

SOUTH CAROLINA

2009 Coaching Staff

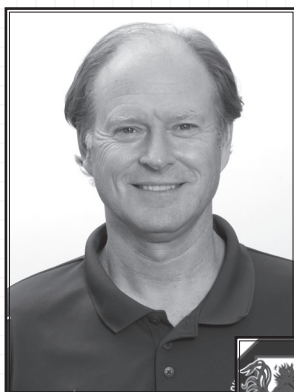


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MARK BERSON

HEAD COACH

32ND SEASON AT SOUTH CAROLINA, 410-160-53

33RD OVERALL, 421-165-53

Mark Berson, one of 11 Division I coaches ever to win 400 matches, begins his 32nd season at the helm of the South Carolina soccer program.

Berson has been at South Carolina from the beginning. He was hired to move the program to varsity status in 1978, and he quickly put Carolina on the map. He has gone on to mold the Gamecocks into consistent winners that compete for championships.

Berson now has a 410-160-53 record at South Carolina. He is third among active NCAA Division I men's soccer coaches by victories (421) and ranks as the No. 8 coach all-time in D-I history by victories.

Before coming to Carolina in 1978, Berson went 11-5-0 in one season at The Citadel, making his overall record 421-165-53, a winning percentage of 70 percent. In 2006, Berson became one of five active (at that time) Division I coaches and the 10th all-time to reach the 400-victory milestone when his Gamecocks defeated UAB, 2-0, in a televised contest at Stone Stadium.

Berson has made his mark on the college soccer world by taking the Gamecocks to 18 NCAA Tournaments, including 12 trips during the last 17 years. The Gamecocks have advanced to the second round 10 times and have four quarterfinal and two Final Four appearances. In 1993, the Gamecocks advanced to the NCAA Championship game.

Though Carolina has been independent during the majority of the program's tenure, the Gamecocks have captured a pair of conference titles under Berson's leadership. Carolina won the 1993 Metro Conference Championship in one of its two years competing in the conference. The Gamecocks joined Conference USA in 2005 and promptly claimed the league's tournament championship and automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Besides making an impact in collegiate soccer, Berson's presence is also felt within the professional ranks. Former Gamecock Josh Wolff (1995-97) competed on the United States World Cup team for the second time during the summer of 2006 and was also an Olympic team member in 2000.

In January 2005, former Gamecock Brad Guzan (2003-04) made MLS history when he was the No. 2 overall pick in the MLS SuperDraft, selected by CD Chivas USA. Guzan became the highest goalkeeper ever drafted into the league. In the fall of 2007, Guzan was selected as the 2007 Panasonic MLS Goalkeeper of the Year. He received his first invitation to the U.S. National Team Camp in January 2006 and was selected to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team that competed in Beijing as the starting goalkeeper.

During the summer of 2002, Wolff and Clint Mathis (1994-97) represented the United States in the World Cup. Mathis also graced the cover of Sports Illustrated in May prior to the World Cup, marking the third Gamecock athlete, in any sport, to be featured on the prestigious magazine.

In 2004, goalkeeper Henry Ring enjoyed a breakout season representing the Garnet and Black in the MLS All-Star game and starting in goal for the East.

Currently, two of Berson's pupils at South Carolina are playing in the MLS -- Wolff (Kansas City Wizards) and Clint Mathis (Real Salt Lake). Guzan competes with Aston Villa of the Barclays Premier League in England.

Berson led Carolina to a 113-39-12 mark (.726) in the 1990s, which rated the Gamecocks as one of the winningest programs in NCAA Division I soccer. In 1998, Berson earned the inaugural Independent Coach of the Year award after leading Carolina to the best record of all Independent schools.



Berson has also been honored as the National Soccer Coaches Association Coach (NSCAA) of the Year in the South on four occasions (1984, 1985, 1988, 1995).

Under his leadership, 17 Gamecocks have been selected to represent South Carolina in either the MLS Combine, the ISAA Senior Bowl or the UMBRO Select All-Star Classic. Included in that group are Mike Sambursky (2006), Josh Alcala (2005), Brad Guzan (2004) Tim Glowienka (2003), Jordan Quinn (2003), Joey Worthen (2002), Chris Morman (1999), Clint Mathis (1997), Billy Clifford (1995), Andrew Coggins (1991), Tommy Loeber (1990), Charles Arndt (1988), Doug Allison (1987), Bill Hency (1986), Warren Lipka (1985) David Burr (1982) and Paul Turin (1979). Two of those players, Lipka and Arndt, were honored as National Goalkeeper of the Year in 1985 and 1988, respectively.

