



GAMECOCK FOOTBALL CAROLINA



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Bryson ALLEN-WILLIAMS

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LB • 6-0 • 230 • JR. • 2L
Ellenwood, Ga.
(Cedar Grove)

2016 Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring
2015 Spring Everyday Attitude Award (Defense)

Junior linebacker who turned in an impressive spring, earning Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring accolades... enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at the SAM linebacker position... has appeared in 24 games over the past two seasons with three starts... credited with 50 tackles, including 6.0 tackles for loss... has one career interception.

2015: Saw action in every game with one start... credited with 23 tackles, including 14 solo stops... recorded a career-high six tackles including a half-tackle for loss at Georgia... logged five tackles including four solos at LSU... saw his most extensive duty against Vanderbilt after T.J. Holloman was ejected for targeting... logged three tackles and picked off his first pass against the Commodores... had four stops including a pair of tackles for loss against Florida... made his first start of the season against The Citadel and responded with three tackles, including a tackle for loss, and a quarterback hurry... recognized with the Everyday Attitude award for the defense at the 2015 spring game.

2014: True freshman... started the season at linebacker in a 3-4 scheme, but moved to defensive end late in the campaign... played in 12 games, making a pair of starts... logged 27 tackles including 2.5 tackles for loss... earned the start in the season opener against Texas A&M... joined Al Harris Jr. as first true freshmen to start a season opener since Jadeveon Clowney in 2011... recovered first career fumble at Vanderbilt... forced two quarterback hurries to go with three tackles versus Missouri... collected a season high five tackles versus Tennessee... had his best game at Florida, collecting a half sack, 2.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble... started at defensive end and made three tackles against South Alabama.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Cedar Grove (Ellenwood, Ga.) High School in 2014... coached by Jimmy Smith... the Saints went 7-5 in his senior season, reaching the second round of the state AAA playoffs... earned Class AAA second-team all-state honors by the Georgia Sportswriters... earned a spot on the A/JC's Class AAA All-Metro squad... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl following his senior season... collected 99 tackles with 22 tackles for loss including 16 sacks, three fumble recoveries and an interception as a junior... was an AT&T Georgia Junior Bowl selection... recorded 64 tackles as a sophomore... Rivals considered him a four-star prospect, the sixth-best outside linebacker in the nation, No. 103 overall, and the 28th-best player in the state of Georgia... Scout gave him a four-star rating, is No. 12 on its list of outside linebackers and No. 138 overall... 247Sports listed him as a four-star recruit, the nation's No. 6 outside linebacker, the seventh-best player in the state of Georgia and No. 96 on its Top247 list... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, No. 162 on its ESPN300 list, the 10th-best outside linebacker in the nation and the 11th-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a four-star prospect and No. 208 on the Top 300 All-American Team... also visited UCLA, Alabama and Georgia.

PERSONAL: Bryson Joshua Allen-Williams was born October 15, 1996... is a broadcast journalism major.

ALLEN-WILLIAMS' STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2014	12/2	18	9	27	2.5-12	0.5-3	0	0	5	1	1
2015	12/1	14	9	23	3.5-9	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Total	24/3	32	18	50	6.0-21	0.5-3	1	0	6	1	1



Michael ALMOND

85

K/P • 6-3 • 222 • FR. • RS
North Augusta, S.C.
(Westminster)

Walk-on kicker who is in his second season with the Gamecocks... expected to back up Elliott Fry on placements and could figure in the mix for kickoff duties as well... the most versatile of the kickers on the squad, also provides insurance in the punting game.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Westminster School in Augusta, Ga. in 2015... as a senior, earned GISA Class AAA all-region and all-state honors in football, all-region honors in soccer, was Westminster's MVP in both football and soccer and was the school's Athlete of the Year... coached in football by Steve Ackley... as a senior for the Wildcats, converted 11-of-13 field goals, including one from 54 yards out, and all 31 extra point attempts... averaged 42 yards on 42 punts and had 40 touchbacks on 57 kickoffs... also played wide receiver and defensive back... played in the GISA All-Star football game... as a junior in 2013, was successful on 11-of-14 field goals and all 26 PATs... averaged 39 yards per punt... helped the soccer team to the GISA state title in both 2014 and 2015.

PERSONAL: Michael Graham Almond is an exercise science major.



Ben ASBURY

45

LS • 5-10 • 210 • SO. • TR
Atlanta, Ga.
(Holy Innocents/Berry)

Newcomer who joined the roster in the spring of 2016... walk-on who provides depth as a long snapper in his redshirt sophomore season.

2015: Enrolled at South Carolina but did not participate in football.

2014: Played tight end at Berry College in Rome, Ga... appeared in three games as a true freshman... saw action versus Rhodes, Washington (Mo.) and at Birmingham Southern... the Vikings posted a 2-8 campaign.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta in 2014... coached by Ryan Livezey... was a four-year letterwinner... named team captain as a senior... helped the Golden Bears to four playoff appearances and a playoff win as a senior.

PERSONAL: Benjamin Douglas Asbury was born June 6, 1995... is a psychology major.



**Jacob
AUGUST**

40

TE • 6-6 • 248 • SO. • SQ
Elgin, S.C.
(Cardinal Newman/Fork Union)

2015 Most Improved Tight End of the Spring
2014 Co-Freshman Offensive Player of the Spring

Redshirt sophomore who provides experienced depth at the tight end position... considered a solid blocker with good hands... has played in five games, making three career starts for the Garnet & Black.

2015: Walk-on who worked his way into the tight end rotation early in the season... appeared in five games, making three starts... had four catches for 38 yards and a touchdown... made his debut against Kentucky and caught one pass for seven yards... added a 10-yard reception at Georgia... earned a start in a two-tight end formation against UCF and responded with a pair of catches for 21 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown catch... also started at LSU... did not play after the coaching change... named the Most Improved Tight End at the 2015 spring game.

2014: Enrolled at South Carolina in January... shared Freshman Offensive Player of the Spring honors with Connor Mitch... redshirted in his first year.

2013: Spent the fall at Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy where he was listed as a tight end, wide receiver, punter and placekicker on the post-graduate roster... coached by John Shuman... caught over 20 passes and a pair of touchdowns... also considered walking-on at Penn State and had scholarship offers from Southern Miss and Temple before electing to join the Gamecocks.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Cardinal Newman in Columbia, S.C... coached by Brannon Tidwell... had walk-on offers from South Carolina and Georgia as a punter out of high school.

PERSONAL: Jacob Joseph August is a marketing major.

AUGUST'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	5/3	4	38	9.5	1	13

AUGUST'S HIGHS

Receptions.....	2, UCF, 2015
Yards Receiving	21, UCF, 2015
Long Reception	13, UCF, 2015
Touchdown Receptions	1, UCF, 2015



**Zack
BAILEY**

78

OL • 6-6 • 315 • SO. • 1L
Summerville, S.C.
(Summerville)

2015 Coaches SEC All-Freshman Team

Sophomore who figures to have a key role on the offensive line again this season... could play either guard or center... listed as the starter at left guard entering the fall... gained valuable experience as a true freshman in which he earned SEC All-Freshman accolades by the league's coaches at offensive center... had never played center prior to his arrival at South Carolina.

2015: True freshman... played in all 12 games making five starts, three at center and two at left guard... saw time on special teams against North Carolina... moved into the backup role at center after the ankle injury to Cody Waldrop and played on special teams against Kentucky... pressed into regular service at Georgia after an ankle injury to Alan Knott... made his first career start against UCF and graded out at 80 percent... also made the start at center at Missouri and versus Vanderbilt... moved to left guard where he made the start against The Citadel due to an injury to Mike Matulis... also started at left guard against Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Highly regarded in-state offensive lineman who graduated from Summerville High School in 2015... was one of five finalists for South Carolina's Mr. Football award... helped legendary coach John McKissick and the Green Wave to an 8-5 record and to the second round of the Class AAAA Division I playoffs as a senior... played left guard for the Sandlappers in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas where he was recognized as the strongest player at the game... considered a four-star prospect, the No. 2 player in the state, the fifth-best offensive guard in the country and No. 72 overall by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 29th-best offensive guard in the country by Scout... regarded as a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the 12th-best offensive guard in the country and No. 247 overall by 247Sports... ranked as a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, the No. 15 offensive guard in the country and No. 220 overall by ESPN... had offers from all over the Southeast.

PERSONAL: Zackary Dalton Bailey was born November 8, 1995... is a criminal justice major.



**Rivers
BEDENBAUGH**

39

RB • 6-2 • 256 • JR. • 1L
Leesville, S.C.
(Lexington/Ga. Southern)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Former Georgia Southern player who returned home to continue his career at South Carolina... redshirt junior who joined the team as a walk-on fullback in the spring of 2015... earned his first varsity letter in 2015.

2015: Played in six contests, seeing action as a blocking fullback against North Carolina, Kentucky, UCF, LSU, Vanderbilt and The Citadel... earned his first varsity letter... did not record any statistics.. earned a spot on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Attended the University of South Carolina in the fall... played at Gray College (now Palmetto Prep Academy)... team went 5-2-1... earned the Defensive Coaches' Award as a linebacker.

2013: Attended Georgia Southern as a walk-on... redshirted as a true freshman for the Eagles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Lexington (S.C.) High School in 2012... played football for head coach Scott Earley... was a two-time all-state and all-region selection... had scholarship offers from The Citadel, Newberry and Wingate.

PERSONAL: William Rivers Bedenbaugh was born May 4, 1994... pursuing a degree in exercise science.



Matrick BELTON

15

WR • 6-3 • 215 • SR. • 1L
Columbia, S.C.
(Keenan/Hampton)

2015 Spring Outstanding Walk-on (Offense)

Fifth-year senior wide receiver... garnered significant playing time in 2015 in his first eligible season with the Garnet & Black... figures to be in the mix for a spot in the regular rotation at wideout again in 2016... has played in 12 games, making five starts.

2015: Played in every game, making five starts... hauled in 11 passes for 121 yards, an 11.0-yard average... led the team with four receptions for 18 yards at Georgia... made his first start at Missouri where he had one catch for 10 yards... also started at LSU and versus Vanderbilt and The Citadel... caught two passes for a career-high 34 yards at Tennessee... had two catches for 33 yards in a start against Florida, including a career-long 25-yarder... named the Outstanding Walk-on for the offense at the 2015 spring game.

2014: Joined the squad as a walk-on when spring practice began after enrolling in January... was not eligible in the fall per NCAA transfer rules after spending the fall of 2013 at Hampton University.

2013: Attended Hampton University... was on the football roster, but did not see any action.

2012: Played in six games for the Hampton Pirates, making one start... caught four passes for 33 yards on the season... caught one pass for 20 yards at Florida A&M on September 15.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Keenan High School in Columbia in 2012... coached by Mitchell Moton... named all-state as a senior, repeating as Keenan's Offensive MVP after racking up 1,157 yards and nine touchdowns... recorded 600 yards and five touchdowns as a junior while earning Offensive MVP honors... was an All-Region and All-Area selection... also played basketball.

PERSONAL: Matrick Mondre Belton was born May 26, 1994... majoring in physical education.

BELTON'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	12/5	11	121	11.0	0	25

BELTON'S HIGHS

Receptions.....	4, Georgia, 2015
Yards Receiving	34, Tennessee, 2015
Long Reception	25, Florida, 2015



Shameik BLACKSHEAR

91

DL • 6-4 • 265 • FR. • RS
Bluffton, S.C.
(Bluffton)

Second-year defensive end... limited to two games in 2015 while battling back from a knee injury he suffered in his senior year of high school... did not participate in spring drills while recovering from injuries sustained in an off-season incident.

2015: Played in two games, seeing action against UCF and Missouri... credited with one solo tackle and one assisted tackle, both coming against the Tigers... petitioned and received a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Talented defensive end who graduated from Bluffton (S.C.) High School in 2015... played for coach Ken Cribb and the Bobcats... missed half of his senior season with a knee injury... selected to play in the Under Armour All-America game in St. Petersburg, Fla... racked up 96 tackles, 18 for loss, five sacks and 15 hurries as a sophomore... considered a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state and the 18th-best strongside defensive end in the country by Rivals... rated a four-star prospect, the 11th-best defensive end in the country and No. 120 overall by Scout... regarded as a four-star prospect, the second-best player in the state, the eighth-best weakside defensive end in the country and No. 119 overall by 247Sports... ranked as a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the No. 18 defensive end and No. 203 overall by ESPN... had numerous offers from all over the Southeast, with Clemson, North Carolina, Georgia and LSU among his favorites.

PERSONAL: Shameik Micheal Blackshear was born July 9, 1997... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

BLACKSHEAR'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	2/0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0



Toure BOYD

27

DB • 5-10 • 195 • JR. • SQ
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
(Rancho Cucamonga/Chaffey)

Former junior college transfer who redshirted in his first season with the Garnet & Black in 2015... looks to compete for playing time in the Gamecock secondary... has two years of eligibility remaining.

2015: Saw action in one game, playing briefly against UCF... hampered by an ankle injury throughout the season... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

2014: Junior college transfer who played safety at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. for one year under head coach Rob Hadaway... recorded 80 tackles, two interceptions and broke up 10 passes... also blocked four kicks for the Panthers, who finished 6-5... garnered all-conference honors... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals, Scout and ESPN... rated a four-star prospect, the fifth-best JUCO player in California, the third-best JUCO safety in the country and the 21st-best junior college player overall, according to 247Sports... selected South Carolina over Arizona, Southern Miss, Utah and Washington State.

2013: Enrolled at College of the Desert (Palm Desert, Calif.) in the spring and played football in the fall for the Roadrunners.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.) High School in 2012... helped the Cougars to an 11-2 record under head coach Nick Balz in 2011... originally planned to attend Boise State.

PERSONAL: Toure James Boyd was born February 21, 1994... is majoring in sociology... grew up in Birmingham, Ala. before moving to California as a teenager.

BOYD'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	1/0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0



Larenz BRYANT

23

LB • 6-0 • 225 • SR. • 3L
Charlotte, N.C.
(Vance)

Senior linebacker who has appeared in 34 games over the past three seasons with one career start... has been a regular on special teams... listed as a co-starter at the WILL linebacker position, along with T.J. Holloman, entering the fall.

2015: Linebacker who played in 10 games, primarily on special teams... earned his first career start against Kentucky... notched his only tackle in the win over UCF... did not play against The Citadel or Clemson in the season's final two games... missed much of the spring after suffering a liver injury early in camp.

2014: Sophomore who saw action in 12 games at Spur in the Gamecocks' 4-2-5 defense and on special teams... credited with three tackles... recorded a quarterback hurry versus Missouri... recorded his first sack and his first forced fumble of his career at Kentucky... did not play against Tennessee.

2013: True freshman... played in all 12 regular season games, mostly on special teams, making seven tackles... did not see action in the bowl win vs. Wisconsin... collected three of his seven stops including his only tackle for loss in the win over Coastal Carolina... had two tackles vs. Mississippi State.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played both running back and linebacker for the Vance Cougars in Charlotte, N.C., graduating in 2013... coached by Keith Wilkes... named to the 2012 Associated Press all-state team... helped his squad to a 9-4 record as a senior... logged 1,694 yards rushing and 21 touchdowns on offense and notched 84 tackles with nine sacks on defense... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game and in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl following his senior season... rushed for 1,423 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior while recording 154 tackles with 23 tackles for loss... returned three of his four interceptions for touchdowns... notched 56 tackles as a sophomore as his team reached the state finals... a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the fourth-best inside linebacker in the country and the 112th-best prospect in the nation according to Rivals... a four-star prospect and the nation's seventh-best outside linebacker by Scout... a four-star prospect, the top player in North Carolina, the sixth-best outside linebacker in the country and the 50th-best player overall according to 247Sports... rated a four-star prospect and No. 237 on the ESPN300... a four-star prospect, the nation's 44th-best player overall and the fifth-best "Big Back" by *MaxPreps*... a five-star prospect, the fourth-best outside linebacker in the country and No. 45 overall by PrepStar... selected South Carolina over a host of schools with Clemson, Florida, Virginia and Wake Forest also making his final list of five.

PERSONAL: Larenz A. Bryant was born November 1, 1994... is an interdisciplinary studies major who is scheduled to graduate in December.

BRYANT'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	12/0	5	2	7	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2014	12/0	3	0	3	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	1	1	0
2015	10/1	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	34/1	8	3	11	2.0-14	1.0-10	0	0	3	1	0



Blake CAMPER

63

OL • 6-8 • 300 • SO. • 1L
Virginia Beach, Va.
(Frank W. Cox)

Sophomore offensive lineman who was used primarily on special teams in his first season for the Garnet & Black... projected as a tackle who is competing for a starting role... listed on the second-team unit at right tackle behind D.J. Park entering the fall... has played in 12 contests, making one career start.

2015: Saw action in all 12 games as a true freshman... earned his first career start against The Citadel when he got the nod at right tackle due to an injury to Mason Zandi.

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive lineman who graduated from Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach, Va. in 2015... coached by Bill Stachelski... helped the Falcons to a 9-3 record and to the second round of the 6A playoffs as a senior... considered a three-star prospect, the 26th-best player in the state and the 85th-best offensive tackle in the country by Rivals... a three-star prospect and the 88th-best offensive tackle in the country according to Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 28th-best player in the state and the 75th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 32nd-best player in the state and the 90th-best offensive tackle in the country by ESPN... committed to Rutgers before switching his pledge to the Gamecocks... also considered East Carolina, Louisville, Maryland, North Carolina State, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest and West Virginia.

PERSONAL: Blake Alan Camper was born December 17, 1996... is a business administration major... father, John, played for Steve Spurrier at Duke.



Javon CHARLESTON

88

WR • 6-0 • 195 • FR. • RS
Gurnee, Ill.
(Warren Township)

Redshirt freshman walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad in the fall of 2015... turned in an excellent spring where he impressed the coaches enough to earn a spot on the second team on the depth chart entering the fall... caught four passes for 54 yards in the 2016 Garnet & Black Spring game.

2015: Joined the squad as a walk-on in his first semester in Columbia... redshirted as a true freshman wide receiver... impressed the coaches enough with his athletic ability to be added to the travel roster for a couple of games but did not see any action.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Gurnee (Ill.) Warren Township High School in 2014... helped the Blue Devils to a 7-4 mark as a senior in 2013... gained a spot on the NIKE regional all-combine team... earned all-conference honors and all-area honorable mention accolades... also played basketball and ran on the track & field team... earned all-state honors as a 23-foot long jumper.

PERSONAL: Javon Charleston was born March 3, 1996... is a sociology major.



Joseph CHARLTON

20

K/P • 6-5 • 185 • FR. • RS
Columbia, S.C.
(A.C. Flora)

Redshirt freshman who figures to backup incumbent punter Sean Kelly... is also a candidate to handle the kickoff duties.

2015: Scholarship kicker who was redshirted as a true freshman... missed some practice time due to a back ailment.

HIGH SCHOOL: Local product who graduated from A.C. Flora High School in Columbia in 2015... handled the kickoff, punting and placekicking duties as a prep... helped the Falcons and coach Reggie Shaw to a 13-2 record and a spot in the state AAA semifinals as a senior... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals and Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 20-best player in the state and the second-best punter in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 21st-best player in the state and the 15th-best kicker in the country.

PERSONAL: Joseph Charlton was born April 7, 1997... is undecided on his major field of study.



Logan CRANE

59

LS • 6-3 • 245 • FR. • RS
Dartmouth, Mass.
(Dartmouth)

Walk-on long snapper who joined the squad when the roster expanded in August of 2015... adds depth behind incumbent Drew Williams.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman walk-on long snapper.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Dartmouth (Mass.) High School in 2015... coached by Richard White... earned first team all-conference accolades and was a member of the Standard Times Super Team while helping his team to the state title.

PERSONAL: Logan Crane was born June 9, 1997... is a biology major.



K.C. CROSBY

3

TE • 6-1 • 227 • SO. • 1L
Bamberg, S.C.
(Bamberg-Ehrhardt)

2015 Spring Outstanding Weight Room (Offense)

Redshirt sophomore tight end/H-back... figures to see more action following the departure of Jerrell Adams... listed as a co-starter with Hayden Hurst entering the fall... used primarily on special teams in 2015.

2015: Backup tight end and H-back who was used extensively on special teams in his redshirt freshman season... played in the final 10 games after not seeing action in the first two contests... returned a kickoff for six yards at LSU... garnered Outstanding Weight Room accolades for the offense at the 2015 spring game.

2014: Missed the bulk of the season after undergoing surgery on his right foot... made a brief appearance in the Kentucky game but did not record any statistics... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Bamberg (S.C.)-Ehrhardt High School in 2014... caught 43 passes for 571 yards and 12 touchdowns for the Red Raiders as a senior... team finished with a 7-6 record and a spot in the semifinals of the AA-II playoffs... coached by his father, Kevin Crosby... earned a spot on the statewide all-state team as selected by the *High School Sports Report*... selected to the all-region team by the *Orangeburg Times and Democrat*... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Under Armour All-America game... Rivals rated him as a four-star prospect, the sixth-best player in the state and the 11th-best tight end in the country... Scout ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 19th-best tight end in the country... considered a four-star prospect, the ninth-best player in the state, and the eighth-best tight end in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN listed him as a four-star prospect, No. 143 on its ESPN300 list, the fourth-best tight end in the nation and the third-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 116 on the Top 150 Dream Team.

