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Head Coach
16th season at South Carolina
25th season Overall

A three-time National Coach of the Year and Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, Ray Tanner is in his 16th season as head coach at the University of South Carolina. Tanner has established one of the premier programs in all of college baseball with milestones and accomplishments piling up each season.

Tanner's 15th season with the Garnet & Black culminated in Omaha, Neb., where the Gamecocks won the 2011 National Championship becoming only the ninth repeat champion in MCWS history. Carolina was the first team to go 10-0 in NCAA Tournament play (3-0 in Regional, 2-0 in Super Regional, 5-0 in MCWS) in one season. The Gamecocks, who entered the tournament as the number four national seed, established NCAA records with 16 consecutive postseason wins and 11 consecutive wins in the College World Series. While in Omaha, South Carolina defeated Texas A&M, number one seed Virginia twice, and number two seed Florida twice without a loss.

The 2011 national championship adds to a list of achievements that ranks as strong as any school in the country. Under Tanner, the Gamecocks reached Omaha for the fifth time in 10 years, only one school in the nation has made more College World Series appearances over the last decade.

In the previous year, South Carolina closed out Rosenblatt Stadium winning the 2010 National Championship as the Gamecocks became the first team in MCWS history to win six consecutive games in Omaha on the way to a national title, the first men's national championship at the University of South Carolina. Tanner is one of five active coaches in NCAA Division I Baseball to have won multiple national titles.

Under Tanner's leadership, South Carolina owns the longest current streak of NCAA Regional appearances among the 12 SEC schools with 12 straight trips to the tournament dating back to the 2000 season. In that span, Carolina has nine NCAA Super Regional appearances (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011). South Carolina is one of only four schools in the nation to make at least nine NCAA Super Regionals in the last 12 years and one of only eight schools in the country to have reached the NCAA Regionals every season from 2000 to the present. The program's 12-year record of 577-231 is the third-highest win total among NCAA Division I schools. South Carolina has 12 consecutive seasons of 40 or more wins.

Carolina's 2011 SEC regular-season championship was the third in school history as the Gamecocks also collected championships in the Southeastern Conference with regular-season titles in 2000 and 2002 along with a SEC Tournament crown in 2004. Tanner's last 12 teams have featured 23 All-America performers.

The upcoming 2012 season will be Tanner's 25th year as a collegiate head coach. At South Carolina, Tanner owns a 689-296 record at South Carolina with a .699 winning percentage, second highest all-time among SEC coaches. His career record is 1,084-469-3 for a winning percentage of .698. In 2010, Tanner also reached a career milestone, recording his 1,000th career victory, as he became the fourth-fastest active coach to reach that total.

Tanner guided South Carolina's 2011 squad to one of the most impressive seasons in school history with a share of the SEC championship and the number one seed at the SEC Tournament on the way to the school's second-consecutive national title. Carolina won nine of 10 league series in the regular season en route to a 22-8 conference record. The team featured All-America and All-SEC pitcher Michael Roth, who went 14-3 on the year, including a win in the national championship clincher over Florida. Roth's 14 wins tied for the national lead and his ERA was best among all starting pitchers in college baseball. Roth ranks on South Carolina's single-season charts in ERA (2nd, 1.06), starts (T1st, 20), innings (3rd, 145) and wins (T5th, 14). Roth also showcased his talents off the field as an Academic All-America first-team selection and as winner of the Elite 88 Award for the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship, given to the student-athlete with the top GPA at the College World Series. Right-handed reliever Matt Price also earned All-America and All-SEC accolades as he posted seven wins and 20 saves out of the bullpen in 59.0 innings. First baseman Christian Walker earned All-America and All-SEC honors as well as he led the way for the Gamecocks at the plate as the team's Triple Crown winner with a .358 batting average, 10 HR and 62 RBI. Second baseman Scott Wingo was a first-team All-SEC honoree as well as the College World Series Most Outstanding Player. Wingo hit .333 over five games in the series with four RBI, including three in the finals, and also made several

stellar defensive plays throughout the MCWS. He finished his career having appeared in 254 career games, one shy of South Carolina's school record (255 Michael Campbell, (2003-06). Right-hander Forrest Koumas earned SEC All-Freshman team honors with Walker, Wingo and junior outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. named to the All-SEC Defensive team. The 2011 MLB Draft concluded with 11 South Carolina players selected, one behind the SEC record of 12 set this past year by Vanderbilt.

Tanner gained valuable experience at an international level in his association with USA Baseball. He has served five stints with Red, White and Blue, including in 2003 as head coach for the USA National Baseball Team. At the helm of some of the top freshmen and sophomores in the country, Tanner's club finished with a 27-2 record, the best record for a U.S. National Team (.931 winning percentage) and won a silver medal at the 2003 Pan American Games. He was named the U.S. National Coach of the Year for his work that season. Prior to his head coaching stint, Tanner served as an auxiliary coach under Tommy Lasorda for the 2000 Olympic Team that won a gold medal at the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, Australia. He was also an assistant under former LSU coach Skip Bertman with the 1995 and 1996 USA teams that culminated in a bronze medal win at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. Tanner also served alongside current Mississippi State coach Ron Polk on Bertman's staff. Tanner's first stint with USA Baseball came as an assistant coach to the national team in the summer of 1993.

Tanner was named the South Carolina head coach June 14, 1996, after nine successful seasons at North Carolina State.

The 1997 Gamecocks compiled a 33-24 record in Tanner's initial season and qualified for the Southeastern Conference post-season tournament. The 1997 team produced a first-team All-America player in designated hitter Ryan Bordenick. Bordenick and pitcher Brett Jodie were named to the All-SEC team, and shortstop Adam Everett was chosen to play with the U.S. National Team. Bordenick and catcher Rob Streicher were named All-South.

The 1998 team was ranked among the top 20 in the nation, compiled a 44-18 record and earned a bid to the NCAA playoffs with Tanner earning SEC Coach of the Year. Pitcher Kip Bouknight, outfielder Mike Curry and shortstop Adam Everett were named first-team All-SEC. Bouknight, Everett, Curry and Bordenick picked up All-America recognition, and pitcher Peter Bauer was named Freshman All-America.

The 1999 team won South Carolina's first Southeastern Conference Eastern Division championship and finished with a 35-23 record. It produced first-team All-SEC designated hitter Tim Angiolini with shortstop Brian Roberts making the second team. Roberts led the NCAA in stolen bases with a school record 67 and also earned All-America recognition. Four players from the 1999 squad signed professional contracts.

Tanner's 2000 South Carolina team won the Southeastern Conference championship, a regional championship, advanced to a Super Regional and finished with a 56-10 record. The



2000 team was ranked first in the final Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) compiled by the NCAA and among the Top 10 in the three national final polls. *Baseball America* ranked the Gamecocks fourth, *Baseball Weekly* eighth and Collegiate Baseball ninth. In addition, Tanner was named National Coach of the Year as well as SEC Coach of the Year for a second time. Pitcher Kip Bouknight, 2000 consensus All-America, won the Golden Spikes Award for the nation's top amateur baseball player and finished the year with a 17-1 record. Bouknight and pitcher Scott Barber were first-team selections on the 2000 All-SEC squad, and pitcher Peter Bauer, outfielder Nate Janowicz and shortstop Drew Meyer were All-SEC second-team.

His 2001 Gamecocks finished with a 49-20 record, won a regional and advanced to a Super Regional finishing in the top 15 in the national final polls. Carolina was 12th in the *Baseball America* poll, 13th in *Baseball Weekly* and 15th by *Collegiate Baseball*. The 2001 Gamecocks battled through the loser's bracket to win a second-straight regional championship but lost a 3-2 heartbreaker to Stanford in the third and deciding Super Regional game at Palo Alto, Calif. Tanner's 2001 squad produced two All-America players in pitcher Lee Gronkiewicz, the nation's leader in saves, and catcher Tim Whittaker, who was also a semi-finalist for the Johnny Bench Award. Outfielder Garis Gonce, Gronkiewicz and outfielder Marcus McBeth were All-SEC.

