



# CAROLINA FOOTBALL

## 2009 NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

### SIGNEE ROSTER

NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/LAST SCHOOL)
Corey Addison	DB	5-11	177	Jacksonville, Fla. (Andrew Jackson)
Nick Allison	OL	6-4	285	Asheville, N.C. (T.C. Roberson)
Ben Axon	RB	6-1	195	Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee)
DeMario Bennett	WR	6-3	185	Douglas, Ga. (Coffee County)
Ronald Byrd	DL	6-6	285	LaGrange, Ga. (Callaway/Fork Union Military)
Duane Chisolm	DL	6-2	256	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)
Andrew Clifford	QB	6-3	215	Tampa, Fla. (Wharton)
Matt Coffee	LB	5-11	210	Mary Esther, Fla. (Ft. Walton Beach)
Justice Cunningham	TE	6-3	242	Pageland, S.C. (Central)
Josh Dickerson*	LB	6-2	217	Kingsland, Ga. (Camden County/Georgia Military College)
Aldrick Fordham	DL	6-4	234	Jamestown, S.C. (Timberland)
Jarvis Giles*	RB	5-11	176	Tampa, Fla. (Gaither)
Stephon Gilmore*	DB	6-2	181	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
Chaun Gresham	LB	6-3	205	Auburn, Ga. (Apalachee)
DeVonte Holloman*	DB	6-2	210	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
Charles Holmes	WR	6-3	190	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
Alshon Jeffery	WR	6-3	217	St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)
DaMario Jeffery	DB	6-4	215	Columbia, S.C. (Columbia)
Jimmy Legree	DB	6-0	170	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)
Leon Mackey	DL	6-6	260	Wilmington, Del. (Hargrave Military Academy)
Chris Payne	DB	5-10	173	Columbia, S.C. (Columbia)
Lamar Scruggs	WR	6-3	212	Jacksonville Beach, Fla. (Duncan U. Fletcher)
Steven Singleton	OL	6-3	300	Buford, Ga. (Buford/Georgia Military College)
DeAngelo Smith	WR	6-0	170	Kingsland, Ga. (Camden County)
Quin Smith	LB	6-0	205	Lenoir, N.C. (Hibriten)
Tony Straughter*	LB	6-0	215	Madison, Fla. (Madison County/Georgia Military College)
Chaz Sutton*	DL	6-4	236	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins/Fork Union Military)
D.J. Swearinger	DB	5-11	196	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood)
Rokeyvious Watkins	OL	6-4	340	Fairburn, Ga. (Creekside/Georgia Military College)

\*Enrolled in January of 2009

## BREAKDOWN

OFFENSE (12)		
<b>Quarterback (1)</b>		
Andrew Clifford	6-3	215
<b>Running Back (2)</b>		
Ben Axon	6-1	195
Jarvis Giles	5-11	176
<b>Wide Receiver (5)</b>		
DeMario Bennett	6-3	185
Charles Holmes	6-3	190
Alshon Jeffery	6-3	217
Lamar Scruggs	6-3	212
DeAngelo Smith	6-0	170
<b>Tight End (1)</b>		
Justice Cunningham	6-3	242
<b>Offensive Line (3)</b>		
Nick Allison	6-4	285
Steven Singleton	6-3	300
Rokeyvious Watkins	6-4	340

DEFENSE (17)		
<b>Defensive Line (5)</b>		
Ronald Byrd	6-6	285
Duane Chisolm	6-2	256
Aldrick Fordham	6-4	234
Leon Mackey	6-6	260
Chaz Sutton	6-4	236
<b>Linebacker (5)</b>		
Matt Coffee	5-11	210
Josh Dickerson	6-2	217
Chaun Gresham	6-3	205
Quin Smith	6-0	205
Tony Straughter	6-0	215
<b>Defensive Back (7)</b>		
Corey Addison	5-11	177
Stephon Gilmore	6-2	181
DeVonte Holloman	6-2	210
DaMario Jeffery	6-4	215
Jimmy Legree	6-0	170
Chris Payne	5-10	173
D.J. Swearinger	5-11	196

