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# CAROLINA FOOTBALL

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## 1 Introduction

As the Gamecocks prepare for their 120th season of intercollegiate football, get an overview of the 2013 football season with the schedule, preseason outlook, rosters, a preseason depth chart, squad breakdown and other notes of interest. For the latest up-to-date information on the Gamecocks, check out the team's official website at [www.gamecocksonline.com](http://www.gamecocksonline.com).

## 19 Coaching Staff

Head coach Steve Spurrier begins his ninth season in Columbia with just one new coach on hand. Deke Adams takes over the defensive line duties in 2013. While the Head Ball Coach remains the key figure guiding the offense, he is assisted by co-offensive coordinators Shawn Elliott and Steve Spurrier Jr. Defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward is in his second season directing the Carolina defense.

## 41 The Gamecocks

South Carolina returns 36 letterwinners from last season's 11-win squad, including a dozen starters. Six starters return on offense, while five are back on defense and one on special teams. In addition, the Gamecocks welcome their ninth-straight Top-25 recruiting class to Columbia this fall.

## 77 2012 in Review

South Carolina posted an 11-2 record in 2012, its second-straight 11-win season. The Gamecocks had won 10 games just once previously in school history. The 2012 edition staked its claim as the best team in school history, as it finished the year ranked seventh by the Coaches and eighth in the final Associated Press poll, the loftiest final rankings in history.



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## 105 Records

Led by the incomparable George Rogers, the Gamecock record book is dotted with great individual performances. Last season, Marcus Lattimore and Jadeveon Clowney added their names to an impressive list of players who proudly donned the Garnet & Black.

## 121 History

Head coach Steve Spurrier became the winningest coach in Carolina history during the 2012 season, breaking Rex Enright's mark of 64 wins with a 27-17 win at Clemson. Coach Spurrier added a win over Michigan in the Outback Bowl, giving him 66 victories in his eight-year tenure in Columbia.

## 163 Bowl Games

South Carolina has played in 18 bowl games, including nine since the turn of the century. The Gamecocks are enjoying a streak in which they have been bowl-eligible for nine straight years, the longest stretch of its kind in school history. Carolina has won back-to-back bowl games, defeating traditional powers Nebraska (Capital One Bowl) and Michigan (Outback Bowl) in the last two years.

## 183 Information

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



## Quick Facts

Location ..... Columbia, S.C.  
 Founded ..... 1801  
 Enrollment ..... 31,288  
 Conference ..... Southeastern (Eastern Division)  
 Colors ..... Garnet (PMS 202C) & Black  
 Nickname ..... Gamecocks  
 Mascot ..... Cocky  
 Stadium ..... Williams-Brice (80,250)  
 Surface ..... Natural Grass

President ..... Dr. Harris Pastides  
 Faculty Representative ..... Dr. Zach Kelehear  
 Athletics Director ..... Ray Tanner  
 Deputy Athletics Director ..... Charles Waddell  
 Chief Operating Officer ..... Kevin O'Connell  
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 Senior Associate AD/External Operations ..... Charles Bloom  
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Head Coach ..... Steve Spurrier  
 Alma Mater ..... Florida (1967)  
 Overall Record ..... 208-77-2 (23 years)  
 Record at South Carolina ..... 66-37 (8 years)  
 Defensive Line ..... Deke Adams  
 Linebackers/Spurs ..... Kirk Botkin  
 Secondary/Assistant Special Teams ..... Grady Brown  
 Running Game Coordinator/Offensive Line ..... Shawn Elliott  
 Quarterbacks ..... G.A. Mangus  
 Special Teams Coordinator ..... Joe Robinson  
 Running Backs ..... Everette Sands  
 Passing Game Coordinator/  
 Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator ..... Steve Spurrier Jr.  
 Defensive Coordinator ..... Lorenzo Ward  
 Director-Strength & Conditioning ..... Joe Connolly  
 Head Football Athletic Trainer ..... Clint Haggard

All-Time Record ..... 565-545-44  
 2012 Record ..... 11-2  
 2012 SEC Record (Finish) ..... 6-2 (3rd East)  
 Bowl Appearance ..... Outback Bowl  
 South Carolina 33, Michigan 28

Basic Offense ..... Multiple  
 Basic Defense ..... 4-2-5  
 Lettermen Returning ..... 36  
 Offense ..... 19  
 Defense ..... 16  
 Special Teams ..... 1  
 Lettermen Lost ..... 26  
 Offense ..... 11  
 Defense ..... 12  
 Special Teams ..... 3  
 Starters Returning ..... 12  
 Offense ..... 6  
 Defense ..... 5  
 Special Teams ..... 1  
 Starters Lost ..... 12  
 Offense ..... 5  
 Defense ..... 6  
 Special Teams ..... 1

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## 2013 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Series
Thursday	August 29	North Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	UNC leads 34-17-4
Saturday	September 7	Georgia*	Athens, Ga.	UGA leads 46-17-2
Saturday	September 14	Vanderbilt*	Columbia, S.C.	SC leads 18-4-0
Saturday	September 28	UCF	Orlando, Fla.	SC leads 3-0-0
Saturday	October 5	Kentucky*	Columbia, S.C.	SC leads 16-7-1
Saturday	October 12	Arkansas*	Fayetteville, Ark.	UA leads 13-8-0
Saturday	October 19	Tennessee*	Knoxville, Tenn.	UT leads 22-7-2
Saturday	October 26	Missouri*	Columbia, Mo.	MU leads 2-1-0
Saturday	November 2	Mississippi State*	Columbia, S.C.	SC leads 8-6-0
Saturday	November 16	Florida*	Columbia, S.C.	UF leads 24-6-3
Saturday	November 23	Coastal Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	First Meeting
Saturday	November 30	Clemson	Columbia, S.C.	CU leads 65-41-4

\*Denotes Southeastern Conference Game; Game times TBD

## 2012 Results

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Record	SEC	TV	Attendance
08/30	Vanderbilt*	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 17-13	1-0	1-0	ESPN	38,393
09/08	East Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	W, 48-10	2-0	1-0	SECNet	77,006
09/15	UAB	Columbia, S.C.	W, 49-6	3-0	1-0	FSN	77,963
09/22	Missouri*	Columbia, S.C.	W, 31-10	4-0	2-0	CBS	80,836
09/29	Kentucky*	Lexington, Ky.	W, 38-17	5-0	3-0	ESPN2	49,810
10/06	#5 Georgia*	Columbia, S.C.	W, 35-7	6-0	4-0	ESPN	85,199
10/13	#9 LSU*	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 21-23	6-1	4-1	ESPN	92,734
10/20	#3 Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.	L, 11-44	6-2	4-2	CBS	90,833
10/27	Tennessee*	Columbia, S.C.	W, 38-35	7-2	5-2	ESPN	80,250
11/10	Arkansas*	Columbia, S.C.	W, 38-20	8-2	6-2	CBS	78,772
11/17	Wofford	Columbia, S.C.	W, 24-7	9-2	6-2	PPV	79,982
11/24	#12 Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	W, 27-17	10-2	6-2	ESPN	84,513
01/01	#19 Michigan	Tampa, Fla.	W, 33-28	11-2	6-2	ESPN	54,527

\*Denotes Southeastern Conference Game

## Future Non-Conference Schedules

2014	2015	2016
TBA East Carolina	09/05 North Carolina (Charlotte)	TBA Coastal Carolina
TBA Furman	TBA UCF	11/26 at Clemson
TBA Troy	TBA The Citadel	
11/29 at Clemson	11/28 Clemson	All dates subject to change.

## 2013 Team Hotels

**Georgia**  
 Sonesta Gwinnett Place  
 1775 Pleasant Hill Road  
 Duluth, GA 30096  
 770-923-1775

**UCF**  
 Renaissance Orlando Sea World  
 6677 Sea Harbor Drive  
 Orlando, FL 32821  
 407-351-5555

**Arkansas**  
 Embassy Suites  
 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway  
 Rogers, AR 72758  
 479-254-8400

**Tennessee**  
 Hilton Knoxville Airport  
 2001 Alcoa Highway  
 Alcoa, TN 37701  
 865-970-4300

**Missouri**  
 Holiday Inn Executive Center  
 2200 Interstate 70 Dr SW  
 Columbia, MO 65203  
 (573) 445-8531

**Home Games**  
 Double Tree Hotel & Conference Center  
 2100 Bush River Road  
 Columbia, SC 29210  
 803-731-0300



**THE HISTORY:** 2013 marks the 120th season of inter-collegiate football at the University of South Carolina, dating back to 1892. It is the 107th-consecutive year in which South Carolina has competed on the gridiron. The University did not field a team in either 1893 or 1906. Carolina owns an all-time record of 565-545-44.

**SEC HISTORY:** The 2013 season marks South Carolina's 22nd year in the Southeastern Conference. South Carolina and Arkansas joined the 10-team league prior to the 1992 campaign. The SEC became a 14-team conference last year when Missouri and Texas A&M joined. The Gamecocks earned their first SEC Eastern Division title in the 2010 season.

**MAKING HISTORY:** The Gamecocks have put together back-to-back 11-win seasons, the first back-to-back, double-digit win seasons in school history. They have logged two of their three 10-or more win seasons in the last two years. The only previous 10-win campaign came in 1984. The Gamecocks have won 22 games over the past two seasons, 31 over the past three seasons, and 38 over the past four seasons, all school records.

**THE RANKINGS:** The Gamecocks finished eighth in the final 2012 Associated Press poll and seventh in the final USA Today/Coaches poll. It was the highest finish on record for Carolina, one spot better in both polls than in 2011.

**TOP-10 PROGRAM:** The Gamecocks have put together back-to-back Top 10 finishes for the first time in school history, finishing ninth in 2011 and eighth in 2012 according to the Associated Press. They finished one spot higher in the Coaches' poll both years. The Gamecocks have finished among the nation's Top 25 for three-straight seasons, another "first" in school history. Here are South Carolina's final AP Top-25 rankings:

**YEAR (FINAL AP):** 1958 (13); 1984 (11); 1987 (15); 2000 (19); 2001 (13); 2010 (22); 2011 (9); 2012 (8).

**IN THE POLLS:** The Gamecocks have been ranked in the Associated Press Top-25 for 47 consecutive polls, starting with the second week of the 2010 season. That is the longest consecutive streak in school history. According to research compiled by "The Blitz," South Carolina was ranked in the A.P. poll 148 times from 1936-2011, 14 times as a member of the ACC (1936-1970), 57 times as a Independent (1971-1991) and 77 times since joining the SEC prior to the 2012 season.

**YES THEY CALL IT A STREAK:** The Gamecocks are tied for the fifth-longest current streak of being ranked in the Associated Press's Top 25. Carolina and Stanford have been ranked for 47 consecutive weeks, trailing only Alabama, LSU, Oregon and Oklahoma.

#### RK Team ..... Weeks

1. Alabama.....	81
2. LSU.....	65
3. Oregon.....	61
4. Oklahoma.....	49
5. South Carolina .....	47
Stanford .....	47

**THE TOP 10:** The Gamecocks were ranked in the Top 10 for a school-record 10-consecutive Associated Press polls, the final two of the 2011 season and the first eight of the 2012 campaign, before falling out after successive losses at LSU and Florida. The Gamecocks have been ranked in the AP Top 10 31 times in school history, 17 under head coach Steve Spurrier including 14 times in the last two seasons. Here are the dates that Carolina has been ranked in the AP Top 10:

DATE .....AP	DATE ..... AP	DATE..... AP
10/23/84 ..... 9	09/27/88 .....8	09/11/11 .....10
10/30/84 .....5	10/04/88 .....8	09/25/11 .....10
11/06/84 .....5	10/11/88 .....8	10/30/11 .....10
11/13/84 .....2		12/04/11 .....10
11/20/84 .....9	10/07/01 .....9	FINAL 2011 .....9
11/27/84 .....7		
12/04/84 .....7	10/07/07 .....7	08/18/12 .....9
	10/14/07 ..... 6	09/04/12 .....9
11/24/87 ..... 8		09/09/12 .....8
12/01/87 ..... 8	10/10/10 ..... 10	09/16/12 .....7
12/08/87 ..... 9		09/23/12 .....6
		09/30/12 .....6
		10/07/12 .....3
		10/14/12 .....9
		FINAL 2012 .....8

**STARTING ON A ROLL:** The Gamecocks won their final five games of the 2012 season, with consecutive victories over Tennessee, Arkansas, Wofford, Clemson and Michigan. It's the first time in school history that Carolina enters the offseason on a five-game winning streak. The previous best was four, set in 1958 and matched in 2011. The 1912 unit went 4-0-1 in its last five games and the 1947 squad went 5-0-1 in its last six contests. The Gamecocks will enter the 2013 season tied with Rice for the nation's eighth-longest winning streak behind Ohio State (12), Arkansas State (8), Stanford (8), Utah State (7), Vanderbilt (7), San Jose State (7) and Texas A&M (6).