In 2002, Tanner and his Gamecocks made it to Omaha and stayed 12 days to finish as National Runner-up. It was the first trip for Tanner and culminated in a national championship showdown between South Carolina and Texas. The Gamecocks won their second SEC championship in three years, and Tanner was named 2002 American Baseball Coaches Association South Region Coach of the Year. South Carolina was ranked as the number two team in the nation in all of the final polls. The final 2002 record was 57-18, topping the school record of 56 wins set two years earlier. The 2002 team won four games in the SEC Tournament after winning the official conference title with a 21-8 record in conference games. The Gamecocks then defeated Virginia Commonwealth and North Carolina twice to advance to the Super Regional for the third year in a row. The Gamecocks won two of three from defending national champion Miami (Fla.) to advance to the College World Series in Omaha. It took a five-run ninth-inning rally to defeat the Hurricanes in the deciding game. After being shut out 11-0 by Georgia Tech to open the 2002 World Series, Tanner's team fought back. Carolina defeated home state favorite Nebraska 10-8, Georgia Tech, 9-5 and Palmetto State archrival Clemson twice, 12-5 and 10-2, before losing the title game to Texas 12-6. It was South Carolina's third second-place finish in Omaha. The Gamecocks were also runners-up in 1975 under coach Bobby Richardson and in 1977 under coach June Raines.

Three of Tanner's players, first baseman Yaron Peters, pitcher Blake Taylor and shortstop Drew Meyer earned All-American honors. Peters was the SEC Player of the Year, and Taylor led the nation in saves with 21. Meyer was a first-round pick, the 10th overall choice in 2002 and the third-consecutive Gamecock shortstop to be drafted in the first round.

South Carolina returned to the College World Series in 2003 and notched one win, an 11-10 slugfest over fellow SEC member LSU wrapped around a pair of losses to CWS runner-up Stanford. The final record in 2003 was 45-22 and in the final national polls the Gamecocks were ranked sixth by *Collegiate Baseball*, seventh by *Baseball Weekly* and 10th by *Baseball America*.

To get to Omaha a second-straight time South Carolina won its fourth SEC Eastern Division championship, a fourth-consecutive NCAA Regional championship and a second consecutive Super Regional.

The 2003 Gamecocks swept the Atlanta Regional hosted by Georgia Tech with a win over East Carolina and two over Stetson and then swept two super regional games against North Carolina at Sarge Frye Field. Two of Tanner's 2003 players, pitcher David Marchbanks and third baseman Brian Buscher, earned All-America recognition. Marchbanks was also SEC Pitcher of the Year, and he, Buscher and Landon Powell were named All-SEC. Seven 2003 Gamecocks were drafted and three others signed as free agents.

South Carolina made its third-straight trip to Omaha in 2004 when the Gamecocks finished with a 53-17 record and in the process set or tied 20 school records. Four of Tanner's players earned All-America honors in 2004, Powell and pitchers Chad Blackwell, Matt Campbell and Aaron Rawl. Powell and Blackwell also earned All-SEC honors along with Brendan Winn. Six Gamecocks were drafted and signed professional baseball contracts in the 2004 season, including Powell and Campbell, who were selected in the first round of the MLB draft, the first time in history that two Carolina players were taken in the first round. Carolina finished the year ranked third in the country in all three national polls.

Carolina had another successful season in 2005 that saw the Gamecocks earn a spot in the NCAA Atlanta Regional. Carolina finished 41-23 and reached the final game of the NCAA Regional. Senior first baseman Steve Pearce earned All-America honors and was named NCBWA District IV Player of the Year. Junior shortstop Steven Tolleson joined Pearce on the All-SEC team. Pearce, Davy Gregg, Aaron Rawl and Zac McCamie all signed professional baseball contracts at the end of the season. The Gamecocks finished the season ranked 21st by *Sports Weekly* and 25th by *Baseball America*.

Carolina earned another trip to the postseason in 2006 and won the NCAA Charlottesville Regional before falling one win shy of a trip to Omaha and the College World Series by winning the first game of the NCAA Super Regional in Athens. Despite having a young team, Tanner molded together a group that saw four players earn All-SEC honors, including first-team outfielder Michael Campbell and second-team honorees Robbie Grinestaff (designated hitter), Reese Havens (shortstop) and Wynn Pelzer (relief pitcher). In addition to Havens, first baseman Justin Smoak, outfielder Andrew Crisp and starting pitcher Mike Cisco were named to the SEC All-Freshman team. The seven Gamecocks honored were the most players from an individual school to be recognized by the conference coaches in 2006. Smoak and Crisp also received

RAY TANNER RESUME

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.	POSTSEASON
1988	NC State	45	16	0	.738	NCAA East Regional
1989	NC State	35	21	2	.621	ACC Tournament
1990	NC State	48	20	0	.706	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1991	NC State	48	20	0	.706	NCAA East Regional
1992	NC State	46	18	0	.715	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1993	NC State	49	17	0	.742	NCAA Midwest Regional
1994	NC State	46	18	1	.715	NCAA Mideast Regional
1995	NC State	36	24	0	.600	ACC Tournament
1996	NC State	42	19	0	.689	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1997	South Carolina	33	24	0	.579	SEC Tournament
1998	South Carolina	44	18	0	.710	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1999	South Carolina	35	23	0	.603	SEC Tournament
2000	South Carolina	56	10	0	.848	NCAA Super Regional
2001	South Carolina	49	20	0	.710	NCAA Super Regional
2002	South Carolina	57	18	0	.760	NCAA College World Series
2003	South Carolina	45	22	0	.672	NCAA College World Series
2004	South Carolina	53	17	0	.757	NCAA College World Series
2005	South Carolina	41	23	0	.640	NCAA Regional
2006	South Carolina	41	25	0	.621	NCAA Super Regional
2007	South Carolina	46	20	0	.697	NCAA Super Regional
2008	South Carolina	40	23	0	.635	NCAA Regional
2009	South Carolina	40	23	0	.635	NCAA Regional
2010	South Carolina	54	16	0	.771	NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
2011	South Carolina	55	14	0	.797	NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
TOTAL		1,084	469	3	.698	OVERALL (24 seasons)
		689	296	0	.699	SOUTH CAROLINA (15 years)

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national recognition with freshman All-America honors. Carolina finished 2006 ranked 12th by *Collegiate Baseball* as well as 13th by *Baseball America* and 15th in the *Sports Weekly/ABCA* coaches' poll.

South Carolina recorded its eighth-consecutive 40-plus win season in 2007 and achieved a ranking as high as No. 1 in the nation during the year. Carolina earned a trip to the postseason and won the NCAA Columbia (S.C.) Regional before again falling one win shy of a trip to Omaha and the College World Series by winning one game in the NCAA Super Regional in Chapel Hill.

The 2007 team featured two All-America players in Smoak and designated hitter Phil Disher. Disher would also earn first-team All-SEC honors along with second baseman Travis Jones. Smoak picked up a second-team All-SEC selection along with third baseman James Darnell. *Baseball America* and the *USA Today/ESPN* coaches' poll ranked South Carolina at No. 10 at the end of the season with the Gamecocks coming in at No. 11 in *Collegiate Baseball's* final rankings.

South Carolina recorded its ninth-consecutive 40-plus win season in 2008 and earned a trip to the postseason and the NCAA Raleigh Regional, where the Gamecocks finished in second place. The 2008 squad featured Smoak and Havens, who along with All-America honors, were selected in the first round of the MLB Draft. Smoak was the 11th overall pick to the Texas Rangers with Havens drafted 22nd overall to the New York Mets. The Gamecocks finished with seven players drafted. Smoak and Havens also earned All-SEC accolades along with third Darnell and designated hitter Phil Disher. Smoak was a first-team choice with Darnell, Disher and Havens named to the second-team.

Tanner and South Carolina returned to the Top 25 in 2009 with a squad that finished the year 40-23 with a 17-13 mark in the SEC for second place in the Eastern Division. The Gamecocks finished in second place in the NCAA Greenville (N.C.) Regional. Having to replace several top players from the year before, the Gamecocks showcased new talent that included Jackie Bradley Jr., a consensus Freshman All-America selection, as well as second-team All-SEC first baseman Nick Ebert, who was among the nation's leaders in home runs with 23. Carolina also had several players drafted, including sixth-round selection Justin Dalles to the Baltimore Orioles and 13th round pick DeAngelo Mack to the New York Yankees. Mack, Dalles, Ebert and junior shortstop Bobby Haney earned All-SEC accolades with Bradley and left-handed pitcher Nolan Belcher named to the SEC All-Freshman team. The 2010 Gamecocks finished with a 54-16 record, won a Regional and Super Regional before heading to Omaha to win the school's first baseball national championship. The 2010 team featured All-America and All-SEC pitcher Blake Cooper along with Freshman All-America first baseman Christian Walker and Freshman All-America relief pitcher Matt Price. Price also earned second-team All-SEC honors with outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr., who was named College World Series Most Outstanding Player. Walker, Price and Evan Marzilli received SEC All-Freshman team honors as well. The Gamecocks finished SEC season play with an impressive 21-9 record also. Six players would go on to sign professional contracts after the season.

