



2012 GAMECOCK MEN'S SOCCER

GAME INFORMATION

USF TOURNAMENT

Date: Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012 at No. 2/5 USF

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. ET

Date: Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 vs. Florida Gulf Coast

Kickoff: 5 p.m. ET

Location: Tampa, Fla.

Stadium: Corbett Soccer Stadium

Live Video For A Fee: GoUSFBulls.com (Thursday match only)

FREE Live Stats: GamecocksOnline.com



**SOUTH CAROLINA
GAMECOCKS**
(1-1-1)

- VS -



**USF
BULLS**
(3-0-0)



**FGCU
EAGLES**
(1-2-0)

NSCAA/Soccer America Ranking: RV/-

Head Coach: Mark Berson

Record at SC: 440-183-62 (35th)

Career Rec.: 451-188-62 (36th)

NSCAA/Soccer America Ranking: 2/5

Head Coach: George Kiefer

Record at USF: 118-56-27 (11th)

Career Rec.: Same

NSCAA/Soccer America Ranking: -/-

Head Coach: Bob Butehorn

Record at FGCU: 48-38-8 (6th)

Career Rec.: 82-70-12 (10th)

2012 SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME/RESULT |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| A. 14 | Georgia State (exhib.) | W, 6-3 |
| A. 18 | Elon (exhib.) | W, 2-0 |
| A. 24 | College of Charleston | W, 1-0 |
| Gamecock Classic | | |
| A. 31 | No. 15 St. John's | L, 2-0 |
| S. 2 | No. 25 Northwestern | T, 0-0 (2OT) |
| USF Tournament | | |
| S. 6 | at No. 2/5 USF | 7:30 p.m. |
| S. 8 | vs. Florida Gulf Coast | 5 p.m. |
| S. 12 | at Charlotte | 7 p.m. |
| S. 18 | Clemson | 7 p.m. |
| S. 21 | at Tulsa* | 8 p.m. |
| S. 24 | at SMU* | 8 p.m. |
| S. 29 | FIU* | 7 p.m. |
| O. 7 | UCF* | 3:30 p.m. |
| O. 10 | UAB* | 7 p.m. |
| O. 13 | at Marshall* | 7 p.m. |
| O. 17 | Wofford | 7 p.m. |
| O. 20 | Memphis* | 7 p.m. |
| O. 24 | Coastal Carolina | 7 p.m. |
| O. 27 | at Wake Forest | 7 p.m. |
| N. 4 | at Kentucky* | 1 p.m. |
| Conference USA Tournament | | |
| N. 7-11 | TBA | TBA |

all home games in **bold**

* indicates C-USA contest

all times listed in Eastern

all dates and time subject to change

all home games played at Stone Stadium

CAROLINA QUICK HITS

- South Carolina is in its 35th season of varsity soccer in 2012.
- South Carolina head coach Mark Berson is in his 36th season overall and his 35th season as head coach of the Gamecocks. He is assisted by former players Spencer Lewis and Joey Worthen, both in their first season. Another former player for the Gamecocks, Clark Brisson is the volunteer assistant coach.
- South Carolina is the reigning Conference USA Co-Regular Season champions, as both the Gamecocks and UAB finished the 2011 league campaign with a 6-1-1 record.
- Carolina made its 20th appearance all-time in the NCAA Tournament in 2011, earning hosting duties for the first round.
- Seven newcomers join 20 returning players for Carolina in 2011. Six freshmen and one sophomore transfer join Berson's squad this fall.
- This weekend's tournament at USF marks the first road trip for the Gamecocks this season, as the squad has hosted all five matches to date, including two exhibition contests.
- In exhibition wins vs. Georgia State and Elon, South Carolina scored a combined eight goals, including two each from junior striker Bradlee Baladez, sophomore midfielder Braeden Troyer and junior midfielder J.P. Rafferty. Carolina posted 39 shots combined in the two matches, compared to just 23 shots by opponents (Ga. State 14; Elon 9).
- Competing in last weekend's Gamecock Classic, South Carolina suffered a 2-0 loss to No. 15 St. John's, before a 0-0 double-overtime draw with No. 25 Northwestern. The weekend was extremely hot in Columbia, especially on Sunday with temperatures soaring into the 90's.
- Baladez was selected to the Conference USA Preseason Team, the second-straight season the Mesquite, Texas, native has been honored with selection to the list.
- Baladez and Troyer were both named to the Preseason All Conference USA squad earlier this month published by College Sports Madness, while Baladez was tabbed a Third-Team Preseason All-American by CollegeSoccerNews.com.
- Carolina is receiving votes in the most recent NSCAA Top 25 Poll, which was released earlier this week on Tuesday.



USF TOURNAMENT

South Carolina is set to play second-ranked, and host, USF in its first match of the USF Tournament on Thursday. The two teams have met six times previously, with that all-time series knotted at 3-3-0. The most recent meeting, a 2-0 win by the Bulls, came during the 2007 season at the UConn Adidas Classic. Prior to that meeting, South Carolina had won the previous three matches between the two schools dating back to a 5-1 victory in Columbia in 1993. The meeting between Carolina and Florida Gulf Coast will be the first between the two schools.

MARTINEZ, STAM NAMED TO GAMECOCK CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

South Carolina defenders, and team co-captains, junior Eric Martinez and senior Kevin Stam put forth stellar play in two matches at the Gamecock Classic last weekend vs. No. 15 St. John's and No. 25 Northwestern. With hot and humid temperatures during both matches, the duo played all 90 minutes vs. the Red Storm and all 110 minutes against the Wildcats. The Gamecock defense earned its second shutout of the season against Northwestern.

