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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Columbia, S.C.
Enrollment	34,099
Founded	1801
University President	Dr. Harris Pastides
Athletics Director	Ray Tanner
Faculty Representative	Dr. Valinda Littlefield
Conference	Southeastern
Nickname	Gamecocks
Colors	Garnet & Black
Mascot	Cocky

TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach	Mark Kingston
Alma Mater	North Carolina, 1995
Record at South Carolina	First Year
Career Record	253-180-1 (8 years)
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator	Mike Current
Assistant Coach/Pitching	Skylar Meade
Assistant Coach	Stuart Lake
Director of Player Performance	Trip Couch
Director of Sport Performance	Billy Anderson
Associate Athletics Trainer	Brainard Cooper
Academic Advisor	Jake Ivory
Director of Equipment Operations/Assistant to Apparel Operations	Ryan Fischer
Director of Operations	Tyson Lusk

2017 SEASON IN REVIEW/2018 OUTLOOK

2017 Overall Record	35-25
2017 SEC Record/Finish	13-17/5th East/10th Overall
2017 Postseason Finish	N/A
Position Starters Returning/Lost	8/1
Pitchers Returning/Lost	5/10
Players Returning/Lost	17/17

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Baseball	1892
First Year in SEC	1992
All-Time Record	2,568-1,533-17 (.626)
All-Time SEC Record	432-324-1 (.571)
SEC Championships	3 (2000, 2002, 2011)
SEC Conference Tournament Titles	1 (2004)
SEC East Titles	7 (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012, 2016)
National Championships	2 (2010, 2011)
NCAA Appearances/Last	31/2016
NCAA Tournament Record	132-67
College World Series Appearances/Last	11/2012
College World Series Record	32-20

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FACILITY INFORMATION

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



TEAM INFORMATION

Starters Returning (8) Jonah Bride, Carlos Cortes, Riley Hogan, TJ Hopkins, Jacob Olson, Justin Row, Hunter Taylor, LT Tolbert

Starters Lost (1) Alex Destino

Pitchers Returning (5) Sawyer Bridges, Adam Hill, Graham Lawson, Colby Lee, Cody Morris

Pitchers Lost (10) Colie Bowers, Wil Crowe, Rian Haire, Tyler Haswell, Tyler Johnson, Brandon Murray, John Parke, Josh Reagan, Clarke Schmidt, Reed Scott

Players Returning (17) Danny Blair, Jonah Bride, Sawyer Bridges, Carlos Cortes, Chris Cullen, Adam Hill, Riley Hogan, TJ Hopkins, Graham Lawson, Colby Lee, Cody Morris, Jacob Olson, Justin Row, Madison Stokes, Hunter Taylor, LT Tolbert, Matt Williams

Players Lost (17) Colie Bowers, Wil Crowe, Chase DeMars, Alex Destino, Christian Flint, Ross Grosvenor, Rian Haire, Tyler Haswell, Jonathan Jahn, Tyler Johnson, John Jones, Brandon Murray, John Parke, Josh Reagan, Joey Polak, Clarke Schmidt, Reed Scott