**THEY'RE BACK:** The Gamecocks welcome 36 returning letterwinners to begin the 2013 campaign. The 36 lettermen consist of 19 offensive players, 16 defensive players and one special teams player. The Gamecocks lost 24 lettermen, including 10 on offense, 11 on defense and three from special teams. A complete list of the returning and lost lettermen can be found on page 12.

**SQUAD BREAKDOWN:** The 107-man squad consists of five seniors, 25 juniors, 31 sophomores, and 46 freshmen.

**FOR STARTERS:** The Gamecocks list 12 returning starters from the 2012 squad (six on offense, five on defense and one specialist). The returning offensive starters are OG **A.J. Cann**, WR **Bruce Ellington**, OG **Ronald Patrick**, OT **Corey Robinson**, QB **Connor Shaw** and OT **Brandon Shell**. The returning defensive starters include DE **Jadeveon Clowney**, CB **Victor Hampton**, CB **Jimmy Legree**, DT **Kelcy Quarles**, SS **Brisson Williams**. The lone returning specialist is P **Tyler Hull**.

## 2012 Final Polls

### Associated Press

1.	Alabama (59)	13-1	1475
2.	Oregon	12-1	1358
3.	Ohio State	12-0	1302
4.	Notre Dame	12-1	1288
5.	Georgia	12-2	1230
	Texas A&M	11-2	1230
7.	Stanford	12-2	1169
8.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>11-2</b>	<b>1038</b>
9.	Florida	11-2	933
10.	Florida State	12-2	922
11.	Clemson	11-2	889
12.	Kansas State	11-2	871
13.	Louisville	11-2	781
14.	LSU	10-3	756
15.	Oklahoma	10-3	615
16.	Utah State	11-2	456
17.	Northwestern	10-3	443
18.	Boise State	11-2	419
19.	Texas	9-4	358
20.	Oregon State	9-4	303
21.	San Jose State	11-2	243
22.	Northern Illinois	12-2	227
23.	Vanderbilt	9-4	180
24.	Michigan	8-5	147
25.	Nebraska	10-4	119

### USA TODAY/Coaches

1.	Alabama (56)	13-1	1400
2.	Oregon	12-1	1322
3.	Notre Dame	12-1	1253
4.	Georgia	12-2	1213
5.	Texas A&M	11-2	1171
6.	Stanford	12-2	1167
7.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>11-2</b>	<b>1064</b>
8.	Florida State	12-2	942
9.	Clemson	11-2	916
10.	Florida	11-2	886
11.	Kansas State	11-2	841
12.	LSU	10-3	775
13.	Louisville	11-2	772
14.	Boise State	11-2	633
15.	Oklahoma	10-3	600
16.	Northwestern	10-3	580
17.	Utah State	11-2	444
18.	Texas	9-4	398
19.	Oregon State	9-4	366
20.	Vanderbilt	9-4	248
21.	San Jose State	11-2	244
22.	Cincinnati	10-3	186
23.	Nebraska	10-4	175
24.	Northern Illinois	12-2	156
25.	Tulsa	11-3	110



## Career Start Chart

Player	'09	'10	'11	'12	All
A.J. Cann	-	RS	13	12	25
Connor Shaw	-	0	9	11	20
Kelcy Quarles	-	-	6	11	17
Bruce Ellington	-	RS	2	13	15
Jadeveon Clowney	-	-	1	12	13
Ronald Patrick	-	0	0	13	13
Brison Williams	-	-	1	12	13
Victor Hampton	-	RS	0	12	12
Jimmy Legree	RS	0	2	8	10
Mike Matulis	-	-	5	5	10
Brandon Shell	-	-	RS	10	10
Corey Robinson	-	RS	0	9	9
Cody Gibson	-	RS	4	2	6
Damiere Byrd	-	-	3	2	5
Nick Jones	-	RS	2	3	5
Brandon Wilds	-	-	5	0	5
Rory Anderson	-	-	2	2	4
Gerald Dixon Jr.	-	-	RS	2	2
T.J. Gurley	-	-	-	2	2
Chaz Sutton	0	0	1	1	2
Dylan Thompson	-	RS	0	2	2
JT Surratt	-	RS	0	1	1

## Carolina Rankings

Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	31.54	5	44
Rushing Offense	138.46	13	89
Passing Offense	238.08	6	57
Passing Efficiency	154.12	3	13
Total Offense	376.54	9	82
Scoring Defense	18.23	4	13
Rushing Defense	120.69	4	17
Passing Defense	194.85	5	21
Pass Efficiency Defense	120.10	5	34
Total Defense	315.54	4	11
Kickoff Returns	21.65	9	62
Punt Returns	14.23	2	9
Net Punting	36.03	14	77
Turnover Margin	0.31	6	43
Sacks	3.31	1	5
Tackles for Loss	7.23	3	17
Sacks Allowed	2.92	12	102

**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:** The Gamecocks said goodbye to 26 lettermen from last year's bowl roster including 12 starters. The departing starters include TE **Justice Cunningham**, OC **T.J. Johnson**, TB **Marcus Lattimore**, WR **D.L. Moore** and WR **Ace Sanders** on the offensive side of the ball and LB **Reginald Bowens**, SPR **DeVonte Holloman**, DT **Byron Jerideau**, FS **D.J. Swearingin**, DE **Devin Taylor** and LB **Shaq Wilson** on the defensive side of the ball, along with PK **Adam Yates**. A complete list of the departed letterwinners can be found on page 12.

**EVERY TIME OUT:** The Gamecocks had nine players start all 13 games a year ago. Of the nine, WR **Bruce Ellington** and OG **Ronald Patrick** will return for the 2013 campaign.

**THE HEAD BALL COACH:** Steve Spurrier begins his ninth season directing the Gamecock football program. He has logged a 66-37 mark (.641) in Columbia. The Head Ball Coach is Carolina's winningest coach with 66 victories and is second in games coached with 103, behind Rex Enright (140). Spurrier owns a 208-77-2 mark (.729) in 23 seasons as a collegiate head coach, with previous stops at Duke and Florida.

**AT THE TOP OF THE LEADER BOARD:** Head coach Steve Spurrier recorded his 65th victory at South Carolina in his 102nd career game as the Gamecocks' head coach in the regular-season finale at Clemson and added No. 66 in the Outback Bowl against Michigan. He surpassed Rex Enright (64) for the most coaching wins in school history. He is already the winningest coach at Florida with 122 victories. The legendary Bear Bryant (60 at Kentucky and 232 at Alabama) is the only other coach to own the most wins at two SEC schools.

**TOPS IN HIS FIELD:** Steve Spurrier became the 71st head college football coach (all divisions) and the 22nd in Division I history to record 200 wins when he accomplished that feat against UAB in 2012. He ranks third among active Division I coaches with 208 wins. In addition, the HBC has 47 wins as a head coach at the professional level, giving him 255 career coaching wins.

**UNCHARTED TERRITORY:** The 2013 Outback Bowl marked the seventh time Coach Spurrier has taken Carolina to a bowl game. They have been bowl-eligible in each of his eight campaigns. No other coach in Carolina history has taken the Gamecocks to more than three bowl games (Jim Carlen and Joe Morrison). Coach Spurrier is 3-4 in bowl games at South Carolina, including back-to-back bowl wins over Nebraska (Capital One Bowl) and Michigan (Outback Bowl). He is the only Gamecock coach to post three bowl victories.

**COACHING SHUFFLE:** The Gamecocks made just one coaching change during the off-season, as veteran defensive line coach Brad Lawing left for Florida and was replaced by former North Carolina defensive line coach Deke Adams.

**ENROLLING EARLY:** The Gamecocks welcomed three scholarship players to the roster in January. The threesome included junior college cornerback **Ronnie Martin** and a pair of high schoolers who graduated a semester early, quarterback **Connor Mitch** and offensive lineman **D.J. Park**.

**IN THE CLASSROOM:** The Gamecocks placed 29 players on the 2012 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll while posting a team GPA of 2.918, highest in school history. Among those who made the SEC Honor Roll include returnees **Landon Ard**, **K.J. Brent**, **Damiere Byrd**, **A.J. Cann**, **Shon Carson**, **Gerald Dixon Jr.**, **Phillip Dukes**, **Bruce Ellington**, **Deon Green**, **Mason Harris**, **Tyler Hull**, **Kadetrax Marcus**, **Drew Owens**, **Ronald Patrick**, **Kelvin Rainey**, **Corey Robinson**, **Brandon Shell**, **Brock Stadnik**, **Clayton Stadnik** and **Dylan Thompson**.

**THEY PAY TO SEE THE GAMECOCKS PLAY:** The Gamecocks ranked 18th in the nation in average home attendance in 2012, averaging 80,001 at Williams-Brice Stadium. That includes a school record 85,199 who were on hand to watch the Gamecocks thump Georgia, 35-7.

**TWO-SPORT STARS:** Head coach Steve Spurrier is not adverse to having his players participate in other sports at Carolina. Wide receiver **Bruce Ellington** has been the starting point guard for the basketball team for the past three seasons, while tailback **Shon Carson** and cornerback **Ahmad Christian** spent the spring with the Gamecock baseball team. In addition, wide receiver **Damiere Byrd** was a sprinter during the indoor track & field season.

**IT'S A NUMBERS GAME:** The Gamecocks return 42 percent of their rushing yards, 96 percent of their passing yards and 54 percent of their receiving yards from a year ago. In addition, six of the squad's top 13 tacklers, return for the 2013 campaign.

**GOOD HOME COOKIN':** The Gamecocks have won their last 11 games at Williams-Brice Stadium. Carolina is 27-3 in its last 30 home games. The only home losses in the last four years came to top-ranked Florida in 2009, to 17th-ranked Arkansas in 2010 and to defending national champion Auburn in 2011.

**PERFECT AT HOME:** The Gamecocks went 7-0 at home in 2012. It marked the first time they ran the table at home since joining the SEC. The last time they went undefeated at home was in 1987. They have been undefeated and untied at home 10 times.

**TOP HOME STREAKS:** The Gamecocks have won 11-straight home games, their longest stretch since joining the SEC and the third-longest streak in school history. Here are the top home winning streaks:

YEARS	WINS
1978-1980	15
1986-1988	13
2011-2012 (current)	11



**AN SEC SIX-PACK:** With a 6-2 SEC mark in 2012, the Gamecocks reached six SEC victories for the second year in a row. They had never had six SEC wins in a season prior to 2011. They finished the 2000, 2001, 2005 and 2010 seasons with 5-3 SEC marks. Carolina finished 2012 with at least a .500 SEC mark for the 10th time in 21 seasons and have put together three-straight .500-or-better SEC records for the first time in school history.

**GAMECOCKS IN THE SEC:** The Gamecocks wrapped up their 21st season of league play in the SEC in 2012. They have played 168 SEC regular-season contests since joining the league. Here's a breakdown of the Gamecocks in three-year segments in conference regular season action:

Years	Record	.500 or Better	Pct.
1992-1994	9-15-0	1994	.375
1995-1997	9-14-1	1996	.396
1998-2000	5-19-0	2000	.208
2001-2003	10-14-0	2001	.417
2004-2006	12-12-0	2004, 2005	.500
2007-2009	10-14-0	2008	.417
2010-2012	17-7-0	2010, 2011, 2012	.708
<b>Totals</b>	<b>72-95-1</b>	<b>Ten Times</b>	<b>.432</b>

**OUT OF THEIR LEAGUE:** The Gamecocks went 5-0 in non-conference action in both 2011 and 2012, and have been undefeated in regular season non-conference play for three consecutive years. They are 31-7 in non-conference games under head coach Steve Spurrier, including wins in 29 of their last 34 non-SEC tilts. The year-by-year breakdown: 2005 (2-2); 2006 (5-0); 2007 (3-1); 2008 (3-2); 2009 (4-1); 2010 (4-1); 2011 (5-0); 2012 (5-0). They have a regular season winning streak over non-conference opponents of 16 games. South Carolina's last regular season non-conference loss came at Clemson in 2008.

**KEEPING THE FANS HAPPY:** The Gamecocks have taken care of business against their top rivals in recent seasons. Over the past three years, they are an impressive 11-1 against SEC Eastern Division rivals Georgia (3-0), Florida (2-1) and Tennessee (3-0) and against in-state rival Clemson (3-0). In fact, Carolina has won the Palmetto State Championship four years in a row, the longest winning streak over the Tigers since 1951-54.

**AS GOOD AS IT GETS:** The 2013 Gamecocks will feature one of the game's top players in junior defensive end **Jadeveon Clowney**. Clowney, who is regarded by most as the top defensive player in the country and a likely top pick in the 2014 NFL Draft, was just the second Gamecock to earn unanimous All-America honors in 2012, joining George Rogers from his Heisman Trophy season in 1980. Clowney was named the Hendricks Award winner as the nation's top defensive end, and the All-America Player of the Year, presented by AT&T as selected by the fans on ESPN.com. He finished sixth in the Heisman race and was a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy, Rotary Lombardi Award and the Bednarik Award after being named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year by the league's coaches.