2012 NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Class | Ht/Wt. | Position | Hometown (Last School) |
|-----|------------------|-------|----------|----------|---|
| 1 | Robert Beebe | RS FR | 6-5/189 | GK | Summerville, S.C. (Pinewood Preparatory School) |
| 2 | Trevor Hubbard | JR | 5-8/146 | D/MF | Dallas, Texas (Highland Park) |
| 3 | Ryan Arambula | FR | 5-7/139 | MF | Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach) |
| 4 | Sam Mahmood | SO | 6-1/181 | D | San Diego, Calif. (Cal State Northridge) |
| 5 | Eric Martinez | RS JR | 6-1/179 | D/MF | Fort Mill, S.C. (Providence Day School) |
| 6 | Mahamoudou Kaba | SO | 6-1/184 | D | Ypsilanti, Mich. (Lincoln) |
| 7 | Asa Kryst | SO | 5-8/165 | F/MF | Tega Cay, S.C. (Fort Mill) |
| 8 | Devin L'Amoreaux | FR | 5-7/132 | MF/F | North Charleston, S.C. (Fort Dorchester) |
| 9 | Niklas Kivinen | SO | 5-8/149 | MF | Mikkeli, Finland |
| 10 | Bradlee Baladez | JR | 6-1/186 | MF/F | Dallas, Texas (Mesquite) |
| 11 | Snoopy Davidson | SO | 6-5/162 | F | Rome, Ga. (Rome) |
| 12 | Jason Chapman | JR | 6-0/175 | MF/F | Spartanburg, S.C. (Dorman) |
| 13 | Braeden Troyer | SO | 5-10/164 | MF | Columbia, SC (Hammond School) |
| 14 | Kevin Stam | SR | 6-1/193 | D/MF | Raleigh, N.C. (Needham B. Broughton) |
| 15 | Jeffrey Torda | FR | 5-9/144 | MF | Colleyville, Texas (Nolan Catholic) |
| 16 | Alex Long | RS JR | 6-3/215 | GK | Cary, N.C. (Green Hope) |
| 17 | Will McGinnis | RS SO | 5-11/144 | MF | Charlotte, N.C. (Charlotte Latin) |
| 18 | Ryan Freiburger | RS FR | 5-11/172 | MF | Lexington, S.C. (Lexington) |
| 19 | Hunter Wyer | RS SO | 6-0/168 | MF/D | Greenville, S.C. (Southside Christian) |
| 20 | Trent Rieflin | FR | 6-4/199 | D | Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando) |
| 21 | Wesley Eads | FR | 5-11/153 | F | Summerville, S.C. (Fort Dorchester) |
| 23 | J.P. Rafferty | JR | 6-0/180 | MF/D | Raleigh, N.C. (Sanderson) |
| 24 | Mike Mangotic | SR | 5-10/182 | D | Maumee, Ohio (UNC-Greensboro) |
| 26 | Dan Traxler | RS FR | 5-11/150 | MF | Oakton, Va. (James Madison) |
| 27 | Stephen Anderson | RS SO | 5-11/168 | MF | Columbus, Ga. (Columbus) |
| 29 | Connor Steele | FR | 5-9/155 | D | Kennesaw, Ga. (Harrison) |
| 34 | Chris Duzan | RS SO | 5-8/173 | GK | Cayce, S.C. (Brookland Cayce) |

Head Coach: Mark Berson (35th season)

Assistant Coaches: Spencer Lewis, Joey Worthen

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Clark Brisson

BY CLASS (BASED ON ELIGIBILITY)

| | |
|------------|----|
| Seniors | 2 |
| Junior | 6 |
| Sophomores | 10 |
| Freshmen | 9 |

PRONUNCIATION

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Ryan Arambula | Ryan AH-ram-BUE-la |
| Sam Mahmood | Sam MAH-mood |
| Devin L'Amoreaux | Devin LAM-a-ROE |
| Trent Rieflin | Trent RIF-lynn |
| Ryan Freiburger | Ryan FRY-burger |
| Mahamoudou Kaba | MA-hom-a-do Kaba |
| Asa Kryst | A-SA Kryst |
| Braeden Troyer | BRAE-den Troyer |

COACHING STAFF

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Head Coach | Mark Berson, North Carolina '75 |
| Assistant Coach | Spencer Lewis |
| Assistant Coach | Joey Worthen |
| Volunteer Assistant Coach | Clark Brisson |

SUPPORT STAFF

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Administrator | Chief Operating Officer Kevin O'Connell |
| Academics | Steve Bondurant |
| Compliance | DJ Brown |
| Media Relations | Emily Feeney |

ATHLETIC TRAINING STAFF

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Head Trainer | Brainard Cooper |
| Graduate Assistant Trainer | Becky Younger |

