

CAROLINA

Head Coach Mark Berson

391 Career Wins, Fifth Among
Active Division I Coaches



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Coach Mark Berson

29th Season at South Carolina >>> 30th Season Overall



Now in his 29th season at the helm of the South Carolina soccer program, Mark Berson has molded the Gamecocks into a consistent winner that competes for championships.

Berson has made his mark on the college soccer world by taking the Gamecocks to 18 NCAA Tournaments, including 12 trips during the last 15 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. USC won the 1993 Metro Conference Championship in one of its two years competing in the conference. Carolina joined Conference USA in 2005 and promptly claimed the league's tournament championship and automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

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. After 29 seasons, Berson is closing in on career win No. 400. Entering the 2006 season, his 391 victories rank No. 5 among active Division I coaches.

Besides making an impact in collegiate soccer,

Coach Berson's presence is also being 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.

In January 2005, former Gamecock Brad Guzan (2003-04) made 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 MLS. He received his first invitation to the U.S. National Team camp in January, 2006.

During the summer of 2002, Wolff and Clint Mathis (1994-97) represented the United States in the 2002 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.

In 2000, Wolff represented the United States in the Sydney Olympics.

Currently, four of Berson's pupils at South Carolina are playing in the MLS -- Guzan (Chivas USA), Mathis (Colorado Rapids), Wolff (Kansas City Wizards) and Joey Worthen (Real Salt Lake).

Berson now has a 380-143-45 record at South Carolina. Before coming to South Carolina in 1978, Berson went 11-5-0 in one season at The Citadel, making his overall record 391-148-45, a winning percentage of .708 percent, which ranks him 11th among active Division I coaches. His 391 all-time victories place him 11th all-time in Division I.

Berson led Carolina to a 113-39-12 mark (.726) in the 1990s which rated the Gamecocks as one of the

THE BERSON FILE

Born: March 16, 1953 in Hartford, Conn.

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

College Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree 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 (20), Luke William (16).

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

:: Ranks No. 21 on the all-time Division I wins list and fifth among active coaches

:: Ranks No. 11 among active Division I coaches with a .708 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 12 All-Americans and two National Goalkeepers of the Year

:: Coached players who have made three World Cup appearances and one Olympic appearance

:: More than 40 of his former players have been drafted into Professional soccer

:: Has won two Conference Championships in USC's three seasons as a member of a conference -- 1993 Metro Conference Championship and 2005 Conference USA Tournament Championship



Mark Berson ranks fifth among all active Division I coaches with 391 career wins.

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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 the Independent schools.

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

Under his leadership, 16 Gamecocks have been selected to represent South Carolina in post-season play in either the MLS Combine, the ISAA Senior Bowl or the UMBRO Select All-Star Classic. Included in that group are 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 far and beyond the college ranks as 42 South Carolina players have been drafted into or entered professional soccer in the last 27 years, 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 10 NSCAA All-Americans (Doug Allison, Marty Baltzeger, Charles Arndt, Clark Brisson, Tommy Loeber, Chris Faklaris, Rob Smith, Clint Mathis, Henry Ring and Brad Guzan), eight Academic All-Americans (Peter Duitsman, Greg King, Jeff Love twice, Pat Mihm, Phil Seidenberg, Loeber and Ruben Tufino), 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's Hall of Fame.



The Berson Family: Standing: Luke and Mark; Seated: Erin and Shauna

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 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 (NSCAA). 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.

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 26 of 28 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, 20, and Luke William, who is 16. Erin is a sophomore pharmacy major at USC and Luke attends Dreher High School.



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MARK 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	.426	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	.809	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	.658	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	.635	NCAA First Round
2005	South Carolina	12	7	2	.619	C-USA Champs; NCAA First Round

The Citadel (1 year)	11	5	0	.688	
South Carolina (28 yrs.)	380	143	45	.709	15-16 NCAA Tourn. Record
OVERALL (29 years)	391	148	45	.708	18 NCAA Appearances



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Bert Molinary

Assistant Coach >>> Third Season at South Carolina



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

Molinary's responsibilities range in 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.

The Gamecocks have advanced to the NCAA Tournament in both of Molinary's seasons 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 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 was also responsible for the daily training of the Gamecock goalkeepers in Brad Guzan's final season at USC in 2004. Guzan went on to become the No. 2 pick of CD Chivas USA in the MLS SuperDraft in 2005.

