



2017 South Carolina Men's Soccer

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SC vs. MERCER STATISTICAL COMPARISON

SC	Records/Rankings	MERCER
1-0-0	Record	0-1-0
1-0-0/-	Home/Away Record	-/0-1-0
-	NCAA National Ranking	-

2016 Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	W L T	Score/Time
8/13	at Duke (exhib.)	L	0-2
8/17	No. 4 North Carolina (exhib.)	T	0-0
8/20	College of Charleston (exhib.)	T	2-2
8/25	USC Upstate	W	2-1
8/28	Mercer		7 p.m.
9/1	at No. 5 Clemson		7:30 p.m.
9/5	North Florida		7 p.m.
9/9	FAU*		7 p.m.
9/16	at Marshall		1 p.m.
9/19	Furman		7 p.m.
9/22	No. 20 New Mexico*		7 p.m.
9/26	at No. 2 Wake Forest		7 p.m.
9/30	No. 19 Coastal Carolina		7 p.m.
10/3	No. 17 Virginia Tech		7 p.m.
10/8	at Kentucky*		2 p.m.
10/14	FIU*		7 p.m.
10/20	at No. 15 Charlotte*		7 p.m.
10/24	at N.C. State		7 p.m.
10/29	Old Dominion*		2 p.m.
11/3	at UAB*		7 p.m.
11/8-12	Conference USA Tournament!		TBD

Bold indicates home game | All times Eastern | * - Conference USA match ! - Conference USA Tournament (Norfolk, Va.), | Rankings used are United Coaches Association Top 25 Poll

Gamecock Staff

Head Coach: Mark Berson (North Carolina, 1975)
Assistant Coach: Justin Cook (Ohio State, 2005)
Assistant Coach: Tyler Kettering (Gardner-Webb, 2007)
Strength & Conditioning: Keith Scruggs
Administrative Assistant: Allison Orvin
Athletic Trainer: Brainard Cooper



Game 2 | Mon., Aug. 28 | 7 PM | Stone Stadium, Columbia, S.C.



**South Carolina
GAMECOCKS**
1-0-0 (0-0-0 C-USA)

VS.

**Mercer
BEARS**
0-1-0 (0-0-0 SoCon)



Head Coach: Mark Berson (@MarkBersonSC on Twitter)
 Record at SC: 484-226-71 (40th season)
 Overall Record: 495-231-71 (41st season)

Head Coach: Brad Ruzzo
 Record at ODU: 82-78-18 (9th season)
 Overall Record: 82-78-18 (9th season)

Series History: SC leads 9-1-0

Trend: Mercer notched first win in the series, 3-2 (2OT), on 8/30/16 in Columbia, S.C.

Last Meeting: Carolina win, 1-0, 11/17/16 in Columbia, S.C. in NCAA Tournament

Gametracker: GamecocksOnline.com

Quick Hits

- Mark Berson is the winningest active NCAA Division I coach, fourth on the all-time NCAA Division I list
- With the team's season opening victory vs. USC Upstate, Berson passed Michael Parker for fourth on the all-time wins list for NCAA Division I
- Berson is tied for the most NCAA Tournament appearances among active DI coaches with 22
- The 2016 Gamecocks advanced to the Second Round of the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season
- South Carolina, which has been a member of Conference USA since 2005, has two C-USA Tournament titles and two regular-season crowns in 11 years
- The Gamecocks return 10 letterwinners, including three starters from last season's squad
- This year's new-look team has 14 newcomers, including five transfer student-athletes
- Forward Bjorn Gudjonsson and junior Peyton Ericson were both preseason All-C-USA picks
- Sophomore Luca Mayr started all 20 matches last season for Carolina, scoring nine points (3G, 3A) en route to earning C-USA All-Freshman honors
- Mayr led the team in shots (52) and ranked second in shots on goal (18)
- Gudjonsson led the team in goals a year ago tallying eight on just 10 shots on goal
- The 2016 Second Team All-C-USA pick was the only player in the league to earn C-USA Offensive Player of the Week honors twice
- Mayr and freshman Petter Soelberg each scored in the team's first game last Friday, Mayr notched his fourth career game-winner on a PK in the second half
- Two new assistants join Berson's staff this season in Justin Cook and Tyler Kettering
- Cook spent 10 seasons as an assistant coach at Tulsa (2007-16) where he was a part of eight NCAA Tournament teams, the program compiled a 117-60-25 (.683 pct) record overall during his time there and earned a No. 2 national ranking the highest ever in program history
- Kettering recently served as an assistant at Dayton for one season (2016), prior to that, he spent seven years as associate head coach at Gardner Webb (2009-16)
- In his lone season with the Flyers, Kettering helped develop A-10 Defender of the Year Lalas Abubakar, who was selected No. 5 overall in the 2017 MLS SuperDraft by the Columbus Crew.