STUDENT MANAGERS

| | |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Student Managers | Edward Ruchugo, Morgan Edlin |
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2012 CONFERENCE USA STANDINGS (AS OF SEPT. 4)

| Team | Conference USA Only | | | | | Overall | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|------|-------|-------|------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| | W-L-T | Pct. | Home | Away | Pts. | W-L-T | Pct. | Home | Away | Neutral | Streak |
| FIU | 0-0-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 3-0-0 | 1.000 | 1-0-0 | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 | W3 |
| Marshall | 0-0-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 2-0-1 | .833 | 1-0-0 | 1-0-1 | 0-0-0 | W1 |
| Tulsa | 0-0-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 2-1-0 | .667 | 2-1-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | L1 |
| UAB | 0-0-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 2-1-1 | .625 | 2-0-0 | 0-1-1 | 0-0-0 | L1 |
| South Carolina | 0-0-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 1-1-1 | .500 | 1-1-1 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | T1 |
| Memphis | 0-0-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 1-1-0 | .500 | 1-1-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | W1 |
| UCF | 0-0-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 1-1-0 | .500 | 0-1-0 | 1-0-0 | 0-0-0 | L1 |
| SMU | 0-0-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0-2-1 | .267 | 0-0-1 | 0-0-0 | 0-2-0 | L2 |
| Kentucky | 0-0-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0-3-0 | .000 | 0-0-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-2-0 | L3 |

► NSCAA TOP 25

Sept. 4, 2012

| Rk. | Team | Prev. Rank | 2012 Record |
|-----|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | North Carolina | 1 | 3-0-0 |
| 2 | South Florida | 4 | 3-0-0 |
| 3 | Creighton | 2 | 2-0-1 |
| 4 | Connecticut | 5 | 2-0-0 |
| 5 | Maryland | 6 | 2-0-1 |
| 6 | Akron | 7 | 2-0-1 |
| 7 | Charlotte | 8 | 2-0-1 |
| 8 | New Mexico | 3 | 2-1-0 |
| 9 | UC Santa Barbara | 9 | 2-0-1 |
| 10 | Indiana | 10 | 3-0-1 |
| 11 | UC Irvine | 12 | 3-0-0 |
| 12 | St. John's | 15 | 3-0-1 |
| 13 | Georgetown | 21 | 4-0-0 |
| 14 | UCLA | 11 | 1-1-1 |
| 15 | Old Dominion | 19 | 2-0-0 |
| 16 | Wake Forest | 23 | 3-0-0 |
| 17 | Notre Dame | RV | 3-0-0 |
| 18 | Louisville | 14 | 1-1-0 |
| 19 | Coastal Carolina | 16 | 2-1-1 |
| 20 | Marquette | RV | 4-0-0 |
| 21 | Washington | RV | 3-0-1 |
| 22 | Brown | 24 | 1-0-0 |
| 23 | North Carolina State | NR | 4-0-0 |
| 24 | Boston College | 13 | 1-1-0 |
| 25 | UAB | 17 | 2-1-1 |

Others receiving votes: Saint Mary's (Calif.) 46, Furman 44, Monmouth 37, Tulsa 34, SIUE 30, Northwestern 27, UC Riverside 25, Xavier 15, Western Michigan 15, Dayton 14, Villanova 14, Northeastern 11, Penn State 10, South Carolina, Evansville 7, College of Charleston 4

► SOCCER AMERICA TOP 25

Sept. 4, 2012

| Rk. | Team | (2012 Record) | Last Week |
|-----|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1. | Connecticut | (2-0-0) | 1 |
| 2. | Maryland | (2-0-1) | 3 |
| 3. | North Carolina | (3-0-0) | 6 |
| 4. | Akron | (2-0-1) | 2 |
| 5. | USF | (3-0-0) | 9 |
| 6. | Old Dominion | (2-0-0) | 11 |
| 7. | Indiana | (3-0-1) | 8 |
| 8. | Creighton | (2-0-1) | 13 |
| 9. | UC Santa Barbara | (2-0-1) | 4 |
| 10. | Charlotte | (2-0-1) | 5 |
| 11. | New Mexico | (2-1-0) | 7 |
| 12. | UCLA | (1-1-1) | 14 |
| 13. | Notre Dame | (3-0-0) | 15 |
| 14. | Wake Forest | (3-0-0) | 16 |
| 15. | St. John's | (3-0-1) | 18 |
| 16. | UC Irvine | (3-0-0) | 20 |
| 17. | Georgetown | (4-0-0) | 21 |
| 18. | Coastal Carolina | (2-1-1) | 12 |
| 19. | Marquette | (4-0-0) | NR |
| 20. | N.C. State | (4-0-0) | NR |
| 21. | Boston College | (1-1-0) | 10 |
| 22. | West Virginia | (2-1-0) | 19 |
| 23. | Xavier | (2-0-1) | 24 |
| 24. | Tulsa | (2-1-0) | NR |
| 25. | Washington | (3-0-1) | 25 |
| 25. | Northwestern | (1-0-2) | NR |

DID YOU KNOW?

Reserve defender, freshman Jeffrey Torda's entire family has played a sport at the college level. His father was a golfer at LSU, his mother played basketball at St. Gregory's University, his brother played soccer at Dayton, and his sister played soccer at TCU. Torda is a native of Colleyville, Texas. One of three Texans on the South Carolina roster (Baladez, Hubbard).

CONFERENCE USA PRESEASON POLL

■ The South Carolina men's soccer team was picked to finish first in the 2012 Conference USA Preseason Poll, while junior forward Bradlee Baladez was selected to the 13-member Men's Soccer Preseason All-Conference Team for the second-consecutive season, as announced by the league office in mid-August. 2012 marks the first time the Gamecocks have been selected as the preseason favorite in the league. Their previous high mark was when the team was projected to finish second in 2006. The Gamecocks were the 2011 regular season co-champs of the league last year. SMU was picked to finish second, followed by UCF, UAB, Memphis, Tulsa, Kentucky, Marshall and FIU.

