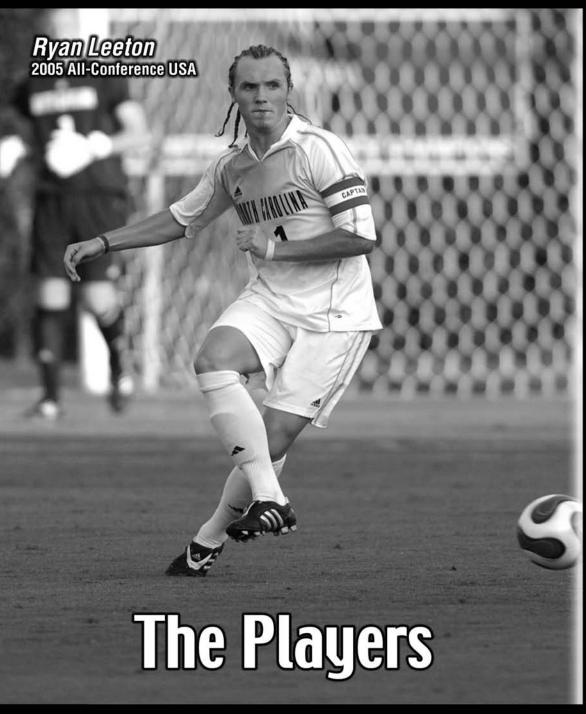
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Ayo Akinsete

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COACH BERSON ON AYO AKINSETE:

"Ayo reads the game very well and has a knack for being at the right place at the right time. As he has gained consistency, he's become a real force up top for us. He is an experienced and steady veteran."

2005 >>> Started all 21 matches for the Gamecocks ... Finished as the team's third leading scorer with 16 points on seven goals and two assists ... Netted three game-winning goals, including an overtime score against Loyola-Chicago (Sept. 18) in the adidas/Gamecock Classic ... Also hit the back of the net to beat Charlotte (Sept. 24) in overtime ... Produced a two-goal effort in the win at East Carolina (Oct. 2) ... Scored in Conference USA matches against Tulsa (Oct. 28) and SMU (Oct. 30) and in the conference tournament win over Memphis (Nov. 11).

2004 >>> Appeared in 19 matches with 16 starting assignments ... Hampered by a hamstring injury in the early part of the season ... Finished tied for third on the team in scoring with 12 points (5 goals, 2 assists) ... Scored the game-winning goals in back-to-back games against Winthrop (Sept. 4) and No. 16 Portland (Sept. 10) ... Turned in one of his best performances of the season with a pair of goals against Portland in the adidas/Gamecock Classic ... Earned Offensive MVP honors in the adidas/Gamecock Classic ... Also hit the back of the net in a 2-2- tie with Princeton (Sept. 19) ... Scored a goal against College of Charleston in the NCAA Tournament (Nov. 19) ... A member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2003 >>> Turned in one of the top rookie campaigns in school history in 2003 ... Led South Carolina in scoring with 16 points and in goals with seven ... Made an immediate impact, scoring the first goal of the year for the Gamecocks in a 4-1 win over Boston University (Aug. 29) ... Continued on a torrid pace, scoring goals in each of the first

six matches of the year ... Notched game-winning goals against both Stetson (Sept. 1) and Northwestern (Sept. 7) ... His 16 points ranked tied for 10th on South Carolina's freshman scoring list with Rob Smith's total in 1991 ... Seven goals are tied for the ninthmost by a rookie in school history.

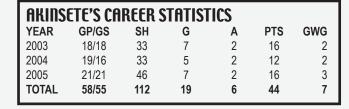
PRE-COLLEGE >>> Attended St. Columbia's where he played soccer from 1996-2001 ... Averaged 15 goals and six assists a year ... Two-time Kent Cup Champion (1999, 2000) ... Was also a two-time finalist at the Kent Cup.

PERSONAL >>> Parents are Roseline and Sylvester Akinsete ... Born Sept. 26, 1984, in Nigeria ... Majoring in retailing.











SENIOR >>> MIDFIELD/FORWARD >>> 5-11 >>> 165 >>> MONSON, MASS. (MONSON/UMASS)

COACH BERSON ON ROB CHAREST:

"Rob is an attacking midfielder who can also play wide. He combines well and is very good on the dribble. He comes forward and has a good nose for the goal."

2005 >>> Played in all 21 matches and started 15 times ... Scored two goals and picked up an assist for five total points ... Tallied his first goal in a

4-2 victory over No. 24 UNC-Wilmington (Sept. 21) ... Assisted on Ayo Akinsete's game-winning goal in overtime at Charlotte (Sept. 24) ... Also tallied a goal in the 3-0 win over No. 9 SMU (Oct. 30) ... Joined the Gamecock program after playing at UMass for two seasons ... Enrolled at USC for the 2005 spring semester and participated in the team's spring workouts.

AT UMASS >>> Played two seasons at UMass in 2003 and 2004 ... In 2004, finished as UMass' second-leading scorer with 18 points on seven goals and four assists ... Started in all 15 games he played in ... Following his freshman season in 2003, shared the team's 12th man award after appearing in 17 games with two starting assignments ... Scored three points on one goal and one assist as a freshman

PRE-COLLEGE >>> As a senior at Monson High School, compiled 58 points on 24 goals and 10 assists ... Closed his prep career with 95 goals ... Was also a highly-decorated basketball and baseball player in high school.

> PERSONAL >>> Full name is Robert Charest ... Parents are Robert and Diane Charest ... Born Dec. 5, 1984 ... Majoring in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.

> > GP/GS SH

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RS-SOPHOMORE >>> MIDFIELD >>> 5-10 >>> 159 >>> ANN ARBOR, MICH. (PIONEER)

COACH BERSON ON JEFF GROSS:

"Jeff is primarily a left-sided player and can also play in the middle. He has experience and knows the way we play. We're looking for him to contribute again this year."

