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SOUTH CAROLINA
GAMECOCKS



ANNUAL REPORT



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AWARDS

GAMECOCK GALA WINNERS



SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award Finalist:
Whitney Avers



SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award Finalist:
LB Dantzler



SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award Finalist:
Breanna Radford



SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award Finalist:
Patrick Sullivan



New Student-Athlete of the Year:
Kayla Lampe



New Student-Athlete of the Year:
Michael Carrera



Scholar-Athlete of the Year:
Kimberly McCormack



Scholar-Athlete of the Year:
Robert Razick



Community Outreach Team of the Year:
Softball



Female Athletes of the Year:
Jeannelle Scheper / Jeasia Walker



Ernest Brooks Male Athlete of the Year:
Jadeveon Clowney



The Gamecock Inspiration Award:
Marcus Lattimore



The Garnet Award:
Mr. Doyle McBride



The President's Award:
Breanna Radford

TEAM MVPs



Women's Basketball:
Ieasia Walker



Men's Basketball:
Michael Carrera



Equestrian:
Amber Henter



Football:
Marcus Lattimore



Women's Golf:
Sarah Schmelzel



Men's Golf:
Dykes Harbin



Women's Soccer:
Taylor Leach



Men's Soccer:
Mike Mangotic



Softball:
Samie Garcia



Women's Swimming and Diving:
Amanda Rutqvist



Men's Swimming and Diving:
Michael Flach



Women's Tennis:
Katie Popova



Men's Tennis:
Thiago Pinheiro



**Women's Indoor/Outdoor
Track and Field:**
Jeannelle Scheper



Men's Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field:
Jarrod Hutchen



Cross Country:
Kayla Lampe



Volleyball:
Juliette Thévenin

BASEBALL

Overall Record: 43-20

Conference Record: 17-12

Gamecocks advanced to their
11th NCAA Super Regional in
the past 14 seasons



HIGHLIGHTS

USC has been to more Super Regionals since 2000 than any other SEC school

South Carolina is one of five teams that has appeared in the NCAA Regional every year since 2000.

Defeated Clemson 2 of 3 games

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

LB Dantzler

Capital One NCAA Division I Baseball
Academic All-American of the Year
3rd-team All-America by Baseball America

Grayson Greiner

Named to the 2013 USA Baseball Collegiate
National Team
2nd-Team All-SEC

Max Schrock

2nd-team Freshman All-America by
Baseball America
2nd-team Freshman All-America by NCBWA

Patrick Sullivan

SEC Community Service Team

Tyler Webb

2nd-Team All-SEC
3rd-team All-America by Collegiate Baseball

Jack Wynkoop

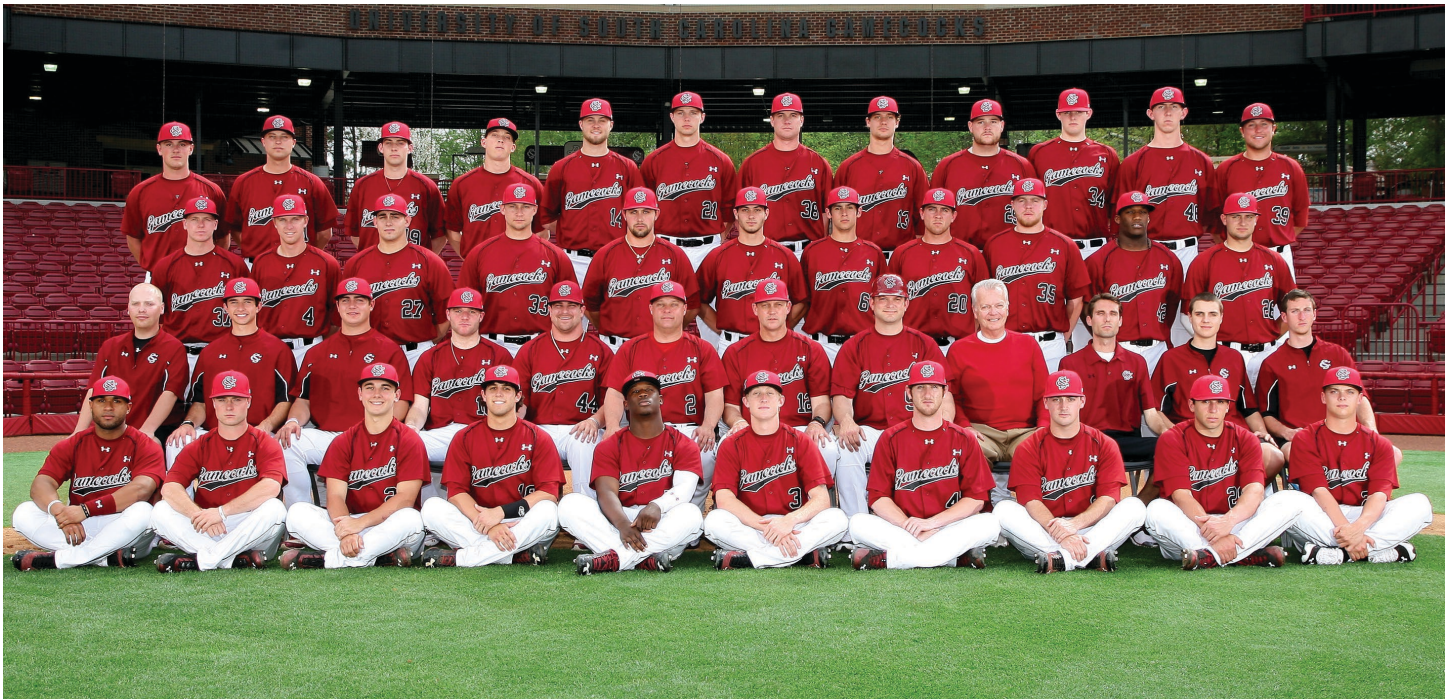
SEC All-Freshman Team
3rd-team Freshman All-America by
Collegiate Baseball
Two-time SEC Freshman of the Week

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Chad Holbrook
Associate Head Coach: Jerry Meyers
Assistant Coach: Sammy Esposito
Volunteer Coach: Brian Buscher
Director of Operations: Kyle Lipsey
Administrative Assistant: Katherine Brown
Strength and Conditioning: Billy Anderson
Athletic Trainer: Brainard Cooper
Academic Advisor: Steve Bondurant
Media Relations Contact: Andrew Kitick



**TANNER
ENGLISH**



Gamecock Baseball Team Photo

Spotlight: LB Dantzler

A two-year-old memory still makes LB Dantzler laugh nervously. Back then, neither the future USC infielder nor his father was amused.

It happened during his sophomore season at State College of Florida, where the Winter Haven, Fla., native was concluding his junior college career. Dantzler, who grew up a Florida fan (his father, Brad, played baseball for the Gators) and dreamed of playing in the SEC, was grudgingly considering small-college offers when his dad called in a panic.

“He said, ‘LB (short for Little Brad), why have you not been returning (then-USC assistant) coach (Chad) Holbrook’s calls?’” Dantzler said, chuckling. “I told him, ‘Dad, I promise you, I’d return USC’s calls if I’d got any.’”

So a wrong number in the future USC head coach’s cell phone might’ve kept him from signing a player who anchored his team’s lineup the past two seasons. Dantzler is glad it all worked out, and so are the Gamecocks.

He wasn’t always so sure. Sitting at Carolina Stadium with his father during his 2011 recruitment, Dantzler wondered, “Oh my gosh, how am I going to be able to play here?”

Answer: very well. In 2012, he was the Gamecocks’ most dangerous hitter (10 home runs, 48 RBI) while playing third base. This spring, playing first, Dantzler led the Gamecocks in regular-season hitting (.322) and

was second in the SEC with 15 homers along with 53 RBI, earning him a spot on the Golden Spikes Award Watch List.

Not bad for a player who “couldn’t have handled this (USC) atmosphere” out of high school, and maybe not after his first year of JUCO. That fall, then-assistant USC coach Mark Calvi had visited a doubleheader scrimmage, where Dantzler was 4-for-6 and 5-for-8. “(Calvi) said, ‘We’ll be in touch next year,’” he said. “Fortunately, they didn’t come back that spring; I had a terrible (season).”

Once he and USC connected, though, a Gamecock football game vs. Arkansas sold Dantzler. “I watched them receive their (CWS) rings and thought, ‘This is where I want to be,’” he said. Soon after committing, Dantzler was playing for the summer-league Laconia (N.H.) Muskrats and following USC’s second championship run on Twitter. “I’d get updates like ‘Wingo just made a diving play’ and think, Wow, they’re going to do it again,” Dantzler said.

His own career “wow” came in 2012, USC en route to its third CWS appearance. It was during the second game of the NCAA Super Regional vs. Oklahoma, and Dantzler says he was more spectator than star.

“Joey (Pankake) made a backhand play in the ninth inning, threw off-balance, no way is he going to get (the Sooners’ runner) out, but

“I thought, ‘Man, it’s really going to happen; we’re going to go to Omaha.’”

– LB Dantzler

he did,” Dantzler said. “I remember looking at Joey (and) we both kind of smiled, sort of like ‘How’d you do that?’”

“I thought, ‘Man, it’s really going to happen; we’re going to go to Omaha.’ To this day, that’s the most excited I’ve ever been on a baseball field.”

Years from now, Dantzler will revisit those memories. “I grew up going to Florida games with my dad, and to me, it’ll be special to bring my own kids back here,” he said. “They’re going to grow up Gamecock fans. That’s one of the reasons I wanted to go somewhere like this.” Once he got the call, that is.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Overall Record: 14-18

Conference Record: 4-14

2nd largest total win improvement in the SEC from 2011-12 to 2012-13



HIGHLIGHTS

Coach Martin served as assistant coach for USA team at World University Games

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Michael Carrera

Coaches Freshman All-SEC
SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 12)

Mindaugas Kacinas

SEC Freshman of the Week (Dec. 31)

Brenton Williams

Set a school SEC record with 38 points versus Miss. State

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Frank Martin
Associate Head Coach: Brad Underwood
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Matt Figger
Assistant Coach: Lamont Evans
Director of Operations: Andy Assaley
Strength and Conditioning Coach: Scott Greenawalt
Athletic Trainer: Mark Rodger
Video Coordinator: Dylan Lockwood
Graduate Student Manager/Student-Athlete Development: Doug Edwards
Graduate Student Manager: Darren Kent
Equipment Manager: Mac Credille
Academic Advisor: Al Daniel
Executive Assistant to Head Coach/
Coordinator of Public Relations: Holly Moring
Administrative Assistant: Susan Hook
Media Relations Contact: Emily Feeny



**LAKEEM
JACKSON**



Gamecocks Men's Basketball Team Photo

Spotlight: Lakeem Jackson

It would've been easy, as his basketball career at USC wound down, for Lakeem Jackson to shake his head in dismay or disgust, to quietly welcome the end of four turbulent years. Jackson did none of those things.

Instead, on the eve of the Gamecocks' final home game of a disappointing senior season, the Charlotte native had one goal in mind: "I want to get a win and go out on a winning note at home," he said then. Then he and his teammates did that, defeating Mississippi State 79-72, Jackson accounting for nine points and hustle in the paint.

"I wish we had played every game like that," he said, looking back. "But that last game, I wanted us all to come out and play well. There was no shame to it."

Despite three losing seasons – and a change in coaches, with Jackson serving as a stalwart in Frank Martin's 14-18 debut – the 6-foot-5 small forward views his career as a hard-fought but rewarding journey to manhood. "I learned a lot," he said. "It matured me. It was definitely a hard four years, but you had to fight through it."

As one of two seniors (with walk-on Shane Phillips), he believes he helped Martin

transition to what will become a return to basketball success for the Gamecocks. That makes the travails less painful.

"Anytime you get a new coach, it's something different," Jackson said. "I liked the way (Martin) coached us, his philosophy of the game. I look for them to do special things. The recruits they brought in, it's looking bright. I can't wait to check up on them."

