



2011 SOUTH CAROLINA MEN'S SOCCER

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2011 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
August			
20	Elon (Exhibition)	Columbia, S.C.	T, 1-1
26	at Col. of Charleston	Charleston, S.C.	Postponed
28	at Col. of Charleston	Charleston, S.C.	L, 3-1
September			
2	at Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	7:15 p.m.
6	Charlotte	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
<i>Dartmouth Classic</i>			
9	at Dartmouth	Hanover, N.H.	7 p.m.
11	vs. Bradley	Hanover, N.H.	11 a.m.
<i>Gamecock Classic</i>			
16	Brown	Columbia, S.C.	7:30 p.m.
18	High Point	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
21	Wake Forest	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
24	at Memphis*	Memphis, Tenn.	8 p.m.
30	Tulsa*	Columbia, S.C.	8:30 p.m.
October			
4	at UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.	8 p.m.
8	at UCF*	Orlando, Fla.	7 p.m.
12	SMU*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
15	Marshall*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
18	NC State	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
22	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	7 p.m.
25	North Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
November			
4	Kentucky*	Columbia, S.C.	6 p.m.
9-13	C-USA Tournament	Tulsa, Okla.	TBA

Home games in **bold**
 * indicates C-USA contest
 all times listed in Eastern
 all dates and times subject to change
 FSC indicates Fox Soccer Channel



SOUTH CAROLINA
GAMECOCKS
(0-1-0)

NSCAA Ranking: RV
 Head Coach: Mark Berson
 Record at SC: 430-176-58 (34th)
 Career Rec.: 441-181-58 (35th)
 SID: Emily Feeney



CLEMSON
TIGERS
(0-1-0)

NSCAA Ranking: NR
 Head Coach: Mike Noonan
 Record at Clemson: 5-10-4 (2nd)
 Career Rec.: 229-126-45 (24th)
 SID: Sam Blackman

GAME INFORMATION

GAME 2

SOUTH CAROLINA AT CLEMSON

Date: Friday, September 2, 2011
 Kick Off: 7:15 p.m. ET
 Location: Columbia, S.C.
 Stadium: Riggs Field
 Series: Clemson leads 22-15-1
 Live Stats: GamecocksOnline.com
 Game Updates: South Carolina men's soccer
 Facebook and Twitter (@GamecockMSoccer)

CAROLINA QUICK HITS

- South Carolina is in its 34th season of varsity soccer in 2011.
- The Gamecocks are led by head coach Mark Berson in his 34th season at the helm of the program. He is assisted by Bert Molinary in his eighth season and Mike Babst in his fifth.
- Berson, in his 35th season overall coaching (spent one season as the head coach at The Citadel), entered the 2011 season ranked as the winningest active coach in Division I men's soccer with 441 career wins.
- South Carolina holds one of the youngest rosters in its recent history, with nine upperclassmen, compared to 19 combined freshmen and sophomores.
- South Carolina is the reigning Conference USA Tournament Champion after winning the event last November. The Gamecocks defeated Tulsa, 1-0, in double-overtime on a penalty kick by Stephen Morrissey.
- Carolina advanced to the Round of 16 in last year's NCAA Tournament. Carolina earned the No. 7 national seed and a first-round bye. In its first match of the tournament, South Carolina earned a 1-0 overtime win over Duke when then-freshman Bradlee Baladez scored a goal in the 100th minute for the Gamecock win.
- South Carolina suffered a 3-2 loss on the road at College of Charleston last Sunday. Sophomore forward Bradlee Baladez, Carolina's top returning scorer from last season, and freshman midfielder Braeden Troyer each scored their first goals of the season in the match.

NSCAA TOP 25 POLL

- Following Sunday's loss at College of Charleston the Gamecocks have fallen from the Top 25, but are receiving a high number of votes in the poll. Louisville is ranked No. 1 in this week's poll, followed by Akron, North Carolina, Maryland and UConn rounding out the top five. SMU is the top ranked team from Conference USA at the No. 17 spot.

SCOUTING CLEMSON

- Clemson opened the 2011 season with a 2-1 loss at UAB last Saturday in non-conference action. Junior forward Austin Savage tallied the Tiger goal in the match. Clemson welcomes nine starters and 12 letterwinners back from last year's 5-9-4 team. The team is led by second-year head coach Mike Noonan in 2011. Sophomore goalkeeper Cody Mizell returns in net for the Tigers. Mizell collected three saves in last Saturday's season opener.

DID YOU KNOW?

- When freshman midfielder Braeden Troyer scored versus College of Charleston last Sunday, it marked the first time a Gamecock freshman scored in a season-opening match since Blake Brettschneider propelled South Carolina to a thrilling 1-0, double-overtime win over Clemson to open the 2007 campaign.

