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Schedule/Quick Facts

2009 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent
Thursday	September 3	NC State
Saturday	September 12	*Georgia
Saturday	September 19	Florida Atlantic
Thursday	September 24	*Ole Miss
Saturday	October 3	South Carolina State
Saturday	October 10	*Kentucky
Saturday	October 17	*Alabama
Saturday	October 24	*Vanderbilt
Saturday	October 31	*Tennessee
Saturday	November 7	*Arkansas
Saturday	November 14	*Florida
Saturday	November 28	Clemson

*Denotes Southeastern Conference game.

2008 Results

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Record	SEC	TV	Attendance
08/28	NC State	Columbia, S.C.	W, 34-0	1-0	0-0	ESPN	80,616
09/04	*Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	L, 17-24	1-1	0-1	ESPN	46,850
09/13	*#2 Georgia	Columbia, S.C.	L, 7-14	1-2	0-2	CBS	83,704
09/20	Wofford	Columbia, S.C.	W, 23-13	2-2	0-2	PPV	76,599
09/27	UAB	Columbia, S.C.	W, 26-13	3-2	0-2	PPV	78,286
10/04	*Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.	W, 31-24	4-2	1-2	PPV	54,628
10/11	*Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	W, 24-17	5-2	2-2	Raycom	70,822
10/18	*#13 LSU	Columbia, S.C.	L, 17-24	5-3	2-3	ESPN	82,477
11/01	*Tennessee	Columbia, S.C.	W, 27-6	6-3	3-3	ESPN2	81,731
11/08	*Arkansas	Columbia, S.C.	W, 34-21	7-3	4-3	PPV	80,290
11/15	*#3 Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L, 6-56	7-4	4-4	CBS	90,646
11/29	Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	L, 14-31	7-5	4-4	ESPN2	82,456
01/01	Iowa	Tampa, Fla.	L, 10-31	7-6	4-4	ESPN	55,117

Site

Raleigh, N.C.

Columbia, S.C.

Columbia, S.C.

Columbia, S.C.

Columbia, S.C.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Columbia. S.C.

Knoxville, Tenn.

Fayetteville, Ark.

Columbia, S.C.

Columbia, S.C.

Athens, Ga.

Series

Tied 26-26-4

UGA leads 45-14-2

USC leads 1-0-0

UM leads 8-6-0

USC leads 1-0-0

USC leads 13-6-1

USC leads 14-4-0

UA leads 11-2-0

UT leads 21-4-2

UA leads 10-7-0

UF leads 22-4-3

CU leads 65-37-4

*Denotes Southeastern Conference game.

Future Schedules

2010	
Sept. 4	Troy
Sept. 11	Georgia
Sept. 18	North Carolina
Sept. 25	at Auburn
Oct. 2	Furman
Oct. 9	Alabama
Oct. 16	at Kentucky
Oct. 23	at Vanderbilt
Oct. 30	Tennessee
Nov. 6	Arkansas
Nov. 13	at Florida
Nov. 27	at Clemson

All dates subject to change.

S		Road Hotels
2012 Aug. 31 Sept. 15 2013	(Charlotte) The Citadel East Carolina Wofford The Citadel	NC State Hilton North Raleigh 3415 Wake Forest Road Raleigh, NC 27609 913-872-2323 Georgia Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place 1775 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096 770-923-1775 Alabama Birmingham Marriott 3590 Grandview Parkway Birmingham, AL 35243 205-968-3775 Tennessee Hilton Knoxville Airport
Sept. 20 TBD 2015 Sept. 15	Furman Troy East Carolina	2001 Alcoa Highway Alcoa, TN 37701 865-970-4300 Arkansas Embassy Suites 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway Rogers, AR 72758 479-254-8400

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Location Founded Enrollment	
President Faculty Representative Athletics Director Deputy Athletics Director Executive Associate AD/Facilitie Senior Associate AD/Facilities Associate AD./Facilities Chief Financial Officer Assistant AD/Event Managemen Assistant AD/Compliance Media Relations Director Head Coach	Dr. Bill Bearden Eric Hyman Marcy Girton sKevin O'Connell Val Sheley Charles Waddell Other Bavis Jeff Davis Jeff Tallant tShawn Burke Jennifer Stiles Steve Fink
Alma Mater Overall Record Record at South Carolina Spurs & Strong Safeties/Specia Recruiting Coordinator Running Backs/Assistant Specia Tight Ends/Assistant Special Ter Assistant Head Coach/Assistant Linebackers Defensive Line Quarterbacks Passing Game Coordinator/ Wide Receivers Defensive Coordinator/ Cornerbacks & Free Safeties Running Game Coordinator/Offe Director–Football Operations Strength & Conditioning Coach	Florida (1967)
All-Time Record 2008 Record 2008 SEC Record (Finish) Bowl Appearance	
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Alphabetical Roster