SCOUTING MERCER

The Bears are coming off a 13-7-1 season in 2016 in which they earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001. Mercer is the defending SoCon champions and returns eight starters from that squad. They are led by one of the nation's top returning players in forward Will Bagrou. He was the 2016 SoCon Male Athlete of the Year after tallying 20 points (8G, 4A). He was a MAC Herman Trophy Semifinalist last season and a NSCAA Second Team All-American. He was of just five returning semifinalist for the award this season in the entire country. Conner Antley (4G in 2016), Kobe Perez (3G in 2016) and Jake Mezei (3G in 2016) also return for an experienced Mercer squad in 2017. Three-year starter Jeremy Booth remains in the net after going 12-7-1 last season with six shutouts and 53 saves (.726 save percentage). Booth had six saves in the team's win at Stone Stadium on Aug. 30 last year.

GAME #2 - VS. MERCER - MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 - GAMECOCK MEN'S SOCCER

National Rankings (as of Aug. 3)

UNITED COACHES ASSOCIATION POLL

Rk	Team	Points	Prev. Record
1	Stanford	1	15-3-5
2	Wake Forest	2	19-3-3
3	Denver	3	20-1-3
4	North Carolina	4	14-3-4
5	Clemson	5	14-4-5
6	Maryland	7	18-1-2
7	Indiana	9	12-2-7
8	Syracuse	11	12-4-4
9	Louisville	6	14-6-2
10	Notre Dame	14	12-7-2
11	Washington	12	14-7-0
12	Providence	10	15-7-0
13	Virginia	13	11-4-5
14	Creighton	15	13-7-3
15	Charlotte	16	12-4-2
16	Akron	24	13-6-3
17	Virginia Tech	8	13-5-4
18	UMASS-Lowell	19	13-1-2
19	Coastal Carolina	RV	10-7-3
20	New Mexico	RV	12-7-3
21	UCLA	RV	10-8-2
22	Michigan State	25	13-5-2
23	Florida Gulf Coast	20	14-4-3
24	UCONN	NR	10-5-1
25	Butler	18	13-5-2

Also receiving votes: N/A



TOP FANS IN THE COUNTRY

South Carolina has arguably the best fans in the nation in collegiate soccer as both the men's and women's programs have ranked in the top-10 nationally for three consecutive seasons in national attendance average at home games.

The men ranked eighth in the country last season, while the women ranked third in the nation. The men's team set a new single-game Stone Stadium attendance record last season when 6,892 fans attended the season opener vs. No. 3 Clemson on Aug. 26, 2016.



PRESEASON CONFERENCE USA POLL

South Carolina was picked to finish fifth in the Conference USA Preseason Poll, as voted on by the league's coaches on Aug. 11. Defending champion No. 15 Charlotte was picked to win the league again with four first place votes. New Mexico, FIU and Kentucky were all picked to finish ahead of the Gamecocks. Carolina went 5-2-1 in the league last year en route to a second place finish.

GUDJONSSON/ERICSON SELECTED TO PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE USA TEAM

Junior forward Bjorn Gudjonsson and junior defender Peyton Ericson were each selected to the Preseason All-C-USA Team the league office announced on Aug. 11. Gudjonsson is back after leading the team in goals during the 2016 season. He played in 19 games, making eight starts. Ericson, who has been a regular starter since his freshman year in 2015, played in 17 matches last season with 16 starts.