PERSONAL: Kevin Devon Crosby Jr. was born May 23, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major.



Mon DENSON

34

RB • 5-10 • 215 • FR. • RS
LaGrange, Ga.
(LaGrange)

Redshirt freshman running back who will have the opportunity to compete for playing time following the departures of 2015 seniors Brandon Wilds and Shon Carson.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Running back who graduated from LaGrange (Ga.) High School in 2015... also played linebacker... earned all-state honors for coach Dialleo Burks... the Grangers posted a 5-6 record and lost in the first round of the Class AAAAA playoffs in his senior season... rushed for nearly 1,300 yards and 15 touchdowns... selected to play in the Georgia-Florida All-Star game where he scored on a 26-yard run... also selected for the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl... considered a three-star prospect, the 47th-best player in the state and the 46th-best running back in the nation, according to Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 83rd-best running back in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 82nd-best player in the state and the 57th-best running back in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 56th-best player in the state and the No. 50 running back in the country by ESPN... had nearly 20 Division I offers.

PERSONAL: Daquarius Denson was born September 25, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major.



Trey DEROUEN

79

OL • 6-3 • 310 • FR. • RS
Lilburn, Ga.
(Parkview)

Redshirt freshman who looks to compete for playing time along the offensive line... did not participate in the spring while rehabbing a knee injury... projected as a guard.



2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive line who graduated from Parkview High School in Lilburn, Ga. in 2015... the Panthers went 4-6 under coach Eric Godfree in 2014... earned second-team Class AAAAAA All-State honors by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals... recognized as a three-star prospect and the nation's 91st-ranked offensive guard by Scout... rated a three-star prospect, the 91st-best player in the state and the 55th-best offensive guard in the country by 247Sports... considered a three-star prospect, the 91st-best player in the state and the 57th-best offensive guard in the nation by ESPN... originally committed to Mississippi State... also visited Florida and Louisville.

PERSONAL: Dennis Derouen III was born January 27, 1997... is an integrated information technology major.



**Jordan
DIGGS**

42 DB • 6-0 • 205 • SR. • 3L
Fort Myers, Fla.
(Island Coast)

2016 Harold White GPA Award - Defense
2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2015 Most Improved Safety of the Spring
2014 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2014 Most Improved Spur of the Spring
2013 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Senior safety who did not participate in spring drills while rehabbing from offseason shoulder surgery... has played in every game over the past three seasons and in 40 games overall with 13 starts... owns 115 career tackles and one interception... is a three-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... earned the Harold White GPA Award in the spring.

2015: Started 10 of 12 games at strong safety after making the conversion from Spur in the spring... ranked fifth on the team with 48 tackles... had his first career interception vs. North Carolina... made three solo stops and forced a fumble against Kentucky... logged a season-high seven tackles at Georgia... had five stops including a half tackle for loss at Missouri... matched his season-high with seven tackles at LSU and added six stops against Vanderbilt... collected six tackles at Texas A&M... did not start at Tennessee or versus The Citadel... notched six stops against Clemson... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... garnered Most Improved Safety honors in the spring.

2014: Redshirt sophomore who played in all 13 games with a pair of starts... tied for sixth on the squad with 37 tackles... tied for the team lead with 2.0 sacks and tied for second on the squad with 5.0 tackles for loss... recorded six tackles, including five solo stops, in the season opener against Texas A&M... started versus East Carolina and Georgia... recorded four tackles including a half a tackle for loss at Auburn... collected a career best nine tackles, including one for loss, versus Tennessee... forced and recovered a fumble on what would have been a third down conversion deep in Carolina territory in an overtime win at Florida... logged his first career sack against South Alabama... had 2.0 tackles for loss including a sack in the Independence Bowl win over Miami... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... selected as the Most Improved Spur during the spring.

2013: Backup Spur who played in all 13 games, logging 25 tackles... credited with 4.0 tackles for loss, one pass breakup and two quarterback hurries... had a tackle for loss against North Carolina, Vanderbilt and Mississippi State... credited with a tackle for loss, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry at Tennessee... started the bowl game against Wisconsin and recorded a then career-high six tackles... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2012: Played in two early contests, getting in against East Carolina and UAB... logged five tackles including a tackle for loss... sat out the remainder of the year due to a left calf strain... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Collected 63 tackles during his senior campaign at Island Coast High School in Cape Coral, Fla., graduating in 2012... selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Game... named to the Super 75 list by the *Florida Times-Union* and to the Super 120 by the *Mobile (Ala.) Register*... as a junior, logged 53 solo tackles, two forced fumbles, two interceptions and a sack... also played quarterback in the wildcat offense and wide receiver... earned first-team All-Area accolades by the *News-Press*... played on both sides of the ball as a sophomore, logging 62 tackles and three interceptions, while catching 15 passes for 201 yards and three scores... was a four-star prospect, the 11th-best safety in the country and the 39th-best player in the state of Florida by Rivals.com... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 27th-best safety by Scout.com... a four-star recruit, the 17th-best safety and the 45th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the 17th-best safety and the 43rd-best player in the state by 247Sports.com... selected Carolina over Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Nebraska and Michigan State.

PERSONAL: Jordan Michael Diggs was born Sept. 28, 1993... father, Shed, played linebacker for Carolina from 1984-87... both performed in No. 42... is an interdisciplinary studies major who graduated in May.

DIGGS' STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	2/0	4	1	5	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	13/1	16	9	25	4.0-4	0.0-0	0	1	2	0	0
2014	13/2	28	9	37	5.0-21	2.0-17	0	0	0	1	1
2015	12/10	25	23	48	0.5-0	0.0-0	1	0	0	1	0
Total	40/13	73	42	115	10.5-27	2.0-17	1	1	2	2	1



**Devin
DINGLE**

85 WR • 5-10 • 180 • FR. • RS
Summerville, S.C.
(Cane Bay)

Redshirt freshman walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad in the fall of 2015... adds depth to the receiving corps.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman walk-on wide receiver.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Cane Bay High School in Summerville, S.C. in 2015... played both basketball and football.

PERSONAL: Devin Dingle is a business administration major.



**Jalen
DREAD**

13 LB • 5-10 • 220 • SO. • 1L
Foley, Ala.
(Foley)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2015 Most Improved Freshman (Defense)

True sophomore linebacker who will be going through his second spring practice with the Gamecocks... graduated from high school early and enrolled at Carolina in January of 2015... officially changed his name in the offseason from Jalen Henry to Jalen Dread.



2015: Went through spring drills after enrolling in school in January... considered by the coaching staff as the Most Improved Freshman on the defensive side of the football during the spring... played in 10 contests during the season, primarily on special teams... recorded three tackles, including a pair at LSU... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Coached by Todd Watson at Alabama's Foley High School, graduating in December 2014... the Lions reached the state Class 7A semifinals with a 10-4 record... selected for the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star game following his senior season... missed the majority of his junior season after breaking his foot in the second game of the year... led his team in tackles as a sophomore... also played baseball and basketball... considered a three-star prospect and the 31st-best player in the state by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 76th-best outside linebacker in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 38th-best player in the state and the 40th-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 30th-best player in the state and the No. 78 outside linebacker by ESPN... also considered Southern Miss.

PERSONAL: Jalen Antwan Dread is a broadcast journalism major.

DREAD'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	10/0	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0



**Javion
DUNCAN**

61 DL • 6-0 • 260 • SO. • TR
Simpsonville, S.C.
(Woodmont/Citadel)

Transfer who was on The Citadel roster in 2014... added to the Gamecocks' roster just prior to the start of spring drills... listed as a defensive end.

2015: Enrolled at Carolina in the fall but did not participate in football.

2014: Was a member of The Citadel football team... worked along the offensive line... did not see any game action as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 2014 graduate of Woodmont High School in Piedmont, S.C... coached by Jason Farmer... lettered six times in track & field and four times in football... started 44 consecutive varsity games... was an all-region 1-4A defensive end in 2012 and '13... named the Wildcats' defensive MVP in 2011, '12 and '13... posted 65 tackles, 20 tackles for loss, four pass breakups, four hurries and two fumble recoveries during his senior season... named the top shot put thrower of the year in both 2011 and 2012.

PERSONAL: Javion Duncan was born January 5, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major... uncle, Monty, was a wide receiver and punt returner at Florida from 1989-93.



**Spencer
EASON-RIDDLE**

45 LB • 5-11 • 226 • FR. • HS
Raleigh, N.C.
(Leesville Road)

True freshman walk-on who joined the Gamecock football program in the spring of 2016 after enrolling in January... penciled in as a linebacker in his first season with the Garnet & Black.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Leesville Road High School in Raleigh, N.C. in 2015... played football for head coach Mike Hobgood... the Pride went 5-7 in his senior season... named the team MVP, was a two-time all-conference selection and earned the Heart of a Champion Award.

PERSONAL: Spencer Eason-Riddle was born January 12, 1997... is an economics major.



**Bryan
EDWARDS**

89 WR • 6-3 • 210 • FR. • HS
Conway, S.C.
(Conway)

True freshman who enrolled at South Carolina in January and went through spring drills... despite not being at quite 100 percent due to a high school knee injury, still impressed the coaches enough to earn a spot on the post-spring depth chart's first team unit... expected to make an immediate contribution this fall.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Conway (S.C.) High School at the end of the 2015 fall semester and enrolled at South Carolina in January 2016... coached by Chuck Jordan... considered one of the state's top players as a senior in 2015 until suffering a season-ending knee injury in late October... was a finalist for South Carolina's "Mr. Football"... finished his senior campaign with 53 catches for 969 yards and nine scores... selected for the Shrine Bowl and the US Army All-American Game... finished his prep career with 188 catches for 2,562 yards and 32 touchdowns... Rivals ranks him as a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state and the 64th-best wide receiver in the country... considered a four-star prospect, the third-best player in the state and the 12th-best wideout in the nation by 247Sports... ESPN ranks him as a four-star prospect, the state's third-best player, the nation's 43rd-best wide receiver and No. 253 overall... an All-American, four-star prospect and No. 223 overall by PrepStar.

PERSONAL: Bryan Edwards is a sport & entertainment management major.



**Chaz
ELDER**

17 DB • 6-2 • 200 • SR. • 3L
Union City, Ga.
(Banneker)

Redshirt senior who is expected to compete for playing time in the secondary again this season... enters the fall listed atop the depth chart at one of the safety positions... saw action in just two games in 2015, but has appeared in 26 contests during his career including 10 starts... credited with 52 career tackles and one interception.

2015: Junior defensive back... saw action in just two games including a start at Georgia at cornerback... credited with one tackle... also saw action in the season finale against Clemson on special teams.

2014: Sophomore safety who played in 12 games, starting three... collected 22 tackles... was the starter at free safety in the season opener against Texas A&M... recorded a career-best six stops, including three solo tackles in that contest... also made the start against Missouri and Florida... tied a career-best with six tackles versus Tennessee.

2013: Redshirt freshman who played in 12 games, making six starts including each of the final five contests... logged 29 tackles, including 20 solo



stops... credited with a half tackle for loss at Georgia... began to see more duty in the win over Kentucky and responded with four solo tackles... earned his first start in the win at Arkansas... responded with four tackles and a fumble recovery... suffered a concussion late in that contest and missed the Tennessee game... intercepted a pass against Mississippi State.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Logged 83 tackles with two interceptions as a senior defensive back at Banneker High School in College Park, Ga., graduating in 2012... coached by Marquis Slaton... team finished 6-4 in his senior season... played in the Under Armour All-American Game in St. Petersburg, Fla. following his senior season... named to the A/JC All-District team... named one of Fulton County's "Fantastic Four"... was a four-star prospect, the 15th-best safety and the 22nd-best player in Georgia by Rivals.com... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 45th-best safety by Scout.com... a four-star recruit, the nation's 123rd-best player, the fifth-best safety and the 13th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the 227th-best player in the country, the 13th-best safety and the 19th-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... the PrepStar All-American selected South Carolina over Georgia, Vanderbilt and Arkansas among others... Banneker High School also produced former Gamecocks Ladi Ajiboye and Carlos Thomas.

PERSONAL: Chaz Elder was born April 11, 1994... is an interdisciplinary studies major who earned his degree in May.

ELDER'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	12/6	20	9	29	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	1
2014	12/3	15	7	22	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	2/1	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	26/10	36	16	52	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	1



Darius ENGLISH

5

DL • 6-6 • 245 • SR. • 3L
Powder Springs, Ga.
(McEachern)

2014 Spring Outstanding Weight Room (Defense)
2013 Spring Most Improved Player (Defense)

Senior who is listed on the second-team at the defensive end position entering the fall... could also be used as an outside linebacker or BUCK in a 3-4 scheme... has appeared in 38 games, making seven starts... credited with 74 tackles, including 11.0 tackles for loss and 6.0 sacks.

2015: Reserve defensive end who played in 11 of 12 games... led the team with 4.5 sacks and was second on the squad with 6.0 tackles for loss... also credited with three quarterback hurries and forced a pair of fumbles... collected 28 tackles overall including 19 solo stops... made three tackles and assisted in a key sack to squash a scoring drive against North Carolina... had a solo sack in the home opener against Kentucky... matched his career high with six tackles at Georgia... did not play at LSU... matched his career high with six stops against Vanderbilt, including a nine-yard sack, a pair of quarterback hurries and forced a fumble... registered a 10-yard sack at Texas A&M... had a tackle for loss and forced a fumble at Tennessee... credited with a nine-yard sack against Florida.

2014: Sophomore defensive end who played in 12 contests... started each of the season's first six games... had five tackles, including his first career solo sack versus Georgia... logged three tackles at Vanderbilt and Kentucky... named the Outstanding Weight Room recipient for the defense in the spring.

2013: Redshirt freshman defensive end who played in all 13 games, making one start... logged 19 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss... forced a fumble against North Carolina... made his first start against Kentucky, replacing an injured Jadeveon Clowney... responded with three tackles, including a half sack... logged a career-high six tackles against Coastal Carolina... named the Most Improved Player on defense at the 2013 spring game.

2012: Played briefly against East Carolina and UAB... logged three tackles, all against the Blazers, including a half tackle for loss... sat out the rest of the season with an injury to his right wrist... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Won Georgia's AAAAA Defensive Player of the Year honors by the A/JC after a 21-sack senior season at McEachern High School in Powder Springs, Ga., graduating in 2012... coached by Kyle Hockman... squad went 10-2 in his senior season... named to the PARADE All-America team... also played basketball... was a three-star prospect, the 22nd-best weak-side defensive end and 15th-best player in Georgia by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 46th-best defensive end by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the 47th-best defensive end and the 41st-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the 20th-best defensive end and the 22nd-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... selected South Carolina over Arkansas among others.

PERSONAL: Darius D. English was born August 25, 1994... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major... interned in the University of South Carolina athletics marketing department.

ENGLISH'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	2/0	2	1	3	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	13/1	14	5	19	2.5-8	0.5-2	0	0	1	1	0
2014	12/6	17	7	24	2.0-7	1.0-3	0	1	2	0	0
2015	11/0	19	9	28	6.0-39	4.5-36	0	0	3	2	0
Total	38/7	52	22	74	11.0-56	6.0-41	0	1	6	3	0



Daniel FENNELL

30

DL • 6-3 • 235 • FR. • RS
Loganville, Ga.
(Grayson)

Redshirt freshman who used a strong spring performance to propel him into expected regular playing time this fall... originally a linebacker, came out of the spring listed atop the depth chart at a defensive end position ahead of senior Darius English... could also be used as an outside linebacker or BUCK in a 3-4 scheme.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Linebacker who graduated from Grayson High School in Loganville, Ga. in 2015... helped the Rams and head coach Mickey Conn to a 10-2 record and the second round of the Class AAAAAA state playoffs in his senior season... rated a three-star prospect, the 46th-best player in the state and the 38th-best outside linebacker in the country by Rivals... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 71st-best player in the state and the 22nd-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect and the No. 40 outside linebacker by ESPN... had over 20 Division I offers.

PERSONAL: Daniel Fennell was born October 18, 1996... is a broadcast journalism major at South Carolina.



Rashad FENTON

16

DB • 5-10 • 190 • SO. • 1L
Miami, Fla.
(Miami Carol City)

Talented sophomore cornerback and kick returner... slated to see more action this fall on the defensive side of the ball at either the cornerback or nickel positions... listed with the first team at nickel and on the second team at corner... proved to be a capable return man last season, as he became the first Gamecock to return a kickoff for a touchdown since the 2002 season.

2015: Saw action in 10 games... credited with two tackles... averaged 26.1 yards on 14 kick returns, ranking fifth in the SEC... did not play against North Carolina... saw extensive action at cornerback in the second half against Kentucky and Georgia... broke loose on the first kickoff return of his career at LSU, rambling 96 yards to paydirt... it was the first time he touched the ball in his collegiate career and was the Gamecocks' first kick return for a score since the 2002 season... also logged a pair of tackles against the Tigers... did not make the trip to Tennessee... had three kick returns for 83 yards against The Citadel... had four kick returns for 88 yards against Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Miami Carol City High School in Miami Gardens, Fla. in 2015... coached by Aubrey Hill, who played for Steve Spurrier at Florida... played in the International Bowl in Arlington, Texas, following the season... started on the varsity squad at Norland High as a freshman... rated a three-star prospect by Rivals... is a three-star prospect and the 119th-best cornerback in the country according to Scout... considered a three-star prospect, the 58th-best player in the state of Florida and the 45th-best cornerback in the country by 247Sports... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 224th-best player in the state and the No. 97 cornerback in the country by ESPN... selected South Carolina over Louisville and Florida.

PERSONAL: Rashad Khambrell Fenton was born February 17, 1997... is a public health major.

FENTON'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	10/0	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

-KICK RETURNS-

Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	10/0	14	365	26.1	1	96



C.J. FREEMAN

36

RB • 5-11 • 200 • FR. • HS
Greensboro, N.C.
(Northern Guilford)

True freshman who joined the Gamecock football program in the spring of 2016 after enrolling in January... went through spring drills with the squad.

HIGH SCHOOL: Running back who graduated from Northern Guilford High School in Greensboro, N.C. midyear and enrolled at South Carolina in January 2016... played for head coach Johnny Roscoe... rushed for 2,091 yards and 23 touchdowns for Northern Guilford in his senior season, averaging more than seven yards per carry and nearly 150 yards per game... in four playoff games, he averaged 265 rushing yards... the Nighthawks went 10-5 and reached the state Class 3AA semifinals... rated a three-star prospect, the 30th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the No. 31 running

back in the country by Rivals... considered a three-star prospect and the No. 36 running back in the nation by 247Sports Composite... ESPN gave him a three-star rating and considered him the 28th-best player in the state and the No. 53 running back in the country... rated a four-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick by PrepStar.

PERSONAL: C.J. Freeman is a sport and entertainment management major.



Elliott FRY

29

PK • 6-0 • 170 • SR. • 3L
Frisco, Texas
(Prince of Peace Christian)

2016 Harold White GPA Award - Special Teams
2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2015 Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring
2014 Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
2014 Lou Groza Semifinalist
2014 SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (ECU)
2014 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2014 Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring
2013 SEC All-Freshman Team
2013 SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (Missouri)
2013 SEC Freshman of the Week (Florida)

One of the top returning placekickers in the country... is a candidate for All-SEC accolades and the Groza Award, which recognizes the nation's top place-kicker... has been Carolina's placekicker in every game over the past three seasons... owns the school record with 124 consecutive extra points made... is the school record holder in both PATs made (130) and attempted (131)... is second in career points scored with 289, behind only Collin Mackie (330)... has hit on nearly 75 percent of his career field goal attempts and that average jumps to 81 percent when attempting from under 50 yards... owns a career-long of 52 yards... has seven games of three-plus field goals with a career-high of four... longest consecutive field goal streak is 12... was a second-team All-SEC selection in 2014... has earned two SEC Special Teams Player of the Week accolades... nominated for the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Led the team with 85 points scored... hit on 20-of-28 field goals (71.4 percent) and all 25 extra points... ranked eighth among kickers in the SEC with 7.1 points per game and was third with 1.67 field goals made per game... connected three field goals against Kentucky... hit from 45 and from a then-career-long 51-yards at Georgia... it was his first make from 50+ yards in five career tries... bettered that with a 52-yarder against UCF... finished the day with 11 points against the Knights with three field goals and a pair of extra points... matched his career high with four field goals while matching a school record with six field goal attempts in the win over Vanderbilt, earning a Groza "Star of Stars" Award... connected on all three field goal attempts against The Citadel... garnered a spot on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring for the second time in his career at the 2015 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2014: Earned second-team All-SEC accolades from the coaches and was one of 20 semifinalists for the Groza Award... ranked third in the SEC with 105 points, the third-highest single-season mark in school history, and was fifth in the league in points per game at 8.1... connected on 18-of-25 field goals (72 percent) with three of his misses coming from 54 yards or longer, and all 51 extra points... missed his first field goal opportunity of the season from 54 yards out, then converted each of his next 12 opportunities... named Groza Star of the Week and SEC Special Teams Player of the Week after tying a career-best 4-of-4 on field goal attempts versus East Carolina... hit a career-long



47-yard field goal against South Alabama... matched that with a 47-yarder at Clemson... earned a spot on the ESPN.com and the Phil Steele 2014 Mid-season All-SEC first team... named Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring in 2014... nominated for the Burlsworth Trophy... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... placed on scholarship in the spring.

