

Will Muschamp was named the 34th head football coach in South Carolina history on December 7, 2015. The 2012 SEC Coach of the Year has assembled an impressive coaching and support staff focused on returning the Gamecocks to the ranks of the nation's elite.



39 The Gamecocks

South Carolina returns 45 letterwinners from last season's squad, including a dozen starters. Four starters return on offense, while six are back on defense, along with both kickers. In addition, 24 players were signed to National Letters of Intent in February and will provide reinforcements to the returning squad.



77 2015 in Review

The 2015 season brought to a close the Steve Spurrier Era in Columbia, the best 11-year run in school history. Coach Spurrier finished his Gamecock career with a record of 86-49, stepping down as the winningest coach in school history.

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Led by the incomparable George Rogers, the Gamecock record book is dotted with great individual performances. Last season, Pharoh Cooper, Elliott Fry and Skai Moore made their presence felt on both the single-season and all-time records list, which encompasses an impressive array of players who proudly donned the Garnet & Black.



123 History

The Gamecocks have a storied history featuring two players, George Rogers and Jadeveon Clowney, who have been selected with the first overall pick in the NFL Draft. Rogers, Mike Johnson, Sterling Sharpe and Steve Wadiak have had their numbers permanently retired by the University.



165 Bowl Games

South Carolina has celebrated a victory in each of its last four bowl games, defeating traditional powers Nebraska (2012 Capital One Bowl), Michigan (2013 Outback Bowl), Wisconsin (2014 Capital One Bowl) and Miami (Fla.) (2014 Independence Bowl) in their last four appearances.



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South Carolina has a tremendous following, both in the stands and in the press box. Assistant Athletics Director/Media Relations Steve Fink and his staff are ready and able to assist you in your coverage of Gamecock Football.

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Quick Facts

Location Columbia, S.C.
 Founded 1801
 Enrollment 33,724
 Conference Southeastern (Eastern Division)
 Colors Garnet (PMS 202C) & Black
 Nickname Gamecocks
 Mascot Cocky
 Stadium Williams-Brice (80,250)
 Surface Natural Grass

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Head Coach Will Muschamp
 Alma Mater Georgia (1994)
 Overall Record 28-21 (4 years)
 Record at South Carolina 0-0 (1st year)
 Running Backs Bobby Bentley
 Offensive Line Shawn Elliott
 Special Teams Coord./Linebackers Coleman Hutzler
 Co-Offensive Coord./WRs Bryan McClendon
 Outside Linebackers Mike Peterson
 Defensive Coord./Defensive Backs Travaris Robinson
 Co-Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks Kurt Roper
 Asst. HC - Defense/Defensive Line Lance Thompson
 Tight Ends Pat Washington
 Director of Strength & Conditioning Jeff Dillman
 Head Football Athletic Trainer Clint Haggard

All-Time Record 586-562-44
 2015 Record 3-9
 2015 SEC Record (Finish) 1-7 (t6th East)
 2015 Bowl N/A
 Lettermen Returning 45
 Offense 19
 Defense 22
 Special Teams 4
 Lettermen Lost 24
 Offense 14
 Defense 9
 Special Teams 1
 Starters Returning 12
 Offense 4
 Defense 6
 Special Teams 2
 Starters Lost 12
 Offense 7
 Defense 5
 Special Teams 0

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2016 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Series
Thursday	September 1	Vanderbilt*	Nashville, Tenn.	SC leads 21-4-0
Saturday	September 10	Mississippi State*	Starkville, Miss.	SC leads 9-6-0
Saturday	September 17	East Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	SC leads 13-5-0
Saturday	September 24	Kentucky*	Lexington, Ky.	SC leads 17-9-1
Saturday	October 1	Texas A&M*	Columbia, S.C.	A&M leads 2-0-0
Saturday	October 8	Georgia*	Columbia, S.C.	UGA leads 48-18-2
Saturday	October 22	Massachusetts	Columbia, S.C.	First meeting
Saturday	October 29	Tennessee*	Columbia, S.C.	UT leads 25-7-2
Saturday	November 5	Missouri*	Columbia, S.C.	MU leads 4-2-0
Saturday	November 12	Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.	UF leads 25-8-3
Saturday	November 19	Western Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	SC leads 4-0-0
Saturday	November 26	Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	CU leads 67-42-4

*Denotes Southeastern Conference game

2015 Results

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Record	SEC	TV	Attendance
09/03	North Carolina	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 17-13	1-0	0-0	ESPN	51,664
09/12	Kentucky*	Columbia, S.C.	L, 22-26	1-1	0-1	SECN	82,178
09/19	#7 Georgia*	Athens, Ga.	L, 20-52	1-2	0-2	ESPN	92,746
09/26	UCF	Columbia, S.C.	W, 31-14	2-2	0-2	ESPNU	78,411
10/03	Missouri*	Columbia, Mo.	L, 10-24	2-3	0-3	SECN	66,751
10/10	#7 LSU*	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 24-45	2-4	0-4	ESPN	42,058
10/17	Vanderbilt*	Columbia, S.C.	W, 19-10	3-4	1-4	SECN	75,159
10/31	Texas A&M*	College Station, Texas	L, 28-35	3-5	1-5	SECN	102,154
11/07	Tennessee*	Knoxville, Tenn.	L, 24-27	3-6	1-6	SECN	101,253
11/14	#11 Florida*	Columbia, S.C.	L, 14-24	3-7	1-7	ESPN	78,536
11/21	The Citadel	Columbia, S.C.	L, 22-23	3-8	1-7	SECNA	77,241
11/28	#1 Clemson	Columbia, S.C.	L, 32-37	3-9	1-7	ESPN	81,409

*Denotes Southeastern Conference Game

Future Schedules

2017 Non-Conference		SEC Rotation	
09/02	NC State (Charlotte)	2017	vs Arkansas
09/23	Louisiana Tech	2018	at Ole Miss
11/18	Wofford	2019	vs Alabama
11/25	Clemson	2020	at LSU
		2021	vs Auburn
		2022	at Arkansas
		2023	vs Mississippi State
		2024	at Alabama
		2025	vs Ole Miss

2016 Team Hotels

Vanderbilt
 Nashville Airport Marriott
 600 Marriott Drive
 Nashville, TN 37214
 615-889-9300

Mississippi State
 Ramada Columbus Highway 45
 1200 Hwy 45 North
 Columbus, MS 39705
 662-327-7077

Kentucky
 Griffin Gate Marriott
 1800 Newtown Pike
 Lexington, KY 40511
 859-231-5100

Florida
 Hilton Ocala
 3600 SW 36th Avenue
 Ocala, FL 34474
 352-854-1400

Clemson
 Greenville Marriott
 One Parkway East
 Greenville, SC 29615
 864-297-0300

Home Games
 DoubleTree by Hilton Columbia
 2100 Bush River Road
 Columbia, SC 29210
 803-731-0300

Preseason Depth Chart

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Offense

WR	1 Deebo Samuel	6-0 205	SO-1L	Inman, S.C.
	5 Terry Googer	6-4 220	SO-1L	Atlanta, Ga.
WR	14 Jamari Smith	5-10 210	JR-2L	Jacksonville, Fla.
WR	89 Bryan Edwards	6-3 210	FR-HS	Conway, S.C.
	88 Javon Charleston	6-0 195	FR-RS	Gurnee, Ill.
LT	74 Mason Zandi	6-9 315	SR-3L	Chapin, S.C.
	77 Malik Young	6-3 300	SO-SQ	Pelzer, S.C.
LG	78 Zack Bailey	6-6 315	SO-1L	Summerville, S.C.
	55 Christian Pellage	6-6 305	SO-1L	Brooksville, Fla.
OC	70 Alan Knott	6-4 290	JR-2L	Tyrone, Ga.
	51 Cory Helms	6-4 310	JR-SQ	Alpharetta, Ga.
RG	51 Cory Helms	6-4 310	JR-SQ	Alpharetta, Ga.
	72 Donell Stanley	6-4 325	SO-1L	Floydale, S.C.
RT	69 D.J. Park	6-4 330	JR-2L	Dillon, S.C.
	63 Blake Camper	6-8 300	SO-1L	Virginia Beach, Va.
TE	81 Hayden Hurst	6-5 250	SO-1L	Jacksonville, Fla.
OR	3 K.C. Crosby	6-1 227	SO-1L	Bamberg, S.C.
QB	10 Perry Orth	6-1 200	SR-1L	Ponte Vedra, Fla.
OR	11 Brandon McIlwain	6-0 205	FR-HS	Newtown, Pa.
RB	33 David Williams	6-1 220	JR-2L	Philadelphia, Pa.
	25 A.J. Turner	5-10 195	FR-RS	Clifton, Va.

NOTE: The following offensive players were injured and missed all of spring practice. They will be evaluated in the fall:

WR	9 Jerad Washington	5-8 175	FR-RS	Jacksonville, Fla.
OL	79 Trey Derouen	6-3 310	FR-RS	Lilburn, Ga.

Defense

DE	8 Marquavius Lewis	6-3 270	SR-1L	Greenwood, S.C.
	18 Keir Thomas	6-2 265	FR-HS	Miami, Fla.
DT	94 Kelsey Griffin	6-2 295	SR-3L	Buford, Ga.
	93 Ulric Jones	6-5 300	JR-SQ	Oxford, Ala.
DT	90 Taylor Stallworth	6-2 310	JR-2L	Mobile, Ala.
	99 Abu Lamin	6-4 310	SR-2L	Fayetteville, N.C.
DE	30 Daniel Fennell	6-3 235	FR-RS	Loganville, Ga.
	5 Darius English	6-6 245	SR-3L	Powder Springs, Ga.
SLB	4 B. Allen-Williams	6-0 230	JR-2L	Ellenwood, Ga.
MLB	28 Jonathan Walton	6-0 230	SR-3L	Daphne, Ala.
OR	11 T.J. Holloman	6-2 230	SR-3L	Stone Mountain, Ga.
WLB	11 T.J. Holloman	6-2 230	SR-3L	Stone Mountain, Ga.
OR	23 Larenz Bryant	6-0 225	SR-3L	Charlotte, N.C.
CB	1 Rico McWilliams	5-11 190	SR-3L	Hampton, Ga.
	16 Rashad Fenton	5-10 190	SO-1L	Miami, Fla.
S	17 Chaz Elder	6-2 200	SR-3L	Union City, Ga.
	6 Chris Moody	6-1 220	SR-3L	McDonough, Ga.
S	3 Chris Lammons	5-10 190	JR-2L	Lauderhill, Fla.
	24 D.J. Smith	5-11 195	JR-2L	Marietta, Ga.
CB	3 Chris Lammons	5-10 190	JR-2L	Lauderhill, Fla.
	31 Chris Smith	5-10 180	FR-HS	Rock Hill, S.C.
N	16 Rashad Fenton	5-10 190	SO-1L	Miami, Fla.
	29 Antoine Wilder	5-10 185	FR-RS	Riverdale, Ga.

NOTE: The following defensive players were injured and missed all of spring practice. They will be evaluated in the fall:

DL	91 Shameik Blackshear	6-4 265	FR-RS	Bluffton, S.C.
DL	95 Dante Sawyer	6-3 275	JR-1L	Suwanee, Ga.
DB	42 Jordan Diggs	6-0 205	SR-3L	Fort Myers, Fla.