2011 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Ht/Wt.	Position	Hometown/Last School
27	Stephen Anderson	RS FR	5-11/162	Midfield	Columbus, Ga. (Columbus)
25	Andre Bahri	RS JR	6-0/179	Midfield	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
10	Bradlee Baladez	SO	6-1/184	Midfield/Forward	Dallas, Texas (Mesquite)
1	Robert Beebe	FR	6-2/177	Goalkeeper	Summerville, S.C. (Pinewood Preparatory School)
8	Vance Benson	RS SR	5-11/164	Midfield	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
21	Danny Cates	SR	5-11/163	Defense/Midfield	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)
12	Jason Chapman	SO	6-0/171	Midfield/Forward	Spartanburg, S.C. (Dorman)
11	Snoopy Davidson	FR	6-0/155	Forward	Rome, Ga. (Rome)
34	Chris Duzan	RS FR	5-10/169	Goalkeeper	Cayce, S.C. (Brookland Cayce)
18	Ryan Freiburger	FR	5-11/168	Midfield	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)
2	Trevor Hubbard	SO	5-9/154	Defense/Midfield	Dallas, Texas (Highland Park)
6	Mahamoudou Kaba	FR	6-2/190	Defense	Ypsilanti, Mich. (Lincoln)
9	Niklas Kivinen	FR	5-9/144	Midfield	Mikkeli, Finland
29	Asa Kryst	FR	5-7/162	Forward/Midfield	Tega Cay, S.C. (Fort Mill)
16	Alex Long	RS SO	6-2/215	Goalkeeper	Cary, N.C. (Green Hope)
17	Emmett Lunceford	FR	5-11/168	Midfield	Columbia, S.C. (Irmo)
15	Daniel Lynch	RS JR	6-1/185	Defense	Irmo, S.C. (Irmo)
4	Mike Mangotic	JR	5-11/184	Defense	Maumee, Ohio (UNC-Greensboro)
7	Eric Martinez	JR	6-2/182	Defense/Midfield	Fort Mill, S.C. (Providence Day School)
24	Will McGinnis	RS FR	6-0/151	Midfield	Charlotte, N.C. (Charlotte Latin)
5	Stephen Morrissey	SR	6-2/180	Midfield	Franklin, Tenn. (Battle Ground Academy)
33	Ross Power	RS JR	6-1/186	Goalkeeper	Columbia, S.C. (Hammond School)
23	J.P. Rafferty	SO	6-0/181	Midfield/Defense	Raleigh, N.C. (Sanderson)
3	Chipper Root	SO	5-7/150	Midfield/Forward	Chapel Hill, N.C. (Chapel Hill)
14	Kevin Stam	JR	6-2/200	Defense/Midfield	Raleigh, N.C. (Needham B. Broughton)
26	Dan Traxler	FR	5-11/145	Midfield	Oakton, Va. (James Madison)
13	Braeden Troyer	FR	5-10/158	Midfield	Columbia, SC (Hammond School)
30	Hunter Wyer	RS FR	6-0/168	Midfield/Defense	Greenville, S.C. (Southside Christian)

BY CLASS (BASED ON ELIGIBILITY)

Seniors	3
Junior	6
Sophomores	6
Freshmen	13

PRONUNCIATION

Andre Bahri	Andre BAH-re
Ryan Freiburger	Ryan FRY-burger
Mahamoudou Kaba	MA-hom-a-do Kaba
Asa Kryst	A-SA Kryst
Braeden Troyer	BRAE-den Troyer

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Mark Berson, North Carolina '75
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Cord.	Bert Molinary, Excelsior '03
Assistant Coach/GK Coach	Mike Babst, Boston College '99

SUPPORT STAFF

Administrator	Chief Operating Officer Marcy Girton
Academics	Steve Bondurant
Compliance	DJ Brown
Media Relations	Emily Feeney

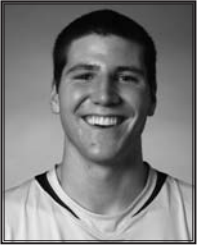
ATHLETIC TRAINING STAFF

Head Trainer	Brainard Cooper
Graduate Assistant Trainer	Kristen Sutton

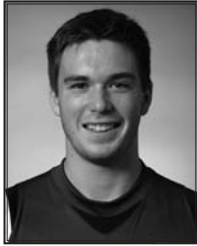
STUDENT MANAGERS

Student Managers	Gus Mota , Kendrick Schuettler
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2011 NUMERICAL RADIO/TV ROSTER



#1 Robert Beebe
Fr. - 6'2 - 177 - GK
Summerville, S.C.



#2 Trevor Hubbard
So. - 5'9 - 154 - D/MF
Dallas, Texas



#3 Chipper Root
So. - 5'7 - 150 - MF/F
Chapel Hill, N.C.



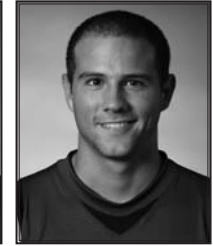
#4 Mike Mangotic Jr.
Fr. - 5'11 - 184 - D
Maumee, Ohio



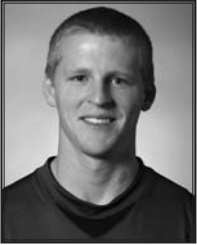
#5 Stephen Morrissey
Sr. - 6'2 - 180 - MF
Franklin, Tenn.



