



CAROLINA

GAMECOCKS



Introduction



1 Introduction

As the Gamecocks prepare for their 122nd season of intercollegiate football, get an overview of the 2015 football season with the schedule, preseason outlook, rosters, a preseason depth chart, squad breakdown and other notes of interest. For the latest up-to-date information on the Gamecocks, check out the team's official website at www.gamecocksonline.com.

17 Coaching Staff

Head coach Steve Spurrier begins his 11th season in Columbia. While the Head Ball Coach remains the key figure guiding the offense, he is assisted by co-offensive coordinators Shawn Elliott and Steve Spurrier Jr. Jon Hoke is the lone newcomer on the staff. He will share co-defensive coordinator duties with Lorenzo Ward, in what will be a revamped defense.

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South Carolina returns 43 letterwinners from last season's squad, including 13 starters. Four starters return on offense, while eight are back on defense, along with placekicker Elliott Fry. In addition, the Gamecocks welcome their 11th-straight Top-25 recruiting class to Columbia this fall.

77 2014 in Review

South Carolina recorded its school-record 11th-straight season of at least a .500 record in 2014, posting a 7-6 record that included wins over SEC Eastern Division rivals Georgia and Florida, and a season-capping Independence Bowl win over Miami (Fla.).

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123 History

In 2014, two-time All-American Jadeveon Clowney became just the second Gamecock selected with the first overall pick in the NFL Draft. One of the greatest players to wear the Garnet & Black, Clowney joined George Rogers as the only Carolina players to earn that distinction.

165 Bowl Games

South Carolina is one of just three Power-5 schools that has celebrated a bowl win in each of the last four seasons, joining Michigan State and Texas A&M. Carolina has defeated traditional powers Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin and Miami (Fla.) in its four-year run.

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Quick Facts

Location Columbia, S.C.
 Founded 1801
 Enrollment 32,972
 Conference Southeastern (Eastern Division)
 Colors Garnet (PMS 202C) & Black
 Nickname Gamecocks
 Mascot Cocky
 Stadium Williams-Brice (80,250)
 Surface Natural Grass

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Head Coach Steve Spurrier
 Alma Mater Florida (1967)
 Overall Record 226-85-2 (25 years)
 Record at South Carolina 84-45 (10 years)
 Defensive Line Deke Adams
 Linebackers/Spurs Kirk Botkin
 Co-Offensive Coord./Offensive Line Shawn Elliott
 Co-Defensive Coordinator Jon Hoke
 Quarterbacks/Tight Ends G.A. Mangus
 Special Teams Coordinator Joe Robinson
 Running Backs Everette Sands
 Co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
 Recruiting Coordinator Steve Spurrier Jr.
 Co-Defensive Coordinator Lorenzo Ward
 Director-Strength & Conditioning Joe Connolly
 Head Football Athletic Trainer Clint Haggard

All-Time Record 583-553-44
 2014 Record 7-6
 2014 SEC Record (Finish) 3-5 (4th East)
 2014 Bowl Duck Commander Independence Bowl
 South Carolina 24, Miami (Fla.) 21

Basic Offense Multiple
 Basic Defense 4-2-5
 Lettermen Returning 43
 Offense 16
 Defense 24
 Special Teams 3
 Lettermen Lost 26
 Offense 14
 Defense 9
 Special Teams 3
 Starters Returning 13
 Offense 4
 Defense 8
 Special Teams 1
 Starters Lost 11
 Offense 7
 Defense 3
 Special Teams 1

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2015 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Series
Thursday	September 3	North Carolina	Charlotte, N.C.	UNC leads 34-18-4
Saturday	September 12	Kentucky*	Columbia, S.C.	SC leads 17-8-1
Saturday	September 19	Georgia*	Athens, Ga.	UGA leads 47-18-2
Saturday	September 26	Central Florida	Columbia, S.C.	SC leads 4-0-0
Saturday	October 3	Missouri*	Columbia, Mo.	MU leads 3-2-0
Saturday	October 10	LSU*	Columbia, S.C.	LSU leads 17-2-1
Saturday	October 17	Vanderbilt*	Columbia, S.C.	SC leads 20-4-0
Saturday	October 31	Texas A&M*	College Station, Texas	A&M leads 1-0-0
Saturday	November 7	Tennessee*	Knoxville, Tenn.	UT leads 24-7-2
Saturday	November 14	Florida*	Columbia, S.C.	UF leads 24-8-3
Saturday	November 21	The Citadel	Columbia, S.C.	SC leads 40-7-3
Saturday	November 28	Clemson	Columbia, S.C.	CU leads 66-42-4

*Denotes Southeastern Conference game

2014 Results

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Record	SEC	TV	Attendance
08/28	#21 Texas A&M*	Columbia, S.C.	L, 28-52	0-1	0-1	SECN	82,847
09/06	East Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	W, 33-23	1-1	0-1	ESPNU	80,899
09/13	#6 Georgia*	Columbia, S.C.	W, 38-35	2-1	1-1	CBS	84,232
09/20	Vanderbilt*	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 48-34	3-1	2-1	SECN	34,441
09/27	Missouri*	Columbia, S.C.	L, 20-21	3-2	2-2	ESPN	83,493
10/04	Kentucky*	Lexington, Ky.	L, 38-45	3-3	2-3	SECN	62,135
10/18	Furman	Columbia, S.C.	W, 41-10	4-3	2-3	SECN	78,101
10/25	#5 Auburn*	Auburn, Ala.	L, 35-42	4-4	2-4	SECN	87,451
11/01	Tennessee*	Columbia, S.C.	L, 42-45 OT	4-5	2-5	SECN	81,891
11/15	Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.	W, 23-20 OT	5-5	3-5	SECN	85,088
11/22	South Alabama	Columbia, S.C.	W, 37-12	6-5	3-5	FSN	78,201
11/29	#23 Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	L, 17-35	6-6	3-5	ESPN	85,024
12/27	Miami (Fla.)	Shreveport, La.	W, 24-21	7-6	3-5	ABC	38,242

Duck Commander Independence Bowl

*Denotes Southeastern Conference Game

Future Schedules

2016 Non-Conference

11/26 Clemson

SEC Rotation

2016	at Mississippi State	2021	vs Auburn
2017	vs Arkansas	2022	at Arkansas
2018	at Ole Miss	2023	vs Mississippi State
2019	vs Alabama	2024	at Alabama
2020	at LSU	2025	vs Ole Miss

2015 Team Hotels

North Carolina

Hilton Charlotte Center City
 222 E 3rd Street
 Charlotte, NC 28202
 704-377-1500

Georgia

Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta
 1775 Pleasant Hill Rd.
 Duluth, GA 30096
 770-923-1775

Missouri

Holiday Inn Executive Center
 2200 I-70 DR SW
 Columbia, MO 65203
 573-445-8531

Texas A&M

La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa
 600 LaTorretta Blvd.
 Montgomery, TX 77356
 936-448-4400

Tennessee

Hilton Knoxville Airport
 2001 Alcoa Highway
 Alcoa, TN 37701
 865-970-4300

Home Games

DoubleTree by Hilton Columbia
 2100 Bush River Road
 Columbia, SC 29210
 803-731-0300



Offense

WR	1	Deebo Samuel	6-0	202	FR-RS	Inman, S.C.
	8	Shamier Jeffery	6-1	189	SR-2L	St. Matthews, S.C.
	14	Shaq Davidson	5-11	175	FR-RS	Gaffney, S.C.
	23	Christian Owens	6-5	204	FR-HS	Griffin, Ga.
WR	11	Pharoh Cooper	5-11	207	JR-2L	Havelock, N.C.
	29	Matrick Belton	6-4	209	JR-SQ	Columbia, S.C.
	9	Jerad Washington	5-8	158	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla.
WR or	83	Carlton Heard	6-0	182	SR-1L	Athens, Ga.
	5	Terry Googer	6-4	226	FR-RS	Atlanta, Ga.
	82	Sean Odom	6-0	194	JR-SQ	Orangeburg, S.C.
LT	71	Brandon Shell	6-6	328	SR-3L	Goose Creek, S.C.
	69	D.J. Park	6-4	325	SO-1L	Dillon, S.C.
	77	Malik Young	6-3	308	FR-RS	Pelzer, S.C.
LG	51	Cody Waldrop	6-2	300	JR-2L	Seffner, Fla.
	72	Donell Stanley	6-4	320	FR-RS	Floydale, S.C.
C	70	Alan Knott	6-4	270	SO-1L	Tyrone, Ga.
	51	Cody Waldrop	6-2	300	JR-2L	Seffner, Fla.
RG	75	Will Sport	6-5	295	SR-3L	Milton, Fla.
	65	Brock Stadnik	6-5	285	JR-2L	Greensboro, N.C.
RT or	76	Mike Matulis	6-5	293	SR-2L	Boynton Beach, Fla.
	74	Mason Zandi	6-9	314	JR-2L	Chapin, S.C.
TE	89	Jerell Adams	6-6	231	SR-3L	Pinewood, S.C.
	86	Kevin Crosby	6-1	238	FR-RS	Bamberg, S.C.
	40	Jacob August	6-6	258	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C.
	45	Clayton Stadnik	6-3	240	JR-2L	Greensboro, N.C.
QB	6	Connor Mitch	6-3	211	SO-SQ	Raleigh, N.C.
	10	Perry Orth	6-1	203	JR-SQ	Ponte Vedra, Fla.
	12	Michael Scarnecchia	6-4	210	FR-RS	Fleming Island, Fla.
FB	39	Rivers Bedenbaugh	6-2	245	SO-TR	Leesville, S.C.
	43	Garrison Gist	5-10	251	SR-SQ	Rock Hill, S.C.
TB	22	Brandon Wilds	6-2	216	SR-3L	Blythewood, S.C.
	33	David Williams	6-1	214	SO-1L	Philadelphia, Pa.
	7	Shon Carson	5-8	204	SR-2L	Scranton, S.C.