Specialists

PK	29 Elliott Fry	6-0 170	SR-3L	Frisco, Texas
P	13 Sean Kelly	5-10 190	SR-1L	Oakland, Fla.
LS	47 Drew Williams	6-2 215	SR-3L	Irmo, S.C.

KOR	16 Rashad Fenton	5-10 190	SO-1L	Miami, Fla.
	25 A.J. Turner	5-10 195	FR-RS	Clifton, Va.
PR	3 Chris Lammons	5-10 190	JR-2L	Lauderhill, Fla.
OR	16 Rashad Fenton	5-10 190	SO-1L	Miami, Fla.
OR	1 Deebo Samuel	6-0 205	SO-1L	Inman, S.C.



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Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
4	Bryson Allen-Williams	LB	6-0	230	JR-2L	Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)
85	Michael Almond	K/P	6-3	222	FR-RS	North Augusta, S.C. (Westminster)
45	Ben Asbury	LS	5-10	210	SO-TR	Atlanta, Ga. (Holy Innocents' Episcopal/Berry College)
40	Jacob August	TE	6-6	248	SO-SQ	Elgin, S.C. (Cardinal Newman/Fork Union)
78	Zack Bailey	OL	6-6	315	SO-1L	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
7	Korey Banks	WR	5-11	180	FR-HS	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)
90	Wyman Baxley	LS	6-2	195	FR-HS	Athens, Ga. (Athens Academy)
39	Rivers Bedenbaugh	RB	6-2	256	JR-1L	Leesville, S.C. (Lexington/Georgia Southern)
15	Matrick Belton	WR	6-3	215	SR-1L	Columbia, S.C. (Keenan/Hampton)
4	Jake Bentley	QB	6-3	223	FR-HS	Opelika, Ala. (Opelika)
91	Shameik Blackshear	DL	6-4	265	FR-RS	Bullftton, S.C. (Bluffton)
52	Jajuan Blankenship	DL	6-0	265	FR-HS	Anderson, S.C. (T.L. Hanna)
27	Toure Boyd	DB	5-10	195	JR-SQ	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga/Chaffey College)
44	T.J. Brunson	LB	6-1	225	FR-HS	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast)
23	Larenz Bryant	LB	6-0	225	SR-3L	Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)
63	Blake Camper	OL	6-8	300	SO-1L	Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank W. Cox)
88	Javon Charleston	WR	6-0	195	FR-RS	Gurnee, Ill. (Warren)
20	Joseph Charlton	K/P	6-5	185	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (A.C. Flora)
73	Akeem Cooperwood	OL	6-7	359	JR-JC	Knoxville, Tenn. (Fulton/Georgia Military)
59	Logan Crane	LS	6-3	245	FR-RS	Dartmouth, Mass. (Dartmouth)
3	K.C. Crosby	TE	6-1	227	SO-1L	Bamberg, S.C. (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)
8	Randrecous Davis	WR	5-10	181	FR-HS	Atlanta, Ga. (Mays)
83	Chavis Dawkins	WR	6-2	200	FR-HS	Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes)
34	Mon Denson	RB	5-10	215	FR-RS	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange)
79	Trey Derouen	OL	6-3	310	FR-RS	Lilburn, Ga. (Parkview)
42	Jordan Diggs	DB	6-0	205	SR-3L	Fort Myers, Fla. (Island Coast)
85	Devin Dingle	WR	5-10	180	FR-RS	Summerville, S.C. (Cane Bay)
21	Rico Dowdle	RB	5-11	211	FR-HS	Asheville, N.C. (A.C. Reynolds)
13	Jalen Dread	LB	5-10	220	SO-1L	Foley, Ala. (Foley)
61	Ivion Duncan	DL	6-0	260	SO-TR	Simpsonville, S.C. (Woodmont/Citadel)
45	Spencer Eason-Riddle	LB	5-11	226	FR-HS	Raleigh, N.C. (Leesville Road)
89	Bryan Edwards	WR	6-3	210	FR-HS	Conway, S.C. (Conway)
17	Chaz Elder	DB	6-2	200	SR-3L	Union City, Ga. (Banneker)
5	Darius English	DL	6-6	245	SR-3L	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
60	Chandler Farrell	OL	6-2	280	FR-HS	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
22	Montray Feaster	WR	6-4	205	FR-HS	Union, S.C. (Union County)
30	Daniel Fennell	DL	6-3	235	FR-RS	Loganville, Ga. (Grayson)
16	Rashad Fenton	DB	5-10	190	SO-1L	Miami, Fla. (Miami Carol City)
36	C.J. Freeman	RB	5-11	200	FR-HS	Greensboro, N.C. (Northern Guilford)
46	Harrison Freeman	LS	6-4	235	FR-HS	Raleigh, N.C. (Leesville Road)
29	Elliott Fry	PK	6-0	170	SR-3L	Frisco, Texas (Prince of Peace Christian)
50	Griffin Gentry	DL	6-1	246	FR-HS	Birmingham, Ala. (Homewood)
80	Shemar Glenn	WR	6-1	175	FR-HS	Union, S.C. (Union County/USC-Union)
5	Terry Googer	WR	6-4	220	SO-1L	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)
18	Danny Gordon	QB	6-0	210	SO-SQ	Worthington, Ohio (Worthington/Miami (Ohio))
34	Scott Grant	DB	5-10	185	SO-SQ	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens)
94	Kelsey Griffin	DL	6-2	295	SR-3L	Buford, Ga. (Mill Creek)
16	Bailey Hart	QB	6-2	175	FR-HS	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
51	Cory Helms	OL	6-4	310	JR-SQ	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton/Wake Forest)
82	Evan Hinson	TE	6-4	238	FR-HS	Deltona, Fla. (Deltona)
11	T.J. Holloman	LB	6-2	230	SR-3L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (St. Pius X)
81	Hayden Hurst	TE	6-5	250	SO-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
50	Sadarius Hutcherson	OL	6-4	273	FR-HS	Huntingdon, Tenn. (Huntingdon)
47	Avery James	DB	6-0	195	JR-TR	Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes/Liberty)
35	Shannon James	DB	5-7	160	SR-SQ	Florence, S.C. (South Florence)
61	Cameron Johnson	OL	6-8	300	FR-HS	Bennettsville, S.C. (Marlboro County)
93	Ulric Jones	DL	6-5	300	JR-SQ	Oxford, Ala. (Oxford/Butler C.C.)
13	Sean Kelly	P	5-10	190	SR-1L	Oakland, Fla. (West Orange/FAU)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
7	Jamarcus King	DB	6-2	180	JR-JC	Mobile, Ala. (Blount/Coffeyville C.C.)
70	Alan Knott	OL	6-4	290	JR-2L	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)
99	Abu Lamin	DL	6-4	310	SR-2L	Fayetteville, N.C. (Trinity Christian/Fort Scott C.C.)
3	Chris Lammons	DB	5-10	190	JR-2L	Lauderhill, Fla. (Plantation)
65	Pika Leota	OL	6-4	315	FR-HS	Asheville, N.C. (Asheville)
8	Marquavius Lewis	DL	6-3	270	SR-1L	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood/Hutchinson C.C.)
84	Kyle Markway	TE	6-5	245	SO-1L	St. Louis, Mo. (St. John Vianney)
44	Adrian McGee	RB	5-11	185	FR-HS	Greer, S.C. (Greer)
48	Nick McGriff	LS	6-0	225	SO-1L	Gainesville, Fla. (Gainesville)
11	Brandon McIlwain	QB	6-0	205	FR-HS	Newtown, Pa. (Council Rock North)
1	Rico McWilliams	DB	5-11	190	SR-3L	Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy)
46	Trey Mitchell	LB	6-2	210	FR-HS	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)
6	Chris Moody	DB	6-1	220	SR-3L	McDonough, Ga. (Henry County)
10	Skai Moore	LB	6-2	220	SR-3L	Cooper City, Fla. (University)
19	Lorenzo Nuñez	QB	6-3	205	SO-1L	Kennesaw, Ga. (Harrison)
10	Perry Orth	QB	6-1	200	SR-1L	Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Ponte Vedra/Florida State College)
23	Christian Owens	WR	6-5	215	FR-RS	Griffin, Ga. (Griffin)
69	D.J. Park	OL	6-4	330	JR-2L	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)
30	Darius Paulk	RB	5-8	205	SR-1L	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast/North Greenville)
55	Christian Peltage	OL	6-6	305	SO-1L	Brooksville, Fla. (Nature Coast Tech)
9	Sherrod Pittman	LB	6-0	225	FR-RS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
87	Kiel Pollard	WR	6-0	230	FR-HS	Moultrie, Ga. (Colquitt County)
66	Will Putnam	OL	6-5	282	FR-HS	Harrisburg, N.C. (Hickory Ridge)
41	Tyler Ragsdale	LB	6-0	220	FR-RS	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
43	Benji Russell	DB	6-0	200	JR-SQ	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)
1	Deebo Samuel	WR	6-0	205	SO-1L	Inman, S.C. (Chapman)
26	Jasper Sasser	DB	6-0	210	JR-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Wolfson)
95	Dante Sawyer	DL	6-3	275	JR-1L	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett/East Mississippi C.C.)
12	Michael Scarnecchia	QB	6-4	215	SO-SQ	Fleming Island, Fla. (Fleming Island)
40	Jason Senn	DB	5-8	195	FR-RS	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)
32	Brett Shore	LB	5-11	210	JR-HS	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork/Tyler J.C.)
39	Demetrius Smalls	DB	5-9	170	JR-SQ	Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)
31	Chris Smith	DB	5-10	180	FR-HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
24	D.J. Smith	DB	5-11	195	JR-2L	Marietta, Ga. (Walton)
14	Jamari Smith	WR	5-10	210	JR-2L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Fletcher)
97	Kobe Smith	DL	6-2	305	FR-HS	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Archer)
28	T.J. Smith	WR	6-0	175	JR-TR	Charleston, S.C. (Ft. Dorchester/Concord)
90	Taylor Stallworth	DL	6-2	310	JR-2L	Mobile, Ala. (Murphy)
72	Donell Stanley	OL	6-4	325	SO-1L	Floydale, S.C. (Latta)
32	Rod Talley	RB	5-10	205	JR-1L	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens/Gardner-Webb)
98	Stephon Taylor	DL	6-4	293	FR-HS	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35)
18	Keir Thomas	DL	6-2	265	FR-HS	Miami, Fla. (Miami Central)
96	Aaron Thompson	DL	6-3	271	FR-HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
86	Robert Tucker III	TE	6-3	238	FR-HS	Atlanta, Ga. (B.E.S.T. Academy)
25	A.J. Turner	RB	5-10	195	FR-RS	Clifton, Va. (Centreville)
36	Morgan Vest	DB	6-0	190	FR-HS	Leander, Texas (Rouse)
34	Jonathan Walton	LB	6-0	230	SR-3L	Daphne, Ala. (Bayside Academy)
9	Jerad Washington	WR	5-8	175	FR-RS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
41	Matthew Weigel	TE	6-4	230	FR-HS	Charlotte, N.C. (Charlotte Christian)
75	Darius Whitfield	DL	6-2	286	FR-HS	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
49	Boosie Whitlow	DL	6-3	240	SO-1L	Opelika, Ala. (Opelika)
48	Dexter Wideman	DL	6-4	280	FR-RS	Saluda, S.C. (Saluda/Camden Military)
29	Antoine Wilder	DB	5-10	185	FR-RS	Riverdale, Ga. (Hapeville Charter)
33	David Williams	RB	6-1	220	JR-2L	Philadelphia, Pa. (Imhotep Charter)
47	Drew Williams	LS	6-2	215	SR-3L	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)
92	D.J. Wonnum	DL	6-4	240	FR-HS	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
42	Alexander Woznick	PK	5-11	160	FR-HS	Greenville, S.C. (Eastside)
77	Malik Young	OL	6-3	300	SO-SQ	Pelzer, S.C. (Woodmont)
74	Mason Zandi	OL	6-9	315	SR-3L	Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)