Bjorn Gudjonsson



Peyton Ericson

Pronunciation Guide

Alek **BJERKE** Christensson bee-YEAR-kay
TRYGVE Ellingstad TRIG-vuh
 Bjorn **GUDJONSSON** Gooood-YON-son
KAY I 'NT Ven Ki in-ent
 Luca **MAYR** Meyer
 Spencer **MESCHTER** MESH-ter
 Paul **QUILDIES** quill-DEES
PETTER Soelberg PET-her
 Justin **SUKOW** su-COW
 Christoffer **WALLANDER IANEV** Vallander I-n-ev

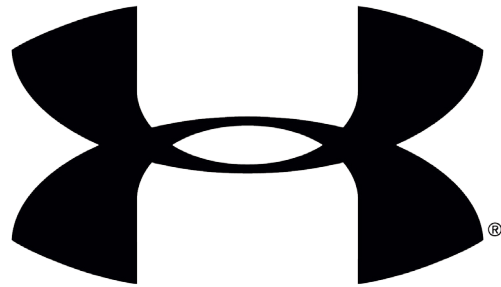


Sophomore striker Luca Mayr will be the focal point of South Carolina's offensive attack in the 2017 season. The speedy forward led the team in shots (52) a year ago as a true freshman and scored nine points (3G, 3A).

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht. / Wt.	Class	Hometown
0	Ian McGrane	GK	6-6 / 202	Jr.	Kingston, Pa.
1	Justin Bauer	GK	6-2 / 204	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla.
2	Mitchell Myers	D	5-11 / 150	Fr.	Aiken, S.C.
3	Christoffer Wallander Ianev	D	6-0 / 160	Sr.	Gavle, Sweden
4	Brian Munson	D	5-11 / 165	Fr.	Greenville, S.C.
5	Paul Quildies	D	6-1 / 145	Jr.	Essen, Germany
6	Kay In 't Ven	M	5-8 / 146	Fr.	Kerkrade, Netherlands
7	Luca Mayr	F	5-8 / 157	So.	Steyr, Austria
8	Jared Gulden	M	5-8 / 150	Fr.	Greenville, S.C.
9	Bjorn Gudjonsson	F	6-2 / 182	Jr.	Rykjavik, Iceland
10	Tucker Monheimer	F	6-2 / 164	So.	Louisville, Ky.
11	Petter Soelberg	M	5-6 / 140	Fr.	Stockholm, Sweden
12	Peyton Ericson	D	5-11 / 187	So.	Duluth, Ga.
13	Matt Morgan	D	5-11 / 161	Jr.	Johns Creek, Ga.
14	Justin Sukow	M	5-10 / 165	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas
15	Campbell Gibson	M	5-11 / 165	So.	Glasgow, Scotland
16	Aleksander Bjerke Christensson	D	5-8 / 155	So.	Oslo, Norway
17	Benjamin Gilligan	F	5-10 / 173	Fr.	Aiken, S.C.
18	Trygve Ellingstad	F	6-1 / 186	Jr.	Bergen, Norway
19	Smith Dawsey	D	5-11 / 173	So.	Chapin, S.C.
21	Chandler Corley	M	5-10 / 153	R-Jr.	Chapin, S.C.
22	Aidan O'Brien	M	5-10 / 159	Fr.	Asheville, N.C.
23	Keegan Kullby	M	5-8 / 162	So.	Lake Forest, Ill.
25	William Pyle	GK	6-0 / 176	Sr.	Charlotte, N.C.
26	Andre Streete	D	6-2 / 187	Jr.	Wolverhampton, England
28	Spencer Meschter	M	6-6 / 197	R-Sr.	Bethesda, Md
33	Jeff Lu	GK	6-3 / 165	So.	Marietta, Ga

Head Coach: Mark Berson
Assistant Coaches: Justin Cook, Tyler Kettering
Strength & Conditioning: Keith Scruggs





New Faces on the Sideline



**JUSTIN
COOK**

The Cook File

Head coach Mark Berson announced on March 27, 2017, the hiring of Justin Cook as an assistant coach for the men's soccer program at the University of South Carolina. Cook joins the Gamecocks after 10 seasons (2007-16) as an assistant coach at Tulsa.