	No.					•	Hometown (High/Last School)	No.	Name				•	Hometown (High/Last School)
	8	Corey Addison				FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Andrew Jackson)	51	Walker Inabinet					Columbia, S.C. (Hammond School)
	91	Ladi Ajiboye	DT	6-1	285	JR-2L	Riverdale, Ga.	6	Melvin Ingram	DT	6-2	297	S0-1L	Hamlet, N.C. (Richmond County)
							(Banneker/Hargrave Military)	57	Lemuel Jeanpierre	OG	6-4	294	SR-3L	Orlando, Fla. (Timber Creek)
	26	Antonio Allen	FS	6-1	202	SO-SQ	Ocala, Fla.	1	Alshon Jeffery	WR	6-3	217	FR-HS	St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)
							(Trinity Catholic/Fork Union)	33	Damario Jeffery	SS	6-4	215	FR-HS	Columbia, S.C. (Columbia)
	71	Nick Allison	00	6-4	285	FR-HS	Asheville, N.C. (T.C. Roberson)	55	T.J. Johnson	OG	6-4	297	FR-RS	Aynor, S.C. (Aynor)
	70	Garrett Anderson	00	6-4	307	SR-3L	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)	76	Jarriel King	0T	6-5	312	JR-1L	North Charleston, S.C.
	62	Pierre Andrews	OG	6-2	285	JR-SQ	Charlotte, N.C. (Independence)							(North Charleston/Georgia Military)
	3	Akeem Auguste	СВ	5-10) 180	S0-1L	Hollywood, Fla.	34	Spencer Lanning	P/K	5-11	188	JR-1L	Rock Hill, S.C. (York)
		-					(Chaminade-Madonna/Fork Union)	18	Dion LeCorn	WR	5-11	220	JR-2L	Ocala, Fla. (Trinity Catholic)
	25	Ben Axon	ΤB	6-1	195	FR-HS	Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee)	35	Jimmy Legree	СВ	6-0	170	FR-HS	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)
	28	Eric Baker	ΤB	5-11	194	S0-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (White/Fork Union)	53	Leon Mackey	DE	6-6	260	FR-HS	Wilmington, Del. (Hargrave Military)
	4	Jason Barnes					Charlotte, N.C. (Independence)	10	Brian Maddox				JR-2L	Anderson, S.C. (T.L. Hanna)
	74	Heath Batchelor					Haleyville, Ala. (Haleyville)	83	Cliff Matthews	DE	6-4	249	JR-2L	Cheraw, S.C. (Cheraw)
	49	Blake Baxley			189		Columbia, S.C. (Lexington)	14	Reid McCollum				FR-RS	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
	80	DeMario Bennett				FR-HS	Douglas, Ga. (Coffee County)	92	Byron McKnight				S0-1L	Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland County)
	32	Reginald Bowens				FR-RS	Holly Springs, N.C. (Garner)	31	Kenny Miles				FR-RS	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Brookwood)
	17	Zac Brindise					Fort Myers, Fla. (South Fort Myers)	7	Willis Mills	QB				Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Socastee)
	65	Ryan Broadhead					Leesburg, Ga. (Lee County)	82	D.L. Moore				FR-RS	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
	9	Moe Brown					Anderson, S.C. (Westside)	40	Eric Norwood				SR-3L	Acworth, Ga. (North Cobb)
	63	Seaver Brown				JR-1L	Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)	68	Kyle Nunn					Sumter, S.C. (Sumter)
	54	Darantzy Brunson				JR-SQ	Hampton, S.C.	45	Rodney Paulk	LB				Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast)
	01	Duranzy Dranson	DL	00	200	UTTOQ	(Wade Hampton/Benedict)	29	Chris Payne					Columbia, S.C. (Columbia)
	11	Jarrett Burns	F٩	6-1	181	FR-RS	Huntsville, Ala. (Lee)	95	Nathan Pepper	DT				Greenville, S.C. (Greenville)
	99	Ronald Byrd			285	FR-HS	LaGrange, Ga. (Callaway/Fork Union)	93	Andrew Power					Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)
	60	Terrence Campbell				JR-1L	Austell, Ga. (South Cobb)	72	Quintin Richardson				SO-1L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
	97	Duane Chisolm				FR-HS	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)	42	Travian Robertson		6-4		JR-2L	Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland County)
	15	Matt Clements					Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)	88	Weslye Saunders			280	JR-2L	Durham, N.C. (Riverside)
	12	Andrew Clifford				FR-HS	Tampa, Fla. (Wharton)	46	Joey Scribner-Howa					Irmo, S.C.
	22	Matt Coffee				FR-HS	Mary Esther, Fla. (Fort Walton Beach)	10	body combiner riewa		02	200		(Dutch Fork/Carson-Newman)
	17	Chris Culliver				JR-2L	Garner, N.C. (Garner)	11	Lamar Scruggs	WR	6-2	212	FR-HS	Jacksonville Beach, Fla. (Fletcher)
	87	Justice Cunningham				FR-HS	Pageland, S.C. (Central)	31	Gerrod Sinclair				SR-3L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mandarin)
	23	Brandan Davis				SO-SQ	Columbia, S.C.	75	Steven Singleton				JR-JC	Buford, Ga. (Buford/Georgia Military)
	20	Diandari Davio	00	0 11	170	00 00	(Dutch Fork/Carson-Newman)	84	DeAngelo Smith					Kingsland, Ga. (Camden County)
	48	Darrien Davis	LB	6-0	211	02-02	Columbia, S.C. (Columbia/Louisburg)	30	Quin Smith	SS			FR-HS	Lenoir, N.C. (Hibriten)
	42	Eric Davis	P				Newberry, S.C. (Newberry)	4	Cedrick Snead	CB				Garner, N.C. (Garner)
	94	Kenny Davis					Newberry, S.C. (Newberry)	20	Jay Spearman					Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood)
	41	Josh Dickerson					Kingsland, Ga.	27	Scott Spurrier					Leesburg, Va. (Loudoun County)
	11	Diskerson	LD	01	221	011 00	(Camden County/Georgia Military)	24	Darian Stewart					Huntsville, Ala. (Lee)
	47	Patrick DiMarco	FR	6-0	243	.IR-21	Altamonte Springs, Fla. (Lake Brantley)	28	Ryan Stonaker					Charleston, S.C. (West Ashley)
	39	Quan Earls					Hiram, Ga. (Marietta/Tusculum)	44	Tony Straughter					Madison, Fla.
	<u>66</u>	Hutch Eckerson					Lumberton, N.C. (Lumberton)		ing on augmon	20	0.0	200	511 00	(Madison County/Georgia Military)
	86	Stephen Flint					Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)	8	Seth Strickland	0B	6-3	180	FR-RS	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens)
	52	Aldrick Fordham					Jamestown, S.C. (Timberland)	90	Chaz Sutton				FR-HS	Savannah, Ga.
	90	Foxy Foxworth					Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)	50	Giluz Outton	υL	0.0	L 10		(Jenkins/Fork Union Military)
-	90 5	Stephen Garcia					Lutz, Fla. (Jefferson)	36	D.J. Swearinger	F۵	5_11	106	FR-HS	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood)
	<u> </u>	Clifton Geathers				JR-2L	Georgetown, S.C.	98	D.J. Swearinger Devin Taylor				FR-RS	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)
	30	Uniton deathers	DL	0-0	201	UII-2L	(Carvers Bay/Hargrave Military)	89	Mike Triglia					Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
	3	Jarvis Giles	ΤP	5_11	102	FR-HS	Tampa, Fla. (Gaither)	59	Charles Turner				JR-2L	Roebuck, S.C. (Dorman)
	5	Stephon Gilmore					Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)	67	Chris Vaughn					Columbia, S.C. (Irmo)
	50	Chaun Gresham					Auburn, Ga. (Apalachee)	73	Rokevious Watkins					Fairburn, Ga.
		Matt Grooms					McColl, S.C. (Marlboro County)	13	NUKEVIUUS VVAIKIIIS	01	0-4	340	JU-JO	(Creekside/Georgia Military)
	69 50							10	C.C. Whitlack	0D	E 10	170	00 11	
	58 01	John Guerry Tori Curley					Columbia, S.C. (Dreher)	12	C.C. Whitlock					Chester, S.C. (Chester)
	81	Tori Gurley	WK	0-D	221	гн-но	Rock Hill, S.C.	7	Addison Williams					Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake)
	10	Aramia Hillory	00	60	107		(Rock Hill/New Hampton Prep)	46	Dalton Wilson					Williston, S.C. (Williston-Elko)
	13 95	Aramis Hillary					N. Augusta, S.C. (Strom Thurmond)	16	Shaq Wilson					Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
	85	Joe Hills					Palmetto, Fla. (Palmetto)	43	Alonzo Winfield					Winston-Salem, N.C. (Carver)
	21 10	DeVonte Holloman					Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)	81	Adam Yates					Sparks, Md. (Hereford)
	19	Charles Holmes	WK	0-3	190	гк-Н2	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)	64	Kevin Young	UG	0-5	310	JR-SQ	Clearwater, Fla. (Central Catholic)
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1	Alshon Jeffery	W	R	6-3	217	FR-HS	St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)	46	Joey Scribner-Howard	dPK	6-2	208	JR-TR	Irmo, S.C.
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	Ū						(Chaminade-Madonna/Fork Union)	47	Patrick DiMarco	FB	6-0	243	JR-2L	Altamonte Springs, Fla. (Lake Brantley)
3	Jarvis Giles	T	в !	5-11	183	FR-HS	Tampa, Fla. (Gaither)	48	Darrien Davis					Columbia, S.C. (Columbia/Louisburg)
4	Jason Barnes						Charlotte, N.C. (Independence)	49	Blake Baxley				JR-1L	Columbia, S.C. (Lexington)
4	Cedrick Snead						Garner, N.C. (Garner)		Chaun Gresham				FR-HS	Auburn, Ga. (Apalachee)
								<u>50</u> 51						
5	Stephen Garcia					SO-1L	Lutz, Fla. (Jefferson)		Walker Inabinet				FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Hammond School)
5	Stephon Gilmore						Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)	52	Aldrick Fordham				FR-HS	Jamestown, S.C. (Timberland)
6	Melvin Ingram						Hamlet, N.C. (Richmond County)	53	Leon Mackey				FR-HS	Wilmington, Del. (Hargrave Military)
7	Addison Williams					JR-2L	Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake)	54	Darantzy Brunson	DL	6-0	258	JR-SQ	Hampton, S.C.
7	Willis Mills						Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Socastee)							(Wade Hampton/Benedict)
8	Corey Addison	F	S :	5-11	177	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Andrew Jackson)	55	T.J. Johnson	OG	6-4	297	FR-RS	Aynor, S.C. (Aynor)
8	Seth Strickland	Q	В	6-3	180	FR-RS	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens)	57	Lemuel Jeanpierre	OG	6-4	294	SR-3L	Orlando, Fla. (Timber Creek)
9	Moe Brown	W	R	6-0	183	SR-3L	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)	58	John Guerry	LB	6-0	222	SR-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Dreher)
10	Brian Maddox					JR-2L	Anderson, S.C. (T.L. Hanna)	59	Charles Turner				JR-2L	Roebuck, S.C. (Dorman)
11	Jarrett Burns					FR-RS	Huntsville, Ala. (Lee)	60	Terrence Campbell				JR-1L	Austell, Ga. (South Cobb)
11						FR-HS	Jacksonville Beach, Fla. (Fletcher)		Pierre Andrews					
	Lamar Scruggs							62					JR-SQ	Charlotte, N.C. (Independence)
12	C.C. Whitlock						Chester, S.C. (Chester)	63	Seaver Brown				JR-1L	Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)
12	Andrew Clifford					FR-HS		64	Kevin Young					Clearwater, Fla. (Central Catholic)
13	Aramis Hillary	Q	В	6-0	197	FR-RS	N. Augusta, S.C. (Strom Thurmond)	65	Ryan Broadhead	0C	6-5	261	SO-SQ	Leesburg, Ga. (Lee County)
14	Reid McCollum	Q	В	6-3	218	FR-RS	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)	66	Hutch Eckerson	0T	6-6	290	JR-2L	Lumberton, N.C. (Lumberton)
15	Matt Clements	W	R	6-0	185	SO-SQ	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)	67	Chris Vaughn	DS	6-0	264	SO-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Irmo)
16	Shaq Wilson	L	Bł	5-11	210	S0-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)	68	Kyle Nunn	0T	6-6	293	S0-1L	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter)
17	Chris Culliver	E	S	6-0	190	JR-2L	Garner, N.C. (Garner)	69	Matt Grooms				JR-SQ	McColl, S.C. (Marlboro County)
17	Zac Brindise						Fort Myers, Fla. (South Fort Myers)	70	Garrett Anderson					Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)
18	Dion LeCorn					JR-2L	Ocala, Fla. (Trinity Catholic)	71	Nick Allison					Asheville, N.C. (T.C. Roberson)
10	Charles Holmes						Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)	72	Quintin Richardson					
														Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
20	Jay Spearman					FR-RS	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood)	73	Rokevious Watkins	01	b-4	340	JR-JC	Fairburn, Ga.
21	DeVonte Holloman					FR-HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)							(Creekside/Georgia Military)
22	Matt Coffee					FR-HS	Mary Esther, Fla. (Fort Walton Beach)	74	Heath Batchelor	OG	6-7	308	JR-2L	Haleyville, Ala. (Haleyville)
23	Brandan Davis	С	Βt	5-11	175	SO-SQ	Columbia, S.C.	75	Steven Singleton	OG	6-3	300	JR-JC	Buford, Ga. (Buford/Georgia Military)
							(Dutch Fork/Carson-Newman)	76	Jarriel King	0T	6-5	312	JR-1L	North Charleston, S.C.
24	Darian Stewart	S	S 5	5-11	216	SR-3L	Huntsville, Ala. (Lee)							(North Charleston/Georgia Military)
25	Ben Axon					FR-HS	Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee)	80	DeMario Bennett	WR	6-3	185	FR-HS	Douglas, Ga. (Coffee County)
26	Antonio Allen					SO-SQ	Ocala, Fla.	81	Tori Gurley				FR-RS	Rock Hill, S.C.
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27	Scott Spurrier						Leesburg, Va. (Loudoun County)	81	Adam Yates					Sparks, Md. (Hereford)
28	Eric Baker						Jacksonville, Fla. (White/Fork Union)	82	D.L. Moore					Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
28	Ryan Stonaker						Charleston, S.C. (West Ashley)	83	Cliff Matthews				JR-2L	Cheraw, S.C. (Cheraw)
29	Chris Payne						Columbia, S.C. (Columbia)	84	DeAngelo Smith	WR	6-0	170	FR-HS	Kingsland, Ga. (Camden County)
30	Quin Smith	LI	В	6-0	205	FR-HS	Lenoir, N.C. (Hibriten)	85	Joe Hills	WR	6-4	199	JR-1L	Palmetto, Fla. (Palmetto)
31	Gerrod Sinclair	LI	В	6-0	226	SR-3L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mandarin)	86	Stephen Flint	WR	6-2	192	S0-1L	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
31	Kenny Miles	TI	В	5-9	183	FR-RS	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Brookwood)	87	Justice Cunningham	TE	6-3	242	FR-HS	Pageland, S.C. (Central)
32	Reginald Bowens						Holly Springs, N.C. (Garner)	88	Weslye Saunders				JR-2L	Durham, N.C. (Riverside)
33	Damario Jeffery					FR-HS	Columbia, S.C. (Columbia)	89	Mike Triglia				FR-RS	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
34	Spencer Lanning					JR-1L	Rock Hill, S.C. (York)	90	Chaz Sutton				FR-HS	Savannah, Ga.
35	Jimmy Legree					FR-HS	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)	50		DL	0.0	240	111110	(Jenkins/Fork Union Military)
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36	D.J. Swearinger					FR-HS	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood)	90	Foxy Foxworth					Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
39	Quan Earls						Hiram, Ga. (Marietta/Tusculum)	91	Ladi Ajiboye	DI	6-1	285	JR-2L	Riverdale, Ga.
40	Eric Norwood	LI	В	6-1	252	SR-3L	Acworth, Ga. (North Cobb)							(Banneker/Hargrave Military)
41	Josh Dickerson	LI	В	6-1	221	JR-JC	Kingsland, Ga.	92	Byron McKnight	DE	6-4	229	S0-1L	Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland County)
							(Camden County/Georgia Military)	93	Andrew Power	TE	6-4	253	FR-RS	Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)
42	Travian Robertson	D	Т	6-4	283	JR-2L	Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland County)	94	Kenny Davis	DT	6-3	287	FR-RS	Newberry, S.C. (Newberry)
42	Eric Davis						Newberry, S.C. (Newberry)	95	Nathan Pepper				SR-3L	Greenville, S.C. (Greenville)
43	Alonzo Winfield		_				Winston-Salem, N.C. (Carver)	96	Clifton Geathers				JR-2L	Georgetown, S.C.
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Offense