Jackson was the first recruit for Darrin Horn, coming to USC because of his relationship with then-assistant coach Scott Cherry. He said he was "shocked" when Cherry departed before his freshman season to become head coach at High Point, but "he said they'd take care of me, and I was glad he got a head coaching job."

That first season, Jackson experienced what would remain the highlight of his four seasons: a win over No. 1 Kentucky. "That was so loud, so much fun, one of the best games I've ever been part of," he said. "That will always be my main game."

He paused. "Then guys got hurt," he said. That included Jackson, whose sophomore season was hampered by a left foot injury. He rebounded slowly his junior year, but as a

"This game has opened a lot of doors for me, and I met a lot of great people playing the game, so I'll never lose my love for the game."

– Lakeem Jackson

senior started 30 of 32 games, averaging 7.5 points and 5.9 rebounds, doing the inside dirty work of a taller man.

Jackson graduates in December and plans to use his retail management degree, but "that's down the road," he said. First he hopes for a shot at professional basketball, perhaps in Europe. "I'm waiting on the call."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Overall Record: 25-8
Conference Record: 11-5
2nd straight 25-win season
and NCAA Tournament
appearance



HIGHLIGHTS

Gamecocks' 23 regular-season wins tied a school record (1979-80)
Opened season 10-0 for the first time since 1981-82
Season winning percentage of .758 is 4th best in school history and 2nd highest in SEC era
The 11 SEC regular-season wins set a school record
Carolina has been ranked in 20 of the last 30 AP polls
Gamecocks peaked at No. 14 in the AP poll on Feb. 24, the highest ranking since Jan. 13, 2003 (also 14th)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Ashley Bruner

2nd-team Coaches All-SEC

Tiffany Mitchell

SEC Coaches All-Freshman Team

Ieasia Walker

SEC Defensive Player of the Year
(1st Gamecock to accomplish feat)

1st-team Coaches All-SEC

2nd-team Associated Press All-SEC

Led SEC in steals per league game

Aleighsa Welch

2nd-team Coaches All-SEC

Honorable Mention Associated Press All-SEC

Led SEC in offensive rebounds per game

COACHING MILESTONES

Dawn Staley

Will be inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame on September 6, 2013

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Dawn Staley

Associate Head Coach: Lisa Boyer

Assistant Coach: Nikki McCray

Assistant Coach: Darius Taylor

Director of Operations: Cynthia Jordan

Director of Player Development: Freddy Ready

Athletic Trainer: Paul Murata

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Jon Vaden

Academic Advisor: Lynn Smith

Video Coordinator: Hudson Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Dianne Palmer

Head Manager: Brittany Young

Media Relations Contact: Diana Koval



**IEASIA
WALKER**



Gamecock Women's Basketball Team Photo

Spotlight: leasia Walker

If the definition of a leader is doing whatever a team needs, leasia Walker was filling that role for South Carolina's women's basketball team even before she realized it.

Coach Dawn Staley called on the New York native, the linchpin of her first recruiting class, to concentrate on defense as a freshman, scoring as a sophomore and distributing the ball her junior season. As a senior, "it was a combination of all those, plus leading with all the freshmen we had," Walker said. "I think she had a lot of confidence in me to do that each year (and) I embraced it. I like to be a dynamic person."

That trait showed in the results. The Gamecocks won 25 games in each of her final two seasons, advancing to the NCAA Sweet 16 and the second round, respectively. Walker as a senior was named second-team All-SEC and the conference's Defensive Player of the Year by the coaches while averaging 9.8 points, 3.3 assists and 2.7 steals for Staley's defensive-minded squad.

Walker knew early she wanted to play for Staley, who in turn had singled her out as a foundation block for USC. "She was recruiting me when I was in middle school; we

already had a relationship," Walker said. She considered playing for Staley at Temple "even though they weren't in a tough conference, (but) when Coach made the move to South Carolina and the SEC, I said, 'All right, I think I'll come here.'"

Walker admits there were stormy times in their relationship. "Coach Staley, she's tough," she said. "She puts a lot of pressure on her point guards" – the position the coach played – "and we had disagreements, arguments. But we were pretty honest with each other the whole time. Now, we talk about more than just basketball, and she's helped me transition to (what she'll be doing) later in life."

Walker hopes to play professional basketball, but regardless, she says her four years at USC matured her. "I learned to work hard all the time," she said, "to balance school and athletics, to be a leader for my team, take on responsibilities."

A business major, Walker once dreaded doing group presentations. "I used to hate public speaking," she said, laughing. "But this year, I aced those. I'm so much more confident now, and it's a great feeling."

Spoken like a true leader.

"Coach Staley, she's tough ... we had disagreements, arguments. But we were pretty honest with each other the whole time. Now, we talk about more than just basketball, and she's helped me transition to (what I'll be doing) later in life."

– leasia Walker

CROSS COUNTRY

Conference Finish: 9th at SEC
Championships
10th at NCAA Southeast
Regionals



HIGHLIGHTS

Won Gamecock Invitational
10th place NCAA Southeast Regional finish
highest for team since 1994
Team GPA of 3.743 was second highest in the
nation

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Kayla Lampe
2nd-Team All-SEC
Freshman All-SEC
USTFCCA All-Southeast Region

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Stan Rosenthal
Strength Coach: Billy Anderson
Athletic Trainer: Scott Gardner
Academic Advisor: Maulies Pettaway
Media Relations Contact: Justin Holt



**KAYLA
LAMPE**



Gamecock Cross Country Team Photo

Spotlight: Megan Rother

As scholars, Megan Rother and the USC cross country team are all-stars. A Woodrow Scholar, Rother, along with her teammates, posted the nation's second-highest grade point average.

Rother says getting to compete against world-class competition trumped any athletic bests she had at Carolina. Thus, the highlight of her four years in Columbia came her junior year when she earned a trip to the NCAA Southeast Regional in Louisville, Ky.

"As a walk-on, I never thought I'd get an opportunity to run, let alone in the (Southeastern Conference Championship)," she said. "That was awesome, but to get to the regional, to see the talent level ...

"It hits you, and you think, 'Wow, I'm a part of this.' I was nervous, and (coach Stan Rosenthal) said, 'You know what? Go out and finish with what you have.'" She laughed. "I don't even remember where I finished – but I finished."

It's an experience the Pennsylvania native would've missed if not for a Punxsutawney Phil-like desire to escape cold weather. Rother starred in field hockey, playing seven years for the East Coast National Field Hockey traveling team. "It was a huge part of my life, and

I loved it," she said. "I didn't even run cross country until my senior year."

But when it came to college, "I knew I wanted to be down South, and field hockey pretty much stopped at Virginia." She considered Elon and North Carolina-Wilmington, but after visiting USC, "Everything else didn't compare." Rosenthal called to offer her a spot, if not a scholarship, and "Right at that moment, I said, 'I'm in.'"

Rother missed team sports, but not the experience. "You come here and everyone has the same goals, to be the best you can," she said. "You get the team aspect when we run together seven miles and you have someone pushing you the whole time."

What Rother said she'll take from her time at USC is "the friendships I've made. These four years have been nothing less than perfect; ups and downs, but every up I had trumped every bad thing."

The biology major plans to attend dental school, and Rother credits USC's athletics department for much of her academic stardom. "It's been a blessing with all the resources they offer," she said. "I'd come home crying with organic chemistry, and I had a free tutor.

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– Megan Rother

"(USC) does everything to make your experience here the best that it can be academically and athletically. Given the opportunity, I would do it all over again." Just like Groundhog Day.

EQUESTRIAN

Overall Record: 11-8
Conference Record: 6-2
2013 Southeastern Conference
Champions



**AUDREY
JEWELL**

HIGHLIGHTS

Claimed inaugural SEC Championship
Defeated No. 1 Georgia and No. 2 Auburn to claim
conference title
Ranked No. 1 in the NCEA Coaches Poll twice

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Boo Major

SEC Coach of the Year

Sarah Bouchard

SEC All-Freshman Team

Alison Ceresani

SEC Equestrian Community Service Team
NCEA Academic First Team

Sam Chiodo

Honorable Mention NCEA All-America
NCEA Academic First Team

Amber Henter

All-SEC Team
Honorable Mention NCEA All-America

Audrey Jewell

All-SEC Team

Katie Kopf

NCEA Academic First Team

Johnna Letchworth

All-SEC Team
SEC Horsemanship Rider of the Year
2nd Team NCEA All-America

Kimberly McCormack

SEC Equestrian Scholar-Athlete of the Year
SEC Equitation Over Fences Rider of the Year
Honorable Mention NCEA All-America
NCEA Academic First Team
NCEA Elite Equestrian Student-Athlete of the Year
Female-Scholar Athlete of the Year

Emily Reynolds

SEC All-Freshman Team

Katherine Schmidt

All-SEC Team
Honorable Mention NCEA All-America
NCEA Academic First Team

Samantha Smith

All-SEC Team
SEC All-Freshman Team
SEC Freshman Equitation Over Fences Rider of the Year

Kelsey Urban

SEC All-Freshman Team
SEC Co-Freshman Horsemanship Rider of the year

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Boo Major
Associate Head Coach: Ruth Sorrel
Assistant Coach: Carol Gwin
Barn Manager: Andrea Tito
Administrative Assistant: Kacey Friedman
Strength Coach: Rees Grant
Athletic Trainer: Ashley Clapgood
Academic Advisor: Rob Campbell
Media Relations Contact: Cory Burkarth



Gamecock Equestrian Team Photo

Spotlight: Audrey Jewell

Years from now, Audrey Jewell can say something no other athlete can. If it's a major accomplishment to win a Southeastern Conference championship, it's something else to know you were part of the first-ever SEC equestrian champions.

"I was joking with the other girls (on her team), 'Man, it's going to be so cool when we're old to say we were the first,' she said. "We wanted to win nationals, but it's about the SEC. We might not have won that other ring (the Gamecocks placed third overall at nationals), but we won the most important."

Jewell also will remember that it was her point in the SEC Championship finals vs. No. 2-ranked Auburn that gave the Gamecocks their winning 10-8 margin. The fact it came vs. Auburn just makes it sweeter.

"Before with (matches vs.) Auburn, it was always a tie," the Conyers, Ga., native said. "I hated that. I told my teammates, 'We're not going to let it be a tie this year.'

"To be able to hold off my opponent and win the point – it was all very surreal."

Coach Boo Major's teams have had success since the sport was introduced at USC. Still, this season – two wins over then-No. 1 Georgia, including the championship opener, and being ranked No. 1 longer than any team in 2012-13 – was the stuff lifelong memories are made of.

As Jewell says, that's been her story from the start at USC.

The daughter of a horse trainer ("I grew up 50 feet from horses my entire life"), she lived on a farm and helped train the animals from an early age. Her necessary versatility in reining and Western competition made Jewell a recruiting target for the Gamecocks – such as recruiting was then, she said.

Jewell says she sent equestrian videos to USC, Georgia and Auburn; a theater major, "I also put a skit in there," she said. Only Major showed interest, "and I'm thankful for that. I didn't think I had a shot, wouldn't have gone to college if they hadn't given me the opportunity."

Even then, doing so was daunting, she said. "I came from a small high school, just 90 (in her graduating class), and I was the only one going out of state. I was so scared. But I automatically had 40 friends" – her teammates – "when I got to Carolina."

Given her recruitment, it's no wonder Jewell enjoyed winning vs. Georgia and Auburn. A highlight came her sophomore year, in a match against the Bulldogs, a team she and her teammates had not beaten. "It came down to the last rider – me – and I had to beat a (score of) 73.5," she said. When she nailed a 75.5, bedlam broke out.

"Whatever I do after this, being an athlete has helped me in my work ethic."

