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SOCCER FACTS

SOCCER HISTORY

First Year of Soccer	1978
All-time Record 38	30-143-45 (.703)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	18
(2005, 2004, 2002, 2001, 2000,	1998, 1997, 1994,
1993, 1992, 1990, 1989, 1988, 1987,	, 1986, 1985,1979)
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	e 2005
NCAA College Cup Appearances	2 (1993 1991)

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2006 SEASON SCHEDULE

Aug. 25 Aug. 28 Sept. 2 Sept. 5	Friday Monday Saturday Tuesday	Clemson at Wofford at William & Mary Centenary	Columbia, S.C. Spartanburg, S.C. Williamsburg, Va. Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.
·	adidas - South	Carolina Gamecock Classic	(Columbia, S.C.)	·
Sept. 8 Sept. 10	Friday Sunday	Winthrop vs. Alabama A & South Carolina vs. Temple Winthrop vs. Temple		5 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 12 p.m.
осрі. 10	Ounday	South Carolina vs. Alabama A&M		2:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Sunday	Davidson	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m
Sept. 20	Wednesday	North Carolina State [^]	Cary, N.C.	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	Sunday	Memphis*	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	Wednesday	UAB*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	Sunday	Kentucky*	Lexington, Ky.	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Saturday	Florida International*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	Saturday	Marshall*	Huntington, W.Va.	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	Wednesday	SMU*	Dallas, Texas	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Saturday	UCF*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	Saturday	Tulsa*	Tulsa, Okla.	7 p.m.
Nov. 1-5	Wed Sun.	C-USA Tournament	Tulsa, Okla.	TBD
Nov. 10-11	Fri. or Sat.	NCAA First Round	TBD	TBD
Nov. 15	Tuesday	NCAA Second Round	TBD	TBD
Nov. 18-19	Fri. or Sat.	NCAA Third Round	TBD	TBD

NCAA Quarterfinals

NCAA College Cup

All times listed are at the competition sites.

Nov. 24–26 Fri. – Sun.

Dec. 1-3

Sat. – Mon.

Bold indicates home matches. ^ Played at SAS Soccer Park in Cary, N.C.

TBD

TBA

TBD

St. Louis, Mo.



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COVERING A MATCH

Postgame interviews will be held on the Stone Stadium field approximately 10 minutes after the match ends. Please notify a member of the South Carolina Media Relations staff of any requests.

Postgame summaries will be available in the Stone Stadium press box shortly after the end of the match.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers may shoot from the sidelines at Stone Stadium, excluding the team bench areas. On the endlines, photographers are permitted only in the area between the sidelines and the edges of the penalty box.

AUDIO BROADCASTS

At least nine South Carolina men's soccer matches will be broadcast live on USCsports. com this fall.

2006 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	Clemson	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Centenary	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Temple	7:30 p.m
Sept. 10	Alabama A&M	2:30 p.m
Sept. 17	Davidson	2 p.m.
Sept. 24	Memphis	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	UAB	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	Florida International	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	UCF	2 p.m.

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EUGENE E. STONE III STADIUM: HOME OF THE GAMECOCKS

Located in the heart of the USC campus is the home field of the Gamecocks, Eugene E. Stone III Stadium, also known as "The Graveyard". Once again in 2004, South Carolina put up some impressive numbers in home attendance. With an average of 1,104 fans per match, Carolina ranked No. 18 nationally in attendance.

The stadium, which debuted in 1996, was made possible by the \$1 million gift given by the late Eugene E. Stone III. Stone, who passed away in 1997, was a Carolina graduate and Chairman of Stone Manufacturing Co. Inc., the parent company of UM-BRO International.

Stone Stadium's west side houses permanent stands that hold 4,000 fans. It is equipped with a 70' by 8' press box with a camera deck on top. The press box houses both the scoreboard operating system and the public address system as well as room to comfortably seat members of the media.



The facility includes two team rooms, an officials' dressing room, a concession stand for the fans and restrooms for both men and women on each side of the stadium. Also nicknamed The Graveyard because of its close proximity to the House of Peace cemetery, the area has proven to be a "graveyard" for opponents over the years. In 28 seasons, the Gamecocks have compiled an incredible 256-56-17 record against visitors for a winning percentage of .804.

STONE STADIUM RECORDS

MATCH RECORDS

Most Goals: 13 vs. Coastal Carolina (9/26/79)

Fewest Goals: 0, 28 times

Most Opponent Goals: 5 by Connecticut (9/14/79);

by North Carolina (10/14/94)

Fewest Opponent Goals: 0, 133 times

Largest Margin of Victory: 12-0 vs. Presbyterian

(9/10//0)

SEASON RECORDS

Most Matches: 15 (1988-89)
Most Wins: 13 (1985-88-89)
Most Losses: 4 (1983-2000-2003)
Most Ties: 2 (1983-2000)

Most Consecutive Wins: 13 (1985)

Most Consecutive Losses: 2 (1983, 1994, 1995,

2000, 2003, 2005)

Longest Unbeaten Streak: 13 (1985)
Highest Won-Loss Pct: .955 (10-0-1, 1993)
Lowest Won-Loss Pct: .500 (4-4-2, 2000)
Most Goals: 51 (1997, 11 matches)
Fewest Goals: 12 (2000, 12 matches)
Most Opponent Goals: 20 (1992, 14 matches)
Fewest Opponent Goals: 4 (1987, 12 matches)
Most Shutouts: 10 (1985, 14 matches)
Most Opp. Shutouts: 3 (1982.13 matches: 2000.