- WR 4 Jason Barnes (6-4, 199, So.*) 81 Tori Gurley (6-5, 227, Fr.-RS)
- WR 9 Moe Brown (6-0, 183, Sr.***) 85 Joe Hills (6-4, 199, Jr.*)
- WR 18 Dion LeCorn (5-11, 220, Jr.**)
 82 D.L. Moore (6-3, 202, Fr.-RS)
 15 Matt Clements (6-0, 185, So.)
- LT 76 Jarriel King (6-5, 312, Jr.*) 68 Kyle Nunn (6-6, 293, So.*)
- LG 60 Terrence Campbell (6-3, 290, Jr.*) -OR-57 Lemuel Jeanpierre (6-4, 294, Sr.***) 62 Pierre Andrews (6-2, 285, Jr.)
- C 70 Garrett Anderson (6-4, 307, Sr.***)
 63 Seaver Brown (6-5, 303, Jr.*)
 65 Ryan Broadhead (6-5, 261, So.)
- RG 55 T.J. Johnson (6-4, 297, Fr.-RS) 64 Kevin Young (6-5, 310, Jr.)
- **RT** 66 Hutch Eckerson (6-6, 290, Jr.**) 72 Quintin Richardson (6-3, 283, So.*)
- 88 Weslye Saunders (6-5, 280, Jr.**)
 93 Andrew Power (6-4, 253, Fr.-RS)
 89 Mike Triglia (6-3, 231, Fr.-RS)
- QB 5 Stephen Garcia (6-2, 219, So.*)
 14 Reid McCollum (6-3, 218, Fr.-RS)
 17 Zac Brindise (6-1, 216, So.)
 13 Aramis Hillary (6-0, 197, Fr.-RS)
- **FB** 47 Patrick DiMarco (6-0, 243, Jr.**) 46 Dalton Wilson (6-0, 223, Fr.-RS)
- TB 10 Brian Maddox (5-11, 224, Jr.**)
 3 Jarvis Giles (5-11, 183, Fr.-HS)
 28 Eric Baker (5-11, 194, So.*)
 31 Kenny Miles (5-9, 183, Fr.-RS)

Defense

- DE 96 Clifton Geathers (6-8, 281, Jr.**) 98 Devin Taylor (6-7, 232, Fr.-RS) 92 Byron McKnight (6-4, 229, So.*)
 DT 95 Nathan Pepper (6-1, 300, Sr.***)
- 94 Kenny Davis (6-3, 287, Fr.-RS)
- DT 42 Travian Robertson (6-4, 283, Jr.**) 91 Ladi Ajiboye (6-1, 285, Jr.**) 6 Melvin Ingram (6-2, 297, So.*)
- DE 83 Cliff Matthews (6-4, 249, Jr.**) 90 Chaz Sutton (6-3, 243, Fr.-HS)
- MLB 45 Rodney Paulk (6-0, 216, Jr.**) 41 Josh Dickerson (6-1, 221, Jr.-TR) 31 Gerrod Sinclair (6-0, 226, Sr.***)
- WLB 40 Eric Norwood (6-1, 252, Sr.***) 16 Shaq Wilson (5-11, 210, So.*) 44 Tony Straughter (6-0, 209, Jr.-TR)
- SPUR43 Alonzo Winfield (6-0, 222, So.*)
 24 Darian Stewart (5-11, 216, Sr.***)
 32 Reginald Bowens (6-2, 233, Fr.-RS)
- CB 5 Stephon Gilmore (6-1, 188, Fr.-HS)
 23 Brandan Davis (5-11, 175, So.)
 12 C.C. Whitlock (5-10, 173, So.*)
- FS 17 Chris Culliver (6-0, 190, Jr.**) 26 Antonio Allen (6-1, 202, So.) 11 Jarrett Burns (6-1, 181, Fr.-RS)
- SS 24 Darian Stewart (5-11, 216, Sr.***)
 21 DeVonte Holloman (6-2, 211, Fr.-HS)
- CB 3 Akeem Auguste (5-10, 180, So.*)
 7 Addison Williams (5-8, 177, Jr.**)
 20 Jay Spearman (6-0, 196, Fr.-RS)

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Depth Chart

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- **P** 34 Spencer Lanning (5-11, 188, Jr.*)
- **KR** 17 Chris Culliver (6-0, 190, Jr.**)
- PR 3 Akeem Auguste (5-10, 180, So.*) 18 Dion LeCorn (5-11, 220, Jr.**)
- DS 59 Charles Turner (6-4, 229, Jr.**) 51 Walker Inabinet (5-9, 181, Fr.-RS)
- H 86 Stephen Flint (6-2, 192, So.*) 27 Scott Spurrier (5-6, 160, Sr.*)

Coaching Staff

Steve Spurrier Head Coach
Shane Beamer Spurs & Strong Safeties/
Special Teams Coord./Recruiting Coordinator
Jay Graham Running Backs/
Assistant Special Teams Coordinator
Jeep Hunter Tight Ends/
Assistant Special Teams Coordinator
Ellis JohnsonAssistant Head Coach/
Assistant Coach–Defense/Linebackers
Brad Lawing Defensive Line
G.A. MangusQuarterbacks
Steve Spurrier JrPassing Game Coordinator/
Wide Receivers
Lorenzo Ward Defensive Coordinator/
Cornerbacks & Free Safeties
Eric WolfordRunning Game Coordinator/
Offensive Line

Support Staff

	Football Operations
Robbie Liles	High School Relations
Patrick Shine	Adminstrative
	Coordinator–Recruiting
Joe Lisle	Video Coordinator
Chris Matlock	Equipment Manager
Craig Fitzgerald	Strength Coach
Dan Austin	Assistant Strength Coach
Joe Connolly	Assistant Strength Coach
	Assistant Strength Coach
Andy Boyd	Graduate Assistant
	Graduate Assistant
Orus Lambert	Graduate Assistant
Scott Morgan	Graduate Assistant
Mike Rathe	Graduate Assistant
Aurmon Satchell	Graduate Assistant

RODUCTION

Gamecocks At-A-Glance

Starters Returning (12)

OFFENSE (5): OC Garrett Anderson, WR Jason Barnes, OG Terrence Campbell, FB Patrick DiMarco, OT Jarriel King.

DEFENSE (6): DT Ladi Ajiboye, FS Chris Culliver, DE Cliff Matthews, LB Eric Norwood, DT Nathan Pepper, S Darian Stewart.

SPECIAL TEAMS (1): P Spencer Lanning.

Starters Lost (12)

OFFENSE (6): TE Jared Cook, TB Mike Davis, WR Kenny McKinley, OG Jamon Meredith, QB Chris Smelley, OT Justin Sorensen.

DEFENSE (5): LB Jasper Brinkley, SS Emanuel Cook, DE Jordin Lindsey, CB Captain Munnerlyn, CB Stoney Wodson.

SPECIAL TEAMS (1): PK Ryan Succop.

Lettermen Returning (40)

OFFENSE (20): OC Garrett Anderson, TB Eric Baker, WR Jason Barnes, OL Heath Batchelor, WR Moe Brown, OC Seaver Brown, OG Terrence Campbell, FB Patrick DiMarco, OT Hutch Eckerson, WR Stephen Flint, QB Stephen Garcia, WR Joe Hills, OG Lemuel Jeanpierre, OT Jarriel King, WR Dion LeCorn, TB Brian Maddox, OT Kyle Nunn, OT Quintin Richardson, TE Weslye Saunders, WR Scott Spurrier.

DEFENSE (18): DT Ladi Ajiboye, DB Akeem Auguste, SS Blake Baxley, FS Chris Culliver, DE Clifton Geathers, DT Melvin Ingram, DE Cliff Matthews, DE Byron McKnight, LB Eric Norwood, LB Rodney Paulk, DT Nathan Pepper, DT Travian Robertson, LB Gerrod Sinclair, S Darian Stewart, CB C.C. Whitlock, CB Addison Williams, LB Shaq Wilson, SS Alonzo Winfield.

SPECIAL TEAMS (2): P Spencer Lanning, DS Charles Turner.

Lettermen Lost (28)

OFFENSE (15): FB Yvan Banag, QB Tommy Beecher, WR Freddie Brown, TE Jared Cook, TB Mike Davis, TE Larry Freeman, FB Brvan Kingrev, TE Alex McGrath, WR Kenny McKinley, OG Jamon Meredith, TE Nick Prochak, TB Taylor Rank, QB Chris Smelley, OT Justin Sorensen, TB Bobby Wallace.

DEFENSE (12): LB Jasper Brinkley, SS Emanuel Cook, SS Chris Hail, DT Margue Hall, LB Dustin Lindsey, DE Jordin Lindsey, CB Captain Munnerlyn, DB Mike Newton, LB Marvin Sapp, CB Carlos Thomas, DT Jonathan Williams, CB Stoney Woodson.

SPECIAL TEAMS (1): PK Ryan Succop.

ALABAMA (3)

Halevville Heath Batchelor

Huntsville Jarrett Burns Darian Stewart

DELAWARE (1)

Wilminaton Leon Mackey

FLORIDA (22)

Altamonte Springs Patrick DiMarco

Bradenton Ben Axon

Clearwater Seaver Brown Kevin Youna

Fort Myers Zac Brindise

Hollywood Akeem Auguste

Jacksonville Corey Addison Eric Baker Gerrod Sinclair Mike Triglia Shag Wilson

Jacksonville Beach Lamar Scruggs

Lutz Stephen Garcia

Madison Tony Straughter

Mary Esther Matt Coffee

Naples Matt Clements

Ocala Antonio Allen Dion LeCorn

Orlando Lemuel Jeanpierre

Palmetto Joe Hills

Tampa Andrew Clifford Jarvis Giles

Geographical Breakdown GEORGIA (15)

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Atlanta Addison Williams

Auburn Chaun Gresham

Austell Terrence Campbell

Buford Steven Singleton

Douglas DeMario Bennett

Fairburn **Rokevious Watkins**

Hiram Quan Earls

Kingsland Josh Dickerson **DeAngelo Smith**

LaGrange Ronald Byrd

Lawrenceville Kenny Miles

Leesburg Ryan Broadhead

Riverdale Ladi Ajiboye

Savannah

Chaz Sutton KENTUCKY (1)

Bowling Green D. L. Moore

MARYLAND (1) **Sparks**

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Nick Allison Charlotte Pierre Andrews Jason Barnes

Durham Weslye Saunders

Garner Chris Culliver Cedrick Snead Hamlet Melvin Ingram

Holly Springs Reginald Bowens

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Winston-Salem Alonzo Winfield

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Beaufort Duane Chisolm Jimmy Legree Devin Taylor

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North Charleston Jarriel King

North Augusta Aramis Hillary

Pageland Justice Cunningham

Rock Hill Stephon Gilmore Tori Gurley DeVonte Holloman **Charles Holmes** Spencer Lanning

Roebuck Charles Turner

St. Matthews Alshon Jeffery

Summerville Reid McCollum

Sumter Kyle Nunn

Williston Dalton Wilson

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The Carolina offense features five returning starters, including three on the offensive line, but head coach Steve Spurrier has several holes to fill, especially at the skill positions. With Coach Spurrier putting more emphasis on improving the running game and only wide receivers coach Steve Spurrier Jr. returning to the coaching staff on the offensive side of the ball, look for the Gamecocks to change up some things offensively. Eric Wolford has been brought in to coordinate the running game and has the task of developing the offensive line. G.A. Mangus (quarterbacks), Jay Graham (running backs) and Jeep Hunter (tight ends) will collaborate with new ideas to jump-start the Gamecock attack that was 96th in the country in scoring a season ago.