Note: South Carolina lists 12 positions on both offense and defense on its depth chart.

Defense

DE	44	Gerald Dixon	6-2	269	JR-2L	Rock Hill, S.C.
	55	David Johnson	6-1	240	SO-1L	Lithonia, Ga.
DT	52	Phillip Dukes	6-3	319	SR-2L	Manning, S.C.
	90	Taylor Stallworth	6-2	308	SO-1L	Mobile, Ala.
	94	Kelsey Griffin	6-2	316	JR-2L	Buford, Ga.
NT	92	Gerald Dixon Jr.	6-3	327	SR-3L	Rock Hill, S.C.
	99	Abu Lamin	6-4	326	JR-1L	Fayetteville, N.C.
	48	Dexter Wideman	6-4	293	FR-PS	Saluda, S.C.
DE	8	Marquavius Lewis	6-3	264	JR-JC	Greenwood, S.C.
	18	Cedrick Cooper	6-2	248	SR-3L	Lithonia, Ga.
	5	Darius English	6-6	225	JR-2L	Powder Springs, Ga.
MLB	10	Skai Moore	6-2	218	JR-2L	Cooper City, Fla.
	11	T.J. Holloman	6-2	231	JR-2L	Stone Mountain, Ga.
	13	Jalen Henry	5-10	207	FR-HS	Foley, Ala.
WLB	28	Jonathan Walton	6-0	235	JR-2L	Daphne, Ala.
	4	B. Allen-Williams	6-1	233	SO-1L	Ellenwood, Ga.
	9	Sherrod Pittman	6-0	225	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla.
SLB	23	Larenz Bryant	6-0	220	JR-2L	Charlotte, N.C.
	12	Ernest Hawkins	6-1	224	SO-JC	Baltimore, Md.
SPR	20	T.J. Gurley	5-10	193	SR-3L	Cairo, Ga.
	26	Jasper Sasser	6-0	210	SO-1L	Jacksonville, Fla.
	25	Darin Smalls	5-11	190	FR-HS	Summerville, S.C.
LCB	3	Chris Lammons	5-10	183	SO-1L	Lauderhill, Fla.
	7	Wesley Green	5-10	175	FR-RS	Lithonia, Ga.
FS	6	Chris Moody	6-1	215	JR-2L	McDonough, Ga.
	24	D.J. Smith	5-11	195	SO-1L	Marietta, Ga.
	14	Ali Groves	5-10	183	SO-SQ	Stone Mountain, Ga.
SS	42	Jordan Diggs	6-0	209	JR-2L	Fort Myers, Fla.
	17	Chaz Elder	6-2	209	JR-2L	Union City, Ga.
RCB	1	Rico McWilliams	5-11	186	JR-2L	Hampton, Ga.
	31	Al Harris Jr.	5-11	163	SO-1L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
	22	Jamari Smith	5-10	200	SO-1L	Jacksonville, Fla.

Special Teams

KO	19	Landon Ard	5-9	182	SR-2L	Rock Hill, S.C.
	29	Elliott Fry	6-0	164	JR-2L	Frisco, Texas
PK	29	Elliott Fry	6-0	164	JR-2L	Frisco, Texas
	19	Landon Ard	5-9	182	SR-2L	Rock Hill, S.C.
P	13	Sean Kelly	5-10	189	JR-TR	Oakland, Fla.
KR or	7	Shon Carson	5-8	204	SR-2L	Scranton, S.C.
	1	Deebo Samuel	6-0	202	FR-RS	Inman, S.C.
PR	11	Pharoh Cooper	5-11	207	JR-2L	Havelock, N.C.
	3	Chris Lammons	5-10	183	SO-1L	Sunrise, Fla.
SN	47	Drew Williams	6-2	213	JR-2L	Irmo, S.C.
	48	Nick McGriff	6-0	224	FR-RS	Gainesville, Fla.
H	13	Sean Kelly	5-10	189	JR-TR	Oakland, Fla.
	19	Landon Ard	5-9	182	SR-2L	Rock Hill, S.C.