#6 Mahamoudou Kaba
Fr. - 6'2 - 190 - D
Ypsilanti, Mich.



#7 Eric Martinez Jr.
Fr. - 6'2 - 182 - D/MF
Fort Mill, S.C.



#8 Vance Benson
R-Sr. - 5'11 - 164 - MF
Rock Hill, S.C.



#9 Niklas Kivinen
Fr. - 5'9 - 144 - MF
Mikkeli, Finland



#10 Bradlee Baladez
So. - 6'1 - 184 - MF/F
Dallas, Texas



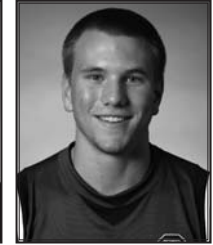
#11 Snoopy Davidson
Fr. - 6'0 - 155 - F
Rome, Ga.



#12 Jason Chapman
So. - 6'0 - 171 - MF/F
Spartanburg, S.C.



#13 Braeden Troyer
Fr. - 5'10 - 158 - MF
Columbia, S.C.



#14 Kevin Stam Jr.
Fr. - 6'2 - 200 - D/MF
Raleigh, N.C.



#15 Daniel Lynch
R-Jr. - 6'1 - 185 - D
Irmo, S.C.



#16 Alex Long
R-So. - 6'2 - 215 - GK
Cary, N.C.



#17 Emmett Lunceford
Fr. - 5'11 - 168 - MF
Columbia, S.C.



#18 Ryan Freiburger
Fr. - 5'11 - 168 - MF
Lexington, S.C.



#21 Danny Cates
Sr. - 5'11 - 163 - D/MF
Irmo, S.C.



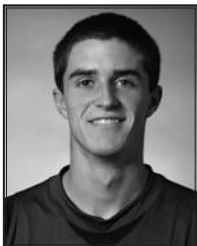
#23 J.P. Rafferty
So. - 6'0 - 181 - MF/D
Raleigh, N.C.



#24 Will McGinnis
R-Fr. - 6'0 - 151 - MF
Charlotte, N.C.



#25 Andre Bahri
R-Jr. - 6'0 - 179 - MF
Jacksonville, Fla.



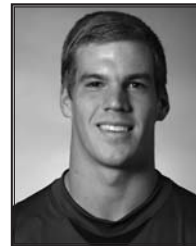
#26 Dan Traxler
Fr. - 5'11 - 145 - MF
Oakton, Va.



#27 Stephen Anderson
R-Fr. - 5'11 - 162 - MF
Columbus, Ga.



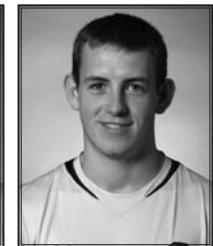
#29 Asa Kryst
Fr. - 5'7 - 162 - F/MF
Tega Cay, S.C.



#30 Hunter Wyer
R-Fr. - 6'0 - 168 - MF/D
Greenville, S.C.



#33 Ross Power
R-Jr. - 6'1 - 186 - GK
Columbia, S.C.



#34 Chris Duzan
R-Fr. - 5'10 - 169 - GK
Cayce, S.C.



Head Coach
Mark Berson



Assistant Coach
Mike Babst



Assistant Coach
Bert Molinary

FINAL 2011 CONFERENCE USA STANDINGS (THROUGH AUG. 28)

Team	Conference USA Only					Overall					
	W-L-T	Pct.	Home	Away	Pts.	W-L-T	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Kentucky	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	2-0-0	1.000	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	W2
Memphis	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	1-0-0	1.000	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	W1
UAB	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	1-0-0	1.000	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	W1
UCF	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	1-0-0	1.000	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	W1
FIU	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	1-0-1	.750	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	T1
Marshall	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0-1-0	.000	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	L1
SMU	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0-1-0	.000	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	L1
South Carolina	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0-1-0	.000	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	L1
Tulsa	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0	0-1-0	.000	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	L1

► NSCAA TOP 25

Aug. 30, 2011

Rk.	Team	Prev. Rank	2011 Record
1	Louisville (19)	549	1 - 0 - 0
2	Akron (2)	525	1 - 0 - 0
3	North Carolina	506	1 - 0 - 0
4	Maryland (1)	483	1 - 0 - 0
5	Connecticut	433	1 - 0 - 0
6	Creighton	426	1 - 0 - 0
7	California	416	1 - 0 - 0
8	William & Mary	368	1 - 0 - 0
9	UC Santa Barbara	360	1 - 0 - 0
10	Notre Dame	273	0 - 0 - 1
11	Brown	248	0 - 0 - 0
12	West Virginia	243	1 - 0 - 0
13	UCLA	242	0 - 1 - 0
14	UC Irvine	220	2 - 0 - 0
15	Penn State	206	1 - 0 - 0
16	Boston College	197	1 - 0 - 0
17	SMU	192	0 - 1 - 0
18	Indiana	184	0 - 0 - 1
19	Central Florida	143	1 - 0 - 0
20	South Florida	142	1 - 0 - 0
21	Kentucky	103	2 - 0 - 0
22	Dartmouth	100	0 - 0 - 0
23	Ohio State	90	0 - 0 - 1
24	UNC-Greensboro	79	1 - 0 - 0
25	Monmouth	45	1 - 0 - 0