BY STATE	
<b>South Carolina (11)</b>	
Duane Chisolm	Beaufort
Justice Cunningham	Pageland
Aldrick Fordham	Jamestown
Stephon Gilmore	Rock Hill
DeVonte Holloman	Rock Hill
Charles Holmes	Rock Hill
Alshon Jeffery	St. Matthews
DaMario Jeffery	Columbia
Jimmy Legree	Beaufort
Chris Payne	Columbia
D.J. Swearinger	Greenwood
<b>North Carolina (2)</b>	
Nick Allison	Asheville
Quin Smith	Lenoir
<b>Delaware (1)</b>	
Leon Mackey	Wilmington

Georgia (8)	
DeMario Bennett	Douglas
Ronald Byrd	LaGrange
Josh Dickerson	Kingsland
Chaun Gresham	Auburn
Steven Singleton	Buford
DeAngelo Smith	Kingsland
Chaz Sutton	Savannah
Rokeyvious Watkins	Fairburn
<b>Florida (7)</b>	
Corey Addison	Jacksonville
Ben Axon	Bradenton
Andrew Clifford	Tampa
Matt Coffee	Mary Esther
Jarvis Giles	Tampa
Lamar Scruggs	Jacksonville Beach
Tony Straughter	Madison



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**FAST FACTS:**

- \* 29 players in the signing class including four junior college transfers (Josh Dickerson, Steven Singleton, Tony Straughter and Rokevious Watkins). All four played at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville.
- \* Six of the players enrolled in January and will take part in spring drills. That list includes Josh Dickerson, Jarvis Giles, Stephon Gilmore, DeVonte Holloman, Chaz Sutton and Tony Straughter.
- \* The class includes three of *Rivals.com* Top 100 list, with Stephon Gilmore ranked 84th, DaMario Jeffery ranked 87th and Alshon Jeffery ranked 99th. Two others, Jarvis Giles (122) and DeVonte Holloman (176) rank in the Rivals250.
- \* The class includes six of the ESPNU 150 including Stephon Gilmore (18), DeVonte Holloman (19), DaMario Jeffery (43), Jarvis Giles (53), Chris Payne (85) and Alshon Jeffery (103).
- \* Class is ranked 11th in the country by *Rivals.com* and 12th by *Scout.com*.
- \* *Rivals.com*: 0 5-star; 14 4-star; 10 3-star.
- \* *Scout.com*: 1 5-star; 7 4-star; 15 3-star.
- \* Tallest: Ronald Byrd/Leon Mackey (6-6).
- \* Shortest: Chris Payne (5-10).
- \* Heaviest: Rokevious Watkins (340).
- \* Lightest: Jimmy Legree/DeAngelo Smith (170).
- \* Here are the Gamecocks' recent recruiting class rankings according to *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*:  

2002: 11th/18th	2006: 24th/33rd
2003: 8th/15th	2007: 6th/7th
2004: 35th/28th	2008: 22nd/34th
2005: 23rd/20th	2009: 11th/12th

**COREY ADDISON**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**  
**5-11 177**  
**JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**  
**(ANDREW JACKSON)**

Two-way player at Andrew Jackson High School in Jacksonville... played both quarterback and safety... logged over 150 tackles and six interceptions over his final two seasons... participated in the Florida Athletic Coaches Association North-South All-Star Classic following his senior season... had 77 tackles and three interceptions as a junior... three-star prospect, considered the 21st-best safety in the nation and the 68th-best prospect in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*... a three-star prospect and considered the 90th-best safety in the nation by *Scout.com*... considered the state's 91st-best player according to *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Southeast Region squad... Corey A. Addison was born September 16, 1990... also considered UCF, Florida, Miami and a host of others before committing to Carolina.

**NICK ALLISON**  
**OFFENSIVE LINE**  
**6-4 285**  
**ASHEVILLE, N.C.**  
**(T.C. ROBERSON)**

Three year varsity starter at T.C. Roberson High School in Asheville... coached by Jim Beatty... selected to play in the 2008 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... helped his squad go 13-2 and into the fourth round of the 3AA state playoffs in 2007... rated the 46th-best offensive guard in the nation, the 18th-best player in the state of North Carolina and a three-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... is a two-star prospect and the nation's 56th-best offensive guard according to *Scout.com*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... Nicholas Eugene Allison was born July 22, 1991... also had strong interest from Clemson, North Carolina, NC State and Tennessee before casting his lot with the Gamecocks.