Berson's success has ranged beyond the college ranks, as 47 South Carolina players have been drafted into or entered professional soccer since 1978, while Gamecock players have represented the United States on the U.S. Olympic team, the U.S. National team, the National "B" team, the U.S. Under-20 and Under-23 teams, the World University Games squad, and the U.S. Olympic Festival teams. Berson has coached 11 individual NSCAA All-Americans (Doug Allison, Marty Baltzeger, Charles Arndt, Clark Brisson, Tommy Loeber, Chris Faklaris, Rob Smith, Clint Mathis,

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Henry Ring, Brad Guzan and Greg Reece), eight individual Academic All-Americans (Peter Duitsman, Greg King, Jeff Love (twice), Pat Mihm, Phil Seidenberg, Loeber, Ruben Tufino, Sam Arthur (second team), and Soccer America's Freshman of the Year (Tufino). Duitsman was also named the Boyd McWhorter SEC Male Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1994.

Berson has been involved in soccer development as a coach, teacher and administrator on many levels. He is a U.S. Soccer National Instructional Staff Coach with an "A" coaching license and formerly served as State Coach for the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA), working in player development and coaching certification. In 1992, he was inducted into the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame.

Berson also coached the U.S. National U-18 team in the Granatkin/Leningrad Tournament in January 1989, in the Soviet Union. In July 1987, he directed the South team to the gold medal in the U.S. Olympic Festival in Durham, N.C., one year after serving as an assistant coach for the South squad.

Berson has served on the NCAA South Region Advisory Committee for the NCAA Tournament and the Division I Coaches Subcommittee for the National Soccer Coaches Association. He has also served as head scout for U.S. Soccer for the South Region. His Carolina Soccer Camp continues to be one of the country's finest soccer camps for children of all age groups and skill levels.

Berson began his coaching career when he joined the soccer staff at The Citadel in 1976 and served as an assistant coach under Eddie Teague. He took over the Bulldogs' head job the next season and led The Citadel to an 11-5-0 mark and a second-place finish in the Southern Conference.

Berson, who is the dean of the University of South Carolina coaches, came to Columbia to start the varsity program in 1978 and promptly posted a 13-3-1 mark in his inaugural season with the Gamecocks. A year later, South Carolina finished with a 14-5-0 record and reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time. South Carolina has gone on to achieve a winning record in 29 of 31 seasons.

A 1971 graduate of Summit (N.J.) High School, Berson attended the University of North Carolina and received his bachelor of arts degree in journalism in 1975. Berson played on the Tar Heel soccer squad for four years, one as a midfielder and the other three in goal. As a senior, Berson received the UNC Educational Foundation Award and was a member of the Academic ACC Honor Roll. Berson earned his master's of education degree in sport administration from Ohio University in 1977.

Born March 16, 1953, in Hartford, Conn., Berson is married to the former Shauna Hopkins of Columbia. They have two children, Erin Rhea, 23, and Luke William, who is 19. Erin graduated from South Carolina in 2009, and Luke is currently a redshirt-freshman member of the South Carolina men's soccer team.



Mark, Shauna, Erin and Luke Berson

THE BERSON FILE

Born: March 16, 1953, in Hartford, Conn.

High School Education: Summit (N.J.) High School, 1971

College Education: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of North Carolina, 1975. Master's of Education in Sport Administration from Ohio University, 1977.

High School: All-state (1970) at Summit High. Earned letters in soccer and track.

College Soccer: Letterman at North Carolina, playing one year at midfielder and three years in goal. Received UNC Educational Foundation Award. Academic ACC Honor Roll, 1972-74.

Coaching Career: Assistant Coach, The Citadel, 1976; Head Coach, The Citadel, 1977; Head Coach, South Carolina, 1978-present.

Family: Wife: Shauna (Hopkins) of Columbia. Children: Erin Rhea (23), Luke William (19).

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- One of three active and 11 Division I coaches all-time to reach the 400-victory milestone
- Ranks No. 8 on the all-time Division I wins list and third among active coaches
- Ranks No. 8 among active Division I coaches with a .700 winning percentage
- Has taken 18 teams to the NCAA Tournament, including four to the quarterfinals and two to the Final Four
- Four-time NSCAA South Region Coach of the Year: 1984, 1985, 1988, 1995
- 1998 Independent Coach of the Year
- Has coached 11 individual All-Americans and two National Goalkeepers of the Year
- Coached players who have made three World Cup appearances and two Olympic appearances, including Brad Guzan, the starting goalkeeper for the U.S. in the 2008 Olympics
- More than 40 of his former players have been drafted into professional soccer
- Has won two conference championships in Carolina's six seasons as a member of a conference -- 1993 Metro Conference Championship and 2005 Conference USA Tournament Championship
- Has coached 44 players to 63 National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-South Region honors
- Member of the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame (inducted 1992)