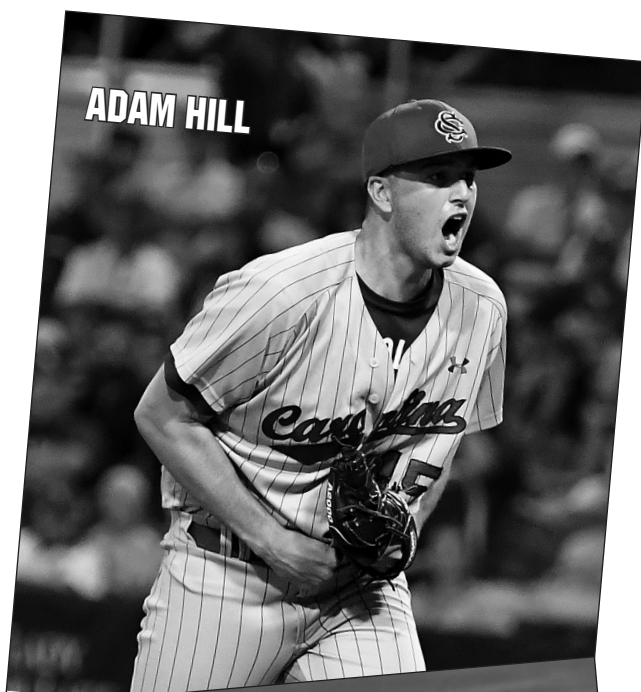
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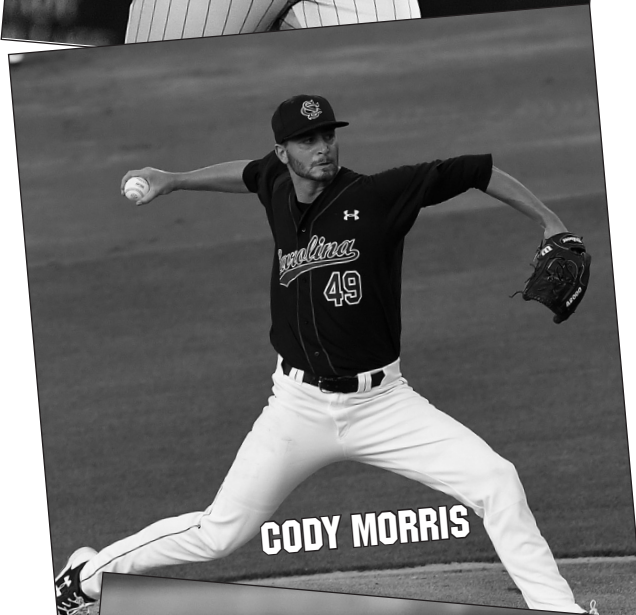
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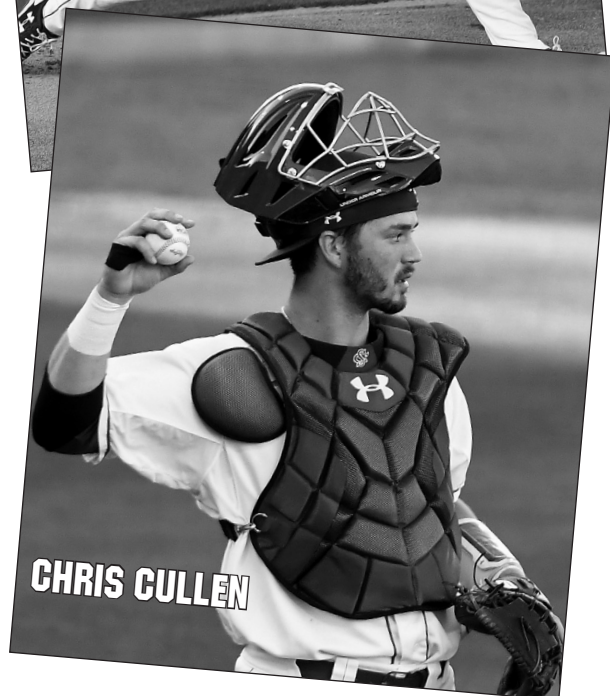
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ADAM HILL



CODY MORRIS



CHRIS CULLEN

ON THE MOUND

- Junior Adam Hill is the odds-on favorite to get the ball on Fridays for the Gamecocks. Hill, who pitched in the Cape Cod League this past summer, had a 3.04 ERA for Carolina this past year and was second on the team with 87 strikeouts. Hill had 11 strikeouts in a win over Vanderbilt in 2017 and on the year, held opponents to a .205 batting average.
- Sophomore Cody Morris also is in contention for a spot in the weekend rotation. After missing his true freshman season recovering from Tommy John surgery, Morris made 10 starts last year and had a 47 to eight strikeout to walk ratio.
- Junior Graham Lawson and a pair of sophomores, Colby Lee and Sawyer Bridges, look to expand their role on the pitching staff this year. Lawson made 13 appearances in his first season as a Gamecock, striking out 19 batters in 23 innings pitched. Lee made 13 appearances and three starts for the Gamecocks in 2017, earning a pair of wins on the mound. Bridges made eight appearances before suffering a torn rotator cuff last season.
- Several newcomers will be asked to step up immediately for a pitching staff that lost 10 pitchers from last year. Freshmen Logan Chapman, Carmen Mlodzinski and junior college transfer Ridge Chapman could start for the Garnet and Black while junior Eddy Demurias is part of a bullpen that will have a lot of new, talented faces.
- An X-factor in the bullpen could be junior LT Tolbert, who can be the Gamecocks' lone two-way player after pitching in the fall. Tolbert allowed just one run in 8.1 innings pitched in those fall scrimmages.
- South Carolina has a new pitching coach as well as Skylar Meade was hired in November after three seasons at Michigan State. Under Meade's watch, an MSU pitcher led the Big Ten in earned-run average in each of the past two seasons.

CATCHERS

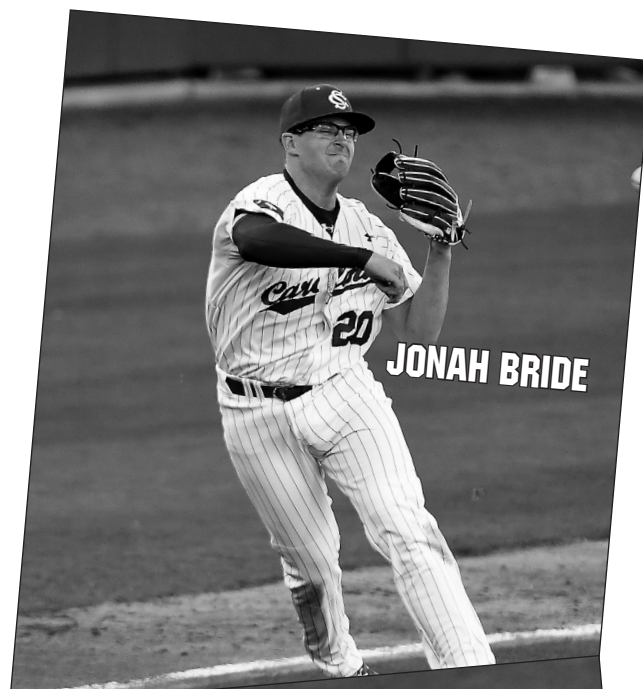
- Junior Chris Cullen returns for the Gamecocks after suffering a knee injury that prematurely ended his 2017 season. Cullen made 31 starts last season, belting five home runs and driving in 18 while slugging at a .467 clip. He also threw out eight batters trying to steal.
- Cullen will be joined in a battle for the starting spot by senior Hunter Taylor. The Onley, Va., native started 26 games for South Carolina in 2017 and has 59 career starts behind the dish. He had six extra-base hits and threw out nine base runners trying to steal last year.
- Cullen and Taylor will be joined by freshman Elijah Bowers as the trio of backstops for the Gamecocks. Bowers prepped at Weddington High School in Matthews, N.C., and was a top-30 player in the state by Prep Baseball Report.