2013: True freshman placekicker who went from unknown walk-on to a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team... led the team with 99 points, the fourth-highest single-season total in school history... connected on 15-of-18 field goal attempts and 54-of-55 extra points... the 54 PATs in a season set a school record, surpassing the mark of 51, set by Spencer Lanning in 2010... scored nine points, including 2-for-2 on field goals of 39- and 26-yards, in the season opener against North Carolina... became the first true freshman to placekick in a season opener since Courtney Leavitt in 1996... booted a 36-yard field goal to start the scoring at Georgia... connected on both field goal attempts versus Kentucky, hitting from 40 and 41 yards out... remained perfect in field goal attempts on the season with a 33-yarder at Arkansas... missed for the first time in seven attempts when he failed from 45 yards out at Tennessee... named the SEC Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance at Missouri... hit a 20-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter, then connected from 40 yards out in the second overtime which proved to be the game-winner... booted a career-best 44-yard field goal, along with a 37-yard kick against Mississippi State... named the SEC Freshman of the Week for his efforts in the win over Florida... accounted for 13 of the Gamecocks' 19 points with a career-high four field goals, including a season-long 45-yarder... hit two field goals in the final period to give the Gamecocks the win.

HIGH SCHOOL: Worked as both the punter and placekicker for Prince of Peace Christian School in Carrollton, Texas, graduating in 2013... coached by Larry Thexton... was a first-team all-state selection... hit 49-of-50 extra point attempts and 8-of-9 field goals, helping his team to a 9-3 record as a senior... longest field goal was 44 yards... also kicked a 50-yard field goal in an all-star game... turned down a scholarship offer from Louisiana Tech.

PERSONAL: Elliott Goering Fry was born December 12, 1994... is a marketing major... was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes as a seven-year old... active with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

FRY'S STATISTICS

-PLACEKICKING-

Year	GP	FG-A	Pct	Long	PAT-A	Pts.
2013	13	15-18	83.3	45	54-55	99
2014	13	18-25	72.0	47	51-51	105
2015	12	20-28	71.4	52	25-25	85
Total	38	53-71	74.6	52	130-131	289

-FIELD GOALS-

Year	M-A	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
2013	15-18	83.3	0-0	5-5	4-5	6-8	0-0	45	0
2014	18-25	72.0	0-0	5-5	6-7	7-10	0-3	47	0
2015	20-28	71.4	1-1	9-9	4-5	4-8	2-5	52	0
Total	53-71	74.6	1-1	19-19	14-17	17-26	2-8	52	0

FRY ON CAROLINA'S CAREER LISTS

POINTS SCORED

1. Collin Mackie (1987-90).....330
2. Elliott Fry (2013-15).....289

FIELD GOALS MADE

1. Collin Mackie (1987-90).....72
2. Elliott Fry (2013-15).....53

FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

1. Collin Mackie (1987-90).....98
2. Elliott Fry (2013-15).....71

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

1. Spencer Lanning (2007-10).....773
2. Elliott Fry (2013-15).....746

PATs MADE

1. Elliott Fry (2013-15).....130

PATs ATTEMPTED

1. Elliott Fry (2013-15).....131

PAT PERCENTAGE (Min. 40 Made)

1. Adam Yates (2008-12).....1,000
2. Elliott Fry (2013-15).....992

CONSECUTIVE PATs

1. Elliott Fry (2013-15).....124



Terry GOOGER

5

WR • 6-4 • 220 • SO. • 1L
Atlanta, Ga.
(Woodward Academy)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2015 Spring Most Improved Wide Receiver

Lanky sophomore wide receiver who gained some valuable experience as a redshirt freshman last fall... listed with the second team unit entering the fall... has made two career starts among his 11 contests.

2015: Played in 11 of 12 games... caught five passes for 74 yards... had a solid debut as a Gamecock, catching a pair of passes for 39 yards against North Carolina... made his first career start at Georgia... caught a 13-yard pass against Vanderbilt... gained his second start at Texas A&M... had a 14-yard reception at Tennessee... had an 8-yard catch against The Citadel... did not play in the season finale against Clemson... earned a spot on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... garnered Most Improved Wide Receiver accolades at the 2015 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Versatile athlete who played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back for the War Eagles of Woodward Academy in Atlanta... graduated in 2014... played for head coach John Hunt, the former offensive line coach at Carolina... team finished with a 9-3 record in his senior season and advanced to the second round of the AAA playoffs... threw for 967 yards and 10 touchdowns and ran for 1,116 yards and 16 scores... also lettered in basketball and track... Rivals considered him a four-star prospect, the 26th-best player in the state, and the 19th-best "athlete" in the country... Scout ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 34th-best tight end in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 42nd-best player in the state, and the 62nd-best wide receiver in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, No. 260 on its ESPN300 list, the 33rd-best "athlete" in the nation and the 24th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 238 on its All-American Team.

PERSONAL: Corteries Cosea Googer was born December 10, 1994... pursuing a degree in sport and entertainment management.

GOOGER'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	11/2	5	74	14.8	0	22

GOOGER'S HIGHS

Receptions.....2, North Carolina, 2015
Yards Receiving39, North Carolina, 2015
Long Reception.....22, North Carolina, 2015



Danny GORDON

18

QB • 6-0 • 210 • SO. • SQ
Worthington, Ohio
(Worthington/Miami (O))

Transfer from Miami (Ohio) who joined the squad when the rosters expanded in 2015... will be eligible this fall for the first time at South Carolina... provides depth at the quarterback position.



2015: Joined the squad when the roster expanded in August... was not eligible this season due to NCAA transfer rules... spent the fall working with the scout team.

2014: Attended Miami (Ohio) University where he was a walk-on member of the football squad.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Thomas Worthington High School in Worthington, Ohio in 2014... played football for his father, Scott Gordon.

PERSONAL: Daniel Gordon was born June 28, 1996... is an accounting major... sister, Kendall, played lacrosse at Louisville.



**Scott
GRANT**

34

DB • 5-10 • 185 • SO. • SQ
Laurens, S.C.
(Laurens)

Walk-on safety who has gone through two springs with the Carolina football team... adds depth in the secondary.

2015: Joined the team in the spring... did not make the 105 to start fall camp in August, but was added back when the roster expanded.

2014: Attended South Carolina in the fall but did not participate in football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Laurens (S.C.) High School in 2014... coached by Greg Lawson and Mike Hawkins.

PERSONAL: Scottaivian Grant was born February 23, 1996... is a sociology major at South Carolina.



**Kelsey
GRIFFIN**

94

DL • 6-2 • 295 • SR. • 3L
Buford, Ga.
(Mill Creek)

2015 Fall Academic Honor Roll
2014 Fall Academic Honor Roll

Senior defensive tackle... has played in 26 games over the past three seasons with 34 tackles... listed as a starter entering his final campaign... is a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Played in 11 of 12 games, collecting 14 tackles... had 3.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks... had a key performance in the season opener, collecting 1.5 sacks in key moments to stall drives for North Carolina... credited with three stops against Florida, including a six-yard sack and another four-yard tackle for loss... credited with three solo tackles against The Citadel... earned a spot on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll for the second-straight year.

2014: Credited with eight tackles in six games... logged a tackle for loss in the opener against Texas A&M... did not play in the last four regular season contests or in the bowl game... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2013: True freshman defensive tackle who got his feet wet in 2013... played in nine games, logging a dozen tackles... had four tackles including a half-tackle for loss in the season opener against North Carolina... collected a season-high five stops in the win over Coastal Carolina.

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive tackle who recorded 108 total tackles including 10 sacks as a senior at Mill Creek High School (Hoschton, Ga.)... gradu-

ated in 2013... helped the Hawks to a 9-4 record and the third round of the 6A state playoffs as a senior... coached by Shannon Jarvis... named to the AJC's Class AAAAAA all-state team... named second-team all-state by the Georgia Sportswriters Association... played in the Under Armour All-American game... recorded 44 tackles with six tackles for loss as a junior, earning all-state and All-Gwinnett County accolades... four-star prospect who was regarded as the 10th-best player in Georgia, the seventh-best defensive tackle in the country and the 120th-best player overall on the Rivals250... a four-star prospect and the nation's 13th-best defensive tackle according to Scout... a four-star prospect, the eighth-best player in Georgia, the seventh-best defensive tackle in the country, the 78th-best player overall and a second-team All-American according to 247Sports... a four-star prospect, the 12th-best defensive tackle in the country and the 123rd-best player overall by Prep-Star... considered the nation's 12th-best defensive tackle by MaxPreps... rated a four-star prospect and No. 100 on the ESPN150... named honorable mention on PARADE magazine's All-America team... scholarship offers included Auburn, Florida, Florida State, Georgia and Tennessee.

PERSONAL: Kelsey A. Griffin was born September 19, 1994... is a sport and entertainment management major.

GRIFFIN'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	9/0	7	5	12	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0
2014	6/0	4	4	8	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	11/0	9	5	14	3.5-17	2.5-13	0	0	0	0	0
Total	26/0	20	14	34	5.0-19	3.0-14	0	0	0	0	0



**Cory
HELMS**

51

OL • 6-4 • 310 • JR. • SQ
Alpharetta, Ga.
(Milton/Wake Forest)

2013 Freshman All-American

Junior offensive lineman who sat out the 2015 campaign after transferring from Wake Forest, where he played in all 24 games, making 23 starts from 2013-14... expected to be a starter at either center or guard... listed as the first-team right guard and second-team center entering the fall.

2015: Former Wake Forest offensive lineman who joined the Gamecocks in the fall... was not eligible due to NCAA transfer rules.

2014: Started the first seven games at left guard, then moved back to center for the final five contests for the Wake Forest Demon Deacons and head coach Dave Clawson... selected the Gamecocks over offers from Mississippi State, Texas A&M and Penn State after electing to leave Wake Forest.

2013: Earned Freshman All-America accolades for head coach Jim Grobe... played in all 12 games with 11 starts at center as a true freshman... started every game except Senior Day vs. Duke, giving way to senior Whit Barnes... became the first Demon Deacon since defensive tackle Marvin Mitchell in 1987 to start his first collegiate game when he got the call against Presbyterian in the season opener.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 2013 graduate of Milton High School in Georgia... played for coach Howie DeCristofaro... earned all-metro, all-region and high school All-American honors... awarded first team All-Region 5-6A honors as a senior... was the starting center for the Blue team in the Offense-Defense All-America Bowl in Houston... ranked as the No. 9 center nationally and the No. 58 prospect in Georgia by Rivals.

PERSONAL: Cory Helms was born December 31, 1994... is an interdisciplinary studies major.



**T.J.
HOLLOMAN**

11

LB • 6-2 • 230 • SR. • 3L
Stone Mountain, Ga.
(St. Pius X)

2016 Outstanding Student-Athlete Representative
2015 Team Captain
2015 Spring Everyday Effort Award - Defense
2014 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2014 Spring Big Plays Award - Defense
2013 Athlon's Third-team Freshman All-American
2013 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2013 Harold White GPA Award - Defense

Senior linebacker who has the experience, savvy and expertise to play a key role in his final season for the Garnet & Black... listed as a co-starter at both the WILL and MIKE linebacker positions entering the fall... has played in 36 games over the past three seasons making 16 starts... credited with 140 career tackles with 10.0 tackles for loss, a pair of sacks, five interceptions and three recovered fumbles... is a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete Representative at the 2016 Garnet & Black Spring Game... was a team captain in 2015.

2015: Played in 10 games making nine starts... third on the team with 63 tackles including 2.5 tackles for loss... picked off a pair of passes and recovered three fumbles, tops in the SEC and tied for seventh in the country... named a permanent team captain despite not playing in the season's first two games... saw his first game action at Georgia and was credited with four tackles... earned the start at the MIKE linebacker position against UCF and responded with six tackles, including a tackle for loss, a pair of interceptions, a pass break up and two hurries... had six stops including a tackle for loss and a pass break up at Missouri... credited with six stops at LSU... picked up a fumble against Vanderbilt... logged eight tackles at Texas A&M and against Florida... notched seven stops and recovered a fumble at Tennessee... credited with six solo tackles versus The Citadel... posted a career-high nine tackles and recovered a fumble in the season finale against Clemson... had an excellent spring in which he was recognized along with Gerald Dixon Jr. as the Everyday Effort award winner for the defense.

2014: Sophomore linebacker who played in all 13 games making four starts... credited with 33 tackles including 2.5 tackles for loss... posted six solo stops in a start versus East Carolina... credited with four stops at Vanderbilt... totaled six tackles against South Alabama including a 13-yard sack... matched a career-high with seven tackles against Clemson... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... earned the Big Plays award for the defense during the spring.

2013: Redshirt freshman who played in all 13 games, making three starts at linebacker... named to Athlon's third-team Freshman All-America squad... split time with Kaiwan Lewis... collected 44 tackles, including 28 solo stops... had 5.0 tackles for loss and a sack... tied for second on the squad with three interceptions... tied for the team lead with five tackles at UCF, including a tackle for loss... also logged his first career interception against the Knights... made his first career start against Kentucky... responded by tying for the team lead with six tackles, including five solo stops... also started against Tennessee and Arkansas... registered seven tackles at Tennessee with a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry... collected another seven stops including his first career sack in the win over Coastal Carolina... intercepted a pass against Mississippi State and another against Clemson... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... recognized at the 2013 Garnet & Black Game for the Harold White GPA Award for the defense.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Coached by Paul Standard at St. Pius X Catholic School in Atlanta, graduating in 2012... team went 12-1 in his senior season... racked up 48 tackles and four interceptions as a junior... played quarterback for half a season and threw for 500 yards and rushed for 430 more... also ran track... was a three-star prospect, the 60th-best player in the state of Georgia and the nation's 63rd-best outside linebacker by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 90th-best outside linebacker by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the 60th-best outside linebacker and the 63rd-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the 29th-best outside linebacker and the 67th-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... selected the Gamecocks over Illinois, Louisville and NC State.

PERSONAL: Thomas "T.J." Holloman IV was born August 15, 1994... is majoring in accounting... stepfather played football at North Carolina.

HOLLOMAN'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	13/3	28	16	44	5.0-13	1.0-6	3	1	1	0	0
2014	13/4	20	13	33	2.5-18	1.0-13	0	1	1	0	0
2015	10/9	42	21	63	2.5-3	0.0-0	2	2	3	0	3
Total	36/16	90	50	140	10.0-34	2.0-19	5	4	5	0	3



**Hayden
HURST**

81

TE • 6-5 • 250 • SO. • 1L
Jacksonville, Fla.
(The Bolles School)

Former professional baseball player who played in the Pittsburgh Pirates' organization before walking-on to the Carolina football team in the summer of 2015... played his way into regular duty as a true freshman... figures to be used as a tight end this season, where he is listed as a co-starter entering the fall, but has also played wide receiver... placed on scholarship in the spring of 2016... has made one career start.

2015: Walk-on who joined the squad in the summer... played in all 12 games, making one start... caught eight passes for 106 yards... played at tight end and on special teams early in the season... moved to wide receiver after the UCF game... caught his first pass, a nine-yard reception, at LSU... hauled in a career-long 47-yard reception at Texas A&M... had a pair of receptions at Tennessee for 29 yards... made his first career start and responded with a pair of catches for 12 yards against Florida... had two catches versus The Citadel.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla. in 2012... played football but was also a standout on the baseball diamond... selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 17th round of the 2012 baseball draft... helped the Bulldogs to a pair of state baseball titles... was a Florida All-Region first-team selection and a 2012 Rawlings second-team All-American as a righthanded pitcher with a fastball in the low 90s... pitched in the 2011 Under Armour All-America Baseball Game... turned down a baseball scholarship to attend Florida State to sign with the Pirates.

PERSONAL: Hayden Randle Hurst was born August 24, 1993... is an exercise science major... played two seasons in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization in the rookie Gulf Coast League, as a pitcher in 2013 and as a first baseman in 2014... underwent Tommy John surgery as an eighth grader.

HURST'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	12/1	8	106	13.2	0	28

HURST'S HIGHS

Receptions.....2, 3 times, 2015
Yards Receiving47, Texas A&M, 2015
Long Reception.....47, Texas A&M, 2015



Shannon JAMES

35

DB • 5-7 • 160 • SR. • SQ
Florence, S.C.
(South Florence)

Walk-on defensive back who adds depth at the cornerback position... fifth year senior who has spent the past two seasons working on the scout team.

2015: Reserve defensive back who spent the season working with the scout team... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Worked on the scout team as a redshirt sophomore cornerback... joined the squad just prior to the start of spring drills.

2013: Attended Florence Darlington Tech.

2012: Attended the University of South Carolina but did not play football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from South Florence (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2012... coached in football by Lynn Flemming... was an all-region selection and garnered the Dual Threat Award.

PERSONAL: Shannon James was born December 25, 1993... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.



Ulric JONES

93

DL • 6-5 • 300 • JR. • SQ
Oxford, Ala.
(Oxford/Butler C.C.)

Big lineman who returned to the defensive unit in the spring of 2016 after spending time on both sides of the ball in his first year in Columbia... listed with the second-team unit at defensive tackle behind Kelsey Griffin entering the fall... former junior college player who redshirted in his first season with the Gamecocks... has two years of eligibility remaining.

2015: Redshirted in his first season with the Garnet & Black... began his Gamecock career on the defensive line... was moved midway through the year to the offensive side of the ball where he worked at tight end.

2014: Finished up his two-year junior college stint at Butler (Kan.) Community College... coached by Troy Morrell... earned honorable mention all-conference accolades in the Jayhawk Conference at defensive end... credited with 43 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks in 2014 for a Grizzlies team that went 8-3... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the No. 97 JUCO player in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 21st-best JUCO player in the state, the 10th-best JUCO strongside defensive end in the country and the No. 119 JUCO player overall by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect and the No. 9 junior college defensive end by ESPN... originally committed to Maryland before selecting the Gamecocks.

2013: Played on the defensive line at Butler (Kan.) Community College... logged 19 tackles with two tackles for loss.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Oxford (Ala.) High School in 2013... selected Mississippi State out of high school.

PERSONAL: Ulric Shemon Jones was born January 13, 1995... is an interdisciplinary studies major... one of the more active Gamecocks in the community.



Sean KELLY

13

P • 5-10 • 190 • SR. • 1L
Oakland, Fla.
(West Orange/FAU)

Senior punter who turned in an outstanding junior campaign in his first season with the Gamecocks... a candidate for all-conference recognition... experienced player who was the starting punter at FAU for two seasons prior to his arrival in Columbia... has averaged 42.1 yards on 195 career punts with 67 inside the 20 and 47 over 50 yards.

2015: Transfer who joined the Gamecocks in January of 2015 as a walk-on... was the only punter to go through spring drills... earned a spot on the Ray Guy Award Watch List... averaged 44.3 yards per punt with a net average of 41.3... ranked fourth in the SEC in punting average, while the Gamecocks were second in the league and seventh in the country in net punting... 45 percent (25-of-55) of his punts were inside the 20 with just four touchbacks... had 14 punts of 50-plus yards... averaged 46.5 yards on five punts with two inside the 20 and a long of 60 in his debut against North Carolina... also converted a fourth down with a 17-yard run off a fake... averaged 45.0 yards on four punts with three inside the 20 against UCF... had a 54-yard punt with three of four inside the 20 at Missouri... averaged 49.7 yards on six punts at Tennessee, including three of 50-plus yards, including a 56-yarder... boomed a career-long 69-yard punt against Florida... averaged 49.3 yards on three punts against The Citadel, including a 58-yarder... averaged 49.8 yards on five punts with a long of 68 against Clemson.

2014: Did not play football while attending Tallahassee Junior College.

2013: Spent the season at Florida Atlantic University... punted for 3,072 yards, averaging 42.7 yards on 72 punts... had 19 punts of over 50 yards, including a season-long 64-yarder, and pinned opponents inside the 20 on 26 occasions... ranked third in Conference USA and 36th in the NCAA for average yards per punt... ranked third in punting yards and second in average yards per punt in FAU history... also had a pair of 63-yard boots... named the Special Teams MVP and was a three-time FAU game ball winner (at ECU, at Rice and New Mexico State)... received second-team honors in Phil Steele's Mid-Season All-C-USA team and was a second team all-conference selection.

2012: Joined the FAU squad in the fall and handled every punt during the season... averaged 39.9 yards on 68 punts including 14 that were 50-plus yards... 26 landed inside the 20... had a career-long 68-yard punt against Lafayette, a 66-yarder against Bowling Green and a 64-yarder against FIU... saw four games where he was called into action eight times, all on the road (Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana-Monroe and Western Kentucky)... four of his 50+ yard boots were at Alabama, including two that fell inside the 20... attempted a field goal in the season opener and was credited with six kickoffs in the first two games with a pair of touchbacks... awarded a scholarship after his freshman season by Carl Peltini.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from West Orange High in Winter Garden, Fla. in 2012... played quarterback, punter and kicker for the Warriors... during his final two seasons, he set 11 school records... as a senior, he connected on 5-of-9 field goals, 19-of-26 extra points and averaged 34 yards per punts.