2005 >>> Saw action in two matches, against Loyola-Chicago (Sept. 18) in the adidas/Gamecock Classic and against Kentucky (Nov. 9) in the Conference USA Tournament ... Attempted one shot ... A member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll and the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

2004 >>> Redshirted at South Carolina.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Lettered for three years at Pioneer High School for coach Chris Morgan ... Helped lead the Pioneers to 55 victories in three seasons ... Named team MVP in 2003 ... Led team in scoring in both 2002 and 2003 ... Earned Div. I All-State, All-Conference and All-District honors as a senior ... Finished high school career with 52 goals and 57 assists ... Tallied 75 points as a senior with 26 goals and 23 assists ... Had 61 points as a junior and 21 points as a sophomore ... Earned Pioneer High School's Scholar-Athlete Award ... Played club soccer with the Michigan Wolves ... As team captain (2002-current), he led the Wolves to back-to-back state titles for 2003 and 2004 and a No. 4 ranking in the nation by nationalsoccerranking.com ... In 2003 was named to the Super Y League Regional Pool Team.



PERSONAL >>> Full name is Jeffrey Dale Gross ... Parents are Richard and Linda Gross ... Born Sept. 5, 1986 ... A McKissick Scholar at USC ... Credits his dad as the biggest influence on his soccer career ... Majoring in business administration.





Mike Gustavson

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SOPHOMORE >>> GOALKEEPER >>> 6-4 >>> 190 >>> AIKEN, S.C. (SOUTH AIKEN)

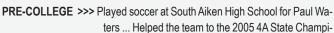
COACH BERSON ON MIKE GUSTAUSON:

"Mike comes off a tremendous freshman year. In the early part of the year, he learned from some of his mistakes and improved as the season went on. He's also had an opportunity to go with the United States Under-20 team on two different tours. He's got a lot good things ahead of him and he's really established himself as one of the good young goalkeepers in the country."

CONFERENCE USA PRESASON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM SOCCER AMERICA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN

2005 >>> Started all 21 matches in goal and earned Conference USA Freshman of the Year honors ... Named to the All-Conference USA second team and All-Freshman team ... Set a USC freshman record for saves, logging 88 stops ... Compiled a 1.19 goals-against average in 1,970:54 of action ... Posted four clean sheets, all against Conference USA competition, including two in the league tournament ... His four shutouts rank in top five for a South Carolina freshman ... Ranked second among C-USA goalkeepers with an 0.98 goals-against average and an .791 save percentage in league matches ... Came up big in the Gamecocks' Conference USA Tournament first round match against Kentucky --- After playing to a scoreless tie the match went to penalty kicks and Gustavson made a pair of saves to push the Gamecocks into the semifinals ... Set a season and career-high nine saves against North Carolina (Sept. 11) ... Won the team's Bill Lauritzen Award, given to the most outstanding defensive player ... Selected to Top Drawer





onship ... Named a high school All-American by StudentSportsSoccer.com ... Earned All-Region honors all four years ... Named All-State in 2004 and 2005 ... His South Aiken team captured the Region IV 4A Boys Soccer Championship in 2003 ...

Selected Team MVP in 2003 ...Competed in club soccer for the Aiken Fire and helped the team win four state championships ... Helped the Fire to the Region III semifinals three times and to the finals on two occasions ... Team also won the U-15 Region III championship and went on to the national club finals in 2002 .. Served as team captain for the Fire in 2003.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Michael Victor Gustavson ... Parnts are Bill and Susan Gustavson ... Born March 13, 1987 ... Majoring in sport and entertainment management.



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Kevan Hawkins

SOPHOMORE >>> MIDFIELD/FORWARD >>> 5-9 >>> 160 >>> DENTON, TEXAS (RYAN)

COACH BERSON ON KEVAN HAWKINS:

"Kevan had a good freshman season where he learned and adjusted to the college game. He was able to come in and contribute. He's very mobile, has a good work rate and sees openings on the field very well."

2005 >>> Played in 16 matches in his first season at South Carolina ... Attempted six shots on the season, including two in the match at East Carolina (Oct. 1) ... Member of the SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll and the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Lettered four years at Ryan High School for head coach David Rogers ... Collected District Most Valuable Player honors in 2004 ... Also named first-team All-District ... Scored 37 goals and 41 assists during his prep career ... Competed in club soccer for the Dallas Comets ... The Comets finished as North Texas State Cup runner-up, 2002-2004 ... Helped his team to the semifinals of the 2005 Dallas Cup.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Kevan Brady Hawkins ... Parents are Brad and Lisa Hawkins ... Born Dec. 11, 1986 ... Is a McKissick Scholar.





HAWKINS' CAREER STATISTICS

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Makan Hislop

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SENIOR >>> BACK >>> 6-4 >>> 180 >>> TOBAGO, WEST INDIES (SIGNAL HILL SECONDARY)

COACH BERSON ON MAKAN HISLOP:

"Makan can play on the right side or in the middle of the back. Makan had an outstanding spring with the Trinidadian Under-21 team. He's got great range and speed. He can come forward and strike at goal from long range. He's got a great shot and is a force coming out of the back."

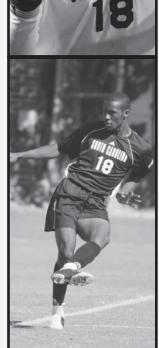
2005 >>> A starter in all 21 matches at outside back ... Part of the defense that held opponents to a 1.19 goals-per-match average ... Scored one goal, the game-winner against SMU (Oct. 30) ... Attempted a total of 28 shots ... Competed for the Trinidad & Tobago Under-21 National Team.

2004 >>> Started in all 19 of the matches he played in ... A staple of the Gamecock defense that recorded five shutouts ... Honored for his performance in the adidas/Gamecock Classic as a member of the all-tournament team ... Scored the second goal of his career against Alabama A&M (Nov. 7) when he headed in a corner kick by Sebastian Lindholm...Hislop's goal tied the match 2-2 and USC went on to win 3-2 ... Attempted 16 shots on the season ... A member of the Trinidad & Tobago Under-20 National Team.

2003 >>> Played in 14 of South Carolina's 18 matches as a rookie in 2003 ... Was a starter in eight of those contests ... Notched the first goal of his career on Nov. 4 against the College of Charleston, a game that ended in a 2-2 tie ... Took 10 shots on the year from his center defensive position ... Was part of a Gamecock defensive unit that allowed just under a goal per game and posted eight shutouts, giving up just two goals in the season's first seven matches.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Attended Signal Hill Secondary in Tobago ... A member of the Trinidad & Tobago U-17 National Team that advanced to the U-17 World Championships.