2008 Statistics (Rank)

Scoring Offense	20.77 (96)
Rushing Offense	
Passing Offense	
Total Offense	

Quarterback Lettermen Returning

Stephen Garcia

Lettermen Lost Tommy Beecher **Chris Smelley**

Squadmen Returning Zac Brindise Aramis Hillary Reid McCollum

Roster Newcomers Andrew Clifford Willis Mills Seth Strickland

QUARTERBACK

appears the It Gamecocks' fortunes in 2009 will be put in the hands of redshirt sophomore quarterback Stephen Garcia. Δ highly-touted signal-caller when he stepped on the Columbia campus two years ago, Garcia has had his share of ups and downs but is the only quarterback on campus who



has stepped foot in a Division I football arena. Garcia was 1-2 as a starter in 2008 while completing 53.3 percent of his passes for 832 yards with six touchdowns but also threw eight interceptions. He also is the squad's top returning rusher after carrying 70 times for 198 yards and two touchdowns last season. G.A. Mangus, who is well-versed in the Spurrier-driven offense, was brought in to shepherd Garcia's development. Garcia, a strong-armed gunslinger, survived his first spring practice and emerged as the unquestioned starter. He showed better decision-making skills, as witnessed by his 13-for-20, two-touchdown, no-interception performance in the spring game. A pair of redshirt freshmen

in Reid McCollum and Aramis Hillary garnered

plenty of reps in the spring as they fought to establish

themselves as viable alternatives to Garcia and solidify

their standing as the number two quarterback heading

into the fall. McCollum, who has the stronger arm of the

two, clearly won that battle and enters the fall second

on the depth chart. Hillary, who is the better runner of

the two, has struggled at times grasping the offense,

but has a great work ethic and could be a factor down

the road. Sophomore walk-on Zac Brindise, whose

brother, Noah, played for Coach Spurrier at Florida,

showed he has a solid understanding of the offense and

came out of the spring listed third on the depth chart.

Don't be surprised to see freshman sensation Stephon

Gilmore take some snaps at quarterback as well. He

was a standout at the high school level and figures to

be a regular at cornerback this season, but could find himself on the offensive side of the ball on occasion

as Coach Spurrier looks to get his best playmakers on

the field. A pair of walk-on freshmen in Willis Mills

and Seth Strickland joined the team in the spring.

Recruited freshman Andrew Clifford joins the squad

Brian Maddox

Mike Davis Taylor Rank Bobby Wallace

TAILBACK: The Gamecocks will be very young at the tailback position in 2009 after relying on senior running backs Cory Boyd and Mike Davis in the last two seasons. Also gone from last year's squad are Taylor Rank and Bobby Wallace, who both saw limited playing time during their Carolina careers. Coach Spurrier made it a point following the Outback Bowl loss that a concerted effort would be made to improve the running game in 2009. Offensive line coach Eric Wolford has been given the additional duties of Running Game Coordinator. Exactly which running back will be the primary beneficiary of that renewed emphasis is still somewhat uncertain. A quartet of relatively inexperienced backs who have combined for just 84 career carries will compete for playing time in 2009, and all are looking to make a strong impression with new running backs coach Jay Graham. Junior Brian MadFullback Lettermen Returning Patrick DiMarco

Lettermen Lost Yvan Banag Bryan Kingrey

FULLBACK: The fullback position is in the capable hands of junior captain Patrick DiMarco. DiMarco has worked his way into significant playing time over the past two seasons and has the coaches looking at more ways to get him



Squadmen Returning

Roster Newcomers

Dalton Wilson

Matt Coffee

Patrick DiMarco

on the field. Regarded as an excellent blocker, DiMarco has carried the ball just one time in his career, but has caught nine passes out of the backfield for 77 yards and a pair of scores. Redshirt freshman Dalton Wilson moved over to fullback from linebacker in the spring and could help on special teams. Newcomer Matt Coffee, who also played linebacker in high school, figures to get a shot at the backup fullback slot this fall.

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dox emerged from the spring as the probable starter at the position. At 5-11 and 224 pounds, Maddox is a physical back with a good combination of skills. He netted 121 yards on 32 carries a season ago. Coveted recruit Jarvis Giles enrolled at Carolina in January and went through spring drills. Giles has excellent speed and big-play potential, something sorely missing in the Gamecock running game in recent years. He didn't disappoint Gamecock fans with his 12-carry, 114-yard, two-touchdown performance in the Garnet & Black spring game. Sophomore Eric Baker, who went into the spring as the projected starter, showed flashes at times last season and recorded the most rushing yards of the returning running backs with 182 on 46 carries. He also is an excellent receiver out of the backfield, having caught nine passes for 108 yards a year ago, including a 42-yard reception in the Outback Bowl against Iowa. Redshirt freshman Kenny Miles showed an elusiveness on the scout team a year ago and took plenty of reps in his first spring session. He carried a dozen times for 81 yards and a score in the spring game. Incoming freshman Ben Axon is slated to join the squad in the fall.

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Tailback Lettermen Returning

in the fall.

Eric Baker

Lettermen Lost

Squadmen Returning Kenny Miles **Roster Newcomers**

Ben Axon

Jarvis Giles

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Wide Receiver Lettermen Returning Jason Barnes Moe Brown Stephen Flint Joe Hills Dion LeCorn

Lettermen Lost Freddie Brown Kenny McKinley

Scott Spurrier

Squadmen Returning Matt Clements Tori Gurley D.L. Moore

Roster Newcomers DeMario Bennett Charles Holmes Alshon Jeffery

Alshon Jeffery Lamar Scruggs Iley DeAngelo Smith

WIDE RECEIVER: The Gamecocks lost one of the SEC's best receivers and arguably the top receiver in school history in Kenny McKinley. McKinley left Carolina as the career record-holder in nearly all receiving categories, including career receptions and career receiving yardage. As is the case at tailback, the Gamecocks will be very young at wide receiver in 2009. In fact, McKinley caught more passes during his career, a school-record 207, than the entire returning wide receiver corps has combined for (134) in their careers. **Moe Brown** is the only senior scholarship receiver on the roster. Brown has the speed to make the deep catch and showed off his ability with a seven-catch. 130vard performance against Georgia last season, but still needs to gain some consistency. A team leader who is coming off an excellent spring, Brown is the top returning receiver, having caught 30 passes for 391 yards a year ago and has 52 catches in his career. Bigger things are expected from Jason Barnes, a 6-4, 199-pound sophomore. Barnes was a starter last fall and caught 27 passes for 346 yards, including 11 for 164 yards in back-to-back wins at Ole Miss and at Kentucky. Dion LeCorn returned to the offensive side of the ball in the spring after spending the final half of the 2008 campaign playing safety. He showed he was more than capable when he caught 27 passes as a true freshman. He also has scored five touchdowns, the most of any returning player on the squad. He had a good spring until suffering a broken leg on the final play of the Garnet & Black spring game. At 6-4 and 199 pounds, junior Joe Hills certainly looks the part, but needs to gain some consistency catching the ball after notching 11 receptions in 2008. Sophomore Matt Clements has the potential to be a solid contributor but needs to take the next step after seeing limited action last fall. Redshirt freshmen D.L. Moore (6-3, 202) and Tori Gurley (6-5. 227) both worked on the scout team last fall and give the Carolina guarterbacks a couple more big targets to shoot at if they are able to crack into the rotation. Gurley especially showed an ability to go up and catch the ball in the spring. Walk-on Stephen Flint may have the best hands on the team, and worked his way into a role as the holder on special teams. Senior walk-on Scott Spurrier has helped on special teams. A quintet of newcomers will join the squad in the fall, the most heralded of which is Alshon Jeffery, who was the target of a hotly-contested recruiting battle. DeMario Bennett, Charles Holmes, Lamar Scruggs and DeAngelo Smith will also have an opportunity to showcase their skills this fall.

Tight End

Lettermen Returning Weslye Saunders

Lettermen Lost Jared Cook Larry Freeman Alex McGrath Nick Prochak

TIGHT END: The Gamecocks lost one of the best in Jared Cook, a first-team All-SEC performer in 2008 and a thirdround pick in the NFL Draft. Junior Saun-Weslve ders is the only experienced tight end on the squad, but he is a good one. Blessed with good size (6-5, 280) and speed, Saunders could



Squadmen Returning

Roster Newcomers

Justice Cunningham

Foxy Foxworth

Andrew Power

Mike Triglia

Weslye Saunders

Pierre Andrews

Ryan Broadhead

Roster Newcomers

T.J. Johnson

Kevin Young

Nick Allison

Steven Singleton

Rokevious Watkins

be a key part of the Gamecock attack in 2009, as he has shown the ability to catch the ball and is a capable blocker as well. He had three touchdown catches among his 16 receptions in 2008. New coach **Jeep Hunter** has only unproven talent behind Saunders. Walk-on redshirt freshman **Andrew Power** has shown an ability to run block and has worked his way from the scout team to the second team entering the fall. Redshirt freshman **Mike Triglia** is another six-foot, four-inch target, but is a little light at 231 pounds. Junior **Foxy Foxworth** is a hard worker who adds depth to the unit. Incoming freshman **Justice Cunningham** is considered an athletic tight end who catches the ball well.