A LOOK AT SOUTH CAROLINA'S OPPONENTS AT THE USF TOURNAMENT

USF Bulls, 3-0-0 overall record

- USF is ranked No. 2 this week in the NSCAA Top 25 Poll and CollegeSoccerNews.com Top 30 poll. It is the highest-ever ranking for the South Florida squad.
- USF is undefeated entering Thursday's contest with South Carolina. The Bulls have victories over Michigan, then-No. 20 SMU and Tulsa this season.
- Head coach George Kiefer is in his 11th season in Tampa. He's led the Bulls to the NCAA Tournament in each of the past five seasons.
- The Bulls captured a share of last year's BIG EAST regular season crown, winning the Red Division. USF advanced to the Elight Eight in the NCAA Tournament. The seed for the Bulls in last year's tournament marked the highest-ever for the squad.
- Top Drawer Soccer named junior defender Tom Sweat its National Player of the Week on Monday after scoring the game-winning tally vs. SMU last weekend. He also tallied the game winner vs. Michigan in the season opener.
- Senior defender Ashani Fairclough was named a Preseason All-American by College Sports Madness and senior defender Brenton Griffiths was selected to the Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team by the league's head coaches.
- Statistically for the Bulls, Sweat paces the club with two goals, while Leston Paul current has a team-leading two assists early in the 2012 campaign. Goalkeeper Eric Osswald has played all 270 minutes in net for USF, owning a stellar 0.67 goals against average with five saves on the year.

Florida Gulf Coast, 1-2-0 overall record

- Florida Gulf Coast enters tournament action at USF with a 1-2-0 overall record after losses at then-No. 2 Akron and then-No. 16 Georgetown, and most recently a victory against Bucknell.
- The Eagles are led by head coach Bob Butehorn, the reigning A-Sun Coach of the Year. He's in his sixth season with FGCU.
- FGCU has 15 returners from last year's A-Sun Conference Tournament Championship squad, including 2011 A-Sun Freshman of the Year, Xavier Silva. The team was picked to finish second in the league in the 2012 Preseason Poll.
- Silva, senior midfielder Deion Jones and sophomore defender Federico Crespo all earned preseason honors from the Atlantic Sun.
- Statistically the Eagles are led by senior forward William Morse and sophomore midfielder Santiago Echeverri with one goal each. In net, goalkeeper Nathan Ingram has played all 285 minutes this season, owning a 1.89 goals against average, with 13 saves on the year.

35TH SEASON NOTABLE

■ Over the course of the past 34 seasons, South Carolina has had 11 individual All-Americans. That list started during the 1987 campaign when both Doug Allison (first team) and Marty Baltzegar (second team) were honored with All-American accolades. Allison, who lettered at Carolina from 1984-87, still ranks as the all-time points (158) and goals scored (63) leader in South Carolina history. He led the Gamecocks in scoring in each of his four years on the team, and led Carolina to the NCAA Tournament in 1985, 1986 and 1987. Baltzegar, a defender for the Gamecocks, also lettered from 1984-87. He scored 24 career points with six goals and 12 assists during his career, while he was also a key member of the previously mentioned NCAA Tournament teams.

Allison is currently the head coach at intrastate rival Furman, while Baltzegar works in the business community in Columbia.

UP NEXT FOR THE GAMECOCKS

■ Following this weekend's matches at USF, South Carolina travels to 2011 national runner-up Charlotte on Sept. 12, before hosting intrastate rival Clemson on Sept. 18.

CAROLINA WHEN...

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Plays at Home | 1-1-1 |
| Plays Away | 0-0-0 |
| Plays at a Neutral Site | 0-0-0 |
| Conference USA Game | 0-0-0 |
| Non-Conference Game | 1-1-1 |
| Day Game | 0-0-1 |
| Night Game | 1-1-0 |
| Leading At The Half | 0-0-0 |
| Trailing At The Half | 0-0-0 |
| Tied At The Half | 1-1-1 |
| Scores In the First Half | 0-0-0 |
| Overtime Games | 0-0-0 |
| Televised Contests | 0-0-0 |
| vs. Top 25 Opponent | 0-1-1 |
| Scores First | 1-0-0 |
| Opponents Scores First..... | 0-1-0 |
| Scores 1 goal..... | 1-0-0 |
| Scores 2 goals..... | 0-0-0 |
| Scores 3 goals..... | 0-0-0 |
| Scores 4 + goals..... | 0-0-0 |
| Is Shut out | 0 1-1 |
| Shuts Out Opponent..... | 1-0-1 |
| Opponent Scores 1 goal..... | 0-0-0 |
| Opponent Scores 2 goals | 0-1-0 |
| Opponent Scores 3 goals | 0-0-0 |
| Opponent Scores 4 + goals..... | 0-0-0 |
| Takes More Shots..... | 0-0-1 |
| Opponent Take More Shots..... | 1-1-0 |

Playing on a...

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Monday..... | 0-0-0 |
| Tuesday | 0-0-0 |
| Wednesday..... | 0-0-0 |
| Thursday | 0-0-0 |
| Friday..... | 1-1-0 |
| Saturday | 0-0-0 |
| Sunday | 0-0-1 |

Playing in...