INFIELD

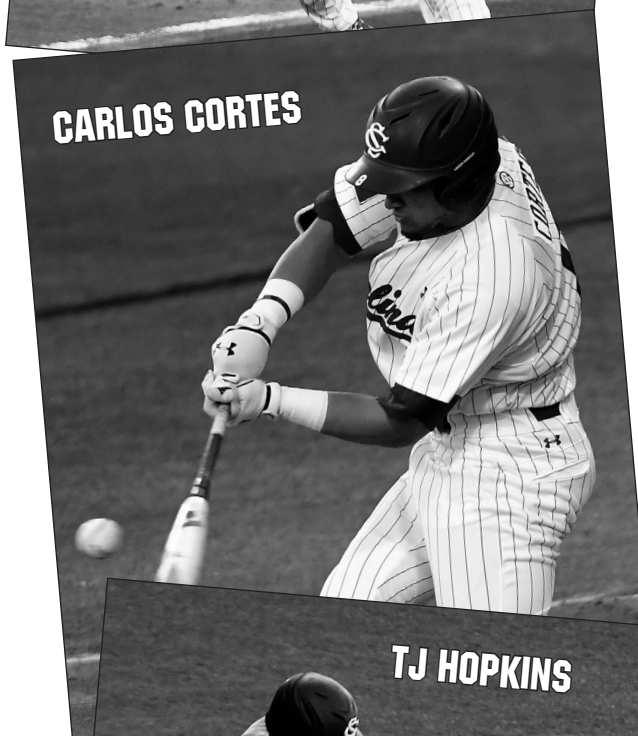
- The Gamecocks will have a mix of veterans and newcomers in the infield this season as Carolina is deep at all four positions.
- Senior Jonah Bride will be the starting third baseman as the Owasso, Okla., native had 19 extra-base hits and .426 slugging percentage while playing in all 60 games for the Gamecocks in 2017. Bride also is a plus-defender at the hot corner and bring veteran leadership to the squad.
- Fellow senior Madison Stokes is an early favorite to earn the starting nod at shortstop. Stokes has played in 103 games in his collegiate career and can team up with Bride to make up one of the most veteran left sides of the infield in the country.
- Junior LT Tolbert can play any infield position, including first base, where he played as a freshman. Tolbert split time at short and second last season, hitting .284 with six doubles and 32 RBI.
- Freshman Noah Campbell will vie for time in the middle infield. A 19th round draft pick by Milwaukee this past June, Campbell's combination of speed and power gives him a chance to play right away for the Gamecocks.
- Senior Justin Row also is looking to get in the mix in the middle infield. Row hit .290 with a .464 slugging percentage in his first season in Columbia.
- Senior Matt Williams and sophomore Riley Hogan both have experience at first base. Williams played in 52 games for Carolina last season while Hogan made 24 starts for the Garnet and Black. Freshmen Jordan Holladay and Mason Streater have impressed early in their Gamecock career and can see some time at the corner positions.

OUTFIELD

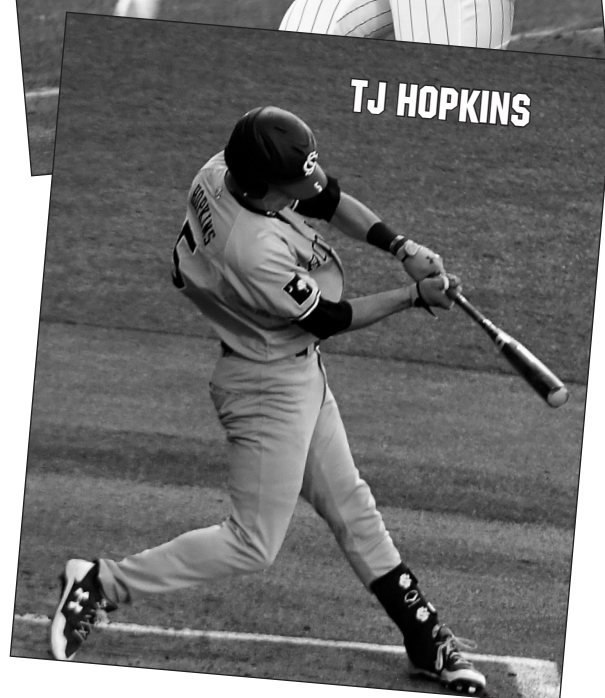
- The deepest position class for Carolina is in the outfield, where at least five players will push for the three starting spots.
- Sophomore Carlos Cortes had maybe the best second half of the season as anyone in the SEC as he was named to the All-Freshman team after belting 12 home runs and driving in 41 in 2017. The All-American candidate will earn time in left field and hit third in the lineup for Carolina.
- Junior TJ Hopkins can play either left or center as he returns after an outstanding fall practice and five home runs in 2017. Hopkins also led the Gamecocks in stolen bases last year.
- Junior Jacob Olson will man right field in 2018 after leading the squad with a .294 batting average to go along with 10 doubles.
- Junior Danny Blair also is in the mix in the outfield for the Gamecocks. Blair playing in 47 games for Carolina last season and his speed makes him a plus defender in center.
- Freshman Kyle Jacobsen also can play in center or left. The three-time all-state selection in Georgia was a 33rd round draft pick by the Brewers. Classmate Ian Jenkins will miss the first half of the season after Tommy John surgery in the fall, but he is a power threat when healthy.



