



On July 13, 2012, Ray Tanner retired from coaching and ascended to the position of athletics director at the University of South Carolina.

Three days later, he named Chad Holbrook the 29th head coach in the history of Gamecock Baseball.

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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Columbia, S.C.
Enrollment	30,721
Founded	1801
University President	Dr. Harris Pastides
Athletics Director	Ray Tanner
Faculty Representative	Dr. Zach Kelehear
Conference	Southeastern
Nickname	Gamecocks
Colors	Garnet & Black
Mascot	Cocky

TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach	Chad Holbrook
Alma Mater	North Carolina, 1994
Record at South Carolina	0-0 (first season)
Career Record	0-0 (first season)
Associate Head Coach	Jerry Meyers
Assistant Coach	Sammy Esposito
Volunteer Assistant	Brian Buscher
Administrative Assistant	Katherine Brown
Director of Operations	Kyle Lipsey
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Billy Anderson
Associate Athletics Trainer	Brainard Cooper
Academic Advisor	Steve Bondurant

2012 SEASON IN REVIEW/2013 OUTLOOK

2012 Overall Record	49-20
2012 SEC Record/Finish	18-11/1st East/2nd Overall
2012 Postseason Finish	NCAA College World Series/National Runner-Up
Position Starters Returning/Lost	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost	13/4
Players Returning/Lost	25/8

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Baseball	1892
First Year in SEC	1992
All-Time Record	2,368-1,427-17
All-Time SEC Record	342-259
SEC Championships	3 (2000, 2002, 2011)
SEC Conference Tournament Titles	1 (2004)
SEC East Titles	6 (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012)
National Championships	2 (2010, 2011)
NCAA Appearances/Last	28/2012
NCAA Tournament Record	122-60
College World Series Appearances/Last	11/2012
College World Series Record	32-20

FACILITY INFORMATION

Stadium (Dimensions)	Carolina Stadium (L-325, C-400, R-325, A-375)
Capacity	6,400 permanent seats (8,242 standing-room only)
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Starters Returning (6): LB Dantzer, Tanner English, Grayson Greiner, Joey Pankake, Erik Payne, Chase Vergason

Starters Lost (3): Evan Marzilli, Adam Matthews, Christian Walker

Pitchers Returning (13): Evan Beal, Nolan Belcher, Vince Fiori, Colby Holmes, Forrest Koumas, Jordan Montgomery, Joey Pankake, Hunter Privette, Joel Seddon, Patrick Sullivan, Drake Thomason, Tyler Webb, Adam Westmoreland

Pitchers Lost (4): Ethan Carter, Logan Munson, Matt Price, Michael Roth

Players Returning (25): Evan Beal, Nolan Belcher, Connor Bright, Brison Celek, T.J. Costen, LB Dantzer, Tanner English, Vince Fiori, Grayson Greiner, Patrick Harrington, Colby Holmes, Forrest Koumas, Kyle Martin, Jordan Montgomery, Joey Pankake, Erik Payne, Hunter Privette, Dante Rosenberg, Joel Seddon, Patrick Sullivan, Sean Sullivan, Drake Thomason, Chase Vergason, Tyler Webb, Adam Westmoreland

Players Lost (8): Ethan Carter, Tanner Lovick, Evan Marzilli, Adam Matthews, Logan Munson, Matt Price, Michael Roth, Christian Walker

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Athletics Director	Ray Tanner
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2012 - A LOOK BACK

For the third consecutive season, the South Carolina Gamecocks played for the national title. The 2012 baseball squad won the SEC Eastern Division Championship, swept NCAA Regional and NCAA Super Regional competition to punch a ticket to Omaha and fought back through three elimination games to battle for the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

Along the way, the Gamecocks extended a postseason streak of 22 consecutive wins including 12 straight victories at the College World Series. Both streaks that started in 2010 continued through to 2012 and are now NCAA records. South Carolina's 30-4 (.882) record over the past three seasons in the NCAA Tournament is the fifth best three-year postseason record in NCAA history.

The Gamecocks won national championships in 2010 and 2011 and finished as national runner-up in 2012. South Carolina has 11 College World Series appearances including six in the last 11 years. Carolina owns the second-highest win total in the nation in the last 13 years with a 626-251 record. South Carolina is one of six schools to appear in the NCAA Regional every season from 2000-present including 10 NCAA Super Regional appearances in that span, one of only two schools to accomplish the feat. Carolina owns more overall wins than any SEC team in the from 2000-present and more conference wins than any SEC team from 2000-present with a 240-148 record. South Carolina is the only SEC school to record 40 or more wins each season from 2000-present and the only SEC school to reach the NCAA Regional since 2000.



South Carolina's NCAA Record 22 Consecutive Postseason Wins

2010 NCAA College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)

June 22, 2010	Arizona State	W, 11-4
June 24, 2010	Oklahoma	W, 3-2 (12 inn.)
June 25, 2010	Clemson	W, 5-1
June 26, 2010	Clemson	W, 4-3

2010 CWS Championship Series (Omaha, Neb.)

June 28, 2010	UCLA	W, 7-1
June 29, 2010	UCLA	W, 2-1 (11 inn.)

2011 NCAA Regional (Columbia, S.C.)

June 3, 2011	Georgia Southern	W, 2-1
June 4, 2011	Stetson	W, 11-5
June 5-6, 2011	Stetson	W, 8-2

2011 NCAA Super Regional (Columbia, S.C.)

June 11, 2011	Connecticut	W, 5-1
June 12, 2011	Connecticut	W, 8-2

2011 NCAA College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)

June 19, 2011	Texas A&M	W, 5-4
June 21, 2011	Virginia	W, 7-1
June 24, 2011	Virginia	W, 3-2 (13 inn.)