Before arriving to Columbia as head coach of the Gamecocks, Tanner led his alma mater, NC State, to seven appearances in the NCAA postseason tournament and ranked second for most wins in school history. He was the 1990 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year and in 1993 was named Atlantic Region Coach of the Year when his team won 49 games.

While he was head coach a NC State for nine seasons, Tanner was affiliated with the Wolfpack baseball program for more than 20 years. He came to the Raleigh campus in the fall of 1976 as a player following an outstanding career at South Johnston High School in Four Oaks, N.C. A four-year starter at shortstop and third base, he earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors his senior season and still ranks among the Wolfpack's all-time leaders in several categories.

Following his playing career, Tanner served as an assistant for NC State coach Sam Esposito, overseeing recruiting efforts and coaching third base. During his tenure as an assistant, the Wolfpack reached the NCAA Tournament twice. He had additional duties as assistant to the athletics director and as assistant athletics director in charge of game operations.

After Esposito's retirement, Tanner was named head coach at the age of 28 by the legendary late Jim Valvano, becoming one of the youngest head baseball coaches in the nation.

Tanner has a bachelor of science degree in recreational administration from NC State (1980) and a master's of public affairs, public administration (1983).

Born Donald Ray Tanner, Jr., March 25, 1958, in Smithfield, N.C., Tanner grew up in Benson, N.C. He is married to the former Karen Donald, a native of Charleston, S.C. A University of South Carolina graduate, she was formerly head women's athletic trainer at NC State. During the summer of 1997 she served as trainer for Charlotte in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). She is the former director of athletics and director of sports medicine at Columbia College.

They have two daughters, Bridgette Grace ("Gracie") and Margaret Pearl ("Maggie") and one son, Joseph Luke ("Luke").



THE TANNER FAMILY
(Front Row) - Luke, Maggie, Gracie
(Back Row) - Karen & Ray

TANNER'S NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORD YEAR-BY-YEAR AT SOUTH CAROLINA

YEAR	RECORD	NCAA POSTSEASON FINISH
1997	N/A	N/A
1998	2-2	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1999	N/A	N/A
2000	4-2	NCAA Super Regional
2001	5-3	NCAA Super Regional
2002	9-4	NCAA College World Series
2003	6-2	NCAA College World Series
2004	8-2	NCAA College World Series
2005	3-2	NCAA Regional
2006	4-3	NCAA Super Regional
2007	4-2	NCAA Super Regional
2008	2-2	NCAA Regional
2009	2-2	NCAA Regional
2010	11-1	NCAA College World Series
2011	5-0	NCAA College World Series
TOTALS	65-27	(.707)



2012 Baseball

TANNER AT SOUTH CAROLINA VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Record	Pct.
Alabama	21-18	.538
Appalachian State	3-0	1.000
Arizona State	1-0	1.000
Arkansas	18-24	.429
Auburn	33-11	.750
Brown	4-0	1.000
Bucknell	1-0	1.000
Butler	1-0	1.000
Cal State Bakersfield	2-1	.667
Cal State Fullerton	1-2	.333
Campbell	1-0	1.000
Charlotte	3-1	.750
College of Charleston	20-2	.909
Connecticut	2-0	1.000
Charleston Southern	20-3	.870
The Citadel	25-8	.758
Clemson	30-25	.545
Cleveland State	3-0	1.000
Coastal Carolina	4-0	1.000
Davidson	15-0	1.000
Delaware State	9-0	1.000
Duke	2-0	1.000
Duquesne	19-0	1.000
East Carolina	8-4	.667
East Tennessee State	4-0	1.000
Eastern Michigan	3-0	1.000
Elon	5-2	.714
Evansville	2-1	.667
Florida	29-22	.569
Florida International	1-0	1.000
Furman	17-6	.739
Gardner Webb	1-0	1.000
George Mason	6-0	1.000
George Washington	3-0	1.000
Georgia	31-21	.596
Georgia Southern	5-0	1.000
Georgia State	3-0	1.000
Georgia Tech	3-3	.500
James Madison	2-0	1.000
Kent State	2-1	.667
Kentucky	30-18	.625
Liberty	3-0	1.000
Long Beach State	2-1	.667
Longwood	3-0	1.000
Louisiana Lafayette	1-2	.333
LSU	20-20	.500
Marshall	3-0	1.000
Miami (Fla.)	3-2	.600
Michigan	2-0	1.000
Minnesota	1-0	1.000
Mississippi	25-17	.595
Mississippi State	24-22	.523
Nebraska	1-0	1.000
New Orleans	1-0	1.000
Niagara	3-0	1.000
North Carolina	8-4	.667
North Carolina Asheville	7-0	1.000
North Carolina State	0-2	.000
North Carolina Wilmington	4-0	1.000
Oklahoma	2-1	.667
Old Dominion	4-2	.667
Pepperdine	0-1	.000
Presbyterian	5-0	1.000
Princeton	1-0	1.000
Quinnipiac	3-0	1.000
Purdue	1-0	1.000
Radford	13-2	.867
Rhode Island	1-0	1.000
Richmond	2-1	.667
Santa Clara	3-0	1.000
Seton Hall	3-0	1.000
Southern Illinois	3-0	1.000
Stanford	1-4	.200
Stetson	4-0	1.000
Tennessee	29-19	.604
Texas	0-1	.000
Texas A&M	1-0	1.000
Texas Tech	1-0	1.000
UCF	2-1	.667

TANNER AT SOUTH CAROLINA VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Record	Pct.
UCLA	2-0	1.000
USC Upstate	6-0	1.000
Vanderbilt	35-16	.686
Virginia	3-0	1.000
Virginia Commonwealth	3-0	1.000
Virginia Military	4-0	1.000
Virginia Tech	1-0	1.000
Wake Forest	2-0	1.000
West Virginia	2-1	.667
Western Carolina	5-0	1.000
Western Kentucky	1-0	1.000
William & Mary	2-0	1.000
Winthrop	2-0	1.000
Wofford	29-2	.935
Yale	4-1	.800
TOTALS	689-296	.699
Vs. Southeastern Conference	295-209	.585
Vs. Non-Conference	394-87	.819

TANNER CAREER MILESTONES

Career Victories

Victory	Opponent	Result
No. 1	vs. Western Carolina (1988)	7-1
No. 50	vs. Rutgers (1989)	6-2
No. 100	vs. New York Tech (1990)	3-2
No. 150	vs. VCU (1991)	12-3
No. 200	vs. East Carolina (1992)	6-2
No. 250	at Duke (1993)	2-1
No. 300	vs. Georgia Tech (1994)	8-7
No. 350	at East Carolina (1995)	10-1
No. 400	vs. East Tennessee State (2/15/1997)	11-2
No. 450	vs. Georgia State (3/24/1998)	12-6
No. 500	vs. Furman (4/20/1999)	4-2
No. 550	vs. Georgia (4/28/2000)	9-5
No. 600	vs. Kentucky (5/4/2001)	11-0
No. 650	vs. Tennessee (5/10/2002)	10-6
No. 700	vs. Kentucky (5/3/2003)	7-2
No. 750	at The Citadel (5/12/2004)	6-1 (10)
No. 800	vs. Wofford (5/10/2005)	12-0
No. 850	vs. Oklahoma (2/9/2007)	13-2
No. 900	at Clemson (3/2/2008)	5-1
No. 950	at College of Charleston (3/25/2009)	14-2
No. 1000	at Vanderbilt (4/11/2010)	2-0
No. 1050	vs. Kentucky (4/2/2011)	4-3 (10)

bold denotes games coached at South Carolina
regular denotes games coached at NC State

TANNER MILESTONE VICTORIES AT SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Victories