Number in parentheses is number of first place votes

Also receiving votes: Princeton 30, UMBC 29, Bradley 25, UAB 25, SIU-Edwardsville 22, **South Carolina 20**, College of Charleston 20, Virginia Commonwealth 20, Duke 19, Virginia 16, Portland 16, Santa Clara 16, Georgetown 15, American 15, St. Mary's (Calif.) 15, Charlotte 13, Northern Illinois 8, Old Dominion 7, Washington 7, New Mexico 6, Sacramento State 6, Michigan State 5, Wake Forest 3, Colgate 3, Drake 3, Northeastern 1, Cincinnati 1, Cal State Bakersfield 1

► SOCCER AMERICA TOP 25

Preseason

Rk.	Team	2011 Record	Prev. Rank
1.	Louisville	(1-0-0)	1
2.	North Carolina	(1-0-0)	3
3.	Akron	(1-0-0)	4
4.	Connecticut	(1-0-0)	5
5.	Creighton	(1-0-0)	6
6.	UCLA	(0-1-0)	2
7.	Maryland	(1-0-0)	8
8.	UC Santa Barbara	(1-0-0)	10
9.	USF	(1-0-0)	16
10.	West Virginia	(1-0-0)	17
11.	Notre Dame	(0-0-1)	9
12.	California	(1-0-0)	20
13.	Brown	(0-0-0)	14
14.	Indiana	(0-0-1)	18
15.	Ohio State	(0-0-1)	15
16.	UCF	(1-0-0)	19
17.	Monmouth	(1-0-0)	21
18.	Boston College	(1-0-0)	23
19.	William & Mary	(1-0-0)	NR
20.	UNC Greensboro	(1-0-0)	NR
21.	SMU	(0-1-0)	7
22.	Virginia	(0-1-0)	11
23.	Duke	(0-1-0)	12
24.	Wake Forest	(0-1-0)	13
25.	Old Dominion	(0-0-0)	25

CLEMSON SERIES

■ While Clemson holds a 22-15-4 upperhand in the all-time series between the two schools, South Carolina enters Friday's match having won four straight meetings, all shutouts, dating back to a 1-0 win to open the 2007 campaign.

NEW FACES, YOUNG SQUAD

■ Six first-year players saw game action for South Carolina versus College of Charleston. Freshman forward Snoopy Davidson and freshman midfielder Braeden Troyer were part of the starting 11, while freshmen Niklas Kivinen, Emmett Lunceford, Stephen Anderson (redshirt-freshman) and Asa Kryst all saw field time during the match. Redshirt-sophomore goalkeeper Alex Long also earned his first career start in net for Carolina vs. the Cougars.

PRESEASON PREDICTIONS

■ The South Carolina men's soccer team was picked to finish fourth in the 2011 Conference USA Preseason Poll, released earlier this month. Sophomore midfielder Bradlee Baladez was also selected to the 12-man 2011 C-USA Men's Soccer Preseason All-Conference Team. Both the preseason team and poll are selected by the league's men's soccer coaches. SMU was picked to win Conference USA, followed by UCF in second and Tulsa in third. Following the Gamecocks in fourth was Kentucky, UAB, Marshall, FIU and Memphis. Baladez returns for his sophomore campaign after a freshman season in 2010 that saw the Dallas, Texas, native score six goals, including five game winners. Baladez, a 2010 C-USA All-Freshman Team and Third Team selection, started all 22 games for Carolina, posting 63 shots, last season.

ESPN RISE HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICANS

■ Three freshman members of the South Carolina men's soccer team were named ESPN Rise Spring High School All-Americans earlier this month. Snoopy Davidson (Forward/Rome, Ga./Rome High School) was named to the first team, while Braeden Troyer (Midfield/Columbia, S.C./Hammond School) and Robert Beebe (Goalkeeper/Summerville, S.C./Pinewood Preparatory School) were both named to the second team. The trio is part of 36 high school student-athletes named to the list. Davidson scored 28 goals and contributed 12 assists to earn Rome News-Times Player of the Year honors, while also becoming the first player to have his jersey retired at Rome High School in 2010. Davidson was named the 2011 Georgia Boys Gatorade Player of the Year. Beebe was named the 2011 South Carolina Boys Gatorade Player of the Year, while also earning SCISA State High School Player of the Year accolades. Troyer joins the Gamecocks after earning SCISA Region I Player of the Year accolades, while also earning all-state and all-area honors as a senior.