**BEN AXON**  
**RUNNING BACK**  
**6-1 195**  
**BRADENTON, FLA.**  
**(MANATEE)**

Played for head coach Joe Kinnan at Manatee High School in Bradenton... ran for over 1,000 yards and

scored 20 touchdowns as a senior... earned 2007 Class 5A honorable mention all-state honors for the Hurricanes after rushing for 1,026 yards and 16 touchdowns as a junior... rated as a four-star prospect and the nation's 31st-best running back and the 54th-best player in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 87th-best running back according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's 60th-best player according to *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Southeast Region squad... Benjamin Dale Axon was born February 24, 1989... originally committed to Clemson and also considered Florida State, Purdue and West Virginia among others before choosing Carolina.

**DEMARIO BENNETT**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**6-3 185**  
**DOUGLAS, GA.**  
**(COFFEE COUNTY)**

Wide receiver from Coffee County High School in Georgia... considered the 84th-best prospect in the state of Georgia and a two-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... also considered a two-star prospect and the nation's 191st-best wide receiver by *Scout.com*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Southeast Region squad... DeMario S. Bennett was born June 20, 1989... also considered Arkansas before casting his lot with the Gamecocks.

**RONALD BYRD**  
**DEFENSIVE LINE**  
**6-6 285**  
**LAGRANGE, GA.**  
**(CALLAWAY/FORK UNION MILITARY)**

Originally signed with the Gamecocks in February of 2008 before spending the '08 campaign at Fork Union Military in Virginia... played for head coach John Shuman... listed as a four-star prospect according to both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*... considered the 15th-best prep school prospect in the country by *Rivals.com*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... was an all-area selection as a high school offensive lineman at Callaway High School in Hogansville, Ga... tallied 45 tackles including seven sacks during his senior year... considered a three-star prospect coming out of high school... Ronald D. Byrd was born August 13, 1990... selected South Carolina over Arkansas, Auburn, Indiana, Louisville and Purdue among others.



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**DUANE CHISOLM**  
**DEFENSIVE LINE**  
**6-2 256**  
**BEAUFORT, S.C.**  
**(BEAUFORT)**

Played defensive end for head coach Mark Clifford at Beaufort (S.C.) High... missed the second half of his senior season after tearing the ACL in his right knee... had 31 tackles including four sacks prior to the injury... recorded 114 tackles, 20 tackles for loss and 15 sacks in 2007 while helping his team to the state AAAA championship game... considered the 13th-best strongside defensive end in the 2009 class, the 12th-best prospect in the state of South Carolina and a four-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 41st-best defensive end according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's 16th-best player by *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... also had offers from Clemson, NC State, Florida State and others before choosing the Gamecocks... played prep football with Gamecock teammates Jimmy Legree and Devin Taylor at Beaufort High.

**ANDREW CLIFFORD**  
**QUARTERBACK**  
**6-3 215**  
**TAMPA, FLA.**  
**(WHARTON)**

As a senior at Wharton High in Tampa, finished as the third-leading passer in Hillsborough County with 2,263 yards passing and 20 touchdowns... also rushed for 10 touchdowns as a senior... passed for over 3,700 yards and 30 touchdowns in his final two seasons at Wharton... played for head coach David Mitchell... considered a two-star prospect and the 125th-best quarterback prospect in the country by *Scout.com*... participated in the EA Sports regional Elite 11 quarterback camp at the University of Alabama... Andrew K. Clifford was born February 9, 1991... grew up as a Florida fan as his dad, Tom, played fullback and tight end for the Gators from 1973-75... two of his uncles played at Clemson and two played at The Citadel... two of his uncles are high school coaches — Mark Clifford at Beaufort (S.C.) and John Clifford at P.K. Yonge in Gainesville, Fla., a program that sent several players to Coach Spurrier's Florida teams... interested in a degree in marketing... also had offers from Liberty, Charleston Southern and several Division II schools.