Victory	Opponent	Result
No. 1	vs. College of Charleston (2/7/1997)	9-8
No. 50	vs. Tennessee (3/15/1998)	4-3
No. 100	vs. The Citadel (4/7/1999)	5-4 (10)
No. 150	vs. Clemson (4/19/2000)	9-8 (12)
No. 200	at Clemson (4/25/2001)	2-1
No. 250	at Kentucky (4/28/2002)	6-4
No. 300	vs. UNC Asheville (4/22/2003)	5-1
No. 350	vs. Ole Miss (4/30/2004)	7-3
No. 400	at LSU (4/10/2005)	7-5
No. 450	vs. Kentucky (5/24/2006)	4-2
No. 500	at North Carolina (6/10/2007)	8-6
No. 550	vs. Old Dominion (3/10/2009)	3-3
No. 600	vs. The Citadel (3/30/2010)	10-1
No. 650	vs. Rhode Island (3/23/2011)	17-8

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RAY TANNER BY THE NUMBERS -- ENTERING THE 2012 SEASON

.699	Winning Percentage at CAROLINA; second highest all-time among SEC coaches
1	NATIONAL RUNNER-UP FINISH; 2002
1	SEC TOURNAMENT TITLE; 2004
2	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS; 2010, 2011
3	NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS; 2000, 2010, 2011
3	SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS; 2000, 2002, 2010
3	SEC COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS; 1998, 2000, 2011
5	College World Series Appearances; 2002, 2003, 2004, 2010, 2011
5	SEC EASTERN DIVISION TITLES; 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2011
5	STINTS COACHING WITH USA BASEBALL; 1993, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2003
8	PLAYERS DRAFTED IN THE 1ST or SUP ROUND; Everett, Roberts, Meyer, Powell, Ma. Campbell, Smoak, Havens, Bradley
9	NCAA SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCES; 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011
12	CONSECUTIVE NCAA REGIONAL BERTHS; longest current streak in the SEC
13	NCAA REGIONAL APPERANCES; 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
16	YEARS AT SOUTH CAROLINA
25	SEASONS AS HEAD COACH IN COLLEGE BASEBALL
30	ALL-AMERICANS COACHED AT SOUTH CAROLINA
48	ALL-SEC PLAYERS COACHED AT SOUTH CAROLINA
45.6	WIN TOTAL HE HAS AVERAGED AT SOUTH CAROLINA
57	SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS IN A SEASON SET IN 2002
83	CAROLINA PLAYERS THAT HAVE SIGNED PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CONTRACTS
222	WINS OVER THE LAST 12 YEARS IN SEC GAMES; highest total among SEC schools
577	WINS OVER THE LAST 12 YEARS; Third highest total in the nation (2000-11)
689	WINS AT SOUTH CAROLINA
1,084	CAREER WIN TOTAL

CAROLINA HONOR ROLL UNDER RAY TANNER

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2000 Kip Bouknight
2011 Michael Roth

SEC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2000 Kip Bouknight
2002 Yaron Peters

SEC PITCHER OF THE YEAR

2003 David Marchbanks

SEC MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

2000 Kip Bouknight

SEC BOYD MCWHORTER MALE SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

2002 Trey Dyson

ALL-AMERICANS (30)

1997 Ryan Bordenick (DH)
1998 Ryan Bordenick (UT)
Kip Bouknight (SP)
Mike Curry (OF) Adam Everett (SS)
1999 Brian Roberts (SS)
2000 Scott Barber (RP) Peter Bauer (SP),
Kip Bouknight (SP)
2001 Lee Gronkiewicz (RP)
Tim Whittaker (C)
2002 Drew Meyer (SS) Yaron Peters (1B),
Blake Taylor (RP)
2003 Brian Buscher (3B)
David Marchbanks (SP)
2004 Chad Blackwell (RP) Matt Campbell (SP)
Landon Powell (C) Aaron Rawl (SP)
2005 Steve Pearce (1B)
2007 Phil Disher (C)
Justin Smoak (1B)
2008 Reese Havens (SS)
Justin Smoak (1B)
2010 Blake Cooper (SP)
2011 Matt Price (RP) Michael Roth (SP)
John Taylor (RP) Christian Walker (1B)

ALL-SEC (48)

1997 Ryan Bordenick (DH) Brett Jodie (SP)
1998 Kip Bouknight (SP) Mike Curry (OF)
Adam Everett (SS)
1999 Tim Angiolini (DH) Brian Roberts (SS)
2000 Scott Barber (RP) Peter Bauer (SP)
Kip Bouknight (SP)
2001 Garriss Gonce (OF)
Lee Gronkiewicz (RP)
Marcus McBeth (OF)
2002 Trey Dyson (DH) Drew Meyer (SS)
Yaron Peters (1B) Blake Taylor (RP)
2003 Brian Buscher (3B)
David Marchbanks (SP)
Landon Powell (C)
2004 Chad Blackwell (RP) Landon Powell (C)

ALL-SEC continued...

'04 cont. Brendan Winn (OF)
2005 Steve Pearce (1B) Steven Tolleson (SS)
2006 Michael Campbell (OF)
Robbie Grinestaff (DH)
Reese Havens (SS) Wynn Pelzer (RP)
2007 James Darnell (3B) Phil Disher (DH)
Travis Jones (2B) Justin Smoak (1B)
2008 James Darnell (3B), Phil Disher (DH),
Reese Havens (SS), Justin Smoak (1B)
2009 Justin Dalles (C), Nick Ebert (1B),
Bobby Haney (SS), DeAngelo Mack (OF)
2010 Jackie Bradley Jr. (OF) Blake Cooper (SP)
Matt Price (RP)
2011 Matt Price (RP) Michael Roth (SP)
Christian Walker (1B) Scott Wingo (2B)

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICANS (10)

1998 Peter Bauer (SP) Kip Bouknight (SP)
2000 Drew Meyer (SS)
2006 Andrew Crisp (OF) Justin Smoak (1B)
2007 Blake Cooper (SP)
2008 Sam Dyson (SP)
2009 Jackie Bradley Jr. (OF)
2010 Matt Price (RP) Christian Walker (1B)

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL SIGNEES (Original Team) (83)

1997 Rob Streicher (Expos)
1998 Ryan Bordenick (Brewers)
Mike Curry (Royals)
ADAM EVERETT (Red Sox)
BRETT JODIE (Yankees)
Patrick Sexton (Mets)
Eric Stanton (Pirates)
Derick Urquhart (Expos)
1999 Randy Hadden (Dodgers)
Jason Pomar (A's)
Adam Poe (Rangers)
BRIAN ROBERTS (Orioles)
2000 Scott Barber (Diamondbacks)
Peter Bauer (Blue Jays)
Clint Collins (Reds)
Nate Janowicz (Indians)
Brandon Pack (Rangers)
2001 Kip Bouknight (Rockies)
Brennan Dees (Montgomery-IND)
Michael Floyd (Phillies)
LEE GRONKIEWICZ (INDIANS)
Bryon Jeffcoat (Braves)
Tripp Kelly (A's)
MARCUS MCBETH (A's)
Brett Price (A's)
Tim Whittaker (Blue Jays)
2002 Gary Bell (Yankees)
Trey Dyson (Royals)
Garriss Gonce (Cardinals)
DREW MEYER (RANGERS)
Yaron Peters (Braves)

PROFESSIONAL SIGNEES continued...

'02 cont. Chris Spigner (Richmond-IND)
Blake Taylor (Indians)
John Wesley (Blue Jays)
Steven Whetstone (White Sox)
2003 Steven Bondurant (A's)
BRIAN BUSCHER (GIANTS)
JON COUTLANGUS (GIANTS)
Justin Harris (Pirates)
Chris Hernandez (Pirates)
David Marchbanks (Marlins)
2004 Chad Blackwell (Royals)
BILLY BUCKNER (ROYALS)
Matt Campbell (Royals)
KEVIN MELILLO (A'S)
LANDON POWELL (A'S)
Bryan Triplett (Astros)
2005 Davy Gregg (Cubs)
Zac McCamie (Marlins)
STEVE PEARCE (PIRATES)
Aaron Rawl (Phillies)
STEVEN TOLLESON (TWINS)
2006 Chris Brown (Joliet-IND)
Michael Campbell (Padres)
Andrew Cruse (Phillies)
Ian Paxton (Devil Rays)
2007 Arik Hempy (Cubs)
Harris Honeycutt (Reds)
Jeff Jeffords (Reds)
2008 Travis Jones (Braves)
Will Atwood (Nationals)
Mike Cisco (Phillies)
JAMES DARNELL (PADRES)
Phil Disher (Astros)
Reese Havens (Mets)
JUSTIN SMOAK (RANGERS)
Brandon Todd (Marlins)
2009 **Justin Dalles (Orioles)**
Alex Farotto (White Sox)
DeAngelo Mack (Yankees)
Parker Bangs (Royals)
Blake Cooper (Diamondbacks)
Sam Dyson (Blue Jays)
Bobby Haney (Giants)
Whit Merrifield (Royals)
Jordan Propst (Royals)
2011 **Jackie Bradley Jr. (Red Sox)**
Bryan Harper (Nationals)
Peter Mooney (Blue Jays)
Adrian Morales (Royals)
Steven Neff (Giants)
John Taylor (Mariners)
Scott Wingo (Dodgers)