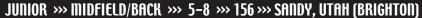






Matt King

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COACH BERSON ON MATT KING:

"Matt can play on the right side in the back or on the right side of midfield. He's very responsible, reads the game well and understands what his role is. That experience is going to be very important."

2005 >>> Appeared in one match, playing against SMU (Oct. 30) ... Made the SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Earned the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal ... Made the Dean's

List both semesters.

2004 >>> Saw action in two matches as a true freshman ... Member of the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll ... Made the Dean's List during the fall semester and the President's List during the spring semester.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Lettered for four years in soccer and one year in football at Brighton High School ... Played soccer for coach Russell Boyer and was the kicker for the football team ... Named team captain as a senior ... Started every game in each of his final three years at Brighton, playing every minute of every game as a senior ... Team won three region championships and advanced to the state finals twice ... Garnered all-state and all-region honors as a senior ... Tallied 17 points as a junior with five goals and seven assists, along with 11 points as a sophomore ... Received Brighton's academic letter award all four years ... Won a pair of state championships while playing for his club team ... Also had the opportunity to play overseas against Ajax in France.

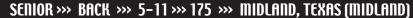
PERSONAL >>> Full name is Mathew David King ... Parents are Michael and Alicyn King ... Born Sept. 9, 1985 ... Has two brothers, Jeremy and Nick ... Favorite athlete is Roberto Carlos ... Hobbies include wakeboarding, snowboarding and water skiing ... A Moore School of Business Scholar at USC ... Majoring in accounting.





Ryan Leeton

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COACH BERSON ON RYAN LEETON:

"Ryan is one our leaders and the defensive anchor for us in the middle of the back line. He's good in the air and is very sound in the tackle. He also reads the game very well."

2005 >>> Served as a team captain ... Selected third-team All-Conference USA ... Started in all 21 matches ... Part of the defense that registered a 1.19

goals-against average and four shutouts ... Converted a penalty kick for his first career goal at Memphis (Oct. 7) ... Earned C-USA Defensive Player of the Week honors on Oct. 10 ... Also made Top Drawer Soccer's National Team of the Week on Oct. 10 ... Member of the all-tournament team at the North Carolina Nike Soccer Classic ... Honored for his play in the Conference USA Tournament as a member of the all-tournament squad ... Winner of the team's Academic Award for the highest GPA in the junior class ... Member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll and the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

2004 >>> Played in six matches, making five starts ... Battled numerous recurring injuries that kept him out of the lineup for the majority of the season ... A member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2003 >>> Played in 17 matches as a rookie in 2003, earning a start in 15 of those contests ... Was part of a South Carolina defensive unit that allowed just under a goal per match and recorded eight clean sheets on the year, including allowing just two goals in the year's first seven matches.

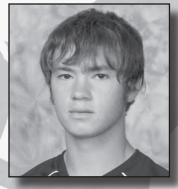
PRE-COLLEGE >>> Attended Midland High School ... A member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society ... 2003 Region III Olympic Development Team ... A Texas scholar.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is James Ryan Leeton ... Parents are Jim and Barbara Leeton... Favorite actor is Morgan Freeman ... Favorite singer is Jay-Z ... Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan ... Born Feb. 19, 1985, in Midland, Texas ... Majoring in accounting.



ı	LEETON'S CAREER STATISTICS									
	YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	Α	PTS	GWG			
	2003	17/15	1	0	0	0	0			
	2004	6/5	1	0	0	0	0			
ı	2005	21/21	1	1	0	2	0			
ı	TOTAL	44/41	3	1	0	2	0			
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Spencer Lewis

SOPHOMORE >>> MIDFIELD >>> 5-6 >>> 140 >>> IRMO, S.C. (IRMO)

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COACH BERSON ON SPENCER LEWIS:

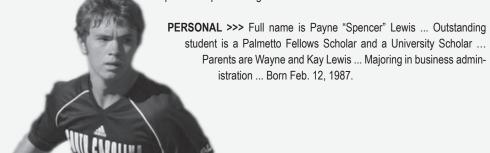
"Spencer played last year for us a freshman. As the season wore on, he gained a lot of experience, played a lot of minutes and really contributed in a big way. He's a very good passer and rarely loses possession. He's a player that helps tie the whole midfield together."

2005 >>> Came on strong near the end of the season, playing in the final nine matches as a true freshman ... Provided a spark off the bench ... Attempted three shots ... Earned the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal ... Named to the SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll and the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll ... Also made the Dean's List twice.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Lettered two seasons in soccer at Irmo High School after attending Beaufort Academy in Beaufort, S.C., as a sophomore ... Played for head coach Phil Savitz at Irmo High ... Helped lead Irmo to the 2004 4A State Championship and a No. 6 national ranking in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) final poll ... Scored 43 goals and registered 39 assists in his first three seasons ... Named to the NSCAA All-South Region team ... Also a member of the NSCAA's Scholar All-South Region team ... Earned team MVP honors at Beaufort Academy ... Irmo's Most Outstanding Midfielder as a junior ... Played club soccer for the Columbia Soccer Club Navy and serves as a captain of the U-18 team ... Garnered Columbia Soccer Club Player of the Year honors ...

Team finished as state runner-up ... Competed for South Carolina's Olym-

pic Development Program 2000-2004.













J.D. Moon

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JUNIOR >>> MIDFIELD >>> 5-10 >>> 160 >>> CONYERS, GA. (HERITAGE)

COACH BERSON ON J.D. MOON:

"J.D. has played a number of positions for us and may be the most versatile player on the team. He has played in the middle of the midfield, he's played wide and played in the back. He's got a great work rate. He plays very simply. He's not flashy, but he's steady. He's a valuable player for us wherever he plays."