Alphabetical Roster

CAROLINA FOOTBALL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
89	Jerell Adams	TE	6-6	231	SR-3L	Pinewood, S.C. (Scott's Branch/ Fork Union)
4	Bryson Allen-Williams	LB	6-1	233	SO-1L	Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)
85	Michael Almond	K/P	6-3	200	FR-HS	North Augusta, S.C. (Westminster)
19	Landon Ard	PK	5-9	182	SR-2L	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
40	Jacob August	TE	6-6	258	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Cardinal Newman/ Fork Union)
78	Zack Bailey	OG	6-6	320	FR-HS	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
39	Rivers Bedenbaugh	FB	6-2	245	SO-TR	Leesville, S.C. (Lexington/ Georgia Southern)
29	Matrick Belton	WR	6-4	209	JR-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Keenan/Hampton)
91	Shameik Blackshear	DE	6-4	250	FR-HS	Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)
27	Toure Boyd	FS	5-11	180	JR-JC	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga/Chaffey College)
23	Larenz Bryant	LB	6-0	220	JR-2L	Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)
63	Blake Camper	OT	6-8	295	FR-HS	Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank W. Cox)
7	Shon Carson	TB	5-8	204	SR-2L	Scranton, S.C. (Lake City)
20	Joseph Charlton	K/P	6-5	180	FR-HS	Columbia, S.C. (A.C. Flora)
4	Jalen Christian	WR	5-9	177	FR-HS	Damascus, Md. (Damascus)
18	Cedrick Cooper	DE	6-2	248	SR-3L	Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)
11	Pharoh Cooper	WR	5-11	207	JR-2L	Havelock, N.C. (Havelock)
97	Devante Covington	DE	6-4	235	JR-JC	Rockingham, N.C. (Richmond County/Georgia Military College)
86	Kevin Crosby	TE	6-1	238	FR-RS	Bamberg, S.C. (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)
14	Shaq Davidson	WR	5-11	175	FR-RS	Gaffney, S.C. (Gaffney)
34	Mon Denson	TB	5-10	222	FR-HS	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange)
79	Trey Derouen	OG	6-3	314	FR-HS	Lilburn, Ga. (Parkview)
42	Jordan Diggs	SS	6-0	209	JR-2L	Fort Myers, Fla. (Island Coast)
44	Gerald Dixon	DE	6-2	269	JR-2L	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
92	Gerald Dixon Jr.	DT	6-3	327	SR-3L	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
52	Phillip Dukes	DT	6-3	319	SR-2L	Manning, S.C. (Manning)
17	Chaz Elder	SS	6-2	209	JR-2L	Union City, Ga. (Banneker)
5	Darius English	DE	6-6	225	JR-2L	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
30	Daniel Fennell	LB	6-3	220	FR-HS	Loganville, Ga. (Grayson)
16	Rashad Fenton	CB	5-10	180	FR-HS	Miami, Fla. (Miami Carol City)
29	Elliott Fry	PK	6-0	164	JR-2L	Frisco, Texas (Prince of Peace Christian)
43	Garrison Gist	FB	5-10	251	SR-SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
5	Terry Googer	WR	6-4	226	FR-RS	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)
7	Wesley Green	CB	5-10	175	FR-RS	Lithonia, Ga. (Martin Luther King)
94	Kelsey Griffin	DT	6-2	316	JR-2L	Buford, Ga. (Mill Creek)
14	Ali Groves	FS	5-10	183	SO-SQ	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
20	T.J. Gurley	SPR	5-10	193	SR-3L	Cairo, Ga. (Cairo)
31	Al Harris Jr.	CB	5-11	163	SO-1L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
12	Ernest Hawkins	LB	6-1	224	SO-JC	Baltimore, Md. (Dunbar/ Hartnell College)
83	Carlton Heard	WR	6-0	182	SR-1L	Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central/ Gardner-Webb)
57	Cory Helms	OC	6-4	301	JR-TR	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton/Wake Forest)
13	Jalen Henry	LB	5-10	207	FR-HS	Foley, Ala. (Foley)
11	T.J. Holloman	LB	6-2	231	JR-2L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (St. Pius X)
46	Jakob Huechtker	LS	5-6	188	SO-HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
81	Hayden Hurst	WR	6-5	221	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
35	Shannon James	CB	5-7	154	JR-SQ	Florence, S.C. (South Florence)
8	Shamier Jeffery	WR	6-1	189	SR-2L	St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)
55	David Johnson	DE	6-1	240	SO-1L	Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)
21	Isaiah Johnson	SS	6-1	210	SR-TR	Cary, N.C. (Panther Creek/Kansas)
–	Octavis Johnson	CB	6-0	185	FR-HS	Homerville, Ga. (Clinch County)
93	Ulric Jones	DT	6-5	300	JR-JC	Oxford, Ala. (Oxford/Butler CC)
13	Sean Kelly	P	5-10	189	JR-TR	Oakland, Fla. (West Orange/FAU)
70	Alan Knott	OC	6-4	270	SO-1L	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
99	Abu Lamin	DT	6-4	326	JR-1L	Fayetteville, N.C. (Trinity Christian/ Fort Scott CC)
3	Chris Lammons	CB	5-10	183	SO-1L	Lauderhill, Fla. (Plantation)
8	Marquavius Lewis	DE	6-3	264	JR-JC	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood/ Hutchinson CC)
46	Cedrick Malone	LB	6-0	200	JR-SQ	Camden, S.C. (Camden/Coastal Carolina)
84	Kyle Markway	TE	6-4	243	FR-HS	St. Louis, Mo. (St. John Vianney)
76	Mike Matulis	OT	6-5	293	SR-2L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Park Vista)
48	Nick McGriff	LS	6-0	224	FR-RS	Gainesville, Fla. (Gainesville)
1	Rico McWilliams	CB	5-11	186	JR-2L	Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy)
6	Connor Mitch	QB	6-3	211	SO-SQ	Raleigh, N.C. (Wakefield)
6	Chris Moody	FS	6-1	215	JR-2L	McDonough, Ga. (Henry County)
10	Skai Moore	LB	6-2	218	JR-2L	Cooper City, Fla. (University)
44	Max Moorman	FB	5-10	234	FR-HS	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton)
3	D.J. Neal	WR	6-3	193	FR-HS	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
19	Lorenzo Nunez	QB	6-3	210	FR-HS	Kennesaw, Ga. (Harrison)
82	Sean Odom	WR	6-0	194	JR-SQ	Orangeburg, S.C. (Orangeburg Prep)
10	Perry Orth	QB	6-1	203	JR-SQ	Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Ponte Vedra/ Florida State College)
23	Christian Owens	WR	6-5	204	FR-HS	Griffin, Ga. (Griffin)
69	D.J. Park	OT	6-4	325	SO-1L	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)
30	Darius Paulk	TB	5-8	198	JR-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast/ North Greenville)
55	Christian Peltage	OT	6-6	314	FR-HS	Brooksville, Fla. (Nature Coast Tech)
9	Sherrod Pittman	LB	6-0	225	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
49	Devin Potter	TB	5-10	203	JR-SQ	Granite Falls, N.C. (South Caldwell)
16	Gage Pucci	QB	5-11	195	FR-HS	Glendora, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
87	Connor Redmond	TE	6-4	225	FR-HS	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Archer)
43	Benji Russell	SS	6-0	188	SO-SQ	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)
1	Deebo Samuel	WR	6-0	202	FR-RS	Inman, S.C. (Chapman)
26	Jasper Sasser	SPR	6-0	210	SO-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Wolfson)
95	Dante Sawyer	DE	6-3	291	SO-JC	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinett/ East Mississippi CC)
12	Michael Scarnecchia	QB	6-4	210	FR-RS	Fleming Island, Fla. (Fleming Island)
71	Brandon Shell	OT	6-6	328	SR-3L	Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek)
25	Darin Smalls	SPR	5-11	190	FR-HS	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
39	Demetrius Smalls	CB	5-11	172	SO-SQ	Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)
24	D.J. Smith	FS	5-11	195	SO-1L	Marietta, Ga. (Walton)
22	Jamari Smith	CB	5-10	200	SO-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Fletcher)
75	Will Sport	OG	6-5	295	SR-3L	Milton, Fla. (Pace)
65	Brock Stadnik	OG	6-5	285	JR-2L	Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)
45	Clayton Stadnik	TE	6-3	240	JR-2L	Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)
90	Taylor Stallworth	DT	6-2	308	SO-1L	Mobile, Ala. (Murphy)
72	Donell Stanley	OG	6-4	320	FR-RS	Floydale, S.C. (Latta)
32	Rod Talley	TB	5-10	201	SO-SQ	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens/Gardner-Webb)
25	A.J. Turner	TB	5-10	185	FR-HS	Clifton, Va. (Centreville)
51	Cody Waldrop	OG	6-2	300	JR-2L	Seffner, Fla. (Armwood)
45	Reubyn Walker	LB	5-10	220	JR-TR	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern/ Florida A&M)
28	Jonathan Walton	LB	6-0	235	JR-2L	Daphne, Ala. (Bayside Academy)
9	Jerad Washington	WR	5-8	158	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
49	Boosie Whitlow	DE	6-4	220	FR-HS	Opelika, Ala. (Opelika)
48	Dexter Wideman	DT	6-4	293	FR-PS	Saluda, S.C. (Saluda/Camden Military)
15	Antoine Wilder	SS	5-10	185	FR-HS	Riverdale, Ga. (Hapeville Charter)
22	Brandon Wilds	TB	6-2	216	SR-3L	Blythewood, S.C. (Blythewood)
33	David Williams	TB	6-1	214	SO-1L	Philadelphia, Pa. (Imhotep Charter)
47	Drew Williams	LS	6-2	213	JR-2L	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)
77	Malik Young	OT	6-3	308	FR-RS	Pelzer, S.C. (Woodmont)
74	Mason Zandi	OT	6-9	314	JR-2L	Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)