– Audrey Jewell

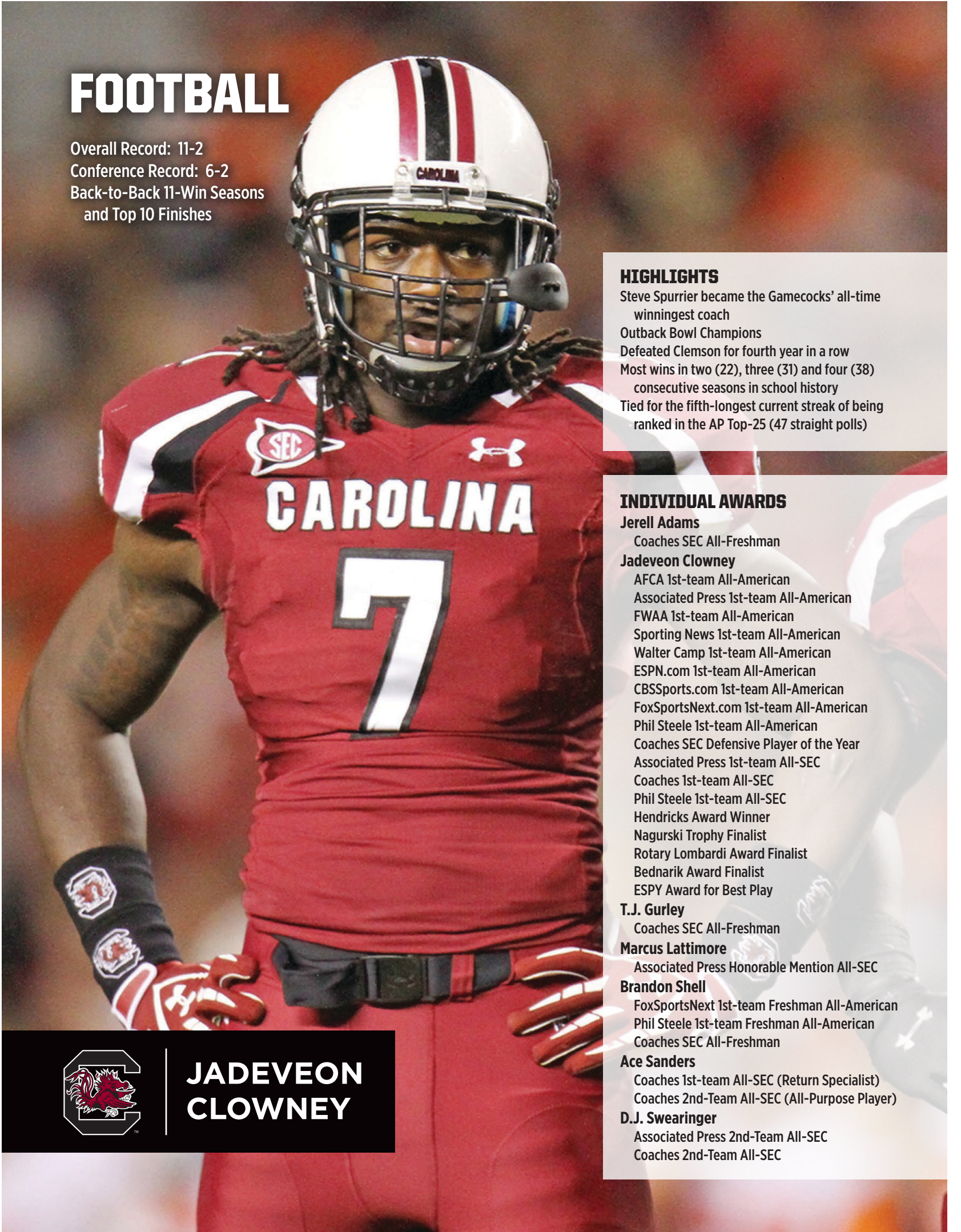
"The team rushed the arena, which was muddy from rain," Jewell said. "My family was there, and my dog (a standard poodle named Moo Moo) was out in front of everyone." She laughed. "(It was) an all-out amazing day."

Jewell now hopes for a career in theater; if it happens, her equestrian experience will have played a part. "Being on the team helped me be more outgoing, taught me to work for what I want, to manage my time," she said. "Whatever I do after this, being an athlete has helped me in my work ethic."

It's a work ethic that produced something never done before. Others might duplicate an SEC title; Jewell knows none will ever equal it.

FOOTBALL

Overall Record: 11-2
Conference Record: 6-2
Back-to-Back 11-Win Seasons
and Top 10 Finishes



HIGHLIGHTS

Steve Spurrier became the Gamecocks' all-time winningest coach
Outback Bowl Champions
Defeated Clemson for fourth year in a row
Most wins in two (22), three (31) and four (38) consecutive seasons in school history
Tied for the fifth-longest current streak of being ranked in the AP Top-25 (47 straight polls)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Jerell Adams

Coaches SEC All-Freshman

Jadeveon Clowney

AFCA 1st-team All-American
Associated Press 1st-team All-American
FWAA 1st-team All-American
Sporting News 1st-team All-American
Walter Camp 1st-team All-American
ESPN.com 1st-team All-American
CBSSports.com 1st-team All-American
FoxSportsNext.com 1st-team All-American
Phil Steele 1st-team All-American
Coaches SEC Defensive Player of the Year
Associated Press 1st-team All-SEC
Coaches 1st-team All-SEC
Phil Steele 1st-team All-SEC
Hendricks Award Winner
Nagurski Trophy Finalist
Rotary Lombardi Award Finalist
Bednarik Award Finalist
ESPY Award for Best Play

T.J. Gurley

Coaches SEC All-Freshman

Marcus Lattimore

Associated Press Honorable Mention All-SEC

Brandon Shell

FoxSportsNext 1st-team Freshman All-American
Phil Steele 1st-team Freshman All-American
Coaches SEC All-Freshman

Ace Sanders

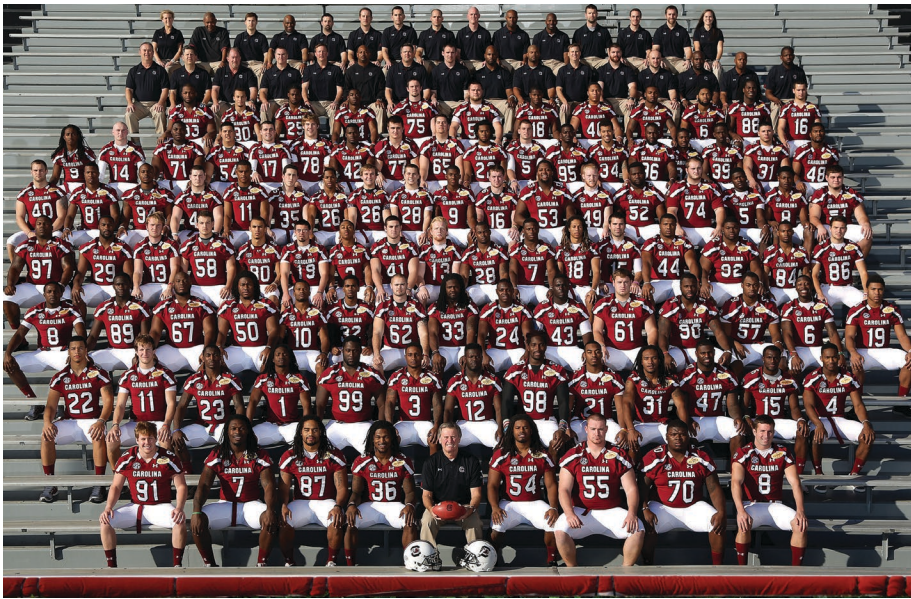
Coaches 1st-team All-SEC (Return Specialist)
Coaches 2nd-Team All-SEC (All-Purpose Player)

D.J. Swearinger

Associated Press 2nd-Team All-SEC
Coaches 2nd-Team All-SEC



**JADEVEON
CLOWNEY**



Gamecock Football Team Photo

Spotlight: Walker Inabinet

If not for a dinner out in Columbia, Walker Inabinet never would have worn a USC football uniform – something school officials believe he did more than any other player in Gamecocks history.

In December 2007, Inabinet was dining with his family at Devine Foods, talking about his recently concluded senior season at Columbia's Hammond School. Seated nearby was Jamie Speronis, USC Associate AD of football operations, who overheard the conversation.

"He said, 'You're a long snapper?'" Inabinet recalls. "(Speronis) said, 'Send in your film and come see us. We might have a spot for you.'" That July, the 5-foot-10, 205-pound freshman took part in off-season workouts, the beginning of his five-year (2008-12), 66-game string of dressing out for the Gamecocks.

Few know of his obscure record, but then as Inabinet says, with snappers, "nobody knows who you are unless you mess up." During his four seasons, the final two as full-time starter, he enjoyed a pleasant anonymity.

Inabinet, whose first collegiate snap came vs. S.C. State in 2009, recalls one poor one, which didn't cost the Gamecocks. Mostly, he was as reliable as a Swiss watch, the result of 200 snaps a day during the summer, 300 a week during in-season practices. "I wanted to

be perfect," he says. "Coach (Steve) Spurrier teaches perfection, and I try to do that now in business (he works for Merrill Lynch)."

His timing also was flawless: the Gamecocks were 22-4 his two final seasons. "I'll always remember the Outback Bowl, the way it ended (a comeback win over Michigan) in my last game," Inabinet says. "I feel like 2009 was the year we turned the corner, especially (beating No. 4) Ole Miss. That put us on the map, propelled us to doing bigger things."

Equally important, Inabinet says, was "waking up at 5 a.m. for winter workouts; we'd be going out to run, 25 degrees, and we're passing (students) just coming back from Five Points. The bond you have with teammates, you can't have that unless you've gone through (hard times).

"Football isn't just a game. It taught me how to live my life."

His anonymity took a hit this spring when Inabinet was one of four USC seniors named to the 2013 Hampshire Honor Society. That, and memories he'll take with him, more than make up for the fact few realized he played.

"It was a great experience, and it carries on when you're finished playing," he says. "All your buddies from the past five years, if you need them, they'd be there in a heartbeat." They all know who Inabinet is.

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Steve Spurrier
 Defensive Coordinator: Lorenzo Ward
 Running Game Coordinator/
 Offensive Line: Shawn Elliott
 Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers/
 Recruiting Coordinator: Steve Spurrier, Jr.
 Linebackers/Spurs: Kirk Botkin
 Secondary/Assistant Special Teams:
 Grady Brown
 Defensive Line: Brad Lawing
 Quarterbacks: G.A. Mangus
 Special Teams/Tight Ends: Joe Robinson
 Running Backs: Everette Sands
 Director of Strength and Conditioning:
 Joe Connolly
 Assistant Strength Coaches: Dan Austin,
 Aurmon Satchell, Mike Sirignano
 Head Football Athletic Trainer: Clint Haggard
 Assistant Trainers: Nathan Peck, Rachel Sharpe
 Associate AD/Football Operations: Jamie
 Speronis
 Director of Football Development:
 Andre Goodman
 Director of High School Relations: Robbie Liles
 Equipment Manager: Chris Matlock
 Assistant Equipment Managers: Jake Corbett,
 Joe Sumter
 Administrative Coordinator for Recruiting:
 Patrick Shine
 Administrative Assistant/Head Coach:
 Rita Boykin
 Administrative Assistant/Offense: Kim Fields
 Administrative Assistant/Defense: Vickie
 Simpkins
 Academic Advisors: Maria Hickman,
 Katie Ethridge, Paul Stoltzfus
 Assistant AD/Media Relations Director:
 Steve Fink

"Football isn't just a game. It taught me how to live my life."