2011 CWS Championship Series (Omaha, Neb.)

June 27, 2011	Florida	W, 2-1 (11 inn.)
June 28, 2011	Florida	W, 5-2

2012 NCAA Regional (Columbia, S.C.)

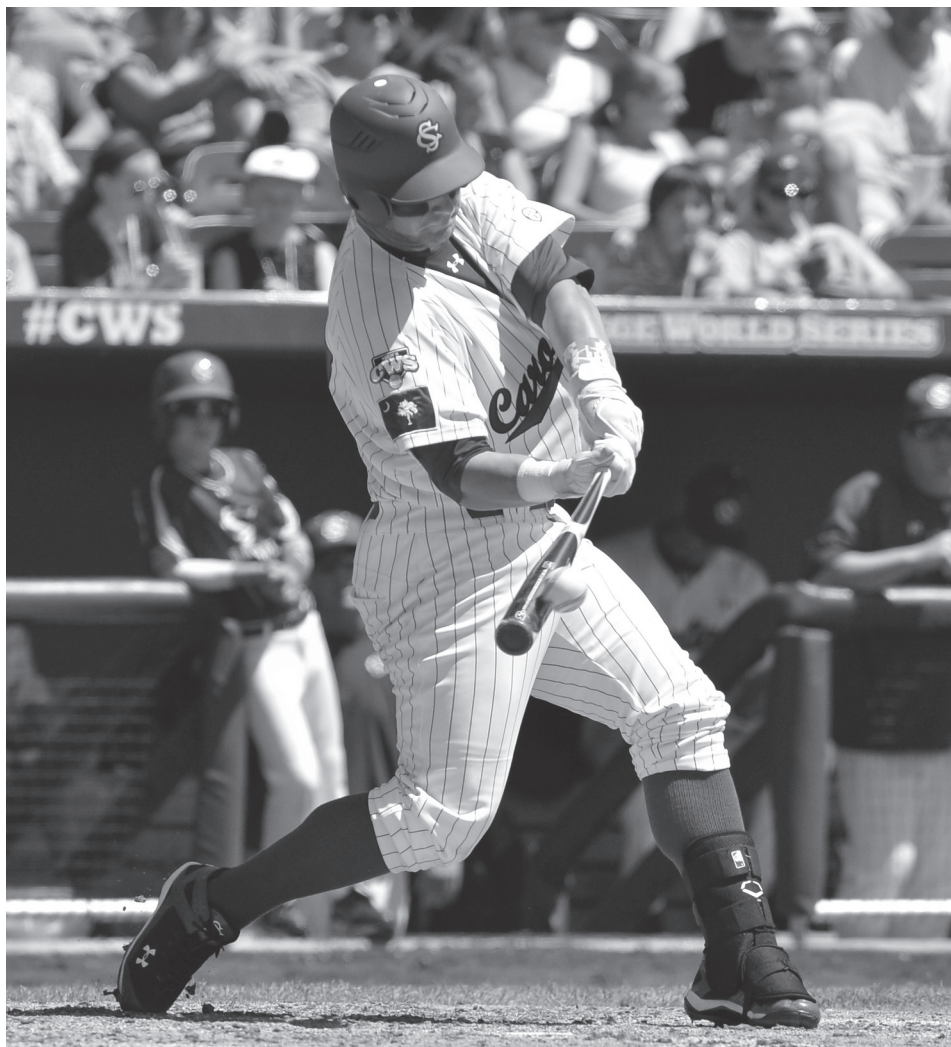
June 1, 2012	Manhattan	W, 7-0
June 2, 2012	Clemson	W, 5-4 (12 inn.)
June 3, 2012	Clemson	W, 4-3

2012 NCAA Super Regional (Columbia, S.C.)

June 9, 2012	Oklahoma	W, 5-0
June 10-11, 2012	Oklahoma	W, 5-1

2012 NCAA College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)

June 16, 2012	Florida	W, 7-3
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Christian Walker led Carolina in all three Triple Crown categories for the second straight season and also picked up All-America honors for the second year in a row. He played in 67 games and hit .321 with 48 runs scored, 12 doubles, a pair of triples and 11 home runs as well as a phenomenal .450 on-base percentage to go along with a .525 slugging percentage.

When the calendar turned to June, his consistent bat was crucial to the Carolina run throughout the postseason. At the College World Series, he tied Dustin Ackley of North Carolina for a College World Series record with 28 career hits. For the third consecutive year he received College World Series All-Tournament Team recognition.

