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## Chris Moody ready for elevated role at safety spot

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Chris Moody

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When South Carolina played Tennessee last season, Chris Moody was thrown into the fire. The then-freshman safety had spent the week practicing with the scout team but was forced into significant playing time due to an injury to Chaz Elder and the ejection of Kadetrix Marcus.

“It was scary,” said Moody, who described himself as “a deer in headlights” that day.

Now, he’s much more comfortable, which is good because Moody is expected to start at safety for the Gamecocks against Texas A&M after passing Marcus and T.J. Gurley on the depth chart. It would be the first

start of the 6-foot-1, 210-pounder's career.

"It's a blessing and a confidence boost that I can play at this level," Moody said. "In the spring, I thought I was getting good. Great coaching and good teammates just pushed me to the next level."

Moody is a Georgia native who played quarterback in high school.

"He is forcing turnovers. He is sticking his nose in there. He is doing everything coach Brown asks him to do," Brison Williams said. "He was just making a lot of plays and standing out to coach."

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