– Walker Inabinet

MEN'S GOLF

Overall Record: 124-62-5
Conference Record: 2nd at
SEC Championship



HIGHLIGHTS

First place at Wendy's Kiawah Classic, which was first tournament win since 2009
Second place at four tournaments, including the SEC Championship and the NCAA Regional

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Dykes Harbin

2nd-team All-SEC
PING All-Southeast Region
Medalist at AutoTrader.com Collegiate Classic

Matt NeSmith

Co-SEC Freshman of the Year
SEC All-Freshman Team
PING Honorable Mention All-American
PING All-Southeast Region

Caleb Sturgeon

Medalist at Wendy's Kiawah Classic
SEC Community Service Team

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Bill McDonald
Assistant Coaches: Don Hill
Director of Golf: Puggy Blackmon
Administrative Assistant: Marci Saltzman
Strength Coach: Billy Anderson
Athletic Trainer: Stephanie Rosehart
Academic Advisor: Al Daniel
Media Relations Contact: Justin Holt



**CALEB
STURGEON**



Gamecock Men's Golf Team Photo

Spotlight: Dykes Harbin

The highlight of Dykes Harbin's Gamecocks golf career came at the AutoTrader.com tournament in Duluth, Ga., in 2012. Not just because he won, tying his personal best score (66) in the first round – but for what came after.

"Dykes won but the team played poorly the final day (tying for seventh)," USC coach Bill McDonald says. "Waiting for the last group to finish, (sophomore) Caleb Sturgeon asked Dykes for a chipping lesson right there.

"The next week, Caleb won the (Kiawah Wendy's Classic) individual title and was 100 percent" on saving par via chipping – "and the team won, too."

"When I won I was happy, but it was bittersweet," Harbin says. "The next outing, I didn't play my best (17th), but I'd rather win as a team."

McDonald expected that attitude in 2012-13 from his co-captain, who won the South-eastern Amateur the previous summer. When Harbin arrived from Augusta in 2009, though, "he was out of his league, had poor practice habits," McDonald says. "But as a sophomore, he bought into doing the little things to get better."

Harbin's first year, "I didn't play much, but I learned a lot from the older guys," he says. His final season was his best as he led the Gamecocks in three of four fall events, tying for second individual at the USF Invitational in Tampa, Fla., where USC posted its fourth straight top-three finish.

The Gamecocks failed to reach the NCAA Championship in Harbin's first three seasons. "The last two, we were lacking (team) leadership," he says. "This year, our team chemistry was really good. I think the future is bright."

He views his 66 in Duluth as an indicator of growth. He shot a 66 during junior golf but "I didn't finish well (fifth) after the hot start," he says. "When you get the lead, you have to stay aggressive and focused. You put yourself in that position again, and you want to win."

Harbin believes those lessons will follow him into a professional golf career. "I've learned so much here," he says, "and I've loved every minute of it. I love our fans, all so passionate about Carolina. I love being a Gamecock – it's a great thing."

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– Dykes Harbin

WOMEN'S GOLF

Overall Record: 80-114-1
Conference Record:
3rd at SEC Championship



HIGHLIGHTS

Gamecocks finished third at the SEC Championships, the highest finish since winning the event in 2002
Finished in the top 20 at the NCAA Championships for the fourth straight season

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Chelsey Couch

WGCA All-American Scholar

Justine Dreher

WGCA All-American Scholar

Sarah Schmelzel

SEC All-Freshman Team

SEC Freshman of the Week

Meredith Swanson

SEC Community Service Team

Samantha Swinehart

WGCA All-American Scholar

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Kalen Harris

Assistant Coach/Director of Golf: Puggy Blackmon

Administrative Assistant: Marci Saltzman

Strength Coach: Billy Anderson

Athletic Trainer: Stephanie Rosehart

Academic Advisor: Al Daniel

Media Relations Contact: Justin Holt



**JUSTINE
DREHER**



Gamecock Women's Golf Team Photo

Spotlight: Meredith Swanson

In Meredith Swanson's four years with the South Carolina women's golf team, the Gamecocks followed a consistent pattern: struggling early each season before kicking into overdrive to reach the NCAA Championship field.

Very much, in other words, like Swanson's career.

A role player her first two seasons, the Virginia native became a regular as a junior, playing in all 11 tournaments as USC won the NCAA East Regional and finished fifth at the NCAA Championship, its best finish ever. As a senior, Swanson struggled early but was in the starting lineup as the Gamecocks finished third at the SEC Championship and fourth at the NCAA West Regional.

"Coach (Kalen Harris) says we've always been a postseason team, and that's come true" in 2013, Swanson said. "I struggled a little bit at the beginning of the year, getting back in the groove of school and golf, but my game came around" at season's end.

In fact, Swanson tied for 18th at 5-over par in the West Regional, and her second-day, 1-under par 70 was USC's best score of the regional. That erased any disappointment with her slow start.

"Golf is definitely an individual sport that they try to make into a team sport," Swanson said. "Still, that's been my personal high point: Just being there for my team, being able to step up from a not-very-good fall, working my butt off and being in the lineup at the end."

It was an ending she didn't see coming four years earlier. Recruited by Kristi Coggins, Swanson learned just days before her freshman year that Coggins was stepping down.

"She said, 'I'm really sorry, but I'm resigning and leaving, but they've got a great girl coming in. You're going to love Kalen,'" Swanson recalled. "I got upset, started crying, thinking, 'Oh, this is going to be horrible.' But honestly, it worked out for the best.

"I think Kalen pushed me, which is something I don't know if Kristi would've done. Kalen is a lot more structured, and I needed that whether I liked it or not."

Swanson says that all helped her become a senior leader. "I reached out to the freshmen, and I didn't have that when I came here," she said. "Those seniors were kind of 'Do your own thing,' and I hated that feeling. I wanted to make sure when I was a senior, I didn't do that."

She departs with memories of "van rides, all the things we created as a team, hanging out, being there for each other, pushing each other. It was like a big family, seven of us there to help each other."

Swanson wants to try professional golf – if not, her finance major will allow her to follow the career of her father, a financial advisor for Wells Fargo – and that, she says, has also been a surprise. "I didn't want to do that for a long time; I didn't really like golf, but I've grown to like it."

As with each season at USC, that's another late-blooming success for Swanson. "I really enjoyed my time here," she said. "I would do it all over again."

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– Meredith Swanson

MEN'S SOCCER

Overall Record: 5-11-2
Conference Record: 2-5-1
Conference USA Sport Academic
Award (highest team GPA)



HIGHLIGHTS

Registered wins over #2 South Florida and #25 Kentucky
Defeated Clemson for fifth time in last six seasons
Team GPA of 3.46 was sixth highest in the nation

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Bradlee Baladez

NSCAA All-South 3rd-Team
Conference USA 2nd-Team

Mike Mangotic

Conference USA 3rd-Team

Kevin Stam

Conference USA All-Academic Team

Braeden Troyer

Conference USA 2nd-Team
Conference USA All-Academic Team
Capital One Academic All-District 1st-Team

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Mark Berson
Assistant Coaches: Spencer Lewis, Joey Worthen
Administrative Assistant: Allison Orvin
Strength Coach: Dan Austin
Athletic Trainer: Brainard Cooper
Academic Advisor: Steve Bondurant
Media Relations Contact: Emily Feeney



**BRADLEE
BALADEZ**



Gamecock Men's Soccer Team Photo

Spotlight: Bradlee Baladez

The weekend before USC's men's soccer team took December 2012 final exams, Bradlee Baladez was aboard a plane bound for home in Mesquite, Texas, near Dallas. That ultimately meant the end of his Gamecocks career, but there really was no choice.

No way could Baladez not be at home when his sister, Carlee, 14, underwent her second heart transplant. And doing so convinced him it was time to get on to the next stage of his life.

Today, Baladez is a member of Major League Soccer's FC Dallas as one of its Home-Grown Players (HGP). Carlee and his parents, Ruby Berthelette and Lupe Baladez, are happy to have him close by again. He made his pro debut on July 20, 2013.

"When (Carlee) was listed and waiting for her new heart, it was a very stressful time for me," Baladez said. "I was extremely busy with school, and with everything going on with my sister, it was very difficult sometimes to focus on my studies.

"I knew I needed to be by my family's side. My sister received her heart transplant from a gracious donor on Dec. 1, and its doing well thus far."

So is Baladez, who said, "I needed to come back home. I missed my family and my sister. I felt I wanted to do that for them." It also didn't hurt that playing professional soccer is "every player's dream," and that FC

Dallas is "a good fit," he said.

"Sometimes you think things could've worked out differently. But I have no regrets."

No regrets, either, about his three seasons with USC coach Mark Berson, a time Baladez calls crucial to his development as a player and a person. He started 59 games with 17 goals and eight assists, and was All-Conference USA and NSCAA All-South.

Still, it almost didn't happen. Education was not his priority after high school. "I wanted to turn pro more than anything," he said. But when that option and other colleges fell through, Berson convinced Baladez to come to Columbia.

"I did my research, and (Berson) has been at USC a long time" producing a number of professional players. "I have the utmost respect for coach Berson. I appreciate all he did for me, and I will never forget my time as a Gamecock."

FC Dallas coach Schellas Hyndman is reaping the results. "Bradlee has matured in his three seasons at South Carolina," he said. "I feel he will fight and compete for playing time with us."

Baladez's best moment at USC came as a freshman when the Gamecocks beat Duke 1-0 on his overtime goal to reach the NCAA Sweet 16. "I got a pass on the right side from (teammate) J.P. Rafferty, as I saw the pass being made, I attacked the ball with pace and slotted it home" – the game-winner – "from about six (yards) out," he said, savoring the memory.

"My three years at USC changed my life. I couldn't imagine going to school anywhere else."

– Bradlee Baladez

As of June, Baladez had not made his MLS on-field debut, but had earned a spot on Dallas' bench. "It's getting better every day," he said. His ambition is to play in Europe, because while "soccer is growing in America, for sure, (Europe) has always been my dream. I want to play as long as I can."

He credits Berson and South Carolina for giving him his chance. "USC helped me get to where I am today," Baladez said. "The future for USC is very bright as long as coach Berson is there, and the new facilities will help so much with recruiting.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Overall Record: 7-10-4
Conference Record: 3-7-3



HIGHLIGHTS

National Soccer Coaches Association of America
Team Academic Award

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Courtney Angotti-Smith
SEC Freshman of the Week (Week Four)

Danielle Au
Capital One Academic All-District Four
Women's Soccer Team

Coryn Bajema
SEC Freshman of the Week (Week Two)

Sabrina D'Angelo
2nd-Team All-SEC
Member of Canadian FIFA U-20 Women's
World Cup Team
Canadian U-20 Female Player of the Year

Gabrielle Gilbert
Capital One Academic All-District Four
Women's Soccer Team

Christa Neary
SEC Women's Soccer Community Service Team

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Shelley Smith
Associate Head Coach: Jamie Smith
Assistant Coach: Libby Bassett
Administrative Assistant: Allison Orvin
Strength Coach: Kelly Dormandy
Athletic Trainer: Stephanie Rosehart
Academic Advisor: Rob Campbell
Media Relations Contact: Megan Mabry



**DANI
HENRY**



Gamecock Women's Soccer Team Photo

Spotlight: Dani Henry

In 2009, when USC's women's soccer team swept a bracket including Georgia, Florida and LSU to claim the SEC Tournament Championship, Dani (short for Danielle) Henry was a red-shirt freshman experiencing her first taste of NCAA Division I competition as a part-time player.

She has one word for that: "Breathtaking."

"I'd been part of high school state championships," the Avondale, Pa., native said, "but to be in college and experience that with all those different women from all over – it really motivated me to do it again. That was a great feeling to be able to say, (We're) SEC Tournament Champions."

That stood as her career pinnacle until 2011 when, as the Gamecocks' defensive anchor, Henry and her teammates claimed the SEC regular-season crown. Being a major contributor for USC this time meant all the difference in the world.

"I was out there (as a starter), having teammates look to me," she said. "I felt how those (2009) seniors felt. That was the best season we ever had, and we were so excited to do it for the entire season, something we'd never done before."