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| August | 1-1-0 |
| September | 0-0-1 |
| October | 0-0-0 |
| November | 0-0-0 |



MARK BERSON

35TH SEASON AT SOUTH CAROLINA (440-183-62)

36TH OVERALL (451-188-62)

Mark Berson, the reigning Conference USA Coach of the Year, and one of three coaches all-time to post 450 Division I victories, begins his 35th season at the helm of the South Carolina soccer program in 2012. Below are some of Berson and the team's accomplishments:

Berson's Accomplishments:

- Ranks No. 1 among active coaches in Division I victories (450)
- Ranks No. 3 all-time in Division I victories (450)
- One of only three coaches to collect at least 450 Division I victories
- Has the most Division I NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament appearances among active coaches (20)*
- Among NCAA men's soccer coaches across all divisions, has the 17th-most victories all-time
- Reigning Conference USA Coach of the Year
- In just seven seasons competing in the league, has earned two Conference USA Tournament titles, one regular-season title
- Four-time NSCAA South Region Coach of the Year: 1984, 1985, 1988, 1995
- Member of the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association's Hall of Fame (1992)
- Three former players are currently playing in the MLS, one in the EPL and one professionally in Chile

Team Accomplishments:

- 20 NCAA Tournament Appearances
- Four conference titles in nine seasons competing under a conference affiliation
- One of three collegiate programs to have had a player on each of the last three United States World Cup teams
- Over 50 Gamecocks have been drafted into or entered professional soccer
- 11 individual All-Americans and two National Goalkeepers of the Year
- 45 individuals have combined for 69 NSCAA All-South Region honors
- 16 individuals have earned 19 national academic awards
- One Conference USA co-MVP and co-Player of the Year (Blake Brettschneider, 2010)
- Three Conference USA Freshman of the Year honorees (Jimmy Maurer, 2007; Jeff Scannella, 2006; Mike Gustavson, 2005)
- One Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year (Greg Reece, 2005)
- One Conference USA Newcomer of the Year (Tyler Ruthven, 2007)
- In just seven seasons in the league, 13 First-Team All-Conference USA selections

**based on information compiled from NCAA Division I men's soccer media relations contacts*

Berson has been at South Carolina from the beginning. He was hired to move the program to varsity status in 1978, and he quickly put Carolina on the map. He has gone on to mold the Gamecocks into consistent winners that compete for championships.

Before coming to Carolina in 1978, Berson went 11-5-0 in one season at The Citadel, making his overall record 450-187-61, a winning percentage of 68.8 percent. In 2006, Berson became one of five active (at that time) Division I coaches and the 10th all-time to reach the 400-victory milestone when his Gamecocks defeated UAB, 2-0, in a televised contest at Stone Stadium. Berson now has a 439-182-61 record at South Carolina.

Berson has made his mark on the college soccer world by taking the Gamecocks to 20 NCAA Tournaments. The Gamecocks have advanced to at least the second round 11 times and have four quarterfinal and two Final Four appearances. In 1993, the Gamecocks advanced to the NCAA Championship game.

Though Carolina has been independent during the majority of the program's tenure, the Gamecocks have captured four conference titles under Berson's leadership. Carolina won the 1993 Metro Conference Championship in one of its two years competing in the conference. The Gamecocks joined Conference USA in 2005 and promptly claimed the league's tournament championship and automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, while Carolina also won the C-USA Championship Tournament in 2010 and collected the regular season championship in 2011.

South Carolina saw continued success during the 2011 campaign, earning the Conference USA regular season crown with a stellar 6-1-1 mark in league contests. The Gamecocks earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament and held hosting duties in the event's first round. Several Gamecocks earned postseason accolades from the league and NSCAA, including C-USA First Team member Braedee Baladez and All-Freshman honoree Braeden Troyer.

South Carolina won the 2010 Conference USA Tournament Championship, earning the No. 7 national seed in the NCAA Tournament en route to a first-round bye. The home field advantage propelled the Gamecocks to a 1-0 win over Duke during the second round, advancing the squad to the Round of 16. South Carolina concluded the season ranked No. 12 in the final NSCAA Top 25 Poll, while the team also earned the NSCAA's top team academic award.

South Carolina is very successful in its recruiting, bringing in a top-20 recruiting class in 2006, while in 2007 the South Carolina recruiting class ranked No. 10, the 2008 class ranked No. 14, the 2009 class No. 23, the 2010 class ranked No. 16 and the most recent 2011 class ranked No. 11 in the nation according to CollegeSoccerNews.com.

A 1971 graduate of Summit (N.J.) High School, Berson attended the University of North Carolina and received his bachelor of arts degree in journalism in 1975. Berson played on the Tar Heel soccer squad for four years, one as a midfielder and the other three in goal. As a senior, Berson received the UNC Educational Foundation Award and was a member of the Academic ACC Honor Roll. Berson earned his master's of education degree in sport administration from Ohio University in 1977.

Born March 16, 1953, in Hartford, Conn., Berson is married to the former Shauna Hopkins, a South Carolina alum, of Columbia. They have two children, Erin Rhea, and Luke William. Erin graduated from South Carolina in 2009, and Luke is currently enrolled at the University of South Carolina in the Moore School of Business.