Numerical Roster

CAROLINA FOOTBALL



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
1	Rico McWilliams	DB	5-11	190	SR	3L	Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy)
1	Deebo Samuel	WR	6-0	205	SO	1L	Inman, S.C. (Chapman)
3	Chris Lammons	DB	5-10	190	JR	2L	Lauderhill, Fla. (Plantation)
3	K.C. Crosby	TE	6-1	227	SO	1L	Bamberg, S.C. (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)
4	Bryson Allen-Williams	LB	6-0	230	JR	2L	Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)
4	Jake Bentley	QB	6-3	223	FR	HS	Opelika, Ala. (Opelika)
5	Darius English	DL	6-6	245	SR	3L	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
5	Terry Googer	WR	6-4	220	SO	1L	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)
6	Chris Moody	DB	6-1	220	SR	3L	McDonough, Ga. (Henry County)
7	Jamarcus King	DB	6-2	180	JR	JC	Mobile, Ala. (Blount/Coffeyville C.C.)
7	Korey Banks	WR	5-11	180	FR	HS	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)
8	Marquavius Lewis	DL	6-3	270	SR	1L	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood/Hutchinson C.C.)
8	Randreous Davis	WR	5-10	181	FR	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (Mays)
9	Jerad Washington	WR	5-8	175	FR	RS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
9	Sherrod Pittman	LB	6-0	225	FR	RS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
10	Perry Orth	QB	6-1	200	SR	1L	Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Ponte Vedra/ Florida State College)
10	Skai Moore	LB	6-2	220	SR	3L	Cooper City, Fla. (University)
11	T.J. Holloman	LB	6-2	230	SR	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (St. Pius X)
11	Brandon McIlwain	QB	6-0	205	FR	HS	Newtown, Pa. (Council Rock North)
12	Michael Scarnecchia	QB	6-4	215	SO	SQ	Fleming Island, Fla. (Fleming Island)
13	Sean Kelly	P	5-10	190	SR	1L	Oakland, Fla. (West Orange/FAU)
13	Jalen Dread	LB	5-10	220	SO	1L	Foley, Ala. (Foley)
14	Jamari Smith	WR	5-10	210	JR	2L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Fletcher)
15	Matrick Belton	WR	6-3	215	SR	1L	Columbia, S.C. (Keenan/Hampton)
16	Rashad Fenton	DB	5-10	190	SO	1L	Miami, Fla. (Miami Carol City)
16	Bailey Hart	QB	6-2	175	FR	HS	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
17	Chaz Elder	DB	6-2	200	SR	3L	Union City, Ga. (Banneker)
18	Danny Gordon	QB	6-0	210	SO	SQ	Worthington, Ohio (Worthington/ Miami (Ohio))
18	Keir Thomas	DL	6-2	265	FR	HS	Miami, Fla. (Miami Central)
19	Lorenzo Nuñez	QB	6-3	205	SO	1L	Kennesaw, Ga. (Harrison)
20	Joseph Charlton	K/P	6-5	185	FR	RS	Columbia, S.C. (A.C. Flora)
21	Rico Dowdle	RB	5-11	211	FR	HS	Asheville, N.C. (A.C. Reynolds)
22	Montray Feaster	WR	6-4	205	FR	HS	Union, S.C. (Union County)
23	Larenz Bryant	LB	6-0	225	SR	3L	Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)
23	Christian Owens	WR	6-5	215	FR	RS	Griffin, Ga. (Griffin)
24	D.J. Smith	DB	5-11	195	JR	2L	Marietta, Ga. (Walton)
25	A.J. Turner	RB	5-10	195	FR	RS	Clifton, Va. (Centreville)
26	Jasper Sasser	DB	6-0	210	JR	1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Wolfson)
27	Toure Boyd	DB	5-10	195	JR	SQ	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga/Chaffey College)
28	Jonathan Walton	LB	6-0	230	SR	3L	Daphne, Ala. (Bayside Academy)
28	T.J. Smith	WR	6-0	175	JR	TR	Charleston, S.C. (Ft. Dorchester/Concord)
29	Elliott Fry	PK	6-0	170	SR	3L	Frisco, Texas (Prince of Peace Christian)
29	Antoine Wilder	DB	5-10	185	FR	RS	Riverdale, Ga. (Hapeville Charter)
30	Darius Paulk	RB	5-8	205	SR	1L	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast/ North Greenville)
30	Daniel Fennell	DL	6-3	235	FR	RS	Loganville, Ga. (Grayson)
31	Chris Smith	DB	5-10	180	FR	HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
32	Rod Talley	RB	5-10	205	JR	1L	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens/Gardner-Webb)
32	Brett Shore	LB	5-11	210	JR	HS	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork/Tyler J.C.)
33	David Williams	RB	6-1	220	JR	2L	Philadelphia, Pa. (Imhotep Charter)
34	Scott Grant	DB	5-10	185	SO	SQ	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens)
34	Mon Denson	RB	5-10	215	FR	RS	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange)
35	Shannon James	DB	5-7	160	SR	SQ	Florence, S.C. (South Florence)
36	C.J. Freeman	RB	5-11	200	FR	HS	Greensboro, N.C. (Northern Guilford)
36	Morgan Vest	DB	6-0	190	FR	HS	Leander, Texas (Rouse)
39	Rivers Bedenbaugh	RB	6-2	256	JR	1L	Leesville, S.C. (Lexington/Georgia Southern)
39	Demetrius Smalls	DB	5-9	170	JR	SQ	Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)
40	Jacob August	TE	6-6	248	SO	SQ	Elgin, S.C. (Cardinal Newman/ Fork Union)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
40	Jason Senn	DB	5-8	195	FR	RS	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)
41	Tyler Ragsdale	LB	6-0	220	FR	RS	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
41	Matthew Weigel	TE	6-4	230	FR	HS	Charlotte, N.C. (Charlotte Christian)
42	Jordan Diggs	DB	6-0	205	SR	3L	Fort Myers, Fla. (Island Coast)
42	Alexander Woznick	PK	5-11	160	FR	HS	Greenville, S.C. (Eastside)
43	Benji Russell	DB	6-0	200	JR	SQ	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)
44	T.J. Brunson	LB	6-1	225	FR	HS	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast)
44	Adrian McGee	RB	5-11	185	FR	HS	Greer, S.C. (Greer)
45	Ben Asbury	LS	5-10	210	SO	TR	Atlanta, Ga. (Holy Innocents' Episcopal/ Berry College)
45	Spencer Eason-Riddle	LB	5-11	226	FR	HS	Raleigh, N.C. (Leesville Road)
46	Trey Mitchell	LB	6-2	210	FR	HS	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)
46	Harrison Freeman	LS	6-4	235	FR	HS	Raleigh, N.C. (Leesville Road)
47	Drew Williams	LS	6-2	215	SR	3L	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)
47	Avery James	DB	6-0	195	JR	TR	Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes/Liberty)
48	Nick McGriff	LS	6-0	225	SO	1L	Gainesville, Fla. (Gainesville)
48	Dexter Wideman	DL	6-4	280	FR	RS	Saluda, S.C. (Saluda/Camden Military)
49	Boosie Whitlow	DL	6-3	240	SO	1L	Opelika, Ala. (Opelika)
50	Sadarius Hutcherson	OL	6-4	273	FR	HS	Huntingdon, Tenn. (Huntingdon)
50	Griffin Gentry	DL	6-1	246	FR	HS	Birmingham, Ala. (Homewood)
51	Cory Helms	OL	6-4	310	JR	SQ	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton/Wake Forest)
52	Jajuan Blankenship	DL	6-0	265	FR	HS	Anderson, S.C. (T.L. Hanna)
55	Christian Pellage	OL	6-6	305	SO	1L	Brooksville, Fla. (Nature Coast Tech)
59	Logan Crane	LS	6-3	245	FR	RS	Dartmouth, Mass. (Dartmouth)
60	Chandler Farrell	OL	6-2	280	FR	HS	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
61	Javion Duncan	DL	6-0	260	SO	TR	Simpsonville, S.C. (Woodmont/Citadel)
61	Cameron Johnson	OL	6-8	300	FR	HS	Bennettsville, S.C. (Marlboro County)
63	Blake Camper	OL	6-8	300	SO	1L	Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank W. Cox)
65	Pika Leota	OL	6-4	315	FR	HS	Asheville, N.C. (Asheville)
66	Will Putnam	OL	6-5	282	FR	HS	Harrisburg, N.C. (Hickory Ridge)
69	D.J. Park	OL	6-4	330	JR	2L	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)
70	Alan Knott	OL	6-4	290	JR	2L	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)
72	Donell Stanley	OL	6-4	325	SO	1L	Floydale, S.C. (Latta)
73	Akeem Cooperwood	OL	6-7	359	JR	JC	Knoxville, Tenn. (Fulton/Georgia Military)
74	Mason Zandi	OL	6-9	315	SR	3L	Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)
75	Darius Whitfield	DL	6-2	286	FR	HS	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
77	Malik Young	OL	6-3	300	SO	SQ	Pelzer, S.C. (Woodmont)
78	Zack Bailey	OL	6-6	315	SO	1L	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
79	Trey Derouen	OL	6-3	310	FR	RS	Lilburn, Ga. (Parkview)
80	Shemar Glenn	WR	6-1	175	FR	HS	Union, S.C. (Union County/USC-Union)
81	Hayden Hurst	TE	6-5	250	SO	1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
82	Evan Hinson	TE	6-4	238	FR	HS	Deltona, Fla. (Deltona)
83	Chavis Dawkins	WR	6-2	200	FR	HS	Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes)
84	Kyle Markway	TE	6-5	245	SO	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (St. John Vianney)
85	Devin Dingle	WR	5-10	180	FR	RS	Summerville, S.C. (Cane Bay)
85	Michael Almond	K/P	6-3	222	FR	RS	North Augusta, S.C. (Westminster)
86	Robert Tucker III	TE	6-3	238	FR	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (B.E.S.T. Academy)
87	Kiel Pollard	WR	6-0	230	FR	HS	Moultrie, Ga. (Colquitt County)
88	Javon Charleston	WR	6-0	195	FR	RS	Gurnee, Ill. (Warren)
89	Bryan Edwards	WR	6-3	210	FR	HS	Conway, S.C. (Conway)
90	Taylor Stallworth	DL	6-2	310	JR	2L	Mobile, Ala. (Murphy)
90	Wyman Baxley	LS	6-2	195	FR	HS	Athens, Ga. (Athens Academy)
91	Shameik Blackshear	DL	6-4	265	FR	RS	Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)
92	D.J. Wonnum	DL	6-4	240	FR	HS	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
93	Ulric Jones	DL	6-5	300	JR	SQ	Oxford, Ala. (Oxford/Butler C.C.)
94	Kelsey Griffin	DL	6-2	295	SR	3L	Buford, Ga. (Mill Creek)
95	Dante Sawyer	DL	6-3	275	JR	1L	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett/ East Mississippi C.C.)
96	Aaron Thompson	DL	6-3	271	FR	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
97	Kobe Smith	DL	6-2	305	FR	HS	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Archer)
98	Stephon Taylor	DL	6-4	293	FR	HS	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35)
99	Abu Lamin	DL	6-4	310	SR	2L	Fayetteville, N.C. (Trinity Christian/ Fort Scott C.C.)