PERSONAL: Sean Edward Kelly is pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

KELLY'S STATISTICS

Year	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+
2012	12	68	2711	39.9	68	5	6	16	14
2013	12	72	3072	42.7	64	5	21	26	19
2015	12	55	2434	44.3	69	4	16	25	14
Total	36	195	8217	42.1	69	14	43	67	47



**Alan
KNOTT**

70

OL • 6-4 • 290 • JR. • 2L
Tyrone, Ga.
(Sandy Creek)

2015 Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring
2015 Most Improved Offensive Lineman of the Spring

Junior offensive lineman who figures to a fixture in the middle of the line, most likely at center, but could also play guard... listed as the starter at center entering the fall... nominated for the Remington Award... ranks third among the returning players and first among offensive players with 17 career starts.

2015: Offensive center who started each of the season's first three games... suffered a high ankle sprain at Georgia and was not able to play against UCF or Missouri... returned to the starting lineup at LSU... played the second half against Vanderbilt... returned to the starting lineup at Texas A&M and held that position throughout the remainder of the season, making nine starts overall... named to Rimington Watch List... put together an excellent spring where he was recognized by the coaches as the Most Improved Offensive Lineman and also the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring.

2014: Missed most of the preseason with a right knee injury... made first career start at center versus East Carolina... remained the starter at center for seven of the first eight games... played in all 13 contests, making eight starts, including the Independence Bowl win over Miami.

2013: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Helped the Sandy Creek (Tyrone, Ga.) Patriots to a pair of state titles, including a perfect 15-0 mark in 2012... graduated in 2013... coached by Chip Walker... named first-team Class AAAA all-state by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and by the Georgia Sportswriters Association... played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif. following his senior season... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 61st-best player in Georgia and the 53rd-best offensive tackle in the country according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 30th-best offensive guard by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 43rd-best player in the state, and the 27th-best offensive guard in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 43rd-best offensive guard and an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*... offers included Kentucky, Miami, Virginia Tech and North Carolina.

PERSONAL: David Alan Knott was born December 16, 1994... is a criminal justice major.



**Abu
LAMIN**

99

DL • 6-4 • 310 • SR. • 2L
Fayetteville, N.C.
(Trinity Christian/Fort Scott C.C.)

2014 Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring

Defensive tackle who is set for his senior season... slated to be in the mix along the defensive interior... looks to see more consistent playing time in his final campaign... listed with the second-team unit entering the fall.

2015: Played in limited duty in 10 games, making five tackles... did not play against either North Carolina or Tennessee... two of his five tackles came in the Citadel contest.

2014: Played in 10 games, recording eight tackles in his first season in Columbia... had two solo tackles in the season opener against Texas A&M and two stops against Vanderbilt... did not play in the final three regular season games after being injured in a car accident during the second bye week... named the Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring by the coaches.

2013: Attended Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, where he played for head coach Curtis Horton... racked up 34 tackles in 2013 with 7.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks in nine games for the 2-7 Greyhounds... also forced one fumble... Rivals.com lists him as a four-star prospect and the No. 19 junior college player in the nation... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect... considered a four-star prospect, the No. 18 junior college prospect in the country and the No. 6 JUCO defensive tackle, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect and No. 43 on its ESPNJUCO list... ranked by *PrepStar* as a three-star prospect and a JUCO All-American.

2012: Redshirted in his first season at Fort Scott C.C.

HIGH SCHOOL: Originally from Trinity Christian School in Fayetteville, N.C., graduating in 2012... coached by Chuck Webster.

PERSONAL: Abu-Bakarr Rashid Lamin is a sociology major who earned his degree in May.

LAMIN'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2014	10/0	4	4	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	10/0	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	20/0	8	5	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0



**Chris
LAMMONS**

3

DB • 5-10 • 190 • JR. • 2L
Lauderhill, Fla.
(Plantation)

2015 Harold White GPA Award - Defense
2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Junior defensive back who figures to play a key role in 2016... listed with the first-team at both cornerback and safety entering the fall... has made 11 starts over his first two seasons... owns 45 career tackles and one interception.

2015: Played in eight games making four starts in a season that was hampered by injury... credited with 24 tackles, four pass breakups and an interception... earned the start in the season opener against North Carolina and recorded five tackles... missed the next three games with a knee injury... returned against Missouri and recorded a tackle for loss among his two stops... saw more action at LSU and logged five stops... registered three tackles and his first career interception against Vanderbilt... made his second start of the season at Texas A&M and notched a tackle and a pass breakup... had a pair of pass breakups at Tennessee... notched four tackles and a pass breakup in a start versus Florida... had three stops including a half tackle for loss against The Citadel... did not play in the season finale against Clemson... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll following the season... garnered the Harold White GPA award for the defense at the 2015 spring game.

2014: Played in 10 games, making seven starts at cornerback as a true freshman... totaled 21 tackles including 20 solo stops... earned first career playing time in the season opener against No. 21 Texas A&M, making one solo stop... did not travel to Vanderbilt due to an ankle injury... made first career start against Furman, producing five solo tackles... started each of the season's final seven games... collected a season-high six tackles and half tackle for loss at Auburn... collected four solo tackles against South Alabama.



HIGH SCHOOL: Played on both sides of the ball for head coach Steven Davis at Plantation (Fla.) High School... helped the Colonels to an 8-3 record and to the second round of the 7A playoffs... as a quarterback, he threw for about 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns while running for another 900 yards and seven scores... as a defensive back, he registered 30 tackles with eight pass breakups and two interceptions... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio following his senior season... Rivals rated him as a four-star prospect, the 45th-best player in the state and the 14th-best "athlete" in the country... Scout ranked him as a four-star prospect, the 31st-best cornerback in the country and No. 265 overall... 247Sports listed him as a four-star prospect, the nation's No. 22 cornerback and the 40th-best player in the state of Florida... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, the 12th-best "athlete" in the nation, No. 86 on the ESPN300 list and the 15th-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a four-star prospect and No. 101 on the Top 150 Dream Team... originally committed to Florida... also visited Wisconsin... a member of the high school honor roll.

PERSONAL: Christopher Lamar Lammons was born January 31, 1996.... interested in a sociology degree.

LAMMONS' STATISTICS												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR	
2014	10/7	20	1	21	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2015	8/4	18	6	24	1.5-5	0.0-0	1	4	0	0	0	
Total	18/11	38	7	45	2.0-6	0.0-0	1	4	0	0	0	



Marquavius LEWIS

8 DL • 6-3 • 270 • SR. • 1L
Greenwood, S.C.
(Greenwood/Hutchinson C.C.)

2016 Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring
2015 Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring

Former junior college transfer who is set for his second and final season in Columbia... expected to make a bigger contribution this season after gaining a year of experience in the SEC... only returning player who started every game in 2015... listed as a starter at defensive end, but could also move into the interior of the line of scrimmage... for the second year in a row, selected by the coaching staff as the Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring.

2015: One of six players on the squad who started every game... ranked sixth on the team with 45 tackles... logged 4.5 tackles for loss and was second on the team with 3.0 sacks... led the squad with six quarterback hurries... was in on four tackles with a quarterback hit and pass break up against North Carolina in his Gamecock debut... had his best game at Missouri with eight stops then topped that at LSU with nine tackles including his first career sack and another quarterback hurry... had a pair of tackles for loss including a sack and credited with two quarterback hurries against Vanderbilt... had four tackles including a sack at Tennessee... selected as the Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring by the coaching staff.

2014: Played at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College for head coach Rion Rhoades... named the Jayhawk Conference Defensive Player of the Year and first-team all-conference... twice earned conference Player of the Week accolades and once garnered national Player of the Week honors... credited with 63 tackles in 12 games including 20.5 tackles for loss and 11.0 sacks... had 21 quarterback hurries, forced two fumbles and recovered one... helped the Blue Dragons to an 11-win season for the first time in the program's 83-year history and a No. 4 final ranking, their highest ever.

2013: Recorded 63 tackles with 19 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks, 15 quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and a blocked kick in his first season at Hutchinson.

2012: Attended Greenville Tech part time in the fall before transferring to Hutchinson Community College in the spring.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Greenwood (S.C.) High School in 2012.

PERSONAL: Marquavius Kadeem Lewis was born October 11, 1992... is pursuing a degree in sociology.

LEWIS' STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	12/12	26	19	45	4.5-23	3.0-20	0	1	6	0	0



Kyle MARKWAY

84 TE • 6-5 • 245 • SO. • 1L
St. Louis, Mo.
(St. John Vianney)

Sophomore tight end who could be more of a factor this year following the departure of Jerrell Adams... gained some experience as a true freshman at both tight end and on special teams in 2015... penciled in to compete for quality playing time at tight end in his second season in Columbia.

2015: True freshman who has appeared in all 12 games, making one start... a regular on special teams, but has also saw some action at tight end... logged three receptions for 57 yards, an average of 19.0 yards per catch... caught his first pass in his home state of Missouri... had a season-long 27-yard completion at Texas A&M... also caught a pass against Florida... made his first start against The Citadel.

HIGH SCHOOL: Tight end who graduated from St. John Vianney in Kirkwood, Mo. in 2015... coached by Paul Day... played both ways and in multiple roles for the Golden Griffins during his prep career... team went 7-5 in his senior campaign... earned first-team Class 5 All-State honors as a tight end... as a junior, he caught 28 passes for 254 yards and a touchdown and recorded 64 tackles with seven sacks, helping his squad to a 7-4 record... logged 18 catches for 225 yard and two scores and earned all-conference honors at defensive end after collecting 43 tackles with four sacks as a sophomore... rated a three-star prospect and the 13th-best player in the state by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 31st-best tight end in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 18th-best player in the state and the 45th-best tight end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 10th-best player in the state and the No. 17 tight end by ESPN... offer list included several Big Ten schools with Iowa at the top of his list, where his uncle, Matt Markway, played for the Hawkeyes in the '90s.

MARKWAY'S STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	12/1	3	57	19.0	0	27

MARKWAY'S HIGHS	
Receptions.....	1, Three times, 2015
Yards Receiving	27, Texas A&M, 2015
Long Reception	27, Texas A&M, 2015

PERSONAL: Kyle Matthew Markway was born March 4, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major.



**Nick
MCGRIFF**

48

LS • 6-0 • 225 • SO. • 1L
Gainesville, Fla.
(Gainesville)

Walk-on sophomore long snapper who provides quality depth behind incumbent Drew Williams... earned a letter in his redshirt freshman season of 2015.

2015: Redshirt freshman long snapper who saw action in six games... saw his first collegiate action against UCF... also appeared against Missouri, LSU, Vanderbilt, Texas A&M and Florida... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Joined the team in the fall... redshirted as a true freshman tight end.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Gainesville (Fla.) High School in 2014... coached by Mark Latsko... Hurricanes went 9-3 in his senior season, reaching the regional semifinals in 6A... also played baseball.

PERSONAL: Nicholas Emmer McGriff is a sport and entertainment management major.



**Brandon
MCILWAIN**

11

QB • 6-0 • 205 • FR. • HS
Newtown, Pa.
(Council Rock North)

Talented, athletic player who is on Chad Holbrook's South Carolina baseball team in addition to being a scholarship football player at South Carolina... enrolled in January 2016 and went through spring drills... emerged as a co-starter at quarterback along with senior Perry Orth... was 19-for-26 for 169 yards with no interceptions in the Garnet & Black Spring Game.

HIGH SCHOOL: Two-sport standout who graduated from Council Rock North High School in Newtown, Pa. in December 2015 and enrolled at South Carolina in January... threw for 1,720 yards and 18 touchdowns on 147-of-252 passing and rushed for 1,545 yards and 31 touchdowns on 227 carries as a senior, helping the Indians to the Suburban One League Continental Conference title, their first since 2006, and a 7-4 mark overall... as a defensive back, he collected 62 tackles and two interceptions, returning one for a score for the Indians... played for head coach Adam Collachi... named the Pennsylvania Gatorade Player of the Year, the AP Class AAAA Player of the Year, a Mini Max Award from the prestigious Maxwell Club, Southeastern Pennsylvania Player of the Year by The Inquirer, CBS Philly's Player of the Year and the Maxwell Club PA Player of the Year... during his junior season he threw for 2,100 yards and 18 touchdowns and rushed for 1,100 yards and 20 scores... named an Elite 11 quarterback after his summertime performance at The Opening national event... in four years he produced 10,427 total yards of offense and 124 touchdowns (6,545 yards and 54 TDs passing; 3,882 yards and 70 TDs rushing)... Rivals considers him a four-star prospect, the eighth-best player in Pennsylvania and the 13th-best dual-threat quarterback in the nation... 247Sports ranks him as a four-star recruit, the No. 2 dual-threat quarterback in the country and No. 153 overall... ESPN has him as a four-star recruit, the fourth-best player in the state, the nation's seventh-best dual threat quarterback and No. 118 overall... rated a *PrepStar* All-American, a four-star prospect and No. 251 overall... on the diamond, he hit .414 with seven homers, 28 RBI and 22 stolen bases for a team that went 19-6 and reached the state quarterfinals... also logged a 7-3

record and 1.26 ERA on the mound with 42 strikeouts and 13 walks... was a Perfect Game All-American and played in the Area Code Games... considered to be a potential first round pick in the baseball draft as he was rated the No. 16 best high school prospect for the 2016 MLB Draft by *Baseball America* and *DI Baseball*.

PERSONAL: Brandon McIlwain was born May 31, 1998... is pursuing a degree in political science... hopes to obtain a joint MBA/JD degree... father, Roddy, was born in Columbia and is a South Carolina graduate... grandmother lives in Irmo.



**Rico
MCWILLIAMS**

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DB • 5-11 • 190 • SR. • 3L
Hampton, Ga.
(Lovejoy)

2015 Spring Most Improved Cornerback
2014 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2013 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Senior cornerback who is one of six returning starters on the defensive side of the ball... listed with the first-team unit entering the fall... has played in 33 games over the past three seasons... owns 18 career starts, second among returning players behind only Skai Moore... is a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Played in all 12 games, starting 10... started in every game except Georgia and Texas A&M... credited with 32 tackles including 24 solo stops... had a pair of pass breakups and recovered a fumble... matched his career high with six tackles against UCF and against Florida... had a tackle for loss against Vanderbilt... turned in a solid spring as he was named Most Improved Cornerback on the squad.

2014: Played in 12 games, making six starts... credited with 33 tackles and five pass breakups... made five solo stops in the opener against Texas A&M... started versus East Carolina and was credited with five tackles, including one for a three-yard loss... best game came against Tennessee when he was credited with four pass breakups and five solo tackles... suffered a concussion against South Alabama and did not play against Clemson... logged a career-high six tackles, all solo stops, in the Independence Bowl win over Miami... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2013: Redshirt freshman cornerback who played in nine games making a pair of starts... made the start at Arkansas and recorded his only tackle in that contest... also made the start in the Capital One Bowl win against Wisconsin... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... sat out the spring as he continued to rehab from a knee injury suffered early in fall camp 2012.

2012: Suffered a season-ending left knee injury during the second practice of the preseason... underwent surgery in mid-August.

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned AAAA first-team all-state honors at Lovejoy High in Hampton, Ga. as a senior, graduating in 2012... coached by Al Hughes... helped his team to a 14-1 record as a senior and a spot in the state title game and was 24-2 over his last two seasons... named to the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... named to the *AJC* All-Area team... logged 40 tackles and two interceptions, along with 12 receptions for 301 yards as a senior... had 35 tackles and two picks as a junior... named one of Clayton Country's "Fantastic Four" prior to his senior season... played wide receiver early in his career before moving to cornerback... a three-star prospect, the state's 30th-best player and the nation's 26th-best cornerback according to Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 28th-best cornerback by Scout... a three-star recruit, the country's 89th-best cornerback and the state's 91st-best



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player according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the nation's 62nd-best cornerback and the 71st-best player in the state by 247Sports.

PERSONAL: Rico M. McWilliams was born July 31, 1993... is an African American Studies major.

MCWILLIAMS' STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	9/2	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	12/6	27	6	33	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	5	0	0	0
2015	12/10	24	8	32	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	2	0	0	1
Total	33/18	51	15	66	2.0-4	0.0-0	0	7	0	0	1



Chris MOODY

6

DB • 6-1 • 220 • SR. • 3L
McDonough, Ga.
(Henry County)

Senior safety who took some time away from the team in the off-season before electing to rejoin the squad during spring drills... listed with the second-team unit entering the fall... has seen action in 37 contests over three seasons with seven starts and 48 career tackles.

2015: Junior who was a regular on special teams and also saw action at safety... played in all 12 games... recorded his first tackle of the year against Georgia... had a pass break up in the end zone at Missouri... had a pair of stops at LSU... recorded a half-tackle for loss in the win over Vanderbilt.

2014: Sophomore safety who played in all 13 games making seven starts... credited with 37 tackles... tallied a game- and career-high eight tackles, including seven solo stops, in the season opener versus Texas A&M... made first career start against East Carolina, making three tackles... recorded four stops and grabbed his first interception against Furman... recovered the first fumble of his career in a start at Auburn... credited with seven tackles in a start versus Tennessee... added six tackles at Clemson.

2013: Redshirt freshman safety who saw action in 12 games... primarily used on special teams... credited with seven tackles... saw his most action at Tennessee when Chaz Elder was sidelined with an injury and Kadetrix Marcus was ejected for targeting... responded with three tackles in that contest.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played quarterback and defensive back for Henry County High School in McDonough, Ga., graduating in 2012... coached by Mike Rozier... recruited as an athlete who could play cornerback or safety and could be used in the Wildcat offense... was a first-team AAAAA All-State selection and the Henry County Player of the Year as a senior... led the Warhawks to an 8-4 record... rushed for 1,064 yards and passed for 1,475 yards on offense while accounting for 22 touchdowns... also logged 25 tackles with a couple of interceptions on the defensive side of the ball... played in the annual GACA North vs. South All-Star Game following the season... threw for 1,100 yards and rushed for 500 more with 16 combined TDs as a junior for the Warhawks... rated a three-star prospect, the 64th-best "athlete" and the 67th-best player in the state by Rivals.com... three-star prospect and the nation's 63rd-best safety according to Scout.com... a three-star player, the 36th-best "athlete" and the 46th-best player in Georgia according to ESPN.com... given three stars, rated the 65th-best player in Georgia and the 72nd-best "athlete" in the country by 247Sports.com... originally committed to Vanderbilt before switching to Carolina... had scholarship offers from over 15 FBS schools with UCF and USF also making his final four.

PERSONAL: Christopher B. Moody was born June 9, 1994... is an interdisciplinary studies major who graduated in May.

MOODY'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	12/0	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2014	13/7	25	12	37	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	1
2015	12/0	3	1	4	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	37/7	32	16	48	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	2	1	0	1



Skai MOORE

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LB • 6-2 • 220 • SR. • 3L
Cooper City, Fla.
(University)

2015 Team Captain

2015 Second-team All-SEC (AP and Coaches)

2015 SEC Defensive Player of the Week (N. Carolina)

2015 Spring Big Plays Award - Defense

2014 Independence Bowl Defensive MVP

2014 Spring Everyday Hustle Award - Defense

2013 Second-Team Freshman All-America (247Sports)

2013 Coaches SEC All-Freshman Team

Senior linebacker who will take a redshirt year in 2016 due to a neck injury... suffered a herniated disk that required surgery... expected to return in 2017... most decorated returning player on the roster... was a second-team All-SEC selection in 2015 by both the AP and the league's coaches... has tallied 260 career tackles, needing 47 to move into the school's all-time top-10... has led the team in tackles for three-consecutive seasons, becoming the first player to do so since Tony Watkins from 1992-94... could become the first Gamecock to lead the team in tackles for four-straight seasons, a feat that has been done just 11 times in NCAA Division I history... has recorded 10 games with double-figures in tackles... also owns 11 career interceptions, tying for third on the all-time list and just three shy of Bo Davies' school record of 14... owns a team-best 24 career starts and has a trio of two-interception games.

2015: Named one of six team captains... earned second-team All-SEC accolades by both the AP and coaches after leading the team with 111 tackles, which ranked third in the SEC with 9.2 tackles per game... also led the team with 6.5 tackles for loss and with four pass interceptions, tying for fourth in the SEC... led the team and tied for fourth in the SEC with three forced fumbles... became the first Gamecock to reach the century mark in tackles since 2006, while his 111 tackles was the second-highest total recorded by a South Carolina player in the last 25 years... recorded double-figures in tackles six times, including a career-high 14 tackles at Texas A&M... keyed the Gamecocks in their season opening victory, picking off two passes in the end zone against North Carolina... also led the team with 11 tackles while earning SEC Defensive Player of the Week accolades... made eight tackles with a tackle for loss against Kentucky, and returned his third interception of the season 14 yards to set up a touchdown... credited with a dozen stops at Georgia and at Missouri... added nine tackles against UCF... had 11 stops including a strip sack with a fumble that he recovered against Vanderbilt... also had an interception and a pass break up against the Commodores... had six stops with 1.5 tackles for loss and a sack at Tennessee... did not start and saw only limited action against The Citadel after missing much of the week's practice time due to a death in the family... came back with a game-high 13 tackles and forced a pair of fumbles against Clemson... recognized with the Big Plays award for the defense in the spring.

2014: Second year linebacker who led the team with 93 tackles, the most for a Gamecock since Jasper Brinkley's 107 in 2006... ranked 10th in the SEC with 7.8 tackles per game... was second on the squad with three interceptions... led the team in tackles eight times: seven stops against East Carolina,



10 vs. Georgia, nine at Kentucky, eight at Auburn, a then-career-high 12 at Florida, nine vs. South Alabama, 10 at Clemson and 11 against Miami... recovered an onside kick at Auburn, the Gamecocks' first since 2007... did not play versus Tennessee due to a sprained ankle... logged all three of his interceptions in the last two regular games, picking off two against South Alabama and one at Clemson... named the Defensive MVP of the Independence Bowl after an 11-tackle effort in the win over Miami (Fla.)... was a second-team midseason All-SEC according to *Phil Steele*... selected by the coaches for the "Everyday Hustle" award for the defense during the spring.

