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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Columbia, S.C.
 Enrollment 32,972
 Founded 1801
 University President Dr. Harris Pastides
 Athletics Director Ray Tanner
 Faculty Representative Dr. Valinda Littlefield
 Conference Southeastern
 Nickname Gamecocks
 Colors Garnet & Black
 Mascot Cockey

TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach Chad Holbrook
 Alma Mater North Carolina, 1994
 Record at South Carolina 119-63 (3 years)
 Career Record 119-63 (3 years)
 Associate Head Coach Jerry Meyers
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2015 SEASON IN REVIEW/2016 OUTLOOK

2015 Overall Record 32-25
 2015 SEC Record/Finish 13-17/5th East/ T9th Overall
 2015 Postseason Finish N/A
 Position Starters Returning/Lost 5/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost 13/3
 Players Returning/Lost 23/12

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Baseball 1892
 First Year in SEC 1992
 All-Time Record 2,487-1,490-17 (.625)
 All-Time SEC Record 399-298-1 (.572)
 SEC Championships 3 (2000, 2002, 2011)
 SEC Conference Tournament Titles 1 (2004)
 SEC East Titles 6 (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012)
 National Championships 2 (2010, 2011)
 NCAA Appearances/Last 30/2014
 NCAA Tournament Record 128-64
 College World Series Appearances/Last 11/2012
 College World Series Record 32-20

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Stadium (Dimensions) Founders Park (L-325, C-400, R-325, A-375)
 Capacity 6,400 permanent seats (8,242 standing-room only)
 Press Box Phone 803-777-6648



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Starters Returning (5) DC Arendas, Gene Cone, Alex Destino, Marcus Mooney, Hunter Taylor
Starters Lost (4) Connor Bright, Elliott Caldwell, Kyle Martin, Max Schrock

Pitchers Returning (13) Canaan Cropper, Wil Crowe, Alex Destino, Vince Fiori, Tyler Haswell, Tyler Johnson, Brandon Murray, John Parke, Josh Reagan, Clarke Schmidt, Reed Scott, Matt Vogel, Taylor Widener
Pitchers Lost (3) Preston Johnson, Cody Mincey, Jack Wynkoop

Players Returning (23) DC Arendas, Gene Cone, Canaan Cropper, Wil Crowe, Alex Destino, Vince Fiori, Tyler Haswell, Tyler Johnson, Marcus Mooney, Brandon Murray, John Parke, Weber Pike, Josh Reagan, Clarke Schmidt, Reed Scott, Clark Scolamiero, Collin Steagall, Madison Stokes, Hunter Taylor, Matt Vogel, Taylor Widener, Jared Williams, Matt Williams
Players Lost (12) Connor Bright, Elliott Caldwell, Thatcher Coleman, Jordan Gore, Patrick Harrington, Preston Johnson, Logan Koch, Jared Martin, Kyle Martin, Cody Mincey, Max Schrock, Jack Wynkoop

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South Carolina won the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship in 2010 and 2011 at the College World Series. South Carolina has made 11 College World Series appearances including six times in the last 14 years. In those 11 appearances, the Gamecocks own a 32-20 record for a .615 winning percentage, that is sixth-best among winning percentage leaders in CWS history.

South Carolina is one of three schools in the nation to have reached at least 11 NCAA Super Regionals since 2000 and has the most NCAA Super Regional appearances of the 14 SEC schools since 2000. In addition, the Gamecocks own the second-highest win total in Division I baseball since 2000 (745-314 record) and more conference wins than any SEC team since 2000 (288-189 record).

Recently, South Carolina is one of only five schools in the nation to host a NCAA Regional in five of the last six years.

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South Carolina senior first baseman Kyle Martin earned first-team All-America honors from Baseball America, second-team Louisville Slugger All-America honors as chosen by Collegiate Baseball and third-team All-America honors from D1Baseball. Martin was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the fourth round of the 2015 MLB Draft.

He led the Gamecocks in all three Triple Crown categories batting .350 (71-for-203) with 14 homers and 56 RBI.

He also scored 50 runs, tallied 12 doubles, tripled twice and stole 11 bases. Martin had a .455 on-base percentage and a .635 slugging mark. Martin had 14 multi-RBI games for the season.

Martin was a first-team All-SEC selection and became the 28th player in school history to reach the 200-hit total. He finished with 201 career hits.

Martin was even more impressive in league contests. In 30 SEC games, Martin hit a league-high 11 homers, slugged a SEC-best .794 and totaled a league-best 85 total bases. In addition, he ranked second in the SEC in league games with a .393 batting average, a .504 on-base percentage and 24 walks in conference play.

South Carolina junior left-handed pitcher Jack Wynkoop was the team's top pitcher and was selected by the Colorado Rockies in the 6th round of the 2015 MLB Draft. Wynkoop was the No. 167th overall selection.