QUICKLY: It's a new era of South Carolina Football as Will Muschamp takes over as the program's 34th head coach in 2016. Technically, Muschamp follows Shawn Elliott, who served as an interim head coach for the final half of the 2015 season. Elliott took over midseason from legendary head coach Steve Spurrier, who logged an 86-49 record in 10-plus seasons in Columbia and finished his tenure as the winningest coach in school history. Coach Spurrier's 84 wins are 20 more than Rex Enright, who is second on the all-time list with 64 victories.

THE HISTORY: 2016 marks the 123rd season of intercollegiate football at the University of South Carolina, dating back to 1892. It is the 110th-consecutive year in which South Carolina has competed on the gridiron. The University did not field a team in either 1893 or 1906. Carolina owns an all-time record of 586-562-44.

SEC HISTORY: The 2016 season marks South Carolina's 25th year in the Southeastern Conference. South Carolina and Arkansas joined the league prior to the 1992 campaign. The Gamecocks earned the SEC Eastern Division title in the 2010 season. The Gamecocks are 82-109-1 (.430) all-time in SEC regular-season play, but are 27-21 (.563) in conference action since the start of the 2010 season.

2015 IN REVIEW: South Carolina football concluded its 122nd season of intercollegiate football in 2015 with a record of 3-9, including a 1-7 mark in the SEC. Five of the losses were decided by a combined total of 20 points. The Gamecocks had their school record of 11-straight seasons with at least a .500 record snapped in the process.

IT TOOK TWO: The Gamecocks had two head coaches during the 2015 season. **Steve Spurrier**, the winningest football coach in South Carolina history, stepped down after a 2-4 start to the season. The reins were turned over to co-offensive coordinator/offensive line coach **Shawn Elliott**. Despite bringing a renewed energy to the team, the Gamecocks, under Elliott, were able to win just one of their final six games. Spurrier finished his Carolina career with a record of 86-49 (.637) and a 26-year collegiate coaching mark of 228-89-2 (.718).

SO YOU'RE SAYIN' THERE'S A CHANCE: While winning just three games last season including a victory over No. 15 North Carolina, the Gamecocks had their share of close losses. Five of their setbacks were within one score and were decided by a total of 20 points, including losses to Kentucky (by 4), at Texas A&M (7), at Tennessee (3), The Citadel (1) and Clemson (5). Four of their losses came to teams ranked in the AP's final top-25 (#2 Clemson, #16 LSU, #22 Tennessee and #25 Florida), while another setback came at Georgia, ranked 24th in the final Coaches' poll.

A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN: Will Muschamp was introduced as the 34th head football coach at the South Carolina on December 7, 2015. A 21-year coaching veteran, Muschamp, a 1994 graduate of Georgia, has spent 13 years in the SEC, including four as the head coach at Florida, where he posted a 28-21 record from 2011-14. He was recognized as the SEC Coach of the Year in 2012 after an 11-win campaign. Last season, he served as the defensive coordinator at Auburn. Muschamp has coached in the SEC Championship Game twice and once in the Big 12 Championship Game, winning all three. He has also coached in two national championship games, helping LSU win the national title in 2003.

AND HE BROUGHT HIS POSSE: With the exception of holdover offensive line coach **Shawn Elliott**, Coach Muschamp brought an entirely new coaching staff to Columbia. **Bobby Bentley** (Running Backs), **Coleman Hutzler** (Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers), **Bryan McClendon** (Co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers), **Mike Peterson** (Outside Linebackers), **Travaris Robinson** (Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs), **Kurt Roper** (Co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks), **Lance Thompson** (Assistant Head Coach - Defense/Defensive Line), and **Pat Washington** (Tight Ends) are the newcomers.

AN SEC WELCOME: The SEC did Will Muschamp no favors when they put together the 2016 schedule. The Gamecocks will play three conference road games before entertaining an SEC opponent at home. Carolina will play at Vanderbilt, Mississippi State and Kentucky before finally seeing an SEC opponent in Williams-Brice Stadium when Texas A&M comes to Columbia on October 1. Only Texas A&M (at Auburn, vs. Arkansas in Arlington, at South Carolina) comes close to matching the Gamecocks' conference start. It marks the first time in Carolina history that the team has opened with three conference road games before playing a conference home game.

NOW THAT'S A HOMESTAND: The Gamecocks will play five-straight home games during the 2016 season. Between October 1 and November 5, Texas A&M, Georgia, UMass, Tennessee and Missouri will venture to Williams-Brice Stadium, with a bye week scheduled for October 15. Auburn is the only other school in the country with five-consecutive home games on its slate this season. The last time South Carolina had five-straight home games on its schedule was in 1988 when the Gamecocks opened the season against North Carolina, Western Carolina, East Carolina, Georgia and Appalachian State.

BREAKING IT DOWN: The 117-man roster (as of June 15) consists of 20 seniors, 22 juniors, 21 sophomores, 18 redshirt freshmen and 36 true freshmen. The complete breakdown can be found on page 16.

2015 Final Polls

Associated Press

1.	Alabama (61)	14-1	1525
2.	Clemson	14-1	1464
3.	Stanford	12-2	1360
4.	Ohio State	12-1	1342
5.	Oklahoma	11-2	1270
6.	Michigan State	12-2	1227
7.	TCU	11-2	1098
8.	Houston	13-1	1050
9.	Iowa	12-2	981
10.	Ole Miss	10-3	975
11.	Notre Dame	10-3	953
12.	Michigan	10-3	911
13.	Baylor	10-3	820
14.	Florida State	10-3	630
15.	North Carolina	11-3	563
16.	LSU	9-3	546
17.	Utah	10-3	499
18.	Navy	11-2	465
19.	Oregon	9-4	391
20.	Oklahoma State	10-3	372
21.	Wisconsin	10-3	332
22.	Tennessee	9-4	260
23.	Northwestern	10-3	203
24.	Western Kentucky	12-2	128
25.	Florida	10-4	126

USA Today/ESPN Coaches

1.	Alabama (56)	14-1	1400
2.	Clemson	14-1	1344
3.	Stanford	12-2	1235
4.	Ohio State	12-1	1231
5.	Oklahoma	11-2	1172
6.	Michigan State	12-2	1121
7.	TCU	11-2	1020
8.	Houston	13-1	928
9.	Ole Miss	10-3	919
10.	Iowa	12-2	862
11.	Michigan	10-3	812
12.	Notre Dame	10-3	781
13.	Baylor	10-3	763
14.	Florida State	10-3	645
15.	North Carolina	11-3	543
16.	Utah	10-3	499
17.	LSU	9-3	485
18.	Navy	11-2	402
19.	Oklahoma State	10-3	392
20.	Oregon	9-4	356
21.	Wisconsin	10-3	307
22.	Northwestern	10-3	207
23.	Tennessee	9-4	190
24.	Georgia	10-3	173
25.	Florida	10-4	141



THEY'RE BACK: The Gamecocks welcome 45 returning letterwinners to begin the 2016 fall camp. The 45 lettermen consist of 19 offensive players, 22 defensive players and four special teams players. The complete list of returning and lost letterwinners can be found on page 11.

IT'S A NUMBERS GAME: The Gamecocks return 45 percent of their rushing yards, 93 percent of their passing yards and 27 percent of their receiving yards from a year ago. The top returning rushers are **Lorenzo Nuñez** (375 yards) and **David Williams** (299). **Perry Orth** (1,929 yards) and **Lorenzo Nuñez** (376) are the top returning passers, while **Deebo Samuel** (12 catches, 161 yards) and **Matrick Belton** (11 for 121) are the top two returning receivers. Seven of the squad's top 11 tacklers return for the 2016 season, including **Skai Moore** (111 tackles) and **T.J. Holloman** (63), although Moore will sit out the season as a redshirt following offseason neck surgery.

RETURNING STARTERS: The Gamecocks list 12 returning starters from the 2015 squad (four on offense, six on defense and two specialists). The returning offensive starters are WR **Matrick Belton**, OC **Alan Knott**, QB **Perry Orth** and OT **Mason Zandi**. The returning defensive starters include SS **Jordan Diggs**, LB **T.J. Holloman**, DE **Marquavius Lewis**, CB **Rico McWilliams**, LB **Skai Moore**, and DT **Taylor Stallworth**. The returning specialists are PK **Elliott Fry** and P **Sean Kelly**. Belton, Orth, Fry and Kelly all began their Gamecock careers as walk-ons.

EVERY TIME OUT: The Gamecocks had six players start every game in 2015, three on each side of the ball. On offense, WR **Pharoh Cooper**, LT **Brandon Shell** and RG **Will Sport** made every start. On defense, DT **Gerald Dixon Jr.**, DE **Marquavius Lewis** and FS **Isaiah Johnson** started each contest. Lewis is the only player who will return in 2016.

MISSING YOU: The Gamecocks lost 25 lettermen from last year's squad, including 14 on offense, 10 on defense and one special teams performer. The complete list of lettermen lost can be found on page 11.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: The Gamecocks said goodbye to 12 starters off last season's 3-9 squad. The departing starters include TE **Jerrell Adams**, WR **Pharoh Cooper**, WR **Carlton Heard**, LG **Mike Matulis**, LT **Brandon Shell**, RG **Will Sport** and TB **Brandon Wilds** on offense and DE **Gerald Dixon**, DT **Gerald Dixon Jr.**, Spur **T.J. Gurley**, CB **Al Harris Jr.**, and FS **Isaiah Johnson** on defense. The complete list can be found on page 11.

IN THE CLASSROOM: The Gamecocks placed 28 players on the 2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Among those who made the SEC Honor

Roll include returnees **Rivers Bedenbaugh**, **Jordan Diggs**, **Jalen Dread**, **Elliott Fry**, **Kelsey Griffin**, **Terry Googer**, **Shannon James**, **Chris Lammons**, **Nick McGriff**, **Perry Orth**, **Jasper Sasser**, **Michael Scarnecchia**, **Demetrius Smalls**, **D.J. Smith**, **Donell Stanley** and **Rod Talley**.

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE: The Gamecocks are 24-7 in their last 31 home games (.774) and 40-10 (.800) in their last 50 home games, including a school-record 18-game home winning streak during that span. The school's previous longest home winning streak was 15 games, set from 1978-80.

THEY'RE NOT SEC WORTHY: South Carolina has won 21 of its last 24 non-conference games. The Gamecocks had their 18-game non-conference winning streak snapped in the 2014 regular season finale at Clemson, then lost the final two games of the 2015 regular season to non-conference in-state foes in The Citadel and Clemson. Prior to the Clemson loss at the end of the 2014 campaign, Carolina's last non-conference loss came to Florida State in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

NOT IN OUR HOUSE: South Carolina had won 22-straight home games against non-conference opponents before dropping the final two games of the 2015 regular season to non-conference in-state foes in The Citadel and Clemson. Prior to that, the last home loss to a non-conference team was to Clemson in the 2007 regular-season finale.