Offensive Line Lettermen Returning Squadmen Returning

Lettermen Returning Garrett Anderson Heath Batchelor Seaver Brown Terrence Campbell Hutch Eckerson Lemuel Jeanpierre Jarriel King Kyle Nunn Quintin Richardson

Lettermen Lost Jamon Meredith Justin Sorensen

OFFENSIVE LINE: Former Illinois assistant coach **Eric Wolford** has been given the task of shoring up an offensive line that has caught its share of criticism over the past couple of years. Wolford will have to do without two fifth-year starters in **Jamon Meredith**

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and Justin Sorensen, both of whom could be playing professionally this fall - Meredith in the NFL and Sorensen in the Canadian Football League. Competition was keen in the spring as Wolford started with a clean slate and no preconceived notions of starters and reserves. That competition should continue into the fall. While Wolford has the task of sorting through his unit to find the best five, he at least has an older group of players from which to choose. Two of the Gamecocks' seven scholarship seniors, center Garrett Anderson and guard Lemuel Jeanpierre, figure to have their names called when the Gamecocks open at NC State on September 3. Anderson has made 21 starts over the past three seasons, including all 13 starts at center in 2008. He is on the preseason Rimington Watch List. Jeanpierre came to Carolina as a defensive lineman but has two seasons now under his belt at offensive guard. He is the only fifth-year senior on the offensive side of the ball and is coming off a mid-season knee injury but hopes to be back at 100 percent. Junior Jarriel King also figures to be a good bet to get a starting slot at the left tackle position. King joined the Gamecocks in August 2008 and held his own as he made the adjustment from junior college defensive lineman to left tackle in the SEC. At 6-5 and 312 pounds, King is more than capable of protecting the guarterback's blind side and could play his way into being an All-SEC caliber lineman. He has the most upside of any of the offensive linemen. Junior Terrence Campbell was a pleasant surprise last fall, earning nine starts at guard. He is another converted defensive lineman and figures to battle Jeanpierre for the starting left guard slot. Junior Hutch Eckerson has started seven games in his Gamecock career, including five as a true freshman in 2006, and will compete with sophomore Quintin Richardson, a local product from Columbia's Spring Valley High School, and sophomore **Kyle Nunn**, for the starting spot at right tackle. Junior Seaver Brown, who started six games in 2007, and sophomore Ryan Broadhead will push Anderson at center and could also slide over to play guard, where they would face competition from iuniors Pierre Andrews and Kevin Young. Redshirt freshman T.J. Johnson had an excellent spring and vaulted himself into a projected starting slot at right guard. Former starter Heath Batchelor was not enrolled in the spring, but returned to the squad over the summer and could be a factor as well. A pair of junior college transfers, guard Steven Singleton and tackle Rokevious Watkins, add immediate depth. If they are able to pick up the nuances of Wolford's system quickly, they could play a big role this fall as well. Incoming



freshman Nick Allison rounds out the roster.

INTRODUCTION

Ellis Johnson, who oversees the Gamecock defense, made such an immediate impact in 2008 that he was rewarded with a contract extension midway through his first season in Columbia. The Winnsboro, S.C., native figures to have the Gamecock defense clicking on all cylinders again in 2009, especially with the addition of Lorenzo Ward to his staff. Johnson felt so strongly about adding Ward as his top lieutenant that he gave him the defensive coordinator title, although Johnson will still be in charge of the defense and coach the linebackers. Veteran defensive line coach Brad Lawing returns for his 14th season in Columbia, while Shane Beamer will handle the Spurs and strong safeties in addition to his duties as special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator. Johnson returns six starters from a squad that ranked 13th in the nation last season in total defense after allowing less than 300 yards per game, but lost some standouts, including safety Emanuel Cook and cornerback Captain Munnerlyn, who both declared for the NFL Draft despite having one season of eligibility remaining. Linebacker Jasper Brinkley and defensive back Stoney Woodson were also selected in the NFL Draft. The defense will be led by All-SEC performer Eric Norwood, who eschewed the overtures of the NFL to return for his senior campaign and a chance to earn All-America honors in his final season in the Garnet & Black.

2008 Statistics (Rank) Scoring Defense 21.08 (31) Rushing Defense 132.69 (43) Passing Defense 159.23 (2) Total Defense 291.92 (13)

complete understanding of the game. Ajiboye missed all of the spring, and his return to the active roster is a huge bonus to the squad in 2009. He has been the Gamecocks' top interior lineman each of the past two seasons. Junior Travian Robertson, who started his first game in the Gamet & Black, is also in his third season in the program and rotates in the middle with Pepper and Ajiboye. Sophomore Melvin Ingram, who missed all of last season with a broken foot, has put on about 20 pounds and looks to find a home in the middle of the line after spending the 2007 season at linebacker. Sophomore Byron McKnight returns to defensive end after getting a look at tight end in the spring. Redshirt freshman Kenny Davis hopes to make an impression and work his way into the rotation in the middle of the line, as does Devin Taylor at defensive end. Newcomer Chaz Sutton got a jump on the other freshmen defensive end prospects by going through spring drills. Walk-on Darantzy Brunson adds veteran depth. A quartet of newcomers were signed in the spring and are slated to join the squad this fall. The foursome includes Ronald Byrd, Duane Chisolm, Aldrick Fordham and Leon Mackey.

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young group and will give the Gamecocks an experienced starting tandem. Sophomore **Shaq Wilson** got his feet wet as a true freshman in 2008 and proved to be a consistent performer. Senior **Gerrod Sinclair** also has been



Rodney Paulk

a consistent performer and has the ability to play all the linebacker positions. Junior college transfers **Josh Dickerson** and **Tony Straughter** enrolled in January. Dickerson made great strides in the spring and was having an excellent Garnet & Black spring game until suffering a shoulder injury that required surgery. Straughter is considered the best "natural" linebacker of the group and showed the ability to shed blocks and get to the football. **John Guerry** is a veteran walk-on, and will be joined by walk-on **Darrien Davis** to provide depth. **Chaun Gresham** and **Quin Smith** signed national letters of intent in February and will join the squad this fall.

Gamecock Defense

Defensive Line Lettermen Returning

Ladi Ajiboye Clifton Geathers Melvin Ingram Cliff Matthews Nathan Pepper Travian Robertson

Lettermen Lost Marque Hall Jordin Lindsey Jonathan Williams Squadmen Returning Darantzy Brunson Kenny Davis Byron McKnight Devin Taylor Roster Newcomers

Ronald Byrd Duane Chisolm Aldrick Fordham Leon Mackey Chaz Sutton

DEFENSIVE LINE: The defensive line figures to be one of the strengths of this year's squad. Defensive end **Jordin Lindsey**, who had the knack for making the big play, moves on, but everyone else is back. Veteran Carolina assistant coach **Brad Lawing** has two junior defensive ends in **Cliff Matthews** and **Clifton Geathers**, who may be as good as any twosome in the league. Matthews plays with a constant motor, while no one can question the pedigree of Geathers. The middle of the line will be anchored by fifth-year senior **Nathan Pepper** and junior **Ladi Ajiboye**, who may be the unit's best all-around performer. Getting Pepper back last season after missing much of the 2007 campaign with a knee injury was a key to the significant improvement in stopping the run. He is technically sound and has a

Linebacker Lettermen Returning Eric Norwood

Rodney Paulk Gerrod Sinclair Shaq Wilson

Lettermen Lost Jasper Brinkley Dustin Lindsey Marvin Sapp

Squadmen Returning Darrien Davis John Guerry

Roster Newcomers Josh Dickerson Chaun Gresham Quin Smith Tony Straughter

Cornerback Lettermen Returning

Akeem Auguste C.C. Whitlock Addison Williams

Lettermen Lost Captain Munnerlyn Mike Newton Carlos Thomas Stoney Woodson **Squadmen Returning** Brandan Davis Cedrick Snead Jay Spearman

Roster Newcomers Stephon Gilmore Jimmy Legree

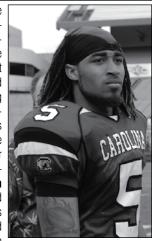
CORNERBACK: The Gamecocks may have their biggest holes to fill at cornerback, where **Captain Munnerlyn, Carlos Thomas** and **Stoney Woodson** combined for 74 starts during their careers. Munnerlyn and Woodson were late-round NFL draft selections, while Thomas earned an invitation to an NFL camp as well. The Gamecocks finished fourth (2007) and second (2008) in the nation in the last two years in pass defense, so this year's group has the bar set high to reach that same level under new coach **Lorenzo Ward**. Ward will have to do it with a bunch of youngsters, as there are no seniors and only one junior listed on the preseason depth chart at the cornerback posts. The expected hotlycontested competition for the starting spots never materialized in the spring. Sophomore **Akeem Auguste**

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LINEBACKER: The Gamecocks will miss the run-stopping ability of all-league performer **Jasper Brinkley** and the consistent play of underrated **Marvin Sapp**, but should still be solid at the linebacker position this fall. All-America candidate **Eric Norwood** considered taking his chances in the NFL, but he elected to return for his senior season. He is the SEC's active leader in both sacks and tackles for loss, is a two-time first-team all-league selection and should be on everyone's preseason "watch" list. Coach Johnson considers him the key to the defense and the most versatile player he has had the privilege to coach. Junior **Rodney Paulk**, who has started 22 games in his Carolina career, returns for his junior campaign after getting a redshirt season in 2008 following a knee injury. He brings maturity to a

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returned to the cornerback position after spending much of the 2008 season at safety and nailed down one starting spot. He has excellent ball skills and figures to be solid at one corner position. Freshman Stephon **Gilmore** impressed everyone with his physical tools and quickly moved up the depth chart,



Stephon Gilmore

establishing himself as the likely starter opposite Auauste. One of the more highly-touted student-athletes to step foot on the Carolina campus in recent memory, the multi-talented Gilmore could also get a look at quarterback in spot duty. Junior Addison Williams has the most experience of the returning group. He is a smart player who understands his physical limitations. Talented sophomore C.C. Whitlock went through last spring as a wide receiver before making the transition to the defensive side of the ball midway through the fall. Personal issues kept him off the practice field this spring, so he has some catching up to do if he is to make an impact this fall. Redshirt freshman Jay Spearman sat out all last season with an injured shoulder and was just starting to work his way back in when he injured his other shoulder in the spring. Walk-on Brandan Davis was forced to make the transition from wide receiver to cornerback in the spring due to the lack of depth and showed a lot of promise. He could see the playing field this fall. Sophomore walk-on Cedrick Snead adds depth. Freshman Jimmy Legree will join the squad in the fall and could figure into the mix quickly.

Safety

Lettermen Returning Chris Culliver Darian Stewart Alonzo Winfield Squadmen Returning

Antonio Allen

Blake Baxley

Jarrett Burns

Quan Earls

Corey Addison

Damario Jeffery

D.J. Swearinger

CAROLINA

Chris Payne

DeVonte Holloman

Reginald Bowens

Roster Newcomers

Lettermen Lost Emanuel Cook Chris Hail

SAFETY: The Gamecocks lost a good one in allleague selection Emanuel Cook, who declared early for the NFL Draft, but still have some excellent talent at the free safety and strong safety positions. The Spur role, a hybrid linebacker/safety position, will most likely go to a more unproven player. Junior free safety

likely go to a more unproven player. Junior free safety **Darian Stewart Chris Culliver** heads the unit and could be an all-SEC caliber performer this season after recording 60 tackles and three interceptions last fall in his first season on the defensive side of the ball. **Darian Stewart**, who played the Spur position last fall, most likely slides over to the strong safety slot this fall. The hard-hitting senior was one of the unsung heroes last year, recording 64 tack2009 Carolina Football

les, including 9.0 tackles for loss and a team-leading eight pass breakups. Sophomore Alonzo Winfield, the only other returning letterwinner at safety, gets the first shot at taking over at the Spur in 2009. Winfield has excellent speed and gained some experience last fall. However, if he struggles, look for Stewart to move back to the Spur position with true freshman **DeVonte Hol**loman getting the nod at strong safety. Holloman enrolled in January and was impressive in the spring. He brings a long list of high school accolades to Columbia. Sophomore Antonio Allen hopes to have made the adjustment to the collegiate level and will compete with redshirt freshman Jarrett Burns for playing time behind Culliver at free safety. Allen has great range while Burns made strides in the spring. Redshirt freshman **Reginald Bowens** is talented, but is still trying to find his best position. He spent time at Spur in the spring but eventually could move to an inside linebacker position. Strong safety Blake Baxley earned a letter last fall for his work on special teams. Quan Earls is a walk-on who is trying to come back after sitting out the spring following knee surgery. A quartet of newcomers will join the roster in the fall. That group includes a pair of local products in Columbia High's Chris Payne and Damario Jeffery. Payne spent the summer with the USA Football Junior National Team. Corey Addison and D.J. Swearinger round out the foursome.