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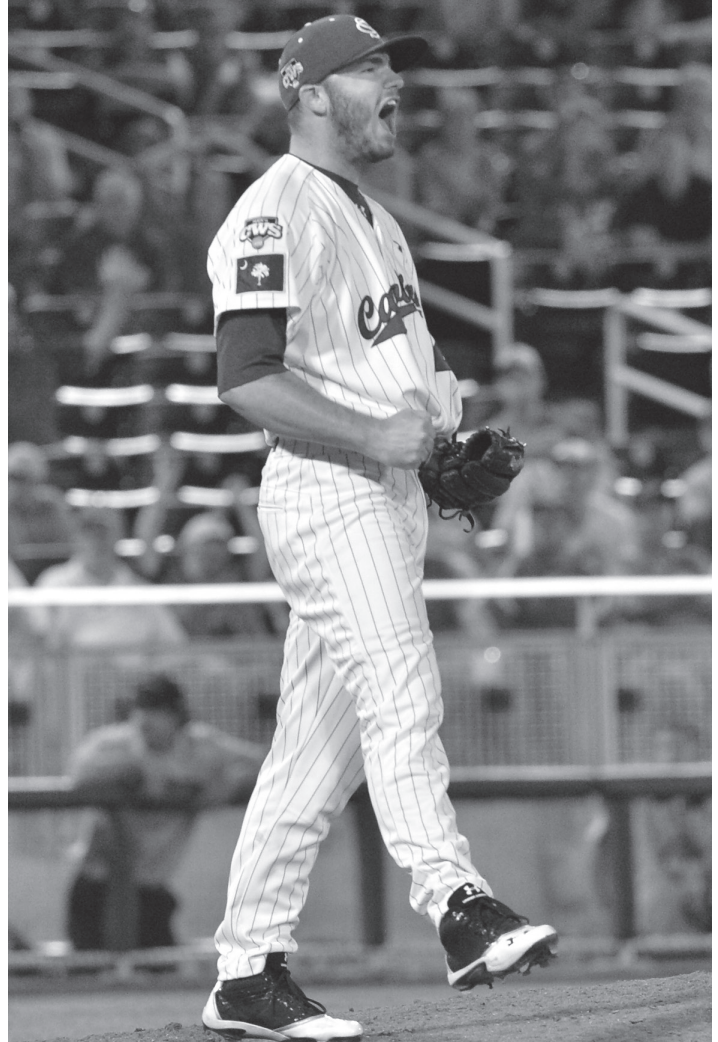
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Michael Roth's star shined the most always in the postseason.

He defeated Florida at the College World Series in a 7-3 victory with 6.1 innings of work. Five days later, when the team needed him, he led. A complete game with just one run allowed on two hits with no walks and eight strikeouts were vital as Carolina staved off elimination with a 4-1 win over Kent State.

His career ERA of 1.49 is the fifth lowest among all pitchers in College World Series history. He concluded his career with four CWS victories, one shy of the record five set by his teammate, Matt Price. He made eight career CWS starts; a record three starts in the CWS Championship Finals and hurled a record 60.1 innings pitched. Twice, he was named to the CWS All-Tournament Team.

Roth's career postseason record was 8-0 with a 1.33 ERA in 95.0 innings pitched.

The 2012 SEC Baseball Scholar-Athlete of the Year, he was presented by SEC Commissioner Michael Slive the 2012 SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Male-Scholar Athlete of the Year award, the highest male student-athlete honor in the conference and received from Dr. Harris Pastides the 2012 President's Award, the most prestigious honor given to a South Carolina student-athlete. He was a first-team Academic All-America for the second straight year.

Matt Price performed as well with the game on the line as anyone in Carolina history. In Omaha, he delivered.

Price pitched two scoreless innings in the 2-0 win over Arkansas and followed that up on the next day with three scoreless innings in the 3-2 victory over the Razorbacks that sealed Carolina's third consecutive trip to the CWS Championship Series.

He had a 20.1 scoreless inning streak at the College World Series and allowed just four earned runs in 26.1 career innings in Omaha.

He won five times in his career at the College World Series, that is a CWS record. He also saved four games and is the all-time leader in games finished as well as tied for the career appearance record in CWS history, going to the mound 13 times in three trips to Omaha.

In 21 career postseason appearances, he tallied a 5-1 record with 11 saves. His postseason ERA was 1.03 in 43.2 innings pitched with 58 strikeouts.

He leaves South Carolina as the school record holder for appearances with 102 games on the mound.

He set school and SEC records as well for career saves with 43 in his time with the Garnet & Black.

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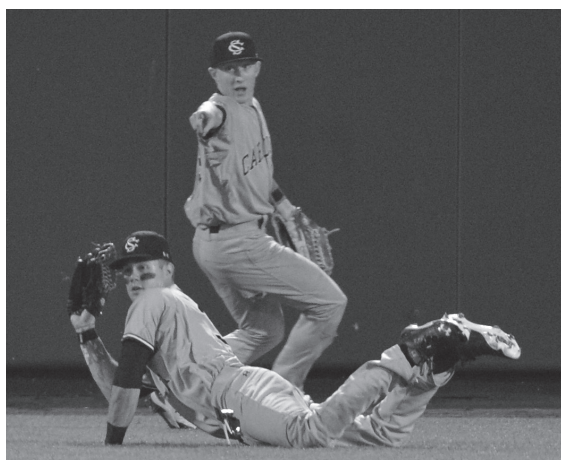
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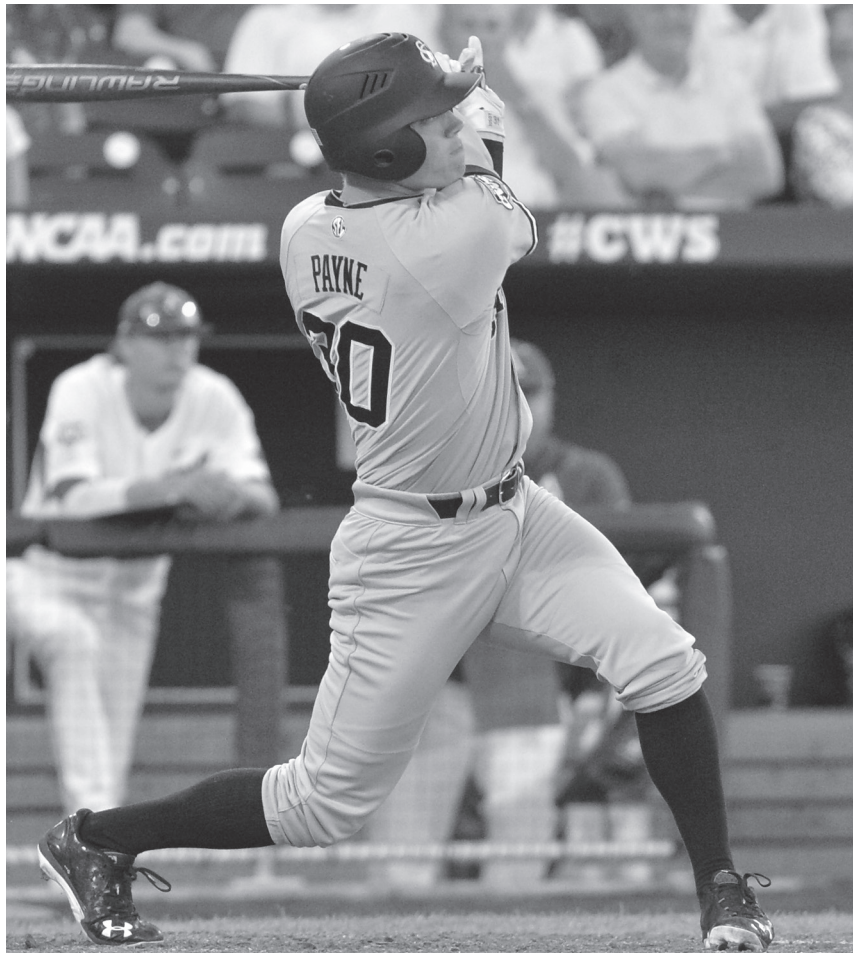
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Evan Marzilli with a diving grab in left-center in the eighth inning of South Carolina's 7-3 win over Florida. The play would air on ESPN's SportsCenter as the No. 6 best play of the day in the Top 10 Plays of the Day segment. Marzilli also showed off the bat in the victory as he went 2-for-4 with two doubles and a run scored. He would be named to the CWS All-Tournament Team.