So, was 2011 better? "Yeah," she said, grinning. By that point in her career, "I had experienced a lot more," including an ACL injury that forced her to sit out in 2008.

Henry's final season in 2012 ended a

disappointing 7-10-4, but offered its own rewards, she said. "Being a leader (as one of two seniors), even when we didn't have a great result, I had to keep my composure," she said. "I think I was a better team player."

Her USC career began in a most unlikely fashion. Henry, who would major in exercise science, considered North Carolina-Wilmington, Stony Brook and USC – the one in California, aka Southern Cal. Her parents had ties to the school and encouraged her to look at the Trojans.

As for the "other" USC ... "I had never heard of South Carolina," she said. But two high school friends, sisters Brittney and Kortney Rhoades, were heading to Columbia, and Henry decided to see what the attraction was. It didn't take long.

"As soon as I saw it, I thought, 'This is the school,'" she said. "I came to visit 3-4 times, camps and just to visit. I loved being here."

The Gamecocks liked having her tenacious defense, which fit the team mindset. USC was the SEC's top defensive team in 2010 and 2011. "It all starts on the back line (defense)," she said.

Defense figured in Henry's personal highlight, a season-ending win over Florida that clinched the 2011 SEC title. "We came out insane, scored all these goals, and then we defended like it was the last game of our lives," she said. "We thought, 'Nothing gets through us.' When it was over, I collapsed to my knees.

"That was a great feeling to be able to say, 'We're SEC Tournament Champions.'"

– Dani Henry

We were so excited."

Henry hopes that approach will be her legacy – "Hard work, not giving up" – and believes that will carry USC to greater heights in the future. Henry, who next will try professional soccer in England or Sweden, already has left a legacy back home.

She and her parents often joked about the two USC's – "I'd tell them, we were established first," she said – but she converted her brother, George, and sister, Lovena. "At first he didn't like my USC and kdded my parents (about her choice), but he's a Gamecocks fan now," Henry said. "He'd watch my games on-line."

In four seasons, she gave him plenty to cheer about.

SOFTBALL

Overall Record: 34-25

Conference Record: 8-16

Gamecocks earned first NCAA
Tournament Bid Since 2007



HIGHLIGHTS

Carolina Softball Stadium at Beckham Field opened
Gamecocks made its 16th NCAA Tournament appearance and its first since 2007
South Carolina set an NCAA-era program record for most runs in a game with a 29-0 (5) victory over Alabama State
Gamecocks won 13 of its last 19 games to earn the NCAA Tournament berth
Team set six new season records in 2013

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Audrey Broyles

SEC Pitcher of the Week

Samie Garcia

2nd-Team All-SEC

Easton Fastpitch 1st-team All-America

Katie Marks

SEC Freshman of the Week

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Beverly Smith

Associate Head Coach: Lisa Navas

Assistant Coach: Calvin Beamon

Volunteer Coach: Laura Trout

Graduate Student Manager: Kaela Jackson

Director of Operations: Kyle Lipsey

Administrative Assistant: Kacey Friedman

Strength and Conditioning: Ryan Waterbury

Athletic Trainer: Gabi Naumann

Academic Advisor: Rob Campbell

Media Relations Contact: Koby Padgett

Student Managers: Taylor Barbalace,
Chelsea Guyton



**SAMIE
GARCIA**



Gamecock Softball Team Photo

Spotlight: Samie Garcia

Samie Garcia knows the quickest way from California to South Carolina, though it's not one she'd recommend. The route for USC's standout softball shortstop involved a stellar junior college season, an impressive turn in a batting cage with a coach observing, a whirlwind application process and an all-but-sleepless overnight flight.

It sounds complicated, but Garcia managed the final part of the process in less than a day – or not quite as long as it takes to tell the story.

"I left on a Saturday night red-eye, and was at the team brunch on Sunday – on one hour's sleep," the Los Angeles native said, laughing. "Coach (Beverly) Smith was just, 'Wow, that's amazing.'"

Indeed. After high school, Samie (short for Samantha), whose father Manuel is a softball coach, enrolled at Cerritos Junior College, where as a freshman she was California junior colleges' co-player of the year. She took a recruiting visit to USC "just for the free trip," but fell in love with the campus and decided to sign.

Soon after, though, Smith was hired to replace former coach Joyce Compton, and Smith

had no idea who Garcia was. She was visiting California a week before the fall semester, though, and agreed to watch Garcia work out. Afterward, "She said, 'I want you,'" Garcia recalled. "That was Tuesday; school started the next Monday."

Garcia, who said yes on Wednesday, had less than two days to send in transcripts and application, write an essay, pack and catch her plane. "A wild weekend," she said.

But worth it for the Gamecocks, who watched Garcia become a second-team All-SEC player, her name scattered through USC's records book: second in career hits per game, third in batting average and on-base percentage, fourth in runs per game and slugging percentage and fifth in triples per game and stolen bases. As a senior, she led the SEC in doubles and was second in assists, both in league games only.

Garcia's and the team's success went hand-in-hand. A Senior Day, 3-2 decision over No. 4 Florida assured USC a winning season and berths in the SEC and NCAA Tournaments – all firsts under Smith.

"My last game at Beckham Field ... there's nothing I'm more proud of," Garcia said. "I was

"To help rebuild the program and reach the postseason is the highlight of my career."

– Samie Garcia

coach's first signee and knew things were at a low point. So to help rebuild the program and (reach postseason) is the highlight of my career."

Garcia next goes to New Jersey to play professional softball; perhaps afterward, she'd like to coach, too. Wherever she goes, memories of Columbia will follow.

"I found out (Southern) people are very nice, they hold the door for you," she said. "I learned sweet tea is really good, and Lizard's Thicket country food is awesome."

SWIMMING & DIVING

MEN Overall Record: 6-6
Conference Record: 1-3
8th at SEC Championships
WOMEN Overall Record: 6-7
Conference Record: 1-4
11th at SEC Championships



**MICHAEL
FLACH**

HIGHLIGHTS

Men's 800 freestyle relay team finished 15th at the NCAA Championships to earn All-America honors
Cole Miller set 12-dive school record on the three-meter springboard at NCAA Zone B meet
Both men's and women's teams earned CSCAA Scholar All-America Team

MEN

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Marwan El Kamash

All-American in 800 freestyle relay
SEC Freshman of the Week

Alex Fitton

All-American in 800 freestyle relay

Michael Flach

Selected to represent Team USA at World University Games
All-American in 800 freestyle relay
Silver in 500 freestyle at SEC Championships
2nd-Team All-SEC

Gerard Rodriquez

All-American in 800 freestyle relay

Jay Warner

SEC Community Service Team

WOMEN

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Whitney Avers

H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year nominee
SEC Community Service Team

Patricia Kranz

Bronze in one-meter diving at SEC Championships

COACHES HONORS

McGee Moody

Selected as assistant coach for Team USA at World University Games

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: McGee Moody
Head Diving Coach: Todd Sherritt
Associate Head Coach: Jason Memont
Assistant Coach: Kevin Swander
Assistant Coach: Randi Vogel
Director of Aquatic Strength: Josh Morgan
Athletic Trainer: Tara Vandenbosch
Academic Advisor: Rochelle Robinson
Media Relations Contact: Justin Holt



**WHITNEY
AVERS**



Gamecock Swimming & Diving Team Photo

Spotlight: Bobby Cave

After his first three seasons as a Gamecocks swimmer, Bobby Cave had every reason to believe his senior season would be memorable. And it was – just not the way he'd hoped.

In September, USC's record-holder in the 200-yard breaststroke, and one of the SEC's best in the event, experienced chest pains. "I went in for a routine exam, figured it was probably nothing," Cave, a business major from London, said. But an EKG revealed Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome, an extra electrical node on his heart that could cause elevated heart rates, and worse.

"It would cause my heart to 'backfire,' send blood in the opposite direction," Cave

said. "Obviously, your heart rate elevates during swimming, so it's a big deal. It can cause a heart attack at any moment."

As if a 6 ½-hour surgical procedure weren't enough – "that really kicked my season in the teeth," he said – on the day doctors cleared him to return to the pool, Cave was hit by a car and broke his wrist while riding his bike.

"I couldn't believe it," he said.

Still, Cave scored in the 100 breaststroke at the 2013 SEC Championships, but his highlight was winning a dual meet vs. College of Charleston. "The fact I went through what I'd gone through and got a win as a senior, that meant a lot," he said. "My sophomore year

Cave leaves USC with a business degree and an accounting position. "No regrets, I loved it here. It's all been fantastic."

– Bobby Cave

I had 21 wins, but this one was way more important."

Spotlight: Whitney Avers

When swimmer Whitney Avers was choosing a college, she knew she wanted the full big-time experience – not just somewhere to spend all her time in the pool.

"I love going to football games," said the Maryland native, whose father, Randall, worked with the U.S. Naval Academy swim team, but also played club football there. "I liked that (USC) had a big SEC program, and everyone went to the football games. That definitely attracted me."

So it's ironic that Avers' favorite moment

as a USC athlete came last summer when she went with her team to the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb. – the same week the Gamecocks baseball team was there chasing a third College World Series title.

"(The Trials) was a swim meet unlike any other. It was nice that we went as a team, nice to have everyone there," she said, adding with a laugh, "No, I didn't get to go to any of the (CWS) games."

Avers stayed busy at USC. A captain on the women's swim team, she holds four top-10

times in school history in the 200 butterfly, 400 individual medley, and on two different relay teams. She also competed in three events at the SEC Championships, and posted two wins in the 500 freestyle.

Diversity was her forte. "The 200 'fly was always my favorite event, the one that stuck with me the longest," she said. Though Avers insists she never expected to be a freestyler, two weeks before the SEC meet her freshman year, she convinced coaches to let her swim the 500 free.

MEN'S TENNIS

Overall Record: 18-11

Conference Record: 7-5

Gamecocks finished a program-
best tied for third in the SEC



CAROLINA

HIGHLIGHTS

Reached the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year

18 wins were the most since 2005

Seven SEC wins tied a school record

Finished season ranked 18th in the nation

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Andrew Adams

2nd-Team All-SEC

Wilson/ITA Carolina Region Player to Watch

Tsvetan Mihov

ITA All-American

Reached round of 16 at NCAA Singles Championship

Ranked 28th in the nation at end of season

2nd-Team All-SEC

Thiago Pinheiro

2nd-Team All-SEC

COACHING HONORS

Josh Goffi

SEC Coach of the Year

Wilson/ITA Carolina Region Coach of the Year

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Josh Goffi

Assistant Coach: Matt Lucas

Administrative Assistant: Allison Orvin

Athletic Trainer: Stephanie Rosehart

Academic Advisor: Paul Stoltzfus

Strength Coach: Ryan Waterbury

Media Relations Contact: Diana Koval



**HARRY
MENZIES**



Gamecock Men's Tennis Team Photo

Spotlight: Harry Menzies

When his tennis career at USC ended after the 2013 NCAA Tournament, Harry Menzies could only smile. After all, his four-year career was, in its own way, an upset victory.

Menzies knows he might never have found himself playing for the 17th-ranked Gamecocks at all, if not for the encouragement of a former junior tennis friend who had played at USC, the support of his coaches, plus his own dogged determination.

As a result, he was an integral part (and the only senior) of the Gamecocks' finest season (18-11) since 2005, topped by a personal highlight: his victory in the deciding match vs. Top-10 Kentucky, which he won 7-5 in the final set.

"A special moment," Menzies said – one in a season, and career, full of them.

"It's been a blessing," the Charlotte, N.C., native said. "The whole university, all the opportunities given to me, the unbelievable coaching staff and support system overall ... it's been amazing.

"Who knows what I'd be doing if I hadn't come to USC? Who knows what kind of career I'd have had? I owe it all to them."

The former walk-on, who earned a

scholarship for his final season, sat out his junior year due to leg and ankle injuries, plus an eight-week viral infection. Urged by the coaching staff to take a red-shirt year, he entered 2012-13 knowing it might be (and was) his final shot.