THEY PAY TO SEE THE GAMECOCKS PLAY: South Carolina ranked 16th in the nation in home attendance during the 2015 season, as an average crowd of 78,822 filed in to Williams-Brice Stadium on six occasions, just shy of the 80,250 capacity. That total came in spite of losing one scheduled home game, as the LSU contest was moved to Baton Rouge due to extensive flooding in Columbia and throughout the Midlands.

ENROLLING EARLY: The Gamecocks brought in a record number six high school recruits who graduated a semester early and enrolled in time for spring drills in 2016. Here is the list of the Gamecocks who have enrolled early since 2006:

- 2006:** Clark Gaston
- 2007:** Stephen Garcia, Travian Robertson
- 2008:** Jay Spearman, C.C. Whitlock, Shaq Wilson
- 2009:** Jarvis Giles, Stephon Gilmore, DeVonte Holloman
- 2010:** Connor Shaw
- 2011:** Martay Mattox
- 2012:** Kelvin Rainey, Brock Stadnik, Clayton Stadnik
- 2013:** Connor Mitch, D.J. Park
- 2014:** None
- 2015:** Jalen Henry, Christian Owens, Sherrod Pittman, Jerad Washington
- 2016:** Bryan Edwards, C.J. Freeman, Brandon McIlwain, Chris Smith, Kobe Smith, Keir Thomas

Career Start Chart

Player	'12	'13	'14	'15	All
Skai Moore	-	4	9	11	24
Rico McWilliams	RS	2	6	10	18
Alan Knott	-	RS	8	9	17
T.J. Holloman	RS	3	4	9	16
Jordan Diggs	RS	1	2	10	13
Jonathan Walton	-	0	6	6	12
Marquavius Lewis	-	JC	JC	12	12
Chris Lammons	-	-	7	4	11
Mason Zandi	RS	1	0	10	11
Chaz Elder	RS	6	3	1	10
Perry Orth	JC	RS	0	8	8
Darius English	RS	1	6	0	7
Chris Moody	RS	0	7	0	7
Zack Bailey	-	-	-	5	5
Matrick Belton	FCS	FCS	RS	5	5
Taylor Stallworth	-	-	0	5	5
Dante Sawyer	-	-	JC	4	4
David Williams	-	RS	0	4	4
B. Allen-Williams	-	-	2	1	3
Jacob August	-	-	RS	3	3
Deebo Samuel	-	-	RS	3	3
Boosie Whitlow	-	-	-	3	3
Terry Googer	-	-	RS	2	2
Connor Mitch	-	RS	0	2	2
Lorenzo Nuñez	-	-	-	2	2
D.J. Smith	-	-	1	1	2
Larenz Bryant	-	0	0	1	1
Blake Camper	-	-	-	1	1
Hayden Hurst	-	-	-	1	1
Kyle Markway	-	-	-	1	1

2015 Carolina Rankings

Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	21.9	12	110
Rushing Offense	154.7	10	87
Passing Offense	207.5	7	84
Passing Efficiency	123.2	11	84
Total Offense	362.2	11	99
Scoring Defense	27.5	14	71
Rushing Defense	217.4	14	109
Passing Defense	212.4	9	50
Pass Efficiency Defense	134.8	13	83
Total Defense	429.8	14	94
Kickoff Returns	23.4	3	30
Punt Returns	4.6	13	111
Net Punting	41.3	2	7
Turnover Margin	0.4	6	32
Sacks	1.7	10	94
Tackles for Loss	5.3	11	93
Sacks Allowed	2.2	8	70



WINNING IN FEBRUARY: The Gamecocks had another successful February signing day, just missing out on another top-25 ranked class despite a coaching change. Here are the recent recruiting class rankings according to Rivals and Scout respectively:

Year	Rivals/Scout	Year	Rivals/Scout
2002:	11/18	2010:	24/34
2003:	8/15	2011:	18/11
2004:	35/28	2012:	19/13
2005:	23/20	2013:	16/24
2006:	24/33	2014:	16/24
2007:	6/7	2015:	19/20
2008:	22/34	2016:	28/26
2009:	12/13		

HAIL TO THE CHIEF: The Gamecocks have turned in some of their best seasons in those years in which our country is electing its president. Starting with 1976, there have been 10 national elections. The Gamecocks own a 75-43 record, a .636 winning percentage, in those seasons. Included are the 11-2 campaign of 2012 and the 10-2 season in 1984.

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME: Known last year as **Jalen Henry**, the sophomore from Foley, Ala. has officially changed his name. The 5-10, 220-pound linebacker now goes by the moniker **Jalen Dread**.

THE SKAI TURNED RED(SHIRT): **Skai Moore** will take a redshirt and miss the 2016 season following offseason surgery to address a herniated disk in his neck. The 6-2, 220-pounder from Cooper City, Fla., was the Gamecocks' leading tackler in 2015 with 111 stops, tying for third in the SEC with 9.2 tackles per game. He also led the team with 6.5 tackles for loss and with four pass interceptions, tying for fourth in the SEC. Moore became the first Gamecock to reach the century mark in tackles since 2006, while his 111 tackles was the second-highest total recorded by a Carolina player in the last 25 years. He led the team in tackles for a third-consecutive season, becoming the first player to do so since 1992-94. In addition, Moore has 11 career picks, tying for third on the all-time list.

ZANDI STANDS ALONE: Redshirt senior **Ma-son Zandi** is the only senior on the offensive side of the ball on the 2016 roster that came to South Carolina as a scholarship player. Zandi, a 6-9, 315-pound local product from Chapin, S.C. is also just one of six players in Gamecock history with the last name starting with "Z" to earn a football letter. The most recent prior to Zandi was Zip Zanders, who lettered in 1986.

KICKIN' IT WITH KELLY: Senior punter **Sean Kelly** was, in some people's eyes, the MVP of the Gamecock squad in 2015. The 5-10, 190-pounder from Oakland, Fla. averaged 44.3 yards per punt, third in the SEC, while the Gamecocks ranked second in the SEC and seventh in the nation in net punting with a 41.3 yard average. He booted 55 punts with just a 1.5-yard average return. Fourteen of his punts sailed over 50 yards, with a long of 69. Only four of his punts resulted in touchbacks, while 25 of his 55 punts (45 percent) were placed inside the 20.

THE FRISCO KID: Senior **Elliott Fry** hit on 20-of-28 field goal attempts and all 25 extra point efforts to lead the Gamecocks in scoring with 85 points in 2015. The six-foot, 170-pounder from Frisco, Texas ranked eighth among kickers in the SEC with 7.1 points per game and tied for third in the league with 1.67 field goals made per game. He has connected on a school record 124 consecutive extra points and has hit nearly 75 percent of his career field goal attempts. That average jumps to 81 percent when attempting from under 50 yards out. He holds the school's career records for extra points made and attempted and is second in points scored with 289, behind only Collin Mackie (330).

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: **Zack Bailey** was the only Gamecock named to the 2015 SEC All-Freshman team, as selected by the league's 14 coaches. The 6-6, 315-pound true freshman from Summerville, S.C., played in all 12 games, making five starts, with three at center and two at left guard.

ALIAS SMITH AND JONES: The Gamecocks feature five Smiths on this year's roster, easily the most common name on the squad, none of whom are related, but just one Jones. Freshman **Chris Smith** is from Rock Hill, S.C., junior **D.J. Smith** is from Marietta, Ga., junior **Jamari Smith** is from Jacksonville, Fla., freshman **Kobe Smith** is from Lawrenceville, Ga., and junior **T.J. Smith** is from Charleston, S.C. Junior defensive tackle **Ulric Jones** is from Oxford, Ala.

SPRING AWARDS: The following players were recognized for their achievements at halftime of the annual Garnet & Black Spring Game in April:

Offensive Player Deebo Samuel
 Defensive Player Marquavius Lewis
 Special Teams Player Bryson Allen-Williams
 Offensive GPA Perry Orth
 Defensive GPA Jordan Diggs
 Special Teams GPA Elliott Fry

Pronunciation Guide

Rivers Bedenbaugh	BEE-den-baugh
Matrick Belton	MAT-trick
Shameik Blackshear	shuh-MEEK
Toure Boyd	TOR-ee
Larenz Bryant	luh-RENZ
Randreous Davis	ran-DREE-cuss
Trey Derouen	duh-ROO-un
Daniel Fennell	fuh-NELL
Terry Googer	GOO-jer
Ulric Jones	YUR-ick
Abu Lamin	ah-BOO la-MEEN
Chris Lammons	luh-MONZ
Pika Leota	PEEK-uh
Marquavius Lewis	mar-QUAY-vee-us
Skai Moore	SKY
Lorenzo Nuñez	noon-YEZ
Christian Pellage	PELL-age
Kiel Pollard	keel
Michael Scarnecchia	scar-NECK-ee-ah
Donell Stanley	don-ELL
Keir Thomas	KEER
Jerad Washington	JEHR-id
Boosie Whitlow	BOO-see
Malik Young	muh-LEEK

2015 Drive Chart Summary

South Carolina

Opp.	Drives	TD	FG	Missed	Punt	Downs	Fum	INT	Half	3-Out
UNC	11	2	1	1	5	1	0	0	1	3
UK	11	2	3	1	3	0	0	1	1	0
UGA	12	2	2	0	5	1	0	1	1	2
UCF	12	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	1	1
MIZZ	10	1	1	1	4	0	0	3	0	2
LSU	9	2	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	3
VAN	15	1	4	2	5	0	1	1	1	3
A&M	12	4	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	5
TENN	13	3	1	1	6	1	1	0	0	4
FLA	12	2	0	0	6	0	0	2	2	5
CIT	10	2	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	2
CLEM	13	4	1	1	5	1	0	1	0	6
TOT	140	28	20	8	55	8	2	12	7	36

Opponents

Opp.	Drives	TD	FG	Missed	Punt	Downs	Fum	INT	SAF	Half	3-Out
UNC	10	1	2	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	2
UK	11	3	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	1	5
UGA	11	7	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
UCF	13	2	0	0	5	2	0	2	1	1	4
MIZZ	11	3	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	4
LSU	11	6	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
VAN	14	1	1	0	6	1	2	3	0	0	5
A&M	12	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	1
TENN	14	3	2	0	5	0	2	1	0	1	6
FLA	11	3	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	0	3
CIT	11	3	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	3
CLEM	13	5	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	2
TOT	142	41	12	1	51	6	8	12	1	10	36



Starters Returning

OFFENSE (4): WR Matrick Belton, OC Alan Knott, QB Perry Orth, RT Mason Zandi.

DEFENSE (6): SS Jordan Diggs, LB T.J. Holloman, DE Marquavius Lewis, CB Rico McWilliams, LB Skai Moore, DT Taylor Stallworth.

SPECIAL TEAMS (2): PK Elliott Fry, P Sean Kelly.

Starters Lost

OFFENSE (7): TE Jerell Adams, WR Pharoh Cooper, WR Carlton Heard, LG Mike Matulis, LT Brandon Shell, RG Will Sport, TB Brandon Wilds.