Erik Payne's three-run triple highlighted a five-run fifth inning in the 7-3 win over the Gators. At the 2012 CWS Opening Ceremonies, Payne would also be recognized for his achievement in the classroom. Payne received the NCAA Elite 89 Award, given to the student-athlete of the eight schools at the CWS with the highest grade point average. An international business major, he won the award with a 3.897 GPA.



Tanner English doubled in the 4-1 win over Kent State.

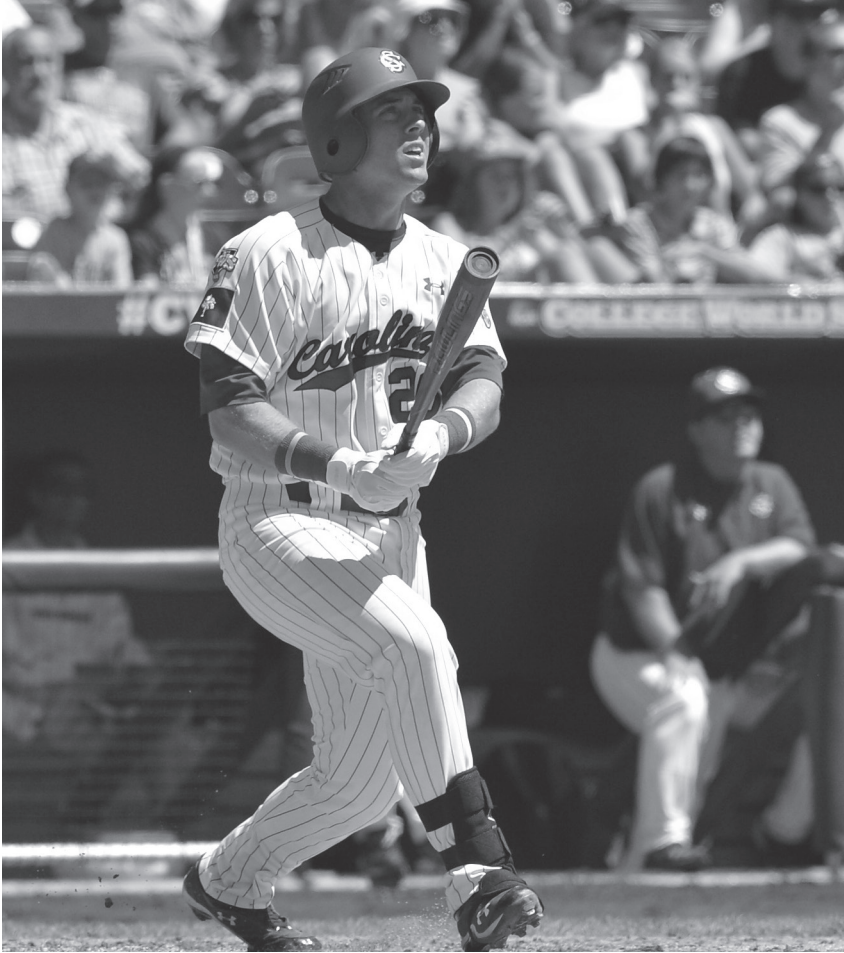
He would also add a RBI double later in the day as South Carolina defeated Arkansas 2-0 to stay alive at the College World Series. English is the team's leading returning hitter back for 2013 as he hit .298 last season with 12 stolen bases.



Chase Vergason tallied a RBI single in the 4-1 win over Kent State.

Vergason was the Gamecocks' second best hitter in the 2012 postseason with a .303 average (10-for-33) in 12 games and a team-leading eight RBI. He also had a .442 on-base percentage from the Regionals to the College World Series.