Last fall, he worked with third-year coach Josh Goffi to retool his game. "I went to a more aggressive style, playing at the net, winning points there, instead of sitting back on the baseline," Menzies said. "That unlocked everything that had been holding me back."

Two weeks after the change, he advanced to the final round of the Carolinas Invitational at Winthrop. "Since then, I've trusted my game and what the coaches told me, and had the best season of my career," he said.

Menzies chose USC over Louisville, Washington & Lee and East Carolina for its International Business program and the lure of SEC competition. Though he leaves with a year of tennis eligibility remaining – Menzies plans to work in investment banking after earning an MBA – he said his time at USC lacked little.

"It was a great fit for me academically, athletically and from a personal standpoint," he said. "A lot of young guys have come in,

"We created a brotherhood, going from an unranked team to contending for an SEC title."

– Harry Menzies

and it was cool to see us all mesh for a common goal. We created a brotherhood, going from an unranked team to contending for an SEC title."

Menzies plans to keep tabs on the Gamecocks, and his expectations are high. "It's going to be awesome to see what they can accomplish," he said. "When I look back 10 years down the road and they're competing for the SEC and NCAA (titles) – to know I was a part of the foundation for that, it's a special feeling."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Overall Record: 13-12
Conference Record: 6-7

HIGHLIGHTS

Reached the NCAA Championships for the
20th straight season
Finished season ranked 34th in the nation

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Jaklin Alawi

2nd-Team All-SEC
Ranked in Top 100 in Final ITA Rankings

Dominika Kanakova

SEC Player of the Week

Elixane Lechemia

SEC Player of the Week

Katerina Popova

2nd-Team All-SEC
SEC Player of the Week
Ranked in the top 125 for singles and top 75
for doubles

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Kevin Epley
Assistant Coach: Georgia Rose
Administrative Assistant: Allison Orvin
Athletic Trainer: Stephanie Rosehart
Academic Advisor: Katie Ethridge
Strength Coach: Jon Vaden
Media Relations Contact: Matt Freed



**JAKLIN
ALAWI**

under armour



Gamecock Women's Tennis Team Photo

Spotlight: Jaklin Alawi

Growing up in Bulgaria, Jaklin Alawi always viewed her tennis career in personal terms. She wanted to go to college in the U.S. because that's where the best competition was, and wanted to be matched against the best.

She found that at South Carolina, but what she didn't expect to find – and which became a huge part of her Gamecocks experience – was a tennis “family.”

Alawi, USC's No. 1 singles player, said that fact was brought home on Senior Day vs. SEC foe Mississippi. The Gamecocks topped the Rebels to lock up USC's 20th consecutive NCAA Tournament bid, and Alawi's win clinched the victory.

“That was a very special day for our team,” she said, listing it as one of her career highlights. “Playing for a team in tennis, you compete individually, but at the end of the day, you're a team.

“For me, it was so much of an obligation, and an honor, to represent (her teammates) and South Carolina. It's an inspiration to play for each other.”

Alawi provided inspiration, too. She and doubles partner Dominika Kanakova finished ranked 28th in the NCAA, going 24-11 and 15-5

as USC's No. 1 doubles duo. In singles, Alawi (ranked 96th) was a two-time, second-team All-SEC player.

“She played No. 1 for us all year, and it's tough to be a No. 1 in the SEC,” first-year coach Kevin Epley said. “She's come a long way.”

“Being part of the best conference in the country,” Alawi said, “made me realize I can play with the best.”

That wasn't something she foresaw when, at 18, she chose to sign with Long Beach State (USC also recruited her) because “I didn't know anything about college tennis then,” and because “California sounded like a nice place.”

She smiled. “We all make mistakes.”

Two years later, unhappy with her decision, she contacted Arlo Elkins, then USC's longtime coach, about transferring. “He gave me a second chance,” Alawi said. “I came here and I actually think I belonged here. I found my family.”

In Columbia, she became part of a “sorority” of international players. “It's much different for us” than for American players, she said. “But spending every day together brings us together. We've become close; I've made good friendships ... and I think it helps us win matches as well.”

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– Jaklin Alawi

The team family suffered a painful loss when Elkins died following a long fight with cancer. “It was sad, but all he ever wanted was for us to smile and give our best,” Alawi said. “He was always smiling and joking around. He helped me feel like a part of this family.”

Alawi leaves USC behind for graduate school and a job as an assistant coach at Florida International. But the memories, and ties, will remain.

“College prepares you for life ... (and) it's especially true for student-athletes,” she said.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Conference Finish: 13th at SEC
Outdoor Championships /
12th at SEC Indoor Championships
USTFCCA All-Academic Team



**ROBERT
RAZICK**

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Damiere Byrd

SEC Community Service Team

Jermaine Collier

SEC All-Freshman Team (110mH)

SEC Outdoor 400mH – 4th

Jarrod Hutchen

USTFCCA Second-Team All-America

Robert Razick

Capital One Second-Team Academic All-American

Outdoor Mile Run - School Record

Indoor 5K and 3K – School Records

Chris Royster

USTFCCA Honorable Mention All-America

COACHING HONORS

Curtis Frye

World University Games USA Head Coach

IAAF World Championships USA men's
sprint and hurdle coach

Dee Quarles

IAAF World Championships USA women's
jumps and combined events

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Academic Advisor: Maulies Pettaway

Media Relations Contact: Megan Mabry



Gamecock Men's Track & Field Team Photo

Spotlight: Robert Razick

The first time Robert Razick ran a mile for time, he finished in 5:14 – “and I thought that was fast,” he said.

The fact that it came during soccer conditioning his senior year of high school should've been a reality check, but no. “I thought 5:14 was killing it,” he said, laughing. “I learned that was not so great.”

Yet four years and a lot of humility later, the USC senior wrapped up a career that began as a walk-on as the school's mile record-holder. The 4:06.47 he set at the 2013 SEC Indoor Championships was the fastest time by a Gamecock runner in 31 years. He also broke a 38-year-old school indoor mark in the 3,000 meters.

The Florence native sees that as a testimonial to hard work, plus the support and belief of his coaches, particularly Stan Rosenthal – the same man who told Razick when he first showed up at USC, “You're very slow.”

“I think the key for me was mileage; the more I run, the better I could be,” Razick said, then laughed. “It's a tough life; I don't know why I do it sometimes.”

Razick always thought he'd play tennis in college until running bit him. When USC

gave him a chance to join the team, it was as a pacer for the USC women's team. “That's a hit to the ego, but you get used to it,” he said. He advanced to pacing men's runners before earning a shot following a red-shirt year.

“Over the summer I trained more seriously,” Razick said. At a meet at Texas A&M, he ran a personal-best 4:18; “I still finished near last but at that moment, I thought, ‘Maybe I can do this,’” he said. “That was the breakout for me.”

His time at the 2013 SEC Indoors placed seventh, the first Gamecock to score in the mile since 1995. He takes away other memories, too, such as his 1600-meter leg in a distance medley relay. “At the time, my PR was 4:12, but I was able to run a 4:07,” Razick said. “We finished fifth in 9:59 – our goal was to break 10 minutes – and we were only four seconds off the winners.

“There's a picture of us after the race, and that's happiness right there.”

Razick is headed to medical school, but he can't quite give up running. After all, not giving up is what enabled him to accomplish what once seemed impossible.

“I'll have very fond memories,” he said.

“Most guys who run 4:45 don't think Division I, let alone the SEC. But (my coaches) always believed in me.”

– Robert Razick

“The biggest thing was the opportunities the coaches gave me. Most guys who run 4:45 (his best pre-USC time) don't think Division I, let alone the SEC. But (my coaches) always believed in me – even times I didn't believe in myself.”

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Conference Finish: 8th at SEC Outdoor
Championships / 6th at SEC Indoor
Championships

45th at NCAA Outdoor Championships
31st at NCAA Indoor Championships

HIGHLIGHTS

Ranked as high as 22nd in the nation during
season (USTFCCCA Rankings)

Most NCAA Outdoor Championship bids
since 2006 (10)

USTFCCCA All-Academic Team

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**ERIKA
RUCKER**

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Vashti Bandy

USTFCCCA Second-Team All-America (4x100m)

Kierre Beckles

SEC Indoor 60mH Bronze Medalist

SEC Outdoor 100mH Silver Medalist

All-SEC Second Team (100mH)

USTFCCCA Second-Team All-America (60mH,
4x400m, 100mH)

Barbados National Champion 100mH

Central America and Caribbean (CAC) Silver Medalist

IAAF World Championship Qualifier

Tyler Brockington

SEC All-Freshman Team (400mH)

USTFCCCA Second-Team All-America (4x400m,
400mH, 4x100mH)

USATF Junior Championships - 4th

Christal Green

USTFCCCA Second-Team All-America (4x400m)

Tamera Harris

USTFCCCA Second-Team All-America (4x100m)

USTFCCCA Honorable Mention All-America
(400mH)

Ahtyana Johnson

USTFCCCA Second-Team All-America (4x100m)

Kayla Lampe

SEC Indoor 5K Silver Medalist

SEC All-Freshman Team (Indoor 5K)

USTFCCCA Honorable Mention All-America
(10K)

Indoor 5K school record

Outdoor 10K school record

Petra Olsen

SEC Indoor Pole Vault Bronze Medalist

USTFCCCA Second-Team All-America (Indoor)

USTFCCCA Honorable Mention All-America
(Outdoor)

Breanna Radford

SEC Indoor Bronze Medalist (Shot Put)

USTFCCCA Honorable Mention All-America

SEC Community Service Team

President's Award

Brad Davis Community Service nominee

Erika Rucker

USTFCCCA First-Team All-America (400m)

USTFCCCA Second-Team All-America (400m,
4x400m)

Jeannelle Scheper

SEC Indoor High Jump Champion

All-SEC First Team (Indoor High Jump)

SEC Outdoor High Jump Silver Medalist

All-SEC Second Team (Outdoor High Jump)

NCAA Indoor High Jump Silver Medalist

CARIFTA Games High Jump Gold Medalist

USTFCCCA First-Team All-America (Indoor and
Outdoor)

Indoor and Outdoor High Jump School Records

Central America and Caribbean (CAC) Silver
Medalist

IAAF World Championship Qualifier



Gamecock Women's Track & Field Team Photo

Spotlight: Kierre Beckles

When Kierre Beckles concluded her USC career as a 100-meter hurdler in June with a second trip in three years to the NCAA Championships, it was a huge accomplishment. But one that pales in comparison to other hurdles she had to clear just to get to Columbia from her native Barbados.

Growing up, Kierre (pronounced Kerry) suffered from asthma, anemia and epileptic seizures. Before being diagnosed with epilepsy, she suffered severe headaches. At 13, after watching a film about U.S. Olympics track star Gail Devers, who battled Graves' disease and migraines while winning 1992 and 1996 gold medals, Beckles said an aunt told her she should get shades like Devers wore to help with her headaches.

"My aunt said (Devers) was sick, too, but she ran fast. I said, 'Sick like me.'"

Credit positive thinking – plus life lessons from USC coach Curtis Frye – for enabling Beckles to earn All-SEC and All-American honors. In 2011, she placed sixth at the NAAs, USC's then-best finish in the women's 100 hurdles.

Credit Frye, too, for luring her away from LSU, which began recruiting her at age 17 and continued while at Central Arizona College,

where she won the 100 meter championship.

"USC didn't come into the picture until that October," she said. "They recruited me for a week," when she was also considering Tennessee, Texas Tech, UCLA and others. Not for long, though.

"I came here, and for once, I wasn't quiet or shy on my visit. I thought, 'OK, I'm actually comfortable with the staff and team.' It felt like home."