2005 >>> Played in all 21 matches ... Started 16 times, including the last 11 matches of the season ... Finished with four assists and four points ... Attempted 22 shots ... Assisted on the game-winner against Loyola-Chicago (Sept. 18) ... Tied a team-best on the season with two assists in Carolina's 4-1 win over Tulsa (Oct. 28) ... Picked up an assist on Makan Hislop's game-winning goal versus No. 9 SMU (Oct. 30) ... Shared the team's Strength and Conditioning Award with classmate Daniel Upchurch ... Member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll and the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

2004 >>> Played in all 20 matches and started six times ... Attempted 16 shots ... Scored one goal and it was a big one - the only goal of USC's 1-0 victory at No. 13 Wake Forest (Sept. 24) ... Earned *Soccer*

goal of USC's 1-0 victory at No. 13 Wake Forest (Sept. 24) ... Earned *Soccer America* Team of the Week honors for his performance against the Demon Deacons ... Member of the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.



PERSONAL >>> Full name is John David Moon ... Parents are Johnny and Vickie Moon ... Born May 16, 1986 ... Has a sister named Libby ... Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan ... Majoring in civil engineering.









MOON'S CAREER STATISTICS								
YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	Α	PTS	GWG		
2004	20/6	16	1	0	2	1		
2005	21/16	22	0	4	4	0		
TOTALS	41/22	38	1	4	6	1		

Ralph Pace

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COACH BERSON ON RALPH PACE:

"Ralph was an invaluable player for us last year in anchoring the midfield. He was the guy the entire midfield rotated around. He has a good defensive presence, he's good in the air and he passes the ball well. He has tremendous work rate. Ralph was extremely important in our team last year and will be again this year."

2005 >>> A starter in all 21 matches in the back of the midfield ... Named

to the All-Conference USA third team ... Finished the season with five points on two goals and one assist ... Scored a goal and added an assist in Carolina's 5-2 victory at East Carolina (Oct. 1) ... Hit the back of the net for a second straight game at Memphis (Oct. 7) ... Honored for his play in the Conference USA Tournament by making the all-tournament team ... Joined the Gamecock program after playing at UMass for two seasons ... Enrolled at USC for the 2005 spring semester and participated in the team's spring workouts.

AT UMASS>>> As a sophomore in 2004, finished as UMass' third-leading scorer with 10 points on three goals and four assists ... As a freshman in 2003, he ranked fifth on the team in scoring with six points (1 g, 4 a), while playing 17 games and making five starts... Ranked tied for second on the squad with four assists.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Lettered four years at Rappahannock High School in Boston, Va., before graduating in 2003 ... Was a member of the Region I Olympic Development Program and served as a team captain for his final three seasons ... Also lettered three years in golf.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Ralph Pace ... Parents are Mark and Sherry Pace ... Majoring in exercise science ... Born March 28, 1985.



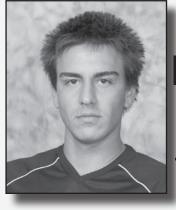






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PACE'S CAREER STATISTICS								
YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	Α	PTS	GWG		
2003 (UMass)	17/5	14	1	4	6	1		
2004 (UMass)	17/15	32	3	4	10	2		
2005 (USC)	21/21	35	2	1	5	0		
TOTAL	55/41	81	6	9	21	3		



Ramon Paracat

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JUNIOR >>> MIDFIELD/BACK >>> 5-9 >>> 176 >>> FARMINGUILLE, N.Y. (ST. JOHN THE BAP-

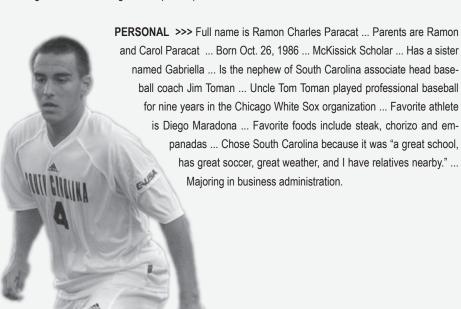
COACH BERSON ON RAMON PARACAT:

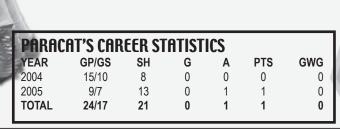
"Ray has experience and is another good left-sided player. We're looking to see if he's able to take some more responsibility in the lineup. He is equally comfortable at left midfield and left back."

2005 >>> Appeared in nine matches and started seven times ... Collected an assist on Mike Sambursky's game-winning goal against UNC-Wilmington (Sept. 24) ... Made the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

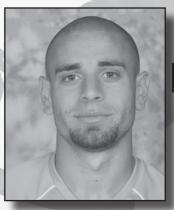
2004 >>> Played in 15 matches and made 10 starts ... Suffered a leg injury against Clemson and missed the next four matches ... Played the majority of his minutes in the back and helped the team post five shutouts.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Earned three letters during his high school career at St. John the Baptist ... Led the Cougars in assists and was team MVP as a senior ... Started all three years ... Helped lead St. John the Baptist to the nation's number one ranking in 2002 and a league championship in 2001.









Mike Sambursky

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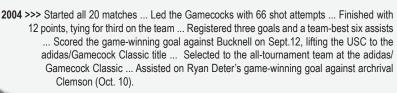
SENIOR >>> FORWARD/MIDFIELD >>> 5-10 >>> 181 >>> KATY, TEXAS (CYPRESS SPRINGS)

COACH BERSON ON MIKE SAMBURSKY:

"Mike returns as one of the most dynamic attacking players in Conference USA, without question. Mike can play up front, he can play wide or he can play withdrawn. He has a great combination of speed and power. He has improved his finishing to where he's very consistent around the goal. His work rate is excellent, and he reads the game well. I think Mike is going to be one of the top players in the conference and the South Region this fall."

PRESEASON CONFERENCE USA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN, THIRD TEAM

2005 >>> A first-team All-South Region selection ... Member of the all-Conference USA first team ... Led Carolina in scoring with 24 points on a team-best eight goals and eight assists ... Played in all 21 matches with 20 starts ... Netted a team-high four game-winning goals ... Attempted a team-high 58 shots ... Scored the game-winner and had an assist in the victory over No. 25 UNC-Wilmington (Sept. 21) ... Logged a pair of assists at East Carolina (Oct. 1) ... Scored a goal in the 2-1 victory at UAB (Oct. 9) ... Assisted on the game-winning goal against Kentucky (Oct. 14) ... Netted the game-winner and assisted a second goal vs. Tulsa (Oct. 28) ... Had an assist in Carolina's 3-0 win over No. 9 SMU (Oct. 30) ... Named C-USA's Offensive Player of the Week (Nov. 7) after USC wins at Florida International and UCF ... Hit the back of the net at FIU (Nov. 4) ... Scored twice, including the game-winner, at UCF (Nov. 6) ... Punched in the game's only goal in the 1-0 win over Tulsa in the Conference USA Tournament title match.