CAROLINA FOOTBALL

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
1	Rico McWilliams	CB	5-11	186	JR-2L	Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy)
1	Deebo Samuel	WR	6-0	202	FR-RS	Inman, S.C. (Chapman)
3	Chris Lammons	CB	5-10	183	SO-1L	Lauderhill, Fla. (Plantation)
3	D.J. Neal	WR	6-3	193	FR-HS	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
4	Bryson Allen-Williams	LB	6-1	233	SO-1L	Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)
4	Jalen Christian	WR	5-9	177	FR-HS	Damascus, Md. (Damascus)
5	Darius English	DE	6-6	225	JR-2L	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
5	Terry Googer	WR	6-4	226	FR-RS	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)
6	Chris Moody	FS	6-1	215	JR-2L	McDonough, Ga. (Henry County)
6	Connor Mitch	QB	6-3	211	SO-SQ	Raleigh, N.C. (Wakefield)
7	Shon Carson	TB	5-8	204	SR-2L	Scranton, S.C. (Lake City)
7	Wesley Green	CB	5-10	175	FR-RS	Lithonia, Ga. (Martin Luther King)
8	Shamier Jeffery	WR	6-1	189	SR-2L	St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)
8	Marquavius Lewis	DE	6-3	264	JR-JC	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood/Hutchinson CC)
9	Sherrod Pittman	LB	6-0	225	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
9	Jerad Washington	WR	5-8	158	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)
10	Skai Moore	LB	6-2	218	JR-2L	Cooper City, Fla. (University)
10	Perry Orth	QB	6-1	203	JR-SQ	Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Ponte Vedra/Florida State College)
11	T.J. Holloman	LB	6-2	231	JR-2L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (St. Pius X)
11	Pharoh Cooper	WR	5-11	207	JR-2L	Havelock, N.C. (Havelock)
12	Ernest Hawkins	LB	6-1	224	SO-JC	Baltimore, Md. (Dunbar/Hartnell College)
12	Michael Scarnecchia	QB	6-4	210	FR-RS	Fleming Island, Fla. (Fleming Island)
13	Sean Kelly	P	5-10	189	JR-TR	Oakland, Fla. (West Orange/FAU)
13	Jalen Henry	LB	5-10	207	FR-HS	Foley, Ala. (Foley)
14	Ali Groves	FS	5-10	183	SO-SQ	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
14	Shaq Davidson	WR	5-11	175	FR-RS	Gaffney, S.C. (Gaffney)
15	Antoine Wilder	SS	5-10	185	FR-HS	Riverdale, Ga. (Hapeville Charter)
16	Rashad Fenton	CB	5-10	180	FR-HS	Miami, Fla. (Miami Carol City)
16	Gage Pucci	QB	5-11	195	FR-HS	Glendora, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
17	Chaz Elder	SS	6-2	209	JR-2L	Union City, Ga. (Banneker)
18	Cedrick Cooper	DE	6-2	248	SR-3L	Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)
19	Landon Ard	PK	5-9	182	SR-2L	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
19	Lorenzo Nunez	QB	6-3	210	FR-HS	Kennesaw, Ga. (Harrison)
20	T.J. Gurley	SPR	5-10	193	SR-3L	Cairo, Ga. (Cairo)
20	Joseph Charlton	K/P	6-5	180	FR-HS	Columbia, S.C. (A.C. Flora)
21	Isaiah Johnson	SS	6-1	210	SR-TR	Cary, N.C. (Panther Creek/Kansas)
22	Brandon Wilds	TB	6-2	216	SR-3L	Blythewood, S.C. (Blythewood)
22	Jamari Smith	CB	5-10	200	SO-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Fletcher)
23	Larenz Bryant	LB	6-0	220	JR-2L	Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)
23	Christian Owens	WR	6-5	204	FR-HS	Griffin, Ga. (Griffin)
24	D.J. Smith	FS	5-11	195	SO-1L	Marietta, Ga. (Walton)
25	Darin Smalls	SPR	5-11	190	FR-HS	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
25	A.J. Turner	TB	5-10	185	FR-HS	Clifton, Va. (Centreville)
26	Jasper Sasser	SPR	6-0	210	SO-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Wolfson)
27	Toure Boyd	FS	5-11	180	JR-JC	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga/Chaffey College)
28	Jonathan Walton	LB	6-0	235	JR-2L	Daphne, Ala. (Bayside Academy)
29	Elliott Fry	PK	6-0	164	JR-2L	Frisco, Texas (Prince of Peace Christian)
29	Mattrick Belton	WR	6-4	209	JR-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Keenan/Hampton)
30	Darius Paulk	TB	5-8	198	JR-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast/North Greenville)
30	Daniel Fennell	LB	6-3	220	FR-HS	Loganville, Ga. (Grayson)
31	Al Harris Jr.	CB	5-11	163	SO-1L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
32	Rod Talley	TB	5-10	201	SO-SQ	Laurens, S.C. (Laurens/Gardner-Webb)
33	David Williams	TB	6-1	214	SO-1L	Philadelphia, Pa. (Imhotep Charter)
34	Mon Denson	TB	5-10	222	FR-HS	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange)
35	Shannon James	CB	5-7	154	JR-SQ	Florence, S.C. (South Florence)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
39	Demetrius Smalls	CB	5-11	172	SO-SQ	Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)
39	Rivers Bedenbaugh	FB	6-2	245	SO-TR	Leesville, S.C. ((Lexington/Georgia Southern)
40	Jacob August	TE	6-6	258	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Cardinal Newman/Fork Union)
42	Jordan Diggs	SS	6-0	209	JR-2L	Fort Myers, Fla. (Island Coast)
43	Garrison Gist	FB	5-10	251	SR-SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
43	Benji Russell	SS	6-0	188	SO-SQ	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)
44	Gerald Dixon	DE	6-2	269	JR-2L	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
44	Max Moorman	FB	5-10	234	FR-HS	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton)
45	Clayton Stadnik	TE	6-3	240	JR-2L	Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)
45	Reubyn Walker	LB	5-10	220	JR-TR	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern/Florida A&M)
46	Cedrick Malone	LB	6-0	200	JR-SQ	Camden, S.C. (Camden/Coastal Carolina)
46	Jakob Huechtker	LS	5-6	188	SO-HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
47	Drew Williams	LS	6-2	213	JR-2L	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)
48	Dexter Wideman	DT	6-4	293	FR-PS	Saluda, S.C. (Saluda/Camden Military)
48	Nick McGriff	LS	6-0	224	FR-RS	Gainesville, Fla. (Gainesville)
49	Devin Potter	TB	5-10	203	JR-SQ	Granite Falls, N.C. (South Caldwell)
49	Boosie Whitlow	DE	6-4	220	FR-HS	Opelika, Ala. (Opelika)
51	Cody Waldrop	OG	6-2	300	JR-2L	Seffner, Fla. (Armwood)
52	Phillip Dukes	DT	6-3	319	SR-2L	Manning, S.C. (Manning)
55	David Johnson	DE	6-1	240	SO-1L	Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia)
55	Christian Peltage	OT	6-6	314	FR-HS	Brooksville, Fla. (Nature Coast Tech)
57	Cory Helms	OC	6-4	301	JR-TR	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton/Wake Forest)
63	Blake Camper	OT	6-8	295	FR-HS	Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank W. Cox)
65	Brock Stadnik	OG	6-5	285	JR-2L	Greensboro, N.C. (Western Guilford)
69	D.J. Park	OT	6-4	325	SO-1L	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)
70	Alan Knott	OC	6-4	270	SO-1L	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)
71	Brandon Shell	OT	6-6	328	SR-3L	Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek)
72	Donell Stanley	OG	6-4	320	FR-RS	Floydale, S.C. (Latta)
74	Mason Zandi	OT	6-9	314	JR-2L	Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)
75	Will Sport	OG	6-5	295	SR-3L	Milton, Fla. (Pace)
76	Mike Matulis	OT	6-5	293	SR-2L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Park Vista)
77	Malik Young	OT	6-3	308	FR-RS	Pelzer, S.C. (Woodmont)
78	Zack Bailey	OG	6-6	320	FR-HS	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
79	Trey Derouen	OG	6-3	314	FR-HS	Lilburn, Ga. (Parkview)
81	Hayden Hurst	WR	6-5	221	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
82	Sean Odom	WR	6-0	194	JR-SQ	Orangeburg, S.C. (Orangeburg Prep)
83	Carlton Heard	WR	6-0	182	SR-1L	Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central/Gardner-Webb)
84	Kyle Markway	TE	6-4	243	FR-HS	St. Louis, Mo. (St. John Vianney)
85	Michael Almond	K/P	6-3	200	FR-HS	North Augusta, S.C. (Westminster)
86	Kevin Crosby	TE	6-1	238	FR-RS	Bamberg, S.C. (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)
87	Connor Redmond	TE	6-4	225	FR-HS	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Archer)
89	Jerrell Adams	TE	6-6	231	SR-3L	Pinewood, S.C. (Scott's Branch/Fork Union)
90	Taylor Stallworth	DT	6-2	308	SO-1L	Mobile, Ala. (Murphy)
91	Shameik Blackshear	DE	6-4	250	FR-HS	Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)
92	Gerald Dixon Jr.	DT	6-3	327	SR-3L	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
93	Ulric Jones	DT	6-5	300	JR-JC	Oxford, Ala. (Oxford/Butler CC)
94	Kelsey Griffin	DT	6-2	316	JR-2L	Buford, Ga. (Mill Creek)
95	Dante Sawyer	DE	6-3	291	SO-JC	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinett/East Mississippi CC)
97	Devante Covington	DE	6-4	235	JR-JC	Rockingham, N.C. (Richmond County/Georgia Military College)
99	Abu Lamin	DT	6-4	326	JR-1L	Fayetteville, N.C. (Trinity Christian/Fort Scott CC)
-	Octavis Johnson	CB	6-0	185	FR-HS	Homerville, Ga. (Clinch County)

THE HISTORY: 2015 marks the 122nd season of intercollegiate football at the University of South Carolina, dating back to 1892. It is the 109th-consecutive year in which South Carolina has competed on the gridiron. The University did not field a team in either 1893 or 1906. Carolina owns an all-time record of 583-553-44. The Gamecocks were nine games under .500 until head coach Steve Spurrier took the reins in 2005, but are 39 games over since his arrival.

SEC HISTORY: The 2015 season marks South Carolina's 24th year in the Southeastern Conference. Carolina and Arkansas joined the league prior to the 1992 campaign. The Gamecocks earned the SEC Eastern Division title in 2010. The Gamecocks are 81-102-1 (.442) all-time in SEC regular-season action, but are 26-14 (.650) in conference play since the start of the 2010 season.

2014 IN REVIEW: South Carolina football concluded its 121st season of intercollegiate football in 2014 with a record of 7-6, including a 3-5 mark in the SEC. Five of the 13 games were decided by three points or less, while the difference in seven of the 13 contests was just one score. It marked the seventh-consecutive winning season for the Gamecocks, tying the school record set from 1928-34, and extending their school record to 11-straight seasons with at least a .500 record. The Gamecocks capped the season with a 24-21 win over Miami (Fla.) in the Duck Commander Independence Bowl. It marked the fourth-straight bowl victory for the Gamecocks.

WINS IN THE DECADE: The Carolina 2013 senior class was the winningest class in school history with 42 victories, closely followed by the 2014 class that logged 40 wins. Here are the winningest Division I FBS programs in this decade:

Rk.	School	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	All
1.	Oregon	12	12	12	11	13	60
2.	Alabama	10	12	13	11	12	58
	Florida State	10	9	12	14	13	58
4.	Northern Illinois	11	11	12	12	11	57
5.	Boise State	12	12	11	8	12	55
6.	Stanford	12	11	12	11	8	54
7.	Michigan State	11	11	7	13	11	53
8.	LSU	11	13	10	10	8	52
9.	Oklahoma	12	10	10	11	8	51
10.	Wisconsin	11	11	8	9	11	50
11.	South Carolina	9	11	11	11	7	49

GOOD HOME COOKIN': The Gamecocks are 22-3 in their last 25 games at Williams-Brice Stadium and 38-6 (.864) in their last 44 home games. The Gamecocks had their school-record 18-game home winning streak snapped in the 2014 season opener. The school's previous longest home winning streak was 15 games, set from 1978-80. The only home losses since the start of the 2009 season have come to top-ranked Florida in 2009, to 17th-ranked Arkansas in 2010 and to defending national champion Auburn in 2011 before the 2014 home losses to Texas A&M, Missouri and Tennessee.