JONAH BRIDE



CARLOS CORTES



TJ HOPKINS

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

Unveiled in 2009, the \$35-plus million facility has a capacity of 8,242 fans and is the crown jewel among baseball stadiums across the nations. South Carolina has ranked among the top five in the nation in total attendance in seven consecutive years, including a mark of 258,407 last season.



BASEBALL AT FOUNDERS PARK

HOME RECORD

Year	Record	Pct.
2009	26-9	.743
2010	30-6	.833
2011	36-4	.900
2012	32-7	.821
2013	31-6	.838
2014	34-7	.829
2015	25-11	.694
2016	34-7	.829
2017	23-13	.639
TOTAL	271-70	.795

HOME ATTENDANCE

Year	Total	Avg.
2009	231,360	6,804
2010	241,582	6,710
2011	297,279	7,431
2012	295,389	7,574
2013	260,605	7,445
2014	305,564	7,452
2015	250,057	7,354
2016	293,677	7,162
2017	258,407	7,178
TOTAL	2,433,920	7,138

SEASON TICKETS SOLD

Year	Total
2009	4,745
2010	4,585
2011	4,989
2012	5,590
2013	5,835
2014	5,957
2015	6,049
2016	5,734
2017	5,658

BASEBALL AT FOUNDERS PARK

SEC SCHOOLS

RANKED BY WINNING PERCENTAGE

AT HOME (2009 to 2017)

School	Record	Winning Pct.
LSU	289-72-1	.800
South Carolina	271-70	.795
Florida	267-76	.778
Vanderbilt	249-75-1	.768
Texas A&M	254-88	.743
Ole Miss	216-84	.720
Arkansas	225-89	.717
Kentucky	194-86	.693
Mississippi State	212-100	.679
Alabama	187-103	.645
Auburn	201-117	.632
Missouri	143-108	.570
Tennessee	159-123	.564
Georgia	155-134	.536

Since the opening of Founders Park, the Gamecocks are 248-57 for an .813 winning percentage, the second-best winning percentage at home among the 14 SEC schools.

South Carolina has totaled 2,433,920 in attendance since 2009 for an average of 7,138 fans.

Founders Park has hosted six NCAA Regionals as well as three NCAA Super Regionals. South Carolina owns a 22-5 (.815) all-time record in postseason games at Founders Park. The Gamecocks are 64-13 (.831) all-time in postseason home games in Columbia, SC.







UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

THE GAMECOCK STUDENT-ATHLETE PROMISE

A CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE



MISSION STATEMENT

Gamecock Athletics develops our student-athletes intellectually, athletically, socially and culturally to compete relentlessly for championships and to attain high levels of achievement at the University, and throughout life, in harmony with our University's mission and vision.



COST OF EDUCATION

• FULL COST OF ATTENDANCE

Scholarships provided to student-athletes in all sports will be calculated based on the maximum amount allowed by the NCAA including tuition, fees, room, board, books and other expenses up to the full cost of attendance.

• SCHOLARSHIP COMMITMENT TO STUDENT-ATHLETES

All athletically related scholarships provided to incoming freshmen will be four-year agreements that outline the amount of aid to be provided during each fall and spring term of the student's academic career. For incoming transfer student-athletes, the University will provide an agreement that outlines the student's scholarship for the remaining period of time towards four years of college enrollment. The University may extend the scholarship for a fifth year, if needed. These scholarships may not be reduced or non-renewed for athletically-related reasons.

• GAMECOCK LIFETIME DEGREE GUARANTEE

The Carolina Degree Completion Program provides funding for former scholarship student-athletes who have left the University to return and complete his or her undergraduate degree. To be eligible to receive funding, which includes tuition, room and board, books and permissible fees, a former scholarship student-athlete must 1) be in good standing with the University, 2) be readmitted to the University through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and 3) complete the Carolina Degree Completion application process.