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LB Dantzler belted a two-run homer in the 4-1 win over Kent State. He also went 2-for-5 with a RBI double and two runs scored in the 7-3 win over Florida.

Dantzler earned recognition for a theme that originated in Auburn in April when his pet beta fish Reptar made his first appearance to Gamecock Nation beginning the team's rally, "Fear the Fish."



Gamecock players celebrate after the 3-2 win over Arkansas to advance to the CWS Championship Series for the third consecutive season.

The South Carolina pitching staff finished the 2012 postseason with an impeccable 1.88 team ERA. Carolina also showcased the leather with a .979 fielding percentage with just 10 errors in 12 postseason contests.



Jordan Montgomery three-hit Arkansas in a career-high eight innings to keep the Gamecocks alive in Omaha in a 2-0 win over the Razorbacks.

Montgomery earned Freshman All-America for the 2012 season after going 6-1 with a 3.62 ERA in 74.2 innings with 57 strikeouts and just 10 walks allowed.



Tyler Webb was outstanding in relief for the Gamecocks in the 3-2 win over Arkansas. He worked four scoreless frames with three strikeouts. From 2010 to 2012, in the postseason, he has made 15 appearances with 21.1 innings pitched and just one earned run allowed, an impeccable 0.42 ERA. In three seasons he has not allowed a run in Omaha at the College World Series.

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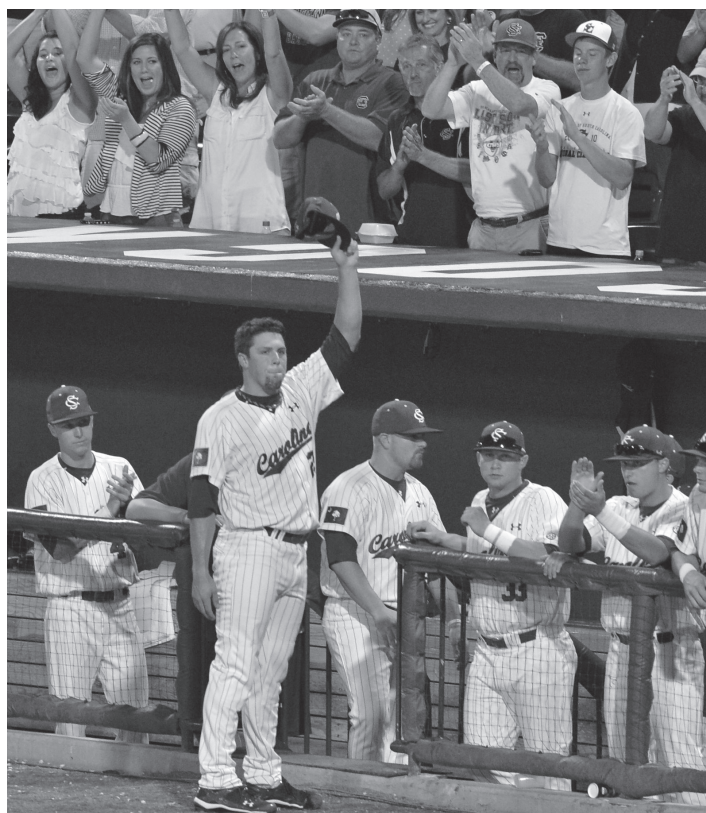
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Both NCAA Super Regional games at Carolina Stadium were sellouts with 8,242 capacity reached in each game. South Carolina's total attendance of 295,389 was the second highest attendance mark in Division 1 Baseball in the 2012 season. There were 15 sellouts at Carolina Stadium in the 2012 season as well. South Carolina has won 24 straight NCAA Tournament games at home including a 13-0 all-time record at Carolina Stadium.



2012 - A LOOK BACK

For the second consecutive season and for the sixth time in school history, South Carolina hosted a NCAA Super Regional. A 5-0 victory vs. Oklahoma in game one followed by a 5-1 victory in a two-day span helped the Gamecocks punch their ticket to Omaha and the College World Series for a third straight year and for the 11th time in school history.

In game one, senior left-hander Michael Roth worked 7.2 scoreless innings on the way to the 5-0 win over the Sooners. Roth didn't disappoint in his final start at Carolina Stadium as he allowed only six hits and had three strikeouts. The Gamecocks struck first with a three-run outburst in the bottom of the second inning. Adam Matthews drew a walk to lead off the inning, advanced to third on a single by Erik Payne and scored on a double to right center by LB Dantzler. Payne then plated on a wild pitch and Dantzler made it 3-0 by scoring on a sacrifice fly to center field from Vergason. Carolina padded its lead with a pair of runs in the seventh. Joey Pankake ripped a RBI single to center to drive in Chase Vergason. Christian Walker then delivered a single through the left side to score Pankake giving the Gamecocks a five-run cushion.

In game two, the Gamecocks combined for five runs in the seventh and eighth innings en route to the 5-1 victory. In a game that took two days to complete because of heavy rain in the area, the Gamecocks' bats came alive on Monday as they scored all five runs and tallied five of their eight hits. The Gamecocks were the first to score as they manufactured a pair of runs in the seventh. Connor Bright delivered a leadoff double to right field. Tanner English then laid down a sacrifice bunt, but the throw by Oklahoma's first baseman sailed into the stands in left field, allowing pinch runner TJ Costen to score and English to advance to second. After moving to third on a sacrifice bunt by Chase Vergason, English raced home on a wild pitch by to give Carolina a 2-0 lead. After Oklahoma trimmed the lead to one run in the bottom of the seventh, South Carolina took control of the game in the eighth with a three-run inning. After Matthews and Dantzler came through with back-to-back one-out singles, English perfectly placed a bunt single past the pitcher's mound to score Matthews. Vergason then ripped a double to the gap in left center, clearing the bases to give the Gamecocks a 5-1 advantage.