Wynkoop went 8-5 with a 3.27 ERA with 16 appearances and 14 starts. Wynkoop pitched a team-high 104.1 innings and struck out 86 batters with just 14 walks.

Wynkoop became the 23rd pitcher in school history to reach the 20-win total. Wynkoop ranks 17th all-time in career wins with 22 in his three-year career.

In league games, Wynkoop was 5-3 in league play with a save and a 3.57 ERA vs. SEC teams as well as 59 strikeouts to eight walks in 70.2 innings.



South Carolina junior infielder Max Schrock earned second-team All-SEC honors and was selected by the Washington Nationals in the 13th round of the 2015 MLB Draft.

Schrock hit .328 (63-for-192) with six HR and 34 RBI. He scored 44 runs, doubled 11 times and tallied two triples. Schrock had a .419 on-base percentage with a .500 slugging mark.



Senior outfielder Elliott Caldwell set a South Carolina single-season record with eight triples on the year. Caldwell finished up batting .328 (64-for-195) with 34 runs scored and 41 RBI as well as a .426 on-base percentage and .482 slugging percentage. Caldwell had a team-high 22 multi-hit games.

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Right-hander Brandon Murray went 5-0 with two saves in 20 relief appearances in his first season with the Garnet & Black. Opponents batted just .258 against him. He earned wins in victories over College of Charleston, Missouri, Georgia, Mississippi State and Wofford.



Right-hander Clarke Schmidt pitched 58.0 innings as a freshman, second-highest on the team with 18 appearances and 10 starts. Schmidt worked a career-high 6.2 innings, struck out seven and allowed just two runs on four hits in 6-4 win over Kentucky as the Gamecocks swept the three-game series vs. the Wildcats.



Right-hander Taylor Widener struck out 44 batters in 32.0 innings pitched and tallied nine saves, which ranked tied for fourth-best in the SEC. He was named to the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Midseason Watch List.



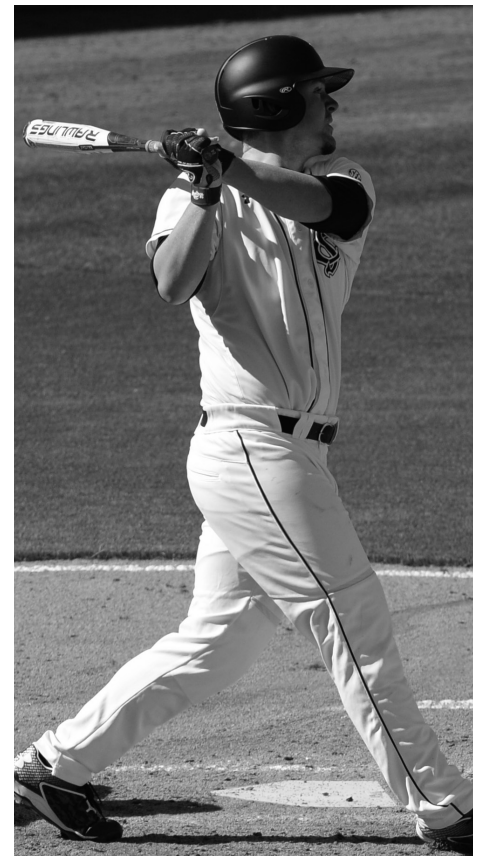
Right-hander Wil Crowe was named SEC Co-Pitcher of the Week after going seven innings and allowing just one run, unearned, on one hit with three walks and tying a career-high with 10 strikeouts to earn a victory in a 10-1 win over Kentucky.



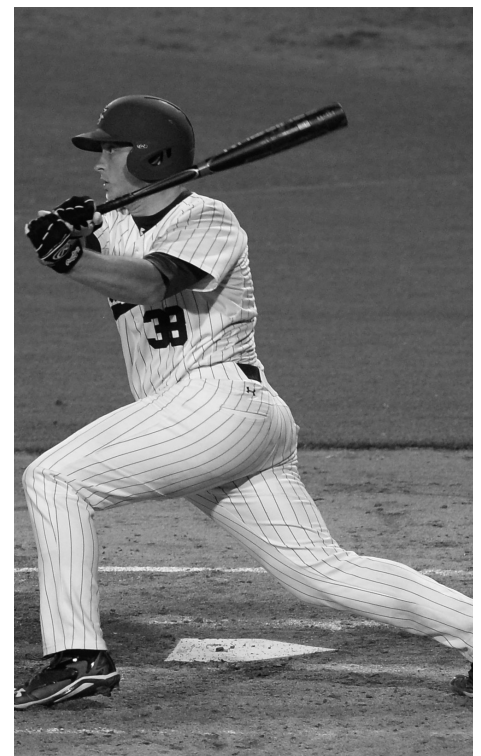
The Paul Finebaum Show and SEC Now made their first college baseball on-site visit to South Carolina for the Vanderbilt series. Both shows broadcast before and after South Carolina's 5-2 victory over the Commodores. The Gamecocks would go on to win the rubber game of the series on Saturday 3-2 as well.