DEFENSE (5): DE Gerald Dixon, DT Gerald Dixon Jr., Spur T.J. Gurley, CB Al Harris Jr., FS Isaiah Johnson.

SPECIAL TEAMS (0): P None.

Lettermen Returning

OFFENSE (19): Zack Bailey, Rivers Bedenbaugh, Matrick Belton, Blake Camper, K.C. Crosby, Terry Googer, Hayden Hurst, Alan Knott, Kyle Markway, Lorenzo Nuñez, Perry Orth, D.J. Park, Darius Paulk, Christian Pella, Deebo Samuel, Donell Stanley, Rod Talley, David Williams, Mason Zandi.

DEFENSE (22): Bryson Allen-Williams, Larenz Bryant, Jordan Diggs, Jalen Dread, Chaz Elder, Darius English, Rashad Fenton, Kelsey Griffin, T.J. Holloman, Abu Lamin, Chris Lammons, Marquavius Lewis, Rico McWilliams, Chris Moody, Skai Moore, Jasper Sasser, Dante Sawyer, D.J. Smith, Jamari Smith, Taylor Stallworth, Jonathan Walton, Boosie Whitlow.

SPECIAL TEAMS (4): Elliott Fry, Sean Kelly, Nick McGriff, Drew Williams.

Lettermen Lost

OFFENSE (14): Jerell Adams, Shon Carson, Pharoh Cooper, Garrison Gist, Carlton Heard, Shamier Jeffery, Mike Matulis, D.J. Neal, Brandon Shell, Will Sport, Brock Stadnik, Clayton Stadnik, Cody Waldrop, Brandon Wilds.

DEFENSE (9): Cedrick Cooper, Gerald Dixon, Gerald Dixon Jr., Phillip Dukes, T.J. Gurley, Al Harris Jr., Ernest Hawkins, David Johnson, Isaiah Johnson.

SPECIAL TEAMS (1): Landon Ard.

Geographical Breakdown

Alabama (9)

Birmingham
Griffin Gentry

Daphne
Jonathan Walton

Foley
Jalen Dread

Mobile
Jamarcus King
Taylor Stallworth
Darius Whitfield

Opelika
Jake Bentley
Boosie Whitlow

Oxford
Ulric Jones

California (1)

Rancho Cucamonga
Toure Boyd

Florida (17)

Brooksville
Christian Pella

Cooper City
Skai Moore

Deltona
Evan Hinson

Fleming Island
Michael Scarnecchia

Fort Lauderdale
Aaron Thompson

Fort Myers
Jordan Diggs

Gainesville
Nick McGriff

Jacksonville
Hayden Hurst
Sherrod Pittman
Jasper Sasser
Jamari Smith
Jerad Washington

Lauderhill
Chris Lammons

Miami
Rashad Fenton
Keir Thomas

Oakland
Sean Kelly

Ponte Vedra
Perry Orth

Georgia (27)

Alpharetta
Cory Helms

Athens
Wyman Baxley

Atlanta
Ben Asbury
Randrecous Davis
Trey Googer
Benji Russell
Robert Tucker

Buford
Kelsey Griffin

Ellenwood
Bryson Allen-Williams

Griffin
Christian Owens

Hampton
Rico McWilliams

Kennesaw
Lorenzo Nuñez

LaGrange
Mon Denson

Lawrenceville
Kobe Smith

Lilburn
Trey Derouen

Loganville
Daniel Fennell

Marietta
D.J. Smith

McDonough
Chris Moody

Moultrie
Kiel Pollard

Powder Springs
Darius English

Riverdale
Antoine Wilder

Stone Mountain
T.J. Holloman
Dennis Wonnun

Suwanee
Dante Sawyer

Tyrone
Korey Banks
Alan Knott

Union City
Chaz Elder

Illinois (1)

Gurnee
Javon Charleston

Louisiana (1)

New Orleans
Stephon Taylor

Massachusetts (1)

Dartmouth
Logan Crane

Missouri (1)

St. Louis
Kyle Markway

N. Carolina (9)

Asheville
Rico Dowdle
Pika Leota

Charlotte
Larenz Bryant
Matthew Weigel

Fayetteville
Abu Lamin

Greensboro
C.J. Freeman

Harrisburg
Will Putnam

Raleigh
Spencer Eason-Riddle
Harrison Freeman

Ohio (1)

Worthington
Danny Gordon

Pennsylvania (2)

Newtown
Brandon McIlwain

Philadelphia
David Williams

S. Carolina (41)

Anderson
Jajuan Blankenship

Bamberg
K.C. Crosby

Bennettsville
Cameron Johnson

Beaufort
Jason Senn

Bluffton
Shameik Blackshear
Demetrius Smalls

Chapin
Mason Zandi

Charleston
T.J. Smith

Columbia
Matrick Belton
T.J. Brunson
Joseph Charlton
Darius Paulk

Conway
Bryan Edwards

Dillon
D.J. Park

Duncan
Chavis Dawkins
Avery James

Elgin
Jacob August

Florence
Shannon James

Floydale
Donell Stanley

Greenville
Alexander Woznick

Greenwood
Marquavius Lewis

Greer
Adrian McGee

Inman
Deebo Samuel

Irmo
Brett Shore
Drew Williams

Laurens
Scott Grant
Rod Talley

Leesville
Rivers Bedenbaugh

Lexington
Trey Mitchell

Mt. Pleasant
Bailey Hart
Tyler Ragsdale

North Augusta
Michael Almond

Pelzer
Malik Young

Rock Hill
Chris Smith

Saluda
Dexter Wideman

Simpsonville
Javion Duncan

Summerville
Zack Bailey
Devin Dingle
Chandler Farrell

Union
Montray Feaster
Shemar Glenn

Tennessee (2)

Huntingdon
Sadarius Hutcherson

Knoxville
Akeem Cooperwood

Texas (2)

Frisco
Elliot Fry

Leander
Morgan Vest

Virginia (2)

Clifton
A.J. Turner

Virginia Beach
Blake Camper



A new era of South Carolina Football begins in 2016, as **Will Muschamp** takes over the reins from the Head Ball Coach, Steve Spurrier, who ended his 11-year tenure in South Carolina as the winningest coach in school history.

Coach Muschamp knows that there is much work to be done, as he inherits a team that, despite being just two years removed from three-consecutive 11-win seasons, is coming off a 3-9 campaign, Carolina's worst record since a winless season in 1999. However, last year's squad showed that it was competitive more often than not, posting a season-opening win over ACC runnerup North Carolina and dropping five contests by a combined total of 20 points.

Coach Muschamp hired nearly a completely new coaching staff, with offensive line coach **Shawn Elliott** the only holdover from Coach Spurrier's staff. **Kurt Roper** was named the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, and will have the responsibility for calling the plays. **Bryan McClendon**, who served as Georgia's interim head coach in its 2016 TaxSlayer Bowl win over Penn State, also holds the co-offensive coordinator title and will mentor the wide receivers. **Bobby Bentley**, one of the most successful high school coaches in South Carolina history, returns to the Palmetto State as the running backs coach. Veteran SEC assistant coach **Pat Washington**, an Auburn grad who has logged stints at Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi State and Kentucky, will coach the tight ends.

Coach Muschamp has earned his stripes on the defensive side of the ball and will have tremendous input on the schemes and packages the Gamecocks will employ. **Travaris Robinson** will serve as the defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach. **Lance Thompson** was named the assistant coach - defense and will mentor the defensive line. Fourteen-year NFL veteran **Mike Peterson** will be in charge of the outside linebackers, while **Coleman Hutzler** will coach the linebackers and will serve as the special teams coordinator.

Forty-five lettermen return, including a dozen starters - four on offense, six on defense and two specialists. Key losses from last year's squad include wide receiver Pharoah Cooper, tight end Jerrell Adams, left tackle Brandon Shell, tailback Brandon Wilds and safety Isaiah Johnson.

Muschamp and his staff put the returning players through a rigorous offseason program, which included 15 days of spring drills, giving the new staff an opportunity to evaluate the returning talent, install new schemes, identify playmakers and infuse the philosophies and principles that will define Gamecock Football for the foreseeable future, with a focus on effort, toughness and discipline.

As is always the case in the nation's top conference, the road to Atlanta and the Georgia Dome for the SEC Championship game will be challenging. The Gamecocks' schedule is quirky, with three conference road games on the docket before the first conference home contest is played.

As has become somewhat of a tradition, Caro-

lina will kick off the college football season on a Thursday night, this year drawing a contest at Vanderbilt. A second road conference game awaits the following week in Starkville against Mississippi State. The 2016 home opener is set for Sept. 17 against East Carolina, which will also be Parents' Weekend, but then another road conference game is in store for the Gamecocks, this time at Kentucky to wrap up the season's first month.

After traveling for three of the first four games, Columbia's Williams-Brice Stadium will host five consecutive games, including four conference tests, over a six-week period. Texas A&M and Georgia get things started in October before the season's only bye week. UMass makes its first appearance in Columbia on Oct. 22 before the Gamecocks host two more SEC Eastern Division rivals in Tennessee and Missouri. The Missouri game has been identified as this year's annual Homecoming game.

Two of the final three contests will be on the road, including a date at Florida to wrap up the conference slate, along with the annual Palmetto State showdown at Clemson on Nov. 26 in the regular season finale. In between is the final home game and Senior Day on Nov. 19 with Western Carolina providing the competition.

2015 Statistics (SEC/NCAA)

Scoring Offense.....	21.9 (12/110)
Rushing Offense.....	154.7 (10/87)
Passing Offense	207.5 (7/84)
Total Offense.....	362.2 (11/99)

The Carolina offense returns four starters from a squad that averaged just under 22 points a game, or 11 fewer than in the previous season. The Gamecocks return 45 percent of their rushing yards, 93 percent of their passing yards and 27 percent of their receiving yards from a unit that ranked 99th in the country in total offense a year ago. The returning starters are quarterback **Perry Orth**, wide receiver **Matrick Belton**, and offensive linemen **Alan Knott** and **Mason Zandi**. The biggest question marks come at the skill positions, most notably, quarterback and wide receiver.

Quarterbacks

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
Lorenzo Nuñez	Danny Gordon
Perry Orth	Michael Scarnecchia
Letterman Lost	Roster Newcomers
None	Jake Bentley
	Bailey Hart
	Brandon McIlwain
2015 Starters in Bold	

QUARTERBACK: One of the most closely watched competitions in the fall will be at the quarterback position, where a handful of candidates will have an opportunity to prove they are worthy to take the first snap of the season in Nashville on September 1. Fifth-year senior **Perry Orth**, a former walk-on who played his way into a

starting role last season, and true freshman **Brandon McIlwain**, came out of the spring running neck-and-neck for the starting role. Orth has the experience advantage, having thrown for 1,929 yards last season, while McIlwain, a two-sport high school standout,



BRANDON MCILWAIN

is more physically gifted. Sophomore **Lorenzo Nuñez**, who also has the running ability that offensive coordinator Kurt Roper is looking for at the quarterback position, missed the last half of the spring with a minor knee injury, but will have an opportunity to make his presence felt again this fall, after getting a taste of big-time college football as a true freshman last fall. The wildcard to the quarterback derby may be highly-touted true freshman **Jake Bentley**, son of running backs coach Bobby Bentley. The younger Bentley graduated from high school a year early, passing on his senior season, and enrolled at Carolina in the summer. He possesses all the tools necessary to have success at this level, and could be a factor this season as well. Sophomore **Michael Scarnecchia** is more of a traditional drop-back passer. Walk-ons **Danny Gordon** and **Bailey Hart** provide depth.