CAREER RECORDS

Most Consecutive Wins: 13 (9/1/85-12/1/85)
Most Consecutive Wins: 13 (9/1/85-12/1/85)
Most Consecutive Losses: 2 (9/18/83-9/24/83;11/6/94-11/20/94; 9/17/95-9/20/95; 9/6/05-9/16/05)

10 matches; 2003, 10 matches; 2005, 8 matches)

Longest Unbeaten Streak: 15 (10/17/84-12/1/85) Longest Winless Streak: 4 (9/18/83-10/2/83)

MILESTONE MATCHES

1st Match/Win: Presbyterian (9/18/78), 12-0 W 50th Match: Erskine (10/27/82), 3-1 W 50th Win: Davidson (10/26/83), 1-0 W 100th Match: Furman (10/29/86), 0-3 L 100th Win: Charleston (10/5/88), 3-0 W 150th Match: Erskine (10/26/90), 4-0 W 150th Win: Davidson (9/8/93), 5-0 W 200th Match: Louisville (10/30/94), 4-1 W 200th Win: Philadelphia Textile (11/15/98), 3-0 W 250th Match: Davidson (9/4/99), 0-1 L (OT) 300th Match: Bucknell (9/12/04), 1-0 W

NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Record: 10-9-0 (.526)

Most Goals: 6 vs. Air Force (11/28/93)

Most Opponent Goals: 3 by UAB (11/25/01); 3 by

College of Charelston (11/19/04)

Fewest Goals: 0 - Six times; most recent against

Duke (11/26/00)

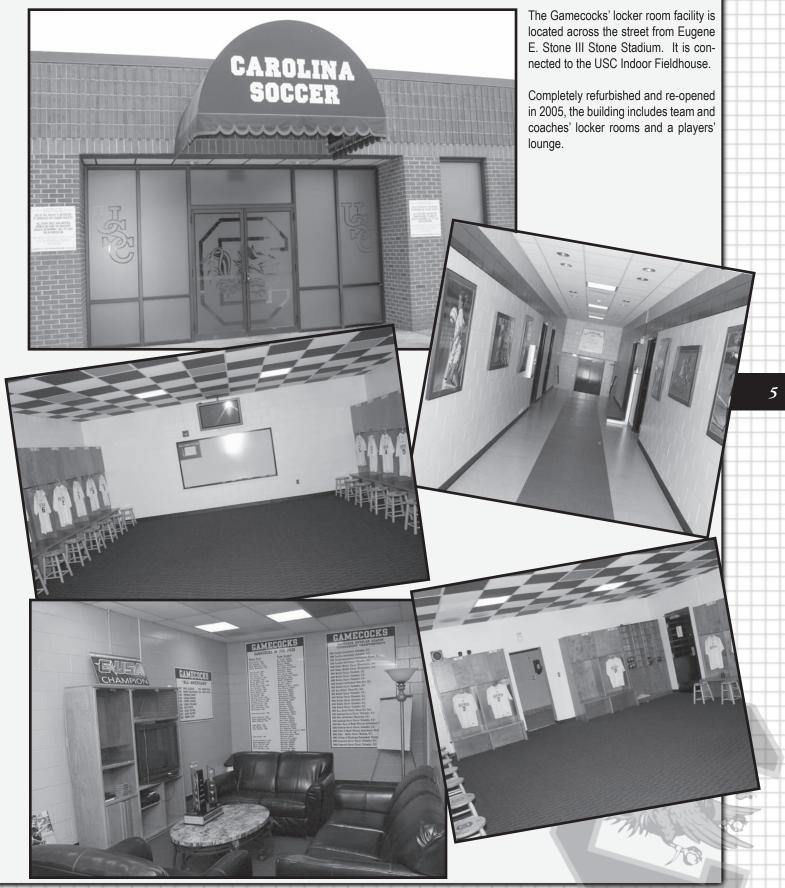
Fewest Opponent Goals: 0 - Six times; most recent against Charleston Southern (11/23/97)

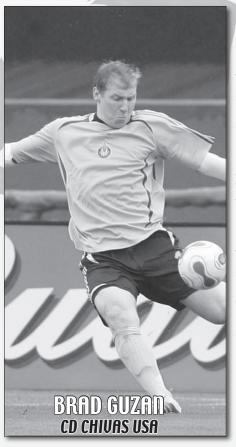
TOP 20 CROWDS AT STORE STADIUM nk Opponent Attendance Date Score 1 Clemson 6,025 10/14/90 1-3