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The Gamecocks showed some improvement in the special teams department last fall under the direction of **Ray Rychleski**. Rychleski took his ideas to the NFL, but **Shane Beamer** is a more than adequate replacement and will be assisted by **Jay Graham** and **Johnson "Jeep" Hunter**. Gone is three-year placekicker **Ryan Succop**, who also handled the kickoffs, but the other two parts of the placement team, holder **Stephen Flint** and snapper **Charles Turner**, return, as does punter **Spencer Lanning**.

2008 Statistics	(Rank)
Kickoff Returns	
Punt Returns	
Net Punting	

Special Teams

Lettermen Returning Spencer Lanning (P/K) Charles Turner (DS)

Lettermen Lost Ryan Succop (K)

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Squadmen Returning Eric Davis (P) Matthew Grooms (DS) Walker Inabinet (DS) Chris Vaughn (DS)

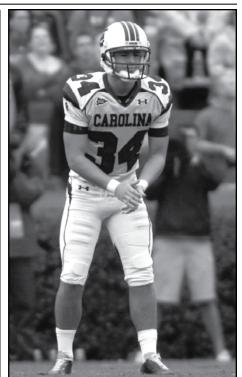
Roster Newcomers Joey Scribner-Howard (K) Ryan Stonaker (P/K) Adam Yates (K)

PLACEKICKER: The Gamecocks lost one of the nation's best in Ryan Succop. Although Succop struggled at times in his senior season, in part due to an injury, he was certainly a threat every time the Gamecocks crossed the midfield stripe. He became a nationallyacclaimed athlete when he was tabbed "Mr. Irrelevant" as the final pick in the 2009 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs. Junior Spencer Lanning is the odds-on favorite to take over the placekicking chores, but that competition may not be decided until the fall. Adam Yates was the number two placekicker in spring camp and drew some rave reviews from Rychleski last fall. While both Lanning and Yates had some moments in the spring, neither one was able to secure the position and will battle it out again this fall. Lanning handled the punting duties last season and figures to do that as well in 2009. If Lanning does both, the Gamecock coaches would like to find another kicker to handle the kickoff chores, an area in which the strong-legged Succop excelled. Should it fall that way, Yates is a possibility to handle the kickoff duties. Joey Scribner-Howard ioined the squad in the spring after transferring from Carson-Newman. He will have to sit out the 2009 season per the transfer rules, but could be a factor looking ahead to 2010. Freshman Ryan Stonaker joined the team as a walk-on in the spring.

PUNTER: Spencer Lanning handled the punting chores as a sophomore in 2008 and could be a candidate for all-league honors this fall. He averaged 42.1 yards per punt in his first season handling those duties, ranking in a tie for fifth in the SEC, but three of the conference's top four punters were seniors. Redshirt freshman **Eric Davis** figures to provide depth.

SHORT/DEEP SNAPS: Junior **Charles Turner** returns for his third season handling both the short and deep snaps on placement and punting situations, respectively. At 6-4 and 229 pounds, Turner is not afraid to run downfield and get involved in tackles following punts, as he notched three tackles and recovered a fumble in 2008. Redshirt freshman **Walker Inabinet** is next in line following Turner, with **Chris Vaughn** and **Matt Grooms** adding depth.

HOLDS: Sophomore wide receiver **Stephen Flint** took over as the holder on placements for **Ryan Suc-cop** in 2008 and was flawless in his performance. He is capably backed up by another wide receiver in senior **Scott Spurrier**.



Spencer Lanning

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KICK RETURNER: Junior **Chris Culliver** has handled the kickoff return duties in each of the past two seasons, logging over 1,600 yards in the process and is just 300 yards away from becoming the school's all-time leader in that category. He was fourth in the SEC last season, averaging 24.1 yards per return. He figures to handle those chores again in 2009, but a host of candidates could emerge as replacements should Culliver need a break from the action.

PUNT RETURNER: The Gamecocks will be looking for someone to fill the important task as the team's punt returner after **Captain Munnerlyn** did the bulk of the work last season. **Akeem Auguste** figures to get the first shot at those duties. **Dion LeCorn** also got a long look in the spring, but after breaking his leg late in the spring game, his status for punt return duty this fall is uncertain. As is the case with kick returns, several candidates could emerge early in the fall camp.

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A LITTLE HISTORY: The 2009 campaign marks the 116th season of college football at South Carolina, dating back to 1892. The University did not field a team in either 1893 or 1906. This will mark the 103rd-consecutive year in which Carolina has fielded a football squad. South Carolina owns an all-time record of 527-530-44. The school's only league title came in 1969 when it went 6-0 to win the ACC crown.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: The 2009 season celebrates three anniversaries in Gamecock Football. It is the 75th anniversary of the construction of Carolina Stadium, now known as Williams-Brice Stadium. The first game was played at Carolina Stadium on October 6, 1934, with the Gamecocks defeating VMI by a 22-6 margin. This also marks the 40th anniversary of the Gamecocks' lone conference title, as South Carolina captured the 1969 Atlantic Coast Conference championship with a perfect 6-0 record under head coach Paul Dietzel. In addition, it is the 25th anniversary of the winningest team in Carolina history, the 1984 "Black Magic" squad that went 10-2 under Joe Morrison.

THEY'RE BACK: The Gamecocks invited 40 letterwinners back to begin the 2009 fall session. The 40 lettermen consist of 20 offensive players, 18 defensive players and two specialists. A complete list of the returning letterwinners can be found on page 7.

SQUAD BREAKDOWN: The Gamecocks have 105 players listed on their roster as of June 1. The squad breakdown includes nine seniors, 31 juniors, 20 sophomores, 19 redshirt freshmen and 26 true freshmen.

FOR STARTERS: The Gamecocks officially return 12 starters from the 2008 squad (five on offense, six on defense and one specialist). The returning offensive starters are OC Garrett Anderson, WR Jason Barnes, OG Terrence Campbell, FB Patrick DiMarco and OT Jarriel King. The returning defensive starters include DT Ladi Ajiboye, FS Chris Culliver, DE Cliff Matthews, LB Eric Norwood, DT Nathan Pepper and S Darian Stewart. Junior Spencer Lanning is the returning punter.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: The Gamecocks said good-bye to 28 lettermen, including 12 starters, six on offense, five on defense and one on special teams. The departing starters include: (Offense): TE Jared Cook, TB Mike Davis, WR Kenny McKinley, OG Jamon Meredith, QB Chris Smelley and OT Justin Sorensen. (Defense): LB Jasper Brinkley. SS Emanuel Cook, DE Jordin Lindsey, CB Captain Munnerlyn and CB Stoney Woodson. (Special Teams): PK Ryan Succop.

RECAPPING 2008: South Carolina finished the 2008 season with a 7-6 record, including a 4-4 record in SEC play, tying for third in the Eastern Division. After dropping two of their first three games, the Gamecocks put together a four-game winning streak and won six of seven games during the middle portion of the slate, then dropped their final three contests, including a loss at eventual national champion Florida.

GOING BOWLING: The Gamecocks played on New Year's Day or later for just the fifth time in school history and for the first time since the 2001 season, as they were invited to the Outback Bowl in Tampa on January 1 to face the Iowa Hawkeyes out of the Big Ten. It marked the fifth-straight year in which the Gamecocks have been bowl-eligible, the longest streak in the modern era. The Hawkeyes came away with a 31-10 win over the Gamecocks, sending Carolina to its 10th loss in 14 bowl game appearances.

UNDER SPURRIER: Head coach Steve Spurrier is 28-22 in his four seasons in Columbia. He tied the school record for wins (7) in his first season at the helm; tied for the most wins (15) in his first two seasons of any Carolina head coach; recorded the most wins (21) by a Carolina head coach in his first three seasons; and surpassed Warren Giese (25 wins from 1956-59) for the most wins by a coach in his first four seasons on the Carolina sidelines. He has logged a .500 or better record in four straight seasons, the first coach to do that at Carolina since the final four years of the Jim Carlen Era (1978-81). Coach Spurrier is the first coach in Carolina history to take his team to three bowl games in his first four seasons on the sidelines. He also has matched Jim Carlen and Joe Morrison for the most bowl appearances (3) as a Carolina head coach.

WINNING MORE OFTEN: The Gamecocks have put together five straight seasons of .500 or better ball for just the second time in school history. The last time Carolina had that many consecutive non-losing seasons was when it had a school-record seven straight non-losing seasons from 1928-34.

TWENTY-EIGHT WINS IN FOUR YEARS: The Gamecocks have won 28 games over the past four seasons (7-5, 8-5, 6-6, 7-6), matching the school record for wins over a four-year period. They also won 28 games from 1987-1990 under the direction of Joe Morrison (8-4, 8-4) and Sparky Woods (6-4-1, 6-5).

COMING IN EARLY: The Gamecocks welcomed in three scholarship players who graduated from high school in December and went through spring drills for the first time in 2009 in Jarvis Giles, Stephon Gilmore and DeVonte Holloman. Over the past four seasons, the Gamecocks have had nine players arrive on campus earlier than the norm. Clark Gaston did so in 2006, while Stephen Garcia and Travian Robertson arrived in January of 2007. Jay Spearman, C.C. Whitlock and Shaq Wilson all went through spring drills in 2008 after graduating from high school in the previous December.