**MATT COFFEE**  
**LINEBACKER**  
**5-11 210**  
**MARY ESTHER, FLA.**  
**(FORT WALTON BEACH)**

Played on both sides of the ball for head coach Mike Owens at Fort Walton Beach High School in Florida... suffered a season-ending knee injury in the second game of his senior season... junior season was limited to the last five games due to illness... still finished with 55 tackles and an interception, while rushing 74 times for 364 yards and four touchdowns... logged 120 tackles and three sacks with two fumble recoveries as a sophomore... considered the 19th-best "athlete" in the country, ranked as the 57th-best player in the state of Florida and was a four-star recruit by *Rivals.com*... considered a three-star prospect and the nation's 39th-best strongside linebacker according to *Scout.com*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Southeast Region squad... Matthew C. Coffee was born October 15, 1991... is the brother of Alabama running back Glen Coffee... also had offers from Ole Miss, Mississippi State, NC State and Maryland among others.

**JUSTICE CUNNINGHAM**  
**TIGHT END**  
**6-3 242**  
**PAGELAND, S.C.**  
**(CENTRAL)**

Coached by Joey Mangum at Central High School in Pageland, S.C... earned first-team all-state honors as a tight end by *The State*... helped Central reach the Class AA state finals... caught 21 passes for 400 yards and eight touchdowns as a junior tight end... also logged 92 tackles, seven sacks, two interceptions and three fumble recoveries on defense in 2007... selected to play in the 2008 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... two-sport star in high school as he also excelled on the hardwood... averaged 12 points and 11 rebounds in hoops as a junior... considered a two-star prospect by *Rivals.com* as a tight end... considered a two-star prospect and the nation's 112th-best defensive end by *Scout.com*... considered the state's 21st-best player by *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad.

**JOSH DICKERSON**  
**LINEBACKER**  
**6-2 217**  
**KINGSLAND, GA.**  
**(CAMDEN COUNTY/GEORGIA MILITARY)**

Junior college transfer from Georgia Military College where he played for head coach Bert Williams... played in eight games posting 30 tackles, 3.0 sacks and a fumble recovery... helped lead the Bulldogs to a 9-1 regular season finish and a spot in the 2008 Mississippi Bowl, where they were defeated by Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College... recorded 32 tackles and four sacks as a freshman in 2007... considered a four-star prospect and the 41st-best junior college prospect in the country by *Rivals.com*... considered the 47th-best junior college player in the country according to *SuperPrep*... also had offers from Ole Miss, Tennessee, Minnesota, East Carolina and West Virginia... graduated from Camden County High School in Kingsland, Ga... played at Georgia Military College with South Carolina signees Tony Straughter, Steven Singleton and Rokeyivous Watkins.

**ALDRICK FORDHAM**  
**DEFENSIVE LINE**  
**6-4 234**  
**JAMESTOWN, S.C.**  
**(TIMBERLAND)**

Two-way performer and a three-year starter for head coach Art Craig at Timberland High School... earned first-team all-state honors by *The State* after his senior season... racked up 11 sacks and 83 tackles including 13 for loss... helped his squad reach the state AA semifinals in his final campaign... played tight end in the North-South All-Star Game... recorded 58 tackles and six sacks as a junior... also excelled on the basketball court where he was an all-state selection and the region Player of the Year as a junior... rated as the 47th-best rush end in the country, the 25th-best prospect in the state of South Carolina and a three-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... considered a four-star prospect and the nation's 15th-best defensive end according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's 22nd-best player by *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... Aldrick J. Fordham was born September 23, 1990... turned down an offer from Tennessee to sign with the Gamecocks.



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**JARVIS GILES**  
**RUNNING BACK**  
**5-11 176**  
**TAMPA, FLA.**  
**(GAITHER)**

January enrollee at South Carolina... played for head coach Mark Kantor at Tampa's Gaither High School... rushed for over 1,500 yards as a senior... selected to participate in the Under Armour High School All-American Game in Orlando... rushed for 1,478 yards on 238 carries (6.2 yards per carry) with 20 touchdowns as a junior in 2007... a *Rivals.com* four-star prospect who was rated as the No. 22 player in the state of Florida and the No. 3 all-purpose back by the website... considered a four-star prospect and the nation's 35th-best running back according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's 29th-best player by *SuperPrep*... ranked 53rd on the ESPNU 150... listed among both *Rivals.com* and *PrepStar's* Top 250... selected South Carolina over an original commitment to Tennessee and Nebraska among others.