PRE-COLLEGE >>> Lettered in soccer for four years at Cypress Springs High School ... Region III ODP member from 1999-2001 ... Competed in the 2002 ESP event ... District 16-5A Most Valuable Player ... Gatorade Will to Win Athlete ... Named to the adidas All-American Team ... Dallas Cup Most Valuable Player ... Named Cypress Springs Team MVP for three years ... Club team won the state championships from 2000-2002 ... Member of the Southwest Tasco National Team and all-region team for Tasco 16-5A ... Member of the honor roll.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Michael James Sambursky ... Parents are Kenneth and Jeanie Sambursky ... Favorite actor is Jim Carrey ... Favorite music group is Pantera ... Favorite food is spaghetti ... Favorite athlete is Roberto Carlos ... Born Jan. 1, 1985, in Katy, Texas ... Majoring in criminal justice.

SAMB	URSKY	'S CAI	REER	STAT	ISTIC	S
YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	Α	PTS	GWG
2003	10/0	12	2	0	4	1
2004	20/20	66	3	6	12	1
2005	21/20	58	8	8	24	4
TOTAL	51/40	136	13	14	40	6







David Smith

SOPHOMORE >>> MIDFIELD >>> 6-0 >>> 177 >>> ARLINGTON, TEXAS (SUMMIT)

COACH BERSON ON DAVID SMITH:

"Last year, David showed flashes of brilliance. We need for him to gain consistency in his play. He can absolutely hammer the ball and he's got good acceleration. He could play up front and he's very good playing wide on the right. He's one of the best crossers of the ball that we have."

2005 >>> Saw action in 13 games as a true freshman and started twice ... Attempted five shots ... Earned the team's Academic Award with the highest GPA in the freshman class ... Also made the SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll and the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll ... Earned the C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal ... Made the USC President's List for the Fall, 2005 semeseter.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Attended Summit High School and played varsity soccer for coach David McDonald ... Served as a team captain for three seasons ... Earned district and team MVP honors as a senior ... A member of the All-Area Super Team as a senior ... Finished his prep career with 53 goals and 46 assists, including 27 goals and 29 assists as a senior ... First-team all-district in 2003 as a sophomore ... Also selected the team's Newcomer of the Year ... Played club soccer for the Dallas Comets ... A member of the Olympic Development State Team 2000-2002 ... A teammate

Who's Who Among American High School Student/Sports

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Amos David Smith ... Parents are Stephen and Gena Smith ... Majoring in business ... Born July 30, 1987.

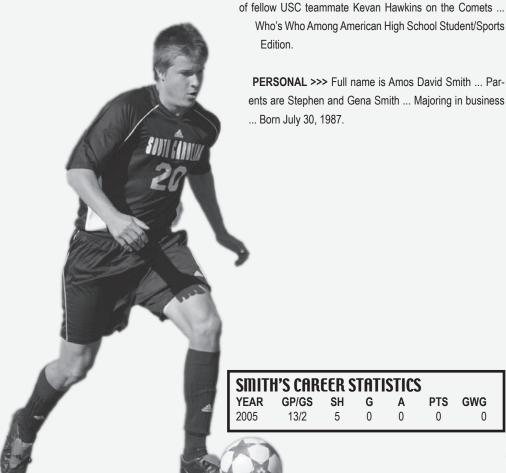
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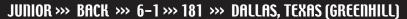
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Daniel Upchurch





COACH BERSON ON DANIEL UPCHURCH:

"Daniel is a guy that has played a lot for us. He's very good at reading the game. He can play on the right or play in the center of the back. He's good in the air and good in the tackle."

2005 >>> Appeared in three matches, including the Conference USA Tournament match against Kentucky (Nov. 9) ... Shared the team's Strength and Conditioning Award with J.D. Moon ... Earned the team's Academic Award with

the highest GPA in the sophomore class ... Earned the Conference USA Commisioner's Academic Medal ... Made the SEC Academic Honor Roll and the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

2004 >>> Played in 15 matches with 14 starting assignments as a true freshman ... Attempted one shot ... Helped the USC defense post five shutouts.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Competed in three sports at Greenhill High School, including soccer, lacrosse and track and field ... Lettered all four years in soccer for coach Dick Hall ... Earned letters for two years in lacrosse and one year in track ... A three-time All-Southwest Prepatory Conference (SPC) selection in soccer, earning the honor as a sophomore, junior and senior ... Named team MVP as a senior ... Received the Coach's Award as a sophomore and was team Newcomer of the Year in 2000 ... Helped lead the Hornets to three SPC Division I Championships in 2001-03 ...

Was a member of the honor roll and the math honor society.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Daniel Philip Upchurch ... Parents are Dale and Donna Turner ... Born Nov. 27, 1985 ... Cooper Scholar ... Favorite athlete is Zinedine Zidane ... Enjoys listening to all kinds of music ... Favorite foods include steak and pizza ... Lists going to Brazil to play in a soccer tournament as his greatest athletic thrill ... Favorite musical group is Incubus ... Majoring in civil engineering.





 UPCHURCH'S CAREER STATISTICS

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SOPHOMORE >>> MIDFIELD/BACK >>> 5-7 >>> 151 >>> COLUMBIA, S.C. (CARDINAL NEWMAN)

COACH BERSON ON BRENNAN WILLIAMS:

"Brennan played a lot last year and gained experience as a freshman. It's going to be important to see if Brennan can step up and become a solid fixture for our team. He's got good pace and reads the game well."