**THE LEGACY CONTINUES:** The Gamecocks roster features four players whose fathers also donned the Garnet & Black: junior defensive tackle **Kelcy Quarles** and his father, Buddy (1984-87); sophomore defensive linemen **Gerald Dixon** and **Gerald Dixon Jr.** and their father, Gerald (1990-91); and redshirt freshman **Jordan Diggs** and his father, Shed (1984-87).

**RECRUITING SUCCESS:** The Gamecocks had another successful February signing day. Carolina has put together nine-straight classes that rank among the nation's top-25, according to *Rivals*. Here are the recent recruiting class rankings according to *Rivals* and *Scout*:

2002: 11th/18th	2008: 22nd/34th
2003: 8th/15th	2009: 12th/13th
2004: 35th/28th	2010: 24th/34th
2005: 23rd/20th	2011: 18th/11th
2006: 24th/33rd	2012: 19th/13th
2007: 6th/7th	2013: 16th/23rd

**WORKING OVERTIME:** The Gamecocks have played just two overtime games in their history, both at Tennessee. They dropped a 23-20 decision in Knoxville on Sept. 27, 2003, then fell by a 27-24 score on Oct. 27, 2007, at Neyland Stadium.

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

Most Improved:

Offensive Line.....	Mason Zandi
Defensive Line.....	Phillip Dukes
Wide Receivers.....	Shaq Roland/Shamier Jeffery
Linebackers.....	Kaiwan Lewis
Tight Ends.....	Rory Anderson/Jerrell Adams
Safeties.....	Sharrod Golightly/Jordan Diggs
Defensive Backs.....	Kadetrax Marcus
Running Backs.....	Mike Davis
Quarterbacks.....	Brendan Nosovitch
Kicker.....	Landon Ard
Punter.....	Tyler Hull
Freshman-Defense.....	Darius English
Freshman-Offense.....	Cody Waldrop
Everyday Effort Award-Offense.....	Brandon Shell
Everyday Effort Award-Defense.....	Gerald Dixon Jr.
Everyday Hustle Award-Offense.....	A.J. Cann
Everyday Hustle Award-Defense.....	Kelcy Quarles
Everyday Attitude Award-Offense.....	K.J. Brent
Everyday Attitude Award-Defense.....	Victor Hampton
Outstanding Weight Room-Offense.....	Connor McLaurin
Outstanding Weight Room-Defense.....	Chaz Sutton
Outstanding Walk-On-Offense.....	Devin Potter
Outstanding Walk-On-Defense.....	Sidney Rhodes
Harold White GPA-Offense.....	Damiere Byrd
Harold White GPA-Defense.....	T.J. Holloman
Big Plays - Spring - Offense.....	Kwinton Smith
Big Plays - Spring - Defense.....	Kelvin Rainey
Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete.....	Connor Shaw
Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring.....	Brandon Wilds
Enright Defensive Player of the Spring.....	Mason Harris
Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring.....	Patrick Fish
Ernest Brooks MVP - Clemson.....	Dylan Thompson
Outback Bowl - Big Play - Offense.....	Bruce Ellington
Outback Bowl - Big Play - Defense.....	Jadeveon Clowney

## Carolina Trends

	2012	Under Spurrier
Overall	11-2	66-37
Home	7-0	42-14
Road	3-2	20-18
Neutral	1-0	4-5
Grass	10-2	62-31
Turf	1-0	4-6
August	1-0	3-0
September	4-0	24-9
October	2-2	20-11
November	3-0	16-12
December	0-0	1-3
January	1-0	2-2
Leading After 1st Quarter	6-0	36-9
Tied After 1st Quarter	3-0	16-3
Trailing After 1st Quarter	2-2	14-25
Leading at Halftime	7-1	48-9
Tied at Halftime	2-0	8-2
Trailing at Halftime	2-1	10-26
Leading After 3rd Quarter	8-1	57-6
Tied After 3rd Quarter	1-0	3-3
Trailing After 3rd Quarter	2-1	6-28
When Scoring First	8-0	39-9
When Opponent Scores First	3-2	27-28
Largest Halftime Lead	21	49
Largest Halftime Deficit	15	31
Score 20 or more Points	10-1	53-13
Score 30 or more Points	8-0	37-4
Opponents Score 20 or less	9-0	49-9
Games Decided by 3 or less	1-1	7-7
Games Decided by 10 or less	4-1	26-19
Rush for 100 Yards or more	10-0	56-12
Rush for 150 Yards or more	5-0	34-4
Pass for 200 Yards or more	6-0	38-25
Pass for 300 Yards or more	5-0	12-8
Total 400 Yards or more	5-0	24-7
Opp. Rush less than 100 yards	5-1	31-4
Opp. Pass less than 200 yards	5-2	42-21
Opp. Total less than 300 yards	5-1	35-5
Commit More Turnovers	3-2	18-28
Commit Fewer Turnovers	8-0	33-4
Commit Equal Turnovers	0-0	15-5
Lead in Time of Possession	7-0	41-9
Trail in Time of Possession	4-2	25-28



## 2012 POST-SEASON HONORS (2013 Returnees Only)

### Jerrell Adams

Coaches SEC All-Freshman

### Jadeveon Clowney

AFC 1st-team All-American

Associated Press 1st-team All-American

FWAA 1st-team All-American

Sporting News 1st-team All-American

Walter Camp 1st-team All-American

ESPN.com 1st-team All-American

CBS Sports.com 1st-team All-American

FoxSportsNext.com 1st-team All-American

Phil Steele 1st-team All-American

Coaches SEC Defensive Player of the Year

Associated Press 1st-team All-SEC

Coaches 1st-team All-SEC

Phil Steele 1st-team All-SEC

Hendricks Award Winner

Nagurski Trophy Finalist

Rotary Lombardi Award Finalist

Bednarik Award Finalist

### T.J. Gurley

Coaches SEC All-Freshman

### Brandon Shell

FoxSportsNext 1st-team Freshman All-American

Phil Steele 1st-team Freshman All-American

Coaches SEC All-Freshman

## South Carolina in the 2012 Polls

Week	AP	Coaches	Harris	BCS
Preseason	9	9	--	--
Week 1	9	9	--	--
Week 2	8	9	--	--
Week 3	7	8	--	--
Week 4	6	6	--	--
Week 5	6	6	--	--
Week 6	3	3	3	--
Week 7	9	8	7	7
Week 8	17	16	16	13
Week 9	11	11	11	8
Week 10	12	11	11	8
Week 11	12	11	11	9
Week 12	13	12	12	12
Week 13	11	10	10	10
Week 14	11	10	10	10
Final	8	7	N/A	N/A

## Pronunciation Guide

Jerrell Adams	jur-L
Larenc Bryant	luh-RENZ
Damiere Byrd	duh-MEER
Mohamed Camara	cuh-MAR-uh
Jadeveon Clowney	juh-DAY-vee-uhn
Dwayne Duckett	DUCK-it
Shamier Jeffery	shuh-MEER
Andrew Komornik	kuh-MORE-knick
Kaiwan Lewis	kuh-WAN
Mike Matulis	muh-TOO-lis
Skai Moore	SKY
Brendan Nosovitch	NAH-so-vitch
Na'Ty Rodgers	Nuh-TIE
J.T. Surratt	sir-AHT
J.P. Vonashek	VON-uh-shek

### ATTENTION BOOSTERS:

The University of South Carolina Office of Compliance Services is committed to a comprehensive compliance program that educates everyone about the importance of adhering to NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules. We strive to create a "compliance conscience" within the University and throughout the community.

The commitment to compliance ensures institutional control over the department of athletics and furthers the mission of the University of South Carolina. The existence of a successful compliance program depends on the willingness of coaches, administrators, staff, student-athletes and boosters to be cognizant of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules.

### WHAT IS COMPLIANCE?

At South Carolina, the Office of Compliance Services works within the department of athletics and the University to ensure South Carolina's compliance with all applicable rules. In doing so, the compliance staff is charged with the following tasks:

- Educating administrators, coaches, staff, prospects, student-athletes and boosters about NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules;
- Developing monitoring systems to ensure compliance with these rules. These systems are designed to monitor rules pertaining to recruiting, academic eligibility, financial aid, awards, extra benefits, ethical conduct, amateurism, agents, employment, occasional meals, and the playing and practice seasons for each sport; and
- Investigating and reporting violations of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules to the appropriate governing authority.

### ARE YOU A BOOSTER?

You are a booster if you are or ever have:

- Been a member of a booster organization that supports University of South Carolina athletics;
- Made any financial contributions to any area the University of South Carolina;
- Made any annual or lifetime membership commitment to a booster organization;
- Been involved with the recruitment of a prospect;
- Provided benefits to an enrolled student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends;
- Been involved in promoting South Carolina's athletic program;
- Provided or helped to arrange employment for student-athletes;
- Been a season ticket holder.

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

A prospective student-athlete (prospect) is a student who has:

- Started classes for the ninth grade, or
- Ever received any financial assistance or other benefit prospective students do not generally receive.

An individual remains a prospect until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

- The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term (including summer) of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year.
- The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term.

Remember a prospect remains a prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent with the University of South Carolina.

### EXTRA BENEFITS

A recruiting inducement or extra benefit is any special arrangement by a University of South Carolina employee or booster to provide a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by the NCAA. Examples of impermissible extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Free or reduced cost services, rentals, or purchases of any type (e.g., meals, drinks, clothing, laundry, haircuts, legal fees, tattoos, car repairs, free upgrades on products or services, etc.)
- Gifts of any kind, including special occasions (birthdays, holidays, graduation, etc.)
- VIP access to bars, clubs, events, etc.
- Free or reduced cost housing for any length of time
- Loans (including co-signing)
- Cash or like items
- Use of an automobile or transportation
- An employment arrangement for a prospect or student-athlete's relatives
- Entertainment
- Use of your telephone or credit card
- Providing a meal in your home
- Academic assistance of any kind (e.g., tutoring, editing papers/projects, assistance in completing classwork, use of computer, etc.)
- Any tangible items, including merchandise

### WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

South Carolina is responsible for the actions of its boosters. If a booster provides an impermissible benefit to a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends, South Carolina may be subject to penalties, even if the student-athlete has completed his or her eligibility. The prospect or student-athlete who accepts an impermissible benefit jeopardizes his or her eligibility for intercollegiate competition. A booster who provides an impermissible benefit may be disassociated from the University's athletics program. Disassociation results in a loss of all benefits or privileges offered by the department of athletics and may involve other penalties as appropriate.

In February 2012, the University of South Carolina appeared before the NCAA Committee on Infractions as a result of violations committed by boosters of its athletics program. For details, please visit [www.sc.edu/ncaareponse](http://www.sc.edu/ncaareponse) to view the report from the Committee on Infractions that was issued in April 2012.

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**Offense**

<b>WR</b>	<b>OR</b>	1	Damiere Byrd	5-9	166	JR-2L	Sicklerville, N.J.
		4	Shaq Roland	6-1	190	SO-1L	Lexington, S.C.
		8	Shamier Jeffery	6-1	207	SO-SQ	St. Matthews, S.C.
<b>WR</b>		23	Bruce Ellington	5-9	196	JR-2L	Moncks Corner, S.C.
		80	K.J. Brent	6-4	188	SO-1L	Waxhaw, N.C.
		12	Jody Fuller	5-11	217	FR-RS	Charlotte, N.C.
<b>WR</b>		3	Nick Jones	5-7	174	JR-2L	Moore, S.C.
		9	Kwinton Smith	6-4	212	FR-RS	Hamer, S.C.
		86	David Wilkins	6-1	182	SR-SQ	Cowpers, S.C.
<b>LT</b>		53	Corey Robinson	6-8	341	JR-1L	Havelock, N.C.
		74	Mason Zandi	6-9	293	FR-RS	Irmo, S.C.
		76	Mike Matulis	6-5	266	JR-2L	Boynton Beach, Fla.
<b>LG</b>		50	A.J. Cann	6-4	314	JR-2L	Bamberg, S.C.
		65	Brock Stadnik	6-5	286	FR-RS	Greensboro, N.C.
<b>C</b>		51	Cody Waldrop	6-2	319	FR-RS	Seffner, Fla.
		54	Clayton Stadnik	6-3	281	FR-RS	Greensboro, N.C.
<b>RG</b>		67	Ronald Patrick	6-2	315	SR-2L	Cocoa, Fla.
		75	Will Sport	6-5	294	SO-1L	Milton, Fla.
		60	D.J. Park	6-4	334	FR-HS	Dillon, S.C.
<b>RT</b>		71	Brandon Shell	6-6	323	SO-1L	Goose Creek, S.C.
		78	Cody Gibson	6-7	286	JR-2L	Tallahassee, Fla.
<b>TE</b>		81	Rory Anderson	6-5	242	JR-2L	Powder Springs, Ga.
		89	Jerell Adams	6-6	237	SO-1L	Pinewood, S.C.
		88	Drew Owens	6-6	244	SO-SQ	Charlotte, N.C.
<b>QB</b>		14	Connor Shaw	6-1	209	SR-3L	Flowery Branch, Ga.
		17	Dylan Thompson	6-3	218	JR-2L	Boiling Springs, S.C.
		5	Brendan Nosovitch	6-1	220	FR-RS	Allentown, Pa.
		6	Connor Mitch	6-3	227	FR-HS	Raleigh, N.C.
		15	Perry Orth	6-1	212	FR-RS	Ponte Vedra, Fla.
<b>FB</b>		41	Connor McLaurin	6-0	237	JR-1L	Raleigh, N.C.
<b>TB</b>	<b>OR</b>	28	Mike Davis	5-9	215	SO-1L	Lithonia, Ga.
		22	Brandon Wilds	6-2	223	SO-1L	Blythewood, S.C.
		24	Kendric Salley	5-9	220	FR-RS	Williston, S.C.
		7	Shon Carson	5-8	219	SO-SQ	Scranton, S.C.