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South Carolina began the postseason hosting a NCAA Regional at Carolina Stadium. South Carolina entered as the top seed and as the No. 8 national seed in the country. Also competing in the Columbia Regional was Clemson, Coastal Carolina and Manhattan. The Gamecocks would win all three games played to win the Regional.

The Gamecocks' opening game was a 7-0 victory over Manhattan. Junior right-hander Colby Holmes pitched eight scoreless innings to pick up the win. Holmes surrendered only a single in the eighth inning and fanned a career-high nine batters in eight innings of work. The Gamecocks broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the sixth with a four-run outburst. Joey Pankake ripped a leadoff double to the gap in left-center. After Evan Marzilli singled and Christian Walker drew a walk to load the bases with no outs, Adam Matthews roped a single to left to drive in Pankake and Marzilli to give South Carolina a 2-0 advantage. Tanner English then smashed his team-high fourth triple of the season to right field to clear the bases and push the Gamecocks' lead to 4-0. South Carolina would add three more runs in the eighth inning.

A familiar foe would be in the opposing dugout for game two as the Gamecocks met up with in-state rival Clemson. A seesaw affair would see Carolina end up as the victor as LB Dantzler blasted a walk-off RBI single off the right field wall in the bottom of the 12th inning, scoring Joey Pankake for a 5-4 win over the Tigers.

Trailing 4-2, the Gamecocks pulled to within a run in the home half of the eighth. Marzilli ripped a single to right field to lead things off. Walker then doubled down the left-field line, scoring Marzilli from first to make it a 4-3 ballgame. Carolina rallied in the ninth to tie the game. Kyle Martin delivered a pinch-hit single to lead off the frame. After Chase Vergason drew a walk and Dante Rosenberg laid down a sacrifice bunt to move the runners over, Pankake lined a single to center, scoring pinch runner TJ Costen to tie the game.

Pankake again came through with a leadoff single to begin the 12th. Marzilli then moved Pankake to third with a single to left center, setting the stage for Dantzler. Dantzler smashed a 2-2 offering from Kevin Brady to right to drive in Pankake for the victory.



2012 - A LOOK BACK



The Gamecocks jumped on rival Clemson early on in the championship game en route to claiming the Columbia Regional title with a 4-3 victory.

One of the keys to Carolina's win was the stellar regional debut of freshman starting pitcher Jordan Montgomery. The Sumter, S.C., native worked 6.2 innings, giving up two runs and five hits and fanning six batters. He kept Clemson's bats under control for most of the day as he retired 12 straight batters at one point during the game. Lefthander Tyler Webb closed things out for the Gamecocks to pick up his third save of the season, allowing one run and two hits and striking out four in 2.1 innings.

Carolina tallied 10 hits on the afternoon, as LB Dantzler, Tanner English and Chase Vergason led the charge with two hits each. Joey Pankake added his third triple of the year, and Connor Bright contributed a double, which is the first extra base hit of his career.

The Gamecocks came out swinging early and put together a three-run outburst in the top of the first inning. Pankake ignited the offense as he narrowly missed hitting a leadoff home run off the left field wall and turned it into a triple. Evan Marzilli followed with a sacrifice fly to left field, and Pankake slid under the tag at home to score Carolina's first run. Christian Walker then drew a walk and later scored on a single to left by Adam Matthews, and Bright made it a 3-0 game with a run-scoring double off the wall in left.

Carolina pushed its lead to 4-0 in the sixth. English doubled, advanced to third on a Clemson throwing error by the left fielder and then scored on a single by Vergason to give the Gamecocks a four-run cushion.

Clemson cut Carolina's lead in half in the bottom of the sixth, as Brittle delivered a RBI double and scored two batters later on a groundout by Phil Pohl. The Tigers made things interesting in the ninth by pulling to within 4-3 on a two-out RBI single by Spencer Kieboom, but Webb was able to get Brad Felder to fly out to right to end the game.

Adam Matthews was named Regional MVP.

Also on the All-Tournament Team was Vergason, Dantzler, Pankake, Holmes and Montgomery.

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It may look a little different in the South Carolina dugout on Opening Day. Some of the parts that went along with three consecutive trips to the College World Series as well as a pair of national championships in 2010 and 2011 are gone. Familiar faces like Michael Roth, Matt Price, Christian Walker, Evan Marzilli and Adam Matthews have moved on to professional baseball and head coach Ray Tanner retired on July 13 to become the school's athletics director after 16 seasons in charge of the baseball program.

Head coach Chad Holbrook begins his first year penciling in the lineup card and he and the Gamecocks are eager to follow the great tradition that has been passed on from the likes of Richardson, Raines and Tanner. He also has a talented team coming back with a preseason ranking as high as No. 5 in the country.

"When you watch our team, I think you are going to see a lot more similarities than differences," said Coach Holbrook. "Coach Tanner's fingerprints will be all over our program. He has been terrific in helping me with this transition. It has been a whirlwind and it has been a lot of fun."

A closer look at the team reveals that the elements and components from years past are similar to the present. The 2013 team will have the same expectations and the same vision that has always encompassed the South Carolina baseball program.

"I don't talk to our team about Omaha and the pressure of getting back to the College World Series," said Holbrook. "I talk about, 'Hey let's be good today.'"

The attitudes and beliefs to be the best that you can be are instilled every day when the team goes to work at Carolina Stadium. The expectations do not change at the University of South Carolina, nor does the focus of the student-athletes and the staff.