2005 >>> Developed into a spark off the South Carolina bench ... Appeared in 14 matches ... Made the SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll and the Con-

ference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Lettered five years in soccer at Cardinal Newman ... Named to *The State* newspaper's All-Area team his last four seasons ... Led his team in scoring in each of the last four years as well, amassing 50 goals and 67 assists ... Helped Cardinal Newman to a SCISA runner-up finish in 2001 ... Cardinal Newman advanced to the State semifinals 2002-05 ... Named to the SCISA All-Region team ... Played club soccer for

the Northeast Columbia Soccer Association where he participated on two state championship teams ... Finished his club career in the Premier League with the St. Giles United U-18 team ... Also played for the '86 South Carolina Olympic Development team and the Greenville Lions Super Y Team ... Nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award ... Active in National Honor Society and many other high school clubs ... An Honor Roll student.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Brennan Thomas Williams ...
Parents are Mark and Carole Williams ... Majoring in print journalism ... Born April 3, 1986.





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Geoff del Forn

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RS-SOPHOMORE >>> GOALKEEPER >>> 6-0 >>> 160 >>> GAINESUILLE, GA. (PIEDMONT COLLEGE)



2005 >>> Served as the back-up goal-keeper ... A member of the travel squad ... Made the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

AT PIEDMONT COLLEGE >>> Played a total of 25 matches during the 2005 season as a true freshman ... Registered a 1.52 goals-against aveage in 1,834 minutes in goal ... Collected 80 saves and

notched two shutouts ... Named to the GSAC All-Freshman team and the All-South Region first team.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Four-year letterman at Gainesville High School ... Named to the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America All-South Region team in high school ... Four-year MVP and two-year team captain.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Geoffrey del Forn ... Parents are George and Daleen del Forn ... Born Nov. 11, 1985 ... Majoring in sport and entertainment management.

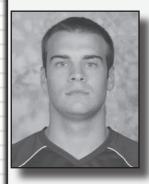
COACH BERSON ON GEOFF DEL FORN:

"Geoff has good range and is solid in his goalkeeping technique. He also had a very good spring and gained experience leading our team."

Ryan Jenkins



RS-FRESHMAN >>> GOALKEEPER >>> 6-3 >>> 203 >>> MARYUILLE, TENN. (MARYUILLE)



2005 >>> Redshirted in his first season at South Carolina ... Received the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal ... Made the SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll and the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Four-year letterwinner for coach John Kerr at Maryville High School ... Collected District Goalkeeper

of the Year honors as a sophomore in 2003 and as a junior in 2004 ... Named All-Region in 2003 and 2004 ... A member of the Tennessee Writer's Association All-State team in 2004 ... Earned All-Prep Xtra

honors in 2004 ... Posted a 1.27 goals-against average to go with seven shutouts in 2004 ... Helped Maryville High to the district semifinals in 2003 and 2004.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Ryan Douglas Jenkins ... Parents are Joan and Doug Jenkins ... Majoring in exercise science ... Cooper Scholar ... Born Jan. 21, 1987.

COACH BERSON ON RYAN JENKINS:

"Ryan's got really good size and sure hands. He had a very good spring. He's another guy we have confidence in."

Matt Mierley



RS-FRESHMAN >>> GOALKEEPER >>> 5-10 >>> 185 >>> WESTON, FLA. (ST. THOMAS AQUIINAS)



2005 >>> Redshirted in his first season at South Carolina ... Made the Dean's List for the Sping 2006 semester.

PRE-COLLEGE >>> Lettered four seasons for head coach John Walsch at St. Thomas Aquinas ... A 2004 Elite 300 All-Star ... Compiled an 0.74 goals-against average and 83 shutouts in his first three seasons ... Helped St. Thomas Aquinas

to the 2005 Florida state championship ... Competes for the Weston Fury club team, which advanced to the U-17 club national championship match in 2004 ... Fury won the 2004 Southern Region II title ... Also a member of the Florida State Olympic Development Pool, 2000-04 ... Also won the 2004 South Florida District Golf Championship.

PERSONAL >>> Full name is Matthew Guerin Mierley ... Parents are Linda and John Mierley ... Majoring in business administration ... Enrolled in the USC Honors College ... Cooper Scholar ... Born June 14, 1987.

COACH BERSON ON MATT MIERLEY:

"Matt is a good shot-stopper who is very quick and his positioning is excellent. He's had an opportunity to play at a high level with his club team this summer. The game experience he has gotten this summer is a real plus for him."

Mario Burstein

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FRESHMAN >>> MF/D >>> 5-10 >>> 150 >>> MARIETTA, GA. (GEORGE WALTON)



A four-year varsity starter for coach Bucky Boozer at George Walton High School ... Helped his prep team to the state championship in 2006 and the state semifinals in 2004 ... A National Soccer Coaches' Association of America (NSCAA) high school All-American ... adidas Elite Soccer Program invitee and participant ... Competed in club soccer for the Concorde Fire Elite and coach Mark Thorn-

ton, serving as a team captain for five years ... Helped the Concorde Fire Elite to the Region III finals in 2003, the Raleigh Showcase Championship in 2004 and the Disney Soccer Showcase Championship in 2005 ... Competed for the Georgia State Olympic Development Team 2002-2005 and the Region III Team in 2002, 2003 and 2005 ... Parents are Fernando Burstein and Kathy Johnson ... Born March 2, 1988 ... Majoring in business administration.

COACH BERSON ON MARIO BURSTEIN:

"Mario is a guy that can be a defensive anchor in the midfield, he can play as an attacking midfielder, he can play on the right or on the back line. He's a very smart, active leader on the soccer field. Those qualities are going to be very important to this team. As he gains experience, I think he's going to be very important to our team."

Paddy Flynn



FRESHMAN >>> MIDFIELD >>> 5-7 >>> 140 >>> COLUMBIA, S.C. (SPRING UALLEY)



Played for coach Dave Clark at Spring Valley High School ... Four-year letterwinner for the Vikings ... Selected South Carolina's Player of the Year by the *High School Sports Report* ... Served as team captain and earned team MVP honors during his senior season in 2006 ... Helped Spring Valley to the State semi-finals as a sophomore and the state finals as a senior ... Made

the all-region team as a sophomore, junior and senior ... Garnered All-State honors in his final prep season ... Played in the North-South All-Star game following his senior year ... Competed in club soccer

for the NECSA U-18 Ambush, helping the team win the 2006 State Championship ... Born Dec. 17, 1987 ... Parents are Elizabeth Stricklin and Patrick Flynn ... Majoring in mechanical engineering ... Enrolled in the USC Honors College.