Running Backs

Lettermen Returning	Squadman Returning
Rivers Bedenbaugh	Mon Denson
Darius Paulk	A.J. Turner
Rod Talley	
David Williams	Roster Newcomers
	Rico Dowdle
Lettermen Lost	C.J. Freeman
Garrison Gist	Adrian McGee
Brandon Wilds	
Shon Carson	2015 Starters in Bold

RUNNING BACK: Redshirt junior **David Williams**, who has served as an apprentice behind Mike Davis and Brandon Wilds over the past three seasons, will have the first crack at establishing himself as the go-to back this season. Williams, a 6-1, 220-pounder, has shown flashes while rushing for 555 yards over the past two seasons, now needs to take the next step to give the Gamecocks a consistent rushing attack. A slew of candidates who have yet to be tested at the collegiate level will compete for playing time as well. The veterans of the group, senior **Darius Paulk** and junior **Rod Talley** both came to Carolina as walk-on transfers from smaller schools and have combined for just four carries since donning the Garnet & Black. **Mon Denson** and **A.J. Turner** both took



a redshirt season last year as they transitioned from high school ball. Turner has shown excellent speed and came out of the spring listed second on the depth chart behind Williams. A pair of true freshmen could also make their way into the rotation. The Gamecock coaches got their first look at **C.J. Freeman**, who went through spring drills, and they are excited about the addition of **Rico Dowdle**, who had an outstanding prep career in Asheville, N.C. **Rivers Bedenbaugh** is a fullback candidate when a two-back set is used. Freshman walk-on **Adrian McGee** adds depth.

exists for a young player to step up and receive immediate playing time at the wide receiver position. Four squadmen return in **Christian Owens** and **Jerad Washington**, along with walk-ons **Javon Charleston** and **Devin Dingle**. Washington continues to work his way back after breaking his leg last fall, while Charleston was impressive in the spring, earning a spot on the two-deep roster entering the fall. A slew of true freshman will have an immediate opportunity to make an impact. **Bryan Edwards** got the early jump on the others by graduating early and going through spring ball.

GAMECOCK OFFENSE

Wide Receivers

Lettermen Returning

Matrick Belton

Terry Googer
Deebo Samuel
Jamari Smith

Squadman Returning

Javon Charleston
Devin Dingle
Christian Owens
Jerad Washington

Lettermen Lost

Pharoh Cooper

Carlton Heard

Shamier Jeffery
D.J. Neal

Roster Newcomers

Korey Banks
Randrecous Davis
Chavis Dawkins
Bryan Edwards
Montray Feaster
Shemar Glenn
Kiel Pollard
T.J. Smith

2015 Starters in **Bold**

WIDE RECEIVER: Wide receivers coach Bryan McClendon will have big shoes to fill as the Gamecocks will have to replace their most valuable player from 2016 in two-time first-team all-conference performer Pharoh Cooper. Playing just three seasons, Cooper ranks eighth on the school's all-time receiving list with 2,163 yards. The man counted on to be next in a line of outstanding wide receivers that includes Sidney Rice, Kenny McKinley, Alshon Jeffery and Bruce Ellington is redshirt sophomore **Deebo Samuel**. Samuel was hampered by a hamstring injury for much of the 2015 season, but showed his talent by hauling in five passes for 104 yards in the season finale against Clemson. The only other players who have caught a pass in a game are walk-on senior **Matrick Belton** and redshirt sophomore **Terry Googer**. Belton started five games last season, catching 11 passes, while Googer caught five passes while making a pair of starts. Redshirt junior **Jamari Smith** moved back to the offensive side of the ball in the spring and seemed to find a home at wide receiver. Opportunity certainly

He is listed atop the depth chart entering the fall at one of the wideout positions. Other scholarship candidates include **Korey Banks**, **Randrecous Davis**, **Chavis Dawkins** and **Kiel Pollard**, while **Montray Feaster** and **Shemar Glenn** are walk-ons who add depth. **T.J. Smith** will not be eligible this season following a transfer from Concord.

Tight Ends

Lettermen Returning

K.C. Crosby
Hayden Hurst
Kyle Markway

Squadman Returning

Jacob August

Roster Newcomers

Evan Hinson
Robert Tucker III
Matthew Weigel

Lettermen Lost

Jerrell Adams

2015 Starters in **Bold**

TIGHT END: Tight ends coach Pat Washington will be looking to replace Jerrell Adams, who was a sixth-round selection in the NFL Draft. Despite that loss, the tight end position could be a strength for the squad. The coaching staff is excited about the potential of sophomore **Hayden Hurst**. The 6-5, 250-pound former professional baseball player, earned some playing time last season after not seeing the gridiron for a number of years and continues to develop. Redshirt sophomore **K.C. Crosby** is listed as a co-starter along with Hurst entering the fall. Crosby, who is listed at 227 pounds, is more of an H-back. Sophomores **Kyle Markway** and **Jacob August** also gained some valuable experience last fall and provide more options. Three newcomers will join the team this fall, including scholarship players **Evan Hinson** and **Robert Tucker III**, while **Matthew Weigel** adds depth as a walk-on. Hinson is a gifted athlete, who is considering spending the winter with the Gamecock basketball squad.

Offensive Linemen

Lettermen Returning

Zack Bailey
Blake Camper
Alan Knott
D.J. Park
Christian Pella
Donell Stanley
Mason Zandi

Squadman Returning

Trey Derouen
Cory Helms
Malik Young

Roster Newcomers

Akeem Cooperwood
Chandler Farrell
Sadarius Hutcherson
Cameron Johnson
Pika Leota
Will Putnam

Lettermen Lost

Mike Matulis
Brandon Shell
Will Sport

Brock Stadnik
Clayton Stadnik
Cody Waldrop

2015 Starters in **Bold**

OFFENSIVE LINE: The strength of this year's offense figures to be up front in the trenches along the offensive line. Despite losing three starters, offensive line coach Shawn Elliott has a good blend of youth and experience from which to draw. Fifth-year senior **Mason Zandi** and redshirt junior **Alan Knott** figure to be the linchpins to the attack up front. Zandi moves from right tackle to left to protect the quarterback's blind side, while Knott is penciled in as the starting center. The Gamecocks will receive a boost with the addition of junior **Cory Helms**. Helms was a 2013 Freshman All-American at Wake Forest, and is eligible this season after sitting out the 2015 campaign following his transfer. He should start at a guard position, but can also play center. **Zack Bailey**, who earned a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team a year ago, is slated to man the other starting guard position. Junior **D.J. Park** and sophomore **Blake Camper** figure to battle it out for the right tackle position. A trio of sophomores in **Christian Pella**, **Donell Stanley** and **Malik Young** could make their presence felt as well. Redshirt freshman **Trey Derouen** was not able to practice in the spring due to a knee injury. A number of newcomers will try to get in the mix early on. Junior college transfer **Akeem Cooperwood** would be the most logical candidate to see playing time in 2016 after spending two seasons at Georgia Military College. True freshmen **Sadarius Hutcherson**, **Pika Leota** and **Will Putnam** are scholarship players, while **Chandler Farrell** and **Cameron Johnson** join the squad as walk-ons and will provide depth up front.



ALAN KNOTT



2015 Statistics (SEC/NCAA)

Scoring Defense	27.5 (14/71)
Rushing Defense	217.4 (14/109)
Passing Defense	212.4 (9/50)
Total Defense	429.8 (14/94)

The Gamecocks will look to shore up a defense that has registered back-to-back subpar seasons. Six starters return, but the Gamecocks received a blow when they learned this summer that second-team All-SEC linebacker **Skai Moore** would not be available. Moore had a herniated disc in his neck and will use 2016 as a redshirt season with plans of returning for his final campaign in 2017. Moore has led the team in tackles in each of the past three seasons and has a chance to become the school's all-time leader in career interceptions. Other returning starters include defensive linemen **Marquavius Lewis** and **Taylor Stallworth**, linebacker **T.J. Holloman**, cornerback **Rico McWilliams** and safety **Jordan Diggs**.

and junior defensive tackle **Taylor Stallworth**. Lewis is a quiet leader who is the lone player on the squad who started every game last season. Other upperclassmen who will be counted on this fall include seniors **Darius English**, **Kelsey Griffin** and **Abu Lamin**, and juniors **Dante Sawyer** and **Ulric Jones**. Sawyer missed the spring while rehabbing from offseason shoulder surgery, while Jones was redshirted in 2015, his first season with the Garnet & Black. All five could figure in the two-deep, with Griffin listed as a starter at defensive tackle entering the fall. Sophomore **Boosie Whitlow** showed some natural pass rushing skills as a true freshman last fall. A trio of redshirt freshmen in **Shameik Blackshear**, **Daniel Fennell** and **Dexter Wideman**, will also be given an opportunity to work their way into the rotation. Fennell made the most of his opportunity in the spring, earning a spot atop the postspring depth chart at the hybrid Buck position, ahead of English, as Thompson looks for more consistency rushing the passer. **Keir Thomas** and **Kobe Smith** were two

T.J. Holloman and **Jonathan Walton**. Holloman served as a team captain last season and has logged 140 career tackles. The hard-hitting Walton has recorded 103 tackles over the last two seasons. All three could be in the starting lineup, as could junior **Bryson Allen-Williams**.



T.J. HOLLAMAN

Jalen Dread, who played last season under the name Jalen Henry, is the final returning letterman, but he has seen most of his action on special teams. Redshirt freshmen **Sherrod Pittman**, who sat out last season while rehabbing from a broken leg, and walk-on **Tyler Ragsdale** return as well. Local product **T.J. Brunson**, from Columbia's Richland Northeast High School, is the only scholarship true freshman linebacker to join the squad. **Spencer Eason-Riddle**, **Trey Mitchell** and **Brett Shore** are walk-ons who will add depth.

GAMECOCK DEFENSE

Defensive Linemen

Lettermen Returning	Squadman Returning
Darius English	Shameik Blackshear
Kelsey Griffin	Daniel Fennell
Abu Lamin	Ulric Jones
Marquavius Lewis	Dexter Wideman
Dante Sawyer	
Taylor Stallworth	Roster Newcomers
Boosie Whitlow	Juwan Blankenship
	Javion Duncan
	Griffin Gentry
	Kobe Smith
	Stephon Taylor
	Keir Thomas
	Aaron Thompson
	Darius Whitfield
	D.J. Wonnum

2015 Starters in Bold

DEFENSIVE LINE: The key to most successful defenses is a strong line, one that can effectively slow the running game while putting consistent pressure on the quarterback to affect the passing game. New defensive line coach Lance Thompson will work to blend a group of linemen that can do those things more consistently than they have been able to muster over the past two seasons since the departure of Jadeveon Clowney, the top pick of the 2014 NFL Draft. Two starters return up front in senior defensive end **Marquavius Lewis**

freshmen that graduated early and went through spring drills. Both were impressive, with Thomas earning a spot on the preseason two-deep. They will be joined in the fall by incoming scholarship linemen **Griffin Gentry**, **Stephon Taylor**, **Aaron Thompson**, **Darius Whitfield** and **D.J. Wonnum**. **Javion Duncan** is a walk-on who is eligible this fall after starting his career at The Citadel. **Juwan Blankenship** adds depth as a walk-on.