Marcus Mooney earned SEC Player of the Week after hitting .700 (7-for-10) in the Texas A&M series with three runs scored, two doubles, a homer and five RBI. At one point vs. the Aggies he reached base in nine consecutive plate appearances. Mooney hit his first career homer, a three-run blast, in a 9-7 win in the series opener. He followed that up going 4-for-4 with two walks, two runs scored, a RBI and a double in a 15-14 loss the next day. In the series finale, he was 2-for-3 with a double and a RBI in a 8-7 win as the Gamecocks took the series vs. the second ranked Aggies.



Alex Destino added some power to the lineup as he launched six homers and added 35 RBI and a .395 slugging percentage in his first season in a Gamecock uniform.



Hunter Taylor came on late and was driving in a lot of runs in the last two weeks of play. Three of the last seven games, Taylor tied a career-high with three RBI. He was 2-for-3 with three RBI in the 10-7 win over LSU and had three RBI in the 17-0 win over USC Upstate. He also had a three-run homer at Texas A&M.

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Founders Federal Credit Union and the University of South Carolina announced a partnership awarding naming rights of Carolina Stadium to Founders Federal Credit Union. Carolina Stadium officially became Founders Park on October 22, 2015.

Unveiled in 2009, the \$35-plus million facility has a capacity of 8,242 fans and is the crown jewel among baseball stadiums across the nations. South Carolina has ranked among the top three in the nation in total attendance in five consecutive years, including a mark of 250,057 last season as well as a season-high 6,049 season tickets sold last year.



FOUNDERS PARK™

THE HOME OF CAROLINA BASEBALL

BASEBALL AT FOUNDERS PARK

HOME RECORD		
Year	Record	Pct.
2009	26-9	.743
2010	30-6	.833
2011	36-4	.900
2012	32-7	.821
2013	31-6	.838
2014	34-7	.829
2015	25-11	.694
TOTAL	214-50	.811

HOME ATTENDANCE		
Year	Total	Avg.
2009	231,360	6,804
2010	241,582	6,710
2011	297,279	7,431
2012	295,389	7,574
2013	260,605	7,445
2014	305,564	7,452
2015	250,057	7,354
TOTAL	1,881,836	7,128

SEASON TICKETS SOLD	
Year	Total
2009	4,745
2010	4,585
2011	4,989
2012	5,590
2013	5,835
2014	5,957
2015	6,049

BASEBALL AT FOUNDERS PARK

SEC SCHOOLS RANKED BY WINNING PERCENTAGE AT HOME (2009 to 2015)

School	Record	Winning Pct.
LSU	229-52-1	.814
South Carolina	214-50	.811
Vanderbilt	197-57	.776
Florida	204-62	.767
Texas A&M	195-70	.736
Arkansas	175-67	.723
Ole Miss	166-68	.709
Alabama	154-69	.691
Mississippi State	163-79	.674
Kentucky	142-70	.670
Auburn	159-88	.644
Missouri	110-82	.573
Tennessee	128-97	.569
Georgia	122-101	.547

Since the opening of Founders Park, the Gamecocks are 214-50 for an .811 winning percentage, the second-best winning percentage at home among the 14 SEC schools.

South Carolina has totaled 1,881,836 in attendance since 2009 for an average of 7,128 fans.

Founders Park has hosted five NCAA Regionals as well as two NCAA Super Regionals. South Carolina owns an 18-2 (.900) all-time record in postseason games at Founders Park. The Gamecocks are 60-10 (.857) all-time in postseason home games in Columbia, SC.





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Excitement and intrigue surround South Carolina as the Gamecocks near the start of the 2016 baseball season. A renewed energy encompasses Founders Park and with it the drive of the players and staff to compete among the best in the nation.

That desire and eagerness started in the fall and as the calendar turns to the spring, head coach Chad Holbrook is looking forward to seeing his full team on the field. As he assesses this year's squad, there are strengths and there are pieces to still figure out before Opening Day on February 19.

"I'm anxious for (the spring) to get here and to get our entire team out there all together at the same time and healthy," said Holbrook. "There are a lot of unknowns because we had a fall in which a number of our more talented players were injured."

Injuries to top returnees like junior right-hander Taylor Widener and junior outfielder Gene Cone as well as standout newcomers in junior college transfer outfielder Dom Thompson-Williams and freshman catcher Chris Cullen were the most notable absences on the field. All four return healthy for the spring though and are ready to fight for positions and roles on this year's team.

Despite the injuries, Holbrook was excited with a number of things in the fall. Depth and versatility appear to be strengths, both from a position standpoint and on the mound. The Gamecocks have 23 players back from last year's team to go along with a recruiting class that was ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation and a consensus top-15 group.