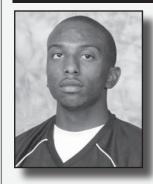
COACH BERSON ON PADDY FLYNN:

"Paddy has a great work rate and a very good attacking sense. He can play as an attacking midfielder and he can also play wide. He has shown flashes where he is really special. We need to have him gain experience, but he certainly has a lot of tools."

Trey Foster

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FRESHMAN >>> MIDFIELD >>> 5-5 >>> 140 >>> FORT MILL, S.C. (FORT MILL)



A four-year varsity letterwinner at Fort Mill High ... Played for coaches Denny Saverance and Lloyd Chalker ... As a sophomore, earned all-conference and all-area honors and finished second on the team in scoring ... Named to the all-region team and was nominated for All-State as a junior after leading the team in scoring and assists ... Also competed for the Charlotte Soccer Club and the

Carolina Elite Soccer Association ... Led Charlotte Soccer Club team in scoring 1999-2003 and served as team captain in 2003-2004... Member of the South Carolina Olympic Development Team and attended Region III camp in 2005 ... Competed for the North Carolina Olympic Development Team in 2001 and 2002 ... Elected President of his Senior Class ... Attended Palmetto Boys State in 2005 where he was elected to run for Lt. Governor ... Elected Beta Club officer, voting member of the School Improvement Counsel and a member of the Honor Roll ... Attended the Lead America Conference on Defense, Diplomacy and National Security in Washington, D.C. ... Parents are Samuel and Chandra Foster ... Father is a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of South Carolina ... Born Aug. 20, 1988 ... Majoring in mathematics.

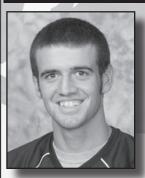
COACH BERSON ON TREY FOSTER:

"Trey is an explosive wide attacking player. He plays on the right side and as he gains experience, I think he will be able to help us in the attack."

Cory Lewis

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FRESHMAN >>> MIDFIELD >>> 6-0 >>> 165 >>> ALPHARETTA, GA. (CHATTAHOOCHEE)



Played for Leslie Meenan at Chattahoochee High School ... Served as a varsity captain 2004-2006 ... Named to the all-area team and garnered team MVP honors in 2005 ... Received the Cougar Award in 2005 and the Coach's Award in 2004 ... Also earned the Athletic Academic Award 2003-2005 ... Helped prep team to the regional championship in 2003 and 2004 ... Competed

in club soccer for the Concorde Fire Elite and coach Mark Thornton ... Helped the Concorde Fire Elite to the Region III finals in 2003, the Raleigh Showcase Championship in 2004 and the Disney Soccer Showcase Championship in 2005 ... The Concorde Fire also won the Georgia State Cup Championship 2000-2004 ... Competed for the Georgia state ODP team, 1999-2004, and was a member of the Region III pool in 2003 ... Served as the Chattahoochee High School webmaster ... Enrolled in the USC Honors College ... Cooper Scholar ... Parents are Patricia Morse and Michael Lewis ... Born May 22, 1988 ... Major is business administration.

COACH BERSON ON CORY LEWIS:

"Cory can play as a right back or on the right side of the midfield. He serves a really good ball from the right side. He's a very good attacking player who can take players on the dribble. He's extremely responsible in that he reads the game well and knows where to be and when to be there."

Schuyler Reardon

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FRESHMAN >>> FORWARD >>> 6-1 >>> 180 >>> AIKEN, S.C. (AIKEN)



Played for Coach Roger Carpenter at Aiken High School ... Selected the region MVP by the *Augusta Chronicle* ... A 2006 All-Stater ... Member of SC Soccer's Super 22 team in 2006 ... An All-Region selection in 2004, 2005 and 2006 ... Named his team's Offensive MVP in 2004 and 2005 ... Scored 85 goals and logged 78 assists during his prep career ... Helped Aiken High to

the Upper State Finals in 2004 and Region Championships in 2004 and 2005 ... Competed in club soccer for the Aiken Fire and coach Justin Rhodes ... The Fire won the South Carolina State Championship 2001-2003, captured the Region III Championship in 2002 and

finished as runner-up at Nationals in 2002 ... A member of the South Carolina Olympic Development (ODP) team 1998-2002 ... Also ran cross country and was a standout kicker on the football team ... Played club soccer with current Gamecock goalkeeper Mike Gustavson ... In football, made the *Aiken Standard* All-Area team in 2004 and 2005 and Augusta Chronicle All-Area team in 2005 ... A member of Young Life ... Served as a Student Council Representative and on the Senior Executive Committee ... Parents are Ken and Deirdre Reardon ... Father played in the Canadian Football League ... Grandfather, Kenny Reardon, was an NHL standout during the 1940s, won two Stanley Cups with the Montreal Canadiens and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1966 ... Born Feb. 19, 1988 ... First name is pronounced "Sky-ler."

COACH BERSON ON SCHUYLER REARDON:

"Schuyler brings good size and strength to the front line. He can hold the ball. He's got a great shot with either foot and tremendous power. As he gains experience, he's going to become a real threat up top."

Sam Roca

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FRESHMAN >>> BACK >>> 6-1 >>> 175 >>> WAYNE, N.J. (WAYNE VALLEY)



Named the Player of the Year by the New Jersey State High School Coaches' Association ... Earned first-team All-State and Regional All-America honors ... Also garnered first-team all-county and all-conference honors twice ... Selected to the All-Bergen Record first team and the All-Herald News first team ... Recipient of the 2005 Commitment to Excellence for Wayne Valley High School ... Played for Dan Kilday at Wayne Valley ... A four-

year varsity starter and two-time team captain ... Helped Wayne Valley qualify for the state playoffs twice and win over 80 percent of its games during his four years ... Competed for coach Stan Lembryk on the MetroStars club team ... Helped the MetroStars to the 2003 and 2005 Super Y League National finals ... Team also won the Metro Conference in 2003, 2004 and 2005 ... Four-year member of the State of New Jersey Olympic Development Team ... Volunteered for the Boys and Girls Club of Wayne ... Involved in other school and church activities ... Parents are Barbara and William Roca ... Born March 15, 1988 ... Majoring in liberal arts ... Last name is pronounced "ROCK-uh."