**STEPHON GILMORE**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**  
**6-2 181**  
**ROCK HILL, S.C.**  
**(SOUTH POINTE)**

Enrolled at Carolina in January... earned first-team all-state honors by *The State* as a senior playing for head coach Bobby Carroll at South Pointe High School in Rock Hill... named to the prestigious *PARADE* All-America team and was a first-team All-American by EA Sports... named Mr. Football for the state of South Carolina... helped his team to a perfect 15-0 record and the South Carolina AAAA Division II title as a senior... rushed for 1,331 yards and 23 touchdowns and passed for 1,771 yards with 14 scores... rushed for 119 yards and three TDs and passed for 69 yards and another score in the state championship game win over Northwestern... played quarterback in the 72nd Shrine Bowl Game of the Carolinas... rushed for 71 yards and passed for 28 more to lead the Sandlappers to a come-from-behind victory over the Tar Heels, earning Offensive MVP honors... selected to participate in the Under Armour High School All-American Game in Orlando... surpassed the 1,000-yard mark both passing and rushing in 2007... a four-star prospect who was the second-best prospect in the state of South Carolina, the nation's sixth-best "athlete" and listed 84th overall by *Rivals.com*... considered a four-star prospect and the nation's 26th-best cornerback according to *Scout.com*...

*com*... listed first among South Carolina players and 48th among *SuperPrep's* Elite 50... listed among *PrepStar's* Top 250... ranked 18th on the ESPNU 150... had offers from more than 30 programs while choosing to play his college ball at Carolina... played with 2009 Gamecock signees DeVonte Holloman and Charles Holmes at South Pointe.

**CHAUN GRESHAM**  
**LINEBACKER**  
**6-3 205**  
**AUBURN, GA.**  
**(APALACHEE)**

Played for head coach Shane Davis at Apalachee High School in Winder, Ga... the Wildcats went 7-4 in his senior season, the winningest season in school history (they began competing at the varsity level in 2000)... recorded a team-leading 96 tackles including 16 tackles for loss in his final campaign... logged 84 tackles as a sophomore and 112 as a junior, including 13 tackles for loss... returned two interceptions for touchdowns against Monroe Area in 2006... three-star prospect who was rated as the 55th-best outside linebacker in the nation and the 64th-best prospect in the state of Georgia by *Rivals.com*... a three-star prospect and the nation's 35th-best strongside linebacker according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's 39th-best player by *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Southeast Region squad... Chauntel D. Gresham was born June 27, 1990... is the nephew of Gamecock great George Rogers... also had offers from Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Clemson and originally committed to Georgia Tech before selecting the Gamecocks.

**DEVONTE HOLLOWMAN**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**  
**6-2 210**  
**ROCK HILL, S.C.**  
**(SOUTH POINTE)**

Enrolled at Carolina in January... transferred to South Pointe for his senior season where he played for head coach Bobby Carroll... named first-team all-state by *The State*... forced three fumbles and intercepted two passes as a senior... helped his team to a perfect 15-0 record and the South Carolina AAAA Division II title in his final campaign... selected to participate in the Under Armour High School All-American Game in Orlando and in the North-South game... was regarded as the top player in North Carolina as a junior at Charlotte's Independence High... had 96 tackles and four interceptions

as a sophomore and over 50 tackles with two picks as a junior while also playing quarterback... four-star prospect who was rated the 10th-best outside linebacker in the nation and the seventh-best prospect in the state of South Carolina by *Rivals.com*... a five-star prospect and the nation's second-best safety according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's sixth-best player by *SuperPrep*... ranked 19th on the ESPNU 150... listed among both *Rivals.com* and *PrepStar's* Top 250... picked South Carolina over Clemson, North Carolina, LSU and Tennessee... played with 2009 Gamecock signees Stephon Gilmore and Charles Holmes at South Pointe.