"Justin joins us from the University of Tulsa where he has consistently brought in outstanding recruiting classes and assisted in helping TU put an outstanding team on the field each year," said Berson, "He has an outstanding pedigree as a player at Ohio State, where he was one of only two players in history to earn both Big Ten freshman of the year honors and then Big Ten player of the Year honors as a senior."

Cook most recently served as an assistant coach and the recruiting coordinator for the Golden Hurricane. While with Tulsa, he was a part of eight NCAA Tournament teams, three American Athletic Conference Tournament Championships (2014-16), four C-USA Tournament Championships (2007-09) and three C-USA Regular Season Championships. In their eight NCAA berths with Cook, the Golden Hurricane advanced to the second round four times (2007-08, 10, 15), the third round once (2012) and the NCAA Quarterfinals once (2009). In 2010, the program received a school-best No. 2 national ranking. The program compiled a 117-60-25 (.683 pct) record overall during Cook's time there.

While with Tulsa, Cook recruited three MAC Hermann Trophy candidates, three All-Americans, five academic All-Americans, three C-USA Players of the Year, two C-USA Defensive Players of the Year, 28 all-conference selections and one member of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Men's Soccer Team.

Cook had a highly decorated career as a player as well. He was inducted into the 2015 Ohio State University Athletics Hall of Fame after earning Big Ten All-Conference honors four times. He was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2000 and the Big Ten Player of the Year in 2004. He was selected 51st overall in the 2005 Major League Soccer SuperDraft. Cook is a native of Orlando, Fla. He and his wife Stefanie have two daughters, Piper and Elizabeth.



**Tyler
Kettering**

The Kettering File

Head coach Mark Berson announced on March 27, 2017, the hiring of Tyler Kettering as an assistant coach for the men's soccer program at the University of South Carolina. Kettering joins the Gamecocks after one season as an assistant at Dayton (2016) and seven as associate head coach at Gardner Webb (2009-16).

"Tyler has extensive experience as a player and coach, having competed in the MLS, and the USL as a goalkeeper," said Berson, "As a goalkeeper at Gardner Webb University, he led the nation in saves for two seasons. As associate head coach at Gardner Webb, he was responsible for bringing in outstanding recruiting classes and helping develop the Gardner Webb program."

In his lone season with the Flyers, Kettering helped develop A-10 Defender of the Year L alas Abubakar, who was selected No. 5 overall in the 2017 MLS SuperDraft by the Columbus Crew. A native of Xenia, Ohio, Kettering came to Dayton after seven years as the Associate Head Coach for Gardner-Webb University. In his time at Gardner-Webb, Kettering served as the recruiting coordinator, ran day-to-day team operations, as well as developing and implementing practice sessions and overseeing the goalkeeper training throughout the season.

Kettering played his college soccer at Gardner-Webb as well where he had a standout career as a keeper for the Bulldogs. He led the nation in saves twice (2004, 2006), set school and conference records for career saves (446), and earned Atlantic Sun All-Conference honors twice. He finished second in school history with 15 career shutouts and earned A-Sun All-Freshman Team accolades in 2003.

After college he went on to play one season in the USL for the Wilmington Hammerheads (2006-07) and one season in the MLS for the Chicago Fire (2008-09). Kettering and his wife Ali have three children, Logan, Karis, and Charlie.