While Frye's resume includes a women's NCAA title (2002), Beckles said it was the man who won her over. "My dad wasn't in my life, so my club coach and godparents helped me figure out my life," she said. "(Frye) felt like my club coach; he talked about academics and me as a person, as an athlete and a student."

The veteran coach also would change her hurdling mechanics – "I catch on quick," she said – adding form to a tenacious mindset. Though she often spent days on crutches due to recurring hamstring issues, Beckles credits her strong mental approach with enabling her to compete, and excel.

"To make it to nationals in my first two months here (in 2011) was kind of amazing," she said. "My coach back home called me the Comeback Kid. With a positive mental

"When you step on the track, you carry a brand. When I go home, they'll say now I'm from South Carolina."

– Kierre Beckles

attitude, I've able to perform at 80 percent. When I get to 100 percent, something phenomenal is going to happen."

In fact, something already has. A shy girl became a team captain and popular speaker at community events; an undirected high school student will graduate in December. Frye and USC were big reasons for both, she said.

VOLLEYBALL

Overall Record: 18-14
Conference Record: 6-14

HIGHLIGHTS

Team secured its best record since 2008
Team finished third in the SEC in hitting percentage

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Juliette Thévenin

2nd-Team All-SEC
SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 17)

Paige Wheeler

SEC Community Service Team

COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Scott Swanson
Assistant Coaches: Moritz Moritz, Julie Darty
Volunteer Assistant: Drew Burdette
Director of Operations: Shane Wilkinson
Graduate Assistant: Morgan Thomas
Strength Coach: Jon Vaden
Athletic Trainer: Jen Herod
Academic Advisor: Steve Bondurant
Media Relations Contact: Koby Padgett



**JULIETTE
THÉVENIN**



Gamecock Volleyball Team Photo

Spotlight: Christina Glover

For some student-athletes, deciding where to play college sports can be a difficult decision. Not for Christina Glover; there was never a doubt she would play volleyball for South Carolina.

Start with the fact Glover – a defensive specialist who, as a senior, served as Student-Athletic Advisory Committee president and earned SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll recognition – was a Gamecock “legacy.” Her mother, the former Alexis Horner, played volleyball for USC from 1978-80 in the pre-NCAA days of women’s sports.

It also didn’t hurt that her mom was her volleyball coach at Wando High School in Mount Pleasant. Or that her cousin, Litsa Darby, will be a sophomore member of USC’s inaugural sand volleyball team in 2013-14.

“We really kept volleyball and South Carolina close to our hearts,” Glover said.

Wando’s mother-daughter tandem lost twice in the Class 4A state championship, once going 38-0 before the finale. “I don’t know if (my mother) is the best coach ever, because I played for a lot of great ones, but I enjoyed my four years,” Christina said. “Most of her players must’ve enjoyed it, too. She’s been there 30 years.”

If outsiders at first questioned her starting as a high school freshman – “I took a senior’s spot,” she said – those concerns vanished when she made all-freshman and all-state that season. “I always tried to play as hard as I could in case anyone doubted (my mother),” Glover said. “We kept volleyball in the gym, mother-daughter at home.”

Also potentially stressful was her recruitment. In fact, her mother advised her to think about smaller programs, fearing unreal expectations. But when the Gamecocks offered Glover after her sophomore year, she committed immediately and irrevocably.

“I still think of her (mother’s) face, sort of ‘I don’t believe this is happening,’” Christina said. “She said, ‘Don’t do this for me.’ I said, ‘But I want to commit right now.’ I didn’t even think about it, and it was the best decision I ever made.”

Though her teams did not excel, Glover – a co-captain as a senior – said she never regretted following the family tradition. “Not just being a fan my whole life, but the growth (at USC): the Athletics Village, the Dodie, all of it state-of-the-art ...

“Who wouldn’t want to be a Gamecock, honestly?”

Glover, who this fall will become a graduate assistant coach at Mercer, leaves with a matched set of cherished memories. “My freshman year, the first game I was on the team, we beat Clemson up there,” she said. “And my senior year, we beat them at home.

“Great crowds, intense arenas – for the way (my career) started and ended, as a lifetime South Carolina fan, that’s two pretty good bookends.”

“Who wouldn’t want to be a Gamecock, honestly?”

– Christina Glover



“Student-athletes we are given so much and are admired by many – it’s important to use this platform and to use it for good.” – Michael Flach, Swimming & Diving

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Throughout the year 2012-13, Gamecock student-athletes supported over 100 events and organizations in and around Columbia for a total of 4,320 hours of service, an average of 8.5 hours per student-athlete. The softball team won the annual Community Outreach Team of the Year award, as their team averaged 17 hours per student-athlete. In general, the student-athletes were most visible at local elementary and middle schools and the Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital where they participated in dozens of reading events and visited with the youngest Gamecock fans.

In addition to working with local organizations, USC’s student-athletes participated in many national initiatives this year, as well. Almost every team participated in charity walk/running events benefitting diabetes, Alzheimer’s, colorectal cancer, leukemia/lymphoma or the American Heart Association. The annual “Dance Marathon” and “Relay for Life” events on campus are always favorites among the student-athletes, as well. As an example, the Men’s and Women’s Swimming & Diving teams contributed over 340 hours to this year’s “Relay for Life” event. Michael Flach, 2012 Olympic Trials finalist and current student-athlete from the swimming and diving team stated, “Community outreach is important to me because as student-athletes we are given so much and are admired by many, especially younger kids. To me, it’s important to use this platform for good by giving back to the community in whatever way possible.”





ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Fall: 74 (1st in SEC)
 Winter: 44
 Spring: 120 (2nd in SEC)
 First Year: 97 (1st in SEC)
 Total for all SEC Honor Roll: 335 (Led the conference for the 7th consecutive year)

CONFERENCE USA COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

Fall: 25

CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS (AS VOTED ON BY COSIDA)

LB Dantzler, Baseball, First-Team Academic All-America, First-Team Academic All-District 4 (Division I Academic All-American of the Year)
 Damiere Byrd, Football, First-Team Academic All-District 4
 Braeden Troyer, Men's Soccer, First-Team Academic All-District 4
 Robert Razick, Men's Track & Field, Second-Team Academic All-America, First-team Academic All-District 4
 Gabrielle Gilbert, Women's Soccer, First-Team Academic All-District 4
 Danielle Au, Women's Soccer, First-Team Academic All-District 4

CONFERENCE USA ACADEMIC MEDAL WINNERS (3.75 GPA)

Ryan Arambula
 Connor Steele
 Jeffery Torda
 Snoopy Davidson
 Braeden Troyer
 Stephen Anderson
 Trevor Hubbard
 Chris Duzan
 Eric Martinez
 Kevin Stam

PRESIDENT'S LIST (4.0 GPA)

Fall: 76
 Spring: 64

DEAN'S LIST (3.5 GPA)

Fall: 165
 Spring: 157

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR'S HONOR ROLL (3.0 GPA)

Fall: 378
 Spring: 333

GPAS:

Fall:

3.267- Highest departmental GPA on record
 15 of 17 teams scored 3.0 or better
 Baseball- 3.201, highest GPA on record
 Football- 2.918, highest GPA on record
 Women's Tennis- 3.611, highest GPA on record
 Women's Track- 3.427, highest GPA on record
 Volleyball- 3.632, second highest GPA on record
 Women's Soccer- 3.532, second highest GPA on record

Spring:

15 of 17 teams scored 3.0 or better
 Men's Basketball- 3.012, highest GPA on record
 Men's Soccer- 3.619, highest GPA on record
 Women's Tennis- 3.688, highest GPA on record
 Women's Track- 3.446, highest GPA on record
 Volleyball, 3.727, highest GPA on record

GRADUATES

105 for academic year

FACILITY PLAN UPDATES

HIGHLIGHTS

Football Indoor Practice Facility

A \$14.5 million indoor football practice facility is scheduled to be completed in 2015. This new facility will be centered on the Garnet Way in the back of the Farmer's Market. In addition, two outdoor lighted grass fields will be constructed adjacent to the facility and will be completed in the Fall of 2014.

Among the features of the Indoor Practice Facility:

- 120-Yard Artificial Turf Football Field
- 30-Foot Wide Safety Zone on All Four Sides
- Approximately 100,280 square feet
- 75-feet high at the Apex
- Goal Posts at Both Ends
- Heated and Air-Conditioned
- Athletic Training Room
- Observation and Filming Platforms
- Restrooms
- Equipment Storage





Williams-Brice Stadium

Renovations to the plaza surrounding Williams-Brice Stadium will provide an aesthetic look to the entrance of the stadium, including beautiful greenery, brick entrance ways and will create an institutional landmark for visitors, fans, students and alumni.





Eugene E. Stone III Soccer Stadium

Construction will begin on a building located next to the Eugene E. Stone III Soccer Stadium, which will house locker rooms, weight room and a video room.

Athletics Village

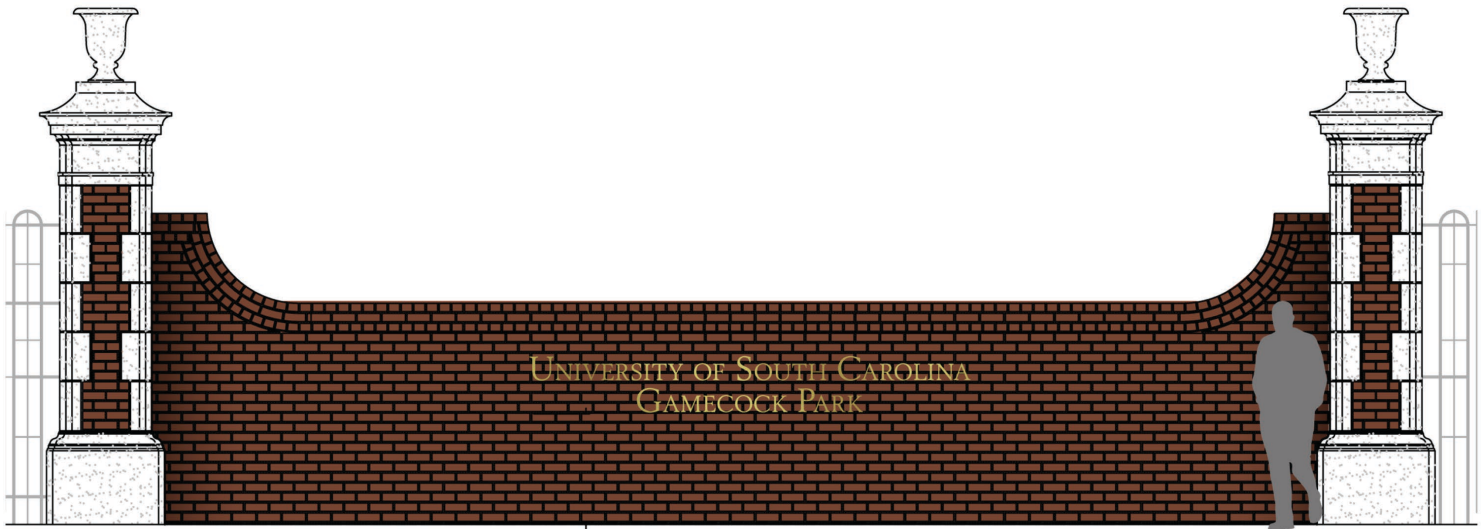
Upgrades are also scheduled for competition facilities in the Athletics Village, including the Weems Baskin Track, Field House and Tennis Complex.

The new Sand Volleyball facility, built to host the Gamecocks' 21st intercollegiate sport, will be located in the Village and should be completed by the start of competition in Spring 2014.



One Wood Farm

Updates are being done to USC's Equestrian facility, One Wood Farm, including building a new locker room. One Wood Farm will host the 2014 SEC Equestrian Championships.



Completed in 2012-13

Projects completed in 2012-13 include the Rice Athletics Center, Tennis Facility, Athletics Village Garage, Men's and Women's Basketball Locker Room Renovations, Volleyball Offices and Football Video Board.