**Defense**

<b>DE</b>		90	Chaz Sutton	6-5	263	SR-3L	Savannah, Ga.
		34	Mason Harris	6-3	218	SO-1L	Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.
		44	Gerald Dixon	6-2	268	SO-SQ	Rock Hill, S.C.
<b>DT</b>	<b>OR</b>	97	J.T. Surratt	6-2	307	JR-1L	Winston-Salem, N.C.
		92	Gerald Dixon Jr.	6-3	318	SO-1L	Rock Hill, S.C.
		93	Deon Green	6-4	287	SO-SQ	Windermere, Fla.
<b>DT</b>		99	Kelcy Quarles	6-4	298	JR-2L	Hodges, S.C.
		52	Phillip Dukes	6-3	315	SO-SQ	Manning, S.C.
<b>DE</b>		7	Jadeveon Clowney	6-6	274	JR-2L	Rock Hill, S.C.
		8	Darius English	6-6	226	FR-RS	Powder Springs, Ga.
<b>MLB</b>		22	Kaiwan Lewis	6-0	221	SO-1L	Mays Landing, N.J.
		11	T.J. Holloman	6-2	228	FR-RS	Stone Mountain, Ga.
<b>WLB</b>		18	Cedrick Cooper	6-2	213	SO-1L	Lithonia, Ga.
		21	Marcquis Roberts	6-1	225	SO-SQ	Powder Springs, Ga.
		5	Kelvin Rainey	6-3	233	FR-RS	Yulee, Fla.
<b>SPR</b>		9	Sharrod Golightly	5-10	195	JR-2L	Decatur, Ga.
		42	Jordan Diggs	6-0	214	FR-RS	Fort Myers, Fla.
<b>CB</b>		27	Victor Hampton	5-10	202	JR-2L	Darlington, S.C.
		4	Ahmad Christian	5-10	189	SO-1L	Jacksonville, Fla.
		30	Sidney Rhodes	5-10	167	JR-1L	Easley, S.C.
<b>SS</b>		12	Brisson Williams	5-11	218	JR-2L	Warner Robins, Ga.
		17	Chaz Elder	6-2	199	FR-RS	Union City, Ga.
		19	Kyle Fleetwood	5-11	216	FR-RS	Stone Mountain, Ga.
<b>FS</b>		25	Kadetrax Marcus	6-1	195	JR-1L	Stone Mountain, Ga.
		20	T.J. Gurley	5-10	196	SO-1L	Cairo, Ga.
		6	Chris Moody	6-1	212	FR-RS	McDonough, Ga.
<b>CB</b>		15	Jimmy Legree	6-0	187	SR-3L	Beaufort, S.C.
		1	Rico McWilliams	5-11	187	FR-RS	Hampton, Ga.
		10	Ronnie Martin	5-11	179	JR-JC	Spartanburg, S.C.

**Specialists**

<b>KO</b>		19	Landon Ard	5-9	172	SO-SQ	Rock Hill, S.C.
		16	Nick St. Germain	5-9	175	FR-RS	Powder Springs, Ga.
<b>PK</b>		19	Landon Ard	5-9	172	SO-SQ	Rock Hill, S.C.
		16	Nick St. Germain	5-9	175	FR-RS	Powder Springs, Ga.
<b>P</b>		13	Tyler Hull	6-2	206	JR-1L	Mount Airy, N.C.
		13	Patrick Fish	6-0	195	JR-SQ	Shelby, N.C.

<b>KR</b>		23	Bruce Ellington	5-9	196	JR-2L	Moncks Corner, S.C.
		1	Damiere Byrd	5-9	166	JR-2L	Sicklerville, N.J.
<b>PR</b>		27	Victor Hampton	5-10	202	JR-2L	Darlington, S.C.
		23	Bruce Ellington	5-9	196	JR-2L	Moncks Corner, S.C.
<b>LS</b>		59	Coleman Harley	6-1	264	SO-SQ	Aiken, S.C.
		58	Ryland Culbertson	6-4	265	JR-SQ	Laurens, S.C.
<b>H</b>		13	Patrick Fish	6-0	195	JR-SQ	Shelby, N.C.





# Alphabetical Roster

# CAROLINA FOOTBALL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
89	Jerell Adams	TE	6-6	237	SO	1L	Pinewood, S.C. (Scott's Branch/Fork Union)
81	Rory Anderson	TE	6-5	242	JR	2L	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
19	Landon Ard	PK	5-9	172	SO	SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
84	Tevin Bradshaw	WR	5-7	161	SO	SQ	Moncks Corner, S.C. (Berkeley/Brevard)
80	K.J. Brent	WR	6-4	188	SO	1L	Waxhaw, N.C. (Marvin Ridge)
	Larenz Bryant	LB	6-0	215	FR	HS	Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)
1	Damiere Byrd	WR	5-9	166	JR	2L	Sicklerville, N.J. (Timber Creek)
	Mohamed Camara	SPR	6-1	181	FR	HS	Cumming, Ga. (Forsyth)
50	A.J. Cann	OG	6-4	314	JR	2L	Bamberg, S.C. (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)
7	Shon Carson	TB	5-8	219	SO	SQ	Scranton, S.C. (Lake City)
4	Ahmad Christian	CB	5-10	189	SO	1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Trinity Christian)
7	Jadeveon Clowney	DE	6-6	274	JR	2L	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
18	Cedrick Cooper	LB	6-2	213	SO	1L	Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)
	Pharoh Cooper	CB	5-11	184	FR	HS	Havelock, N.C. (Havelock)
	Devan'te Covington	DE	6-4	220	FR	HS	Rockingham, N.C. (Richmond County)
58	Ryland Culbertson	LS	6-4	265	JR	SQ	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens Academy)
28	Mike Davis	TB	5-9	215	SO	1L	Lithonia, Ga. (Stephenson)
31	Jordan Diaz	FB	6-1	233	JR	SQ	Hamilton, N.J. (Hamilton West/Mercer Co. C.C.)
42	Jordan Diggs	SPR	6-0	214	FR	RS	Fort Myers, Fla. (Island Coast)
44	Gerald Dixon	DE	6-2	268	SO	SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
92	Gerald Dixon Jr.	DT	6-3	318	SO	1L	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
18	Dwayne Duckett	WR	6-0	177	FR	RS	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley/Gray Military)
52	Phillip Dukes	DT	6-3	315	SO	SQ	Manning, S.C. (Manning)
17	Chaz Elder	SS	6-2	199	FR	RS	Union City, Ga. (Banneker)
23	Bruce Ellington	WR	5-9	196	JR	2L	Moncks Corner, S.C. (Berkeley)
8	Darius English	DE	6-6	226	FR	RS	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
13	Patrick Fish	P	6-0	195	JR	SQ	Shelby, N.C. (Burns)
19	Kyle Fleetwood	SS	5-11	216	FR	RS	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
	Elliott Fry	P/K	6-0	150	FR	HS	Frisco, Texas (Prince of Peace Christian)
12	Jody Fuller	WR	5-11	217	FR	RS	Charlotte, N.C. (Sun Valley)
78	Cody Gibson	OT	6-7	286	JR	2L	Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)
43	Garrison Gist	FB	5-10	255	SO	HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
9	Sharrod Golightly	SPR	5-10	195	JR	2L	Decatur, Ga. (Southwest DeKalb)
93	Deon Green	DT	6-4	287	SO	SQ	Windermere, Fla. (Olympia)
	Kelsey Griffin	DT	6-2	292	FR	HS	Buford, Ga. (Mill Creek)
	Ali Groves	CB	5-10	184	FR	HS	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
20	T.J. Gurley	FS	5-10	196	SO	1L	Cairo, Ga. (Cairo)
16	Austin Hails	QB	6-2	214	SO	SQ	Collinsville, Ill. (Collinsville)
27	Victor Hampton	CB	5-10	202	JR	2L	Darlington, S.C. (Darlington)
59	Coleman Harley	LS	6-1	264	SO	SQ	Aiken, S.C. (South Aiken)
34	Mason Harris	DE	6-3	218	SO	1L	Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. (Ridgeland)
82	Matthew Harvey	WR	6-8	225	SO	HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (Rock Hill)
83	Carlton Heard	WR	6-0	178	SO	TR	Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central/Gardner-Webb)
11	T.J. Holloman	LB	6-2	228	FR	RS	Stone Mountain, Ga. (St. Pius X)
35	Jeff Homad	TE	6-2	220	JR	SQ	Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Hilton Head Island/UNC Pembroke)
	Max Huggins	P/K	6-1	185	FR	HS	Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)
13	Tyler Hull	P	6-2	206	JR	1L	Mount Airy, N.C. (Mount Airy/Guilford)
8	Shamier Jeffery	WR	6-1	207	SO	SQ	St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)
	David Johnson	LB	6-1	268	FR	HS	Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)
3	Nick Jones	WR	5-7	174	JR	2L	Moore, S.C. (Byrnes)
48	Caleb Kelly	PK	6-0	184	FR	HS	Cayce, S.C. (Brookland-Cayce)
	Bryce King	OG	6-3	281	FR	HS	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)
43	James King	LB	6-0	235	SO	TR	Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek/Benedict)
	Alan Knott	OC	6-4	272	FR	HS	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)