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BERSON'S COLLEGIATE COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.	NCAA FINISH
1977	The Citadel	11	5	0	.688	School's Best Record Ever
1978	South Carolina	13	3	1	.794	South Region Top 10
1979	South Carolina	14	5	0	.737	NCAA First Round
1980	South Carolina	12	5	2	.684	South Region Top 10
1981	South Carolina	16	4	1	.786	South Region Top 10
1982	South Carolina	12	5	2	.684	South Region Top 10
1983	South Carolina	8	11	2	.429	South Region Top 10
1984	South Carolina	14	4	2	.750	South Region Top 5
1985	South Carolina	20	3	1	.854	NCAA Quarterfinals
1986	South Carolina	17	5	0	.773	NCAA First Round
1987	South Carolina	16	2	3	.833	NCAA Second Round
1988	South Carolina	14	4	4	.727	NCAA Semifinals
1989	South Carolina	17	3	2	.818	NCAA Quarterfinals
1990	South Carolina	14	5	2	.714	NCAA Second Round
1991	South Carolina	14	5	0	.737	South Region Top 10
1992	South Carolina	13	5	3	.690	NCAA First Round
1993	South Carolina	16	4	4	.750	NCAA Finals
1994	South Carolina	16	4	0	.800	NCAA First Round
1995	South Carolina	16	4	0	.800	NCAA Second Round
1996	South Carolina	8	9	2	.474	-
1997	South Carolina	16	3	1	.825	NCAA Second Round
1998	South Carolina	16	5	0	.762	NCAA Second Round
1999	South Carolina	10	7	2	.579	-
2000	South Carolina	12	4	3	.711	NCAA First Round
2001	South Carolina	12	5	2	.684	NCAA Second Round
2002	South Carolina	11	8	1	.575	NCAA First Round
2003	South Carolina	9	7	2	.556	-
2004	South Carolina	12	7	1	.625	NCAA First Round
2005	South Carolina	12	7	2	.619	NCAA First Round/C-USA Ch.
2006	South Carolina	11	5	1	.676	-
2007	South Carolina	11	6	2	.631	-
2008	South Carolina	8	6	5	.552	-
The Citadel (1 year)		11	5	0	.688	-
South Carolina (31 years)		410	160	53	.700	15-16 NCAA Tourn. Record
OVERALL (32 years)		421	165	53	.700	18 NCAA Appearances



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BERT MOLINARY

**ASSISTANT COACH/RECRUITING COORDINATOR
SIXTH SEASON AT SOUTH CAROLINA**

Bert Molinary begins his sixth season as an assistant coach for the South Carolina men's soccer program

and his fifth season as the recruiting coordinator.

Molinary's responsibilities span all areas of the program, including scheduling, budget, equipment, alumni relations and academics. He also coordinates recruiting, helping to bring in a top-20 recruiting class in 2006, while in 2007 the South Carolina recruiting class ranked No. 10 and the 2008 class ranked No. 14 in the nation according to *CollegeSoccerNews.com*.

The Gamecocks advanced to the NCAA Tournament in Molinary's first two seasons on the staff and captured the Conference USA Tournament Championship in 2005, Carolina's first season competing in the league.

Before joining the Gamecock staff, Molinary spent eight years as the head men's soccer coach at Hampden-Sydney College.

"Bert has experience in all areas as a former head coach," said South Carolina head coach Mark Berson. "He is a tremendous recruiter and a tireless worker, who has been a proven winner at the collegiate level."

During his tenure at Hampden-Sydney, Molinary compiled an impressive list of credentials, including a 94-57-6 (.618) overall record, with his victory total and winning percentage rating as the best in school history. Along with his record number of coaching victories, he guided the Tigers to a national ranking of 22nd in 1997, marking the first-ever appearance by a Hampden-Sydney soccer team in the national poll. Molinary served six seasons as an assistant coach at Hampden-Sydney prior to taking over as the program's head coach.

At Hampden-Sydney, Molinary coached a pair of NSCAA/adidas All-Americans, 25 NSCAA/adidas All-South Region selections and 21 first-team All-ODAC selections.

In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Molinary served as the Chairman of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Soccer Coaches Committee, as the South Region Chairman of the NSCAA Men's All-America Selection Committee and as a member of the NCAA South Region Advisory Committee.

Throughout his career, Molinary has coached five players that have either been drafted or entered professional soccer. Included in the group are Erik Ozimek, a fourth-round selection by San Jose of the MLS, and Andy Kwon, a member of the U-20 National Pool and a third-round selection by Rochester of the A-League.

Molinary is also involved in coaching the South Carolina Olympic Development program. He served as the head coach for the 1992 age group in 2006-07, the 1994 age group in 2007-08 and the 1996 squad for the 2008-09 season.

Molinary served as head coach of the Columbia Patriots Soccer Club from 1990-94, leading the team to five South Carolina State Cup Championships.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Molinary played two years for former Hampden-Sydney head coach Mike Reilly at Spartanburg Methodist College. In those two years, SMC compiled a 29-5 record and in 1985, reached the Southeast Region Finals of the NJCAA Championships, attaining a final national ranking of seventh.