Rank	Opponent Atte	ndance	Date	Score	WLT
1	Clemson	6,025	10/14/90	1-3	L
2	Clemson	5,900	10/9/88	2-1	W
3	UCLA!	5,750	9/6/98	2-1	W
4	UCLA@	5,718	11/4/89	3-2 ot	W
5	Indiana@	5,600	11/6/88	1-1	T
6	Clemson	5,385	11/1/92	2-0	W
7	Akron@	5,351	11/5/89	1-0	W
8	Clemson	5,027	10/8/00	0-0 ot	T
9	Clemson	5,021	10/11/99	0-1	L
10	Indiana@	4,953	10/28/90	2-1	W
11	Clemson	4,868	10/6/02	1-2	L
T12	Boston@	4,500	11/8/87	1-0	W
T12	American#	4,500	12/1/85	0-2	L
14	Clemson	4,400	10/12/86	4-3 ot	W
15	Clemson	4,312	10/10/04	1-0	W
16	Furman	4,125	10/15/00	1-1 ot	Т
17	Air Force#	4,104	11/28/93	6-0	W
18	Clemson	4,065	10/19/94	3-1 ot	W
T19	North Carolina	3,800	9/17/89	3-2	W
T19	Duke	3,800	10/19/86	2-3 ot	L

@ MetLife Classic; # NCAA Quarterfinal; % Umbro Kickoff Classic; ! Providence Kickoff Classic Classic

CAROLINA SOCCER LOCKER ROOM





GAMECOCKS IN THE PROS

The University of South Carolina soccer program continues to prepare its student-athletes for the total experience in college, and for making the next step to the professional soccer world. In 28 years of play – all coming under the direction of head coach Mark Berson – the Gamecocks have had over 40 players that were drafted or played in the professional ranks. Those individuals were drafted by teams either in the North American soccer leagues or in foreign leagues.

With the emergence of Major League Soccer in 1996, Gamecock Rob Smith joined the Columbus Crew. Former Gamecock greats, Clint Mathis (New York/New Jersey Metrostars) and Josh Wolff (Chicago Fire/Kansas City Wizards), soon joined the list of Gamecocks in the MLS. Wolff and Mathis finished second and third, respectively, in the voting for MLS Rookie of the Year in 1998. Mathis spent the 2004 season playing with Hannover 96 of the German Bundesliga before returning to the United States to join Real Salt Lake. He now plays for the Colorado Rapids. Henry Ring was the first goalkeeper drafted in in the 2000 MLS Super Draft and spent three years with the Chicago Fire and was named to the MLS All-Star team during a breakout 2004 season.

In 2003, three more Gamecocks joined the professional ranks. Defender Tim Glowienka was drafted by the NY/NJ Metro Stars and later joined teammate Michael Bachmeyer with the A-League's Pittsburgh Riverhounds. Midfielder David Moore joined the Atlanta Silverbacks, also a member of the A-League. Joey Worthen played with the Richmond Kickers of the A-League in 2004 and joined Real Salt Lake of the MLS in 2006.

Brad Guzan was the No. 2 pick, the highest ever for a goalkeeper, in the 2005 MLS Super-Draft. Guzan went on to start in goal for CD Chivas USA in his rookie campaign.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER



During the 2005 Major League Soccer season, three former Gamecocks starred for their respective teams: Brad Guzan (CD Chivas USA), Clint Mathis (Real Salt Lake) and Josh Wolff (Kansas City Wizards). Guzan, who earned All-America honors at Carolina in 2004, made history by becoming the highest goalkeeper ever selected in the MLS SuperDraft when he was chosen No. 2 by expansion-club Chivas USA.

Following in the footsteps of South Carolina's first Major League Soccer player, Rob Smith, the tandem of Mathis and Wolff have had a huge impact on the MLS and the U.S. National Team.

Both Mathis and Wolff entered the MLS after the 1997 season by different methods. Mathis was drafted by the Los Angeles Galaxy as the sixth overall pick in the 1998 draft. Wolff signed with "Project 40" and was assigned to the Chicago Fire.

Mathis and Wolff had breakthrough seasons in 2000. Mathis was the star of the 2000 All-Star game, playing for the NY/NJ MetroStars in the same season that Wolff led the U.S. Olympic team to its best finish in the Olympics. Wolff played every minute for the U.S. during the Olympic Games.

Despite suffering injuries in 2001, Mathis and Wolff were named to the 2002 U.S. World Cup team by head coach Bruce Arena. Both strikers impacted the team's success in South Korea.