UP NEXT FOR THE GAMECOCKS

■ South Carolina travels to the Dartmouth Classic next weekend, Sept. 9-11. The Gamecocks are slated to face host Dartmouth on Friday, and will conclude tournament action vs. Bradley on Sunday. Dartmouth is ranked No. 22 in this week's NSCAA Top 25 Poll, while Bradley is currently receiving votes in the poll.

EXHIBITION RECAP, SOUTH CAROLINA TIES ELON, 1-1

■ The 15th ranked Gamecock men's soccer team posted a 1-1 tie with Elon in exhibition action at Stone Stadium last Saturday evening. After Elon held a 1-0 lead at the half, senior midfielder Stephen Morrissey scored for Carolina in the 54th minute on an assist from sophomore forward Bradlee Baladez to even the match in the second half.

Carolina held an 11-10 overall advantage in shots, including a 10-5 upperhand in the second half. Morrissey, sophomore forward Chipper Root and freshman forward Snoopy Davidson each registered two shots for Carolina in the match. Leading Elon offensively was midfielder Daniel Lovitz with four shots and one assist, while junior forward Jordan Smith contributed two shots, including the first-half Phoenix goal.

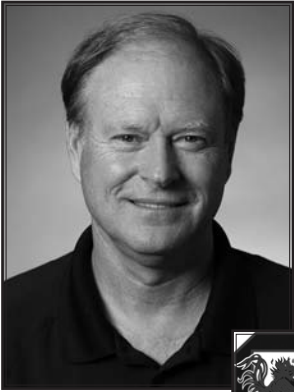
Defensively for the Gamecocks, redshirt-sophomore goalkeeper Alex Long earned his first-career start in net. He collected one save in the match, playing the entire 90 minutes. Elon counterparts Reed Dillard and Nathan Dean each played one half in goal, with Dillard collecting one save, and Dean three saves, while allowing one goal.

Both team's had their offensive chances in the opening half and both team's played with an offensive mind, as the Gamecocks drew four offsides calls in the match and Elon five. Baladez had Carolina's lone shot of the opening half at the five-minute mark. The sophomore hit a bullet towards the far post, but Dillard held his line for the save.

Back and forth play followed before Elon was the first to mark the scoreboard in the 42nd minute. Lovitz took a ball down the left sideline and hit a cross into the six-yard box to Smith who hit a one-touch shot, which hit the crossbar before bouncing in for the Elon goal.

The score held through halftime and nearly 10 minutes into the second half before Morrissey scored the equalizer. Baladez hit a corner kick towards the near post on target and Morrissey redirected the cross with a header past Dean for the goal.

Due to the contest being an exhibition, the teams did not play any overtime and the score ended in a 1-1 tie.



MARK BERSON

HEAD COACH

34TH SEASON AT SOUTH CAROLINA, 430-176-58

35TH OVERALL, 441-181-58

Mark Berson, one of 13 Division I coaches ever to win 400 matches, begins his 34th season at the helm of the South Carolina soccer program. In the 2011 Division I coaching record book, Berson enters the season as the winningest active coach in NCAA Division I men's soccer by victories (441) and ranks as the No. 7 coach all-time in D-I

history by victories.

Berson has been at South Carolina from the beginning. He was hired to move the program to varsity status in 1978, and he quickly put Carolina on the map. He has gone on to mold the Gamecocks into consistent winners that compete for championships.

Before coming to Carolina in 1978, Berson went 11-5-0 in one season at The Citadel, making his overall record 441-180-58, a winning percentage of 69.2 percent. In 2006, Berson became one of five active (at that time) Division I coaches and the 10th all-time to reach the 400-victory milestone when his Gamecocks defeated UAB, 2-0, in a televised contest at Stone Stadium. Berson now has a 430-175-58 record at South Carolina.

Berson has made his mark on the college soccer world by taking the Gamecocks to 19 NCAA Tournaments. The Gamecocks have advanced to at least the second round 11 times and have four quarterfinal and two Final Four appearances. In 1993, the Gamecocks advanced to the NCAA Championship game.

Though Carolina has been independent during the majority of the program's tenure, the Gamecocks have captured a trio of conference titles under Berson's leadership. Carolina won the 1993 Metro Conference Championship in one of its two years competing in the conference. The Gamecocks joined Conference USA in 2005 and promptly claimed the league's tournament championship and automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, while Carolina also won the C-USA Championship in 2010.

South Carolina won the 2010 Conference USA Tournament Championship, earning the No. 7 national seed in the NCAA Tournament en route to a first-round bye. The home field advantage propelled the Gamecocks to a 1-0 win over Duke during the second round, advancing the squad to the Round of 16. South Carolina concluded the season ranked No. 12 in the final NSCAA Top 25 Poll, while the team also earned the NSCAA's top team academic award.