2017 Combined Season Statistics

2017 Gamecock Men's Soccer South Carolina Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 27, 2017) All games

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

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Aug 25	UPSTATE	w 2-1	5048

TEAM STATISTICS	SC	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	2-13	1-12
Goals scored per game	2.00	1.00
Shot pct.	.154	.083
Shots on goal-Attempts	5-13	4-12
SOG pct.	.385	.333
Shots/Game	13.0	12.0
CORNER KICKS	6	5
PENALTY KICKS	1-1	0-0
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	1	2
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	5048	0
Dates/Avg Per Date	1/5048	0/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	pk-att
7	MAYR, Luca	1	1	1	3	5	.200	2	.400	1	1-1
11	SOELBERG, Petter	1	1	0	2	2	.500	2	1.000	0	0-0
14	SUKOW, Justin	1	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
23	KULLBY, Keegan	1	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
12	ERICSON, Peyton	1	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
10	MONHEIMER, Tucker	1	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
6	IN 'T Ven, Kay	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
28	MESCHTER, Spencer	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
22	O'BRIEN, Aidan	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
21	CORLEY, Chandler	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
17	GILLIGAN, Benjamin	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
16	B-CHRISTENSSON, Ale	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
13	MORGAN, Matt	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
8	GULDEN, Jared	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
3	WALLANDER-I, Chris	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
2	MYERS, Mitchell	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		1	2	2	6	13	.154	5	.385	1	1-1
Opponents		1	1	1	3	12	.083	4	.333	0	0-0

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
25	PYLE, William	1	90:00	1	1.00	3	.750	1-0-0	0.0
Total		1	90:00	1	1.00	3	.750	1-0-0	0
Opponents		1	90:00	2	2.00	3	.600	0-1-0	0

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	Total
South Carolina	1	1	2
Opponents	1	0	1

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	Total
South Carolina	6	7	13
Opponents	7	5	12

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	Total
South Carolina	0	3	3
Opponents	2	1	3

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	Total
South Carolina	3	3	6
Opponents	3	2	5

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	Total
South Carolina	5	4	9
Opponents	5	10	15

2017 Individual Team Leaders

2017 Gamecock Men's Soccer South Carolina Category Leaders (as of Aug 27, 2017) All games

## Points	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
7 MAYR, Luca	1	1	1	3	5
11 SOELBERG, Petter	1	1	0	2	2
14 SUKOW, Justin	1	0	1	1	0

## Goals	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
11 SOELBERG, Petter	1	1	0	2	2
7 MAYR, Luca	1	1	1	3	5

## Assists	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
14 SUKOW, Justin	1	0	1	1	0
7 MAYR, Luca	1	1	1	3	5

## Shots	GP	G	A	Shots	Shot%
7 MAYR, Luca	1	1	1	5	.200
11 SOELBERG, Petter	1	1	0	2	.500
12 ERICSON, Peyton	1	0	0	2	.000
23 KULLBY, Keegan	1	0	0	2	.000
10 MONHEIMER, Tucker	1	0	0	1	.000
6 IN 'T Ven, Kay	1	0	0	1	.000

## Shots on Goal	GP	G	A	Shots	SOG	SOG%
7 MAYR, Luca	1	1	1	5	2	.400
11 SOELBERG, Petter	1	1	0	2	2	1.000
10 MONHEIMER, Tucker	1	0	0	1	1	1.000

## Game-winning Goals	GP	No.
7 MAYR, Luca	1	1

2017 Individual Season Statistics

2017 Gamecock Men's Soccer South Carolina Overall Individual Statistics (as of Aug 27, 2017) All games

Overall: 1-0-0 Conf: 0-0-0 Home: 1-0-0 Away: 0-0-0 Neut: 0-0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gwg	pk-att
7	MAYR, Luca	1-1	78	1	1	3	5	.200	2	.400	1	1-1
11	SOELBERG, Petter	1-1	86	1	0	2	2	.500	2	1.000	0	0-0
14	SUKOW, Justin	1-1	59	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
23	KULLBY, Keegan	1-1	50	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
12	ERICSON, Peyton	1-1	90	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
10	MONHEIMER, Tucker	1-0	30	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
6	IN 'T Ven, Kay	1-0	32	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
28	MESCHTER, Spencer	1-1	46	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
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Team saves: 0

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Attendance Summary	SC	Opponent
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**2017 Gamecock Men's Soccer
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