In 2001, Wolff was joined by former USC teammate Henry Ring. The goalkeeper was drafted in the third round by the Fire. Ring was the first Gamecock since Mathis to earn two All-America honors (1998 and 2000). Ring, Mathis and Wolff were all teammates during Carolina's 16-3-1 season in 1997, when they closed out their season in the second round of the NCAAs. Wolff was traded from the Chicago Fire to the Kansas City Wizards in 2003. Ring assumed starting duties for the Fire in 2004 and had a breakout season, being named to the MLS All-Star team, while Mathis spent the 2004 campaign playing overseas with Hannover 96 of the German Bundesliga before returning to the MLS. He now plays for the Colorado Rapids.

These Gamecocks are carrying on the Gamecock tradition on the national scene. Mathis and Wolff have been featured on ESPN and ABC for their efforts in the MLS, tracing their start at South Carolina

GAMECOCKS ON NATIONAL TEAMS

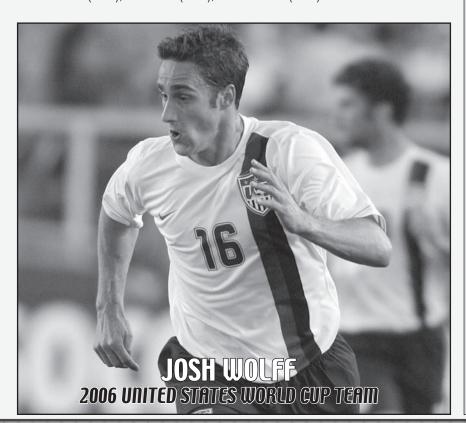
A number of players have played on various United States national teams throughout the years. Coach Mark Berson directed the South team to the gold medal at the U.S. Olympic Festival in Durham, N.C., in 1987 – one year after serving as assistant coach for the South squad. Berson also guided the U.S. Under-18 team to the Granatkin/Leningrad Tournament in 1989 that was held in the Soviet Union. A list of those squads and Carolina players follows:

- U.S. World Cup Team Josh Wolff (2002, 2006), Clint Mathis (2002)
- *U.S. National Team* Mike Gosselin (1992), Clint Mathis (1998-present), Josh Wolff (2001-present), Brad Guzan (2005-present)
- U.S. Olympic Team Rob Smith (1996), Josh Wolff (2000)

Bolivian National Team - Ruben Tufino (1996)

- **U.S. National "B" Team** Clint Mathis (1997), David Turner (1993), Clark Brisson (1992), Mike Gosselin (1989-90-91)
- *U.S. Under-23 Team* Billy Clifford (1993-94-95-96), Chris Faklaris (1993-96), Jamie Posnanski (1996), Rob Smith (1993-94-95-96), Tony Soto (1996), Josh Wolff (1998-00)
- **U.S. Under-20 Team** Mike Gustavson (2006) Joey Worthen (1999), Clint Mathis (1994), Tony Soto (1994), Chris Faklaris (1992-93), Rob Smith (1992-93), Tommy Loeber (1986), Josh Wolff (1996-97)
- **U.S. Under-18 Team -** Josh Wolff (1994-95), Jamie Starr (1993)
- U.S. Under-17 Team Mark Wiltse (2003-04), Jeff Scannella (2003-04), Tony Soto (1992), Billy Baumhoff (1991), Mike Solano (1990), Brian Scott (1988), David Corfield (1982) and Raymond Vigliotti (1978-79)
- U.S. Olympic Festival Henry Ring (1998), Tony Soto (1995), Chris Faklaris (1993-94-95), Rob Smith (1991-93-94-95), Billy Clifford (1993-94-95), Jamie Posnanski (1994-95), Billy Baumhoff (1994-95), Brian Scott (1991), David Turner (1991), Tommy Loeber (1987), Scott Cook (1986-87), Bill Hency (1986), David Goodchild (1981), Eric Hawkes (1981) Chris Heidelberger (1981).

World University Games – Clint Mathis (1997), Josh Wolff (1997), Chris Faklaris (1995), Jamie Posnanski (1995), Rob Smith (1995), Mike Gosselin (1991).



SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYERS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCCER

Team (League)

St. Louis (MISL)

New York (MISL)

New York (MISL) New England (NASL)

Charlotte (ASL)

Charlotte (ASL)

New Jersey (ASL)

Oklahoma (ASL)

Skeid (NORWAY)

St. Louis (MISL)

Denver (MISL)

Ft. Lauderdale (NASL)

Baltimore Blast (MISL)

Fort Wayne (AISA)

Carolina (USISL)

Baltimore (MISL)

New Jersey (ASL)

Cleveland (MISL)

Washington (MISL)

San Diego (MISL)

Canton (NPSL)

Canton (NPSL)

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Delaware (APSL)
Columbus (MLS)

Harrisburg (APSL)

Kansas City (MLS)

Atlanta (APSL)

Carolina (USISL)

New York (APSL)

Carolina (USISL)

Charleston (USISL)

Richmond (USISL)

Los Angeles (MLS)

Chicago (MLS) Kansas City (MLS)

Charlotte (USISL)

Raleigh (USISL)

Raleigh (USISL)

Pittsburgh (ASL)

Charelston (USL)

Chicago (MLS)