• NCAA EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE DISABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Student-athletes who qualify for the NCAA's Exceptional Student-Athlete Disability Insurance Program have their premiums deferred until they depart the University or begin their professional sports career. Student-athletes who depart in good standing and then demonstrate financial need will receive funds to cover the cost of the NCAA disability insurance premiums.

• ACCESS TO THE NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETE OPPORTUNITY FUND

Through its NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund, the University of South Carolina provides funds to assist student-athletes with extraordinary circumstances and needs such as clothing, course supplies and leadership training, as allowed by the NCAA.

COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

• ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The primary goal of the University of South Carolina academic support program is to ensure that every student-athlete earns his or her undergraduate degree. This commitment to academic success is enhanced by the following:

- Degree completion plan from day one to ensure student-athletes are making continuous progress towards a degree;
- Priority registration to minimize athletics conflicts with academic requirements;
- Innovative objective-based study sessions for greater efficiency and productivity;
- Time management and organizational skills training;
- Diagnostic screening and learning assessments provided by a certified school psychologist;
- Campus partnerships to maximize programming and resources available to student-athletes;
- Experienced and qualified staff:
 - **Academic Advisors** are experienced professionals who have a strong knowledge of University academic degree requirements and NCAA eligibility rules.
 - **Learning Specialists** work directly with student-athletes needing instruction outside the classroom in order to achieve academic success. These specialists have considerable experience in education and are trained in academic intervention.
 - **Tutors and Academic Mentors.** The Tutor Program provides subject-specific assistance to student-athletes as a supplement to the classroom learning experience. The Academic Mentor Program supports student-athletes as they learn to function effectively in the college environment and provide guidance on study and organizational skills, time management and goal setting.

• DODIE ANDERSON ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CENTER - "The Dodie"

The primary purposes of The Dodie are to promote excellence in academics and foster a sense of community among student-athletes. This beautifully designed building is conveniently located within the Athletics Village and provides student-athletes with a state-of-the-art facility in which to eat, study and meet with academic

advisors. Features of The Dodie include:

- 40,500 square feet dedicated to the academic success of student-athletes;
- Extensive study areas, 20 tutor rooms, 12 seminar rooms, 3 computer labs with over 100 computers and the latest in technology;
- Full-service dining room.

• PREP 100: SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN

The University of South Carolina offers a Summer Bridge Program for student-athletes during the summer prior to their freshman year. The program is designed to improve the student-athlete's reading, writing and study skills necessary to be successful academically, and is paired with another course within the University so that the student-athlete will be able to practice the skills with actual college-level material.

COMMITMENT TO PERSONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

• PREPARING STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR LIFE

Student-athletes are provided a variety of innovative programming to enhance their opportunities for personal and career development in preparation for life after graduation.

- **Topics:** Career development, diversity, "Dress for Success," drugs and alcohol education, etiquette, financial planning/personal finances, leadership development, life after sports, mental wellness, networking, nutrition, personal safety, sexual health and relationships as well as educational topics involving bullying, conflict resolution, hazing, respect for others, inclusion, sexual assault and sexual harassment.
- **University 101.** The University boasts an award-winning freshman training course, the first of its kind, which continues to serve as a national model. This course provides valuable information to students on a wide array of practical topics to ensure incoming students are prepared for a successful collegiate experience.



GAMECOCK CAREER NETWORK

The University of South Carolina is committed to assisting its student-athletes not only to graduate but also to find employment in their chosen profession after graduation. Through the Gamecock Career Network, the Athletics Department matches student-athletes with potential employers to assist them in securing jobs and internships. The Career Network also provides lessons on preparing resumes and interview training. In addition, every student-athlete is provided a business suit that can be worn at job interviews. The Gamecock commitment lasts a lifetime.

TEAM GAMECOCKS GIVING BACK

Gamecock student-athletes not only represent themselves, their families and the University; but they also help make their communities, South Carolina, our nation and the world a better place. "Team Gamecocks" performed almost 8,000 hours of community service during 2013-14, including reading to elementary school children, collecting food for the Harvest Hope Food Bank, visiting both hospitalized children and veterans, interacting with kids in after-school programs, and making a difference all over the world.

RESPECT AND DIGNITY FOR ALL

University of South Carolina student-athletes live in an environment of respect and dignity, embodied by the Carolinian Creed:

*"As a Carolinian ...
I will practice personal and academic integrity;
I will respect the dignity of all persons;
I will respect the rights and property of others;
I will discourage bigotry, while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas and opinions;
I will demonstrate concern for others, their feelings, and their need for conditions which support their work and development."*

These values are also shared and followed by all Gamecock coaches and staff.

COMMITMENT TO ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

THE NATION'S LEADING COACHES

The University of South Carolina has one of the finest collections of coaches in the nation. Gamecock head coaches have won a litany of national and conference coach of the year honors, championships and even Olympic gold medals. Our coaches have trained All-Americans, all-conference performers and Olympians and are also members of their sports' respective Halls of Fame.

AWARD-WINNING ATHLETICS FACILITIES

Whether talking about "The Dodie," where student-athletes study, socialize and eat, or various practice and competition venues, locker rooms, and strength and conditioning facilities, Gamecock student-athletes train and compete in some of the finest facilities in the nation. The University is committed to continuing that level of support. Currently, facility construction and upgrades are taking place for basketball, football, soccer, track and field, tennis and swimming and diving.