South Carolina is very successful in its recruiting, bringing in a top-20 recruiting class in 2006, while in 2007 the South Carolina recruiting class ranked No. 10, the 2008 class ranked No. 14, the 2009 class No. 23, the 2010 class ranked No. 16 and the most recent 2011 class ranked No. 11 in the nation according to CollegeSoccerNews.com.

Besides making an impact in collegiate soccer, Berson's presence is also felt within the professional ranks. Former Gamecock Josh Wolff (1995-97) competed on the United States World Cup team for the second time during the summer of 2006 and was also an Olympic team member in 2000. Clint Mathis, a teammate of Josh Wolff during his time at Carolina, also enjoyed a celebrated professional career that spanned 11 seasons in Major League Soccer. Mathis was a member of the 2002 U.S. World Cup squad and helped his MLS team, Real Salt Lake, capture the MLS Cup in 2009. Mathis announced his retirement from professional soccer in August of 2010. Most recently, Blake Brettschneider, the 2010 C-USA Co-MVP and Co-Offensive MVP, has made his mark in MLS as an integral member of DC United.

During the summer of 2002, Wolff and Clint Mathis (1994-97) represented the United States in the World Cup. Mathis also graced the cover of Sports Illustrated in May prior to the World Cup, marking the third Gamecock athlete, in any sport, to be featured on the prestigious magazine.

In January 2005, former Gamecock Brad Guzan (2003-04) made MLS history when he was the No. 2 overall pick in the MLS SuperDraft, selected by CD Chivas USA. Guzan became the highest goalkeeper ever drafted into the league. In the fall of 2007, Guzan was selected as the 2007 Panasonic MLS Goalkeeper of the Year. He received his first invitation to the U.S. National Team Camp in January 2006 and was selected to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team that competed in Beijing as the starting goalkeeper. Guzan was also honored during the summer of 2010 with a roster spot on the U.S. Men's National Team for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. In 2004, goalkeeper Henry Ring enjoyed a breakout season representing the Garnet and Black in the MLS All-Star game and starting in goal for the East.

Most recently three Gamecocks were selected in the 2011 MLS Supplemental Draft, as Sam Arthur (Chicago Fire), Brettschneider (DC United) and Jimmy Maurer (New York Red Bulls) were drafted following their senior seasons at Carolina.

Currently, three of Berson's pupils at South Carolina are playing in the professional ranks - Wolff and Brettschneider in MLS with DC United, while Guzan competes with Aston Villa of the Barclays Premier League in England.

Berson led Carolina to a 113-39-12 mark (.726) in the 1990s, which rated the Gamecocks as one of the winningest programs in NCAA Division I soccer. In 1998, Berson earned the inaugural Independent Coach of the Year award after leading Carolina to the best record of all Independent schools.

Berson has also been honored as the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA) Coach of the Year in the South on four occasions (1984, 1985, 1988, 1995).

Under his leadership, 19 Gamecocks have been selected to represent South Carolina in either the MLS Combine, the ISAA Senior Bowl or the UMBRO Select All-Star Classic. Included in that group are Brettschneider (2011), Maurer (2011), Mike Sambursky (2006), Josh Alcala (2005), Guzan (2004), Tim Glowienka (2003), Jordan Quinn (2003), Joey Worthen (2002), Chris Morman (1999), Mathis (1997), Billy Clifford (1995), Andrew Coggins (1991), Tommy Loeber (1990), Charles Arndt (1988), Doug Allison (1987), Bill Hency (1986), Warren Lipka (1985) David Burr, (1982) and Paul Turin (1979). Two of those players, Lipka and Arndt, were honored as National Goalkeeper of the Year in 1985 and 1988, respectively.

Berson's success has ranged beyond the college ranks, as 51 South Carolina players have been drafted into or entered professional soccer since 1978, while Gamecock players have represented the United States on the U.S. Olympic team, the U.S. National team, the National "B" team, the U.S. Under-20 and Under-23 teams, the World University Games squad, and the U.S. Olympic Festival teams. Berson has coached 11 individual NSCAA All-Americans (Doug Allison, Marty Baltzeger, Charles Arndt, Clark Brisson, Tommy Loeber, Chris Faklaris, Rob Smith, Mathis, Henry Ring, Guzan and Greg Reece), 11 individual Academic All-Americans (Peter Duitsman, Greg King, Jeff Love (twice), Pat Mihm, Phil Seidenberg, Loeber, Ruben Tufino, Arthur (second team/third team) Maurer (second team/first team), Brettschneider (third team) and Will Traynor (third team) and Soccer America's Freshman of the Year (Tufino). Duitsman was also named the Boyd McWhorter SEC Male Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1994.

Berson has been involved in soccer development as a coach, teacher and administrator on many levels. He is a U.S. Soccer National Instructional Staff Coach with an "A" coaching license and has served a US Soccer National Instructional staff coach since 1989. He has served as State Coach for the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA), working in player development and coaching certification. In 1992, he was inducted into the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame.