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40	Andrew Komornik	P	6-5	225	FR	HS	Fort Mill, S.C. (Nations Ford)
15	Jimmy Legree	CB	6-0	187	SR	3L	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)
22	Kaiwan Lewis	LB	6-0	221	SO	1L	Mays Landing, N.J. (St. Joseph)
25	Kadetrix Marcus	FS	6-1	195	JR	1L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
10	Ronnie Martin	CB	5-11	179	JR	JC	Spartanburg, S.C. (Spartanburg/Georgia Military)
76	Mike Matulis	OT	6-5	266	JR	2L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Park Vista)
41	Connor McLaurin	FB	6-0	237	JR	1L	Raleigh, N.C. (Garner)
1	Rico McWilliams	CB	5-11	187	FR	RS	Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy)
6	Connor Mitch	QB	6-3	227	FR	HS	Raleigh, N.C. (Wakefield)
6	Chris Moody	FS	6-1	212	FR	RS	McDonough, Ga. (Henry County)
	Skai Moore	LB	6-2	205	FR	HS	Cooper City, Fla. (University)
41	Kyle Morini	LB	5-10	212	JR	TR	Lexington, S.C. (White Knoll/Gray Military)
5	Brendan Nosovitch	QB	6-1	220	FR	RS	Allentown, Pa. (Central Catholic)
15	Perry Orth	QB	6-1	212	FR	RS	Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Ponte Vedra/ Florida State College)
88	Drew Owens	TE	6-6	244	SO	SQ	Charlotte, N.C. (Ardrey Kell)
60	D.J. Park	OT	6-4	334	FR	HS	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)
67	Ronald Patrick	OG	6-2	315	SR	2L	Cocoa, Fla. (Cocoa)
49	Devin Potter	TB	5-10	200	FR	RS	Granite Falls, N.C. (South Caldwell)
99	Kelcy Quarles	DT	6-4	298	JR	2L	Hodges, S.C. (Greenwood/Fork Union)
5	Kelvin Rainey	LB	6-3	233	FR	RS	Yulee, Fla. (Yulee)
30	Sidney Rhodes	CB	5-10	167	JR	1L	Easley, S.C. (Wren/Western Carolina)
21	Marcquis Roberts	LB	6-1	225	SO	SQ	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
53	Corey Robinson	OT	6-8	341	JR	1L	Havelock, N.C. (Havelock)
	Na'Ty Rodgers	OT	6-5	296	FR	HS	Waldorf, Md. (McDonough)
4	Shaq Roland	WR	6-1	190	SO	1L	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)
24	Kendric Salley	TB	5-9	220	FR	RS	Williston, S.C. (Williston-Elko)
	Jasper Sasser	S	6-0	192	FR	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Wolfson)
49	Garrett Shank	S	6-0	171	FR	HS	Marietta, Ga. (Lassiter)
14	Connor Shaw	QB	6-1	209	SR	3L	Flowery Branch, Ga. (Flowery Branch)
71	Brandon Shell	OT	6-6	323	SO	1L	Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek)
	Jamari Smith	TB	5-10	183	FR	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Fletcher)
9	Kwinton Smith	WR	6-4	212	FR	RS	Hamer, S.C. (Dillon)
75	Will Sport	OG	6-5	294	SO	1L	Milton, Fla. (Pace)
65	Brock Stadnik	OG	6-5	286	FR	RS	Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)
54	Clayton Stadnik	OC	6-3	281	FR	RS	Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)
16	Nick St. Germain	PK	5-9	175	FR	RS	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
97	J.T. Surratt	DT	6-2	307	JR	1L	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Parkland)
45	Ty Sutherland	FB	5-10	234	SO	SQ	Pendleton, S.C. (Pendleton)
90	Chaz Sutton	DE	6-5	263	SR	3L	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins/Fork Union)
17	Dylan Thompson	QB	6-3	218	JR	2L	Boiling Springs, S.C. (Boiling Springs)
	Gerald Turner	DE	6-2	256	FR	HS	Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek)
	J.P. Vonashek	OT	6-6	283	FR	HS	Saint Marrys, Ga. (Camden County)
51	Cody Waldrop	OC	6-2	319	FR	RS	Seffner, Fla. (Armwood)
	Jonathan Walton	LB	6-0	234	FR	HS	Daphne, Ala. (Bayside Academy)
	Devin Washington	DE	6-3	225	FR	HS	Orlando, Fla. (Jones)
95	Michael Washington	DE	6-3	243	SO	SQ	Allendale, S.C. (Allendale-Fairfax/S.C. State)
85	Kane Whitehurst	WR	5-11	179	SO	SQ	Duluth, Ga. (Chattahoochee/Arkansas)
22	Brandon Wilds	TB	6-2	223	SO	1L	Blythewood, S.C. (Blythewood)
86	David Wilkins	WR	6-1	182	SR	SQ	Cowpens, S.C. (Broome)
12	Brisson Williams	SS	5-11	218	JR	2L	Warner Robins, Ga. (Northside/Fork Union)
	David Williams	TB	6-1	200	FR	HS	Philadelphia, Pa. (Imhotep Charter)
	Drew Williams	LS	6-2	190	FR	HS	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)
74	Mason Zandi	OT	6-9	293	FR	RS	Irmo, S.C. (Chapin)



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# Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
1	Damiere Byrd	WR	5-9	166	JR	2L	Sicklerville, N.J. (Timber Creek)
1	Rico McWilliams	CB	5-11	187	FR	RS	Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy)
3	Nick Jones	WR	5-7	174	JR	2L	Moore, S.C. (Byrnes)
4	Ahmad Christian	CB	5-10	189	SO	1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Trinity Christian)
4	Shaq Roland	WR	6-1	190	SO	1L	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)
5	Brendan Nosovitch	QB	6-1	220	FR	RS	Allentown, Pa. (Central Catholic)
5	Kelvin Rainey	LB	6-3	233	FR	RS	Yulee, Fla. (Yulee)
6	Chris Moody	FS	6-1	212	FR	RS	McDonough, Ga. (Henry County)
6	Connor Mitch	QB	6-3	227	FR	HS	Raleigh, N.C. (Wakefield)
7	Jadeveon Clowney	DE	6-6	274	JR	2L	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
7	Shon Carson	TB	5-8	219	SO	SQ	Scranton, S.C. (Lake City)
8	Shamier Jeffery	WR	6-1	207	SO	SQ	St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)
8	Darius English	DE	6-6	226	FR	RS	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
9	Sharrod Golightly	SPR	5-10	195	JR	2L	Decatur, Ga. (Southwest DeKalb)
9	Kwintion Smith	WR	6-4	212	FR	RS	Hamer, S.C. (Dillon)
10	Ronnie Martin	CB	5-11	179	JR	JC	Spartanburg, S.C. (Spartanburg/Georgia Military)
11	T.J. Holloman	LB	6-2	228	FR	RS	Stone Mountain, Ga. (St. Pius X)
12	Brisson Williams	SS	5-11	218	JR	2L	Warner Robins, Ga. (Northside/Fork Union)
12	Jody Fuller	WR	5-11	217	FR	RS	Charlotte, N.C. (Sun Valley)
13	Tyler Hull	P	6-2	206	JR	1L	Mount Airy, N.C. (Mount Airy/Guilford)
13	Patrick Fish	P	6-0	195	JR	SQ	Shelby, N.C. (Burns)
14	Connor Shaw	QB	6-1	209	SR	3L	Flowery Branch, Ga. (Flowery Branch)
15	Jimmy Legree	CB	6-0	187	SR	3L	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)
15	Perry Orth	QB	6-1	212	FR	RS	Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Ponte Vedra) Florida State College)
16	Nick St. Germain	PK	5-9	175	FR	RS	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
16	Austin Hails	QB	6-2	214	SO	SQ	Collinsville, Ill. (Collinsville)
17	Dylan Thompson	QB	6-3	218	JR	2L	Boiling Springs, S.C. (Boiling Springs)
17	Chaz Elder	SS	6-2	199	FR	RS	Union City, Ga. (Banneker)
18	Cedrick Cooper	LB	6-2	213	SO	1L	Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)
18	Dwayne Duckett	WR	6-0	177	FR	RS	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley/Gray Military)
19	Kyle Fleetwood	SS	5-11	216	FR	RS	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
19	Landon Ard	PK	5-9	172	SO	SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
20	T.J. Gurley	FS	5-10	196	SO	1L	Cairo, Ga. (Cairo)
21	Marcquis Roberts	LB	6-1	225	SO	SQ	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
22	Brandon Wilds	TB	6-2	223	SO	1L	Blythewood, S.C. (Blythewood)
22	Kaiwan Lewis	LB	6-0	221	SO	1L	Mays Landing, N.J. (St. Joseph)
23	Bruce Ellington	WR	5-9	196	JR	2L	Moncks Corner, S.C. (Berkeley)
24	Kendric Salley	TB	5-9	220	FR	RS	Williston, S.C. (Williston-Elko)
25	Kadetrax Marcus	FS	6-1	195	JR	1L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
27	Victor Hampton	CB	5-10	202	JR	2L	Darlington, S.C. (Darlington)
28	Mike Davis	TB	5-9	215	SO	1L	Lithonia, Ga. (Stephenson)
30	Sidney Rhodes	CB	5-10	167	JR	1L	Easley, S.C. (Wren/Western Carolina)
31	Jordan Diaz	FB	6-1	233	JR	SQ	Hamilton, N.J. (Hamilton West/Mercer Co. C.C.)
34	Mason Harris	DE	6-3	218	SO	1L	Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. (Ridgeland)
35	Jeff Homad	TE	6-2	220	JR	SQ	Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Hilton Head Island/UNC Pembroke)
40	Andrew Komornik	P	6-5	225	FR	HS	Fort Mill, S.C. (Nations Ford)
41	Connor McLaurin	FB	6-0	237	JR	1L	Raleigh, N.C. (Garner)
41	Kyle Morini	LB	5-10	212	JR	TR	Lexington, S.C. (White Knoll/Gray Military)
42	Jordan Diggs	SPR	6-0	214	FR	RS	Fort Myers, Fla. (Island Coast)
43	Garrison Gist	FB	5-10	255	SO	HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
43	James King	LB	6-0	235	SO	TR	Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek/Benedict)

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44	Gerald Dixon	DE	6-2	268	SO	SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
45	Ty Sutherland	FB	5-10	234	SO	SQ	Pendleton, S.C. (Pendleton)
48	Caleb Kelly	PK	6-0	184	FR	HS	Cayce, S.C. (Brookland-Cayce)
49	Devin Potter	TB	5-10	200	FR	RS	Granite Falls, N.C. (South Caldwell)
49	Garrett Shank	S	6-0	171	FR	HS	Marietta, Ga. (Lassiter)
50	A.J. Cann	OG	6-4	314	JR	2L	Bamberg, S.C. (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)
51	Cody Waldrop	OC	6-2	319	FR	RS	Seffner, Fla. (Armwood)
52	Phillip Dukes	DT	6-3	315	SO	SQ	Manning, S.C. (Manning)
53	Corey Robinson	OT	6-8	341	JR	1L	Havelock, N.C. (Havelock)
54	Clayton Stadnik	OC	6-3	281	FR	RS	Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)
58	Ryland Culbertson	LS	6-4	265	JR	SQ	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens Academy)
59	Coleman Harley	LS	6-1	264	SO	SQ	Aiken, S.C. (South Aiken)
60	D.J. Park	OT	6-4	334	FR	HS	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)
65	Brock Stadnik	OG	6-5	286	FR	RS	Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)
67	Ronald Patrick	OG	6-2	315	SR	2L	Cocoa, Fla. (Cocoa)
71	Brandon Shell	OT	6-6	323	SO	1L	Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek)
74	Mason Zandi	OT	6-9	293	FR	RS	Irmo, S.C. (Chapin)
75	Will Sport	OG	6-5	294	SO	1L	Milton, Fla. (Pace)
76	Mike Matulis	OT	6-5	266	JR	2L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Park Vista)
78	Cody Gibson	OT	6-7	286	JR	2L	Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)
80	K.J. Brent	WR	6-4	188	SO	1L	Waxhaw, N.C. (Marvin Ridge)
81	Rory Anderson	TE	6-5	242	JR	2L	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
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84	Tevin Bradshaw	WR	5-7	161	SO	SQ	Moncks Corner, S.C. (Berkeley/Brevard)
85	Kane Whitehurst	WR	5-11	179	SO	SQ	Duluth, Ga. (Chattahoochee/Arkansas)
86	David Wilkins	WR	6-1	182	SR	SQ	Cowpens, S.C. (Broome)
88	Drew Owens	TE	6-6	244	SO	SQ	Charlotte, N.C. (Ardrey Kell)
89	Jerrell Adams	TE	6-6	237	SO	1L	Pinewood, S.C. (Scott's Branch/Fork Union)
90	Chaz Sutton	DE	6-5	263	SR	3L	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins/Fork Union)
92	Gerald Dixon Jr.	DT	6-3	318	SO	1L	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
93	Deon Green	DT	6-4	287	SO	SQ	Windermere, Fla. (Olympia)
95	Michael Washington	DE	6-3	243	SO	SQ	Allendale, S.C. (Allendale-Fairfax/S.C. State)
97	J.T. Surratt	DT	6-2	307	JR	1L	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Parkland)
99	Kelcy Quarles	DT	6-4	298	JR	2L	Hodges, S.C. (Greenwood/Fork Union)
	Larenz Bryant	LB	6-0	215	FR	HS	Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)
	Mohamed Camara	SPR	6-1	181	FR	HS	Cumming, Ga. (Forsyth)
	Pharoh Cooper	CB	5-11	184	FR	HS	Havelock, N.C. (Havelock)
	Devan'te Covington	DE	6-4	220	FR	HS	Rockingham, N.C. (Richmond County)
	Elliott Fry	P/K	6-0	150	FR	HS	Frisco, Texas (Prince of Peace Christian)
	Kelsey Griffin	DT	6-2	292	FR	HS	Buford, Ga. (Mill Creek)
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	Maxwell Huggins	P/K	6-1	185	FR	HS	Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)
	David Johnson	LB	6-1	268	FR	HS	Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)
	Bryce King	OG	6-3	281	FR	HS	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)
	Alan Knott	OC	6-4	272	FR	HS	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)
	Skai Moore	LB	6-2	205	FR	HS	Cooper City, Fla. (University)
	Na'Ty Rodgers	OT	6-5	296	FR	HS	Waldorf, Md. (McDonough)
	Jasper Sasser	S	6-0	192	FR	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Wolfson)
	Jamari Smith	TB	5-10	183	FR	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Fletcher)
	Gerald Turner	DE	6-2	256	FR	HS	Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek)
	J.P. Vonashek	OT	6-6	283	FR	HS	Saint Marys, Ga. (Camden County)
	Jonathan Walton	LB	6-0	234	FR	HS	Daphne, Ala. (Bayside Academy)
	Devin Washington	DE	6-3	225	FR	HS	Orlando, Fla. (Jones)
	David Williams	TB	6-1	200	FR	HS	Philadelphia, Pa. (Imhotep Charter)
	Drew Williams	LS	6-2	190	FR	HS	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)





# Squad Breakdown

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## Starters Returning (12)

**OFFENSE (6):** OG A.J. Cann, WR Bruce Ellington, OG Ronald Patrick, OT Corey Robinson, QB Connor Shaw, OT Brandon Shell.