Molinary is involved in coaching the South Carolina Olympic Development program. He served as the head coach for the 1992 age group last year and will coach the 1994 age group this year.

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.

Alex Maslow

Assistant Coach >>> Second Season at South Carolina



Alex Maslow begins his second season as an assistant coach for the South Carolina men's soccer program.

A former standout goalkeeper at Furman University, Maslow is involved in all facets of the Gamecock program, including recruiting, scheduling, budget and academics with a particular emphasis on training the Carolina goalkeepers.

Maslow helped to develop freshman goalkeeper Mike Gustavson in 2005. Gustavson earned Conference USA Freshman-of-the-Year honors and second team all-league recognition and set a USC freshman record for saves with 88.

The Gamecocks captured the Conference USA Tournament Championship and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament in Maslow's first season at USC.

Maslow was a four-year letterwinner from 2001-2004 for Furman coach Doug Allison, who played for and served as an assistant coach to Mark Berson at South Carolina. He was a two-time All-Southern Conference selection and a two-time member of the league's Academic Honor Roll. Maslow started 42 matches and compiled an impressive 0.99 goals-against average in 4,147 minutes of play during his career. He also finished with 16 shutouts and 212 saves.

In 2002, Maslow was the goalkeeper for eight of the 11 matches in Furman's NCAA record shutout streak. He went 846 minutes from Oct. 2 to Dec. 1 without allowing a goal, which ranks as the fourth-longest streak in NCAA history. His 0.63 goals-against average that season ranked eighth nationally.

In addition to his duties at USC, Maslow served as an assistant coach and goalkeeper trainer in the South Carolina Olympic Development program. He coached the 1992 age group a year ago and will work with the 1994 age group this year.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., Maslow was a National Soccer Coaches' Association of America High School All-American at Charlotte Catholic High School. During his prep years, he was a member of the United States Under-18 National Team pool.

Maslow graduated from Furman with a bachelor's degree in political science in 2005.



Ben Pritchard
Team Manager



Brainard Cooper
Associate Athletic Trainer



Jaime Kent
G.A. Athletic Trainer



Kimberly Murray
Student Athletic Trainer

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Kevin O'Connell Executive Associate Athletics Director



Kevin O'Connell is in his second year as executive associate athletics director at the University of South Carolina.

O'Connell serves as the sport administrator for baseball, men's basketball, men's and women's soccer and men's and women's golf. He also oversees the Gamecock athletics marketing and promotions, media relations, facilities and ticket operations, and serves as the department's liaison with Gamecock Sports Properties (Learfield and ISP Sports), Action Sports Media and Global Spectrum, the management company for the Colonial Center.

O'Connell came to South Carolina after spending six years at TCU as the Associate Athletics Director of External Operations. He was responsible for the Frogs' marketing and promotions, the TCU Sports Network, media relations, ticket operations, the community outreach program and served as the primary liaison with ESPN Regional Television. Additionally, he oversaw the TCU men's and women's golf, men's and women's swimming & diving and men's and women's track & field programs.

During O'Connell's tenure in Fort Worth, the Horned Frogs showed attendance growth in nearly every sport. TCU posted three of the top six football season attendance totals in school history. The women's basketball program boasted the top-ranked home season attendance figure in Conference USA four straight years and was ranked 32nd nationally in 2004-2005 with an average attendance of 3,462. TCU baseball averaged its highest attendance in school history during the 2005 campaign.

O'Connell moved to TCU from Miami (Ohio) University, where he spent four years as an associate athletics director. Prior to his stint at Miami, O'Connell served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the ITG Travel Companies in Raleigh, N.C. Before assuming his duties with ITG in 1989, the Falls Church, Va., native served eight years at North Carolina State, the last three as associate athletics director. O'Connell began his professional career with the Washington (D.C.) Diplomats of the North American Soccer League in 1977, working in various positions.

A 1975 graduate of Virginia Tech, O'Connell earned a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University in 1977.

O'Connell and his wife, Becky, have three children: Shannon, a graduate of Furman University, Brent, a sophomore at South Carolina, and Becca, a freshman at Dreher High School.