New York/New Jersey (MLS) Hannover 96 (GB) Real Salt Lake (MLS) Colorado Rapids (MLS)

Denver (MISL)

Player (Year)
Paul Turin ('78)
Ray Viglotti ('79)
Rich Wurdack ('79)
Brian Winstead ('79)

Tom Fouch ('79) Ed Fouchs ('79) Dan Potter ('79) John Tremont ('80) Art Kramer ('80) Viktor Wikstrom ('80) David Burr ('82) David Goodchild ('82) Eric Hawkes ('82) Warren Lipka ('85) Doug Allison ('87) Scott Cook ('87) Pat Walsh ('88) Charles Arndt ('89) Scott Henderson ('89) Tommy Loeber ('90) Clark Brisson ('91) Mike Gosselin ('91) Peter Duitsman ('93) Rob Smith ('94)

Billy Baumhoff ('94)

Chris Faklaris ('94) Jamie Posnanski ('94) Billy Clifford ('95)

John Mills ('96) Jeff Wilson ('96) Clint Mathis ('98)

Josh Wolff ('98)

Nathan Watkins ('99) Chris Morman ('00) Ryan O'Neill ('00) Henry Ring ('01) Joey Worthen ('02)

Michael Bachmeyer ('03)

Tim Glowienka ('03)

David Moore ('03) Brad Guzan ('04) Greg Reece ('05) Real Salt Lake (MLS)
Richmond (ASL)
Pittsburgh (ASL)
New York/New Jersey (MLS)
Pittsburgh (ASL)
Atlanta (ASL)
CD Chivas USA (MLS)

LEAGUES

AISA – American Indoor Soccer League

APSL – American Professional Soccer League

ASL – American Soccer League

GB - German Bundesliga

MISL – Major Indoor Soccer League

MLS – Major League Soccer

NASL – North American Soccer League

NPSL – National Professional Soccer League

USISL – United Systems of Independent Soccer

Leagues

18 NCAA Tournament Appearances

HOME SWEET HOME - MEMORABLE HOME MATCHES

Over the last 28 seasons, many great memories have been made at South Carolina home matches at The Graveyard, since named Stone Stadium. These memorable matches range from NCAA Tournament wins to strong individual showings, to wins that marked a specific moment in Carolina soccer history.

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1	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	DESCRIPTION
j	9/19/78	Presbyterian	W, 12-0	USC's first-ever home match, began Carolina's excellent record at home.
j	11/17/85	Duke	W, 3-0	Doug Allison and Scott Cook both add a goal and an assist, as USC wins school's first NCAA home match.
1	10/12/86	Clemson	W, 4-3	One of the early matches with USC archrival. Carolina secured its first home win over Clemson.
1	11/27/88	SMU	W, 1-0	The lone first half goal by Clark Brisson leads Gamecocks to first ever Final Four.
ł	11/4/89	UCLA	W, 3-2	First of two wins over UCLA nine years apart helped USC go undefeated in 1989 Met Life Classic.
1	11/12/89	Duke	W, 2-1	Scott Cook scores miraculous goal from near corner flag to defeat Blue Devils in NCAA Tournament.
ł	10/28/90	Indiana	W, 2-1	Win over powerhouse Indiana give Gamecocks second Met Life Classic title.
1	11/1/92	Clemson	W, 2-0	Gamecocks score in 15 seconds; have captain ejected at 56 seconds. Still win thriller.
ł	11/4/92	Co. of Charleston	W, 4-3	Senior All-American Tommy Loeber scores his first career goal with seconds left to send match to
1				overtime.
ł	11/28/93	Air Force	W, 6-0	USC reaches second Final Four behind six-goal outburst by six different Gamecock goal scorers.
1	10/14/94	North Carolina	W, 7-5	Future MLS star Clint Mathis shows first signs of brilliance.
ł	10/29/97	Wake Forest	W, 5-4	Carolina erased a 4-2 second-half deficit to come back and defeat WFU behind five Josh Wolff points.
	11/23/97	Chas. Southern	W, 3-0	First NCAA match at newly-named Stone Stadium sees Mathis and Kim Eriksen combine to score two
ı			goals.	
1	9/6/98	UCLA	W, 2-1	USC defeats top-ranked and defending national champion Bruins for Berson's 300th career win at the
ł				Kickoff Classic.
1	11/8/98	North Carolina	W, 2-1	A bicycle kick by Nathan Watkins gives USC another one-goal win, Berson's 300th win at Carolina.
1	10/10/04	Clemson	W, 1-0	Ryan Deter's goal in the 24th minute sends Carolina past archrival Clemson and gives coach
1				Mark Berson his 375th career victory.