HOME CROWD ADVANTAGE: The Gamecocks have played in front of 12 sellouts in their last 14 home contests. The Gamecocks ranked 16th in the nation in home attendance in 2014 with an average of 81,381 per game, including a season-high 84,232 against Georgia, the fifth-largest crowd to attend a game in Columbia. Three of 2014's home crowds figured in the top-30 all-time at Williams-Brice Stadium.

ROAD WARRIORS: South Carolina went 2-3 on the road in 2014, and are 14-8 in their last 22 true road contests. Five of the eight road losses in that stretch came to teams ranked in the top 11 in the country: at No. 8 Arkansas in 2011, at No. 9 LSU and No. 3 Florida in 2012, at No. 11 Georgia in 2013, and at No. 5 Auburn in 2014. They also lost at No. 23 Clemson in 2014.

NON-CONFERENCE WINS: South Carolina has won 19 of its last 20 non-conference games. The Gamecocks had their 18-game non-conference winning streak snapped in the 2014 regular season finale at Clemson. Prior to that loss, Carolina's last non-conference loss came to Florida State in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl. Their four non-conference games for 2015 include dates with North Carolina in Charlotte to open the season, and three home games versus Central Florida, The Citadel and Clemson.

THE BEAT GOES ON: The Gamecocks are coming off their fourth bowl win in as many seasons, something that had never been accomplished previously. Carolina defeated Nebraska, 30-13, in the 2012 Capital One Bowl, slipped past Michigan, 33-28, in the 2013 Outback Bowl, then outscored Wisconsin, 34-24, in the 2014 Capital One Bowl before defeating Miami (Fla.), 24-21, in the Duck Commander Independence Bowl following the 2014 season. The Gamecocks are one of just four FBS schools, joining Michigan State, Texas A&M and Louisiana-Lafayette, to have a bowl victory in each of the last four years. Carolina's overall bowl record stands at 8-12. The Gamecocks dropped their first eight bowl games from 1946-88, but have won eight of the last 12.

THE HEAD BALL COACH: Steve Spurrier begins his 11th season directing the Carolina football program. He has logged a 84-45 mark (.651) in Columbia. The Head Ball Coach is the school's winningest coach and is second in games coached behind Rex Enright (140). Coach Spurrier owns a 226-85-2 mark (.725) in 25 seasons as a college head coach.

STAFF CHANGE: The Gamecocks made one change to their coaching staff during the offseason, hiring **Jon Hoke** to serve as a co-defensive coordinator along with **Lorenzo Ward**. Hoke will focus on the passing game, while Ward will concentrate on the running game. **Grady Brown** moved into a quality control position.

2014 Final Polls

Associated Press

1.	Ohio State (59)	14-1	1475
2.	Oregon	13-2	1402
3.	TCU	12-1	1349
4.	Alabama	12-2	1297
5.	Michigan State	11-2	1212
	Florida State	13-1	1212
7.	Baylor	11-2	1098
8.	Georgia Tech	11-3	1071
9.	Georgia	10-3	925
10.	UCLA	10-3	908
11.	Mississippi State	10-3	767
12.	Arizona State	10-3	756
13.	Wisconsin	11-3	724
14.	Missouri	11-3	710
15.	Clemson	10-3	683
16.	Boise State	12-2	653
17.	Ole Miss	9-4	543
18.	Kansas State	9-4	509
19.	Arizona	10-4	499
20.	Southern California	9-4	315
21.	Utah	9-4	302
22.	Auburn	8-5	216
23.	Marshall	13-1	161
24.	Louisville	9-4	116
25.	Memphis	10-3	94

USA Today/ESPN Coaches

1.	Ohio State (64)	14-1	1550
2.	Oregon	13-2	1477
3.	TCU	12-1	1408
4.	Alabama	12-2	1363
5.	Michigan State	11-2	1282
6.	Florida State	13-1	1262
7.	Georgia Tech	11-3	1136
8.	Baylor	11-2	1135
9.	Georgia	10-3	1018
10.	UCLA	10-3	909
11.	Missouri	11-3	907
12.	Mississippi State	10-3	799
13.	Wisconsin	11-3	765
14.	Arizona State	10-3	750
15.	Clemson	10-3	733
16.	Boise State	12-2	627
17.	Arizona	10-4	574
18.	Kansas State	9-4	556
19.	Ole Miss	9-4	444
20.	Utah	9-4	331
21.	Southern California	9-4	297
22.	Marshall	13-1	178
23.	Auburn	8-5	167
24.	Louisville	9-4	113
25.	Memphis	10-3	93

BREAK IT DOWN: The 106-man roster consists of 15 seniors, 32 juniors, 21 sophomores, 11 red-shirt freshmen and 27 true freshmen.

THEY'RE BACK: The Gamecocks welcome 43 returning letterwinners to begin the 2015 fall camp. The 43 lettermen consist of 16 offensive players, 24 defensive players and three special teams players. The Gamecocks lost 26 lettermen, including 14 on offense and nine on defense and three special teams performers.

IT'S A NUMBERS GAME: The Gamecocks return 54 percent of their rushing yards, three percent of their passing yards and 47 percent of their receiving yards from a year ago. Eight of the squad's top 10 tacklers return for the 2015 season.

RETURNING STARTERS: The Gamecocks list 13 returning starters from the 2014 squad (four on offense, eight on defense and one specialist). The returning offensive starters are WR **Pharoh Cooper**, OC **Alan Knott**, OT **Brandon Shell** and RG **Will Sport**. The returning defensive starters include DE **Gerald Dixon**, DT **Gerald Dixon Jr.**, DE **Darius English**, SS **T.J. Gurley**, CB **Chris Lammons**, FS **Chris Moody**, LB **Skai Moore** and LB **Jonathan Walton**. The returning specialist is PK **Elliott Fry**.

EVERY TIME OUT: The Gamecocks had five players start every game in 2014. On offense, LT **Corey Robinson**, LG **A.J. Cann**, RT **Brandon Shell** and QB **Dylan Thompson** made every start. On defense, DB **Brisson Williams** was a starter in each contest. Shell has a streak of 35 consecutive starts made entering the 2015 season.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: The Gamecocks said goodbye to 26 lettermen from last year's roster including 11 starters. The departing starters include TE **Rory Anderson**, WR **Damiere Byrd**, TB **Mike Davis**, OG **A.J. Cann**, Spur **Sharrod Golightly**, P **Tyler Hull**, WR **Nick Jones**, OT **Corey Robinson**, DT **J.T. Surratt**, QB **Dylan Thompson** and S **Brisson Williams**.

IN THE CLASSROOM: The Gamecocks placed 35 players on the 2014 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Among those who made the SEC Honor Roll include returnees **Jerrell Adams**, **Landon Ard**, **Pharoh Cooper**, **Jordan Diggs**, **Gerald Dixon Jr.**, **Elliott Fry**, **Garrison Gist**, **Kelsey Griffin**, **Ali Groves**, **T.J. Gurley**, **T.J. Holloman**, **Rico McWilliams**, **Devin Potter**, **Jasper Sasser**, **Brandon Shell**, **Will Sport**, **Cody Waldrop** and **Drew Williams**.

TOTING THE SHEEPSKIN: Ten Gamecocks will have earned their degree by the time the 2015 season commences, including: **Landon Ard**, **Cedrick Cooper**, **Gerald Dixon**, **Gerald Dixon Jr.**, **Phillip Dukes**, **Garrison Gist**, **Isaiah Johnson**, **Mike Matulis**, **Brandon Shell** and **Will Sport**.

BIG SPRING: The Gamecocks put up a big number in the classroom this spring, logging a Spring 2015 team GPA of 2.938, the highest on record. Gamecock student-athletes have posted a 3.0 GPA in 17-consecutive semesters.

WHO'S NEXT?: The Gamecocks have had a first-team All-America selection in each of the last six seasons. **Eric Norwood** (2009) got things started, followed by **Alshon Jeffery** (2010), **Melvin Ingram** (2011), **Jadeveon Clowney** (2012 and 2013), **Kelcy Quarles** (2013) and **A.J. Cann** (2014).

STARS TO WATCH: Wide receiver **Pharoh Cooper** is the most decorated Gamecock returning. Cooper was a first-team All-SEC selection in 2014 by both the AP and Coaches as a wide receiver and earned second-team honors by both groups as an all-purpose performer. Junior **Elliott Fry** garnered second-team All-SEC accolades by the Coaches, while cornerback **Al Harris Jr.** was a Freshman All-SEC selection. Senior offensive tackle **Brandon Shell**, senior tight end **Jerrell Adams** and linebackers **Skai Moore** and **Jonathan Walton** should also be candidates for preseason all-conference consideration. Defensive end **Marquavius Lewis** is the most highly-touted of the January enrollees and could receive that kind of recognition as well.

EARLY ACCOLADES: Wide receiver **Pharoh Cooper** was a preseason first-team All-SEC selection and a preseason third-team All-American, according to *Phil Steele*. Offensive tackle **Brandon Shell** earned a spot on Steele's preseason third-team All-SEC squad, while linebacker **Skai Moore** was a fourth-team selection. *Athlon* named Cooper a first-team All-SEC and All-America all-purpose back, while Moore and **Elliott Fry** earned preseason third-team All-SEC recognition.