NEW COACHES IN TOWN: Several changes have been made to the coaching staff since last season. Gone are offensive line coach John Hunt, safeties coach Ron Cooper, running backs coach Robert Gillespie, quarterbacks coach/recruiting coordinator David Reaves, tight ends coach/special teams coordinator Ray Rychleski and strength & conditioning coach Mark Smith. New are Jay Graham (running backs/assistant special teams coordinator), Johnson

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Final 2008 Rankings Associated Press

1.	Florida (48)	13-1	1,606
2.	Utah (16)	13-0	1,519
3.	Southern California (1)	12-1	1,481
4.	Texas	12-1	1,478
5.	Oklahoma	12-2	1,391
6.	Alabama	12-2	1,264
7.	TCU	11-2	1,193
8.	Penn State	11-2	1,153
9.	Ohio State	10-3	1,013
10.	Oregon	10-3	997
11.	Boise State	12-1	938
12.	Texas Tech	11-2	916
13.	Georgia	10-3	903
14.	Mississippi	9-4	857
15.	Virginia Tech	10-4	713
16.	Oklahoma State	9-4	534
17.	Cincinnati	11-3	506
18.	Oregon State	9-4	467
19.	Missouri	10-4	435
20.	Iowa	9-4	317
21.	Florida State	9-4	246
22.	Georgia Tech	9-4	223
23.	West Virginia	9-4	144
24.	Michigan State	9-4	138
25.	BYU	10-3	137

USA Today/Coaches

1.	Florida (60)	13-1	1,524
2.	Southern California	12-1	1,393
3.	Texas	12-1	1,389
4.	Utah (1)	13-0	1,375
5.	Oklahoma	12-2	1,333
6.	Alabama	12-2	1,157
7.	TCU	11-2	1,114
8.	Penn State	11-2	1,091
9.	Oregon	10-3	1,011
10.	Georgia	10-3	904
11.	Ohio State	10-3	874
12.	Texas Tech	11-2	867
13.	Boise State	12-1	809
14.	Virginia Tech	10-4	740
15.	Mississippi	9-4	620
16.	Missouri	10-4	549
17.	Cincinnati	11-3	493
18.	Oklahoma State	9-4	480
19.	Oregon State	9-4	407
20.	Iowa	9-4	250
21.	BYU	10-3	248
22.	Georgia Tech	9-4	219
23.	Florida State	9-4	217
24.	Michigan State	9-4	179
25.	California	9-4	116

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Returning Players Starting Assignments					
Player	'05	'06	'07	'08	ALL

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Nathan Pepper	0	12	3	11	26
Eric Norwood	-	0	12	13	25
Darian Stewart	-	0	10	13	23
Ladi Ajiboye	-	-	10	12	22
Cliff Matthews	-	-	9	13	22
Rodney Paulk	-	10	12	RS	22
Garrett Anderson	-	4	4	13	21
Chris Culliver	-	-	1	12	13
Lemuel Jeanpierre	RS	1	5	5	11
Jarriel King	-	-	-	11	11
Jason Barnes	-	-	1	9	10
Moe Brown	-	1	4	5	10
Terrence Campbell	-	RS	0	9	9
Dion LeCorn	-	-	6	3	9
Hutch Eckerson	-	5	RS	2	7
Heath Batchelor	-	RS	3	3	6
Seaver Brown	-	RS	6	0	6
Patrick DiMarco	-	-	0	5	5
Stephen Garcia	-	-	RS	3	3
Joe Hills	-	-	0	3	3
Weslye Saunders	-	-	0	3	3
Addison Williams	-	-	1	1	2
Clifton Geathers	-	-	0	1	1
Brian Maddox	-	-	0	1	1
Travian Robertson	-	-	1	0	1

Did You Know...

Fifth-year defensive tackle **Nathan Pepper** has an opportunity to do something no other Gamecock in the history of the program has done – compete in four bowl games. Pepper was a true freshman reserve defensive lineman who saw action in the 2005 Independence Bowl loss to Missouri. He was the starter for most of the season in 2006, and played but did not start in the Liberty Bowl win over Houston. After a knee injury, he was granted a medical redshirt in the 2007 season, as Carolina was shut out of a bowl game despite being bowl-eligible. In 2008, Pepper was a starting defensive tackle in the loss to lowa in the Outback Bowl.



"Jeep" Hunter (tight ends/assistant special teams coordinator), **G. A. Mangus** (quarterbacks), **Lorenzo Ward** (defensive coordinator/cornerbacks & free safeties), **Eric Wolford** (running game coordinator /offensive line coach) and **Craig Fitzgerald** (strength & conditioning coach).

COACHING RESPONSIBILITY CHANGES: Shane **Beamer** is the special teams coordinator, recruiting coordinator and will work with the Spurs and strong safeties after being the cornerbacks coach a year ago. **Ellis Johnson** gave up the title of defensive coordinator, but is still the assistant head coach in charge of the defense and retains the titles of assistant head coach and linebackers coach. **Steve Spurrier Jr.** has added the title of passing game coordinator to his duties as the wide receivers coach.

RECRUITING SUCCESS: The Gamecocks are coming off another successful February signing day. They signed 29 players to National Letters of Intent, including four junior college players. The class was ranked 12th in the country by both *Rivals.com* and by *Scout. com.* It's the second time in three years that Carolina has notched a top-15 class, according to the experts. 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: 12th/12th

PLAYER TO BE NAMED LATER: One name that is new on the roster this year but is familiar to those who follow the Gamecocks closely is **Tori Gurley**. Gurley is a redshirt freshman wide receiver from Rock Hill, S.C., who was listed under the name Tori Childers last fall. Gurley changed his surname to honor his late father, Norris Gurley, who died at the age of 42 in a car accident in 2008.

SENIOR SALUTE: The Gamecocks have just nine players on their roster who are seniors, and of those, only seven are scholarship athletes. Of the scholarship players, Lemuel Jeanpierre, Nathan Pepper and Gerrod Sinclair are fifth-year seniors, while Garrett Anderson, Moe Brown, Eric Norwood and Darian Stewart are fourth-year seniors. John Guerry and Scott Spurrier are the senior walk-ons.

GARNET & BLACK SPRING GAME: The Garnet defeated the Black by a 30-14 score in the annual spring game held on April 11, 2009. An estimated crowd of 25,157 was on hand in Columbia. Freshman **Jarvis Giles** was the offensive star, rushing 12 times for 114 yards, including a pair of scores. Freshman back **Kenny Miles** added 81 yards and a score on 12 carries. Redshirt sophomore quarterback **Stephen Garcia** finished the afternoon by completing 13-of-20 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns. **Reginald Bowens** was the top tackler with eight stops, including a sack. The spirit of the game was dampened when wide receiver **Dion LeCorn** fractured his leg on the final play of the game, a Giles 14-yard touchdown run.

SPRING GAI	ME AWARDS:	The follow	ing players
were recognize	d for their achie	evements at	halftime of
the spring gam	e:		

the spring game:
Patrick DiMarco Steve Sisk Outstanding Blocker
Patrick DiMarco Ernest A. Brooks Memorial
(MVP of Carolina/Clemson game)
Moe Brown
Cliff Matthews Weight Room Effort Award (Defense)
Brian Maddox Everyday Effort Award (Offense)
Rodney Paulk Everyday Effort Award (Defense)
T.J. Johnson Most Improved Offensive Lineman
Stephon Gilmore Most Improved Defensive Back
Travian Robertson Most Improved Defensive Lineman
Tori Gurley Most Improved Wide Receiver
Spencer Lanning
Dalton Wilson Outstanding Walk-on Offense
Cedrick Snead Outstanding Walk-on Defense
Kenny MilesHarold White GPA Award (Offense)
Addison Williams Harold White GPA Award (Defense)
Scott Spurrier Harold White GPA Award
(Special Teams)
Eric Norwood Harris Pastides Scholar-Athlete
Moe Brown Joe Morrison Award
(Top Offensive Player of the Spring)
Cliff Matthews Joe Morrison Award (Defense)
(Top Defensive Player of the Spring)
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ABOUT THE 2009 SCHEDULE: On paper, the Gamecocks would appear to have another one of the toughest schedules in the country in 2009. The season gets started with a Thursday night contest at NC State on September 3. It will mark the fourth time in Coach Spurrier's five years that Carolina will open on a Thursday. The Gamecocks will try to win at Georgia for the second-straight time when they travel to Athens on September 12. The 2009 home opener is set for September 19 when Florida Atlantic comes to Columbia. ESPN will be at Williams-Brice Stadium for another Thursday night contest when the Gamecocks host Ole Miss on September 24. South Carolina State will make its second trip ever to Columbia on October 3. The first of six straight conference games and the final game of a four-game homestand will see Kentucky visit Carolina on October 10. Coach Spurrier has never lost in 16 career meetings with Big Blue. On October 17, the Gamecocks will travel to Tuscaloosa to face Alabama for the first time since the 2005 season. Carolina will look to end a two-game skid to Vanderbilt when the Commodores visit Columbia on October 24. Back-to-back SEC road trips have Carolina traveling to Tennessee on October 31 and to Arkansas on November 7. The conference season comes to an end on November 14 when the defending national champion Florida Gators come to Williams-Brice Stadium. The final game of the regular season has the Clemson Tigers coming to Columbia for the annual Palmetto State showdown on Nov. 28.

TOUGH HOME SLATE: The Gamecocks will have a very good season if they can hold serve by winning all of their home games in 2009. The seven-game home schedule features six games against teams that went to bowl games in 2008 (with five of those teams posting bowl wins) and another squad that went to the FCS playoffs.

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TOUGHEST IN THE LAND: The 2009 Gamecock schedule is rated the nation's toughest, according to *Phil Steele's 2009 College Football Preview* magazine. Carolina is followed by Florida State, Oklahoma, Mississippi State and Minnesota in the top 5. South Carolina had the fifth-toughest schedule in 2008, according to Steele, ranking behind Washington, Arkansas, Virginia and Georgia.

ROTATING ON AND OFF: With the rotating schedule of SEC West opponents, the Gamecocks drop LSU from their slate and pick up Alabama for the next two seasons. The Gamecocks will play in Tuscaloosa on October 17. Ole Miss will remain on the schedule for the 2009 season before rotating off in 2010.

THURSDAY NIGHT SPECIALS: For the fifth-straight season, the Gamecocks will play a Thursday night contest on ESPN in 2009. Actually, they will play two. They open in Raleigh against NC State on Thursday. September 3, then host Ole Miss on Thursday, September 24. Carolina opened its 2005 season on a Thursday night with a win against Central Florida. In 2006, the Gamecocks opened the season at Mississippi State on a Thursday and came away with a 15-0 win. They also lost a mid-season Thursday night contest at home to Auburn. In 2007, they defeated eighth-ranked Kentucky at home on a Thursday night. In 2008, they played the first two games of the season on Thursdays - defeating NC State before falling at Vanderbilt. They are 4-2 over the past four years in Thursday night specials, including a 3-1 record at home and a 1-1 record on the road.

SIZE MATTERS: The Gamecocks come in all shapes and sizes. The tallest player on the roster is defensive end Clifton Geathers, who checks in at 6-8 this spring. He is followed closely by his backup, Devin Taylor, at 6-7. The shortest players are walk-ons Cedrick Snead and Scott Spurrier, both listed at 5-6. The Gamecocks have six players that tip the scale at 300 pounds or better, including five offensive linemen. **Jarriel King** is the heaviest player on the team at 312 pounds. Kevin Young (310), Heath Batchelor (308), Garrett Anderson (307), Seaver Brown (303) and Nathan Pepper (300) round out the 300-pounders. Scott Spurrier (160) and C.C. Whitlock (173) are the only returning players listed under 175 pounds. Newcomers Jimmy Legree (170), Chris Payne (173) and **DeAngelo Smith** (170) are all listed under 175.