Dan Austin Strength and Conditioning Coach



Dan Austin serves as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the South Carolina football team. Austin, who is in his fourth year at USC, also works with the Gamecock men's golf and men's soccer teams.

Prior to joining the South Carolina staff, Austin held the position of head strength coach at Austin Peay State University, Tennessee State, UNLV, Mississippi State and Oklahoma State University. While at OSU, he was voted the Big 12 Conference's Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year in 2000.

A native of Greenville, S.C., Austin earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Newberry College where he played both football and soccer. Austin obtained a master's degree in Health, Physical Education and Education Administration from Austin Peay.

Austin is certified by United States American Weightlifting, the International Sports Sciences Association, and the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association. He also holds Level II Specialist in Sports Conditioning certification and the Master Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association, which is the highest certification a strength coach can achieve.

Austin is also a nine-time world power lifting champion and 14-time national power lifting champion.

He has one daughter, Briana.



DJ Brown Compliance

DJ Brown serves as the Assistant Director of Compliance for the University of South Carolina. He joined the USC staff in December, 2005 after serving as the Assistant Director of Compliance for Iowa State University's Athletic Department.

Brown is responsible for monitoring the NCAA Academic Performance Program and is the Coordinator for the University of South Carolina Sports Agent Panel. He coordinates rules education and interpretations for USC Faculty and Staff. In addition, he serves as the compliance office contact for baseball, women's basketball, men's and women's soccer and men's and women's tennis.

Brown earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in finance at Iowa State University in 2001.

A native of Ames, Iowa, Brown and his wife Katherine were married in May, 2006

Collin Crick Director of Student-Athlete Development

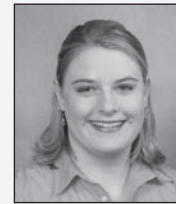


Collin Crick enters his fifth year as the NCAA Champs/Life Skills Director and Athletics Academic Advisor for the Athletics Department and his 10th year at the University of South Carolina. He serves as the academic advisor for the men's and women's soccer and men's and women's tennis teams. In 2003, USC was recognized by the Division 1A Athletics Directors' Association as a CHAMPS/Life Skills Program of Excellence.

Prior to working for the Athletics Department, Crick worked as an Academic Advisor for two years in the USC Moore School of Business and three years as an Admissions Counselor for USC Undergraduate Admissions.

The native of South Carolina is the coordinator for "Team Gamecocks," the community outreach program

for the Athletics Department. Crick is also the advisor to SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee), University 101 course instructor, and a member of the Harvest Hope Food Bank PR Committee. He received a master's degree in Higher Education Administration from USC in 2004 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from USC in 1997. His wife, Betsy, is also a native of South Carolina and a graduate of the University of South Carolina.



Christy Lang Media Relations

Christy Lang is in her third year on the University of South Carolina media relations staff. In addition to her work on athletics department publications, she serves the primary media relations

contact for the Gamecock men's soccer, men's golf and men's tennis teams and the department's official athletic web site, www.uscsports.com. Lang also hires and oversees the department's student assistants.

Lang joined the South Carolina staff in September, 2004 after spending two years as an assistant media relations director at Indiana University. Prior to her stint at Indiana, she worked as a media relations assistant during the 2001-02 school year at the University of Kansas.

A native of Norman, Okla., Lang earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism with emphasis in public relations from the University of Oklahoma in May, 2001. While at OU, she worked as a student assistant for two years in the Sooner Media Relations Office.

Lang has handled publicity efforts for two national championship teams, the 2000 Oklahoma softball team and the 2003 Indiana men's soccer team, and served as media coordinator at numerous NCAA and conference championship events.

The former Christy Tolin married Gavin Lang on July 31, 2004.

Jennifer White Administrative Assistant



Jennifer White is her first year as the administrative assistant for the South Carolina men's soccer program. She also serves as the administrative assistant to Executive Associate Athletics Director Kevin O'Connell and the Gamecock women's soccer program.

White graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2005 with a degree in public relations and a minor in sport and entertainment management. She worked in the USC Ticket Office as a student from 2002-2005 and accepted a full-time position in the athletic department in August, 2005.

A native of Chesnee, S.C., Jennifer is married to Bobby White.