Gamecock Park, formerly known as The Farmer's Market, completed prior to the 2012 season, won three major awards for its design, architecture and operational capability. The awards included the Merit Award for Design by the American Society of Landscape Architects, Award for Excellence for "Best Design/Implementation of a Surface Parking Lot" by the International Parking Institute, and the Columbia Choice Award for "Renovation/Reuse" by the Columbia Tree & Appearance Commission.

Beckham Field at Carolina Softball Stadium was completed in the spring of 2013 and will host the 2014 SEC Softball Tournament.





Garnet Way Cabinet

Purpose

- To provide vision and advice for the direction of the athletics department and athletics program.
- To serve as the primary prospecting and fundraising advisory group for South Carolina Athletics.
- To serve as ambassadors for South Carolina Athletics among key South Carolina constituencies, stating our case and potentially making joint visits.
- To assist with the implementation of the Master Plan for Athletics Facilities, campaign case statement and marketing strategy.
- To serve as a trusted sounding board for the Athletics Director on important issues.

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Former Gamecock football student-athlete
President & CEO, KeenanSuggs

Jimmy Addison, South Carolina, '82, '83

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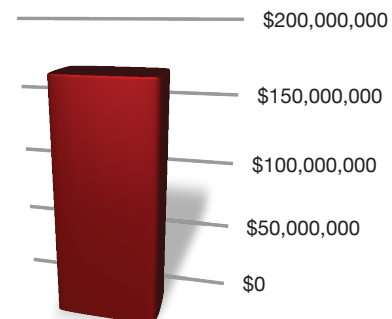
Progress toward \$200 Million Goal

Total Raised: \$168,777,355*

All dollars given in support of athletic scholarships and facilities

| Garnet Society | Contribution Range | Members* | Total* |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Palmetto Society | \$25,000-\$99,999 | 121 | \$4,829,063 |
| All-American Society | \$100,000-\$249,999 | 41 | \$5,389,363 |
| Legend Society | \$250,000-\$999,999 | 21 | \$7,712,101 |
| In the Huddle | \$1,000,000+ | 13 | \$33,662,040 |

*as of 6/30/13



Gamecock Club Report

Annual and historical Gamecock Club membership levels and numbers

| Receipt Level | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013* |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Lifetime Silver | 34 | 34 | 35 | 33 | 31 |
| Lifetime Full | 196 | 198 | 192 | 190 | 187 |
| Diamond Spur | 10 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Platinum Spur | 31 | 25 | 26 | 25 | 23 |
| Golden Spur | 132 | 114 | 121 | 110 | 119 |
| Garnet Spur | 92 | 85 | 78 | 83 | 76 |
| Car Dealer | 49 | 51 | 51 | 54 | 53 |
| Silver Spur | 1,304 | 1,162 | 1,151 | 1,170 | 1,185 |
| Full Scholarship | 2,476 | 2,216 | 2,136 | 2,116 | 2,113 |
| Half Scholarship | 2,356 | 2,178 | 2,227 | 2,213 | 2,285 |
| Roundhouse | 1,818 | 1,863 | 2,117 | 2,409 | 2,576 |
| Century | 2,177 | 2,570 | 3,308 | 3,550 | 3,731 |
| Roost | 372 | 1,605 | 2,443 | 2,586 | 1,688 |
| TOTAL | 11,047 | 12,113 | 13,896 | 14,550 | 14,078 |

*Number as of 06.30.13. Please note: each giving year from January through January.

Annual and historical revenue generated

| REVENUE | \$13.3M | \$12.2M | \$11.7M | \$13.2M | \$13.1M* |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
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*As of 6/30/13



Game Day Attendance

Baseball:

Home Total: 260,605
 Home Games: 35
 Home Average: 7,445
 Sellouts: 4
 5th in the nation in average attendance
 5th in the nation in total attendance

Men's Basketball

Home Total: 154,858
 Home Games: 18
 Home Average: 8,603
 Sellouts: 0

Women's Basketball

Home Total: 63,224
 Home Games: 16
 Home Average: 3,952
 Sellouts: 0
 26th in the nation in average attendance

Football

Home Total: 560,008
 Home Games: 7
 Home Average: 80,001
 Highest Attendance: 85,199 (vs. Georgia, 10.6.12)
 14th in the nation in total attendance
 18th in the nation in average attendance

Men's Soccer

Home Total: 9,293
 Home Games: 10
 Home Average: 929

Women's Soccer

Home Total: 7,887
 Home Games: 11
 Home Average: 717

Softball

Home Total: 12,706
 Home Games: 14
 Home Average: 908 (New Record)
 Sellouts: 8

Volleyball

Home Total: 11,787
 Home Games: 17
 Home Average: 693





Development Report

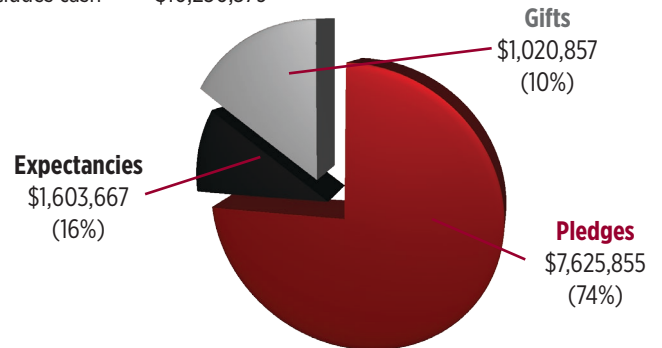
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- Mr. Doyle E. McBride
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Private Support in FY13

\$10,250,379



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(This list includes all cash gifts and pledges)

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2012-13 SOCIAL MEDIA IN REVIEW

Summary/Highlights

South Carolina has the **13th-largest social media following among NCAA programs**, rising two spots after ranking as the 15th-largest following in 2011-12. South Carolina has 370,000 fans on Facebook and 50,000 followers on Twitter*. Facebook and Twitter are the only two social networks counted for these rankings by Coyle Media, but the Gamecocks also attract large numbers of followers on YouTube, Instagram, Pinterest, and Tumblr. According to rankings compiled by Auburn University, **South Carolina is one of just five athletics programs in the country to rank in the Top 20 in followers on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.**

While those overall numbers are important, when it comes to social media, engagement with fans takes higher priority. **On Facebook, South Carolina ranks 4th in the country in the “Talking About This” metric, which reflects how many people are actively engaged with the page.**

Fans may view all the ways to connect with Gamecock Athletics online at GamecocksOnline.com/Connect

Platforms



FACEBOOK

Facebook.com/GamecocksOnline
369,953 fans, ranked 15th nationally

From July 2012 to July 2013 the South Carolina Gamecocks page attracted 47,000 new “Likes”, an increase of 15%. This rate of growth is down considerably compared to the previous year where new “Likes” increased by 94%. This phenomenon is being seen across the board in social media as users spend more time on other, newer platforms and less time on Facebook.

We have positioned Facebook as a place for Gamecock fans to gather and engage, both during events and during the week. We post videos, great photos, and questions to spark discussion. The fan is the focus, highlighted by our Fan Photo of the Day feature and several themed fan photo albums that are updated regularly such as Gamecock Pets, Gamecock Weddings, and Gamecock Military and Veterans where fans submit their photos to be included.



With over 5,000 likes, a fan photo from Crystal Johnson with the caption, “Even little Sully knows It’s Great To Be A Gamecock!” was one of the most popular fan-submitted photos on the page this year. Another photo (left), submitted by Luke and Michelle Compton of their son Hodges in his most professional Gamecock gear generated over 3,300 likes.



TWITTER

[@GamecocksOnline](https://twitter.com/GamecocksOnline)
49,762 followers, ranked 11th nationally

From July 2012 to July 2013 the main @GamecocksOnline Twitter account earned 17,414 new followers, a **54% increase.**

Twitter continues to grow as a source of breaking news and information. We use it to spread news, give in-game updates, share photos and behind-the-scenes action, answer questions, provide customer service, and engage with fans on a daily basis. Fans join us in widely using the #Gamecocks hash tag to track and join conversations about South Carolina teams.

In addition to the main athletics department account, every South Carolina

team has an individual team account. According to rankings compiled by the University of Tennessee in July 2013, among college baseball programs **the @GamecockBaseball team account has the 2nd most followers in the country (43,900)** behind only LSU. The @GamecockFB team account ranks 13th among football programs with 40,209 followers. @GamecockWBB ranks 24th among women’s basketball squads with 2,720 followers. @GamecockSwim (No. 24) and @GamecockMTennis (No. 25) are also ranked in the Top 25 for followers.

Most of the Gamecocks’ head coaches as well as Athletics Director Ray Tanner have established individual Twitter accounts. A full directory may be found at GamecocksOnline.com/Connect.



YOUTUBE

YouTube.com/GamecocksOnline
7,001 subscribers, ranked 7th nationally

Our YouTube channel generated 5,436,295 views from July 1, 2012, to July 1, 2013, almost 64% of the channel’s 8,495,613 lifetime views since 2008. Video of the surprise military family reunion at Williams-Brice Stadium before the Georgia game went viral – racking up over two million views this year and earning attention from celebrities and national television programs.

Top 10 Most-Viewed Videos (7/1/12 – 7/1/13)

| Rank | Title | Number of views (This period) |
|------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Surprise Military Family Welcome Home | 2,055,197 |
| 2. | South Carolina Football Winter Workout Highlights - 2012 | 657,000 |
| 3. | “Sandstorm” before kickoff (No. 1 last year) | 428,000 |
| 4. | Jadeveon Clowney “The Hit” | 284,747 |
| 5. | Jadeveon Clowney Regular Season Highlights | 284,491 |
| 6. | Football Custom “Battle” Uniforms Debut | 130,206 |
| 7. | Marcus Lattimore’s Thank You Message | 128,635 |
| 8. | South Carolina Football Winter Workout Highlights - 2013 | 101,525 |
| 9. | Jadeveon Clowney Trick Play “Touchdown” | 70,049 |
| 10. | Outback Bowl Highlights | 66,227 |

The Up-And-Comers

INSTAGRAM is a widely popular mobile photo-sharing social network that also has easy sharing to Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, and other platforms. Users upload photos and may apply a variety of filters and effects to enhance them before sharing. We post photos daily to over 8,200 followers at instagram.com/GamecocksOnline

PINTEREST is a social network where users “pin” things they like on to virtual pinboards. It is very visual and we use it to share cool photos, decorating ideas, merchandise, and all things Gamecock. Fans can check it out at pinterest.com/GamecocksOnline

TUMBLR joined the Gamecock Athletics social media fold in spring 2013. The blogging platform-social network hybrid is a great place for pictures and graphics, animated GIFs, and more. Our Tumblr account has also taken up residence in the “Blog” tab of GamecocksOnline.com. See more at gamecocksonline.tumblr.com

*All numbers and data current as of July 12, 2013. Unless source noted otherwise, all rankings data is according to SportsFanGraph.com, powered by Coyle Media.

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- "Inside the Roost" at Hilton Columbia Center in the Vista (Mondays at 7:00 pm)
- Carolina Calls on the Gamecock Radio

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| WWIK-FM | 98.9 | WZZQ-FM | 104.3 | WRHM-FM | 107.1 | | |
| WVSZ-FM | 107.3 | WZZQ-AM | 1500 | WVSZ-FM | 107.3 | | |
| WPCC-AM | 1410 | WROO-FM | 96.7 | WSNW-AM | 1150 | | |



Coaches TV Shows

- Fox Sportsouth
- The Steve Spurrier Show (Sundays at 11:30am/7:30pm)
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HALL OF FAME



INDUCTEES 2012

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Thomas Dendy (Football)

Paul Dietzel (Football Coach/Athletics Director)

John LeHeup (Football)

Jay Lynn Hodgin (Football)

Heather Larkin (Volleyball)

Warren Lipka (Soccer)

Steve Liebler (Golf)