GAME 1

| Soccer Box Score (Final) | | 2012 South Carolina Men's Soccer | | | |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Col. of Charleston vs South Carolina (Aug 24, 2012 at Columbia, S.C.) | | | | | |
| Col. of Charleston (0-1) vs. South Carolina (1-0) | | Goals by period | | | |
| Date: Aug 24, 2012 • Attendance: 1117 | | Col. of Charleston | 0 0 0 | | |
| Weather: | | South Carolina | 0 1 1 | | |
| Col. of Charleston | | South Carolina | | | |
| Po # Player | Sh SO G A Fo | Po # Player | Sh SO G A Fo | | |
| gk 1 Kees Heemskerck | - - - - - | gk 16 LONG, Alex | - - - - - | | |
| d 2 Tam McGowan | - - - - - | d 2 HUBBARD, Trevor | - - - 1 - | | |
| d 3 Robbie Benson | - - - - - | d 5 MARTINEZ, Eric | - - - - - | | |
| d 4 Shawn Ferguson | - - - - - | m 9 KIVINEN, Niklas | - - - - - | | |
| m 6 Daan Brinkman | - - - - - | f 10 BALADEZ, Bradlee | 2 1 - - - | | |
| f 7 Luke Huggett | 1 1 - - - | f 11 DAVIDSON, Snoopy | 2 1 - - - | | |
| m 8 Troy Peterson | 1 1 - - - | m 13 TROYER, Braeden | - - - - - | | |
| m 10 Sean de Silva | 2 - - - - | d 14 STAM, Kevin | - - - - - | | |
| m 19 Ralphie Lundy | 4 2 - - - | m 23 RAFFERTY, J.P. | - - - - - | | |
| m 20 Tyler Vukoder | - - - - - | d 24 MANGOTIC, Mike | - - - - - | | |
| m 22 Sam Redmond | 1 - - - - | m 27 ANDERSON, Stephen | 2 1 1 - - | | |
| -- Substitutes -- | - - - - - | -- Substitutes -- | - - - - - | | |
| 12 Tanner Clay | - - - - - | 6 KABA, Mahamoudou | - - - - - | | |
| 13 Francis Twohig | - - - - - | 7 KRYSY, Asa | 1 1 - - - | | |
| 14 George Khoury | - - - - - | 8 L'AMOREAUX, Devin | 1 - - - - | | |
| 16 Eric Fornell | 1 - - - - | 15 TORDA, Jeffrey | - - - - - | | |
| 17 Connor Coons | - - - - - | 21 EADS, Wesley | 1 - - 1 - | | |
| Totals | 10 4 0 0 13 | Totals | 9 4 1 2 13 | | |
| # Goalkeepers | Min GA Saves | # Goalkeepers | Min GA Saves | | |
| 1 Kees Heemskerck | 90:00 1 3 | 16 LONG, Alex | 90:00 0 3 | | |
| Shots by period | 1 2 Total | Saves by period | 1 2 Total | | |
| Col. of Charleston | 3 7 10 | Col. of Charleston | 0 3 3 | | |
| South Carolina | 2 7 9 | South Carolina | 1 3 4 | | |
| Corner kicks | 1 2 Total | Fouls | 1 2 Total | | |
| Col. of Charleston | 2 5 7 | Col. of Charleston | 6 7 13 | | |
| South Carolina | 1 0 1 | South Carolina | 7 6 13 | | |
| Scoring summary: | | | | | |
| No. | Time | Team | Goal scorer | Assist | Description |
| 1. | 72:23 | SC | ANDERSON, Stephen | HUBBARD, Trevor | 30 yards out, off goalkeeper's hands |
| Cautions and ejections: YC-SC #24 (10:29); YC-COFC #4 (10:29); YC-SC #27 (12:35); YC-SC #2 (34:10); YC-COFC #16 (53:02); YC-COFC #3 (65:37); YC-COFC #6 (78:01) | | | | | |
| Win-LONG, Alex (1-0). Loss-Kees Heemskerck (0-1). Stadium: Stone Stadium Officials: Referee: Howard Ash; Asst. Referee: Alan Correa; Marion Shull; Alt. Official: John Tanverdi; Scorer: Feeney; Offsides: Col. of Charleston 4, South Carolina 8. | | | | | |
| | | | | Official's signature | |