	ALPHABETICAL	ROSTE	R
No.	Name	Pos.	CI
9	Ayo Akinsete	F	Sr.
24	Mario Burstein	MF/D	Fr.
12	Rob Charest	MF	Sr.
27	Paddy Flynn	MF	Fr.
16	Geoff del Forn	GK	R-So.
29	Trey Foster	MF	Fr.
8	Jeff Gross	MF	R-So.
1	Mike Gustavson	GK	So.
21	Kevan Hawkins	MF/F	So.
18	Makan Hislop	D	Sr.
0	Ryan Jenkins	GK	R-Fr.
14	Matt King	MF/D	Jr.
11	Ryan Leeton	MF	Sr.
7	Cory Lewis	MF	Fr.
23	Spencer Lewis	MF	So.
25	Matt Mierley	GK	R-Fr.
19	J.D. Moon	MF	Jr.
2	Ralph Pace	MF	Sr.
4	Ramon Paracat	MF	Jr.
23	Schuyler Reardon	F	Fr.
26	Sam Roca	D/MF	Fr.
6	Mike Sambursky	F	Sr.
10	Jeff Scannella	MF	Fr.
20	David Smith	MF	So.
5	Daniel Upchurch	D	Jr.
22	Brennan Williams	MF	So.
15	Mark Wiltse	D/MF	Fr.
28	Matt Winstead	F	Fr.

NUMERICAL ROSTER									
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht	Wt	CI	Hometown (High School/Previous School)			
0	Ryan Jenkins	GK	6-3	203	R-Fr.	Maryville, Tenn. (Maryville)			
1	Mike Gustavson	GK	6-4	184	So.	Aiken, S.C. (South Aiken)			
2	Ralph Pace	MF	6-2	203	Sr.	Boston, Va. (Rappanhannock/UMass)			
3	Spencer Lewis	MF	5-6	140	So.	Irmo, S.C. (Irmo)			
4	Ramon Paracat	D/MF	5-9	183	Jr.	Farmingville, N.Y. (St. John the Baptist)			
5	Daniel Upchurch	D	6-1	181	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (Greenhill)			
6	Mike Sambursky	F/MF	5-10	180	Sr.	Katy, Texas (Cypress Springs)			
7	Cory Lewis	MF	6-1	164	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga. (Chattahoochee)			
8	Jeff Gross	MF	5-10	166	R-So.	Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer)			
9	Ayo Akinsete	F	5-11	200	Sr.	London, England (St. Columbia's)			
10	Jeff Scannella	MF	5-7	141	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga. (Northview)			
11	Ryan Leeton	D	5-11	185	Sr.	Midland, Texas (Midland)			
12	Rob Charest	MF/F	5-11	168	Sr.	Monson, Mass. (Monson/UMass)			
14	Matt King	MF/D	5-8	156	Jr.	Sandy, Utah (Brighton)			
15	Mark Wiltse	MF/D	5-11	146	Fr.	Belle Mead, N.J. (Montgomery)			
16	Geoff del Forn	GK	5-10	163	R-So.	Gainesville, Ga. (Piedmont College)			
18	Makan Hislop	D	6-4	209	Sr.	Tobago, West Indies (Signal Hill)			
19	J.D. Moon	MF	5-10	158	Jr.	Conyers, Ga. (Heritage)			
20	David Smith	MF	5-11	178	So.	Arlington, Texas (Summit)			
21	Kevan Hawkins	MF/F	5-9	151	So.	Denton, Texas (Ryan)			
22	Brennan Williams	MF/D	5-7	151	So.	Columbia, S.C. (Cardinal Newman)			
23	Schuyler Reardon	F	6-1	173	Fr.	Aiken, S.C. (Aiken)			
24	Mario Burstein	MF/D	5-9	156	Fr.	Marietta, Ga. (George Walton)			
25	Matt Mierley	GK	5-10	185	R-Fr.	Weston, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)			
26	Sam Roca	D	6-0	175	Fr.	Wayne, N.J. (Wayne Valley)			
27	Paddy Flynn	MF	5-7	140	Fr.	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)			
28	Matt Winstead	F	5-9	165	Fr.	Columbia, S.C. (Cardinal Newman)			
29	Trey Foster	MF	5-5	140	Fr.	Fort Mill, S.C. (Fort Mill)			

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Rob Charest	Shuh-rest
Mike Gustavson	GUST-of-son
Makan Hislop	MACK-in His-lop
Matt Mierley	My-er-lee
Bert Molinary	Muh-lin-ary
Ramon Paracat	Ra-moan Pair-uh-cot
Schuyler Reardon	Sky-ler
Sam Roca	Rock-uh
Mark Wiltse	Wilt-see

COHCHING STHFF							
Name	Position	Year	Alma Mater				
Mark Berson	Head Coach	29th	North Carolina, 1975				
Bert Molinary	Assistant Coach	3rd	Excelsior, 2003				
Alex Maslow	Assistant Coach	2nd	Furman, 2005				



2006 SEASON PREVIEW

An experienced core of returning players who have tasted success and a talented group of freshmen highlight the 2006 edition of South Carolina men's soccer.