**CHARLES HOLMES**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**6-3 190**  
**ROCK HILL, S.C.**  
**(SOUTH POINTE)**

Played for head coach Bobby Carroll at South Pointe High School in Rock Hill... helped his team to a perfect 15-0 record and the South Carolina AAAA Division II title as a senior... caught 47 passes for 890 yards and six touchdowns... was a second-team all-state selection by *The State*... led the North squad with eight catches for over 100 yards at the North-South All-Star Game... caught 42 passes for 986 yards (23.5 yards per catch) with six touchdowns as a junior... also was a standout on the basketball court... given a two-star rating by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*... considered the nation's 160th-best wide receiver according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's 20th-best player by *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... Charles Holmes was born January 24, 1991... played with 2009 Gamecock signees Stephon Gilmore and DeVonte Holloman at South Pointe... has a reported 38-inch vertical leap.

**ALSHON JEFFERY**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**6-3 217**  
**ST. MATTHEWS, S.C.**  
**(CALHOUN COUNTY)**

Two-way player at Calhoun County High School... named first-team all-state by *The State* as a defensive back... caught 35 passes for 740 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior... also averaged 65 yards on kickoff returns and 35 yards on punt returns with three touchdowns... totaled 50 tackles on defense... selected to compete in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Under Armour All-American game... logged 910 yards



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receiving and 14 touchdowns as a junior in 2007... ranked 99th on *Rivals.com* top 100 list... considered the nation's 13th-best wide receiver and the fourth-best player in the state of South Carolina by the website... is a four-star recruit and the 22nd-best wide receiver in the nation according to *Scout.com*... considered the 74th-best player in the nation by *PrepStar*... considered the fourth-best player in the state of South Carolina by *SuperPrep*... ranked 103rd on the ESPN 150... also was a standout on the basketball court... originally committed to Southern California and also considered Tennessee... also had offers from Florida, Kentucky, Florida State and others.

**DAMARIO JEFFERY**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**  
**6-4 215**  
**COLUMBIA, S.C.**  
**(COLUMBIA)**

Local product from Columbia High School whose senior season was cut short by a torn ACL... coached by Kember Amick... selected to play in the Under Armour All-American Game but was unable to participate due to the injury... recorded 109 tackles, five interceptions, four sacks and five blocked punts as a junior in 2007... rated the seventh-best "athlete," the 87th-best player in the nation and a four-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... was also the third-best prospect in the state of South Carolina according to the website... considered a four-star prospect and the 10th-best weakside linebacker in the nation according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's fifth-best player by *SuperPrep*... regarded as the 92nd-best player in the nation by *PrepStar*... ranked 43rd on the ESPN 150... DaMario T. Jeffery was born January 12, 1991... turned down offers from Southern California, Alabama, Auburn, Clemson and North Carolina to sign with the Gamecocks... high school teammate of Gamecock signee Chris Payne... runs a 4.5 40 with a 34-inch vertical leap.

**JIMMY LEGREE**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**  
**6-0 170**  
**BEAUFORT, S.C.**  
**(BEAUFORT)**

Three-year starter at Beaufort High School... coached by Mark Clifford... named the 2008 *Beaufort Gazette/Island Packet* Defensive Player of the Year... played cornerback, quarterback receiver, kick returner and tailback during his prep career... as a senior, had three

interceptions, four blocked kicks, three fumble recoveries and two defensive touchdowns... selected to play in the 2008 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... recorded 63 tackles, six interceptions and nine breakups as a junior... three-star prospect by *Rivals.com* and a two-star prospect by *Scout.com*... considered the state's 32nd-best player by *Rivals.com* and the 26th-best player by *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... considered Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, Clemson and Maryland before choosing Carolina... high school teammate of Gamecocks Duane Chisolm and Devin Taylor.

**LEON MACKEY**  
**DEFENSIVE LINE**  
**6-6 260**  
**WILMINGTON, DEL.**  
**(HARGRAVE MILITARY)**

Spent the 2008 campaign at Hargrave Military where he was considered a four-star prospect by *Scout.com*... also a four-star recruit and considered the ninth-best prep school player in the country by *Rivals.com*... selected Carolina after originally committing to Clemson and turning down offers from Virginia Tech, Arkansas and North Carolina among others... was a high school standout at Christina High School in Delaware before transferring to Hargrave Military for his senior season... originally signed with Virginia Tech but failed to qualify academically... born February 28, 1989.