GAME 2

| Soccer Box Score (Final) | | 2012 South Carolina Men's Soccer | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| #15 St. John's vs South Carolina (Aug 31, 2012 at Columbia, S.C.) | | | | | |
| St. John's (2-0-1) vs. South Carolina (1-1-0) | | Goals by period | | | |
| Date: Aug 31, 2012 • Attendance: 1282 | | St. John's | 0 2 2 | | |
| Weather: | | South Carolina | 0 0 0 | | |
| St. John's | | South Carolina | | | |
| Po # Player | Sh SO G A Fo | Po # Player | Sh SO G A Fo | | |
| gk 1 DIAZ, Rafael | - - - - - | gk 16 LONG, Alex | - - - - - | | |
| d 2 EGAN, John | - - - - - | d 2 HUBBARD, Trevor | - - - - - | | |
| m 3 SAVINO, Brandon | 1 - - - - | d 5 MARTINEZ, Eric | - - - - - | | |
| m 7 MULLIGAN, Jimmy | - - - - - | m 9 KIVINEN, Niklas | - - - - - | | |
| m 8 AGUIAR, Juan | 1 - - - - | f 10 BALADEZ, Bradlee | 3 1 - - - | | |
| d 11 BENNETT, Jack | 5 1 - 1 - | f 11 DAVIDSON, Snoopy | 1 - - - - | | |
| m 15 MATTHEWS, Nick | 1 1 1 - - | m 13 TROYER, Braeden | 3 2 - - - | | |
| m 17 THOMAS, Jamie | 1 - - - - | d 14 STAM, Kevin | - - - - - | | |
| d 18 PARKER, Tim | 1 1 - - - | m 23 RAFFERTY, J.P. | - - - - - | | |
| d 19 CAMARA, Gabriel | - - - - - | d 24 MANGOTIC, Mike | - - - - - | | |
| d 23 ROUSE, Jordan | - - - - - | m 27 ANDERSON, Stephen | - - - - - | | |
| -- Substitutes -- | - - - - - | -- Substitutes -- | - - - - - | | |
| 6 HERRERA, Daniel | - - - - - | 6 KABA, Mahamoudou | - - - - - | | |
| 9 VARGAS, Andres | 3 2 1 - - | 7 KRYSY, Asa | 1 - - - - | | |
| 13 COLE, Taylor | - - - - - | 8 L'AMOREAUX, Devin | - - - - - | | |
| 20 BEDOYA, Danny | - - - - - | 12 CHAPMAN, Jason | - - - - - | | |
| 24 WILLIAMS, Jelani | 1 - - 1 - | 15 TORDA, Jeffrey | - - - - - | | |
| Totals | 14 5 2 2 10 | Totals | 8 3 0 0 11 | | |
| # Goalkeepers | Min GA Saves | # Goalkeepers | Min GA Saves | | |
| 1 DIAZ, Rafael | 90:00 0 3 | 16 LONG, Alex | 90:00 2 3 | | |
| Shots by period | 1 2 Total | Saves by period | 1 2 Total | | |
| St. John's | 3 11 14 | St. John's | 0 3 3 | | |
| South Carolina | 1 7 8 | South Carolina | 1 2 3 | | |
| Corner kicks | 1 2 Total | Fouls | 1 2 Total | | |
| St. John's | 4 2 6 | St. John's | 2 8 10 | | |
| South Carolina | 3 1 4 | South Carolina | 7 4 11 | | |
| Scoring summary: | | | | | |
| No. | Time | Team | Goal scorer | Assist | Description |
| 1. | 79:13 | STJ | MATTHEWS, Nick | WILLIAMS, Jelani | Off rebound from post |
| 2. | 85:53 | STJ | VARGAS, Andres | BENNETT, Jack | Off free kick, header |
| Cautions and ejections: YC-STJ #24 (78:03) | | | | | |
| Win-DIAZ, Rafael (2-0-1). Loss-LONG, Alex (1-1-0). Stadium: Stone Stadium Officials: Referee: Shane Butler; Asst. Referee: Alan Correa; Marion Shull; Alt. Official: John Tanverdi; Scorer: Feeney; Offsides: St. John's 4, South Carolina 3. | | | | | |
| | | | | Official's signature | |

GAME 3

| Soccer Box Score (Final) | | 2012 South Carolina Men's Soccer | | | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| #25 Northwestern vs South Carolina (Sep 02, 2012 at Columbia, S.C.) | | | | | |
| Northwestern (1-0-2) vs. South Carolina (1-1-1) | | Goals by period | | | |
| Date: Sep 02, 2012 • Attendance: 647 | | Northwestern | 0 0 0 0 0 | | |
| Weather: | | South Carolina | 0 0 0 0 0 | | |
| Northwestern | | South Carolina | | | |
| Po # Player | Sh SO G A Fo | Po # Player | Sh SO G A Fo | | |
| gk 1 MILLER, Tyler | - - - - - | gk 16 LONG, Alex | - - - - - | | |
| m 4 BAUGHMAN, Jarrett | 1 - - - - | d 2 HUBBARD, Trevor | - - - - - | | |
| m 5 BOXALL, Nikko | - - - - - | d 5 MARTINEZ, Eric | - - - - - | | |
| m 6 RITTER, Chris | - - - - - | m 9 KIVINEN, Niklas | 1 - - - - | | |
| m 7 SEETANE, Lepe | - - - - - | f 10 BALADEZ, Bradlee | 3 1 - - - | | |
| f 10 CALISTRU, Joey | 2 1 - - - | f 11 DAVIDSON, Snoopy | 3 1 - - - | | |
| f 11 WEBERMAN, Eric | - - - - - | m 13 TROYER, Braeden | - - - - - | | |
| m 19 SCHICKEL, Kyle | 1 1 - - - | d 14 STAM, Kevin | - - - - - | | |
| m 20 GENDRON, Nick | 1 1 - - - | m 23 RAFFERTY, J.P. | 3 - - - - | | |
| d 21 LAKIN, Scott | - - - - - | d 24 MANGOTIC, Mike | - - - - - | | |
| d 26 WILSON, Grant | - - - - - | m 27 ANDERSON, Stephen | - - - - - | | |
| -- Substitutes -- | - - - - - | -- Substitutes -- | - - - - - | | |
| 9 LOSEE, Reed | - - - - - | 3 ARAMBULA, Ryan | - - - - - | | |
| 12 HORNER, Peter | - - - - - | 6 KABA, Mahamoudou | - - - - - | | |
| 14 HERRILL, Henry | - - - - - | 7 KRYSY, Asa | - - - - - | | |
| 15 MISSIMO, Cole | - - - - - | 8 L'AMOREAUX, Devin | - - - - - | | |
| 22 WALBRIDGE, Michael | - - - - - | 12 CHAPMAN, Jason | 1 - - - - | | |
| 25 BEASLEY, Peter | - - - - - | 15 TORDA, Jeffrey | 3 1 - - - | | |
| 28 ROGERS, Jeff | - - - - - | 18 FREIBURGER, Ryan | - - - - - | | |
| 21 EADS, Wesley | - - - - - | 21 EADS, Wesley | - - - - - | | |
| Totals | 5 3 0 0 7 | Totals | 14 3 0 0 15 | | |
| # Goalkeepers | Min GA Saves | # Goalkeepers | Min GA Saves | | |
| 1 MILLER, Tyler | 110:00 0 3 | 16 LONG, Alex | 110:00 0 3 | | |
| Shots by period | 1 2 OT O2 Total | Saves by period | 1 2 OT O2 Total | | |
| Northwestern | 2 1 1 1 5 | Northwestern | 3 0 0 0 3 | | |
| South Carolina | 6 6 0 2 14 | South Carolina | 1 0 1 1 3 | | |
| Corner kicks | 1 2 OT O2 Total | Fouls | 1 2 OT O2 Total | | |
| Northwestern | 5 6 1 0 12 | Northwestern | 4 2 0 1 7 | | |
| South Carolina | 4 3 0 1 8 | South Carolina | 6 6 2 1 15 | | |
| Scoring summary: | | | | | |
| No. | Time | Team | Goal scorer | Assist | Description |
| Cautions and ejections: Northwestern-MILLER, Tyler (1-0-2). South Carolina-LONG, Alex (1-1-1). Stadium: Stone Stadium Officials: Referee: Anthony Voulgaris; Asst. Referee: Wayne Pavlischek; Mario Del Phino; Alt. Official: Brian Bozard; Scorer: Feeney; Offsides: Northwestern 2, South Carolina 0. | | | | | |
| | | | | Official's signature | |