The Gamecocks are coming off a season of growth. The 2005 team lost its first five matches of the season and scored just one goal during that stretch. The resilient group rebounded from early adversity and posted a 12-1-2 record in its final 15 matches, capturing the Conference USA Tournament title in its first season competing in the league and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament along the way.

The lessons learned in Carolina's first season competing in Conference USA should prove invaluable as the Gamecocks look to take the next step in 2006.

"Last year, the Championship and the results that the team achieved in the middle and latter part of the season could never have been possible without the leadership we have from our four seniors (Josh Alcala, Ryan Deter, Greg Reece and Eric Szeszycki)," head coach Mark Berson said. "They really contributed a lot on the field as demonstrated by the awards and recognition they received, but



Mike Sambursky led Carolina in scoring last season with 24 points (8 g, 8 a).

also off the field. Their loss is significant to our team. I think that the group that is coming up has seen good leadership in action and I have confidence that they will carry on and give us the leadership and direction to have a good season."

This season's roster features six seniors, all of whom were regular starters in 2005. Overall, eight starters and 16 letterwinners are back, and Berson welcomes a highlytouted group of 11 freshmen to the roster.

"In every one of the lines, at forward, the middle and in the back we've got some experience and some good young guys. It's a nice mix to have," Berson said of his team. "We will have to figure out the best combinations, but it's going to be exciting to watch this team cone together."

The incoming class includes five high school All-Americans and three state high school players of the year. College Soccer News recognized the class among the top-20 nationally.

"I think the fact that this freshman class is very versatile is going to be important," Berson added.

FORWARDS

Despite the loss of graduated senior Josh Alcala, the Gamecocks have a pair of seasoned veterans back at the forward position. Senior **Mike Sambursky** was voted as Conference USA's Preseason Offensive Player of the Year. Sambursky earned all-South Region and all-Conference USA honors as a junior after leading the Garnet and Black in scoring with 24 points on eight goals and eight assists.

"Mike can play up front, he can play wide or he can play withdrawn. He has a great combination of speed and power," Berson said. "He has improved his finishing to where he's very consistent around the goal."

Senior **Ayo Akinsete** finished as USC's third-leading scorer a year ago, compiling 16 points on seven goals and two assists. Akinsete has started 55 matches over the last three seasons for the Gamecocks.

Sophomore **Kevan Hawkins** also returns after appearing in 16 matches as a true freshman.



Senior Ayo Akinsete is a three-year starter at forward for the Gamecocks.

Two true freshmen join the Gamecocks' striking contingent this fall. **Schuyler Reardon**, an Aiken product who attended Aiken High, is a strong and athletic forward. **Matt Winstead**, a second generation Gamecock and local product out of Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia, rounds out the trio.

MIDFIELD

Seniors **Ralph Pace** and **Rob Charest** return as starters in the midfield. Pace, who earned third-team All-Conference USA honors in 2005, started in the defensive midfielder position last season, while Charest played an attacking midfield role.

Junior J.D. Moon was part of the starting lineup 16 times last season, while sophomores Spencer Lewis and David Smith both played significant minutes off the bench as true freshmen. Junior Jeff Gross is also in his third season with the Gamecocks.

"We have a lot of returning players giving us a good anchor in the midfield," Berson noted. "I think we have very good balance."

A number of freshmen will have an opportunity to work their way into the starting

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lineup and playing rotation. **Jeff Scanella**, who spent time in residency with the United States U-17 team in Bradenton, Fla., plays the left side of the midfield. Mario Burstein is a versatile player who is comfortable as a defensive midfielder, an attacking midfielder or playing on the back line. Palmetto state product **Trey Foster** can play on the right side. **Paddy Flynn**, a local product out of Columbia's Spring Valley High School, can play on the right or in the middle.

"This is a good group of four freshmen and we're anxious to see how they settle in the midfield." Berson said.

DEFENSE

Carolina also returns a pair of senior starters on the back line. **Ryan Leeton**, a third-team all-Conference USA choice in 2005, started at center back and **Makan Hislop**, a member of the Trinidadian U-21 National Team, started at outside back. Hislop can also play on the right side.

Junior **Daniel Upchurch** has played in 18 matches the last two seasons at center back while junior **Ramon Paracat** and sophomore **Brennan Williams** have both seen extensive action the left side. Junior **Matt King** also returns as a defender or in the midfield.

"We really don't have massive holes in (the back), though we did lose an outstanding player in (center back) **Greg Reece**. Someone is going to have to step up and take that position," Berson said. "That could be Daniel Upchurch or one of three true freshman in **Mark Wiltse**, **Sam Roca** or **Cory Lewis**. Those three can show a lot of promise for us."

Like Scannella, Wiltse also spent time in residency with the United States U-17 team in Bradenton, Fla. The Belle Meade, N.J., was a high school All-American.

Roca, who hails from Wayne, N.J., earned the New Jersey state high school player of the year honor from the coaches' association. Lewis joins the Gamecocks after a successful prep career Chattahoochee High School in Alpharetta, Ga., and with the Georgia State Olympic Development team.