**CHRIS PAYNE**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**  
**5-10 173**  
**COLUMBIA, S.C.**  
**(COLUMBIA)**

Local product from Columbia High School... coached by Kember Amick... suffered a season-ending ankle injury about halfway through his senior season... had surgery to repair a broken bone and ligament damage... logged 139 tackles, including 18 tackles for loss and nine sacks, five forced fumbles and three interceptions as a junior in 2007... also had 66 carries for 507 yards with six touchdowns... considered the 30th-best safety in the nation, the 16th-best prospect in the state of South Carolina and a three-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 67th-best safety according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's 17th-best player by *SuperPrep*... ranked 85th on the ESPN 150... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... Christofer D. Payne was born March 14,

1991... was the first commitment to the 2009 recruiting class... also had offers from Clemson, Michigan State, North Carolina and Oklahoma... high school teammate of Gamecock signee Damario Jeffery... has a 31-inch vertical leap.

**LAMAR SCRUGGS**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**6-3 212**  
**JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA.**  
**(DUNCAN U. FLETCHER)**

Played for coach Joe Reynolds at Duncan U. Fletcher High School... logged over 800 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns on 38 receptions as a senior... helped his team to its first undefeated regular season in school history... was a North/South All-Star selection... finished his junior campaign with 35 catches for over 600 yards and 11 touchdowns, helping his squad post a 9-3 record... as a sophomore in 2006 he caught 23 passes for 536 yards and seven scores... considered a four-star recruit, the 46th-best wide receiver in the country and the 59th-best player in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*... given a three-star rating and considered the nation's 54th-best wide receiver by *Scout.com*... named to the All-Southeast Region team by *SuperPrep.com*... Lamar Scruggs was born April 1, 1990... was the homecoming king at his high school... Lamar T. Scruggs was born April 6, 1990... considers Arizona Cardinals' Larry Fitzgerald as his favorite player and wears the number 11 in his honor... visited Illinois, Ole Miss and South Florida... also had offers from Florida, Tennessee and West Virginia among others.

**STEVEN SINGLETON**  
**OFFENSIVE LINE**  
**6-3 300**  
**BUFORD, GA.**  
**(BUFORD/GEORGIA MILITARY)**

Three-star prospect from Milledgeville (GA) Georgia Military College... played for Bert Williams... helped pave the way for a Bulldogs rushing attack that managed to post over 180 yards a game on the ground... helped lead the Bulldogs to a 9-1 regular season finish and a spot in the 2008 Mississippi Bowl, where they were defeated by Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College... will have two years to play two... graduated from Buford (Ga.) High School in 2006... helped lead his team to an undefeated regular season and into the third round of the playoffs... earned first-team all-state honors as a senior and was named to the *Atlanta*



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### PLAYER BIOGRAPHY INFORMATION

*Journal Constitution* Super Southern 100... was the Gwinnett County Offensive Lineman of the Year and a first-team all-county selection... Steven T. Singleton was born May 20, 1988... originally signed with LSU as a four-star prospect... also considered West Virginia... teammate of Gamecocks Rokevious Watkins, Tony Straughter and Josh Dickerson at GMC.

**DEANGELO SMITH**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**6-0 170**  
**KINGSLAND, GA.**  
**(CAMDEN COUNTY)**

Played for coach Jeff Herron at Camden County High School in Kingsland, Ga... played in a Wing-T offense... helped his squad to the Georgia Class AAAAA state title... hauled in 21 passes for 286 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior... also played basketball for Camden County... ranked as a three-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... considered the 249th-best wide receiver in the nation and a two-star prospect by *Scout.com*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Southeast Region squad... DeAngelo A. Smith was born November 17, 1989... grew up in Charleston, S.C... selected South Carolina over offers from Indiana and East Carolina among others.