NATIONAL MEDIA ATTENTION

An overwhelming majority of all U.S. cable households are able to see Gamecock Athletics events through the newly-created SEC Network. As a member of the Southeastern Conference, Gamecock Athletics is covered by national, regional and local media. South Carolina sporting events are on national television networks, including CBS and the ESPN family of networks. In social media, South Carolina Athletics' official pages on Twitter and Facebook rank among the top 12 of all college sports programs in total users. The Gamecock Sports Network can be heard on radio stations throughout the state and region as well as on GamecocksOnline.com, the official website of South Carolina Athletics, and on the University's official app, available at the iTunes store and Android Marketplace.

APPAREL AND EQUIPMENT

Gamecock student-athletes enjoy the use of premier practice and competition apparel and equipment that is designed to promote comfort and safety, to create a distinctive appearance that enhances recognition of the athletics program, and that allows student-athletes to perform at the highest level.

GAMECOCK COUNTRY

Recognized nationally as one of the toughest places for opponents to play, Gamecock Country provides Gamecock student-athletes the advantage of competing in front of large numbers of faithful and boisterous fans who cheer loudly for the Gamecocks at all home venues. Gamecock fans have a tradition of passionate support, filling the stands while not sitting still. More than 1.16 million loyal fans attended Gamecock home athletics events in 2013-14.

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND NON-SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT-ATHLETES

The University of South Carolina provides its enrolled student-athletes with high-quality health care from nationally recognized surgeons and athletic trainers. This care includes a comprehensive physical medical exam with lab tests (e.g., sickle cell, CBC blood test, Iron and Ferritin) and comprehensive medical, dental, vision, psychological, rehabilitation and associated health care services for injuries or illnesses sustained by a student-athlete while practicing or competing in a varsity sport.

CONCUSSION TREATMENT

Gamecock student-athletes are provided the most up-to-date concussion prevention, management and treatment services. Student-athletes diagnosed with a concussion are not allowed to practice or compete until cleared by a medical professional.

STATE OF THE ART ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOMS; REHABILITATION EQUIPMENT

Gamecock student-athletes have access to six state-of-the-art, conveniently located athletic training rooms, complete with the latest rehabilitation equipment. Four additional training rooms are currently scheduled for construction.

SOUND MIND: MENTAL HEALTH

The University of South Carolina cares about the mental health and wellness of its student-athletes. The Gamecock Athletics staff includes three sports psychologists, and a psychiatrist is available to assist student-athletes in dealing with issues affecting their lives.

SOUND BODY: LEADERS IN SPORTS NUTRITION

As part of its commitment to ensuring healthy student-athletes' health, the University of South Carolina provides nutritious, high-quality meals, snacks and beverages that allow student-athletes to practice and compete at their physical best, be mentally alert for academics and minimize their risk for illness. This commitment includes:

- **Dining at "The Dodie."** Opened in 2010, the Dodie Anderson Academic Enrichment Center dining room serves South Carolina student-athletes and provides high-quality, nutrition-rich foods designed by a nutritionist and prepared by a chef. The 2,650-square-foot dining room and the 2,000-square-foot kitchen host 200 student-athletes at any one time. Student-athletes may dine throughout the day.
- **Two Full-Time Certified Sports Nutritionists** (Dietitians) ensure student-athletes receive both team and personalized nutritional support.
- **The Gamecock Nutrition Center**, one of the first of its kind in intercollegiate sports, is staffed by a full-time nutritionist. Housed at Williams-Brice Stadium and open to all student-athletes, its focus is on maximizing nutritional health and well-being. In addition, nutritional snacks are made available to all student-athletes surrounding practice and competition activities for optimal recovery.

INNOVATIVE SPORT-SPECIFIC STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING PROGRAMS

The University of South Carolina is unique in being one of the few universities with a MSCC certified master strength and conditioning coach and a certified strength and conditioning staff training student-athletes.

CUTTING EDGE SPORTS & HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY

The University of South Carolina is continuously reviewing and implementing cutting edge health research to enhance the athletic ability of student-athletes. For example:

- **The iDxa Body Scanner** scans the composition of a student-athlete's entire body, measuring his or her overall body fat, lean muscle mass, bone density and providing a differentiation of fat mass versus lean mass in every area of the body.
- **My VERT Jump Device** is an innovative software accessory that measures the height and quantity of student-athlete vertical jumps for training.
- **Anti-gravity treadmill** provides for superior training and injury rehabilitation.

A VITAL VOICE

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee provides an equal and representative voice for all University of South Carolina teams. Members of the SAAC play a leadership role, as well as provide input on University, SEC and NCAA policies, rules and legislation.



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MISSION STATEMENT

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

The University of South Carolina is home to more than 200 years of history and tradition, rising from a single building in 1805 on what would become the heart of the campus, the Horseshoe. Today, the 11 buildings that make up the Horseshoe frame a lush lawn that is an irresistible gathering place for students, faculty and staff members and alumni and the scene of many important university events.