PHAROHE THE GREAT: **Pharoh Cooper** exploded on the scene in 2014, leading the team with 69 catches (6th in school history) for 1,136 yards (3rd) and nine receiving touchdowns (t6th). He was second in the SEC in receiving yards per game (87.4) and fourth in receptions per game (5.3). He set the school's single-game record when he logged 233 receiving yards on 11 catches against Tennessee.

JUST FOR KICKS: In 2014, placekicker **Elliott Fry** led the team in scoring for the second-straight year, tallying 105 points, the third-highest single-season total in school history. He also ranked in the all-time top-5 for field goals made (4th-18), field goals attempted (t3rd-25), PATs made (t2nd-51) and PATs attempted (4th-51) in a season. He connected on the most extra points made without a miss in one season in school history (51), and has hit on a school-record 99 consecutive PATs. After just two seasons, Fry ranks fourth on the Gamecocks' career scoring list with 204 points.

Career Start Chart

Player	'11	'12	'13	'14	All
Brandon Shell	RS	10	13	13	36
Gerald Dixon Jr.	RS	2	1	12	15
T.J. Gurley	-	2	2	10	14
Pharoh Cooper	-	-	1	12	13
Skai Moore	-	-	4	9	13
Gerald Dixon	RS	0	1	11	12
Will Sport	RS	0	1	11	12
Clayton Stadnik	-	RS	7	5	12
Brandon Wilds	5	0	2	4	11
Mike Matulis	5	5	RS	0	10
Chaz Elder	-	RS	6	3	9
Alan Knott	-	-	RS	8	8
Rico McWilliams	-	RS	2	6	8
Cody Waldrop	-	RS	6	2	8
Darius English	-	RS	1	6	7
T.J. Holloman	-	RS	3	4	7
Chris Lammons	-	-	-	7	7
Chris Moody	-	RS	0	7	7
Jerrell Adams	-	0	1	5	6
Jonathan Walton	-	-	0	6	6
David Johnson	-	-	RS	5	5
Al Harris Jr.	-	-	-	4	4
Jordan Diggs	-	RS	1	2	3
B. Allen-Williams	-	-	-	2	2
Phillip Dukes	RS	0	1	1	2
Shon Carson	RS	0	1	0	1
Cedrick Cooper	RS	0	0	1	1
Shamier Jeffery	RS	-	-	1	1
D.J. Smith	-	-	-	1	1
Mason Zandi	-	RS	1	0	1

2014 Carolina Rankings

Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	32.6	6	39
Rushing Offense	161.0	9	65
Passing Offense	282.4	2	20
Passing Efficiency	140.1	6	36
Total Offense	443.4	6	33
Scoring Defense	30.4	12	89
Rushing Defense	212.2	13	105
Passing Defense	220.5	10	52
Pass Efficiency Defense	131.7	13	82
Total Defense	432.7	13	92
Kickoff Returns	19.1	14	105
Punt Returns	5.0	14	107
Net Punting	37.6	10	64
Turnover Margin	-0.2	12	73
Sacks	1.1	14	118
Tackles for Loss	4.0	14	121
Sacks Allowed	2.1	10	64

MORE FROM MOORE: Linebacker **Skai Moore** led the team and ranked 10th in the SEC with 7.8 tackles per game in 2014. His 93 tackles on the season were the most for a Gamecock since Jasper Brinkley logged 107 in 2006. Moore also has seven interceptions in two seasons for the Garnet & Black.

ENROLLING EARLY: The Gamecocks brought in a record number four high school recruits who graduated a semester early and enrolled in time for spring drills in 2015. Here is the list of the 20 Gamecocks who have enrolled early since Coach Spurrier's arrival in Columbia:

2006: Clark Gaston

2007: Stephen Garcia, Travian Robertson

2008: Jay Spearman, C.C. Whitlock, Shaq Wilson

2009: Jarvis Giles, Stephon Gilmore, DeVonte Holloman

2010: Connor Shaw

2011: Martay Mattox

2012: Kelvin Rainey, Brock Stadnik, Clayton Stadnik

2013: Connor Mitch, D.J. Park

2014: None

2015: Jalen Henry, Christian Owens, Sherrod Pittman, Jerad Washington

RECRUITING SUCCESS: The Gamecocks had another successful February signing day. Carolina has put together 11-straight classes that rank among the nation's top-25, according to Rivals. Here are the recent recruiting class rankings according to Rivals and Scout respectively:

2002: 11/18	2009: 12/13
2003: 8/15	2010: 24/34
2004: 35/28	2011: 18/11
2005: 23/20	2012: 19/13
2006: 24/33	2013: 16/24
2007: 6/7	2014: 16/24
2008: 22/34	2015: 19/20

THIS 'N THAT:

◆ Over last three seasons, only three SEC teams have winning records over teams in the final AP Top 25: South Carolina (10-5), Alabama (9-5) and Georgia (9-8).

◆ Over the past five years, Carolina is 15-5 against their top rivals, going 4-1 versus Clemson, Florida and Georgia, and 3-2 against Tennessee.

◆ Since Steve Spurrier's arrival in Columbia, the Gamecocks are 21-19 against their top four rivals, going 6-4 versus Clemson, and 5-5 against Florida, Georgia and Tennessee. In the 10 years prior to Coach Spurrier's arrival, the Gamecocks were a combined 5-35 against those same four schools, going 3-7 against Georgia, 2-8 versus Clemson, and winless in 10 tries against both Florida and Tennessee.

◆ The Gamecocks scored 424 points in 2014, the second-highest mark in school history, behind only the 443 points scored in 2013.

◆ Carolina set single-season records for both passing yards (3,671) and passing attempts (468) in 2014, surpassing the previous marks of 3,373 yards, set in 1995, and 452 attempts, set in 2008.

SPRING GAME AWARDS: The following players were recognized for their achievements at half-time of the annual Garnet & Black Spring Game in April:

Most Improved:

Offensive Line	Alan Knott
Defensive Line	David Johnson
Wide Receivers	Terry Googer
Spurs	T. J. Gurley
Linebackers	Jonathan Walton
Tight Ends	Jacob August
Safeties	Jordan Diggs
Cornerbacks	Rico McWilliams
Running Backs	David Williams
Quarterbacks	Connor Mitch/ Perry Orth

Special Teams	Drew Williams
Freshman-Defense	Jalen Henry
Freshman-Offense	Michael Scarnecchia

Everyday Effort Award-Offense	D.J. Park/ Donell Stanley
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Everyday Effort Award-Defense	Gerald Dixon Jr./ T.J. Holloman
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Everyday Hustle Award-Offense	Darius Paulk
Everyday Hustle Award-Defense	Phillip Dukes
Everyday Attitude Award-Offense	Will Sport
Everyday Attitude Award-Defense	B. Allen-Williams
Outstanding Weight Room-Offense	Kevin Crosby
Outstanding Weight Room-Defense	Sherrod Pittman
Outstanding Walk-On-Offense	Mattrick Belton
Outstanding Walk-On-Defense	Scott Grant

Harold White GPA-Offense	Devin Potter
Harold White GPA-Defense	Chris Lammons
Harold White GPA-Special Teams	Landon Ard

Big Plays – Spring – Offense	Deebo Samuel
Big Plays – Spring – Defense	Skai Moore

Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete	Jerell Adams
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Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring	Alan Knott
Enright Defensive Player of the Spring	M. Lewis

Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring	Elliott Fry
Independence Bowl MVP - Offense	Pharoh Cooper
Independence Bowl MVP - Defense	Skai Moore

Pronunciation Guide

Jerell Adams	jur-L
Mattrick Belton	MAT-trick
Toure Boyd	TOR-ee
Larenz Bryant	luh-RENZ
Trey Derouen	duh-ROO-un
Daniel Fennell	fun-EL
Garrison Gist	"G" in Gist like in "go"
Terry Googer	GOO-jer
Jakob Huechtker	HECK-ter
Shamier Jeffery	shuh-MEER
Octavis Johnson	ahk-TAY-vus
Ulric Jones	YOU-rick
Abu Lamin	ah-BOO la-MEEN
Chris Lammons	luh-MONZ
Marquavius Lewis	mar-QUAY-vee-us
Mike Matulis	muh-TOO-lis
Skai Moore	SKY
Michael Scarnecchia	scar-NECK-ee-ah
Jerad Washington	JEHR-id
Boosie Whitlow	BOO-see
Malik Young	muh-LEEK

Carolina Trends

	2014	Under Spurrier
Overall	7-6	84-45
Home	4-3	53-17
Road	2-3	25-23
Neutral	1-0	6-5
Grass	5-6	75-39
Turf	2-0	9-6

August	0-1	4-1
September	3-1	29-11
October	1-2	24-14
November	2-2	22-14
December	1-0	2-3
January	0-0	3-2

Leading after 1st Quarter	5-1	48-10
Tied after 1st Quarter	0-3	17-6
Trailing after 1st Quarter	2-2	19-29