Molinary is a 1984 graduate of Spring Valley High School, where he played for the highly-respected coach John Boulware.



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- Winningest coach in Hampden-Sydney College history with an overall record of 94-57-6 (.618). While at Hampden-Sydney, directed the Tigers to their first ever regular-season national ranking and first ever season-ending national rank at No. 22
- Former head coach for the 1992 and 1994 South Carolina Boys Olympic Development Team; current head coach for the 1996 team
- During time as recruiting coordinator at Carolina, has brought in three top-20 recruiting classes (2006-08) and one top-10 class (2007) as voted on by *CollegeSoccerNews.com*
- Has signed five top-25 recruits according to *ESPNRISE Magazine*; Sam Arthur (No. 10, 2007), Danny Cates (No. 23, 2008), David MacVane (No. 7, 2008), Brandon Tarr (No. 25, 2008), Eric Martinez (No. 9, 2009)
- 10 South Carolina signees have been designated as members of the Top 100 Freshman To Keep An Eye On (*CollegeSoccerNews.com*) during their respective rookie seasons
- Recruited one Hermann Trophy Watch List honoree in Jimmy Maurer (2009)
- Recruited two *Parade Magazine* All-Americans in the 2009 class, Eric Martinez and Alex Long
- Has recruited four players who have participated in U.S. Residency Program



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MIKE BABST

**ASSISTANT COACH/GOALKEEPER COACH
THIRD SEASON AT SOUTH CAROLINA**

Mike Babst begins his third season as an assistant coach at South Carolina. He joined the Gamecock program in

July 2007 following three seasons at Duquesne University.

Babst works primarily with the Gamecock goalkeepers, including All-Conference USA honoree Jimmy Maurer. Under Babst's direction, Maurer has earned numerous awards in net for Carolina, including All-South Region First Team, Conference USA Freshman of the Year (2007), and numerous C-USA Defensive Player of the Week awards.

In Babst's three seasons at Duquesne, the Dukes compiled a 37-18-3 record and earned at least a share of the Atlantic 10 Conference title in both 2004 and 2005. Babst also coached the 2005 Atlantic 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year, goalkeeper Zach Varga, and the Dukes moved as high as No. 13 in the national polls, the highest in school history, during that season.

Prior to joining the Duquesne staff, Babst coached at Washington and Lee University. In two seasons at W&L, he supervised the goalkeepers, directed the offseason strength and conditioning program and assisted in all areas of collegiate coaching, including recruiting, scouting, researching and organizing visits. The 2003 squad was ODAC runner-up, while Babst helped secure one All-American in each recruiting class while he was there.

Babst played goalkeeper collegiately at Boston College from 1996-1999. He holds his NSCAA National License and a level two goalkeeper certification. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native owns a bachelor's degree in economics and marketing from Boston College (1999) and law degree from the University of Pittsburgh (2007).



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**MARCY GIRTON
DEPUTY ATHLETICS DIRECTOR**

Marcy Girton is in her third full year as deputy athletics director for administration, serving as sport supervisor for men's soccer. Girton assists the director of athletics in all phases of administration of the Department of Athletics, is responsible for the supervision of the department's marketing efforts, multi-media and website operations and ticket office operations, while also serving as the department's liaison to the University and corporate partners.

Girton came to South Carolina after a nine-year stint at TCU where she served as associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator. She was responsible for overseeing the athletics compliance program and departmental policies, as well as athletics financial aid, and the Student Athlete Advisory Council. She also supervised the sports of women's basketball, soccer and men's and women's tennis.

Girton has a broad background in intercollegiate athletics as an athlete, coach and administrator. Since joining TCU in 1999, she was involved in all phases of sports programs, from marketing and promotions to fund raising, personnel management and broadcasting. She was named the TCU Athletics Department "Teammate of the Year" following the 2000-01 school year.

A native of Reelsville, Ind., Girton began her administrative career at Western Carolina in 1996, supervising 11 sports and overseeing academic support services, the Life Skills program, and the Student-Athlete Council. In addition, Girton handled personnel management, budget preparation, event scheduling and operations, marketing and promotions, and fund raising, along with community and alumni outreach activities.

A 1981 graduate of Taylor (Ind.) University, Girton earned a master's degree from Ball State in 1982 and received a second master's from Indiana State in 1983. Girton enrolled in the doctoral program at Purdue in 1995. She served as special events coordinator for the Purdue Alumni Association, while also providing analysis on the women's basketball radio broadcasts. Prior to her stint at Purdue, Girton coached women's collegiate basketball for 10 years.



**STEVE
BONDURANT
ACADEMIC COORDINATOR**



**DJ
BROWN
COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR**



**DAN
AUSTIN
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING**

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