Bold = currently playing
CAPS/BOLD - currently playing and reached Major Leagues
CAPS/ITALICS = PLAYED IN MAJOR LEAGUE

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A Closer Look At South Carolina Under Head Coach Ray Tanner

SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS THE THIRD HIGHEST WIN TOTAL IN THE LAST 12 YEARS

Win Totals The Last 12 Years (2000-2011)

1.	Florida State	598-227-1
2.	Texas	578-221-1
3.	South Carolina	577-231
4.	Rice	576-206
5.	North Carolina	548-238-1
6.	Wichita State	539-262
7.	Cal State Fullerton	529-230
	Coastal Carolina	529-220
	Georgia Tech	526-229-1
10.	Clemson	524-261-1

SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF ONLY EIGHT SCHOOLS TO APPEAR IN THE NCAA REGIONAL EVERY SEASON IN THE LAST 12 YEARS

NCAA Regional Appearances The Last 12 Years (2000-2011)

1.	South Carolina	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Arizona State	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Cal State Fullerton	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Florida State	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Miami (Fla.)	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Oral Roberts	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Rice	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Texas	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS REACHED THE NCAA SUPER REGIONAL NINE OF THE LAST 12 SEASONS, ONE OF FOUR SCHOOLS TO ACCOMPLISH THE FEAT.

NCAA Super Regional Appearances The Last 12 Years (2000-2011)

1.	Florida State	10	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10-11
2.	South Carolina	9	2000-01-02-03-04-06-07-10-11
	Cal State Fullerton	9	2001-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Miami (Fla.)	9	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-08-10
5.	Rice	8	2001-02-03-05-06-07-08-09
	Clemson	8	2000-01-02-05-06-07-09-10
	Texas	8	2000-02-03-04-05-06-10-11
8.	Arizona State	7	2003-05-07-08-09-10-11
	LSU	7	2000-01-02-03-06-08-09
	Stanford	6	2000-01-02-03-06-08-11

SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF FIVE SCHOOLS TO MAKE FIVE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS (2002-11)

College World Series Appearances The Last 10 Years (2002-11)

1.	Texas	6	2002-03-04-05-09-11
2.	South Carolina	5	2002-03-04-10-11
	Cal State Fullerton	5	2003-04-06-07-09
	North Carolina	5	2006-07-08-09-11
	Rice	5	2002-03-06-07-08
6.	Arizona State	4	2005-07-09-10
	LSU	4	2003-04-08-09
	Miami (Fla.)	4	2003-04-06-08
9.	Clemson	3	2002-06-10
	Florida	3	2005-10-11
	Florida State	3	2008-10-11
	Georgia	3	2004-06-08
	Oregon State	3	2005-06-07
	Stanford	3	2002-03-08

TANNER TIDBITS

A LOOK CLOSER AT SEC HISTORY

South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner is among the elite of all-time as the second winningest coach by percentage in Southeastern Conference history. Listed below are the top 10 coaches all-time by percentage. (minimum 5 years)

Coach (School-Yrs)	Pct. (Yrs)
Skip Bertman (LSU 1984-2001)	.725 (18)
Ray Tanner (SC 1997-present)	.699 (15)
W.P. White (GA 1921-33)	.687 (13)
Happy Campbell (1935-42, 47-63)	.682 (25)
Frank Moffett (UT 1903-05, 07-10, 18-19)	.663 (9)
Jim Wells (ALA 1994-2009)	.662 (14)
Hal Baird (AUB 1985-2000)	.659 (16)
Jay Bergman (FLA 1976-81)	.656 (6)
Ron Polk (MSU 1976-97, 02-08)	.656 (31)
(GA 2000-01)	
Andy Lopez (FLA 1994-01)	.651 (7)



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NCAA Regional Appearances The Last 12 Years (2000-11)

1.	South Carolina	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
2.	Arkansas	10	2002-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Florida	10	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10-11
4.	Alabama	9	2000-02-03-05-06-08-09-10-11
	LSU	9	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10
	Ole Miss	9	2001-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
7.	Mississippi State	8	2000-01-03-04-05-06-07-11
8.	Georgia	7	2001-02-04-06-08-09-11
	Vanderbilt	7	2004-06-07-08-09-10-11
10.	Auburn	6	2000-01-02-03-05-10
11.	Tennessee	3	2001-04-05
12.	Kentucky	2	2006-08

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS THE MOST NCAA SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCES OF THE 12 SEC SCHOOLS IN THE LAST 12 YEARS.

NCAA Super Regional Appearances The Last 12 Years (2000-11)

1.	South Carolina	9	2000-01-02-03-04-06-07-10-11
	LSU	7	2000-01-02-03-04-08-09
3.	Florida	5	2004-05-09-10-11
4.	Arkansas	4	2002-04-09-10
	Georgia	4	2001-04-06-08
	Mississippi State	4	2000-01-07-11
	Ole Miss	4	2005-06-07-09
8.	Vanderbilt	3	2004-10-11
9.	Alabama	2	2006-10
	Tennessee	2	2001-05
11.	Auburn	0	N/A
	Kentucky	0	N/A

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS THE MOST COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES OF THE 12 SEC SCHOOLS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS (2002-11)

College World Series Appearances The Last 10 Years (2002-11)

1.	South Carolina	5	2002-03-04-10-11
	LSU	4	2003-04-08-09
3.	Florida	3	2005-10-11
	Georgia	3	2004-06-08
4.	Arkansas	2	2004-09
6.	Mississippi State	1	2007
	Tennessee	1	2005
	Vanderbilt	1	2011
9.	Alabama	0	N/A
	Auburn	0	N/A
	Kentucky	0	N/A
	Ole Miss	0	N/A

SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS MORE CONFERENCE WINS THAN ANY SEC TEAM IN THE LAST 12 YEARS

Win Totals The Last 12 Years (2000-2011)

1.	South Carolina	222-137
2.	Florida	209-149-2
3.	LSU	202-153-3
4.	Ole Miss	193-166
5.	Alabama	190-170
6.	Arkansas	175-178
	Georgia	175-180-1
8.	Vanderbilt	167-186
9.	Auburn	164-196
10.	Mississippi State	156-194
11.	Tennessee	151-203
12.	Kentucky	130-225-2

note - only conference games, does not include SEC Tournament or NCAA postseason games.

SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE ONLY SEC SCHOOL TO RECORD 40 OR MORE WINS EACH SEASON FROM 2000-PRESENT.

40-Plus Win Seasons The Last 12 Years (2000-11)

1.	South Carolina	12	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
2.	LSU	9	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10
3.	Florida	7	2000-02-04-05-09-10-11
4.	Alabama	5	2000-02-05-06-10
5.	Arkansas	5	2004-07-09-10-11
	Vanderbilt	5	2004-07-08-10-11
7.	Ole Miss	4	2005-06-07-09
8.	Auburn	3	2000-03-10
	Georgia	3	2004-06-08
	Mississippi State	3	2000-03-05
	Tennessee	3	2000-01-05
12.	Kentucky	2	2006-08

SOUTH CAROLINA HOLDS THE LONGEST CURRENT STREAK FOR CONSECUTIVE SEC TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES AMONG SEC SCHOOLS

Current SEC Tournament Streak Appearances The Last 15 Years (1997-2011)

1.	South Carolina	15	1997-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Alabama	7	2005-06-07-08-09-10-11
	Vanderbilt	6	2006-07-08-09-10-11
	Florida	5	2007-08-09-10-11
	Arkansas	3	2009-10-11
	Auburn	2	2010-11
	Georgia	1	2011
	Mississippi State	1	2011

Kentucky, LSU, Ole Miss and Tennessee did not reach the SEC Tournament in 2011.