Leading at Halftime	6-1	61-10
Tied at Halftime	1-2	9-5
Trailing at Halftime	0-3	14-30

Leading after 3rd Quarter	6-3	71-10
Tied after 3rd Quarter	0-1	4-4
Trailing after 3rd Quarter	1-2	9-31

When Scoring First	4-4	50-14
When Opponent Scores First	3-2	34-31

Largest Halftime Lead	21	49
Largest Halftime Deficit	17	31
Largest Come From Behind Win	14	17

Score 20 or more Points	7-5	70-20
Score 30 or more Points	5-3	49-8
Opponents Score 20 or less	3-0	58-9
Games Decided by 3 or less	3-2	12-10
Games Decided by 10 or less	4-4	36-24

Rush for 100 Yards or more	5-4	71-18
Rush for 150 Yards or more	5-2	47-8
Pass for 200 Yards or more	7-6	53-32
Pass for 300 Yards or more	0-3	15-11
Total 400 Yards or more	5-4	37-12

Opp. Rush less than 100 yards	0-0	34-4
Opp. Pass less than 200 yards	3-2	51-24
Opp. Total less than 300 yards	1-1	40-6

Commit More Turnovers	1-3	22-33
Commit Fewer Turnovers	4-0	44-4
Commit Equal Turnovers	2-3	18-8

Lead in Time of Possession	4-5	52-14
Trail in Time of Possession	3-1	32-31



Starters Returning

OFFENSE (4): WR Pharoah Cooper, OC Alan Knott, OT Brandon Shell, RG Will Sport.

DEFENSE (8): DE Gerald Dixon, DT Gerald Dixon Jr., DE Darius English, SS T.J. Gurley, CB Chris Lammons, FS Chris Moody, LB Skai Moore, LB Jonathan Walton.

SPECIAL TEAMS (1): PK Elliott Fry.

Starters Lost

OFFENSE (7): TE Rory Anderson, WR Damiere Byrd, OG A.J. Cann, TB Mike Davis, WR Nick Jones, OT Corey Robinson, QB Dylan Thompson.

DEFENSE (3): SPR Sharrod Golightly, DT J.T. Surratt, S Brison Williams.

SPECIAL TEAMS (1): P Tyler Hull.

Lettermen Returning

OFFENSE (16): Jerell Adams, Shon Carson, Pharoah Cooper, Carlton Heard, Shamier Jeffery, Alan Knott, Mike Matulis*, D.J. Park, Brandon Shell, Will Sport, Brock Stadnik, Clayton Stadnik, Cody Waldrop, Brandon Wilds, David Williams, Mason Zandi.

DEFENSE (24): Bryson Allen-Williams, Larenz Bryant, Cedrick Cooper, Jordan Diggs, Gerald Dixon, Gerald Dixon Jr., Phillip Dukes, Chaz Elder, Darius English, Kelsey Griffin, T.J. Gurley, Al Harris Jr., T.J. Holloman, David Johnson, Abu Lamin, Chris Lammons, Rico McWilliams, Chris Moody, Skai Moore, Jasper Sasser, D.J. Smith, Jamari Smith*, Taylor Stallworth, Jonathan Walton.

SPECIAL TEAMS (3): Landon Ard, Elliott Fry, Drew Williams.

Lettermen Lost

OFFENSE (14): Rory Anderson, K.J. Brent, Damiere Byrd, A.J. Cann, Mike Davis, Jordan Diaz, Cody Gibson, Nick Jones, Connor McLaurin, Drew Owens*, Corey Robinson, Shaq Roland, Dylan Thompson, Kane Whitehurst.

DEFENSE (9): Sharrod Golightly, Deon Green, Mason Harris, Kaiwan Lewis, Kadetrix Marcus, Sidney Rhodes, Marquis Roberts, J.T. Surratt, Brison Williams.

SPECIAL TEAMS (3): Ryland Culbertson, Patrick Fish, Tyler Hull.

*-Did not letter in 2014 but lettered previously.

Geographical Breakdown

Alabama (5)

Daphne
Jonathan Walton

Foley
Jalen Henry

Mobile
Taylor Stallworth

Opelika
Boosie Whitlow

Oxford
Ulric Jones

California (2)

Rancho Cucamonga
Toure Boyd

Glendora
Gage Pucci

Florida (18)

Boynton Beach
Mike Matulis

Brooksville
Christian Pellage

Cooper City
Skai Moore

Fleming Island
Michael Scarnecchia

Fort Lauderdale
Al Harris Jr.

Fort Myers
Jordan Diggs

Gainesville
Nick McGriff

Jacksonville
Hayden Hurst
Sherrod Pittman
Jasper Sasser
Jamari Smith
Jerad Washington

Lauderhill
Chris Lammons

Miami
Rashad Fenton

Milton
Will Sport

Oakland
Sean Kelly

Ponte Vedra
Perry Orth

Seffner
Cody Waldrop

Georgia (29)

Alpharetta
Cory Helms
Max Moorman

Athens
Carlton Heard

Atlanta
Trey Googer
Benji Russell

Buford
Kelsey Griffin

Cairo
T.J. Gurley

Ellenwood
Bryson Allen-Williams

Griffin
Christian Owens

Hampton
Rico McWilliams

Homerville
Octavis Johnson

Kennesaw
Lorenzo Nunez

LaGrange
Mon Denson

Lawrenceville
Connor Redmond

Lilburn
Trey Derouen

Lithonia
Cedrick Cooper
Wesley Green
David Johnson

Loganville
Daniel Fennell

Marietta
D.J. Smith

McDonough
Chris Moody

Powder Springs
Darius English

Riverdale
Antoine Wilder

Stone Mountain
Ali Groves
T.J. Holloman
D.J. Neal

Suwanee
Dante Sawyer

Tyrone
Alan Knott

Union City
Chaz Elder

Maryland (2)

Baltimore
Ernest Hawkins

Damascus
Jalen Christian

Missouri (1)

St. Louis
Kyle Markway

N. Carolina (9)

Cary
Isaiah Johnson

Charlotte
Larenz Bryant

Fayetteville
Abu Lamin

Granite Falls
Devin Potter

Greensboro
Brock Stadnik
Clayton Stadnik

Havelock
Pharoah Cooper

Raleigh
Connor Mitch

Rockingham
Devante Covington

Pennsylvania (1)

Philadelphia
David Williams

S. Carolina (36)

Bamberg
Kevin Crosby

Bluffton
Shameik Blackshear
Demetrius Smalls

Blythewood
Brandon Wilds

Camden
Cedrick Malone

Chapin
Mason Zandi

Columbia
Jacob August
Matrik Belton
Joseph Charlton
Darius Paulk

Dillon
D.J. Park

Florence
Shannon James

Floydale
Donell Stanley

Gaffney
Shaq Davidson

Goose Creek
Brandon Shell

Greenwood
Marquavius Lewis

Inman
Deebo Samuel

Irmo
Drew Williams

Laurens
Rod Talley

Leesville
Rivers Bedenbaugh

Manning
Phillip Dukes

North Augusta
Michael Almond

Orangeburg
Sean Odom

Pelzer
Malik Young

Pinewood
Jerell Adams

Rock Hill
Landon Ard
Gerald Dixon
Gerald Dixon Jr.
Garrison Gist
Jakob Huechtker
Reubyn Walker

Saluda
Dexter Wideman

Scranton
Shon Carson

St. Matthews
Shamier Jeffery

Summerville
Zack Bailey
Darin Smalls

Texas (1)

Frisco
Elliot Fry

Virginia (2)

Clifton
A.J. Turner

Virginia Beach
Blake Camper

After three consecutive 11-win seasons, New Year's Day bowl wins and Top-10 finishes, the South Carolina football team experienced a blip in 2014. The Gamecocks posted a 7-6 record in a campaign in which five games were decided by three points or less and seven came down to just a one-score difference.

As head coach Steve Spurrier begins his 11th season directing the Garnet & Black, the Gamecocks have a renewed drive to get back on top in the SEC East with a goal of playing in Atlanta in December for the SEC title.

But 2015 will have a decidedly different look to it with a lot of fresh faces. Gone are 11 starters and 26 lettermen, including quarterback Dylan Thompson, who set several single-season school records last year including passing yards, All-America offensive guard A.J. Cann, and three other offensive players selected in the NFL Draft, running back Mike Davis, left tackle Corey Robinson and tight end Rory Anderson. Defensively, the biggest losses are defensive tackle J.T. Surratt, Spur Sharrod Golightly and defensive back Brison Williams, all of whom were key contributors to the 11-win seasons. The Gamecocks will also have to replace three-year starting punter Tyler Hull.

With 43 lettermen returning including 13 starters, and a plethora of talented newcomers on the way, several of whom are expected to provide immediate help, especially on the defensive side of the ball, the cupboard is far from bare. In addition, Coach Spurrier has entrusted the defense to longtime NFL assistant coach Jon Hoke. Hoke will conspire with co-defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward in an effort to reshape and return the Carolina defense into one of the SEC's best.

While this year's squad will begin the year under the radar on the national scene, Coach Spurrier and his staff are anxious to get things started.