Berson also coached the U.S. National U-18 team in the Granatkin/Leningrad Tournament in January 1989, in the Soviet Union. In July 1987, he directed the South team to the gold medal in the U.S. Olympic Festival in Durham, N.C., one year after serving as an assistant coach for the South squad.

Berson has served on the NCAA South Region Advisory Committee for the NCAA Tournament and the Division I Coaches Subcommittee for the National Soccer Coaches Association. He has also served as a scout for U.S. Soccer for the South Region. His Carolina Soccer Camp continues to be one of the country's finest soccer camps for children of all age groups and skill levels.

Berson began his coaching career when he joined the soccer staff at The Citadel in 1976 and served as an assistant coach under Eddie Teague. He took over the Bulldogs' head job the next season and led The Citadel to an 11-5-0 mark and a second-place finish in the Southern Conference.

Berson came to Columbia to start the varsity program in 1978 and promptly posted a 13-3-1 mark in his inaugural season with the Gamecocks. A year later, South Carolina finished with a 14-5-0 record and reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time. South Carolina has gone on to achieve a winning record in 30 of 33 seasons.

A 1971 graduate of Summit (N.J.) High School, Berson attended the University of North Carolina and received his bachelor of arts degree in journalism in 1975. Berson played on the Tar Heel soccer squad for four years, one as a midfielder and the other three in goal. As a senior, Berson received the UNC Educational Foundation Award and was a member of the Academic ACC Honor Roll. Berson earned his master's of education degree in sport administration from Ohio University in 1977.

Born March 16, 1953, in Hartford, Conn., Berson is married to the former Shauna Hopkins, a South Carolina alum, of Columbia. They have two children, Erin Rhea, and Luke William. Erin graduated from South Carolina in 2009, and Luke is currently enrolled at the University of South Carolina.

THE BERSON FILE

Born: March 16, 1953, in Hartford, Conn.

High School Education: Summit (N.J.) High School, 1971

College Education: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of North Carolina, 1975. Master's of Education in Sport Administration from Ohio University, 1977.

High School: All-state (1970) at Summit High. Earned letters in soccer and track.

College Soccer: Letterman at North Carolina, playing one year at midfielder and three years in goal. Received UNC Educational Foundation Award. Academic ACC Honor Roll, 1972-74.

Coaching Career: Assistant Coach, The Citadel, 1976; Head Coach, The Citadel, 1977; Head Coach, South Carolina, 1978-present.

Family: Wife: Shauna (Hopkins) of Columbia. Children: Erin Rhea, Luke William.

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- One of 13 Division I coaches all-time to reach the 400-victory milestone
- Ranks No. 7 on the all-time Division I wins list and first among active coaches
- Ranks No. 10 among active Division I coaches with a .692 winning percentage
- Has taken 19 teams to the NCAA Tournament, including four to the quarterfinals and two to the Final Four
- Four-time NSCAA South Region Coach of the Year: 1984, 1985, 1988, 1995
- 1998 Independent Coach of the Year
- Has coached 11 individual All-Americans and two National Goalkeepers of the Year
- Coached players who have made four World Cup appearances and two Olympic appearances, including Brad Guzan, the starting goalkeeper for the U.S. in the 2008 Olympics, and a member of the 2010 U.S. World Cup squad.
- More than 40 of his former players have been drafted into professional soccer
- Has won three conference championships in Carolina's six seasons as a member of a conference -- 1993 Metro Conference Championship and 2005 and 2010 Conference USA Tournament Championships
- Has coached 44 players to 68 National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-South Region honors
- Member of the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame (inducted 1992)

YEAR	SCHOOL	WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.	NCAA FINISH
1977	The Citadel	11	5	0	.688	School's Best Record Ever
The Citadel (1 year)		11	5	0	.688	-
1978	South Carolina	13	3	1	.794	South Region Top 10
1979	South Carolina	14	5	0	.737	NCAA First Round
1980	South Carolina	12	5	2	.684	South Region Top 10
1981	South Carolina	16	4	1	.786	South Region Top 10
1982	South Carolina	12	5	2	.684	South Region Top 10
1983	South Carolina	8	11	2	.429	South Region Top 10
1984	South Carolina	14	4	2	.750	South Region Top 5
1985	South Carolina	20	3	1	.854	NCAA Quarterfinals
1986	South Carolina	17	5	0	.773	NCAA First Round
1987	South Carolina	16	2	3	.833	NCAA Second Round
1988	South Carolina	14	4	4	.727	NCAA Semifinals
1989	South Carolina	17	3	2	.818	NCAA Quarterfinals
1990	South Carolina	14	5	2	.714	NCAA Second Round
1991	South Carolina	14	5	0	.737	South Region Top 10
1992	South Carolina	13	5	3	.690	NCAA First Round
1993	South Carolina	16	4	4	.750	NCAA Finals
1994	South Carolina	16	4	0	.800	NCAA First Round
1995	South Carolina	16	4	0	.800	NCAA Second Round
1996	South Carolina	8	9	2	.474	-
1997	South Carolina	16	3	1	.825	NCAA Second Round
1998	South Carolina	16	5	0	.762	NCAA Second Round
1999	South Carolina	10	7	2	.579	-
2000	South Carolina	12	4	3	.711	NCAA First Round
2001	South Carolina	12	5	2	.684	NCAA Second Round
2002	South Carolina	11	8	1	.575	NCAA First Round
2003	South Carolina	9	7	2	.556	-
2004	South Carolina	12	7	1	.625	NCAA First Round
2005	South Carolina	12	7	2	.619	NCAA First Round/C-USA Ch.
2006	South Carolina	11	5	1	.676	-
2007	South Carolina	11	6	2	.631	-
2008	South Carolina	8	6	5	.552	-
2009	South Carolina	7	8	3	.472	-
2010	South Carolina	13	7	2	.636	NCAA Round of 16
2011	South Carolina	0	1	0	.000	-
South Carolina (34th year)		430	176	58	.691	16-19 NCAA Tourn. Record
OVERALL (35th year)		441	181	58	.691	19 NCAA Appearances