2013: Earned a spot on the coaches' Freshman All-SEC squad and was a second-team Freshman All-America linebacker according to 247Sports... played in all 13 games, making four starts... led the team with 56 tackles... added a team-high four interceptions and recovered a fumble... recorded seven tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a half-sack, in the season opener against North Carolina... credited with six tackles at Georgia... led the team with six tackles, including a tackle for loss, in the win at Arkansas... added another six stops at Tennessee... made his first start against Mississippi State and was credited with six tackles along with his first career interception... started each of the final four regular season games... tied for the team lead with six tackles against Florida, including a tackle for loss... intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble in the win over Clemson... recorded five tackles and had a pair of interceptions in the Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin.

HIGH SCHOOL: Helped Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) University High School to an undefeated season and the 3A state title as a senior... graduated in 2013... coached by Roger Harriott... racked up 14 tackles and a sack in the championship game for the Suns... totaled 103 tackles with six sacks and four interceptions during his final season... the Suns posted five shutouts and limited seven of their opponents to three points or less... credited with 70 tackles including 18 tackles for loss during his junior campaign... a four-star prospect and the 43rd-best player in the state and the No. 19 outside linebacker in the nation according to Rivals... a three-star recruit and the No. 29 outside linebacker prospect in the country per Scout... considered a four-star prospect the 45th-best player in Florida and the 22nd-best outside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... named All-Southeast Region by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Skai A. Moore was born January 8, 1995... is a hotel, restaurant and tourism management major.

MOORE'S STATISTICS												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR	
2013	13/4	30	26	56	3.5-7	0.5-3	4	0	0	0	1	
2014	12/9	52	41	93	2.5-13	1.0-9	3	0	1	0	1	
2015	12/11	69	42	111	6.5-21	2.0-11	4	4	1	3	1	
Total	37/24	151	109	260	12.5-41	3.5-23	11	4	2	3	3	



Lorenzo NUÑEZ

19 QB • 6-3 • 205 • SO. • 1L
Kennesaw, Ga.
(Harrison)

Athletic performer who could figure in the mix for the starting quarterback duties in the fall... regarded as an excellent runner who continues to work on his throwing abilities... strained a knee, causing him to miss the second half of spring drills... garnered valuable playing time last fall as a true freshman, including a pair of starts... is 1-1 as a starting quarterback and owns one 100-yard rushing game.

2015: Completed 32-of-52 passes for 376 yards and three touchdowns, while rushing for 375 yards (second on the team) on just 59 carries, a 6.4-yard average, with two more scores... was 1-1 in his two starts... made his debut against Kentucky, rushing twice for 40 yards... saw more action at Georgia,

leading the team with 10 carries for 76 yards rushing and a touchdown, and was 4-for-5 passing for 18 yards... made his first start vs. UCF and rushed for 123 yards on 18 carries while completing 12-of-22 passes for 184 yards and two scores... passed for 172 yards and rushed for 60 in a start at Missouri... left the contest with a sprained right shoulder... the Mizzou-South Carolina game was the first time in SEC history that both teams started true freshmen at quarterback (Nuñez and Drew Lock)... did not dress for the LSU or Vanderbilt contests due to the injury... played one play at Texas A&M, a seven-yard touchdown run... had a pair of carries against Tennessee... did not dress versus The Citadel... was Carolina's leading rusher versus Clemson, carrying 10 times for 75 yards, including a season-best 47-yard burst.


HIGH SCHOOL: Quarterback who graduated from Harrison High School in Kennesaw, Ga. in 2015... coached by Matt Dickmann... the Hoyas went 5-6 in his senior season... also played cornerback and safety... threw for 803 yards and rushed for 1,193 as a senior... threw for 1,200 yards as a junior... considered a four-star prospect, the 25th-best player in the state and the 16th-best dual-threat quarterback in the country according to Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 31st-best quarterback in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 38th-best player in the state and the 15th-best dual-threat quarterback in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 53rd-best player in Georgia and the No. 18 dual-threat quarterback by ESPN... had numerous offers from all over the country.

PERSONAL: Lorenzo Lee Nuñez was born September 11, 1996... is a criminal justice major.

NUÑEZ STATISTICS							
-PASSING-							
Year	GP/GS	Com	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD
2015	8/2	32	52	3	61.5	376	3
-RUSHING-							
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2015	8/2	59	375	6.4	2	47	

NUÑEZ'S HIGHS	
Pass Attempts	24, Missouri, 2015
Pass Completions	15, Missouri, 2015
Passing Yards	184, UCF, 2015
Long Pass	35, twice: UCF, 2015 and Missouri, 2015
Touchdown Passes	2, UCF, 2015
Rushing Attempts	18, UCF, 2015
Rushing Yards	123, UCF, 2015
Long Rush	47, Clemson, 2015
Rushing Touchdowns	1, twice: Georgia, 2015 and Texas A&M, 2015





Perry ORTH

10 QB • 6-1 • 200 • SR. • 1L
Ponte Vedra, Fla.
(Ponte Vedra/Fla. St. College)

- 2016 Harold White GPA Award - Offense
- 2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2015 Most Improved Quarterback of the Spring
- 2014 Most Improved Quarterback of the Spring
- 2014 Spring Big Plays Award - Offense

Fifth-year senior who figures to compete for the starting signal-caller duties again in 2016... listed as a co-starter along with freshman Brandon McIlwain entering the fall... broke his left collarbone on March 26 in a spring practice and underwent surgery later that same day... a former walk-on, he logged a



1-7 record as a starter in 2015... has appeared in 14 career games, completing 54.5 percent of his passes (144-of-264) for 1,934 yards with 12 touchdowns and nine interceptions... has also rushed 54 times for 125 yards and two scores... named the Harold White GPA Award recipient for the offense at the 2016 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

2015: Former walk-on who established himself as the No. 1 signal-caller... placed on scholarship just prior to the start of the season... was 1-7 as a starter... completed 143-of-261 passes (54.8 percent) for 1,929 yards and 12 touchdowns with nine interceptions... also rushed 53 times for 138 yards and two scores... stepped in against Kentucky after Connor Mitch was sidelined with injuries... completed 13-of-20 passes for 179 yards and a touchdown against the Wildcats... made his first career start at Georgia... completed 6-of-17 passes for 66 yards with an interception... scored on a four-yard quarterback keeper against the Bulldogs... completed 14-of-28 passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns with one interception at LSU... topped that performance against Vanderbilt when he set then-career highs for completions (17), attempts (28) and yards passing (272), along with a 78-yard TD pass to Pharaoh Cooper... was 15-for-24 for 192 yards and rushed 11 times for 64 yards, including a career-long 66-yarder, at Texas A&M... set then-career highs in completions (20), attempts (39) and touchdown passes (3) while throwing for 233 yards at Tennessee... threw a 38-yard TD pass to Cooper and caught a 17-yard TD pass from Cooper against Florida... had the most productive game of his career against The Citadel, connecting on 28-of-43 passes for 367 yards (10th-best in school history) and a touchdown... matched his career high with three touchdown passes against Clemson... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... shared Most Improved Quarterback honors in the spring with Connor Mitch.

2014: Saw action in one game... went 0-for-2 passing against Furman in his second career game... recognized as the Most Improved Quarterback and earned the Big Plays award for the offense during the 2014 spring drills.

2013: Enrolled at Carolina in January and joined the football squad in time for spring practices... saw brief action late in the game against Coastal Carolina, completing his only pass attempt for five yards.

2012: Spent the fall semester at Florida State College, a community college in Jacksonville... did not play football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Ponte Vedra (Fla.) High in 2012... coached by Mike Loyd... helped his team to the district title as a senior... set school records for both season and career in passing yards, completion percentage and touchdown passes... played in the 2011 Shrine Bowl in Jacksonville... threw for 1,800 yards and a school-record 17 scores in his junior season when he was second-team all-district and all-conference... also played baseball, starting for the varsity team as an eighth grader... hit .475 in 2012 while helping his team to a runnerup finish in the Florida 5A playoffs.

ORTH'S STATISTICS

-PASSING-

Year	GP/GS	Com-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2013	1/0	1-1-0	1.000	5	0	5
2014	1/0	0-2-0	.000	0	0	0
2015	12/8	143-261-9	.548	1929	12	78
Total	14/8	144-264-9	.545	1934	12	78

-RUSHING-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2013	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014	1/0	1	-13	-13.0	0	0
2015	12/8	53	138	2.6	2	66
Total	14/8	54	125	2.3	2	66

-RECEIVING-

Year	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2013	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015	12/8	1	17	17.0	1	17
Total	14/8	1	17	17.0	1	17

PERSONAL: Perry Philip Orth was born April 29, 1993... is a business economics major... father, Rusty, played football at West Virginia... brother, Calvin, played baseball at The Citadel... worked for a local grocery store stocking shelves to help pay for his education until he was placed on scholarship.

ORTH'S HIGHS

Pass Attempts	.....43, Citadel, 2015
Pass Completions	.....28, Citadel, 2015
Passing Yards	.....367, Citadel, 2015
Passing Touchdowns	.....3, twice: Tennessee, 2015 and Clemson, 2015
Longest Pass	.....78, Vanderbilt, 2015
Rushing Attempts	.....11, Texas A&M, 2015
Rushing Yards	.....64, Texas A&M, 2015
Longest Rush	.....66, Texas A&M, 2015
Rushing Touchdowns	.....1, twice: Georgia, 2015 and Texas A&M, 2015
Receptions	.....1, Florida, 2015
Yards Receiving	.....17, Florida, 2015
Touchdown Receptions	.....1, Florida, 2015



Christian OWENS

23

WR • 6-5 • 215 • FR. • RS
Griffin, Ga.
(Griffin)

Tall wide receiver who was an early enrollee a year ago... adds depth at the wideout position.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman... enrolled in January and went through spring drills.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Griffin (Ga.) High School in December of 2014... the Bears, under head coach Jarrett Laws, went 11-1 in 2014 and reached the second round of the Georgia Class AAAA playoffs... as a junior he had 23 catches for 600 yards and three touchdowns... considered a four-star prospect, the 33rd-best player in Georgia and the 11th-best tight end in the country by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 79th-best wide receiver in the country by Scout... 247Sports considers him a three-star prospect, the 64th-best player in Georgia and the nation's 70th-best wide receiver... ranked as a four-star prospect, the 38th-best player in the state and the No. 5 H-tight end in the country by ESPN... also played basketball in high school.

PERSONAL: Christian Owens is a visual communications major.



D.J. PARK

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OL • 6-4 • 330 • JR. • 2L
Dillon, S.C.
(Dillon)

2015 Spring Everyday Effort Award - Offense

Redshirt junior offensive lineman... two-year letterman who could play either guard or tackle... put together an excellent spring, vaulting him into the projected first-team unit at right tackle entering the fall.

2015: Played in 10 of 12 games... most of his action came on special teams... earned one of four Everyday Effort awards presented in the spring at the Garnet & Black game.

2014: Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... saw action in eight games, primarily on special teams... played in just one of the first five contests, then saw more consistent action as the season progressed.



2013: Offensive lineman who enrolled at Carolina in January 2013... worked primarily at right tackle during the spring due to numbers, but moved inside in the fall... redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Dillon (S.C.) High School in December 2012... started at left tackle for the Class AA I state champions... the Wildcats went 14-1 during his senior season... coached by Jackie Hayes... participated in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif.... named to the *MaxPreps* 2012 Small Schools All-American Football team... earned all-region and all-state honors as a junior... four-star prospect who was the state's third-best player, the 19th-best offensive tackle in the land and the nation's 220th-best prospect according to Rivals... a four-star prospect and the nation's 23rd-best offensive tackle, and No. 294 on the Scout300 list... a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, and the 16th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... considered a four-star prospect, the nation's second-best offensive tackle and the 52nd-best player overall by *MaxPreps*... a four-star prospect, the 20th-best offensive tackle in the country and the 178th-best player overall by *PrepStar*... had offers from numerous other schools throughout the Southeast, including Auburn, Clemson, Florida, LSU and Tennessee.

PERSONAL: Joseph Dijon Park is a criminal justice major.



Darius PAULK

30 **RB • 5-8 • 205 • SR. • 1L**
Columbia, S.C.
(Richland NE/N. Greenville)

2015 Spring Everyday Hustle Award - Offense
2014 Spring Outstanding Walk-on - Offense

Former walk-on who earned a scholarship for the 2015 campaign in his first season of eligibility at South Carolina... figures to be a fixture on special teams and provide running back depth in his final season.

2015: Was eligible for the first time at South Carolina after transferring... placed on scholarship prior to the start of the season... played in all 12 games... credited with five tackles on special teams... also rushed twice for three yards at Georgia... recognized with the Everyday Hustle award for the offense during the spring.

2014: Joined the squad in the spring... impressed the coaches in his first work in the Garnet & Black to garner the Outstanding Walk-On award for the offense... was not eligible to compete after transferring from North Greenville.

2013: Carried 32 times for 120 yards in nine games for a 5-6 North Greenville squad.

2012: Rushed for 748 yards on 161 carries in nine games for North Greenville... also had nine catches for 34 yards... team went 5-6.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Richland Northeast High School in Columbia in 2012... coached by Jay Frye... was an all-region selection after rushing for over 1,000 yards on 155 carries with nine touchdowns as a senior... two-time team captain... lettered three times... had scholarship offers from North Greenville and Newberry.

PERSONAL: Darius Devante Paulk was born February 8, 1994... is working towards a dual degree in management and marketing... brother, Rodney, played linebacker at South Carolina... brother, Leonard, played football at East Carolina.

PAULK'S STATISTICS

-RUSHING-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	12/0	2	3	1.5	0	3



Christian PELTAGE

55 **OL • 6-6 • 305 • SO. • 1L**
Brooksville, Fla.
(Nature Coast Tech)

Sophomore who is slated to compete for one of the starting positions along the offensive line this fall... enters the fall listed as the second-team left guard behind Zack Bailey.

2015: Played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams.

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive lineman who graduated from Nature Coast Tech in Brooksville, Fla. in 2015... helped coach Justin Worden and the Sharks post a 7-4 mark in his senior season... earned a spot on the Florida Class 5A first-team all-state squad... invited to play in the Under Armour All-America Game played in St. Petersburg Fla... considered a three-star prospect, the 75th-best player in the state and the 51st-best offensive tackle by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 63rd-best offensive tackle in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 62nd-best player in the state and the 47th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a four-star prospect, the 28th-best player in Florida, the No. 14 offensive tackle in the nation and No. 138 overall by ESPN... selected South Carolina over Florida among more than 30 offers.

PERSONAL: Christian Leigh Peltage was born January 22, 1997... is a business administration major.



Sherrod PITTMAN

9 **LB • 6-0 • 225 • FR. • RS**
Jacksonville, Fla.
(First Coast)

2015 Spring Outstanding Weight Room - Defense

Redshirt freshman linebacker who is ready to showcase his skills after missing the 2015 season while rehabbing from a broken leg suffered in high school.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman... spent the fall rehabbing from a broken leg he suffered during his senior year of high school... enrolled early at Carolina in January of 2015... earned Outstanding Weight Room accolades for the defense during the spring.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from First Coast High School in Jacksonville, Fla. in December of 2014... coached by Marty Lee... Buccaneers went 12-1 in his senior season and reached the third round of the Florida 8A playoffs... broke his leg late in his final campaign... earned a spot on the Florida Class 8A all-state squad... tallied 103 tackles and three interceptions as a junior, earning first-team all-state honors... logged 74 tackles with seven forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries as a sophomore... considered a four-star recruit, the 19th-best player in the state of Florida, the nation's fifth-best inside linebacker, and the country's 112th-best player overall by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 31st-best middle linebacker in the country by Scout... 247Sports ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 61st-best player in Florida and the nation's 32nd-best outside linebacker... ranked as a four-star prospect, the 40th-best player in Florida, the No. 6 inside linebacker and No. 222 overall by ESPN... also considered Louisville and Southern California.

PERSONAL: Sherrod E. Pittman is a sport and entertainment management major.



Tyler RAGSDALE

41

LB • 6-0 • 220 • FR. • RS
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
(Wando)

Walk-on linebacker who joined the squad in the fall of 2015... adds depth to the position.

2015: Walk-on who worked with the scout team in his true freshman campaign for the Garnet & Black.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Wando High School in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. in 2015.

PERSONAL: Tyler Ragsdale is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.



Benji RUSSELL

43

DB • 6-0 • 200 • JR. • SQ
Atlanta, Ga.
(Woodward Academy)

Walk-on who adds depth in the Gamecock secondary at the safety position.

2015: Scout team performer in his second season with the Garnet & Black.

2014: Walk-on defensive back who joined the squad just prior to the start of spring practice... worked with the scout team.

2013: Attended South Carolina but did not participate in football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Woodward Academy in Atlanta... coached by former Gamecock assistant John Hunt... named his squad's most valuable wide receiver... turned down a scholarship offer from Dartmouth.

PERSONAL: Benjamin Russell is a business management major.



Deebo SAMUEL

1

WR • 6-0 • 205 • SO. • 1L
Inman, S.C.
(Chapman)

2016 Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring
2015 Spring Big Plays Award - Offense

Top returning receiver on the roster... expected to make a significant impact this season as he has shown big play abilities... coaches feel he is a special talent... garnered the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring honors in 2016... owns one 100-yard receiving game... has made three career starts.

2015: Played in five games making three starts while battling injuries... ranked fourth on the team with 12 receptions for 161 yards and a touchdown... started in the season opener against North Carolina... suffered a hamstring injury in that contest... made his first catch for 10 yards against Kentucky... started and caught two passes for 20 yards against Georgia... continued to have issues with the hamstring and sat out the next seven contests... returned to action against The Citadel and notched four receptions for

27 yards... moved back into the starting lineup for the season finale against Clemson and responded with a career-best performance, logging five catches for 104 yards and a his first career TD, a seven-yard catch... also had a career-long 48-yard reception in that contest... recognized with the Big Plays award for the offense in the spring.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman... worked with the scout team.

HIGH SCHOOL: "Deebo" played for head coach Mark Hodge at Chapman High School in Inman, S.C.... helped lead the Panthers to an 11-4 record and to the semifinals of the AAA playoffs as a senior... accumulated 166 catches for 2,751 yards and 36 touchdowns during his career... also rushed 133 times for 898 yards and scored 13 times on the ground... collected a school record 53 career TDs... added 94 tackles and 12 interceptions... as a senior logged 61 receptions for 1,184 yards and 15 scores... added 837 yards on the ground with 13 TDs... also scored twice on INTs... named the *High School Sports Report* Class AAA Offensive Player of the Year... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... caught 78 passes for 1,246 yards and 18 scores as a junior... also had a kick return and a punt return for a touchdown... played mainly defensive back and some running back as a sophomore... Rivals.com considered him a three-star prospect, the No. 53 wide receiver in the nation and the 17th-best player in the state... listed as a two-star prospect by Scout.com... considered a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, the 35th-best wide receiver in the nation, and is No. 238 overall according to 247Sports.com... ESPN rated him a three-star prospect, the 192nd-best wide receiver in the nation and the 32nd-best player in the state... ranked by *Prep-Star* as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick... selected South Carolina over North Carolina, Vanderbilt and Appalachian State.

PERSONAL: Tyshun Samuel was born January 15, 1996... is a retail management major... the nickname "Deebo" comes from the neighborhood bully character played by actor Tiny Lister in the movie "Friday."

SAMUEL'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	5/3	12	161	13.4	1	48

-KICK RETURNS-

Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	5/3	1	24	24.0	0	23

SAMUEL'S HIGHS

Receptions.....	5, Clemson, 2015
Yards Receiving	104, Clemson, 2015
Long Reception	48, Clemson, 2015
Touchdown Receptions	1, Clemson, 2015
Long Kickoff Return	24, North Carolina, 2015



Jasper SASSER

26

DB • 6-0 • 210 • JR. • 1L
Jacksonville, Fla.
(Wolfson)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2014 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Redshirt junior who will compete for playing time in the secondary and on special teams... penciled in as a safety after working at the Spur linebacker position last fall... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Saw limited action in two contests... played against LSU and Vanderbilt on special teams... did not record any statistics... had a pair of interceptions in the 2015 Garnet & Black Spring Game... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll for a second time.

Returning Players

CAROLINA FOOTBALL



2014: Played in nine games, primarily on special teams... earned his first letter... did not record any statistics... highlight of the season came when he recovered Carlton Heard's blocked punt that set up the game-tying touchdown in the win over Florida... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2013: Redshirted in his first season in the Garnet & Black.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played running back, quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back at Wolfson High School in Jacksonville, Fla., graduating in 2013... coached by Walter Williams... Wolfpack went 3-7 in his senior season... fractured his foot during his senior season and underwent surgery... missed most of the football season but returned to the basketball hardwood... in four games on the gridiron he passed for over 300 yards, had 298 yards receiving and five touchdowns on offense... also had 15 tackles and returned two kickoffs for scores... rushed for 2,000 yards and 17 scores as a junior... earned all-district honors as both a sophomore and junior... three-star prospect who was ranked as the 59th-best "athlete" in the nation and 96th on the Florida top-100 by Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 84th-best safety by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 156th-best player in the state, and the 79th-best "athlete" in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 47th-best safety and an All-Southeast Region pick by PrepStar... turned down offers from Clemson, Ole Miss, NC State, South Florida and Stanford among others.