"The energy the new guys bring, that certainly excites me about the makeup of the team," noted Holbrook. "I'm hopeful that our players, from an individual standpoint, have put the team in front of themselves. They showed great characteristics of having great camaraderie. There certainly was a sense of team as we went through the fall. Everyone has great chemistry in the fall. You can't lose a game and everyone has a chance to play. The bond that we have will be tested once the season starts, but I think we have the right type of character in our locker room to stay strong in that regard. I think that stood out amongst our team in the fall. We went through some difficult times around here in the fall. I feel good where we are from a character standpoint."

IN THE FIELD

Leading the way in the infield is a pair of seniors, DC Arendas and Marcus Mooney. The dynamic duo has combined for 214 games played and 187 career starts and give the Gamecocks experience and leadership up the middle.

"When you look at DC and you look at Marcus, they have been in some very big games and very big situations," noted Holbrook. "They have made some defensive plays in (key) situations and that experience makes (our coaching staff) very comfortable. Our defense can help win us some games."

It is not just Arendas and Mooney though. The Gamecocks have a bevy of talented players that could factor into this year's infield and showed great maturity throughout the offseason. Sophomore infielder Jonah Bride comes into the Gamecock program after a year at Neosho Junior College where he set the single-season school record for hits with 96 and ranked third in the NJCAA in RBI with 93 on his way to second-team NJCAA All-America honors. Bride rode that wave into a great fall and was one of the team's top players during scrimmages. Both he and sophomore Madison Stokes have seen time at third base, but could also factor into the other three infield spots. The same applies for freshman LT Tolbert, who caught eyes with his play in the field and at the plate during fall scrimmages.

"(DC and Marcus) are not the only two," said Holbrook. "Jonah Bride is a junior college kid with experience and played great defense in the fall. Madison Stokes is a much-improved defensive player. LT Tolbert brings

something to the table that maybe we lacked - an edge, sense of toughness and the ability to play all four infield positions. I think we are versatile in the infield. They are all good infielders. We have to make sure we put the right guys in the right spots. Because they are all equal defensively, the guys that separate themselves offensively are going to be the ones that play every day."

The Gamecocks do have to replace All-America first baseman Kyle Martin. Still, there are options for Holbrook and it mostly evolves around how he will use sophomore Alex Destino. Primarily a designated hitter last year, Destino could see time at first base this year as well as left field. He hit six homers and drove in 35 runs as a freshman and looks to improve on those numbers.

"I think who we put at first is going to be determined by where we put Alex Destino," stated Holbrook. "He is going to be in there offensively. We can put him at left, first, DH him, those are questions I'm going to have to answer between now and Opening Day."

"I can put four shortstops on the infield and feel very good about it," added Holbrook. "I can put Jonah at first, LT Tolbert at first, Madison Stokes could go over there. That group is going to have to be open-minded, team-minded guys. They may not play the position they want to play, but they may have to play the position that helps the team. I have a number of options over there."

Depth is also noticeable in the outfield. Junior Gene Cone returns after 57 starts last year along with sophomore Clark Scolamiero, who came on late in the spring of 2015 and played in 36 games. They both gained valuable experience as well over the summer and played well in the Coastal Plain League for their respective teams.

Both returnees will be pushed by a gifted group of newcomers. Junior outfielder Dom Thompson-Williams was one of the top junior college transfers in the country. He is expected to make an immediate impact and will vie for a starting spot in all three outfield positions. True freshmen Danny Blair, TJ Hopkins and Brandon McIlwain bring athleticism and speed to the table. Redshirt freshman Jared Williams has that liveness and is an option as well.

"Our outfielders are very athletic with strong throwing arms," acknowledged Holbrook. "They can offensively steal you a base and defensively run a ball down in the gap."

The Gamecocks are excited with the choices behind the plate. Sophomore Hunter Taylor returns with a year of experience under the belt and the addition of junior college transfer John Jones and highly-touted freshman Chris Cullen gives the Gamecocks a talented trio.

Taylor's physical right-handed bat could find him in the middle of the lineup. Jones has a great approach at the plate and his ability to be a switch-hitter makes him a possibility in the lineup anytime. Despite an injury in the fall, Cullen appears to be 100 percent and ready for the spring.

"One of the things that stood out in the fall was our catchers, defensively, they were terrific," said Holbrook. "Jones and Taylor caught every inning, every pitch, of the entire fall because of Cullen's injury. You add Cullen to the mix and I feel very good about that position as we head into the season."

PITCHING STAFF

One of the noticeable strengths in the fall was the pitching staff. Although the team has to replace junior left-hander Jack Wynkoop, who was selected in the sixth round of the 2015 MLB Draft, Coach Holbrook returns significant arms and he is excited with the prospects of the staff for the 2016 season.