2012 South Carolina Men's Soccer
 South Carolina Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 02, 2012)
 All games



| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
|----------------|---------|-------|------|---------|
| ALL GAMES | 1-1-1 | 1-1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| CONFERENCE | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| NON-CONFERENCE | 1-1-1 | 1-1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |

| Date | Opponent | Score | Att. |
|--------|--------------------|---------|------|
| Aug 24 | COL. OF CHARLESTON | w 1-0 | 1117 |
| Aug 31 | #15 ST. JOHN'S | L 0-2 | 1282 |
| Sep 02 | #25 NORTHWESTERN | To2 0-0 | 647 |

| TEAM STATISTICS | SC | OPP |
|------------------------|--------|-------|
| SHOT STATISTICS | | |
| Goals-Shot attempts | 1-31 | 2-29 |
| Goals scored per game | 0.33 | 0.67 |
| Shot pct. | .032 | .069 |
| Shots on goal-Attempts | 10-31 | 12-29 |
| SOG pct. | .323 | .414 |
| Shots/Game | 10.3 | 9.7 |
| CORNER KICKS | 13 | 25 |
| PENALTY KICKS | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| PENALTIES | | |
| Yellow cards | 3 | 5 |
| Red cards | 0 | 0 |
| ATTENDANCE | | |
| Total | 3046 | 0 |
| Dates/Avg Per Date | 3/1015 | 0/0 |
| Neutral Site #/Avg | 0/0 | |

| # | Player | gp | g | a | pts | sh | sh% | sog | sog% | gw | pk-att |
|-----------|-------------------|----|---|---|-----|----|------|-----|------|----|--------|
| 10 | BALADEZ, Bradlee | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | .000 | 3 | .375 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 11 | DAVIDSON, Snoopy | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | .000 | 2 | .333 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 13 | TROYER, Braeden | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .000 | 2 | .667 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 15 | TORDA, Jeffrey | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .000 | 1 | .333 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 23 | RAFFERTY, J.P. | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 7 | KRYST, Asa | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .000 | 1 | .500 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 27 | ANDERSON, Stephen | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1 | .500 | 1 | 0-0 |
| 9 | KIVINEN, Niklas | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 12 | CHAPMAN, Jason | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 21 | EADS, Wesley | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 8 | L'AMOREAUX, Devin | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 6 | KABA, Mahamoudou | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 24 | MANGOTIC, Mike | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 18 | FREIBURGER, Ryan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 3 | ARAMBULA, Ryan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 14 | STAM, Kevin | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 2 | HUBBARD, Trevor | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 5 | MARTINEZ, Eric | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Total | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 31 | .032 | 10 | .323 | 1 | 0-0 |
| Opponents | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 29 | .069 | 12 | .414 | 1 | 0-0 |

| # | Goalie | GP | Min. | GA | GAAvg | Saves | Pct | W-L-T | Sho |
|-----------|------------|----|--------|----|-------|-------|------|-------|-----|
| 16 | LONG, Alex | 3 | 290:00 | 2 | 0.62 | 9 | .818 | 1-1-1 | 2.0 |
| Total | | 3 | 290:00 | 2 | 0.62 | 10 | .833 | 1-1-1 | 2 |
| Opponents | | 3 | 290:00 | 1 | 0.31 | 9 | .900 | 1-1-1 | 2 |

| Goals by Period | 1st | 2nd | OT | OT2 | Total |
|-----------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| South Carolina | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Opponents | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

| Shots by Period | 1st | 2nd | OT | OT2 | Total |
|-----------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| South Carolina | 9 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 31 |
| Opponents | 8 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 29 |

| Saves by Period | 1st | 2nd | OT | OT2 | Total |
|-----------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| South Carolina | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Opponents | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 9 |

| Corners by Period | 1st | 2nd | OT | OT2 | Total |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| South Carolina | 8 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| Opponents | 11 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 25 |

| Fouls by Period | 1st | 2nd | OT | OT2 | Total |
|-----------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| South Carolina | 20 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 39 |
| Opponents | 12 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 30 |