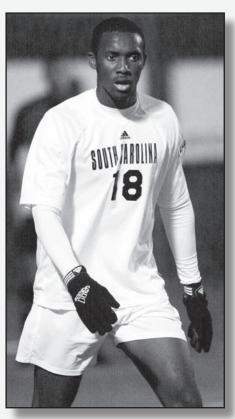
GOALKEEPERS

After starting the 2005 season with a true freshman in goal, Carolina will have an experienced goalkeeper between the pipes in sophomore **Mike Gustavson**, who made the 2006 All-Conference USA Preseason Team. Gustavson earned Conference USA Freshman of the Year honors and second-team all-league accolades last season.

"At goalkeeper, it's a situation where we have a large improvement over where we at this time last season. Mike has a year's worth of experience under his belt. He has also experienced playing with United States U-20 National Team," Berson said.

There are three goalkeepers competing for the back-up spot.

"(Redshirt freshman) **Matt Mierley** has had a great summer competing for a national championship with his club team. (Redshirt freshman) **Ryan Jenkins** and (redshirt sophomore) **Geoff del Forn** both had a very good spring seasons. Jenkins is recovering from a detatched retina and should be ready late in the first half of the season. The goalkeeping



Senior Makan Hislop has started 48 career matches for Carolina on defense.

is very solid. It's going to be interesting to see how everything sorts out in the fall," Berson noted.

THE SCHEDULE

South Carolina begins its second season in Conference USA in 2006, and will play nine matches inside the friendly confines of Stone Stadium.

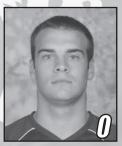
"A year later, I still have the same overriding thought I had last year, which is that we have a lot to learn about our opponents in the conference," Berson explained. "Until we complete this year and we've been to all these places, we don't have a complete picture of the teams and their competition venues. I still think we're in a learning process."

The Gamecocks will play Memphis (Sept. 24), UAB (Sept. 27), Florida International (Oct. 7) and UCF (Oct. 21) at home. Carolina will makes trips to Kentucky (Oct. 1), Marshall (Oct. 14), SMU (Oct. 18) and Tulsa (Oct. 28). The Conference USA Tournament will be held in Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 1-5.

"As we go into this year, nothing is a given," Berson said. "You'd like to think 'We're that much more experienced. We know a little more about the opponents and we won the conference championship last year.' I think it's going to be exactly the same as we go through this season. I think we're going to be improved over where we were last year. Looking at the recruiting and the players returning, I think everyone in the league has improved their positioning, at least on paper, going into the season. It's going to be a very even, well-balanced conference. They're going to be tough games, just like last season."

The Gamecocks open the 2006 campaign at home on Aug. 25 against cross-state rival Clemson. Carolina takes a two-match road trip to Wofford (Aug. 28) and William & Mary (Sept. 2) before returning to Columbia for a four-game homestand. Centenary comes to town on Sept. 5, followed by two matches in the adidas-Gamecock Classic against Temple (Sept. 8) and Alabama A&M (Sept. 10). On Sept. 17, the Gamecocks face Davidson at home before completing the non-conference portion with a Sept. 20 match against NC State in Cary, N.C.

BROADCAST ROSTER



Ryan Jenkins
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Maryville, Tenn.
(Maryville)



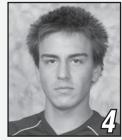
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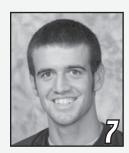
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Daniel Upchurch
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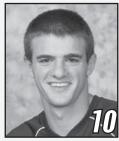
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(Chattahoochee)



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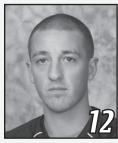
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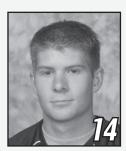
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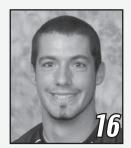
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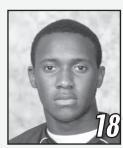
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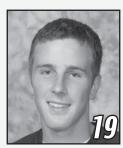
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(Montgomery)



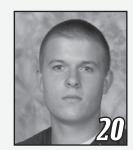
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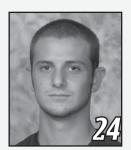
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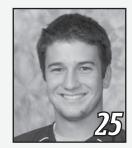
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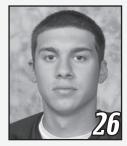
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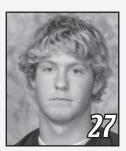
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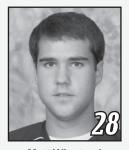
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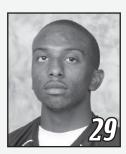
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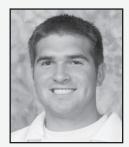
Trey Foster
Fr. • MF • 5-5 • 140
Fort Mill, S.C.
(Fort Mill)



Mark Berson Head Coach 29th Season



Bert Molinary Assistant Coach Third Season



Alex Maslow Assistant Coach Second Season