**QUIN SMITH**  
**LINEBACKER**  
**6-0 205**  
**LENOIR, N.C.**  
**(HIBRITEN)**

Two-way player at Hibriten High School in Lenoir, N.C... as a fullback he rushed 233 times for 1,580 yards and 27 touchdowns as a senior, including a 238-yard effort in the state playoffs... also averaged 17 tackles per game with six interceptions and two sacks playing outside linebacker and strong safety... selected to play in the 2008 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... made 182 tackles and four sacks while rushing 176 times for 1,074 yards and 17 touchdowns as a junior fullback... considered a three-star prospect and the 59th-best safety in the nation according to *Scout.com*... is a three-star prospect, the 28th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the 88th-best outside linebacker in the nation according to *Rivals.com*... considered the 25th-best player in the state of North Carolina by *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... Jocquin R. Smith was born December 20, 1990... also had an offer from East Carolina with Duke and Navy in the mix.

**TONY STRAUGHTER**  
**LINEBACKER**  
**6-0 215**  
**MADISON, FLA.**  
**(MADISON COUNTY/GEORGIA MILITARY)**

Four-star prospect from Milledgeville (GA) Georgia Military College... played weakside linebacker for head coach Bert Williams... racked up 44.5 tackles on the season including 6.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks... named to the first-team JC Gridwire All-America team... helped lead the Bulldogs to a 9-1 regular season finish and a spot in the 2008 Mississippi Bowl, where they were defeated by Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College... had 10 tackles including three for loss, a sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery in the bowl game, earning Defensive Player of the Game honors... as a freshman in 2007 he recorded 30 tackles in 10 games... considered the 11th-best junior college player in the country by *Rivals.com*... considered the 34th-best junior college player in the country according to *SuperPrep*... also had offers from East Carolina, Ole Miss, TCU, Tennessee and West Virginia... graduated from Madison County High School in Florida in 2007... teammate of Gamecocks Rokevious Watkins, Steven Singleton and Josh Dickerson at GMC.

**CHAZ SUTTON**  
**DEFENSIVE LINE**  
**6-4 236**  
**SAVANNAH, GA.**  
**(JENKINS/FORK UNION MILITARY)**

Spent the 2008 season at Fork Union Military... four-star prospect by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com* who was considered the 10th-best prep school prospect in the country... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... played on both sides of the ball at Jenkins High School in Savannah... rushed 75 times for 830 yards, an 11.7 yards per carry average, and logged 85 tackles including six sacks as a junior... considered a four-star prospect coming out of high school... ranked as the No. 6 weakside defensive end in the nation by *Rivals.com* for the 2008 signing class and the 17th-best player in the state of Georgia... *Scout.com* ranked him as the 37th-best defensive end in the nation... originally signed with the Gamecocks in February of 2008... Chaz E. Sutton was born on September 7, 1989.

**D.J. SWEARINGER**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**  
**5-11 196**  
**GREENWOOD, S.C.**  
**(GREENWOOD)**

Two-way starter at Greenwood High... rushed for 904 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior quarterback and caught 20 passes for 210 yards as a receiver... also logged 77 tackles, broke up eight passes and caused two fumbles as a safety... a second-team all-state selection by *The State*... had an interception in the Shrine Bowl Game of the Carolinas... logged 516 yards rushing and 9 TDs with 93 tackles and an interception as a junior... rushed for 400 yards and logged 68 tackles and five interceptions as a sophomore... three-star prospect who was considered the 20th-best safety in the nation and the 14th-best prospect in the state of South Carolina by *Rivals.com*... a two-star prospect and the nation's 176th-best safety according to *Scout.com*... considered the state's ninth-best player by *SuperPrep*... named to *PrepStar's* All-Atlantic Region squad... Dayario Jamal Swearinger was born September 1, 1991... originally committed to Tennessee and also had an offer from North Carolina among others.

**ROKEVIOUS WATKINS**  
**OFFENSIVE LINE**  
**6-4 340**  
**FAIRBURN, GA.**  
**(CREEKSIDE/GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE)**

Played junior college ball at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville... played for Bert Williams... helped pave the way for a Bulldogs rushing attack that managed to post over 180 yards a game on the ground... considered a three-star prospect by *Scout.com* and a two-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... considered the 26th-best junior college player in the country according to *SuperPrep*... also had an offer from UAB... graduated from Creekside High School in Georgia... Rokevious P. Watkins was born February 24, 1989... teammate of Gamecocks Steven Singleton, Tony Straughter and Josh Dickerson at GMC.