ATTENDANCE AT CAROLINA

The South Carolina fan base has increased to all-time highs and school records since Ray Tanner became head coach. Listed below are attendance figures for each season under Coach Tanner as well as National Rankings. South Carolina set a school record for total attendance in 2011 with a final total of 297,279. The 2012 season features an all-time high of over 5,500 season tickets sold.

Year	Total Attendance (Avg.)	Rank
1997	41,197 (1,153)	N/A
1998	54,416 (1,424)	N/A
1999	57,829 (1,652)	23rd
2000	134,207 (3,273)	7th

Year	Total Attendance (Avg.)	Rank
2001	145,616 (3,935)	5th
2002	151,521 (3,695)	7th
2003	105,220 (3,086)	14th
2004	159,142 (3,881)	7th
2005	112,984 (3,423)	14th
2006	133,652 (3,818)	12th
2007	159,545 (4,985)	4th
2008	161,761 (4,758)	6th
2009	231,360 (6,804)	4th
2010	241,582 (6,710)	4th
2011	297,279 (7,431)	2nd

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2 Chad HOLBROOK



Associate Head Coach
4th season at South Carolina
19th season Overall

Chad Holbrook is entering his fourth season as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator for the University of South Carolina baseball program. Holbrook, serves as hitting instructor, oversees the Gamecock offense, including base running and the short game and is the third base coach. He also works with the outfielders. Holbrook was recently honored as the 2011 *ABCA/Baseball America* Assistant Coach of the Year.

A tremendous evaluator of talent, Holbrook was recently named the No. 10 best recruiter in all of college sports by *ESPN & ESPN The Magazine* in the publication's 2011 January edition. The list was put together in conjunction with three-dozen experts who were asked the question: Who are the top 20 recruiters in college sports? Holbrook is the only baseball coach on the list. His most recent recruiting class was ranked No. 1 in the nation by *Collegiate Baseball*.

Holbrook's offensive prowess has made an immediate impact on the South Carolina baseball program in his first three seasons. His guidance was instrumental in helping the Gamecocks to back-to-back national championships in 2010 and 2011 at the College World Series. Holbrook has helped in the development of two-time All-SEC selection Christian Walker, who hit a team-best .358 (97-for-271) along with 10 HR and 62 RBI in 2011. That offensive output helped Walker to earn third-team All-America accolades from *Baseball America*. Holbrook also helped mentor 2011 All-SEC and College World Series Most Outstanding Player Scott Wingo, who improved his batting average to .338 (81-for-240) in his senior season.

Holbrook also played a key role in 2011 MLB supplemental draft selection Jackie Bradley Jr.'s Gamecock career. In 2010 Bradley was a 2010 All-SEC selection and College World Series Most Outstanding Player. That season, Holbrook helped to oversee an offense that peaked in the postseason with a .309 batting average in 12 postseason contests. Marzilli was the team's top postseason hitter with a .419 average (18-for-43) with Walker right behind him at .389 (21-for-54) and Bradley hitting .348 with four HR and 17 RBI. Carolina finished the season with a .300 team batting average as well as a .392 on-base percentage. The squad's 734 hits were second highest in the conference with the team also tallying 298 walks, 14th highest in the country. In 2009, Holbrook's first season, the Gamecocks finished with a team batting average of .310 on the year, the highest average in the last nine seasons, along with an improved on-base percentage of .394 and a .528 slugging percentage. Carolina was fifth in the nation with 109 home runs. Among the players he tutored that first year were Freshman All-America Jackie Bradley Jr. and 2009 All-SEC selections, Justin Dalles, Nick Ebert, Bobby Haney and DeAngelo Mack.

"We are fortunate to have Coach Holbrook as an integral part of our program," said head coach Ray Tanner. "He is an exceptional coach, recruiter and mentor for our players. The job he has done and continues to do is exemplary. He is one of the top coaches in the country and he is an outstanding ambassador for the University of South Carolina."

Prior to joining the Gamecock program, Holbrook worked for 15 seasons on the North Carolina coaching staff. While at UNC, the Tar Heels made 11 NCAA Tournament appearances including four NCAA Super Regionals and three trips to the College World Series. The 2007 squad also captured an ACC championship, the first in Chapel Hill since 1990 when Holbrook was a freshman player.

At UNC, Holbrook mentored several top players including 2008 second-team All-America outfielder Tim Lincecum, third-team All-America first baseman Dustin Ackley and third-team All-America second baseman Kyle Seager. Ackley also earned third-team All-America honors in 2007 and was both *Baseball America* & *Collegiate Baseball's* Freshman of the Year. Ackley was recently drafted No. 2 overall in the 2009 MLB Draft by the Seattle Mariners.

Holbrook was instrumental in recruiting current Major League Baseball players Ackley, Daniel Bard, Chris Iannetta, Andrew Miller and Kyle Snyder to UNC.

As recruiting coordinator for the North Carolina program, Holbrook put together consecutive top 10 recruiting classes seasons that helped the Tar Heels in making three consecutive College World Series appearances. From 2006-2008, North Carolina led the nation in wins with 54 in 2006, 57 in 2007 and 54 in 2008. PG Cross Checker ranked his last UNC recruiting class No. 3 in the nation. Holbrook's 2007 class ranked fourth in the nation by *Baseball America* with his 2006 class selected eighth in the country. *Baseball America* also ranked his 2004 class 11th in the nation with the publication naming the Tar Heels recruiting class of 2003 as the No. 1 group in the country. That 2003 class also tied for first in *Collegiate Baseball's* recruiting rankings with South Carolina.



Under Holbrook's eye, UNC batted .324 as a team in the 2008 season and posted six of the top seven hitting seasons in Tar Heel history. The Tar Heels led the nation in hits in 2007 as well with 820 to finish the year.

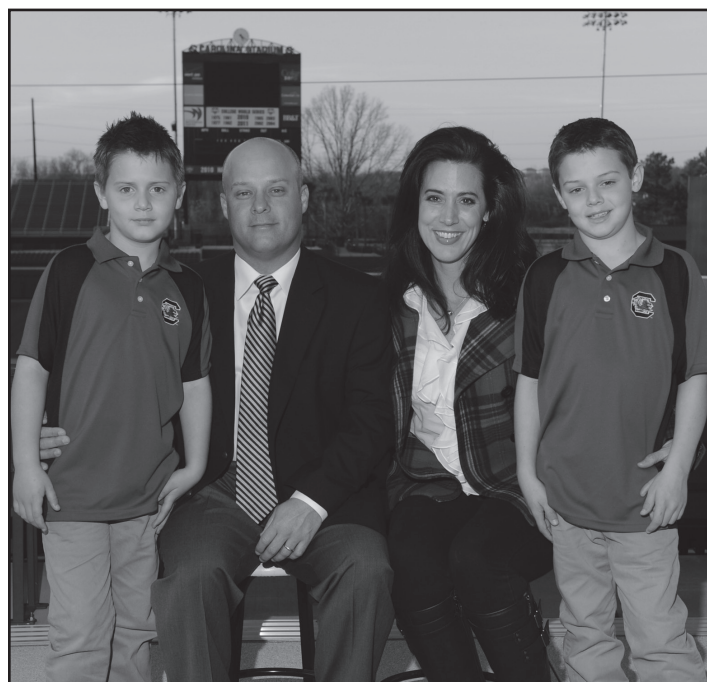
The school record for batting average in Chapel Hill was also set under Holbrook's direction in 2002 when the Tar Heels finished with a .325 mark.

Holbrook served as undergraduate assistant coach in 1994 and was promoted to full-time assistant in the fall of 1994. Holbrook served as assistant coach up to 2007 when he earned a promotion to associate head coach. Holbrook also worked one summer in the Cape Cod League as head coach of the Harwich Mariners in 1997 where he led them to the league's Eastern Division championship.

Before joining the North Carolina staff, Holbrook played for the Tar Heels from 1990-93. He was a second-team All-ACC selection as a senior when he .353 at the plate. He also earned all-tournament team honors in 1993 at the NCAA Central I Regional in College Station, Texas, where he hit .565 (13-for-23) with three doubles and two triples in five games. Holbrook sits second all-time on the UNC list for triples with 14 in his career as well as 40 stolen bases. His stolen bases record was broke by Brian Roberts, who played for UNC from 97-98 before transferring to South Carolina.

Holbrook is a 1994 graduate of North Carolina with a degree in physical education. He is the son of Eddie Holbrook, former head men's basketball coach for Gardner-Webb and Furman.