"Our pitchers threw strikes all fall long," stated Holbrook. "Our pitchers probably had the upper hand on our hitters the entire fall. That makes me feel good about our pitching staff heading into the spring. What stood out among those guys is the depth, they threw strikes, worked ahead, had great

success and it is just not one or two guys, it is the entire pitching staff. Sitting here (before spring practice) I feel good about, not only the talent level of our pitching staff, but the depth.”

Sophomore right-hander Clarke Schmidt appears ready to step into the No. 1 starter role for the 2016 season. As a freshman, Schmidt saw significant action with 10 starts and 58.0 innings pitched. His elevation over the summer and into the fall has put him in position as one of the team’s top starters.

Freshman right-hander Braden Webb has the potential to be a weekend starter. The talented flame thrower from Owasso, Okla. was a highly-sought after recruit and has the ability to be a top draft pick in the future.

Expectations are a high for a slew of sophomores and juniors that have seen action and are looking to have their best seasons to date. Junior right-hander Taylor Widener saved nine games last year and pitched well in three starts. He is 100 percent healthy and active for the spring. Junior left-hander Josh Reagan and junior right-hander Reed Scott look to get significant innings again and were stellar in the fall. Right-handers Tyler Haswell and Matt Vogel and left-handers John Parke and Vince Fiori all are options. Add to the mix sophomore right-handers Tyler Johnson, Brandon Murray and Canaan Cropper, hard-throwers with the ability to throw several pitches.

The roles are yet to be defined but Holbrook is anxious to see players with stripes on their sleeves making that next step.

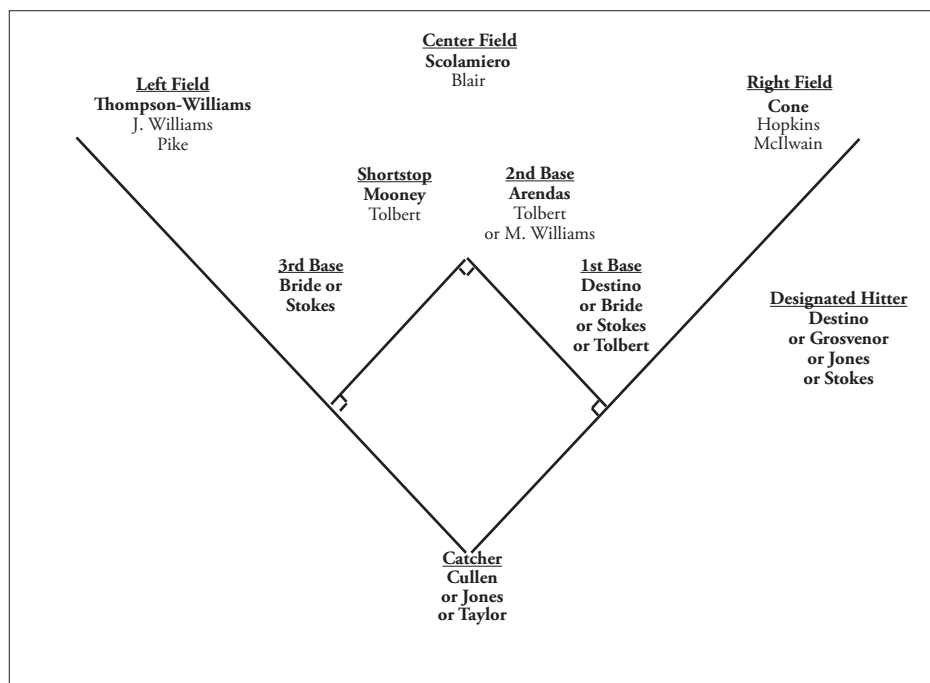
“The improvement of our upper classmen (on the mound) is going to be (a) determining factor on what type of baseball season we have this year,” said Holbrook. “I think a number of our guys have improved. Not just Clarke Schmidt. Brandon Murray is much improved and his command is better.

Josh Reagan is now not an 82-84 mph guy, but an 86-88 mph guy and that makes that big league changeup much better. He has a chance to be a difference maker for us. He is much improved. Reed Scott is much improved, velocity is better. Guys like Tyler Haswell, Matt Vogel, John Parke, they have been around the block in our program, haven’t had much success individually but they are much better then when they got here. Collectively, that improvement from all those guys will ultimately be the determining factor of what type of team we have. Certainly they showed great improvement in the fall but they have to carry that into the spring as we get closer to the Opening Day.”

Junior college transfers Colie Bowers and Colton Provey bring experience also. Bowers led USC Sumter to the 2015 NJCAA World Series, as did Provey with Walters State. Bowers was an honorable mention NJCAA All-American last year going 9-2 with a 2.14 ERA in 9.2 innings with 97 strikeouts. Provey made 27 relief appearances, ranked tied for sixth in the NJCAA with 10 saves and went 6-1 with a 2.42 ERA with 62 strikeouts in 48.2 innings.

Talent and ability is available for the Gamecocks on the mound. Defining the roles will be essential, and as Holbrook noted, on-going.