"February 15 will be here before we can blink," said Coach Holbrook. "We are excited about our team. (Our players) have worked extremely hard. They have done things the right way and have worked awfully hard at the game. I feel good about our team. We have some players that have played for a national championship. We have some players that have won a national championship. We like our experience and leadership and we like the athleticism we can put out on the field."

Position Players

A multitude of players from last year's national runners-up squad are back for the 2013 season.

One of the top hitters on the team last year, LB Dantzler, returns for his senior season. Last year, Dantzler was the team's primary cleanup hitter and he figures to be back in the middle of batting order. Dantzler hit .262 with 10 homers and 48 RBI to go along with 15 doubles and a .433 slugging percentage. One change for Dantzler though is his position. After being one only two Gamecocks to start all 69 games at the same position, Dantzler has moved over to first base after a season at third. Though he may go back to third base from time to time, the plans are for Dantzler to be at first base for a majority of the season.

Erik Payne, Kyle Martin, Brison Celek are options at first base as well as the designated hitter role. All three players have plus power and have made strides to be better hitters.

Moving over to third base is another senior, Chase Vergason. After 43 starts at second base a year ago, Vergason has made the move over to the hot corner.

Also back in the infield is sophomore shortstop Joey Pankake. Pankake started 62 games and made the SEC All-Freshman Team. Pankake should also hit in the heart of the order and be among the run producers for 2013.

"We need Joey to have a big year," said Holbrook. "He can be an All-America type player. He played terrific defense for us down the stretch when we needed him. He's the quarterback on the field playing (shortstop). We expect him to be a leader on our team."

A new face will be part of the double play combination as freshman Max Schrock takes over duties at second base. One of the top prep hitters in the country the past few seasons, Schrock is expected to make an immediate impact at the plate for the Gamecocks. He was one of the team's leading hitters in fall scrimmages.

"I think (Max) is really good," stated Holbrook. "He will probably be in the three hole on Opening Day and that's a heck of a compliment for a freshman. I don't look at Max as a freshman. Yes, he is a freshman in his first year in college but he has played a lot of baseball. He is physically strong, he is mature and he has had a lot of at bats in AAU ball. His experience is way beyond a normal freshman (player)."

Two other freshmen infielders are also competing for time. George Iskenderian was one of the top prep players in New Jersey last year and has made positive strides at third base. DC Arendas has played second, shortstop and third base and his defense and left-handed bat continue to improve.

Schrock shared Position Player of the Fall honors with junior college transfer Graham Saiko, another newcomer. Saiko also has positioned himself near the top of the lineup and may start in left field. He can also play on the left side of the infield as well.

"Saiko is a good offensive player," said Holbrook. "He has found his home in the outfield. He moves the ball. He looks like a prototype number two hitter in the lineup."

Moving over from left field to center is sophomore Tanner English. One of the fastest players in the country, English was the team's second-best hitter last year at a .298 clip. He hopes to improve on that average as well as his .341 on-base percentage. A new addition to English's repertoire is his move to switch-hitting. Coach Holbrook is hopeful that it will increase his advantage when batting.

"I thought that switch-hitting would be something that would help Tanner," said Holbrook. "After watching him this fall, I don't think there is any doubt that it is the right move for him and the right move for our team. He doesn't have to be a great left-handed hitter to cause havoc with how fast he is. If he can put the ball on the ground more, he is going to increase his on-base percentage and increase his opportunities to steal bases, which is what we want him to do."

Along with great speed, English is also blessed with a tremendous arm. Both two important tools to have, he is expected to continue the great lineage of center fielders that have roamed the outfield.

Joining Saiko and English in the outfield is sophomore TJ Costen. A five-tool player, Costen is looking to develop into a routine starter in one of the corner outfield spots.

"TJ is one of our better athletes," said Holbrook. "He is an awesome talent. I think he can have a real good year for us."

Several other players are also looking to be a factor in the outfield. Sean Sullivan executed several times at the plate last year with the game on the line. He is back for his senior season. Sophomore Connor Bright played in 32 games with 22 starts a year ago including action in the postseason. He may also be available in left field or in an infield spot. Freshmen Ahmad Christian and Shon Carson also are fighting for playing time after spending the fall with the Gamecocks' football team. Both players were drafted out of high school in baseball and want to make an impact on the diamond.

"Ahmad and Shon bring our team a spark," said Holbrook.

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Holbrook has been encouraged by Christian's versatility. He may be a candidate at third base and second base as well as any of the outfield positions. Carson has spent time in the spring at all outfield spots as well.

Behind the plate, the Gamecocks are also experienced with the trio of Grayson Greiner, Dante Rosenberg and Patrick Harrington.

Last season, Greiner earned Freshman All-America honors with 47 starts behind the dish in his first collegiate season. Rosenberg contributed as well with 22 starts and made a tremendous impact in the postseason as he started the first six games of the postseason with Greiner down with a knee injury. Both catchers are dynamic behind the plate and are strengths defensively with their ability to receive and catch and throw down to second base.

Holbrook has a positive outlook in the direction of the offensive game plan for the 2013 season. Many intangibles seem to be evident with this year's group of position players. Power, speed, awareness and depth will all factor into his decisions when the Gamecocks go to work at the plate.

"I think it is a group that is a little bit more physically strong than we were last year," indicated Holbrook. "We've always been aggressive (on offense)." Coach Tanner was an aggressive coach. I think I'm an aggressive coach. We have some guys that can run. I think you are going to see some guys try to swipe some bases. I'm going to try to utilize the strengths that some of our guys have."