And while the Horseshoe will always be the symbol of Carolina's proud tradition, the university's presence and reach stretch across the state, with baccalaureate universities in Aiken, Spartanburg (Upstate) and the sea islands (Beaufort and the gateway to Hilton Head) as well as Palmetto College, which encompasses our associate degree-granting campuses — in Allendale and Walterboro (Salkehatchie), Sumter, Lancaster and Union — and our online bachelor's degree completion programs.

Together, they are building economic prosperity; fulfilling the university's mission of teaching, research and service to the state; and preparing future leaders in business, law, education, the arts, tourism, communications, medicine and the health sciences.

- The University of South Carolina's Columbia campus offers more than 300 degree programs through its 14 degree-granting colleges and schools.
- The South Carolina Honors College is the nation's best public honors college based on honors college factors according to the guidebook "A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs."
- U.S. News & World Report recognizes the Moore School of Business for having the No. 1 undergraduate international business program and No. 1 graduate international business program, and Financial Times credits the Moore School with the No. 1 international course experience.
- USC launched a new online degree completion program in 2013. Palmetto College's online offerings bring together the resources of the entire University of South Carolina system to combine the quality of a USC degree with the flexibility of online learning.
- Students at the University of South Carolina have earned 786 national fellowships and scholarships valued at \$24 million since 1994. University of South Carolina faculty members generated \$250.1 million in funding for research, training and outreach programs in fiscal year 2015, the highest total ever at the university.

UNIVERSITY HISTORY

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



- USC is ranked in the top 5 percent of U.S. public universities in the number of national awards its faculty has received.
- The new Darla Moore School of Business building serves as the front door of Innovista, the university's research district, and is a hub for creativity, research and entrepreneurial activity. The school is pursuing a net zero status and LEED Platinum rating for its new home.
- The USC School of Medicine pioneered the nation's first medical school curriculum that teaches first- through fourth-year students how to use leading ultrasound technologies for bedside diagnosis.
- The Chronicle of Higher Education named USC a "Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students." Our students are consistent winners of other prestigious awards, such as National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.
- USC has partnered with IBM and Fluor Corporation to open the Center for Applied Innovation on the Columbia campus. The center promises to reshape how technology is used in higher education.
- USC is consistently recognized by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine, Princeton Review and USA Today for being one of the best values among public colleges and universities.
- USC is one of only 32 public universities to earn the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier designations in both research activity and community engagement.



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

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

What is Compliance?

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

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

Are You a Booster?

You are a booster if you are or ever have:

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



The Gamecock Club, established in 1940, provides financial support to the more than 500 student-athletes representing the University of South Carolina. This aid is in the form of tuition fees, meal costs, housing costs, medical costs, injury assistance, and other educational needs. Gamecock Club membership is open to all alumni and friends of the University. More than 17,000 South Carolina fans donate to the Athletics Department through annual Gamecock Club memberships.

South Carolina Athletics' mission centers on developing championship caliber programs in the Southeastern Conference and nationally. There are four components needed to create a championship program: a prominent university committed to its athletics program, a vibrant community that can be proudly presented to recruits, excellent coaches, and outstanding facilities. South Carolina is a distinguished university with an energized and supportive community in Columbia and throughout the state. The Gamecock coaching staff blends hall-of-fame experience and exciting new perspectives that, together with a seasoned athletics staff, give South Carolina Athletics a competitive advantage in the recruiting battle. It is time to focus on providing outstanding facilities for Gamecock student-athletes and fans.

Announced in November of 2011, the Carolina's Promise Campaign raised over \$1 billion through July 2015 to improve every facet of the University of South Carolina. The athletics portion of the Carolina's Promise Campaign, the Garnet Way Campaign, was charged with raising \$200 million in support of athletics facilities and scholarships. Thousands of donors have contributed more than \$245 million total in support of Gamecock Athletics.

The Gamecock Club is located at 1304 Heyward Street in Columbia, can be reached at (803) 777-4276 and is also online at www.GamecocksOnline.com/GamecockClub. Be sure to like The Gamecock Club on Facebook and follow @TheGamecockClub on Twitter.

- Been a season ticket holder.
- Remember, once a booster, always a booster

Prospective Student-Athletes

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

- Started classes for the ninth grade, or
- If they haven't started ninth grade, ever received any financial assistance or other benefit prospective students do not generally receive.

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

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

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

Extra Benefits

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

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

What are the Consequences?

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

Got Questions? Ask Compliance!

The information here is a brief overview of compliance and rules pertaining to boosters and their interactions with prospective and current student-athletes. It is not an exhaustive discussion. If you have any questions about any NCAA, SEC, or institutional rules, please contact the Office of Compliance Services at (803) 777-1519 or via email at athcompl@mailbox.sc.edu.