**DEFENSE (5):** DE Jadeveon Clowney, CB Victor Hampton, CB Jimmy Legree, DT Kelcy Quarles, SS Brison Williams.

**SPECIAL TEAMS (1):** P Tyler Hull.

## Starters Lost (12)

**OFFENSE (5):** TE Justice Cunningham, OC T.J. Johnson, TB Marcus Lattimore, WR D.L. Moore, WR Ace Sanders.

**DEFENSE (6):** LB Reginald Bowens, SPUR DeVonte Hollo-man, DT Byron Jerideau, FS D.J. Swearingner, DE Devin Taylor, LB Shaq Wilson.

**SPECIAL TEAMS (1):** PK Adam Yates.

## Lettermen Returning (36)

**OFFENSE (19):** TE Jerell Adams, TE Rory Anderson, WR K.J. Brent, WR Damiere Byrd, OG A.J. Cann, TB Mike Davis, WR Bruce Ellington, OT Cody Gibson, WR Nick Jones, OT Mike Matulis, FB Connor McLaurin, OG Ronald Patrick, OT Corey Robinson, WR Shaq Roland, QB Connor Shaw, OT Brandon Shell, OG Will Sport, QB Dylan Thompson, TB Brandon Wilds.

**DEFENSE (16):** CB Ahmad Christian, DE Jadeveon Clowney, LB Cedrick Cooper, DT Gerald Dixon Jr., SPR Sharrod Golightly, SS T.J. Gurley, CB Victor Hampton, DE Mason Harris, CB Jimmy Legree, LB Kaiwan Lewis, FS Kadetrix Marcus, DT Kelcy Quarles, CB Sidney Rhodes, DT J.T. Surratt, DE Chaz Sutton, SS Brison Williams.

**SPECIAL TEAMS (1):** P Tyler Hull.

## Lettermen Lost (26)

**OFFENSE (11):** FB Jacob Baker, OL Kaleb Broome, TE Justice Cunningham, OC Travis Ford, FB Qua Gilchrist, OC T.J. Johnson, TB Marcus Lattimore, TB Kenny Miles, WR D.L. Moore, WR Ace Sanders, WR DeAngelo Smith.

**DEFENSE (12):** CB Akeem Auguste, DE Aldrick Fordham, LB Reginald Bowens, LB Chaun Gresham, SPR DeVonte Hollo-man, LB Damario Jeffery, DT Byron Jerideau, SS Jared Shaw, LB Quin Smith, FS D.J. Swearingner, DE Devin Taylor, LB Shaq Wilson.

**SPECIAL TEAMS (3):** LS Walker Inabinet, H Seth Strickland, PK Adam Yates.

## Geographical Breakdown

### ALABAMA (1)

**Daphne**  
Jonathan Walton

### FLORIDA (14)

**Boynton Beach**  
Mike Matulis

**Cocoa**  
Ronald Patrick

**Cooper City**  
Skai Moore

**Fort Myers**  
Jordan Diggs

**Jacksonville**  
Ahmad Christian  
Jasper Sasser  
Jamari Smith

**Milton**  
Will Sport

**Orlando**  
Devin Washington

**Ponte Vedra**  
Perry Orth

**Seffner**  
Cody Waldrop

**Tallahassee**  
Cody Gibson

**Windmere**  
Deon Green

**Yulee**  
Kelvin Rainey

### GEORGIA (28)

**Athens**  
Carlton Heard

**Buford**  
Kelsey Griffin

**Cairo**  
T.J. Gurley

**Cumming**  
Mohamed Camara

**Decatur**  
Sharrod Golightly

**Duluth**  
Kane Whitehurst

**Flowery Branch**  
Connor Shaw

**Fort Oglethorpe**  
Mason Harris

**Hamer**  
Kwinton Smith

**Hampton**  
Rico McWilliams

**Lithonia**  
Cedrick Cooper  
Mike Davis  
David Johnson

**Marietta**  
Garrett Shank

**McDonough**  
Chris Moody

**Powder Springs**  
Rory Anderson  
Darius English  
Marcquis Roberts  
Nick St. Germain

**Savannah**  
Chaz Sutton

**St. Marys**  
J.P. Vonashek

**Stone Mountain**  
Kyle Fleetwood  
Ali Groves  
T.J. Holloman  
Kadetrix Marcus

**Tyrone**  
Alan Knott

**Union City**  
Chaz Elder

**Warner Robins**  
Brison Williams

### ILLINOIS (1)

**Collinsville**  
Austin Hails

### MARYLAND (1)

**Waldorf**  
Na'Ty Rodgers

### NEW JERSEY (3)

**Hamilton**  
Jordan Diaz

**Mays Landing**  
Kaiwan Lewis

**Sicklerville**  
Damiere Byrd

### N. CAROLINA (15)

**Charlotte**  
Larenz Bryant  
Drew Owens  
Jody Fuller

**Granite Falls**  
Devin Potter

**Greensboro**  
Brock Stadnik  
Clayton Stadnik

**Havelock**  
Pharoh Cooper  
Corey Robinson

**Mount Airy**  
Tyler Hull

**Raleigh**  
Connor McLaurin  
Connor Mitch

**Rockingham**  
Devan'te Covington

**Shelby**  
Patrick Fish

**Waxhaw**  
K.J. Brent

**Winston-Salem**  
J.T. Surratt

### PENNSYLVANIA (2)

**Allentown**  
Brendan Nosovitch

**Philadelphia**  
David Williams

### S. CAROLINA (41)

**Aiken**  
Coleman Harley

**Allendale**  
Michael Washington

**Bamberg**  
A.J. Cann

**Beaufort**  
Jimmy Legree

**Blythewood**  
Brandon Wilds

**Boiling Springs**  
Dylan Thompson

**Cayce**  
Caleb Kelly

**Columbia**  
Dwayne Duckett

**Cowpens**  
David Wilkins

**Darlington**  
Victor Hampton

**Dillon**  
Bryce King  
D.J. Park

**Easley**  
Sidney Rhodes

**Goose Creek**  
James King  
Brandon Shell  
Gerald Turner

**Hilton Head**  
Jeff Homad

**Hodges**  
Kelcy Quarles

**Irmo**  
Drew Williams  
Mason Zandi

**Laurens**  
Ryland Culbertson

**Lexington**  
Kyle Morini  
Shaq Roland

**Manning**  
Phillip Dukes

**Moncks Corner**  
Tevin Bradshaw  
Bruce Ellington

**Moore**  
Nick Jones

**Myrtle Beach**  
Max Huggins

**Pendleton**  
Ty Sutherland

**Pinewood**  
Jerell Adams

**Rock Hill**  
Landon Ard  
Jadeveon Clowney  
Gerald Dixon  
Gerald Dixon Jr.  
Garrison Gist  
Matthew Harvey  
Andrew Komornik

**Scranton**  
Shon Carson

**Spartanburg**  
Ronnie Martin

**St. Matthews**  
Shamier Jeffery

**Williston**  
Kendric Salley

### TEXAS (1)

**Frisco**  
Elliott Fry





# OFFENSE

	Wide Receiver	Tight End	Tackle	Guard	Center	Quarterback	Fullback	Tailback	Placekicker
RS-SENIORS	David Wilkins								
SENIORS				Ronald Patrick		Connor Shaw			
RS-JUNIORS	Bruce Ellington Nick Jones	Jeff Homad	Cody Gibson Corey Robinson	A.J. Cann		Dylan Thompson	Jordan Diaz Connor McLaurin		
JUNIORS	Damiere Byrd	Rory Anderson	Mike Matulis						
RS-SOPHOMORES	Tevin Bradshaw K.J. Brent Matthew Harvey Carlton Heard Shamier Jeffery Kane Whitehurst	Drew Owens	Brandon Shell	Will Sport		Austin Hails	Garrison Gist Ty Sutherland	Shon Carson Brandon Wilds	Landon Ard
SOPHOMORES	Shaq Roland	Jerrell Adams						Mike Davis	
RS-FRESHMEN	Dwayne Duckett Jody Fuller Kwinton Smith		Mason Zandi	Brock Stadnik	Clayton Stadnik Cody Waldrop	Brendan Nosovitch Perry Orth		Devin Potter Kendric Salley	Nick St. Germain Caleb Kelly
FRESHMEN			Na Ty Rodgers J.P. Vonashek	Bryce King D.J. Park	Alan Knott	Connor Mitch		Jamari Smith David Williams	Elliott Fry Max Huggins

# DEFENSE

	Defensive End	Defensive Tackle	Mike Linebacker	Will Linebacker	Spur	Strong Safety	Free Safety	Cornerback	Punter/Long Snapper
RS-SENIORS	Chaz Sutton							Jimmy Legree	
SENIORS									
RS-JUNIORS		J.T. Surratt		Kyle Morini	Sharrod Golightly			Victor Hampton Sidney Rhodes	Ryland Culbertson (LS) Patrick Fish (P) Tyler Hull (P)
JUNIORS	Jadeveon Clowney	Kelby Quarles				Brison Williams	Kadetrax Marcus	Ronnie Martin	
RS-SOPHOMORES	Gerald Dixon Mason Harris Michael Washington	Gerald Dixon Jr. Phillip Dukes Deon Green	James King	Cedrick Cooper Marquis Roberts				Ahmad Christian	Coleman Harley (LS)
SOPHOMORES			Kaiwan Lewis				T.J. Gurley		
RS-FRESHMEN	Darius English		T.J. Holloman	Kelvin Rainey	Jordan Diggs	Chaz Elder Kyle Fleetwood	Chris Moody Garrett Shank	Rico McWilliams	
FRESHMEN	Devante Covington Gerald Turner	Kelsey Griffin	Larenz Bryant Skai Moore	David Johnson Jonathan Walton Devin Washington	Mohamed Camara		Jasper Sasser	Pharoh Cooper Ali Groves	Elliott Fry (P) Max Huggins (P) Andrew Komornik (P) Drew Williams (LS)





One question that circulates around athletics is, "Is it harder to build a championship program or to maintain one?" Well, the South Carolina Gamecocks are about to find out.

Coming off their best season in school history, a campaign in which they won 11 games for the second-straight year and produced their highest final national ranking, the Gamecocks will try to build on that momentum in 2013. The ultimate goal of winning an SEC Championship has barely eluded Carolina over the past three seasons, but the squad will head into the fall focused on reaching that lofty goal again this season. As one of only four BCS schools, along with Alabama, Oregon and Stanford, that has recorded 11-win seasons in each of the last two campaigns, Carolina expects to once again be the hunted, rather than the hunter.

Buoyed by the return of 36 lettermen, including a dozen starters from a team that went 11-2, captured the Outback Bowl and finished as high as No. 7 in the Coaches' poll, the Gamecocks, under ninth-year head coach Steve Spurrier, have solidified the program to a point where they are able to re-load, rather than re-build. Led by the nation's top defensive player and a Heisman Trophy candidate in Jadeveon Clowney, Carolina figures to be one of the favorites in the SEC East and a preseason top-10 candidate again in 2013.

Once again, the road to Atlanta and the SEC Championship Game is a difficult one. However, at least on paper, this year's schedule appears a bit more manageable, as it does not feature a gauntlet similar to the one the Gamecocks faced in 2012 when they had contests versus Georgia, at LSU and at Florida in consecutive weeks, a stretch that proved to be Carolina's undoing.

After a non-conference Thursday night opener against neighboring North Carolina, the Gamecocks will travel to Georgia for a key early SEC Eastern Division showdown in which Carolina will try to make it four-straight over the Bulldogs. Much-improved Vanderbilt visits Columbia the following week. After a non-conference trip to UCF, the Gamecocks embark on a stretch of six-consecutive SEC contests, beginning with a home game against Kentucky. Carolina then has three-straight road tilts - at Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri - that will test their mettle before wrapping up the conference slate with back-to-back home battles with Mississippi State and Florida, the latter of which could decide the East.

The regular season ends with a pair of non-conference home games against in-state opponents on the opposite ends of familiarity. The Gamecocks will meet Coastal Carolina for the first time ever, then will try to make it five-straight against Clemson when the teams meet for the 111th time on November 30 in Columbia.



Late game heroics lifted Carolina over Michigan in the 2013 Outback Bowl.

## 2012 STATISTICS (NCAA RANK)

Scoring Offense.....	31.54 (44)
Rushing Offense.....	138.46 (89)
Passing Offense.....	238.08 (57)
Total Offense.....	376.54 (82)

The Carolina offense officially returns six starters, including four on the offensive line, from a squad that averaged 31.5 points per game a season ago. Gone are playmakers like Marcus Lattimore and Ace Sanders, along with center T.J. Johnson who started every game over the past four seasons, and solid contributors in Justice Cunningham and D.L. Moore. Led by a pair of experienced quarterbacks in Connor Shaw, the only senior skill position player on the depth chart, and junior Dylan Thompson, the Gamecocks have as good of tandem QB's as anyone in the country. The Gamecocks return 42 percent of their rushing yards, 96 percent of their passing yards and 54 percent of their receiving yards from a year ago. Along with the signal-caller, the strength of this year's offense could be in a still young, but experienced offensive line.