“We have a number of guys that we feel comfortable putting out there in a big situation,” stated Holbrook. “But who is going to take the bull by the horn and say, ‘I’m the closer.’ I have five names I could tell you right now that I feel good about the ability of being a closer. But who is going to be that guy? Those are questions we are going to have to answer as we go into practice January and as we get ready for Opening Day. Those roles may evolve and change as we get closer to SEC play.”



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MISSION STATEMENT

The University's mission is threefold: the education of the state's diverse citizens through teaching, research and creative activity, and service.

The University of South Carolina is home to more than 200 years of history and tradition, rising from a single building in 1805 on what would become the heart of the campus, the Horseshoe.

Today, the 11 buildings that make up the Horseshoe frame a lush lawn that is an irresistible gathering place for students, faculty, staff and alumni and the scene of many important university events.

And while the Horseshoe will always be the symbol of Carolina's proud tradition, the University's presence and reach stretch across the Palmetto State, with baccalaureate universities in Aiken, Spartanburg (Upstate) and the sea islands (Beaufort and the gateway to Hilton Head), and two-year regional campuses in Allendale and Walterboro (Salkehatchie), Sumter, Lancaster and Union. Along with Palmetto College, USC's online degree completion program, the campuses are building economic prosperity; fulfilling the University's mission of teaching, research and service to the state, and preparing future leaders in business, law, education, the arts, tourism, communications, medicine and the health sciences.

The University of South Carolina's Columbia campus has 324 degree programs through its 14 degree-granting colleges and schools.

- The South Carolina Honors College is ranked the nation's best public university honors college based on honors college factors by the guidebook, "A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs."
- The Moore School of Business undergraduate and MBA international business programs were ranked No. 1 by U.S. News & World Report in 2015.
- As South Carolina's flagship university, USC has more nationally-ranked programs than any other school in the state. In fact, U.S. News alone ranks 47 of USC's academic programs as among the best in the nation.
- Students at the University of South Carolina have earned 716 national fellowships and scholarships valued at \$21.7 million since 1994. In 2014-15 alone, 54 students earned more than \$2.1 million for academic study.
- USC is recognized as a national model for a better student experience, based on its pioneering first-year experience program and other initiatives that give students more flexible and accelerated paths to graduation.

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In 2001, the University celebrated the bicentennial of its charter, but 2005 also marked a watershed anniversary: 200 years since the first classes began at South Carolina College, as it was then known. Carolina has endured the Civil War and Reconstruction, closings, and name changes. Permanently chartered in 1906 as the University of South Carolina, it grew throughout the 20th century and today is building its reputation as a cutting-edge research institution.



- University of South Carolina faculty generated \$230 million in funding for research, training and outreach programs in fiscal year 2014.
- USC is ranked in the top-five percent of U.S. public universities in the number of national awards its faculty have received.
- The new Darla Moore School of Business building is the front door of the University's research district and a hub for creativity, research and entrepreneurial activity.
- USC has partnered with IBM and Fluor Corporation to open the Center for Applied Innovation on the Columbia campus. The center promises to reshape how technology is used in higher education.
- Twelve USC students received Fulbright grants in 2012 for research, study or teaching abroad, and the Chronicle of Higher Education named USC a "Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students." Another six students were awarded National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.
- The National Academy of Inventors has named USC as a leading generator of patents, putting USC in the top one percent worldwide.
- USC has been recognized by both Kiplinger's "Best Values in Public Colleges" and Princeton Review's "Best Value Colleges."
- USC is one of only 40 public universities to receive the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier research designation and community engagement designation and is the only university in South Carolina with the Carnegie top-tier designation for "very high research activity."





The Gamecock Club, established in 1940, provides financial support to the more than 500 student-athletes representing the University of South Carolina. This aid is in the form of tuition fees, meal costs, housing costs, medical costs, injury assistance, and other educational needs. Gamecock Club membership is open to all alumni and friends of the University.

More than 19,000 South Carolina fans donate to the athletics department through annual Gamecock Club memberships.

The Gamecock Club is located at the Rice Athletics Center on 1304 Heyward Street in Columbia and is also online at GamecocksOnline.com/Gamecock-Club.

South Carolina Athletics' mission centers on developing championship-caliber programs in the Southeastern Conference and nationally.

The Garnet Way Capital Campaign was a part of the athletics department's commitment to the University's Carolina's Promise campaign, which was publicly announced in November 2011.

Carolina's Promise raised over \$1 billion, making it the largest capital campaign in the history of the Palmetto State. The campaign aimed to sustain the University's educational, research, and outreach efforts.

To date, more than \$240 million in campaign pledges has been raised since July 1, 2006, all of which has and will be used to improve athletics facilities.

The Gamecock Club can be reached at 803-777-4276 or www.GamecocksOnline.com/GamecockClub.

All numbers are current as of January 15, 2016.