Holbrook and his wife, the former Jennifer Hilliard, were married in August of 2000. They have two sons, Reece, who was born on May 4, 2002, and Cooper, who was born on June 14, 2004.



THE HOLBROOK FAMILY
Cooper, Chad, Jennifer, Reece



12 Jerry MEYERS



Assistant Head Coach
10th season at South Carolina
24th season Overall



Jerry Meyers is in his second year as assistant head coach for the baseball team as well as his 10th year associated with the Gamecock baseball program. Meyers, who served as an assistant at South Carolina from the 1997-2004 seasons, returned to Carolina in August of 2010 to coach the pitchers following six years as head coach at Old Dominion.

In his first year back, Meyers oversaw a pitching staff that was among the best in school history, on the way to the school's second consecutive national championship. The Gamecock hurlers won 55 games and compiled a 2.45 earned run average, the best mark by a Gamecock pitching staff in the past 36 seasons. Opponents hit just .227 against the Gamecocks.

Meyers helped to tutor consensus All-American Michael Roth, who went 14-3, with a 1.06 ERA and was *CollegeBaseballInsider.com's* National Player of the Year. Meyers also helped in the development with sophomore right-hander Matt Price, who earned All-America honors as well as he was one of college baseball's most dominant closers with a 7-3 record to go along with 20 saves and a 1.83 ERA. Senior side-armed John Taylor also tied a NCAA single-season record for appearances with 50 as a crucial setup arm to Price. Taylor would go 8-1 with a 1.14 ERA and earned All-America honors from *CollegeBaseballInsider.com* as well. Freshman right-hander Forrest Koumas won six games with a 2.96 ERA to pick up SEC All-Freshman accolades and sophomore right-hander Colby Holmes won SEC Pitcher of the Week honors twice and increased his victories to a seven-win total to go along with a 3.69 ERA in his second season. In addition, left-handers Bryan Harper and Steven Neff along with Taylor were drafted and signed pro contracts. Price and Roth were selected in the 2011 MLB Draft but elected to return to Columbia for 2012.

Before his arrival to Columbia, Meyers helped turn around the Old Dominion baseball program in six seasons (2005-10) leading the Monarchs to the top of the Colonial Athletic Association including a co-regular season championship in 2007 and the top seed at the CAA Tournament. That 2007 squad featured the top pitching staff in the CAA with a 3.97 ERA and 471 strikeouts. In his second year at ODU in 2006, the school enjoyed one of the nation's biggest improvements with the squad compiling a 39-17 overall record and finishing second in the CAA. That season ODU climbed back into the national top 15 for the first time since the mid 1980s. Meyers earned CAA Coach of the Year honors with four of his players selected in the MLB draft and the team breaking or tying eight school and individual records. Most notable among his standouts at ODU was right-hander Daniel Hudson, who just completed his third season in the big leagues with the Arizona Diamondbacks. Meyers compiled a 167-158 record during his tenure.

Meyers also served one summer on the staff of the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team that won a gold medal in the 2008 FISU World Championships in Europe and finished with a 24-0 record and an impressive 0.88 earned run average. Among the pitchers he worked with included current MLB pitchers Stephen Strasburg (Washington Nationals), Mike Leake (Cincinnati Reds) and Mike Minor (Atlanta Braves). Along with an earned run average under one, his staff also struck out 268 batters to just 72 walks in 224 innings pitched with opponents batting just .154 as well.

Meyers initially joined Ray Tanner in Columbia in the summer of 1996 after Tanner was announced as the school's new head coach. In eight seasons with the Gamecocks, Meyers built one of the top pitching staffs in the country and coached 10 All-American pitchers along the way. The Gamecocks reached the NCAA Tournament in six of eight seasons while Meyers was here along with a national runner-up finish (2002) three College World Series appearances (2002, 2003, 2004), two Southeastern Conference championships (2000, 2002), four SEC Eastern Division titles (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003) and one SEC Tournament title (2004).

Among the stars that learned under the helm of Meyers was Kip Bouknight (1998-01), who garnered National Player of the Year honors in 2000 along with the Golden Spikes Award, presented by USA Baseball to the top amateur player in the country. Bouknight put together one of the greatest single-season years in college history in 2000 posting a 17-1 record to help lead the Gamecocks to a 56-10 record and an SEC Championship. His 17 single-season wins is a school record and is tied for the most wins in a season by an SEC pitcher. Bouknight joined with Peter Bauer and Scott Barber to form the "Killer B's," a dominant trio that saw all three pitchers earn All-America recognition. The 2000 pitching staff posted a 3.51 team ERA.

In 2001, the Gamecocks again had one of the top pitching staffs in the country with the group finishing with a 3.41 team ERA. The squad featured All-America closer Lee Gronkiewicz, as well as a pair of 10-game winners in Bouknight and left-hander Gary Bell. Bouknight rewrote the record book as the winningest pitcher in school history, compiling a career record of 45-12 in a four-year span and also setting school records for strikeouts (457) and decisions (57).

When the Gamecocks returned to Omaha in 2002 to play for a national title, the pitchers were right at the forefront - chief among them was right-hander Blake Taylor, who set a school record and led the nation in saves with 21 on the year on his way to All-America honors. The 2003 staff was another star-studded group that reached the College World Series and led the SEC with a 3.57 ERA. The staff featured David Marchbanks, who tallied a 15-3 record and was named Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Year in addition to All-America honors. In 2004, the Gamecocks made a third straight trip to Omaha with the pitchers putting together a 3.40 team ERA. Left-hander Matt Campbell was a first round MLB draft selection by the Royals with right-hander Billy Buckner selected in the second round by the Royals and right-hander Chad Blackwell also a sixth round choice by Kansas City. Blackwell became the Gamecocks' fourth reliever in five seasons to pick up All-America honors as he led the nation in saves with 20 with right-hander Aaron Rawl also picking up All-America accolades with a 13-4 overall record.

Meyers came to Carolina after one year at Old Dominion as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. Prior to his first stint at ODU, Meyers spent four years as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington where he worked with pitchers and catchers. The 1995 Seahawk staff ranked 11th nationally in earned run average at 3.37 with two pitchers ranked among the nation's top 15 in strikeouts per nine innings.

Meyers also coached at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla., 1989-91 (ranked 4th nationally in 1989) where several pitchers went on to sign professionally or with Division I schools including Tim Davis (Seattle Mariners) and former Gamecock pitcher Scott Pace. Meyers managed the 1994 Winchester, Va., team in the Shenandoah Valley league to a second place finish. He is also a popular clinician and has worked camps at a number of institutions.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of South Alabama from 1988-89. Born Jerald Ray Meyers March 8, 1965 in Harvey, Ill., Meyers grew up in Chesterton, Ind., where he attended Chesterton High School, earning four letters in baseball and basketball. He was a second team all-state selection in basketball. Meyers was a four-year starting pitcher at Iowa State University where he was named to the All-Big Eight Conference team as a senior. He was named team captain as a junior and senior and was Most Valuable Pitcher his senior year.

Meyers received a bachelor of business administration degree in management from Iowa State and the master of education in physical education from South Alabama in 1989 with an emphasis in exercise and movement technology. Meyers and his wife, Chris, have two daughters, Jaye Riley born July 31, 1999, and Audrey Reese, born December 31, 2001.



THE MEYERS FAMILY
Jerry, Riley, Chris, Audrey



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41 Sammy ESPOSITO



Assistant Coach
5th season at South Carolina
7th season Overall

Sammy Esposito is in his fifth season as assistant coach with the South Carolina baseball program. Esposito works with the hitters and catchers, coaches first base and is the coordinator for the Ray Tanner Baseball Camp.

The 2011 catching corps had a solid season behind the efforts of senior co-captain Brady Thomas and senior Robert Beary. The duo was dynamic in helping lead behind the plate a pitching staff that went 55-14 with a 2.45 ERA along with 536 strikeouts. The catchers allowed 38 stolen bases in 69 games. Beary fielded a solid .993 behind the plate and earned NCAA Regional MVP honors as well as College World Series All-Tournament team accolades. Thomas was also a CWS All-Tournament team recipient.