Soccer Box Score (Final)
2011 South Carolina Men's Soccer
#15 South Carolina vs Coll. of Charleston
(Aug 28, 2011 at Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)

South Carolina (0-1-0) vs.
Coll. of Charleston (1-0-0)
Date: Aug 28, 2011 • Attendance: 2931
Weather: 88F, Wind S at 9 mph, Clear, Comfortable

Goals by period	1	2	Total
South Carolina	1	1	2
Coll. of Charleston	2	1	3

South Carolina

Po #	Player	Sh	G	A
gk 16	LONG, Alex	-	-	-
m 3	ROOT, Chipper	3	-	1
d 4	MANGOTIC, Mike	-	-	-
m 5	MORRISSEY, Stephe	-	-	-
d 7	MARTINEZ, Eric	2	-	-
m 8	BENSON, Vance	4	-	-
f 10	BALADEZ, Bradlee	3	1	-
f 11	DAVIDSON, Snoopy	1	-	-
m 13	TROYER, Braeden	2	1	-
d 14	STAM, Kevin	-	-	-
d 21	CATES, Danny	1	-	1
-- Substitutes --				
9	KIVINEN, Niklas	-	-	-
17	LUNCEFORD, Emmet	-	-	-
23	RAFFERTY, J.P.	2	-	-
27	ANDERSON, Stephen	-	-	-
29	KRYST, Asa	3	-	-
Totals		21	2	2

Coll. of Charleston

Po #	Player	Sh	G	A
gk 1	Kees Heemskerk	-	-	-
d 2	Will Moore	-	-	-
d 3	Robbie Benson	-	-	-
d 4	Shawn Ferguson	1	-	-
m 6	Daan Brinkman	-	-	-
f 7	Andy Craven	6	2	-
m 8	Troy Peterson	3	-	-
m 10	Sean de Silva	3	-	-
d 12	Tanner Clay	1	-	-
m 13	Francis Twohig	2	1	1
m 19	Ralphie Lundy	1	-	1
-- Substitutes --				
9	Joey De Mare	-	-	-
14	George Khoury	-	-	1
15	Rudi Hellberger	-	-	-
16	Eric Fornell	-	-	-
17	Connor Coons	-	-	-
20	Tyler Vukoder	-	-	-
Totals		17	3	3

#	Goalkeepers	Min	GA	Saves
16	LONG, Alex	90:00	3	4

#	Goalkeepers	Min	GA	Saves
1	Kees Heemskerk	90:00	2	5

Shots by period	1	2	Total
South Carolina	10	11	21
Coll. of Charleston	5	12	17

Saves by period	1	2	Total
South Carolina	2	2	4
Coll. of Charleston	3	2	5

Corner kicks	1	2	Total
South Carolina	5	2	7
Coll. of Charleston	1	4	5

Fouls	1	2	Total
South Carolina	3	7	10
Coll. of Charleston	5	6	11

Scoring summary:

No.	Time	Team	Goal scorer	Assist	Description
1.	7:16	COFC	Andy Craven (1)	Francis Twohig	one on with keeper after flick on by 13
2.	10:10	SC	BALADEZ, Bradlee (1)	ROOT, Chipper	ball flicked into box by 3, headed farside
3.	19:29	COFC	Andy Craven (2)	Ralphie Lundy	header off of set piece from 35 yards
4.	70:34	SC	TROYER, Braeden (1)	CATES, Danny	one touch in crowded box after throw in
5.	82:16	COFC	Francis Twohig (1)	George Khoury	one touched into upper 90 on a ball square goal line

Cautions and ejections:
YC-SC #3 (51:50); YC-COFC #13 (82:16)

Win-Kees Heemskerk (1-0-0). Loss-LONG, Alex (0-1-0).
Stadium: Patriots Point
Officials: Timekeeper: Jeff Hoerner; Scorer: Nick Vlattas;
Offsides: South Carolina 3, Coll. of Charleston 1.

Official's signature