## Quarterback

**Lettermen Returning**  
Connor Shaw  
Dylan Thompson

**Squadmen Returning**  
Austin Hails  
Brendan Nosovitch

**Lettermen Lost**  
None  
2012 Starters in **Bold**

**Roster Newcomers**  
Connor Mitch  
Perry Orth

## QUARTERBACK:

Incumbent **Connor Shaw** returns for his senior campaign. Shaw, who owns a 17-3 record as a starting quarterback, including a 10-0 mark at home, threw for just under 2,000 yards a season ago while completing two-thirds of his passes, including 17 for touchdowns against just seven interceptions. Shaw is also the Gamecocks' leading returning rusher after netting 435 yards with three scores a year ago. He sat out the spring after undergoing surgery right after the bowl game on his foot, but should be at full go when fall practices get underway. With Shaw sidelined for the spring, junior **Dylan Thompson** was handed the reins, something he handled admirably in spot duty during the 2012 campaign. Thompson completed 52 percent of his passes for 1,027 yards with 10 touchdowns and just two INTs last year. He went the distance in the win at Clemson and fired the game-winning touchdown strike to Bruce Ellington in the final seconds of the Outback



Connor Shaw

# CAROLINA FOOTBALL

Bowl against Michigan. Redshirt freshman **Brendan Nosovitch** enters the fall third on the depth chart, but impressed the coaches both during practices last fall and in the spring. Nosovitch put together one of Pennsylvania's most outstanding prep careers, passing for nearly 13,000 yards. True freshman **Connor Mitch** got his first taste of college ball this spring and responded to the challenge. Mitch was one of two freshmen to graduate early and enroll at Carolina in January. At 6-3 and 219-pounds, he is blessed with excellent size and was highly regarded coming out of Raleigh, N.C. Newcomer **Perry Orth** caught the coaches' eyes in the spring as well, while sophomore walk-on **Austin Hails** provides depth.

## Tailback

**Lettermen Returning**  
Mike Davis  
Brandon Wilds

**Squadmen Returning**  
Shon Carson  
Devin Potter  
Kendric Salley

**Lettermen Lost**  
Marcus Lattimore  
Kenny Miles  
2012 Starters in **Bold**

**Roster Newcomers**  
Jamari Smith  
David Williams

**TAILBACK:** The Gamecocks will have a new look at tailback following the departure of Marcus Lattimore and Kenny Miles, who combined to rush 870 times for over 4,000 yards during their Carolina careers. While running backs coach Everette Sands is excited about the overall talent in the backfield, he viewed the spring as a time for separation and was looking for someone to step up and fill those big shoes vacated by Lattimore. Ideally, Sands would like his number one tailback to have 60-65 percent of the carries, with the number two back getting the next 30-35 percent. The first three on the depth chart entering the fall are all sophomores. **Mike Davis** gained some valuable experience and showed some flashes last fall as a true freshman and came out of the spring holding a slight lead as the front-runner to work with the first unit. He averaged 5.3 yards per carry including a 50-yard burst against UAB. **Brandon Wilds** returns after sitting out the 2012 campaign as a redshirt and looked faster and stronger in the spring. Wilds has proven himself at this level, as he logged three 100-yard rushing games as a true freshman in 2011. A patient runner, Wilds is also considered the best blocker of the group. Redshirt freshman **Kendric Salley** was healthy for the first time and had an opportunity to put his talents on display this spring. He has the physical tools the coaches are looking for but also has the biggest learning curve. **Shon Carson** has missed most of his first two seasons for the Garnet & Black with injuries and did not participate in the spring while serving as a member of the Carolina baseball team. When he's been healthy, the coaches like his ability. Two fall newcomers have the coaches excited as well. **David Williams**, who hails from Philadelphia, Pa., was a highly sought-after recruit, while **Jamari Smith** from Jacksonville, Fla. flew a bit more under the radar. Both are talented backs with Williams, a 6-1, 200-pounder, considered to be a little further along development-wise and could get a long look during the preseason camp. Walk-on **Devin Potter** adds depth.

## Fullback

**Lettermen Returning**  
Connor McLaurin

**Squadmen Returning**  
Jordan Diaz  
Ty Sutherland

### Lettermen Lost

Jacob Baker  
Qua Gilchrist

**Roster Newcomers**  
Garrison Gist

**FULLBACK:** The Gamecocks had a limited number of two-back sets which incorporated a fullback in 2012 and that will likely not change in 2013. Only walk-ons dot the roster for this role, which primarily has been as a blocker for the tailback. Junior **Connor McLaurin**, who earned his first letter last fall primarily due to his work on special teams, figures to be the first fullback called upon. Junior **Jordan Diaz** moved over from linebacker in the spring and will compete for the position, along with sophomore **Ty Sutherland**. **Garrison Gist** joined the fold in the spring. Gist had made a name for himself in weightlifting competitions prior to returning to the gridiron.

spent the first three months of the calendar year serving as the starting point guard on Frank Martin's men's basketball team. Ellington enters the fall joined on the first unit by a pair of junior classmates in **Damiere Byrd** and **Nick Jones**.

Byrd, who also is a two-sport standout at South Carolina as a member of the track & field team, is the fastest player on the roster and the Gamecocks' best deep threat. He averaged 26.1 yards on 14 catches a season ago. While Byrd seems to make the big splashes, Jones flies more under the radar. He logged a dozen catches last season, but eight of those came in the final three games. Interestingly, none of the Gamecocks'



Nick Jones

to Carolina. Walk-on **Carlton Heard** impressed the coaches in the spring, but will not be eligible this fall after transferring from Gardner-Webb.

## Tight End

**Lettermen Returning**  
Jerrell Adams  
Rory Anderson

**Squadmen Returning**  
Jeff Homad  
Drew Owens

**Lettermen Lost**  
**Justice Cunningham**

**Roster Newcomers**  
none  
2012 Starters in **Bold**

**TIGHT END:** Despite the departure of Justice Cunningham, "Mr. Irrelevant" in the 2013 NFL Draft, the Gamecocks figure to be well-stocked at the tight end position again this season. While Cunningham proved to be an excellent blocker and a better receiver than most gave him credit for, the returning trio of scholarship players all have the size and speed to present difficult matches for a defense. **Rory "Busta" Anderson**, a 6-5, 242-pound target, has been a big-play performer during his first two campaigns, logging eight touchdowns on 22 catches in 26 contests. **Jerrell Adams**, who checks in a 6-6 and 237-pounds, earned a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team a year ago. **Drew Owens**, a 6-6, 244-pound sophomore, figures to work his way into the mix as well, after a knee injury suffered in the 2012 Garnet & Black Spring Game limited his opportunities last fall. Walk-on **Jeff Homad** returns to add depth.

# GAMECOCK OFFENSE

## Wide Receiver

**Lettermen Returning**  
K.J. Brent  
Damiere Byrd  
**Bruce Ellington**  
Nick Jones  
Shaq Roland

**Squadmen Returning**  
Tevin Bradshaw  
Dwayne Duckett  
Jody Fuller  
Shamier Jeffery  
Kwinton Smith  
Kane Whitehurst  
David Wilkins

### Lettermen Lost

**D.L. Moore**  
**Ace Sanders**  
DeAngelo Smith  
2012 Starters in **Bold**

**Roster Newcomers**  
Matthew Harvey  
Carlton Heard

**WIDE RECEIVER:** Youth will be served at the wide receiver position, as the unit does not feature a senior. Wide receivers coach Steve Spurrier Jr. will have to find a replacement for his top performer, Ace Sanders, who left after an MVP performance in the Outback Bowl and with a year of eligibility remaining to embark on a pro career. But Spurrier Jr. is accustomed to replacing some special receivers who have donned the Garnet & Black in recent years, including Sidney Rice, Kenny McKinley and Alshon Jeffery, all of whom earned spots on NFL rosters. The leader of this year's group figures to be one of college athletics top two-sport standouts in junior **Bruce Ellington**. Ellington had his best season on the gridiron last fall, leading the team with 600 receiving yards on 40 catches with seven touchdowns. He

three projected starters stand taller than 5-9. After those three, the rest of the receiving corps is talented but virtually untested. Sophomore **Shaq Roland** may have the most raw talent of the group and is listed as a "co-starter" entering the fall, along with Byrd. The state's 2011 "Mr. Football" came in with all kinds of credentials but saw limited action as a true freshman as he made the adjustment to the collegiate level. Redshirt sophomores **Shamier Jeffery** and **K.J. Brent** are both in their third year in the program and should be ready to challenge for a spot in the rotation. The light seemed to come on the spring for Jeffery, who is the younger brother of Alshon Jeffery, the former Gamecock All-American. **Kwinton Smith** and **Jody Fuller** were redshirted as freshman a year ago, and have an opportunity to prove that they are ready to contribute as well in the fall. Brent and Smith both are listed at 6-4, giving Coach Spurrier Jr. some options when he wants to go with some taller receivers. Walk-ons **Tevin Bradshaw**, **Dwayne Duckett**, **Matthew Harvey**, **David Wilkins**, and **Kane Whitehurst** add depth. Bradshaw and Whitehurst are eligible this fall for the first time after sitting out a year as a transfer, while Duckett is a local product from Columbia's Spring Valley High School. Harvey brings exceptional height at 6-8, but is raw. Wilkins is a former track member at South Carolina who played cornerback last fall in his first work on the college gridiron. Whitehurst is the cousin of current NFL and former Clemson quarterback Charlie Whitehurst. He spent a year at Arkansas before transferring

## Offensive Line

**Lettermen Returning**  
**A.J. Cann**  
Cody Gibson  
Mike Matulis  
**Ronald Patrick**  
**Corey Robinson**  
**Brandon Shell**  
Will Sport

**Squadmen Returning**  
Brock Stadnik  
Clayton Stadnik  
Cody Waldrop  
Mason Zandi

### Roster Newcomers

Bryce King  
Alan Knott  
D.J. Park  
Na'Ty Rodgers  
J.P. Vonashek  
2012 Starters in **Bold**

### Lettermen Lost

Kaleb Broome  
Travis Ford  
**T.J. Johnson**

**OFFENSIVE LINE:** Relatively young but experienced would be the best way to describe the returners on the offensive line. The Gamecocks lost a good one in center T.J. Johnson, who started every game over the past four seasons, but return everyone else who saw any significant action during the 2012 campaign. The only senior of the group is right tackle **Ronald Patrick**, who started every game a year ago. Patrick is one of just four scholarship seniors on this year's squad and joins Connor Shaw as the only two on the offensive side of the ball. A pair of junior starters return on the left side of the line and figure to man those positions again this year. Tackle **Corey Robinson**, the biggest of the linemen at 6-8, 341, and guard **A.J. Cann**, a two-year starter who is considered an all-conference candidate, should be even more comfortable working side-by-



side this season. Robinson came into his own last season while Cann has taken on more of a leadership role both on and off the field. Sophomore **Brandon Shell** took over the right tackle duties last season and earned a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team. The coaches feel he as a tremendous upside.



**Brandon Shell**

The only newcomer on the starting five entering the fall figures to be redshirt freshman center **Cody Waldrop**. The coaches like his potential and he could become a fixture for years to come. Junior **Cody Gibson** has made six starts in his career and could push either Robinson or Shell for playing time at one of the tackle positions, giving Carolina quality depth at that spot. Another tackle, junior **Mike Matulis**, has seen considerable playing time during his Gamecock career, including 10 starts, but missed the spring while rehabbing from shoulder surgery. He has yet to use a redshirt, so that's a possibility for him if he needs more time to rehab the shoulders. The only sophomore reserve of the group, **Will Sport**, saw action on special teams last season and is a darkhorse candidate to see playing time at an inside position. A trio of redshirt freshman, six-foot nine-inch tackle **Mason Zandi** and the twins, guard **Brock Stadnik** and center **Clayton Stadnik**, used the year to get bigger and stronger in the weight room. They are hoping that extra work paid off and can carry over to the field of play. Newcomer **D.J. Park** graduated from high school early and got a jump start on the other incoming freshman class this spring, which also includes center **Alan Knott**, guard **Bryce King** and tackles **Na'Ty Rodgers** and **J.P. Vonashek**.