2008 POSTSEASON HONORS: Junior linebacker **Eric Norwood** was selected as a first-team all-conference performer in 2008 by both the *Associated Press* and by the SEC's 12 coaches. He was joined on the coaches' first team by junior tight end **Jared Cook**. Cook was a second-team selection by the AP. Junior strong safety **Emanuel Cook** was a second-team selection by both the writers and the coaches. He was joined on the coaches' second-team squad by senior linebacker **Jasper Brinkley**. Senior wide receiver **Kenny McKinley** and senior placekicker **Ryan Succop** both earned honorable mention by the AP. *IN THE CLASSROOM:* The Gamecocks had 24 players named to the 2008 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Included were Pierre Andrews, Yvan Banag, Tommy Beecher, Ryan Broadhead, Patrick Di-Marco, Stephen Flint, Foxy Foxworth, Marque Hall, Lemuel Jeanpierre, Alex McGrath, Jamon Meredith, Travian Robertson, Hardee Sanders, Chris Smelley, Cedrick Snead, Justin Sorensen, Nate Spurrier, Scott Spurrier, Ryan Succop, Charles Turner, Chris Vaughn, Addison Williams, Stoney Woodson and Greg Wright.

CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN: The Gamecocks will be without the services of **Captain Munnerlyn**, who elected to leave early for the NFL, but they will replace him with four captains. For the first time in the Spurrier Era, the Gamecocks have named team captains entering the season. Those who have been tabbed with the leadership responsibilities are senior wide receiver **Moe Brown**, junior fullback **Patrick DiMarco**, junior defensive end **Cliff Matthews** and senior linebacker **Eric Norwood**.

THEY PAY TO SEE THE GAMECOCKS PLAY: The Gamecocks ranked 17th in the nation in home attendance during the 2008 campaign, as an average of 80,529 per game saw the Gamecocks play at Williams-Brice Stadium, or slightly more than the listed 80,250 seating capacity. Seven of the top 20 average game attendances in 2008 were recorded by SEC schools.

COMPARING THE YEARS: Here's a look at how the Carolina Gamecocks have fared statistically in the first four years of the Steve Spurrier Era in Columbia:

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Record	7-5	8-5	6-6	7-6
Scoring Offense	284	346	313	270
Points Per Game	23.7	26.2	26.1	20.8
First Downs	206	270	255	241
Rushing Attempts	365	414	382	417
Rushing Yards	1142	1876	1707	1223
Rushing Avg./Game	95.2	144.3	113.7	94.1
Pass Attempts	355	389	443	452
Pass Completions	213	243	258	249
Passes Had Intercepted	12	13	17	27
Passing Yards	2649	3259	3098	2892
Passing Avg./Game	220.8	250.7	258.2	222.5
Total Plays	720	803	825	869
Total Yards	3791	5135	4462	4115
Avg. Yards/Game	315.9	395.0	371.8	316.5
Scoring Defense	279	243	282	274
Points Per Game	23.2		23.5	21.1
First Downs Allowed	237	231		- · ·
Opp. Rushing Attempts	508	469	518	476
Opp. Rushing Yards	2091	1909	2828	1725
Opp. Rushing Avg./Gm.	174.2	146.8	209.2	132.7
Opp. Pass Attempts	365	313	358	328
Opp. Pass Completions	204	170	199	189
Pass Interceptions	12	14	14	14
Opp. Passing Yards	2238	2470	2025	2070
Opp. Passing Avg./Gm.	186.5	190.0	168.8	159.2
Opp. Total Plays	873	782	876	804
Opp. Total Yards	4329	4379	4536	3795
Opp. Avg. Yards/Game	360.8	336.8	378.0	291.9

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Carolina Trends

Overall Home Road Neutral Grass Turf	2008 7-6 5-2 2-3 0-1 6-6 1-0	10-9 1-2
Leading After 1st Quarter Tied After 1st Quarter Trailing After 1st Quarter	3-1 3-1 1-4	17-5 8-3 3-14
Leading At Halftime Tied at Halftime Trailing at Halftime	5-3 0-0 2-3	20-6 2-1 6-15
Leading After 3rd Quarter Tied After 3rd Quarter Trailing After 3rd Quarter	6-0 0-1 1-5	25-2 1-3 2-17
When Scoring First When Opponent Scores First	5-1 : 2-5	21-6 7-16
Largest Halftime Lead Largest Halftime Deficit	21 25	22 31
Score 20 or more Points Score 30 or more Points Opponents Score 20 or less Games Decided by 3 or less Games Decided by 10 or less	7-0 3-0 5-1 0-0 s 3-3	
Rush for 100 Yards or more Rush for 150 Yards or more Pass for 200 Yards or more Pass for 300 Yards or more Total 400 Yards or more	5-0 3-0 4-5 1-0 1-0	16-18 4-3
Opp. Rush less than 100 yar Opp. Pass less than 200 yar Opp. Total less than 300 yar	ds 5-6	
Commit More Turnovers Commit Fewer Turnovers Commit Equal Turnovers	2-6 3-0 2-0	12-2
Lead in Time of Possession Trail in Time of Possession	6-0 1-6	

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EARLY LOOK AT 2010: The Gamecocks have three non-league games scheduled at Williams-Brice Stadium in 2010, hosting Troy on September 4, North Carolina on September 18 and Furman on October 2. They also will travel to Clemson in non-league action.

NORWOOD CLIMBS THE CHARTS: Senior linebacker **Eric Norwood** is the Gamecocks' all-time leader in career tackles for loss with 43.0 and is third on the all-time list in career sacks with 22.0. Here are Carolina's top 10 in those categories:

TACKLES FOR LOSS

IAG	KLES FUR LUSS	
1.	Eric Norwood (2006-08)	43.0
2.	Andrew Provence (1980-82)	35.0
3.	Frank Wright (1981-84)	32.0
4.	Cecil Caldwell (1997-2000)	31.0
5.	Rickey Hagood (1980-82)	30.0
6.	Roy Hart (1983-84, 85-86)	29.0
7.	Rashad Faison (1999-2002)	27.5
8.	Kenneth Robinson (1982-83, 85-86)	27.0
9.	Glenn Woodley (1983-84)	25.0
10.	Fitzgerald Davis (1983-86)	24.5
SAC	KS	
1.	Andrew Provence (1980-82)	26.0
2.	John Abraham (1996-99)	23.5
З.	Eric Norwood (2006-08)	22.0
4.	Cecil Caldwell (1997-00)	15.5
5.	Stacy Evans (1993-94)	15.0
	Kalimba Edwards (1998-01)	15.0
	George Gause (2001-04)	15.0

CULLIVER EYES MARKS: Junior **Chris Culliver** has a chance to become Carolina's all-time leader in Most Kickoff Returns and Most Kickoff Return Yards. He begins the 2009 season second on both lists:

14.0

13.0

125

MOST KICKOFFS RETURNED

8. Phil Ellis (1979-82)

10. Troy Duke (1989-92)

9. Eric Norwood (2006-07)

	Robert Brooks (1988-91) Chris Culliver (2007-08)	76 <i>68</i>
моз	ST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS	
1.	Dick Harris (1969-71)	1,946
2.	Chris Culliver (2007-08)	1,630

TOP GPA: The football squad posted its higest GPA on record when it combined for a 2.669 GPA in the Spring 2009.

2008 Carolina Rankings

Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA	
Scoring Offense	20.77	8	96	
Rushing Offense	94.08	12	112	
Passing Offense	222.46	3	50	
Passing Efficiency	111.50	7	93	
Total Offense	316.54	7	97	
Scoring Defense	21.08	7	31	
Rushing Defense	132.69	7	43	
Passing Defense	159.23	1	2	
Pass Efficiency Defense	111.13	5	23	
Total Defense	291.92	4	13	
Kickoff Returns	22.94	4	30	
Punt Returns	6.05	10	103	
Net Punting	34.63	11	66	
Turnover Margin	-0.85	12	107	

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. Every other SEC team has played at least four overtime games since the rule was established in 1996.

REPRESENTING OUR COUNTRY: Incoming freshman **Chris Payne** spent the summer representing the

United States in football's first junior world championship from June 27-July 5 in Canton, Ohio. Payne, who prepped at Columbia (S.C.) High School, was one of 45 graduating high school seniors selected to play for the 19-and-under title.



REPRESENTING OUR COUNTRY PART II: Deep snapper **Matthew Grooms** has also represented the United States, but did his time in a more traditional fashion. Grooms served as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years as a mechanic. Included was a six-month stint in Iraq. Grooms is the oldest player on the squad, as he turned 26 on July 8. **OUT OF THEIR LEAGUE:** The Gamecocks were 3-2 in non-conference action in 2008. They defeated NC State, Wofford and UAB before losing their final two games at Clemson and against lowa in the Outback Bowl. They are 13-5 in non-conference games under Coach Spurrier, including wins in 11 of their last 14 non-conference games.

DEFEATING THE BEST: South Carolina's best win over a ranked opponent came in the 1981 season when it knocked off No. 3 North Carolina by a 31-13 score. Here are the other top wins in school history:

BEST SOL	UTH CAROLINA WII	VS BY RÁI	KINGS:
Date	Opponent	Rank	Score
10/24/81	at North Carolina	3	31-13
09/24/88	vs Georgia	6	23-10
10/04/07	vs Kentucky	8	38-23
11/21/87	vs Clemson	8	20-7
11/14/53	at West Virginia	8	20-14
09/09/00	vs Georgia	9	21-10
10/23/58	vs Clemson	10	26-6
09/08/07	at Georgia	11	16-12
11/10/84	vs Florida State	11	38-26
11/12/05	vs Florida	12	30-22
09/29/84	vs Georgia	12	17-10



The South Carolina team represented by Steve Spurrier and Sterling Sharpe carded a 12-under-par 60 and then outlasted Virginia Tech (Frank Beamer and Dell Curry) in a playoff to win the Chick-fil-A Bowl Challenge golf tournament and the \$120,000 first-place scholarship donation. This is team South Carolina's second-straight championship in the Chick-fil-A Bowl Challenge. The third annual event was held April 28, 2009, at Reynolds Plantation on Lake Oconee in Greensboro, Ga.

Pronunciation Guide

Ladi Ajiboye	LAH-dee AH-ji-boy
Pierre Andrews	pee-AIR
Akeem Auguste	uh-GUST-ee
Darantzy Brunson	Duh-RON-say
Matt Clements	CLEM-unts
Stephon Gilmore	stuh-FON
John Guerry	GEAR-ee
Aramis Hillary	AIR-uh-muss

Walker Inabinet	In-AB-in-et
Lemuel Jeanpierrela-ML	JLE jon-pee-AIR
Alshon Jeffery	AL-shon
Jarriel King	juh-RELL
Dion LeCorn	luh-CORN
Travian Robertson	Tray-v-un
Gerrod Sinclair	jer-ROD
Mike Triglia	TRIG-lee-uh

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