Linebackers

Lettermen Returning	Squadman Returning
Bryson Allen-Williams	Sherrod Pittman
Larenz Bryant	Tyler Ragsdale
Jalen Dread	
T.J. Holloman	Roster Newcomers
Skai Moore	T.J. Brunson
Jonathan Walton	Spencer Eason-Riddle
	Trey Mitchell
	Brett Shore
Lettermen Lost	
Ernest Hawkins	

2015 Starters in Bold

LINEBACKER: The loss of all-conference performer **Skai Moore**, the team's leading tackler in each of the past three seasons, was certainly a harsh blow, but if the Gamecocks had any position where they have the depth to fill the gap of Moore's absence, it would be at linebacker. Leading the way are seasoned veterans **Larenz Bryant**,

Defensive Backs

Lettermen Returning	Squadman Returning
Jordan Diggs	Toure Boyd
Chaz Elder	Scott Grant
Rashad Fenton	Shannon James
Chris Lammons	Benji Russell
Rico McWilliams	Jason Senn
Chris Moody	Demetrius Smalls
Jasper Sasser	Antoine Wilder
D.J. Smith	
Lettermen Lost	Roster Newcomers
T.J. Gurley	Avery James
Al Harris Jr.	Jamarcus King
Isaiah Johnson	Chris Smith
	Morgan Vest

2015 Starters in Bold

DEFENSIVE BACK: No unit would benefit more from consistent pressure on the passer than the Gamecock secondary. The better the Carolina defense is up front, the better chance the guys in the back will be able to cover and make plays, something that has been missing over the past two seasons. A quartet of fifth-year seniors return to lead the secondary. Cornerback **Rico McWilliams** has 18 starts under his belt, the most for any player that will step onto the field when the season opens on September 1. Classmates **Jordan Diggs** (40 games/13 starts), **Chaz Elder** (26/10) and **Chris Moody** (37/7) all have extensive experience playing the safety position. Junior **D.J. Smith** (24 games/2 starts) also has some experience at the safety position. Versatile junior **Chris Lammons** figures to be a regular somewhere in the lineup.



Lammons, who played cornerback in each of his first two seasons in Columbia, came out of the spring listed atop the depth chart at both cornerback and at one of the safety positions. Another player who the coaches want to see on the field is sophomore



CHRIS LAMMONS

Rashad Fenton. Fenton enters the fall listed at the starting nickel and as a second-team cornerback. How it shakes out for both Lammons and Fenton may be predicated on the development of junior college transfer **Jamarcus King**, who many believe could step into a starting cornerback spot before the season begins. **Jasper Sasser** is the other returning lettermen in the defensive backfield. He has seen most of his action on special teams. Former junior college transfer **Toure Boyd**, and **Antoine Wilder**, who both sat out last season as redshirts, are the returning scholarship players. True freshman **Chris Smith** graduated from high school last December and went through spring drills. Walk-ons who will participate in fall drills include **Scott Grant**, **Avery James**, **Shannon James**, **Benji Russell**, **Jason Senn** and **Morgan Vest**. Avery James will not be eligible in 2016 following a transfer from Liberty.

2015 Statistics (SEC/NCAA)

Kickoff Returns	23.4 (3/30)
Punt Returns	4.6 (13/111)
Net Punting	41.3 (2/7)

New special teams coordinator Coleman Hutzler is blessed to have arguably the best returning placekicker/punter tandem in the SEC in seniors **Elliott Fry** and **Sean Kelly**. Fry continues in his quest to shatter nearly every placekicking record in school history and has his eyes set on becoming the all-time leading scorer in South Carolina Football history. Kelly, a former transfer from FAU, was outstanding in his first season in the Garnet & Black, helping the Gamecocks rank second in the SEC and seventh in the nation in net punting yards (41.3). Senior **Drew Williams** returns as the incumbent to handle the deep snapping duties for a third-straight season. As is usually the case in the spring, the Gamecocks will take a look at several candidates to handle kickoff and punt returns. Sophomore **Rashad Fenton** is certainly a candidate for kick return duty, as he averaged over 26 yards per return last season, and took one to the house at LSU. The sure hands of Pharoah Cooper on punt returns will be missed.

Specialists

Lettermen Returning

Elliott Fry
Sean Kelly
Nick McGriff
Drew Williams

Lettermen Lost

Landon Ard

2015 Starters in **Bold**

Squadman Returning

Michael Almond
Joseph Charlton
Logan Crane

Roster Newcomers

Ben Asbury
Wyman Baxley
Harrison Freeman
Alexander Woznick

freshman **Joseph Charlton**, who came to Carolina as a scholarship athlete, enters the fall as the backup punter. **Michael Almond** could figure in as well.



SEAN KELLY

GAMECOCK SPECIAL TEAMS

PLACEKICKER: The Gamecocks have one of the nation's best in senior **Elliott Fry**. Fry, who has been the Gamecocks' placekicker for every contest since stepping foot on campus back in 2013, has scored 289 career points. He needs to tally just 41 points in his final campaign to match Collin Mackie's school record of 330 points. Fry has been successful on nearly 75 percent of his field goal attempts, and that average jumps to 81 percent when attempting from under 50 yards. He is also "Mr. Automatic" on extra points, as he has connected on a school record 124 consecutive PATs and is 130-for-131 in his career. Redshirt freshman **Michael Almond** is penciled in as the number two placekicker entering the fall, but will get competition from true freshman **Alexander Woznick**. **Joseph Charlton** could also figure in the mix, should something happen to Fry.



ELLIOTT FRY

PUNTER: As is the case at placekicker, the Gamecocks are in excellent shape in the punting game. Senior **Sean Kelly** returns following an outstanding campaign in 2015. Kelly's 44.3-yard average ranked fourth in the SEC, while the team's 41.3-yard net punting average ranked second in the league and seventh in the nation. Kelly has averaged 42.1 yards per punt throughout his career, which began at Florida Atlantic. Redshirt

LONG SNAPPER: Senior **Drew Williams** has handled both the short- and long-snapping duties in each of the past three seasons and figures to do so again in 2016. However, sophomore **Nick McGriff** had a few opportunities as well last season, enough so that he earned a letter. Redshirt freshman **Logan Crane** is the only other returning long snapper. **Ben Asbury**, a transfer from Berry College, **Wyman Baxley**, and **Harrison Freeman** are also on the roster as long snappers.

KICKOFF RETURN: The odds-on-favorite to handle the kick return duties this season is sophomore **Rashad Fenton**. Fenton returned 14 kicks as a true freshman for a 26.1-yard average. The highlight of his season came at LSU when he rambled 96 yards to paydirt. It was the first kick return for a touchdown for the Gamecocks since the 2002 season. Redshirt freshman **A.J. Turner** also got a look in the spring and has the explosiveness to make him a dangerous returner. A true freshman could emerge as a candidate for kick return duty as well.



RASHAD FENTON

PUNT RETURN: The Gamecocks will no longer be able to rely on the reliable hands of Pharoah Cooper in punt return situations. This important role is a little more wide open heading into the fall. **Chris Lammons**, **Rashad Fenton** and **Deebo Samuel** are all listed on the depth chart as candidates for punt return duty. As is the case with kickoff returns, there may be a darkhorse candidate emerge during fall camp who could ultimately win the position.



Offense (55)

Redshirt Seniors (4)

Matrick Belton	WR
Perry Orth	QB
Darius Paulk	RB
Mason Zandi	OL

Seniors (0)

None

Redshirt Juniors (7)

Rivers Bedenbaugh	RB
Cory Helms	OL
Alan Knott	OL
D.J. Park	OL
Jamari Smith	WR
Rod Talley	RB
David Williams	RB

Juniors (2)

Akeem Cooperwood	OL
T.J. Smith	WR

Redshirt Sophomores (8)

Jacob August	TE
K.C. Crosby	TE
Terry Googer	WR
Danny Gordon	QB
Deebo Samuel	WR
Michael Scarnecchia	QB
Donell Stanley	OL
Malik Young	OL

Sophomores (6)

Zack Bailey	OL
Blake Camper	OL
Hayden Hurst	TE
Kyle Markway	TE
Lorenzo Nuñez	QB
Christian Pellage	OL

Redshirt Freshmen (8)

Javon Charleston	WR
Mon Denson	RB
Trey Derouen	OL
Devin Dingle	WR
Christian Owens	WR
A.J. Turner	RB
Jerad Washington	WR
Matthew Weigel	TE

Freshmen (20)

Korey Banks	WR
Jake Bentley	QB
Randrecous Davis	WR
Chavis Dawkins	WR
Rico Dowdle	RB
Bryan Edwards	WR
Chandler Farrell	OL
Montray Feaster	WR
C.J. Freeman	RB
Shemar Glenn	WR

Bailey Hart	QB
Evan Hinson	TE
Sadarius Hutcherson	OL
Cameron Johnson	OL
Brandon McIlwain	QB
Pika Leota	OL
Adrian McGee	RB
Kiel Pollard	WR
Will Putnam	OL
Robert Tucker	TE

Defense (51)

Redshirt Seniors (8)

Jordan Diggs	DB
Chaz Elder	DB
Darius English	DL
T.J. Holloman	LB
Shannon James	DB
Abu Lamin	DL
Rico McWilliams	DB
Chris Moody	DB

Seniors (5)

Larenz Bryant	LB
Kelsey Griffin	DL
Marquavius Lewis	DL
Skai Moore	LB
Jonathan Walton	LB

Redshirt Juniors (6)

Toure Boyd	DB
Ulric Jones	DL
Benji Russell	DB
Jasper Sasser	DB
Brent Shore	LB
Demetrius Smalls	DB

Juniors (7)

Bryson Allen-Williams	LB
Avery James	DB
Jamarcus King	DB
Chris Lammons	DB
Dante Sawyer	DL
D.J. Smith	DB
Taylor Stallworth	DL

Redshirt Sophomores (2)

Javion Duncan	DL
Scott Grant	DB

Sophomores (3)

Jalen Dread	LB
Rashad Fenton	DB
Boosie Whitlow	DL

Redshirt Freshmen (7)

Shameik Blackshear	DL
Daniel Fennell	DL
Sherrod Pittman	LB
Tyler Ragsdale	LB
Jason Senn	DB
Dexter Wideman	DL
Antonie Wilder	DB

Freshmen (13)

Jajuan Blankenship	DL
T.J. Brunson	LB
Spencer Eason-Riddle	LB
Griffin Gentry	DL
Trey Mitchell	LB
Chris Smith	DB
Kobe Smith	DL
Stephon Taylor	DL
Keir Thomas	DL
Aaron Thompson	DL
Morgan Vest	DB
Darius Whitfield	DL
Dennis Wonnnum	DL

Specialists (11)

Redshirt Seniors (1)

Sean Kelly	P
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Seniors (2)

Elliott Fry	PK
Drew Williams	LS

Redshirt Juniors (0)

None

Juniors (0)

None

Redshirt Sophomores (2)

Ben Asbury	LS
Nick McGriff	LS

Sophomores (0)

None

Redshirt Freshmen (3)

Michael Almond	P/K
Joseph Charlton	P/K
Logan Crane	LS

Freshmen (3)

Wyman Baxley	LS
Harrison Freeman	OL
Alexander Woznick	PK