Garnet Way Cabinet

- Dan Adams
- Dodie Anderson
- Mark Buyck
- Sheila Cregger
- Harris DeLoach
- Benjy Hardee
- Alton Hyatt
- Faye Jeffcoat
- Lou Kennedy
- Ken Long
- Glen Lott
- Billy Moore
- Glenn Mosack
- Vic Roof
- Michael Roth
- Darius Rucker
- Joel Smith
- Travelle Wharton
- Kim Wheeler

Compliance Information

Dear Alumni, Fans and Friends,

As a University of South Carolina season ticket holder, alumnus, Gamecock Club member or fan, you are, by NCAA definition, a representative of University of South Carolina's athletics interests. Those who actively support Gamecock Athletics are an integral part of our program. Your support enables our student-athletes to train and prepare in quality facilities, compete for championships in the nation's top conference and pursue a college degree. Your level of support is vital to their overall success.

We value your interest and support, but we must remind you that an inappropriate action on your part can jeopardize the eligibility of a student-athlete, prospect and/or the compliance of the University with Southeastern Conference and NCAA regulations.

The NCAA has strictly limited the role you, as a Gamecock fan, may assume with regard to prospects and student-athletes. The following information is intended to provide you with a basic understanding of NCAA rules and regulations that you should know as someone who cares about intercollegiate athletics.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

- Started classes for the ninth grade (seventh grade in the sport of men's basketball), 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

The NCAA defines an extra benefit as any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- An employment arrangement for a prospect's relatives
- A gift of clothing or equipment
- The cosigning of loans
- Providing loans to a prospect's relatives or friends
- Cash or like items
- Any tangible items, including merchandise

EMPLOYMENT

Boosters may contact a prospect to discuss a summer job ONLY after the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend the University of South Carolina. In addition, boosters MAY NOT employ or arrange employment of a high school prospective student-athlete until the prospect has completed all classes and graduated from high school.

Enrolled student-athletes are permitted to be employed during the regular academic year as well as during official vacation periods. PRIOR TO the student-athlete's employment, he/she must receive written approval from the Office of Compliance Services and complete the required paperwork.

Student-Athletes and/or employers may be asked to provide records related to employment. This information may include, but is not limited to, payroll records, tax documents and benefit statements.

Please note all employers are subject to NCAA regulations and penalties for any violations.

Compliance with NCAA rules is of the highest priority for our athletics program and institution. As a member of the NCAA, University of South Carolina is responsible for the actions of its alumni, supporters and fans. Even the best-intentioned action on your part may be a violation of NCAA rules.

The University of South Carolina appreciates its alumni and friends who strive for the highest level of ethical conduct while supporting the student-athlete's goals for both academic and athletic success.

Please contact the Office of Compliance Services at 803-777-1519 if you have any questions regarding what is permissible. Additional information can be found on the Office of Compliance Services web page at: www.gamecocksonline.com. Remember, "Ask Before You Act!"

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The South Carolina Media Relations Office would like to thank you for your interest in South Carolina Baseball. This guide has been prepared to assist you in your coverage of the team.

If you have any questions or requests, please reach South Carolina baseball contact Andrew Kitick at (803) 777-5257 or via e-mail at kitick@mailbox.sc.edu



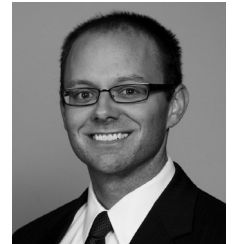
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Emily Miles
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Assistant Director



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Rob Walden
Coordinator

INTERVIEWS

South Carolina head coach Chad Holbrook, staff and all Gamecock players are available for media interviews. Interviews can be conducted on Thursdays before practice from 1:30-2:30 p.m. or at other times arranged through the South Carolina Media Relations Office.

It is requested that all interviews be arranged through Andrew Kitick. Players and coaches have been instructed to not agree to interviews not arranged by the Media Relations Office.

GAME UPDATES

Media who wish to retrieve home score updates can follow a variety of ways to receive the latest information.

Live Gametracker Stats: www.GamecocksOnline.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Gamecocksonline
Instagram and Twitter: [@GamecockBaseball](https://twitter.com/GamecockBaseball)

TV STATIONS/BROADCAST NETWORKS

For information on receiving mid-week press conference videos, post-game press conference videos, and other baseball related footage, please email Director of Digital Operations Matt Freed at mfreed@mailbox.sc.edu and Assistant Media Relations Director/Digital Operations Cory Burkarth at burkarth@mailbox.sc.edu.

They can provide you with login information to our media FTP site. Please credit all footage to GamecocksOnline when using footage from the FTP site.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Media Relations Office 803-777-5204
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PRESS BOX SERVICES

At home and on the road, notes and statistics will be provided in the press box and online at www.GamecocksOnline.com. Complete box scores will be available shortly after each contest. A game story and box score following each game will be e-mailed to outlets requested.

Wireless internet is available for use. Wired outlets for photographers and videographers are also available in the back of the press box.