PERSONAL: Jasper Demond Sasser was born November 30, 1993... is a sport and entertainment management major.

Dante SAWYER
95 **DL • 6-3 • 275 • JR. • 1L**
Suwanee, Ga.
(N. Gwinnett/E. Miss. C.C.)

Junior defensive lineman who sat out the spring while rehabbing from off-season shoulder surgery... the former junior college transfer figures to play a key role for the Gamecocks up front in the fall after gaining extensive experience last fall in his first season of Division I football... has made four starts.

2015: Played in 11 of 12 games, making four starts... credited with 17 tackles including 2.5 sacks and a fumble recovery... came off the bench in each of the first three games... provided one of the biggest plays of the game in a win over North Carolina, picking up a sack late in the fourth quarter with just under four minutes left to play... had a nine-yard sack in his first career start against UCF, his first of three-straight starts... had three tackles including a half-sack at Missouri... set a career high with five tackles and was credited with a pass breakup in a start at Tennessee... did not play against The Citadel as he was dealing with an injury... recovered a fumble against Clemson.

2014: Defensive end who spent the season at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, Miss... played for coach Buddy Stephens... helped the Lions to a perfect 12-0 record and the NJCAA football championship... credited with 21 tackles including 6.5 sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss... also forced a pair of fumbles... considered a four-star prospect by Rivals... was a three-star prospect and the No. 36 JUCO player in the country according to Scout... regarded as a four-star prospect, the third-best JUCO player in the state, the top JUCO weakside defensive end in the country and No. 6 overall junior college prospect by 247Sports... ranked as a four-star prospect, the No. 3 junior college defensive end and 13th overall by ESPN.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee, Ga. in 2014... coached by Bob Sphire... helped the Bulldogs to a 13-3 record and the state championship game as a senior... logged 49 tackles, including eight tackles for loss and three sacks in his final campaign... earned first-team Class 6A all-state accolades by the Georgia Sportswriters... also

earned a spot on the AJC's Class 6A all-metro team... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl... recorded three sacks in that all-star game... out of high school, Rivals considered him a four-star prospect, the 13th-best player in the state, the seventh-best strongside defensive end in the country and No. 87 on the Rivals100 list... Scout ranked him as a four-star prospect, the 24th-best defensive end in the country and No. 231 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the 8th-best player in the state, the fifth-best weakside defensive end in the nation, and No. 121 overall, according to 247Sports... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, No. 88 on its ESPN300 list, the ninth-best defensive end in the nation and the seventh-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 60 on the Top 150 Dream Team.

PERSONAL: Dante Octavious Sawyer was born December 17, 1994... is a sociology major.

SAWYER'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	11/4	9	8	17	2.5-18	2.5-18	0	1	1	0	1

Michael SCARNECCHIA
12 **QB • 6-4 • 215 • SO. • SQ**
Fleming Island, Fla.
(Fleming Island)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2015 Most Improved Freshman of the Spring - Offense

Third-year sophomore who provides depth in a crowded quarterback derby... considered more a traditional dropback passer.

2015: Backup quarterback who saw action in one contest... got in late in the LSU contest... completed his only pass for nine yards... also ran once for no yards... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... considered the Most Improved Freshman on the offensive side of the ball in the spring by the Gamecock coaching staff.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman... worked with the scout team.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for coach Frank Hall at Fleming Island (Fla.) High School... led the Golden Eagles to a 10-1 record as a senior while throwing 28 touchdowns and only two picks... earned a spot on the A.P. All-State team... as a junior, completed 101-of-156 passes for 1,553 yards and 18 TDs in his first year as a starter, earning honorable mention all-state honors... team logged a 7-3 record... Rivals.com considered him a three-star prospect while Scout.com gave him a two-star rating... rated a two-star prospect, the 277th-best player in the state, and the 84th-best pro-style quarterback in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him a three-star prospect, the 66th-best pocket-passing quarterback in the nation and the 239th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick... selected Carolina over an offer from UAB.

PERSONAL: Michael Anthony Scarnecchia was born July 25, 1995... uncle, Sam Scarnecchia, played football at Miami (Fla.)... was a member of the National Honor Society... interested in a degree in finance.

SCARNECCHIA'S STATISTICS							
-PASSING-							
Year	GP/GS	Com-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	
2015	1/0	1-1-0	1.000	9	0	9	
-RUSHING-							
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2015	1/0	1	0	0.0	0	0	



**Jason
SENN**

40

DB • 5-8 • 195 • FR. • RS
Beaufort, S.C.
(Beaufort)

Walk-on safety who was added to the squad when the roster expanded in August of 2015.

2015: Walk-on who worked with the scout team in his true freshman campaign for the Garnet & Black.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Beaufort (S.C.) High School in 2015... played for head coach Mark Clifford... earned all-area honors.

PERSONAL: Jason Senn was born July 15, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major.



**Demetrius
SMALLS**

39

DB • 5-9 • 170 • JR. • SQ
Bluffton, S.C.
(Bluffton)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Walk-on defensive back who will be going through his third spring with the Gamecock program... adds depth in the Gamecock secondary at the cornerback position.

2015: Walk-on who worked with the scout team... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Joined the squad just prior to the start of spring practice as a defensive back.

2013: Attended South Carolina but did not participate in football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Bluffton (S.C.) High School in 2013... coached by Ken Cribb... served as a team captain... earned the squad's Best Receiver Award... turned down a scholarship offer from Army.

PERSONAL: Demetrius Smalls was born December 20, 1994... is a sport and entertainment management major.



**Chris
SMITH**

31

DB • 5-10 • 180 • FR. • HS
Rock Hill, S.C.
(South Pointe)

True freshman who graduated from high school after the first semester and enrolled at Carolina in January 2016... went through spring drills... listed with the second-team unit at cornerback entering the fall.

HIGH SCHOOL: Multi-position athlete who could play on either side of the ball... graduated from South Pointe High School in Rock Hill, S.C. in December 2015 and enrolled at South Carolina in January... coached by Strait Herron... helped the Stallions to a 14-1 record as a senior and the 3A state title for the second-straight season... played in the Shrine Bowl of the

Carolinas... as a junior, he logged 71 tackles and five interceptions along with 600 all-purpose yards... considered a two-star prospect by Rivals and by 247Sports... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 16th-best player in the Palmetto State and the No. 46 cornerback in the nation... rated a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Chris Smith is the son of former Arkansas defensive back Pat Burris and the nephew of Notre Dame standout Jeff Burris... is a business administration major.



**D.J.
SMITH**

24

DB • 5-11 • 195 • JR. • 2L
Marietta, Ga.
(Walton)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Third-year junior defensive back... slated to challenge for a starting spot in the Gamecock secondary this year at one of the safety positions... listed with the second-team unit entering the fall... has also played some cornerback during his Carolina career... has played in 22 contests over the past two season, making a pair of starts.

2015: Saw action in all 12 games, primarily on special teams, but began to split more time with Jordan Diggs at strong safety as the season progressed... credited with 22 tackles on the season, including 18 solo stops... had a career-high four tackles at Missouri... matched that with four stops, including a tackle for loss and a pass break up at LSU... had four solo stops at Texas A&M... made his first start of the season at Tennessee and responded with a pair of tackles... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: True freshman defensive back... saw action in 12 games making one start... played both cornerback and safety... credited with 11 tackles and one pass breakup... missed the first couple of weeks of fall camp after having his wisdom teeth removed and did not play in the season opener... saw first action of the season against East Carolina... credited with two tackles at Vanderbilt... made first start of career at free safety at Kentucky, collecting a season-best three tackles along with his first career pass breakup.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played safety during his senior season at Walton High School in Marietta, Ga., after playing cornerback as a sophomore and a junior... recorded 77 tackles with a pair of interceptions in his final campaign while leading the Raiders to a 6-5 mark... coached by Rocky Hildago... Rivals considered him a four-star prospect, the 10th-best player in the state and the 26th-best cornerback in the country... Scout ranked him as a four-star prospect, the 16th-best safety in the country and No. 168 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the 45th-best player in the state, and the 36th-best cornerback in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, the 12th-best cornerback in the nation, No. 108 on the ESPN300 list and the eighth-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a four-star prospect and No. 95 on the Top 150 Dream Team... selected South Carolina over Tennessee and Clemson... had more than 20 Division I offers.

PERSONAL: David Jordan Smith was born September 8, 1995... interested in a degree in sport and entertainment management.

D.J. SMITH'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2014	12/1	8	3	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2015	12/1	18	4	22	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	24/2	26	7	33	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	2	0	0	0



**Jamari
SMITH**

14

WR • 5-10 • 210 • JR. • 2L
Jacksonville, Fla.
(Fletcher)

Redshirt junior who moved back to the offensive side of the ball in the spring... has shuffled back-and-forth between offense and defense throughout his career in an attempt to get him on the playing field with more consistency and to fill positions of need... seems to have found a home as he enters the fall listed with the first-team unit at wide receiver... rushed 14 times for 108 yards, including a 103-yard effort against Coastal Carolina in 2013.

2015: Special teams performer who saw action in 10 of 12 games... listed as a cornerback, but also spent time at wide receiver... did not log any statistics.

2014: Redshirted after suffering a broken left foot during fall camp... missed the entire season... moved to cornerback in the spring.

2013: True freshman who moved from running back to cornerback a week into fall camp... returned to running back during the week prior to the Tennessee game... played in nine games... used primarily on special teams... logged four carries for five yards in the win over Mississippi State... with injuries mounting at running back, had an opportunity to showcase his wares against Coastal Carolina... responded with a 103-yard effort and a touchdown on 10 carries... included was a 52-yard burst... finished the season with 108 yards rushing on 14 carries, a 7.7-yard average.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Fletcher High School in Neptune Beach, Fla, graduating in 2013... team went 12-3 in his senior season under head coach Josh Corey... tallied 2,178 yards on the ground with 24 touchdowns earning first-team Class 8A all-state honors as a junior... did not have a fumble in 295 carries as a junior while garnering *Florida Times-Union* Offensive Player of the Year accolades... three-star prospect, the 43rd-best running back in the nation and ranked 82nd on the Florida top 100 according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 61st-best running back by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 64th-best player in the state, and the 14th-best all-purpose back in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 33rd-best running back and an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Jamari Dewaun Smith was born October 19, 1994... is a public health major.

J. SMITH'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2013	9/0	14	108	7.7	1	52

J. SMITH'S HIGHS

Carries..... 10, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Yards Rushing 103, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Long Rush..... 52, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Touchdowns Rushing..... 1, Coastal Carolina, 2013



**Kobe
SMITH**

97

DL • 6-2 • 305 • FR. • HS
Lawrenceville, Ga.
(Archer)

True freshman who graduated from high school after the fall semester and enrolled at Carolina in January... went through spring but was limited following shoulder surgery... provides depth in the middle of the defensive line.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Archer High School in Lawrenceville, Ga. at mid-semester and enrolled at South Carolina in January... played for head coach Andy Dyer... helped the Tigers to an 11-2 record and a spot in the Georgia AAAAAA state quarterfinals as a senior... invited to play in the Semper Fidelis All-American Game following his senior season... Rivals considers him a three-star prospect, the 31st-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 48th-best player in Georgia... considered a three-star prospect, the 63rd-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 83rd-best player in the state of Georgia by 247Sports... is a three-star prospect, the 40th-best defensive tackle in the nation, and the 43rd-best player in Georgia according to ESPN... rated a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Kobe Smith is a sport and entertainment management major at South Carolina.



**Taylor
STALLWORTH**

90

DL • 6-2 • 310 • JR. • 2L
Mobile, Ala.
(Murphy)

Returning starter at defensive tackle... key figure in the middle of the line to plug up the running game and provide inside pressure on the quarterback... has played in 17 games over the past two seasons, making five starts.

2015: Played in nine contests, making five starts... credited with eight tackles... started each of the first three games... had a key fourth down stop in the season opening win over North Carolina... logged two tackles against UCF... credited with two tackles, including his first career tackle for loss and a pass breakup in a start against Vanderbilt... also started at Texas A&M, where he suffered a chest injury, causing him to miss a pair of games.

2014: Saw action in eight games... collected eight tackles... six of his eight stops came in the final three games of the season as he garnered more playing time... made first career appearance against Georgia... had his best day against South Alabama with three total tackles... matched that with three tackles in the Duck Commander Independence Bowl win over Miami.

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive lineman at Mobile, Alabama's Murphy High School... the Panthers went 6-5 under head coach Ronn Lee in 2013... credited with 53 tackles including 12 tackles for loss, seven hurries and four sacks as a senior... played in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Classic following his senior season... tallied eight tackles and a sack in that contest... recorded 57 tackles as a junior including nine for loss and four sacks... Rivals.com considered him a three-star prospect, the 12th-best player in the state and the 30th-best defensive tackle in the country... Scout.com ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 124th-best defensive end in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 20th-best player in the state, and the 49th-best defensive tackle in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him a three-star prospect, the 107th-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 51st-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick... had offers reaching double-digits and also visited Mississippi State before selecting Carolina.

PERSONAL: Taylor Joseph Stallworth as born August 18, 1995... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

STALLWORTH'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2014	8/0	4	4	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	9/5	5	3	8	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	17/5	9	7	16	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0



Donell STANLEY

72

OL • 6-4 • 325 • SO. • 1L
Floydale, S.C.
(Latta)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2015 Spring Everyday Effort Award - Offense

Big offensive lineman who will vie for playing time at either offensive guard or center in his third season with the Garnet & Black... listed as the second-team right guard entering the fall behind junior Cory Helms.

2015: Played in all 12 games as a redshirt freshman, primarily on special teams... also saw a limited number of reps at offensive guard... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... took a vast number of reps in the spring as the numbers were thin on the offensive line... earned one of four Everyday Effort awards presented in the spring at the Garnet & Black game.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman... did not practice for much of the fall while rehabbing from surgery on his left wrist.

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive lineman who prepped at Latta (S.C.) High School... the Vikings went 7-4 in 2013 under head coach Kelly Williamson... was a finalist for the South Carolina "Mr. Football" award... earned a spot on the statewide all-state team as selected by the *High School Sports Report*... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... also played basketball and baseball... played for the baseball state title as a junior... Rivals.com considered him a four-star prospect, the 10th-best player in the state and the 16th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout.com ranked him as a four-star prospect, the sixth-best offensive guard in the country and No. 105 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the fifth-best offensive guard in the nation and the 121st-best player overall according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, the 14th-best offensive guard in the nation, No. 214 on the ESPN300 list and the seventh-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a four-star prospect and No. 213 on the Top 300 All-American Team... was a member of the National Honor Society... selected Carolina over Clemson.

PERSONAL: Donell Lavon Stanley Jr. was born June 27, 1995... interested in the sport and entertainment management program.



Rod TALLEY

32

RB • 5-10 • 205 • JR. • 1L
Laurens, S.C.
(Laurens/Gardner-Webb)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Former walk-on who earned a scholarship prior to the start of the 2015 campaign... junior who will compete for playing time at running back and also could be a factor again on special teams.

2015: Former walk-on who went on scholarship as he became eligible for the first time at South Carolina following a transfer from Gardner-Webb... played extensively on special teams, earning his first letter... rushed twice for 11 yards... had a 10-yard carry at Georgia and a 1-yard run against Florida... also credited with a pair of tackles... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2014: Enrolled at Carolina in January and joined the squad just prior to the start of spring ball... was not eligible due to NCAA transfer rules... took a redshirt season.

2013: Was a scholarship player on the 7-5 Gardner-Webb football squad... played in eight games, was second on the team in rushing... carried 40 times for 276 yards (6.9 per carry) and three touchdowns as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Laurens (S.C.) High School in 2013... coached by Greg Lawson... named 2012 Laurens County Player of the Year in 2012... a two-time, first-team All-County selection... earned All-Region honors in 2012... rushed for 3,120 yards and 30 touchdowns in his final two seasons... carried 261 times for 1,530 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior... helped lead Raiders to an 8-4 overall record and the state playoffs... ran for 332 yards and two touchdowns on 35 carries vs. Woodruff (S.C.) High... had scoring runs of 62 and 94 yards in that game... named WSPA Player of the Week for his efforts... rushed for 1,590 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior... earned All-County honors in 2011.

TALLEY'S STATISTICS

-RUSHING-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	12/0	2	11	5.5	0	10

PERSONAL: Rodrick Xavier Talley was born July 3, 1995... is an integrated information technology major.



Keir THOMAS

18

DL • 6-2 • 265 • FR. • HS
Miami, Fla.
(Miami Central)

Defensive end who graduated from high school mid-year and enrolled at Carolina in January 2016... went through spring drills... listed with the second-team unit entering the fall.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Miami (Fla.) Central High School at mid-year and enrolled at South Carolina in January 2016... coached by Roland Smith... played multiple positions, including nose guard, defensive tackle, defensive end and linebacker... earned first-team Class 6A all-state honors... recognized as the 8A-6A Defensive Player of the Year as part of the *Miami Herald's* All-Dade Awards event... racked up 22 sacks among his 83 tackles as a senior... recorded 71 tackles and 18 sacks as a junior... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 23rd-best strongside defensive end in the country and the 49th-best player in Florida, according to Rivals... 247Sports ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 26th-best strongside defensive end in the nation and the 64th-best player in the Sunshine State... ESPN rates him as a four-star prospect, the 26th-best defensive end, the 37th-best player in the state and No. 192 overall on the ESPN 300... rated a *PrepStar* All-American, a four-star prospect and No. 288 overall.

PERSONAL: Keir Thomas is a sport and entertainment management major.



A.J. TURNER

25

RB • 5-10 • 195 • FR. • RS
Clifton, Va.
(Centreville)

Redshirt freshman running back who impressed the coaches with his speed and elusiveness in the spring... listed on the preseason depth chart with the second-team unit behind junior David Williams.



2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Running back who graduated from Centreville High School in Clifton, Va. in 2015... played both sides of the ball for head coach Chris Haddock... missed much of his senior season with a wrist injury when the Wildcats went 12-3 and reached the state 6A title game before losing in overtime... played in the International Bowl in Arlington, Texas, following the season... helped guide his team to an undefeated season and a state title as a junior when he rushed for 1,287 yards, scored 32 touchdowns and logged eight interceptions... rated a three-star prospect, the 18th-best player in the state and the 44th-best running back in the nation by Rivals... rated a four-star prospect and the 41st-best running back in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 17th-best player in the state and the 34th-best running back in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 31st-best player in Virginia and the No. 80 running back in the country by ESPN... had over 20 Division I offers with Virginia and Michigan State as his top choices.

PERSONAL: Antonio Turner was born May 12, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major.

Jonathan WALTON

28 LB • 6-0 • 230 • SR. • 3L
Daphne, Ala.
(Bayside Academy)

2015 Most Improved Linebacker of the Spring
2014 Most Improved Linebacker of the Spring

Senior who has recorded over 100 tackles in his career... hard-hitter who is expected to be a big contributor in his final collegiate campaign... can play any of the three linebacker positions... listed as a co-starter at the MIKE linebacker slot entering the fall... has made a dozen career starts.

2015: Played in all 12 games, making six starts... credited with 42 tackles including 5.0 tackles for loss... forced a pair of fumbles... started each of the first three games at WILL linebacker... made a team-high 11 tackles (ten solo) and forced his first career fumble against Kentucky... added five stops at Georgia... started at SAM linebacker against LSU and logged four tackles including a tackle for loss... had 1.5 tackles for loss and forced a fumble in the win over Vanderbilt... had a pair of tackles at Tennessee and made his first appearance at fullback against the Vols... caught a 10-yard touchdown pass the only time he touched the ball... made the start at linebacker against Florida and also saw action in the backfield... logged eight tackles in a start against The Citadel with a pair of tackles for loss including his first career sack... named the Most Improved Linebacker for the second-straight spring.

2014: Played in all 13 games making six starts... ranked third on the squad with 61 tackles of which 38 of those came in the final five games... made first career start in the season opener against Texas A&M... collected six tackles and first career fumble recovery at Kentucky... recorded seven tackles against Furman in his second start of the season before leaving with a concussion... recorded 11 tackles in a start versus Tennessee to set a career high, then one-upped it with 12 tackles at Florida, tying for the most tackles by a Gamecock in 2014... came up big in the Independence Bowl win over Miami with 1.5 tackles for loss and a pass interception... regarded as the Most Improved Linebacker during the 2014 spring drills... also selected by the coaches as the Most Improved Freshman on the defensive side of the ball.

2013: True freshman linebacker who saw action in all 13 games... credited with eight tackles... also notched a quarterback hurry... logged a pair of tackles in the win over Mississippi State.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played linebacker at Bayside Academy in Daphne, Ala., graduating in 2013... helped the Admirals to a 7-5 record as a senior... logged 122 tackles and three blocked punts during his final season... coached by Phil Lazenby... regarded as a three-star prospect, the No. 20 player in the state of Alabama and the 21st-best inside linebacker in the nation by Rivals... a three-star recruit and the No. 46 middle linebacker in the country according to Scout... considered a three-star prospect, the 21st-best player in the state and the 39th-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... named All-Southeast Region by PrepStar... originally committed to Penn State... also officially visited Auburn, Tennessee and Minnesota.