Pitchers

Despite the loss of Michael Roth and Matt Price, the Gamecocks' return a veteran pitching staff that has won on the big stage and contributed to many Carolina victories.

Two roles that are defined entering the 2013 season are in the weekend rotation with senior right-hander Colby Holmes and sophomore left-hander Jordan Montgomery competing for the No. 1 spot.

"Jordan Montgomery and Colby Holmes have kind of distanced themselves as our top two guys," noted Holbrook.

Both pitchers came up big in the postseason last year. Montgomery went 2-0 in a pair of starts with a win vs. Clemson that clinched the NCAA Regional and a victory vs. Arkansas that kept the Gamecocks alive in an

elimination game in Omaha. Montgomery went on to compile a 6-1 record to earn Freshman All-America honors.

"Jordan has had a great offseason. He has gotten stronger, his velocity is up. Last year he pitched in two of our biggest games. He is never in awe of the situation. He's a potential Friday night guy. We know when we put Jordan out there we have a chance to win the game. He's unflappable. He's one of those lefties that knows how to pitch. Jordan can beat anybody on any day, he is that good."

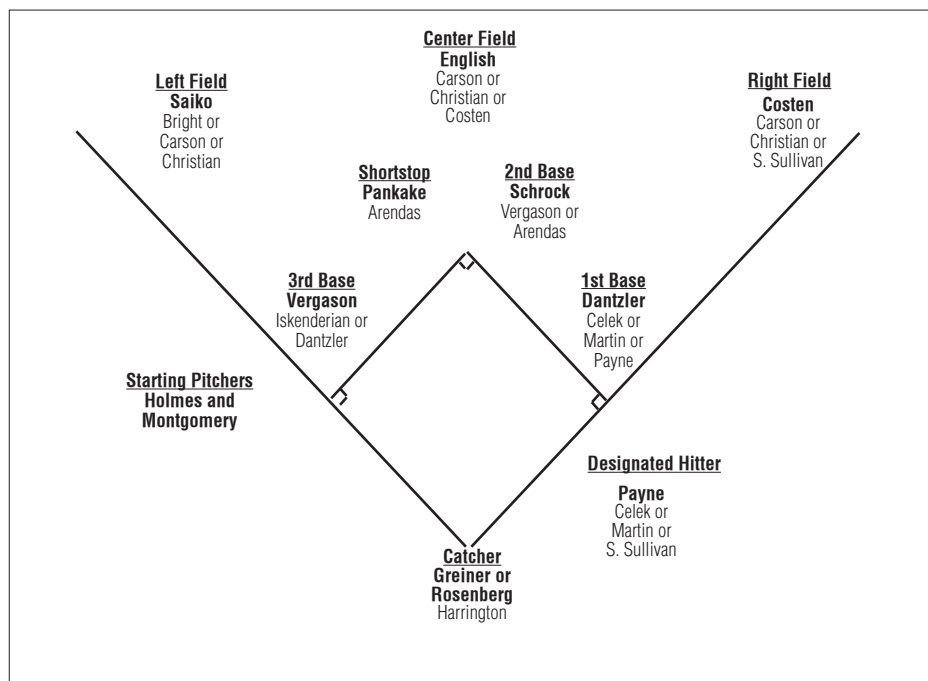
Holmes also posted a win in the postseason and finished the year 7-2 with a 3.05 ERA. Both Holmes and Montgomery are Preseason All-America selections as well.

"Colby is experienced and one of the leaders of our pitching staff," said Holmes. "He has been on the big stage, he has pitched in Omaha. We are expecting a great year out of him."

Also receiving Preseason All-America honors was senior left-hander Tyler Webb. One of the top relief arms in the country, Webb made a team-high 39 appearances last year and put together a 6-1 record to go along with an impeccable 1.56 ERA in 57.2 innings. Opponents hit only .211 against him. Webb is currently expected to be in the closer role on the first day.

Southpaws Nolan Belcher (4-2, 2.12 ERA) and Adam Westmoreland (2-1, 2.86 ERA), as well as senior right-hander Patrick Sullivan (0-0, 3.52 ERA), junior right-hander Forrest Koumas (2-3, 4.82 ERA) and sophomore righties Evan Beal (4-4, 3.81 ERA) and Joel Seddon (2-0, 2.76 ERA), all started at least one game as well last year. They are each competing for time as a starter or for a role in the bullpen. Also in the mix for innings is freshman left-hander Jack Wynkoop, who was one of the top pitching prospects last year out of the state of Virginia.

"There is some competition for the Sunday spot," said Holbrook. We feel very good about Jack Wynkoop. He had a great fall and is a very talented (pitcher). Belcher is back to where he was pitching as a freshman. Patrick Sullivan has been very good. Forrest Koumas is back from injury. Joel Seddon we think is better than he was a year ago, he will get more opportunities. I think one of the strengths of our team is our pitching depth. We have a lot of work to do and some tough decisions that have to be made based on who we are going to put in specific roles."



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MEDIA INFORMATION



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

INTERVIEWS

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

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

GAME UPDATES

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

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All non-televised home games are also streamed live with video and audio on the Gamecocks All-Access Page produced by GamecocksOnline.com.

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

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

CREDENTIALS

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

PARKING

Media personnel assigned to cover games should contact Andrew Kitick at least one day before the game to arrange for parking passes. Parking at the stadium is limited.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

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



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

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

In addition, Demetra hosts "Carolina Calls" during men's basketball and baseball season featuring head coaches Frank Martin and Chad Holbrook. In his time at Carolina, he has called three College World Series and three CWS Finals.

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

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

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

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

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

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