Each media member will receive (1) food coupon per game to purchase food at the concession stand. Soft drinks and water are also available in the press box.

CREDENTIALS

Accredited news media are admitted on a game-by-game basis through the main entrance located near center field. Personnel assigned to cover games should contact Andrew Kitick at least one day before the game to arrange for proper credentials.

PARKING

Media personnel assigned to cover games should contact Andrew Kitick at least one day before the game to arrange for parking passes. Parking at the stadium is limited.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

Post-game interviews are conducted in the media room at Founders Park. After a brief cooling-off period, requested players will be brought to the interview area followed by head coach Chad Holbrook. A mult box is available for use. The South Carolina locker room is closed to the media. Media who wish to interview opposing coach or players should make requests through the Visiting SID.

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MARCH 23-26 - OLE MISS

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The Inn at Ole Miss
120 Alumni Drive
Oxford, MS 38677
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MARCH 31-APRIL 3 - VANDERBILT

Hotel

Courtyard Marriott Brentwood
103 East Park Drive
Brentwood, TN
Telephone: (678) 695-9073

APRIL 14-17 - GEORGIA

Hotel

Classic City Hilton Garden Inn
390 East Washington St
Athens, GA
Telephone: (706) 353-6800

MAY 5-8 - KENTUCKY

Hotel

Hilton Lexington/Downtown
369 W Vine St, Lexington, KY 40507
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MAY 18-21 - ALABAMA

Hotel

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4115 Courtney Drive
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Gamecock Sports Marketing, a partnership between the University of South Carolina Athletic Department and one of the leaders in the collegiate sports marketing industry, IMG College, is the originating medium for radio coverage of the 2016 South Carolina baseball games.

WNKT (107.5 FM), "The Game," in Columbia will be the flagship stations for originations of all 56 regular season games plus all postseason play. Games can also be heard on www.GamecocksOnline.com.

Andy Demetra enters his seventh year as the voice of Carolina Baseball on the Gamecock Baseball Radio Network. Demetra also serves as the radio play-by-play announcer for the South Carolina Men's Basketball team.

In addition, Demetra hosts "Carolina Calls" during men's basketball and baseball season featuring head coaches Frank Martin and Chad Holbrook. In his time at Carolina, he has called three College World Series and three CWS Finals.

He has also worked as a broadcaster for the SEC Network, the Pac-12 Network and SportSouth. As Director of Broadcasting, Demetra writes and produces the AllSouth Scene Setters, and manages the production and content of all game-day programming. He is the author of the "Inside The Chart" weekly column for Spurs & Feathers.

Demetra is a familiar name to those who follow Gamecock Athletics closely, as he served as the

play-by-play voice for Carolina women's basketball and selected men's basketball games from 2003-06.

Since his time in Columbia, Demetra has worked for ISP Sports in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has done basketball play-by-play for the Big East National Game of the Week, football play-by-play for the ACC National Game of the Week and baseball play-by-play for the 2008 and 2009 ACC Tournaments for XM Radio. In addition, he has provided play-by-play work in basketball for the University of Pittsburgh, Vanderbilt, Virginia Tech, Villanova, UCF and Furman. He has also done play-by-play broadcasting for the Syracuse Chiefs, the Triple-A baseball affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Demetra, who graduated summa cum laude from Syracuse University, was the 2005 and 2006 South Carolina Broadcasters Association Radio Sportscaster of the Year. He was the youngest recipient in the organization's 60-year history.

Tommy Moody is in his 17th year calling Gamecock Baseball. Moody is the chairman of the USC Athletic Hall of Fame and was a past president of the USC Association of Lettermen in 1992. Moody played under head coach Bobby Richardson on the Gamecock baseball team from 1970-72 as an infielder. Moody co-hosts a talk show, "The Early Game" on The Game (107.5 FM), Monday-Friday from 6-9 am.

2016 Network Affiliates

Aiken/Edgefield	WKSX	92.7 FM
Allendale	WDOG	93.5 FM
Camden	WCAM	1590 AM
Charleston	WWIK	98.9 FM
Charleston	WTMZ	910 AM
Chesterfield	WVSZ	107.3 FM
Columbia	WNKT	107.5 FM
Florence	WHYM	1260 AM
Florence	WOLH	1230 AM
Florence	WOLH	98.9 FM
Greenville	WVGL	1440 AM
Kingstree	WDKD	1310 AM
Myrtle Beach	WHSC	1050 AM
Rock Hill/Lancaster	WRHM	107.1 FM
Seneca	WSNW	1150 AM
Seneca	WSNW	94.1 FM
Sumter	WDXY	1240 AM



Fans listening to the IMG Network broadcast can keep in contact and interact with Andy Demetra and Tommy Moody while they call the action. Fans can tweet their questions to @Gamecock Radio, sponsored by AllSouth.



Andy Demetra & Tommy Moody