COACH BERSON ON SAM ROCA:

"Sam is a no-nonsense center back. He's good in the air and is very good in the challenge and the tackle. He reads the game well and does the simple things correctly every time. He's got good speed and is a high quality defender who can play in the middle or play wide."

Jeff Scannella

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FRESHMAN >>> MIDFIELD >>> 5-8 >>> 150 >>> ALPHARETTA, GA. (NORTHVIEW)



Selected an National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA) of America high school All-American 2003, 2004 and 2005 ... Played for the U.S. U-15 National Team in 2002 ... Part of the U.S. National Team residency program 2003-04 ... Invited to and participated in the prestigious adidas Elite Soccer Program in 2005 ... Played for Tony Cianciola at Northview High School ... Named the

2005 Fulton County Player of the Year ...Also selected the 5A Player of the Month in March, 2005... Earned team MVP honors in 2005 ... Helped Northview achieve its first ever state ranking in 2005 ... Played club soccer for Atlanta Fire United and coach Massoud Roushandel ... Team won the Georgia State Championship 2002, 2003 and 2004 ... Member of the Super Y Region Team in 2003 and 2004 ... Played for the Georgia State Olympic Development team 2001-2005 ... Member of the Region III Team, 2002-2006 ... Member of the National Honor Society ... Born Aug. 13, 1988 ... Parents are Charlie and Susan Scannella ... Majoring in business administration.

COACH BERSON ON JEFF SCANNELLA:

"Jeff has outstanding pace. He's very explosive. He can run at players and he serves the ball very well. He's a very dynamic left-sided player who we think will really help us."

Mark Wiltse

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FRESHMAN >>> MIDFIELD/BACK >>> 5-11 >>> 146 >>> BELLE MEADE, N.J. (MONTGOMERY)



Spent 2003-04 in residency with the U.S. program in Bradenton, Fla. ... A part of the youth U.S. National Team from 2002-2005 ... Selected an National Soccer Coaches' Association of America (NSCAA) All-American in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 ... Named to the U.S. Youth Soccer All-America (1988 age group) team in 2006 ... Invited to the prestigious adidas Elite Soccer Program

in 2004 and 2005, earning All-Star honors

both years ... Also appeared on ESPN SoccerNet.com's Top 15 ESP

Players in 2004 ... Played for Shaun McCulkin at Montgomery High School ... Served as team captain and collected team MVP honors during his senior year ... Also earned all-conference, all-county and All-State recognition ... Helped Montgomery High to the county finals in 2004 and the sectional semifinals in 2005 ... Competed for coach Sam Nellins and the PDA Cantona club soccer team, which won the New Jersey State Championship 2002-2005 and made it to the Regional semifinals in 2005 ... Played on the Region I Olympic Development Team, 2002-2006 ... Also competed in basketball and lacrosse while in high school ... Served as CYA Group Leader and as a Community Service Project Coordinator ... An Honor Roll student ... Born May 29, 1988 ... Parents are George Wiltse and Sunny Wiltse ... Majoring in business administration.

COACH BERSON ON MARK WILTSE:

"Mark comes in with tremendous credentials and experience as a youth player. He can play in the middle, on the right or on the left in the back; he can also play as a defensive midfielder. We're going to see where the best opportunity is for him to help us. He's a very smart player, reads the game well and passes extremely well. He can play under pressure and is good in the air."

Matt Winstead

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FRESHMAN >>> FORWARD >>> 5-9 >>> 155 >>> COLUMBIA, S.C. (CARDINAL NEWMAN)

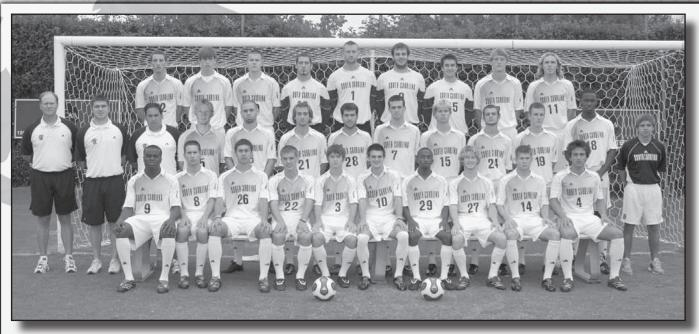


Played for coach Will Eudy at Cardinal Newman High School ... Served as team captain during his senior season ... Named All-State, All-Region and All-Area ... Helped his prep team to the regional title ... Competed in club soccer for the Columbia Soccer Club ... Also played football and basketball in high school ... Full name is Matthew Raymond Winstead ... Born May 26, 1988 ... Parents

are Terri Boyle and Brian Winstead ... Father played for Coach Mark Berson at USC from 1978-79 ... Majoring in sport and entertainment management.

COACH BERSON ON MATT WINSTEAD:

"Matt can play up front, play withdrawn or play wide. Matt is very comfortable on the ball, and he's very good athletically. As he gains experience, I think he's going to able to help us up front or in midfield."



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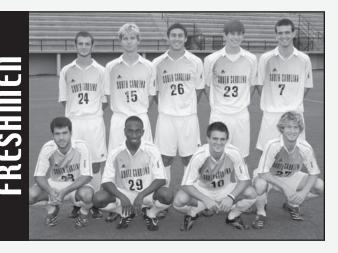
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Second Row: Head coach Mark Berson, Assistant coach Alex Maslow, Assistant Coach Bert Molinary, Daniel Upchuch, Mike Sambursky, Kevan Hawkins, Matt Winstead, Cory Lewis, Mark Wiltse, Mario Burstein, J.D. Moon, Makan Hislop, team manager Ben Pritchard.

Back Row: Rob Charest, Schuyler Reardon, David Smith, Geoff del Forn, Mike Gustavson, Ryan Jenkins, Matt Mierley, Ralph Pace and Ryan Leeton.







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