PERSONAL: Jonathan C. Walton was born September 20, 1994... is pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

WALTON'S STATISTICS												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR	
2013	13/0	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0	
2014	13/6	36	25	61	2.5-3	0.0-0	1	2	1	0	1	
2015	12/6	29	13	42	5.0-19	1.0-10	0	0	2	2	0	
Total	37/12	70	41	111	7.5-22	1.0-10	1	2	4	2	1	
-RECEIVING-												
Year	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long						
2015	12/6	1	10	10.0	1	10						
Total	37/12	1	10	10.0	1	10						

Jerad WASHINGTON

9 WR • 5-8 • 175 • FR. • RS
Jacksonville, Fla.
(First Coast)

Speedy wide receiver who is going through his second spring with the Gamecocks... continues to make progress as he heals from a broken leg, suffered in the fall of 2015... hopes to be back at full strength by the start of fall drills.

2015: Enrolled at Carolina in January after graduating from high school early... went through spring drills with the Gamecocks... was listed third on the depth chart entering the fall... suffered a broken leg in practice in August which required surgery and missed the entire season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from First Coast High School in Jacksonville in December 2014... helped the Buccaneers under head coach Marty Lee to a 12-1 record and the third round of the 8A playoffs as a senior... caught 52 passes for 889 yards... earned a spot on the Florida Class 8A all-state squad... played for Nease High in Ponte Vedra Beach (Fla.) as a freshman where he caught 67 passes for 790 yards and five touchdowns before his family moved to Baltimore... played his sophomore season in Maryland before moving back to the Jacksonville area... a three-star prospect according to Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 144th-best wide receiver in the country by Scout... 247Sports ranked him as a three-star prospect, the 214th-best player in Florida and the nation's 187th-best wide receiver... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 171st-best player in the state and the 149th-best wide receiver in the country by ESPN... also played baseball... had interest from Kentucky and North Carolina among other schools.

PERSONAL: Jerad Washington is a sport and entertainment management major.



Matthew WEIGEL

41

TE • 6-4 • 230 • FR. • HS
Charlotte, N.C.
(Charlotte Christian)

Walk-on who joined the squad just prior to the start of spring drills... adds depth at the tight end position.

2015: Enrolled at South Carolina in the fall but was not a member of the football squad.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Charlotte (N.C.) Christian School in 2015... coached in football by Jason Estep... earned all-conference and all-state accolades for the Knights.

PERSONAL: Matthew Weigel was born July 9, 1996... is a business administration major.



Boosie WHITLOW

49

DL • 6-3 • 240 • SO. • 1L
Opelika, Ala.
(Opelika)

True sophomore who is penciled in at the BUCK (defensive end/outside linebacker) spot... showed flashes during his true freshman campaign of owning excellent pass rushing skills... looks to play a more prominent role this fall.

2015: Played in all 12 contests, making three starts... used primarily in pass rushing situations... credited with 14 tackles, including 5.0 tackles for loss in somewhat limited duty... logged one sack and credited with four additional quarterback hurries... had a key QB hurry against Kentucky, forcing a throw that was picked off by Skai Moore... saw his first extended action against UCF and responded with a pair of tackles for loss among his four stops, including a 10-yard sack... made his first start against Vanderbilt and had his first career pass break up... had three stops against Texas A&M in his second start... started at Tennessee and was credited with three tackles including a tackle for loss... had a tackle for loss against both Florida and The Citadel.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Opelika (Ala.) High School in 2015... played defensive end for Brian Blackmon... helped the Bulldogs to a 9-2 record and the second round of the Class 6A playoffs in his senior season... recorded 50 tackles including 17.5 for loss, 5.5 sacks and 27 quarterback hurries... participated in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic where he had three tackles for loss including a sack... had eight tackles for loss and his 43 tackles as a junior in 2013... handled the team's kickoffs as a sophomore... rated a three-star prospect, the 15th-best player in the state and the 24th-best weakside defensive end in the nation by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 61st-best defensive end in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 29th-best player in the state and the 38th-best weakside defensive end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 23rd-best player in Alabama and the No. 53 defensive end by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Quandeski DeWandrez Whitlow was born May 16, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major... is a cousin of former Kentucky quarterback Jalen Whitlow.

WHITLOW'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	12/3	9	5	14	5.0-17	1.0-10	0	1	4	0	0



Dexter WIDEMAN

48

DL • 6-4 • 280 • FR. • RS
Saluda, S.C.
(Saluda/Camden Military)

Defensive lineman who has gone through two springs with the Gamecocks after enrolling at South Carolina in January of 2015... looks to provide the Gamecocks with some depth along the defensive line.

2015: Enrolled at South Carolina in January and went through spring drills... redshirted in his first fall on campus.

2014: Signed with the Gamecocks in February 2014... spent the fall at Camden (S.C.) Military Academy... played for head coach Will Rice... dislocated his elbow in the third game... rated as a four-star prospect by Rivals and ESPN... considered a four-star prospect and the top prep school recruit in the country by 247Sports.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Saluda (S.C.) High School in 2014... the Tigers went 5-6 under head coach Wayne Bell in 2013... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Under Armour All-America game following his senior season... logged four tackles in the Shrine Bowl... credited with 64 tackles and seven sacks in 2012... logged 61 tackles with 14.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks in 2011... Rivals considered him a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, the 15th-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 237 on the Rivals250 following his senior season... Scout ranked him as a four-star prospect, the 22nd-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 266 overall... 247Sports listed him as a four-star prospect, the nation's No. 7 defensive tackle, the second-best player in the state and No. 64 on its Top247 list... ESPN considered him a four-star prospect, the 12th-best defensive tackle in the nation, No. 179 on the ESPN300 list and the sixth-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 141 on the Top 150 Dream Team... originally committed to Florida State.

PERSONAL: Dexter Wideman was born Oct. 28, 1995... is a retail management major.



Antoine WILDER

29

DB • 5-10 • 185 • FR. • RS
Riverdale, Ga.
(Hapeville Charter)

Redshirt freshman safety who will challenge for a spot in the defensive backfield's rotation in the fall... listed on the second-team unit at nickelback.

2015: Redshirted in his first season with the Garnet & Black... missed some practice time with a right knee sprain.

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive back who graduated from Hapeville Charter in Atlanta in 2015... played both safety and running back for coach Winston Gordon and the Hornets... underwent knee surgery in October and missed the rest of his senior season... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 52nd-best safety in the country by Scout... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 70th-best player in the state and the 41st-best safety in the country by 247Sports... ranked as a three-star prospect, the 90th-best player in Georgia and the No. 58 safety in the country by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Antoine Wilder Jr. was born December 2, 1996... is a psychology major.



David WILLIAMS

33

RB • 6-1 • 220 • JR. • 2L
Philadelphia, Pa.
(Imhotep Charter)

2015 Most Improved Running Back of the Spring

Redshirt junior who enters the fall listed as the No. 1 running back... has 131 carries in his career for 555 yards, a 4.2-yard average, with a pair of scores in 21 games, including four starts... has also caught 18 passes out of the backfield for 192 yards... has one 100-yard rushing game.

2015: Played in all 12 games, making four starts... was third on the team with 299 yards rushing on 86 carries... also caught 11 passes for 93 yards... ran the ball 10 times for 42 yards in the season opener against North Carolina... logged a career-high 14 carries for 32 yards in the win over UCF... made his first career start at LSU and responded with 25 yards on seven carries and a pair of receptions for nine yards... logged 49 yards on seven carries against Vanderbilt... started at Texas A&M and logged 27 yards on 10 carries... also caught three passes for 43 yards against the Aggies... also started against both Tennessee and Clemson when the Gamecocks opened in a two-back set... named the Most Improved Running Back in the spring.

2014: Played in nine games as a redshirt freshman... logged 256 yards on 45 carries, a 5.7 average... scored a pair of touchdowns... also caught seven passes for 99 yards... rushed for 25 yards on four carries, including first career touchdown on two-yard run, at Vanderbilt... registered 11 carries for a career-high 110 yards in the win over Furman... ran a season-high 12 times for 65 yards against South Alabama, including a 14-yard touchdown run... had a career day out of the backfield, catching four passes for 70 yards at Clemson, including a 59-yard catch-and-run.

2013: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rushed for 1,904 yards on 195 carries (9.8 per rush) with 23 touchdowns as a senior at Imhotep Charter in Philadelphia... led the Panthers to a 14-1 record... graduated in 2013... coached by Albie Crosby... played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif... earned first-team All-City honors as a junior when he fell just short of 2,000 yards rushing... a four-star recruit, the eighth-best player in the state and the 21st-best running back in the country according to Rivals... a four-star prospect

DA. WILLIAMS' STATISTICS

-RUSHING-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2014	9/0	45	256	5.7	2	37
2015	12/4	86	299	3.5	0	18
Total	21/4	131	555	4.2	2	37
-RECEIVING-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2014	9/0	7	99	14.1	0	59
2015	12/4	11	93	8.5	0	21
Total	21/4	18	192	10.7	0	59

DA. WILLIAMS' HIGHS

Carries.....14, UCF, 2015
Yards Rushing110, Furman, 2014
Long Rush.....37, Furman, 2014
Touchdowns Rushing.....1, twice: Vanderbilt, 2014
South Alabama, 2014
Receptions.....4, Clemson, 2014
Yards Receiving70, Clemson, 2014
Long Reception59, Clemson, 2014
100-yard Rushing Games1 time

and the nation's 23rd-best running back by Scout... a four-star prospect, the seventh-best player in the state, the eighth-best running back in the country and the 146th-best player overall according to 247Sports... rated a four-star prospect and No. 131 on the ESPN150... considered the nation's 11th-best running back by *Max-Preps*.

PERSONAL: David McKinley Williams Jr. was born June 17, 1994... is a retail management major.



Drew WILLIAMS

47

LS • 6-2 • 215 • SR. • 3L
Irmo, S.C.
(Dutch Fork)

2015 Most Improved Special Teams Player of the Spring 2014 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll 2014 Most Improved Special Teams Player of the Spring

Fourth-year senior who has appeared in every game over the past three seasons... served as the deep snapper in punting situations in both 2013 and 2014 and added short snapping duties on field goals and extra points in 2015... expected to handle both duties again this season.

2015: Handled the deep snapping duties in punt formation for the third-straight year and added short snapping duties on field goals and extra points attempts... credited with one tackle... placed on scholarship for the first time in his career... named the Most Improved Special Teams performer in the spring by the Gamecock coaching staff for the second-straight year.

2014: True sophomore deep snapper on punts who played in every game... credited with two solo tackles... earned a spot on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Most Improved special teams long snapper in the spring.

2013: True freshman walk-on who handled the snapping duties on punts throughout the season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Served as the long snapper for Dutch Fork High School in nearby Irmo, S.C... also played some quarterback and receiver for the Silver Foxes... coached by Tom Knotts... joined the Gamecock program in the summer as a walk-on... honored as the Student of the Year and received the Citizenship award.

PERSONAL: Charles Andrew Williams was born June 17, 1994... is a public health major.



Malik YOUNG

77

OL • 6-3 • 300 • SO. • SQ
Pelzer, S.C.
(Woodmont)

Third-year offensive lineman... versatile performer who could line up anywhere along the offensive line... listed with the second-team unit at left tackle entering the fall.

2015: Offensive lineman who saw limited duty in three contests... played on special teams against Kentucky, Georgia and UCF... also took some snaps on offense late in the game against the Bulldogs... was receiving more quality reps in the spring due to the number of injuries among the front line before suffering a left ankle sprain.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive lineman who prepped for the Woodmont Wildcats in Piedmont, S.C... coached by Jason Farmer... team went 4-7 in his final year... earned a spot on the Division II-AAAA all-state team by the *High School Sports Report*... an all-region and two-time all-county selection... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and the Offense-Defense All-American game... also lettered in track & field... Rivals.com considers him a three-star prospect and the 20th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout



ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 98th-best offensive tackle in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 23rd-best player in the state, and the 47th-best offensive guard in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him a three-star prospect, the 36th-best offensive guard in the nation and the 19th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick.

PERSONAL: Malik Shaqid Young was born January 18, 1996... is a retail management major... enjoys playing basketball and reading.

	Mason ZANDI
	74 OL • 6-9 • 315 • SR. • 3L Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)

2013 Most Improved Offensive Lineman of the Spring

Senior offensive linemen who is expected to be one of the more vocal leaders on the offensive side of the ball... expected to get the call at left tackle, protecting the quarterback's blind side... has played right tackle throughout most of his collegiate career, making 11 starts... has also seen limited action at tight end.

2015: Started each of the first 10 games at right tackle... made the start in the opener against North Carolina, his first start since the Vanderbilt game in the 2013 season... made the switch to jersey number 51 against Kentucky in honor of friend Cody Waldrop, who suffered a broken ankle during practice during the week of the game... suffered a high right ankle sprain late in the game against Florida and was not available for either Citadel or Clemson.

2014: Reserve offensive lineman who saw playing time in every game during the season, primarily on special teams.

2013: Redshirt freshman... played both offensive tackle (No. 74) and tight end (No. 83)... saw action in every game... made his first career start, playing tight end, against Vanderbilt... considered the Most Improved offensive lineman in the spring.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for the Chapin (S.C.) Eagles, graduating in 2012... competed for just one season on the offensive line... was the state 3A champion in the shot put as a junior... was a two-star prospect by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 102nd-best offensive tackle by Scout... a two-star recruit, the 146th-best offensive tackle and the 32nd-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... considered the 35th-best prospect in South Carolina, the 145th-best offensive tackle in the country and a two-star recruit by 247Sports.com.

PERSONAL: Mason A. Zandi was born July 26, 1994... owns a degree in political science.



NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH/LAST SCHOOL)
Korey Banks	WR	5-11	180	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)
T.J. Brunson	LB	6-1	225	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast)
Akeem Cooperwood	OL	6-7	359	Knoxville, Tenn. (Fulton/Georgia Military)
Randrecous Davis	WR	5-10	181	Atlanta, Ga. (Mays)
Chavis Dawkins	WR	6-2	200	Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes)
Rico Dowdle	RB	5-11	211	Asheville, N.C. (A.C. Reynolds)
Bryan Edwards*	WR	6-3	210	Conway, S.C. (Conway)
C.J. Freeman*	RB	5-11	200	Greensboro, N.C. (Northern Guilford)
Griffin Gentry	DL	6-1	246	Birmingham, Ala. (Homewood)
Evan Hinson	TE	6-4	238	Deltona, Fla. (Deltona)
Sadarius Hutcherson	OL	6-4	273	Huntingdon, Tenn. (Huntingdon)
Jamarcus King	DB	6-2	180	Mobile, Ala. (Blount/Coffeyville CC)
Pika Leota	OL	6-4	315	Asheville, N.C. (Asheville)
Brandon McIlwain*	QB	6-0	205	Newtown, Pa. (Council Rock North)
Kiel Pollard	WR	6-0	230	Moultrie, Ga. (Colquitt County)
Will Putnam	OL	6-5	282	Harrisburg, N.C. (Hickory Ridge)
Chris Smith*	CB	5-10	180	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
Kobe Smith*	DT	6-2	305	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Archer)
Stephon Taylor	DL	6-4	293	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35)
Keir Thomas*	DE	6-2	265	Miami, Fla. (Miami Central)
Aaron Thompson	DL	6-3	271	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
Robert Tucker III	TE	6-3	238	Atlanta, Ga. (B.E.S.T. Academy)
Darius Whitfield	DL	6-2	286	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
D.J. Wonnum	DL	6-4	240	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)

*Enrolled in January 2016

By Position

OFFENSE (14)

Quarterback (1): Brandon McIlwain

Running Back (2): Rico Dowdle, C.J. Freeman

Wide Receiver (5): Korey Banks, Randrecous Davis, Chavis Dawkins, Bryan Edwards, Kiel Pollard

Tight End (2): Evan Hinson, Robert Tucker III

Offensive Line (4): Akeem Cooperwood, Sadarius Hutcherson, Pika Leota, Will Putnam

DEFENSE (10)

Defensive Line (7): Griffin Gentry, Kobe Smith, Stephon Taylor, Keir Thomas, Aaron Thompson, Darius Whitfield, D.J. Wonnum

Linebacker (1): T.J. Brunson

Defensive Back (2): Jamarcus King, Chris Smith

By State

Georgia (6): Korey Banks, Randrecous Davis, Kiel Pollard, Kobe Smith, Robert Tucker III, D.J. Wonnum

North Carolina (4): Rico Dowdle, C.J. Freeman, Pika Leota, Will Putnam

South Carolina (4): T.J. Brunson, Chavis Dawkins, Bryan Edwards, Chris Smith

Alabama (3): Griffin Gentry, Jamarcus King, Darius Whitfield

Florida (3): Evan Hinson, Keir Thomas, Aaron Thompson

Tennessee (2): Akeem Cooperwood, Sadarius Hutcherson

Louisiana (1): Stephon Taylor

Pennsylvania (1): Brandon McIlwain



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Korey BANKS

7

WR • 5-11 • 180 • FR. • HS
Tyrone, Ga.
(Sandy Creek)

HIGH SCHOOL: Wide receiver who earned honorable mention Class AAAA all-state honors as a senior at Sandy Creek High School in Tyrone, Ga... graduated in 2016... coached by Chip Walker... helped the Patriots to a 9-3 record by hauling in 61 catches for 813 yards and six scores in his senior season... Rivals rates him as a three-star prospect and the 65th-best player in the state... considered a three-star prospect, the 59th-best player in the state of Georgia and the No. 112 wide receiver in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 50th-best player in the state and the No. 93 wide receiver in the country.

PERSONAL: Full name is Korey L. Banks Jr.

Wyman BAXLEY

90

LS • 6-2 • 195 • FR. • HS
Athens, Ga.
(Athens Academy)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Athens (Ga.) Academy in 2016... played defensive end and was the long snapper for head coach Josh Alexander... helped the Spartans to a 9-2 record... won four letters in football and three in baseball... played in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star game... earned a spot on the Athens Banner-Herald All-Area honorable mention squad as a senior... earned the Athens Academy Specialist Award... also earned honorable mention all-region accolades and won the Spartan Award in baseball... a member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL: Wyman Elton Baxley was born March 10, 1998.



Jake BENTLEY

4

QB • 6-3 • 223 • FR. • HS
Opelika, Ala.
(Opelika)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from high school following his junior season to enroll at South Carolina... threw for 2,834 yards and 28 touchdowns as a junior in 2015, leading the Bulldogs to a 12-1 record... coached by Brian Blackmon... grew up in Duncan S.C. and attended Byrnes High School as a freshman before his family moved to Alabama... a four-star prospect... ranked as the No. 5 pro style quarterback by 247Sports... Scout considered him the No. 9 passer in the class of 2017... was the second-ranked quarterback and the 33rd-ranked player overall in the ESPN Junior 300... was selected to play in the Under Armour All-American Game.

PERSONAL: Jacob L. Bentley was born November 23, 1997... is the son of South Carolina assistant coach Bobby Bentley... has two older brothers who played quarterback in college, Chas at Rutgers and Shuler, at Old Dominion.



Jajuan BLANKENSHIP

52

DL • 6-0 • 265 • FR. • HS
Anderson, S.C.
(T.L. Hanna)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played along the defensive line at T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, S.C., graduating in 2016... helped the Yellowjackets to an 8-5 record as a senior... recorded 42 tackles with 6.5 sacks during his senior campaign.

PERSONAL: Full name is Jajuan J. Blankenship.



T.J. BRUNSON

44

LB • 6-1 • 225 • FR. • HS
Columbia, S.C.
(Richland Northeast)

HIGH SCHOOL: Local product who played at Columbia's Richland Northeast High School, graduating in 2016... coached by Jay Frye... overcame a serious hip injury during his junior season to log 140 tackles as a senior, leading the Cavaliers to the Class 3A state playoffs... named the Defensive MVP of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas after leading the Sandlappers with 13 tackles and a sack... credited with 134 tackles as a junior... Rivals considers him a three-star prospect, the 14th-best player in the state and No. 56 in the country among outside linebackers... 247Sports ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 13th-best player in the state, and the No. 30 inside linebacker in the nation... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 22nd-best player in South Carolina and the No. 40 inside linebacker in the country... rated a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Tremari Jerelle Brunson was born December 3, 1997.

Akeem COOPERWOOD

73

OL • 6-7 • 359 • JR. • JC
Knoxville, Tenn.
(Fulton/Georgia Military)

2015: Junior college offensive tackle... was a two-year starter for head coach Bert Williams at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville... was a first-team junior college All-American as a sophomore... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals... given three stars and rated the 11th-best junior college tackle in the country by 247Sports... ESPN rated him as a three-star prospect and the nation's 12th-best JUCO offensive tackle... rated a three-star prospect and a JUCO All-American by *PrepStar*.

2014: Earned second-team NJCAA All-America honors as a freshman... played for head coach Bert Williams at Georgia Military College.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Fulton High School in Knoxville, Tenn. in 2014... led Fulton to a perfect 15-0 record and a state title as a senior in 2013 when he was a finalist for "Mr. Football"... also helped the Falcons to a state title in his junior season.

PERSONAL: Akeem O. Cooperwood will have three years to play two at South Carolina.