**A.J. Cann and Ronald Patrick**

## 2012 STATISTICS (NCAA RANK)

Scoring Defense.....	18.23 (13)
Rushing Defense.....	120.69 (17)
Passing Defense.....	194.85 (21)
Total Defense.....	315.54 (11)

The Carolina defense returns five starters from a unit that ranked in the top 25 in the four major statistical categories a year ago - scoring defense (13th), rushing defense (17th), passing defense (21st) and total defense (11th). The Gamecocks will have a completely different look to their linebacking corps, as Reginald Bowers, DeVonte Holloman, Damario Jeffery, Quin Smith and Shaq Wilson, who combined for 99 career starts, all moved on following graduation. Carolina will also be without starters Byron Jerideau and Devin Taylor along the defensive line, and standout safety D.J. Swearingner. However, the cupboard is certainly not bare. Any unit that can feature 6-6, 272-pound defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, a unanimous All-American and legitimate candidate for every post-season award in 2013, including the Heisman Trophy, is one to be reckoned with. Clowney will be joined up front by Kelcy Quarles and Chaz Sutton. The secondary features three returning starters in cornerbacks Victor Hampton and Jimmy Legree and safety Brison Williams. Defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward is confident the talent level is there and the experience will come, but the goal will be to develop some leaders among the unit, which started in the spring.

## Defensive Line

### Lettermen Returning

**Jadeveon Clowney**

Gerald Dixon Jr.

Mason Harris

**Kelcy Quarles**

J.T. Surratt

Chaz Sutton

### Squadmen Returning

Gerald Dixon

Phillip Dukes

Darius English

Deon Green

Michael Washington

### Roster Newcomers

Devan'te Covington

Kelsey Griffin

Gerald Turner

Devin Washington

### Lettermen Lost

Aldrick Fordham

**Byron Jerideau**

**Devin Taylor**

2012 Starters in **Bold**

**DEFENSIVE LINE:** The only coaching change for the Gamecocks this past offseason came on the defensive line where former North Carolina assistant Deke Adams was brought in to replace longtime assistant Brad Lawing. Adams must have felt like he won the lottery when he took the job knowing he would be working with the nation's top defensive player in **Jadeveon Clowney**. Clowney, a 6-6, 274-pound junior earned unanimous All-America honors last season, just the second Gamecock in history to do so, joining Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers. Clowney, a Heisman contender in his own right after finishing sixth in the balloting in 2012, was the Ted Hendricks Award winner as the nation's top defensive end, and was a finalist for the Nagurski, Lombardi and Bednarik Awards after setting school records with 13.0 sacks and 23.5 tackles for loss. But Clowney isn't the only standout on the defensive line. Junior

## Kelcy Quarles

has started 17 games over the past two seasons and figures to be a stalwart in the middle of the defensive line again in 2013. The only scholarship senior of the unit is defensive end **Chaz Sutton**. Sutton, a 6-5, 263-pounder, has waited patiently for his turn in the starting lineup,



**Kelcy Quarles**

but has been very productive as a backup, as witnessed by his 5.0 sacks last season. Junior **J.T. Surratt**, who also has been waiting his turn, figures to open the fall as the probable starter at the defensive tackle position next to Quarles. While those penciled in to start have plenty of experience, the spring will be an opportunity for several younger players to show they are ready for the big stage. Three sophomores will challenge for time at the tackle position, including **Gerald Dixon Jr.**, **Phillip Dukes** and **Deon Green**. Dixon Jr. saw the most time last season and is listed as a co-starter with Surratt, Dukes was considered the "Most Improved" defensive lineman in the spring, while Green was finally healthy after being hampered by injuries throughout his Carolina career. A pair of sophomores in **Gerald Dixon** and **Mason Harris**, along with redshirt freshman **Darius English**, will compete for the backup roles at defensive end. Walk-on defensive end, **Michael Washington** adds depth. The newcomers include **Devan'te Covington**, **Kelsey Griffin**, **Gerald Turner** and **Devin Washington**. Covington, Turner and Washington are ends, while Griffin will work in the middle of the line.

## Linebacker

### Lettermen Returning

Cedric Cooper

Kaiwan Lewis

### Squadmen Returning

T.J. Holloman

Kelvin Rainey

Marquis Roberts

### Lettermen Lost

**Reginald Bowers**

Chaun Gresham

Damario Jeffery

Quin Smith

**Shaq Wilson**

### Roster Newcomers

Larenz Bryant

David Johnson

James King

Kyle Morini

Skai Moore

Jonathan Walton

2012 Starters in **Bold**

**LINEBACKER:** Maybe the biggest question mark entering the fall will be how the Gamecocks fill the linebacking position. The veteran quartet of Shaq Wilson, Reginald Bowers, Damario Jeffery and Quin Smith took nearly ever snap last season, leaving a thin and untested group that went through spring drills. The only upper-classman on the roster is junior walk-on **Kyle Morini**, and he just joined the squad in the spring. A pair of second-year players in sophomore **Kaiwan Lewis**

and redshirt freshman **T.J. Holloman** will compete for the "Mike" position. Lewis lettered last season primarily for his work on special teams and was considered the "Most Improved" in the spring. Holloman is very intelligent and is able to grasp the concepts quickly. Sophomore **Cedrick Cooper** was sidelined in the spring with a knee injury, but figures to figure prominently for duty at the Will position. Sophomore **Marcquis Roberts** and redshirt freshman **Kelvin Rainey** took the bulk of the snaps at that position in the spring. Roberts has been injured throughout his stint at Carolina, while Rainey made the transition from his tight end position last year. A quartet of incoming freshmen will have an opportunity to make an immediate impact this fall. That foursome includes **Larenz Bryant**, **David Johnson**, **Skai Moore** and **Jonathan Walton**. Walk-on **James King** adds depth.

## Cornerback

### Lettermen Returning

Ahmad Christian  
**Victor Hampton**  
**Jimmy Legree**  
Sidney Rhodes

### Lettermen Lost

Akeem Auguste

### Squadmen Returning

Rico McWilliams

### Roster Newcomers

Pharoh Cooper  
Ali Groves  
Ronnie Martin

2012 Starters in **Bold**

**CORNERBACK:** The Gamecocks have both of their starting cornerbacks returning, as **Victor Hampton** made a dozen starts last season and **Jimmy Legree** earned eight starting assignments. Hampton, a junior, is the most physical corner on the squad and considered the best cover man. One who plays with a lot of emo-

he has regained full health. Freshmen **Pharoh Cooper** and **Ali Groves** will join the fold in the fall and will have an opportunity to contribute immediately.

## Safety

### Lettermen Returning

T.J. Gurley  
Kadetrrix Marcus  
**Brison Williams**

### Squadmen Returning

Chaz Elder  
Kyle Fleetwood  
Chris Moody

### Lettermen Lost

Jared Shaw

### D.J. Swearinger

2012 Starters in **Bold**

### Roster Newcomers

Jasper Sasser  
Garrett Shank

**SAFETY:** Another position with no seniors on the pre-season depth chart is safety. Replacing D.J. Swearinger's leadership, ability and tenacity will be difficult, but several young players will get an opportunity to step up and fill the void. Junior **Brison Williams** is the odds on favorite to take over those leadership duties vacated by Swearinger as the returning starter at strong safety. He finished sixth on the team in tackles last season with 52 while starting a dozen games. Junior **Kadetrrix "JJ" Marcus** is penciled in as the starter at free safety, but will face stiff competition in the fall if sophomore **T.J. Gurley**, a member of the SEC All-Freshman team, is able to bounce back from his season-ending knee injury. A trio of redshirt freshmen, including **Chaz Elder**, **Kyle Fleetwood** and **Chris Moody**, all had the opportunity to showcase their talents in the spring and will be counted on to provide some much-needed depth this fall. Incoming freshman **Jasper Sasser** joins the squad in the fall, while walk-on **Garrett Shank** donned the Garnet & Black for the first time in the spring.

# GAMECOCK DEFENSE

## Spur

### Lettermen Returning

Sharrod Golightly

### Squadmen Returning

Jordan Diggs

### Lettermen Lost

DeVonte Holloman

2012 Starters in **Bold**

### Roster Newcomers

Mohamed Camara

**SPUR:** One of the most important positions of the Gamecock defense is the Spur, a hybrid linebacker/safety spot that was manned the last two seasons by Antonio Allen and DeVonte Holloman, both of whom were NFL Draft picks. Junior **Sharrod Golightly** came out of the spring holding down the starting role, but he will be hard-pressed to hold off redshirt freshman **Jordan Diggs** for that duty this fall. Golightly has the benefit of experience, but Diggs has impressed the coaches in his short time on the Columbia campus. Newcomer **Mohamed Camara** will be counted on to provide help down the line.



Sharrod Golightly

tion, Hampton logged 40 tackles and one interception last season. Legree, a senior, has played both corner and safety during his Gamecock career. He tied for the team lead with three interceptions last season while figuring in on 44 stops. The coaching staff is hopeful that junior college transfer **Ronnie Martin** can work his way into the rotation. Martin originally signed with the Gamecocks in 2011, finally made his way onto the Columbia campus in January, but missed most of the spring drills while nursing a hamstring injury. He also missed much of last season with a hamstring issue to his other leg. Walk-on **Sidney Rhodes**, who developed into a solid contributor on special teams, has worked his way into the conversation for additional playing time. Athletic sophomore **Ahmad Christian** gained some much needed experience last fall as a redshirt freshman, but earned a spot on the Carolina baseball team in the spring, which kept him off the gridiron. **Rico McWilliams** caught the coaches' eyes early last fall before suffering a season-ending knee injury. He sat out the entire spring while rehabbing the knee and will be a factor this fall if



Victor Hampton



Brison Williams



## 2012 STATISTICS (NCAA RANK)

Kickoff Returns.....	21.65 (62)
Punt Returns.....	14.23 (9)
Net Punting.....	36.03 (77)

Special teams coach Joe Robinson returns for his second season with the Gamecocks. He will be challenged this fall to find replacements for kicker Adam Yates, deep snapper Walker Inabinet, holder Seth Strickland and punt returner extraordinaire Ace Sanders. The Gamecocks will be looking for improvement in all facets, including the punt team and kickoff return unit that feature specialists Tyler Hull and Bruce Ellington, respectively.

## Special Teams

**Lettermen Returning**  
Tyler Hull (P)

**Lettermen Lost**  
Walker Inabinet (LS)  
Seth Strickland (H)  
Adam Yates (PK)

2012 Starters in **Bold**

**Squadmen Returning**  
Landon Ard (PK)  
Ryland Culbertson (LS)  
Patrick Fish (P)  
Coleman Harley (LS)  
Nick St. Germain (PK)

**Roster Newcomers**  
Elliott Fry (P/K)  
Max Huggins (P/K)  
Caleb Kelly (PK)  
Andrew Komornik (P)  
Drew Williams (LS)

**PLACEKICKER:** For the third straight season, Carolina goes into the fall looking for a new placekicker. Sophomore walk-on **Landon Ard** and redshirt freshman **Nick St. Germain**, a scholarship player, battled it out all spring for both the field goal/PAT and kickoff duties. Ard gained some experience last season as he handled the kickoff duties early in the season before giving way to a more consistent Adam Yates. Ard came out of the spring as the leader in the clubhouse, but St. Germain will continue to put the pressure on should Ard falter. Walk-on **Caleb Kelly** joined the squad in



Tyler Hull

the spring, while **Elliott Fry** and **Max Huggins** will walk-on in the fall.

**PUNTER:** Junior **Tyler Hull** arrived on campus after fall camp opened in 2012 and quickly established himself as the team's top punter, a role he held all season. He seemed to get more comfortable as the season progressed and is expected to improve on his average this season. Junior **Patrick Fish** will once again provide the primary competition. While Hull was considered the "Most Improved" punter during the spring competition, Fish was recognized as the Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring. Newcomer **Andrew Komornik** joined the competition in the spring, while **Elliott Fry** and **Max Huggins** will get into the mix in the fall.

**HOLDER:** Reserve punter **Patrick Fish** served as the backup for Seth Strickland last season and was the number one option in that role during the spring.

# GAMECOCK SPECIAL TEAMS

**LONG SNAPPER:** Coach Robinson continues to search for a suitable replacement for the long snapping duties, which were in the capable hands of Walker Inabinet for the last three seasons. Inabinet is believed to hold the school record for most games dressed, as he dressed for every contest over the past five years. Sophomore **Coleman Harley** and junior **Ryland Culbertson** return to the squad and figure to battle it out, while newcomer **Drew Williams** will join the competition in the fall. The final decision on who earns this unsung position may not be decided until just before the season opener.

**KICK RETURNER:** Junior **Bruce Ellington** has handled the bulk of the kickoff returns in each of the past two seasons and figures to have the first opportunity again in 2013, although his importance as a wide receiver may sway the coaching staff to look another direction. **Damiere Byrd** certainly has the speed necessary to take one the distance, while **Victor Hampton** has shown an ability to succeed in the return game as well.

**PUNT RETURNER:** The Gamecocks will be hard-pressed to replace one of the nation's best in electric Ace Sanders. Sanders earned co-SEC Special Teams Player of the Year accolades after averaging over 15 yards a return while taking it to the house against both Georgia and Michigan. **Victor Hampton** gets the first shot at taking over for Sanders and Bruce Ellington could be a viable option as well. Incoming freshman **Pharoh Cooper** had an outstanding prep career as a returner and could get a long look when fall camp opens.