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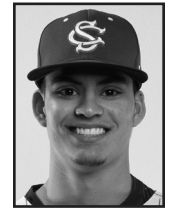
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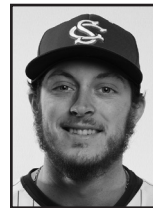
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South Carolina will have at least nine games televised on the ESPN family of networks, beginning with the series finale against Florida on Sunday, March 18. All 17 games of the SEC Tournament also will be broadcast on SEC Network and ESPN2. All conference games and select non-conference home games will be streamed on SEC Network+ through WatchESPN. ESPN will showcase more than 800 NCAA baseball games during the 2018 regular season across ESPN's networks, including a record 161 games slated for television.

SOUTH CAROLINA BASEBALL TELEVISION GAMES

Sunday, March 18 - Florida - ESPNU
 Thursday, March 29 - Tennessee - ESPNU
 Friday, March 30 - Tennessee - SEC Network
 Saturday, March 31 - Tennessee - SEC Network
 Tuesday, April 3 - vs. North Carolina - SEC Network
 Saturday, April 7 - at Kentucky - SEC Network
 Sunday, April 8 - at Kentucky - ESPNU
 Thursday, April 12 - at Arkansas - SEC Network
 Sunday, May 6 - Ole Miss - SEC Network



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

If you have any questions or requests, please reach South Carolina baseball contact Kent Reichert at (803) 777-5257 or via e-mail at kentr2@mailbox.sc.edu



INTERVIEWS

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

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

GAME UPDATES

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

Live Gametracker Stats: www.GamecocksOnline.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Gamecocksonline
Instagram, Twitter and SnapChat: @GamecockBaseball

TV STATIONS/BROADCAST NETWORKS

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

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

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Media Relations Office	803-777-5204
Kent Reichert's Office	803-777-5257
Kent Reichert's Cell	734-548-0878
Press Box Phone	803-777-6648

PRESS BOX SERVICES

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

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

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

CREDENTIALS

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

PARKING

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

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

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



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(Hosts) Bill Gunter, Tim Hill "The Early Game"
Brent Johnson, Pearson Fowler "The Noon Show"
Jay Philips, Tommy Moody "Halftime"
Heath Cline "Game Time"
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MARCH 22-25 - GEORGIA

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Athens, GA 30601
Telephone: (706) 353-6800

APRIL 5-8 - KENTUCKY

Hotel

Hilton Lexington Suites
245 Lexington Green Circle
Lexington, KY 40503
Telephone: (859) 271-4000

APRIL 11-14 - ARKANSAS

Hotel

Fayetteville Hilton Garden Inn
1325 North Palak Drive
Fayetteville, AR 72704
Telephone: (910) 860-3600

APRIL 26-29 - VANDERBILT

Hotel

Nashville Courtyard Green Hills
3800 Bedford Avenue
Nashville, TN 37215
Telephone: (615) 298-7700

MAY 16-19 - TEXAS A&M

Hotel

Hilton College Station & Conference Center
801 University Drive East
College Station, TX 77840
Telephone: (979) 693-7500

Gamecock Sports Marketing, a partnership between the University of South Carolina Athletic Department and one of the leaders in the collegiate sports marketing industry, IMG College, is the originating medium for radio coverage of the 2017 South Carolina baseball games.

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

Derek Scott, who has served two institutions as a play-by-play broadcaster for almost 20 years, was named the radio play-by-play voice for University of South Carolina men's basketball and baseball in October of 2016 by officials with the South Carolina Athletics Department and Gamecock IMG Sports Marketing.

Since 2007, Scott has served as a television (Gamecock Athletics-produced games on SEC Network Plus) and radio play-by-play voice for various Gamecock teams, including men's and women's basketball, baseball and volleyball. He has also been the host of Gamecock Athletics' weekly

show, "Inside the Roost," highlighting the programs of the Carolina athletics department.

From 1998-2007, Scott was an Assistant Athletics Director at Ohio University, where he hosted and produced the weekly coach's show for football and men's basketball while also handling play-by-play duties for both sports. He also managed the public relations staff, coordinated all radio and television broadcasts for the Ohio Sports Network and oversaw all licensing efforts for Bobcat athletics.

Scott also serves as Senior Account Executive for Gamecock IMG Sports Marketing, working with corporate partnerships.

Tommy Moody is in his 18th year calling Gamecock Baseball. Moody is the chairman of the USC Athletic Hall of Fame and was a past president of the USC Association of Lettermen in 1992. Moody played under head coach Bobby Richardson on the Gamecock baseball team from 1970-72 as an infielder. Moody co-hosts a talk show, "Halftime" on The Game (107.5 FM), Monday-Friday from 1-4 p.m.

2018 Network Affiliates

Aiken/Edgefield	WKSX	92.7 FM
Allendale	WDOG	93.5 FM
Camden	WCAM	1590 AM
Charleston	WWIK	98.9 FM
Chesterfield	WVSZ	107.3 FM
Columbia	WNKT	107.5 FM
Florence	WOLH	1230 AM
Georgetown	WJXY	93.7 FM
Greenville	WGVF	1440 AM
Kingstree	WDKD	1310 AM
Myrtle Beach	WMIR	93.9 FM
Rock Hill/Lancaster	WRHM	107.1 FM
Seneca	WSNW	1150 AM
Seneca	WSNW	94.1 FM
Spartanburg	WSPG	1400 AM



Derek Scott & Tommy Moody