Randreous DAVIS

8

WR • 5-10 • 181 • FR. • HS
Atlanta, Ga.
(Mays)

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned first team Class AAAAA all-state honors as a wide receiver at Mays High School in Atlanta... graduated in 2016... caught 58 passes for 1,024 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior... also averaged 15.7 yards with two touchdowns as a punt returner... coached by Corey Jarvis... helped the Raiders to a 10-2 record in 2015... Rivals considers him a four-star prospect, the 17th-best player in the state of Georgia, the 44th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 206 overall... 247Sports rates him as a three-star prospect, the 43rd-best player in Georgia and the No. 77 wide receiver in the country... ESPN rates him as a three-star prospect, the 44th-best player in Georgia and the 83rd-best wide receiver in the nation.

Chavis DAWKINS

83

WR • 6-2 • 200 • FR. • HS
Duncan, S.C.
(Byrnes)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for Brian Lane at Byrnes High School in Duncan, S.C., graduating in 2016... as a senior, he was among the leading receivers in the state with 73 catches for 1,319 yards and 17 touchdowns... the Rebels posted a 12-2 record in his final season... was also the Sandlappers' leading receiver in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas with six catches for 62 yards and two scores... considered a three-star prospect and the 16th-best player in the state by 247Sports... ESPN tabbed him as a three-star prospect, the state's 17th-best player and the 143rd-best wide receiver in the nation... rated a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Full name is Chavis T. Dawkins.



Rico DOWDLE

21

RB • 5-11 • 211 • FR. • HS
Asheville, N.C.
(A.C. Reynolds)

HIGH SCHOOL: Rushed for 2,545 yards and 51 touchdowns at A.C. Reynolds High, a Class 3AA school in Asheville, N.C... graduated in 2016... also passed for 1,434 yards with 11 scores and caught a 55-yard touchdown pass... earned first-team all-state accolades and was a PARADE All-American... the Rockets went 11-2 in 2015 under the direction of head coach Shane Laws... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas where he scored a pair of touchdowns... Rivals has him listed as a three-star prospect, the 29th-best player in the state and the No. 17 all-purpose back in the country... 247Sports considers him a four-star prospect, the 11th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the 11th-best running back in the nation... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 39th-best player in North Carolina and the No. 72 running back in the country... rated a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Rico Sharod Dowdle Jr. was born June 14, 1998.



Chandler FARRELL

60

OL • 6-2 • 280 • FR. • HS
Summerville, S.C.
(Summerville)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Summerville (S.C.) High School in 2016... played along the offensive line for the Green Wave... earned three varsity letters in football... played for head coach Joe Call in his senior season and the legendary John McKissick prior to that... was a three-time all-region and two-time all-state selection... also earned All-Low Country honors... selected for the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

PERSONAL: Chandler Riley Farrell was born June 30, 1998... father, Kenny, played football at South Carolina, lettering three times from 1990-92.

Montray FEASTER

22

WR • 6-4 • 205 • FR. • HS
Union, S.C.
(Union County)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Union (S.C.) County High School in 2016... played wide receiver for the Yellow Jackets... coached by former Gamecock standout quarterback Steve Taneyhill.

PERSONAL: Full name is Quandarius Feaster.

Harrison FREEMAN

46

LS • 6-4 • 235 • FR. • HS
Raleigh, N.C.
(Leesville Road)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for The Pride of Leesville Road in Raleigh, N.C., graduating in 2016... coached by Brad Wilson... lettered three times in football... was the squad's 2014 Special Teams Player of the Year... was a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honors Society and a National Football Foundation award recipient... named a semifinalist for the Chris Rubio Award, which honors the nation's top long snapper.

PERSONAL: Harrison McLean Freeman was born December 13, 1997.



Griffin GENTRY

50 DL • 6-1 • 246 • FR. • HS
Birmingham, Ala.
(Homewood)

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive end who earned a spot on the Alabama Class 6A first-team all-state squad as a senior in 2015 at Homewood High School in Birmingham... coached by Ben Berguson... the Patriots went 9-3 in his final campaign... logged 106 tackles and seven sacks as a junior... also played basketball... Rivals ranks him as a two-star prospect... 247Sports considers him a two-star prospect, the 100th-best player in the state and the No. 110 strongside defensive end in the country... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 34th-best player in the state and the No. 71 defensive tackle in the nation... rated a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Full name is Kyle Griffin Gentry... born June 9, 1998.

Shemar GLENN

80 WR • 6-1 • 175 • FR. • HS
Union, S.C.
(Union County/USC-Union)

2015: Attended USC-Union.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Union (S.C.) County High School in 2015... played wide receiver and served as a team captain for the Yellow Jacks... coached by former Gamecock standout quarterback Steve Taneyhill... also lettered three times in basketball... was a member of the BETA Club and on the honor roll... winner of the Upstate SC Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship... named Most Athletic in his senior class.

PERSONAL: Shemar Armonti Glenn was born May 13, 1997.



Bailey HART

16 QB • 6-2 • 175 • FR. • HS
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
(Wando)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Wando High School in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. in 2016... lettered three times for coach Jimmy Noonan... was a two-time all-region selection, a three-time All-East Cooper team member and the 4A Big 16 Lower State Back of the Year following his senior season... also lettered three times in track & field for the Warriors.

PERSONAL: Patrick Bailey Hart was born August 11, 1997.



Evan HINSON

82 TE • 6-4 • 238 • FR. • HS
Deltona, Fla.
(Deltona)

HIGH SCHOOL: Versatile two-sport standout from Deltona (Fla.) High School... graduated in 2016... played all over the gridiron during his prep career but expected to play tight end for the Gamecocks... coached by Allen Johnson... helped the Wolves to a 6-4 record in 2015... earned honorable mention Class 6A all-state recognition... caught 24 passes for 465 yards and six touchdowns while making 35 tackles, including eight tackles for loss and five sacks, as a senior... logged 500 receiving yards, 11 touchdowns and 15 sacks as a junior defensive end... an excellent high school basketball player who received interest in playing that sport at the collegiate level as well... averaged 23.5 points, 6.8 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game as a junior when he was the Daytona Beach *News-Journal's* Player of the Year... considered a three-star football prospect by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect and the 18th-best tight end in the nation by 247Sports... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the No. 131 player in the state of Florida and the No. 19 tight end-H back in the country.

PERSONAL: Full name is Evan Reese Hinson... born April 6, 1997... father, Denny Hinson, was his high school basketball coach.



Sadarius HUTCHERSON

50 OL • 6-4 • 273 • FR. • HS
Huntingdon, Tenn.
(Huntingdon)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played on both sides of the line at Class 1A Huntingdon (Tenn.) High School for head coach Eric Swenson... graduated in 2016... the Mustangs went 10-2 and reached the second round of the playoffs in his senior season... collected 45 tackles and six sacks as a defensive end in his final campaign... played tight end on the offensive side of the ball... logged 53 tackles, including 11 tackles for loss and six sacks as a junior... also played high school basketball... Rivals rates him as a three-star prospect and the 21st-best senior in Tennessee... 247Sports regarded him as a three-star prospect, the 21st-best player in the state and the 38th-best strongside defensive end in the nation... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 22nd-best player in Tennessee and the No. 105 defensive end in the nation... rated a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Full name is Sadarius Martese Hutcherson... born April 22, 1998.



Avery JAMES

47

DB • 6-0 • 195 • JR. • TR
Duncan, S.C.
(Byrnes/Liberty)

2015: Played safety for the Liberty Flames and head coach Turner Gill... team went 6-5, including wins over No. 7 Montana and against No. 4 Coastal Carolina... played in and started 10 of 11 games, finishing second on the squad with 71 tackles, including 3.5 tackles for loss, three pass breakups and a pair of forced fumbles... logged three games with double-digits in tackles... led the Flames with a career-high 15 tackles at Southern Illinois... posted 10 tackles against Gardner-Webb and 11 stops against Charleston Southern.

2014: Saw playing time in 13 of 14 games for Liberty University... the Flames won the Big South title and earned a berth in the NCAA FCS playoffs with a regular-season ending win at top-ranked Coastal Carolina... one of only a handful of true freshman to see playing time during the year... finished the year with 19 tackles and an interception... had two solo stops in his first collegiate game at North Carolina... recorded a season-best five tackles against Brevard... had four stops in his first start against Richmond, while adding a pass breakup.

HIGH SCHOOL: Four-year letterwinner at Byrnes High School in Duncan, S.C., graduating in 2014... helped Byrnes win AAAA state titles as a freshman and sophomore and AAAA regional titles as a freshman and senior... finished his senior year with 91 tackles, including 50 solo stops, nine tackles for a loss, 12 pass breakups, two fumble recoveries, three forced fumbles and an interception... was a first-team All-Area, All-Upper State and All-Spartanburg County, All-Region 2 AAAA and *Herald-Journal* All-Area first-team defense as a senior.

PERSONAL: Avery James was born May 9, 1996... will not be eligible in the fall of 2016 due to NCAA transfer rules.

Cameron JOHNSON

61

OL • 6-8 • 300 • FR. • HS
Bennettsville, S.C.
(Marlboro County)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Marlboro County High School in South Carolina in 2016... lettered three years in football for head coach Dr. Dean Boyd... named to the All-Region 6-3A squad and was a *High School Sports Report* All-State Top 100 selection... also a standout basketball player who received some Division II offers while earning four letters for the Bulldogs... also lettered once in track & field... excellent student in the classroom who was a member of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, a Merit Scholar and New Dimensions Scholar.

PERSONAL: Randall Cameron Johnson was born July 17, 1998... father, Randall, played basketball at Johnson C. Smith University.

Jamarcus KING

7

DB • 6-2 • 180 • JR. • JC
Mobile, Ala.
(Blount/Coffeyville C.C.)

2015: One of the nation's top junior college cornerbacks... played two seasons at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas for head coach Aaron Flores... registered 37 tackles with three interceptions and a team-high 10 pass breakups, helping the 14th-ranked Red Ravens to an 8-3 record, while garnering first-team All-Jayhawk Conference and honorable mention All-America accolades in his sophomore season... the four-star athlete is the number one-rated junior college cornerback in the country and the seventh-best JUCO prospect regardless of position according to Rivals... considered a four-star prospect, the No. 2 junior college cornerback in the country and the 16th-best JUCO prospect overall by 247Sports Composite... ESPN gives him four stars and considers him as the top cornerback and the 10th-best junior college player in the country... rated a four-star prospect and a JUCO All-American by *PrepStar*.

2014: Earned first-team All-KJCCC and second-team NJCAA All-America honors after logging 27 tackles and five pass break ups as the 10th-ranked Red Ravens went 9-3 overall and 6-1 in the league in his freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Primarily played wide receiver at Mattie T. Blount High School in Eight Mile, Ala., graduating in 2014... the Leopards went 9-2 in his senior season... full name is Jamarcus J. King.



Pika LEOTA

65

OL • 6-4 • 315 • FR. • HS
Asheville, N.C.
(Asheville)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played offensive tackle and nose guard for head coach Danny Wilkins at Asheville (N.C.) High School... graduated in 2016... the Cougars went 9-3 in his senior season... earned first team all-state honors... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... rated a two-star prospect by Rivals... 247Sports considers him a three-star prospect, the 24th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the No. 46 offensive tackle in the nation... ESPN ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 52nd-best player in North Carolina and the No. 78 offensive guard in the nation... rated a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Full named is Pika Junior Leovaiga Leota... born April 14, 1997.



Adrian MCGEE

44

RB • 5-11 • 185 • FR. • HS
Greer, S.C.
(Greer)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Greer (S.C.) High School in 2016... played running back for head coach Will Young... earned four letters in football, four in track & field and three in wrestling... was an all-state running back and earned a spot on the North-South All-Star game... placed fourth in the state wrestling meet and fourth in the state long jump competition... also ran a leg on the 4x1 meter relay state championship unit... also a member of the Beta Club.

PERSONAL: Adrian Hunter McGee was born March 15, 1998... father, Lamar, played football at North Greenville University.

Trey MITCHELL

46

LB • 6-2 • 210 • FR. • HS
Lexington, S.C.
(Lexington)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Lexington (S.C.) High School in 2016... lettered three times in football for head coach Josh Stepp... also lettered in soccer... earned all-state honors and was selected to the North-South All-Star game... named a team captain as a senior... helped the Wildcats to the State AAAA Championship game.

PERSONAL: Trey Warren Mitchell was born July 20, 1998... admitted to the South Carolina Honors College... grandfather, Jack Mitchell, played football at Appalachian State University.



Kiel POLLARD

87

WR • 6-0 • 230 • FR. • HS
Moultrie, Ga.
(Colquitt County)

HIGH SCHOOL: Named to the all-state team and was the 6A Offensive Player of the Year after helping lead Colquitt County to a 15-0 record and the Georgia state championship... graduated in 2016... logged 76 catches for 1,163 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior... the Packers won two straight state titles and were ranked No. 2 in the USA Today poll in 2015... coached by Rush Propst... Rivals ranks him as a four-star prospect, the No. 23 player in the state of Georgia, the 15th-best "athlete" in the country and No. 249 overall... 247Sports considers him a three-star prospect and No. 86 in Georgia... ESPN also ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 84th-best player in the state and the 148th-best wide receiver in the country.

PERSONAL: Full name is Kiel Tyrell Pollard... born February 3, 1997.

Will PUTNAM

66

OL • 6-5 • 282 • FR. • HS
Harrisburg, N.C.
(Hickory Ridge)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played left tackle and defensive end for Hickory Ridge High in Harrisburg, N.C., graduating in 2016.. the Class 3AA Ragin' Bulls went 7-5 under head coach Marty Paxton in his senior season... considered a two-star prospect and the 50th-best player in North Carolina by Rivals... rated a three-star prospect, the 50th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the nation's No. 112 offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranks him as a two-star prospect, the 64th-best player in the state and the No. 132 offensive tackle in the nation... rated a two-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Full name is William J. Putnam.



Brett SHORE

32

LB • 5-11 • 210 • JR. • HS
Irmo, S.C.
(Dutch Fork/Tyler J.C.)

2015: Spent three semesters at Tyler (Texas) Junior College, beginning with the spring of 2015... did not participate in football... graduated in May 2016 magna cum laude.. was on the Dean's list and Honors Society.

2014: Did not attend school in the fall of 2014.

2013: Attended Greenville Tech for the 2013-14 academic year.

2012: Did not attend school in the fall of 2012.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, S.C. in 2012... played football for head coach Tom Knotts and the Silver Foxes... totaled 115 tackles with 15 sacks and six forced fumbles as a senior in 2011... earned all-state and all-region honors in both 2010 and 2011... lettered in both baseball (2010) and track & field (2010) at Fork Union Military Academy prior to finishing his prep career at Dutch Fork.

PERSONAL: Brett McNeese Shore was born May 27, 1993... is majoring in criminal justice... has two years to play two at South Carolina.



T.J. SMITH

28

WR • 6-0 • 175 • JR. • TR
Charleston, S.C.
(Fort Dorchester/Concord)

2015: Played for the Concord University Mountain Lions in Athens, West Virginia... caught 39 passes for 548 yards with six touchdowns... best game of the season was a five-catch, 110-yard performance against Notre Dame College... also matched his career high with eight receptions for 96 yards at West Liberty.

2014: Played in and started 13 games as a true freshman for Concord University... caught 51 passes for 1,157 yards and 13 touchdowns... named a third team All-American by Don Hansen Football Gazette and a fourth-team All-American by Beyond Sports Network... also selected to Don Hansen's first-team All-Region team and was a second-team all-region selection by BSN... voted as the Mountain East Conference Offensive Freshman of the Year as well as First Team All-MEC... became CU's first 1,000-yard receiver since 2010... one of seven receiver in school history to finish with at least 10 touchdown receptions in a single season... hauled in a career-high eight catches for a personal-best 212 yards and three touchdowns versus Notre Dame College... tallied five games with at least 100 yards receiving... in addition to three touchdowns against NDC, also caught two touchdowns versus Urbana, Charleston and Shepherd... had five games with a reception of 55 yards or longer... longest catch of the season came against Charleston on a 72-yard score.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Fort Dorchester High School in Charleston, S.C. in 2014... will not be eligible in 2016 per NCAA transfer rules.



Aaron THOMPSON

96

DL • 6-3 • 271 • FR. • HS
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
(Dillard)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played along the defensive line at Fort Lauderdale's Dillard High School in Florida... graduated in 2016... the Panthers went 6-5 in his senior season... coached by Lorenzo Davis... Rivals gives him a three-star rating, the 91st-best player in the Sunshine State and the 46th-best defensive tackle in the country... rated a three-star prospect, the 78th-best player in Florida and the No. 31 strongside defensive end in the country by 247Sports... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 108th-best player in Florida and the 49th-best defensive tackle in the nation.

PERSONAL: Full name is Aaron Bernard Thompson Jr... born June 24, 1997.



Robert TUCKER III

86

TE • 6-3 • 238 • FR. • HS
Atlanta, Ga.
(B.E.S.T. Academy)

HIGH SCHOOL: Tight end and inside linebacker who attends the B.E.S.T. Academy in Atlanta... graduated in 2016... coached by Joshua Moore... caught 16 passes for 336 yards with four touchdowns in eight games as a senior for the Eagles... also collected 46 tackles and five sacks... logged 45 receptions for 947 yards and 10 scores on offense and 166 tackles on defense in his three-year varsity career... Rivals rates him as a three-star prospect... 247Sports lists him as a three-star prospect, the 57th-best player in the state of Georgia and the No. 25 inside linebacker in the country... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the nation's 48th-best inside linebacker and No. 127 in the state... rated a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

PERSONAL: Full name is Robert Jones Tucker III... born July 25, 1998.



Morgan VEST

36

DB • 6-0 • 190 • FR. • HS
Leander, Texas
(Rouse)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Rouse High School in Leander, Texas in 2016... played football for head coach Joshua Mann... was runnerup for the 2013 Central Texas Newcomer of the Year... named all-district three times and was all-state honorable mention in 2013... played in the 2016 Central Texas All-Star game... also played baseball and competed in track & field for the Raiders.

PERSONAL: Morgan Kevin Vest was born April 20, 1998... grandfather, Rodger Vest, played football at the Air Force Academy; father, Kevin Best, played at Texas Tech; and great uncle, Jim Vest, played college football at Washington State.



Stephon TAYLOR

98

DL • 6-4 • 293 • FR. • HS
New Orleans, La.
(McDonogh 35)

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned second-team 4A all-state honors as a senior at McDonogh 35 in New Orleans... graduated in 2016... coached by Wayne Reese... helped the Roneagles to an 11-3 record as a senior... Rivals ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 22nd-best player in Louisiana and the 35th-best defensive tackle in the nation... 247Sports considers him a four-star prospect, the 16th-best player in Louisiana, the 26th-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 263 overall... rated a four-star prospect, the 15th-best player in the state, the 23rd-best defensive tackle in the nation and No. 226 overall by ESPN.

PERSONAL: Full name is Mastephon Lachristavious Taylor... born January 29, 1998.



Darius WHITFIELD

75

DL • 6-2 • 286 • FR. • HS
Mobile, Ala.
(St. Paul's Episcopal)

HIGH SCHOOL: Two-way lineman who prepped at St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, Ala... graduated in 2016... played for head coach Steve Mask... earned a spot on the Class 5A all-state team as an offensive lineman... helped the Saints win the state championship during each of his final two seasons... played in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star game following his senior season... collected 70 tackles with 20 tackles for loss, 10 sacks and five forced fumbles as a junior... considered a Rivals four-star prospect, the 11th-best player in the state and the 28th-best defensive tackle in the nation... is a three-star prospect, the 36th-best player in Alabama and the No. 40 strong-side defensive end, according to 247Sports... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 16th-best player in the state, and the sixth-best offensive center in the country... rated a *PrepStar* All-American, a four-star prospect at offensive center and No. 183 overall.

PERSONAL: Darius Antwan Whitfield was born October 2, 1997.



D.J. WONNUM

92

DL • 6-4 • 240 • FR. • HS
Stone Mountain, Ga.
(Stephenson)

HIGH SCHOOL: Dennis "D.J." Wonnum Jr. was named to the All-Region team for Class 6 – AAAAA Division A as a senior at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga... graduated in 2016... collected 38 tackles with 11 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks... the Jaguars posted a 9-2 record and earned a spot in the state playoffs in 2015 under head coach Ron Gartrell... earned all-state honors at tight end during his junior season... Rivals ranks him as a three-star prospect as a tight end... 247Sports rated him a three-star prospect, the 126th-best player in the state of Georgia and the 87th-best weakside defensive end in the country... ESPN gave him three stars and considered him the 113th-best player in Georgia and the No. 121 defensive end in the country.

PERSONAL: Full name is Dennis O. Wonnum Jr... born October 31, 1997.

Alexander WOZNICK

42

PK • 5-11 • 160 • FR. • HS
Greenville, S.C.
(Eastside)

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Eastside High School in Greenville, S.C. in 2016... played football for head coach Steve Wilson... was a three-year letterwinner for the Eagles... named the Eastside Football Special Teams Player of the Year as a senior after tying for the team lead with 60 points... received a 5-star ranking by Chris Sailer kicking... also lettered twice in soccer... helped his team to the 2014 soccer AAA state title... earned the SCHSL Scholar-Athlete Award... a member of the BETA Club.

PERSONAL: Alexander Dymitre Woznick was born March 9, 1998.