In 2010, Esposito helped lead a catching staff that included senior co-captain Kyle Enders, Brady Thomas and Richard Royal. The trio helped to catch a pitching staff that finished with a 3.45 ERA along with 625 strikeouts to 220 walks. The group also allowed just 43 stolen bases in 70 games. In addition, Enders finished his career with a .993 fielding percentage, the best career mark in school history. Enders was also an NCAA Regional All-Tournament team selection with Thomas earning CWS All-Tournament team honors in Omaha.

In 2009, Esposito worked with junior catcher Justin Dalles, who earned All-SEC honors and was a sixth round MLB draft selection by the Baltimore Orioles. Dalles, Kyle Enders and Brady Thomas were among the most efficient defensive catchers in the nation as well with just four errors behind the plate in 553 chances and only 27 stolen bases allowed in 63 games.

In 2008, Esposito also oversaw a strong catching trio in Enders, Phil Disher and Richard Royal that finished with just four errors as well. Disher was a 2008 MLB Draft selection by the Houston Astros.

Esposito came to Columbia in the fall of 2007 after two seasons on the Georgia Southern staff. A four-year letterwinner at NC State, Esposito is the son of former NC State head coach Sam Esposito, who coached South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner during his playing days. Tanner also served on Esposito's staff from 1981-87 before becoming his successor with the Wolfpack.

"I'm thrilled to have Sammy on our coaching staff," said Coach Tanner. "He is a great young coach, who brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to our program."

In addition to his two seasons with Georgia Southern, Esposito has also been involved with several baseball camps in the Southeast Region including South Carolina, NC State and Richmond. Esposito also served as an assistant coach in the Cape Cod League for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox. Y-D won the Cape Cod Championship in 2007 following a league-best record of 31-12-1 in the regular season.

Esposito lettered as a catcher at NC State from 1999-2002. He graduated from NC State with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. He attended Broughton High School in Raleigh, N.C., where he was a two-time all-conference selection in baseball.

Esposito and his wife, the former Neal Webb, were married January 1, 2011.



SAMMY & NEAL ESPOSITO



55 Drew MEYER



**Student Assistant Coach
1st season at South Carolina**

Drew Meyer, a 2002 All-American at South Carolina and former major leaguer with the Texas Rangers has returned to Columbia and will serve as an undergraduate student assistant coach for the 2012 season on the South Carolina baseball team. Meyer will serve as the bench coach and work with the infielders. Meyer played three seasons at South Carolina from 2000-02 before beginning a nine-year career in professional baseball highlighted by a stint in Major League Baseball in 2006 with the Texas Rangers.

The 2000 and 2002 teams at South Carolina that Meyer played on won the SEC Championship with the '02 squad reaching the College World Series and earning National Runner-up. Meyer's position is similar to the one held by Brian Buscher last year as Buscher earned his bachelor's degree in psychology. Meyer will be working towards completion in his bachelor's degree in business management.

"We are very excited to have Drew back at South Carolina as a part of our coaching staff," said head coach Ray Tanner. "He had an outstanding career here and will be a great teacher and coach for our student-athletes."

The former Gamecock shortstop was a 2002 second-team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) and *Collegiate Baseball* as well as third-team All-American by *Baseball America*. He twice was named All-SEC including a first-team selection in 2002. He played in 209 games in a three-year career for the Garnet & Black only missing one game. Meyer still holds single-season records at Carolina from 2002 for at bats (334), hits (120) and singles (86) as well as tied for the record in games played (75) with three other teammates from the 2002 squad. He is the only player in Carolina history to start 75 games in a season. In addition to his single-season records, Meyer is the school's career record holder for singles with 209 and he totaled 285 career hits in three seasons, which is third highest in school history. Meyer also is third all-time in runs scored (212) and tied for fifth in triples (9).

Meyer was selected in the first round of the '02 MLB Draft by the Texas Rangers as the 10th overall pick, the highest drafted player in South Carolina history. Meyer made his MLB debut on April 21, 2006.

Meyer and his wife, the former Christy Taylor, were married November 7, 2009.



DREW & CHRISTY MEYER



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Billy ANDERSON



Strength & Conditioning Coach
19th season at South Carolina
10th season Overall



"The South Carolina strength and conditioning program is used to help develop stronger, more competitive baseball players. It ensures that each athlete gets the maximum benefit from resistance training, speed development, injury prevention, and sports specific conditioning. Players train year round using various methods of strength training and conditioning to challenge them not only physically but mentally."

Billy Anderson is the head strength and conditioning coach for Olympic Sports at the University of South Carolina. This is Anderson's 10th season as strength coach to the baseball program and his 19th year at Carolina.

Anderson also works with men's and women's golf. Anderson began working in 1992 at South Carolina as a graduate assistant and has been a full-time member for the strength staff since 1994.

Anderson is certified by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) and most recently in May of 2010 was awarded the prestigious title of Master Strength and Conditioning Coach. This honor is given to strength coaches who have been in the field for a minimum of 12 years and represents professionalism, experience, expertise as well as longevity in the field.

A native of Stratford, Conn., Anderson received his bachelor of science degree in Health Fitness from Springfield (Mass.) College.

While at Springfield, Anderson ran track all four years and is still the record holder in the 800 meter run. He was the junior and senior Athlete of the Year at Springfield as his team was the ECAC champions both years. In 1991, Anderson finished eighth in the 800 meter run at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships.

A 1987 graduate of Bunnell High School in Stratford, Conn., Anderson was an All-State performer in football and track.

Anderson and his wife, the former Tish Fellers, were married July 22, 2000. They have a son, Kaden Ellis, born on Sept. 11, 2005 and a daughter, Ashlyn Paige, born on May 5, 2008.



THE ANDERSON FAMILY
Tish, Ashlyn, Kaden, Billy

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Steven BONDURANT



Academic Advisor
9th season at South Carolina
5th season as Academic Advisor

Kyle LIPSEY



Director of Operations
9th season at South Carolina

Steven Bondurant is in his fifth year as academic advisor for the baseball program. In addition to his duties as primary advisor for the baseball team in academic manners, Bondurant also oversees the academic progress for men's soccer and women's volleyball.

Under Bondurant's watch, the Gamecocks have achieved at a high level in the classroom. In 2011, junior pitcher Michael Roth earned first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors and won the Elite "88" Award for the best GPA of all student-athletes at the College World Series. In the Spring of 2010, the Gamecocks also finished with a cumulative GPA of 3.118, the highest GPA of all eight schools at the College World Series.

Bondurant began his position in August of 2007 following a four-year professional baseball career with the Oakland Athletics. Bondurant reached as high as Triple-A with the Sacramento Rivercats before retiring due to injury.

Bondurant was a member of the South Carolina baseball team from 2000-03 including serving as captain for the '03 squad his senior year. In four seasons with the Gamecocks, "Bondo" compiled a 14-7 career record with a pair of seven-win seasons in 2002 and 2003. Both the 2002 and 2003 teams competed in the College World Series with the '02 squad finishing as national runner-up and earning an SEC championship. Bondurant's seventh win of the 2002 season was in an elimination game at Omaha vs. in-state rival Clemson that eliminated the Tigers and propelled the Gamecocks into the national championship game.

Bondurant graduated in the spring of 2002 from South Carolina with degrees in marketing and also in management. In addition, Bondurant earned his Master's in human resources in 2004.

Kyle Lipsey is in his fifth year as director of baseball operations and his ninth season as a member of the South Carolina baseball program. Lipsey previously served as a team manager for the squad and has been with the Gamecocks since the 2004 season.

As director of operations, Lipsey oversees all equipment management for the baseball and softball teams and also coordinates the travel and hotel arrangements for the baseball team. Lipsey also is primary contact on the staff with the umpire crews for each game.

Lipsey graduated in the spring of 2006 from South Carolina with a degree in business management and marketing. He also had a minor in sport & entertainment management.

Lipsey attended Jonesville High School where he lettered in baseball and basketball. He earned all-region honors in basketball averaging 17.2 points per game. He played in the Spartanburg Tip-Off Club All-Star Game as well. He was a shortstop for four seasons on the baseball team. He was an all-area honoree by the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal* for both baseball and basketball. Lipsey also was named to the All-State Academic Team while attending Jonesville High School.

Lipsey was born on March 16, 1984, in Spartanburg, S.C. He is the son of Gene and Nancy Lipsey. Lipsey has a son, Michael Tanner, born on December 25, 2004.



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Grounds Crew - Left to right: Randall Boland, Matt Rhodes, Donnie Lindler, Donald Robbins, Eddie Dunning, Travis Reed.