As is always the case in the nation's top conference, the road to the SEC Championship is not for the faint of heart. The Gamecocks' schedule is filled with potential land mines, beginning with a neutral site game in Charlotte against North Carolina. The Gamecocks then jump into conference play with a home game against Kentucky before a key road contest at Georgia. Kentucky upset Carolina a year ago, while Georgia is always an early season litmus test. South Carolina will host UCF in a non-conference match, before embarking on six-straight SEC contests. The Gamecocks will travel to Missouri, then host LSU and Vanderbilt before the season's lone off week. Missouri is the two-time defending East champion, while the Gamecocks have defeated LSU just twice in 20 meetings. Carolina will then have revenge on its mind with back-to-back road tilts at Texas A&M and Tennessee, two teams that defeated the Gamecocks last season, before wrapping up the SEC regular season slate at home versus Florida. The final two games are both home contests against in-state rivals, first versus The Citadel, then against Clemson in the annual Palmetto Bowl, a game that Carolina has won five of the last six times.

2014 Statistics (SEC/NCAA)

Scoring Offense.....	32.6 (6/39)
Rushing Offense.....	161.0 (9/65)
Passing Offense	282.4 (2/20)
Total Offense.....	443.4 (6/33)

The Carolina offense returns just four starters from a squad that averaged nearly 33 points per game a season ago while setting a school record with 305 first downs. The Gamecocks return 54 percent of their rushing yards, just three percent of their passing yards, and 47 percent of their receiving yards from a year ago. There are plenty of holes to fill, most notably at quarterback and on the left side of the offensive line. Whoever wins the signal-calling duties will have several capable backs to hand the ball off to, led by senior Brandon Wilds and sophomore David Williams. Most of the talk around the Carolina offense revolves around first-team All-SEC performer Pharoah Cooper, the best bet to extend the Gamecocks' streak of a first-team All-American to seven consecutive years. The Gamecock coaches will be looking for different ways to get the ball in Cooper's hands, as he's a difference-maker on the field. Jerrell Adams is a big target at tight end, but another wide receiver or two will need to step up to take some of the pressure off Cooper. Fifth-year senior Brandon Shell figures to be the linchpin on the offensive line. He should be healthy after sitting out the spring after undergoing shoulder surgery.

But Thompson took nearly every meaningful snap during the season, leaving a trio of hungry but largely untested players to battle it out in the spring. Red-shirt sophomore **Connor Mitch** emerged from the spring as the odds-on-favorite to be the starter when the 2015 season opens in



CONNOR MITCH

Charlotte against North Carolina on September 3. Mitch was highly recruited after throwing for over 12,000 yards in high school in North Carolina, and seemed to have a better grasp of the offense and showed more confidence in the spring. However, the separation between him and junior **Perry Orth** and redshirt freshman **Michael Scarnecchia** was not significant entering the summer months, and the battle will continue to be waged when the team begins fall camp in August. Highly touted freshman **Lorenzo Nunez** will join the mix at that time, and is regarded as more of a dual-threat quarterback. If he is able to gain Coach Spurrier's trust in running the offense quickly, he

GAMECOCK OFFENSE

Quarterback

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
None	Connor Mitch
	Perry Orth
	Michael Scarnecchia
Letterman Lost	Roster Newcomers
Dylan Thompson	Lorenzo Nunez
	Gage Pucci
2014 Starters in Bold	

QUARTERBACK: Most of the questions regarding the Gamecock offense in 2015 start with the quarterback position. After Connor Shaw, the winningest quarterback in school history departed following the 2013 campaign, many thought the quarterback position would struggle in 2014. All Dylan Thompson did was set a single-season school record for passing yards, while attempting and completing the most passes in school history.

could force his way into some early playing time. Walk-on **Gage Pucci** will join the mix in the fall.

Fullback

Lettermen Returning	Squadman Returning
None	Garrison Gist
Lettermen Lost	Roster Newcomer
Jordan Diaz	Rivers Bedenbaugh
Connor McLaurin	Max Moorman

FULLBACK: The Gamecocks may use more of an H-back than a true fullback when they opt into two-back formations this fall. The three fullbacks on the roster are all walk-ons. **Garrison Gist** is the only returning squadman who mans the position. Newcomer **Rivers Bedenbaugh** established himself as the top fullback candidate in the spring. **Brandon Wilds** is also capable of serving as a lead blocker. **Max Moorman** joined in the summer.

Tailback

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
Shon Carson	Darius Paulk
Brandon Wilds	Devin Potter
David Williams	Rod Talley
Letterman Lost	Roster Newcomers
Mike Davis	Mon Denson
2014 Starters in Bold	A.J. Turner

TAILBACK: Despite losing Mike Davis, who finished his career as the ninth-leading rusher in school history despite playing just three seasons, the Gamecocks have a stable of tailbacks capable of producing a solid rushing attack. **Brandon Wilds**, who has rushed for over 1,200 yards in his career, is back for his final campaign and figures to share most of the carries with sophomore **David Williams**, who is primed for a breakout season. Both Wilds and Williams play at about 215 pounds, so they are able to take the pounding that the SEC demands. Senior **Shon Carson** adds another dimension and an experienced third back. True freshmen **Mon Denson** and **A.J. Turner** will be given an opportunity in the fall to see if they can crack the rotation. **Darius Paulk**, **Devin Potter**, and **Rod Talley** are all walk-ons who provide quality depth.

Wide Receiver

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
Pharoh Cooper	Matrick Belton
Carlton Heard	Shaq Davidson
Shamier Jeffery	Terry Googer
	Sean Odom
	Deebo Samuel
Lettermen Lost	Roster Newcomers
K.J. Brent	Jalen Christian
Damiere Byrd	Hayden Hurst
Nick Jones	D.J. Neal
Shaq Roland	Christian Owens
Kane Whitehurst	Jerad Washington
2014 Starters in Bold	

WIDE RECEIVER: There isn't a player on the roster considered more of a lock for a starting position in 2015 than junior wide receiver **Pharoh Cooper**. Cooper earned All-SEC honors last season after catching 69 passes for 1,136 yards and nine scores. The coaching staff will continue to look for ways to get the ball into the versatile Cooper's hands. With defenses more focused on keeping him in check, it will be paramount for another wideout to step up to take the pressure off Cooper. The Gamecocks have been waiting for **Shamier Jeffery** to become that guy, but the brother of former Gamecock and current NFL standout Alshon Jeffery, is running out of time to tap into that potential and make a name for himself. Jeffery is the only wideout in camp besides Cooper to record a pass reception in a college game. **Carlton Heard** is another senior who has made his mark on special teams, and now has an opportunity to contribute on the offensive side of the ball. A trio of redshirt

freshmen paid their dues on the scout team a year ago and now look for regular work in the rotation. **Deebo Samuel** stood out the most in the spring and positioned himself as the starter at the 'X' position. At 6-4, **Terry Googer** is a bigger target and is battling Heard for duty at the 'B' spot. **Shaq Davidson** is the third of that trio that is looking for an opportunity to showcase his talents. **Matrick Belton** is another bigger target who worked his way into the conversation after being named the Outstanding Walk-on for the offense in the spring. **Sean Odom** adds depth. The door is open for a quintet of newcomers, including **Jalen Christian**, **Hayden Hurst**, **D.J. Neal**, **Christian Owens** and **Jerad Washington**, to vie for playing time. Owens and Washington got a head start by participating in spring drills.



DEEBO SAMUEL

Tight End

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
Jerrell Adams	Jacob August
Clayton Stadnik	Kevin Crosby
Lettermen Lost	Roster Newcomers
Rory Anderson	Kyle Markway
Cody Gibson	Connor Redmond
Drew Owens	
	2014 Starters in Bold

TIGHT ENDS:

The Gamecocks lost an NFL Draft pick in Rory "Busta" Anderson and blocking tight end Cody Gibson, but have capable replacements, led by senior **Jerrell Adams**. At 6-6 and 231 pounds, Adams has the physical attributes to excite the NFL scouts. **Kevin "KC" Crosby** is not the prototypical tight end at 6-1, 232, but has shown he has the skills to contribute. Walk-on **Jacob August** has been impressive since his arrival, especially with his ability to catch the ball in traffic. Former starting center **Clayton Stadnik** lost a significant amount of weight in the offseason and is hoping to fill the blocking tight end role vacated by Gibson. Two true freshmen, **Kyle Markway** and **Connor Redmond**, will be added to the mix in the fall.



JERELL ADAMS

Offensive Line

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
Alan Knott	Donell Stanley
Mike Matulis	Malik Young
D.J. Park	
Will Sport	Roster Newcomers
Brock Stadnik	Zack Bailey
Brandon Shell	Blake Camper
Cody Waldrop	Trey Derouen
Mason Zandi	Cory Helms
	Christian Peltage
Lettermen Lost	2014 Starters in Bold
A.J. Cann	
Corey Robinson	

OFFENSIVE LINE:

The Gamecocks lost only two offensive linemen, but they were good ones. Both All-American left guard A.J. Cann and left tackle Corey Robinson were selected in the NFL Draft, and leave a big void on the left side of the line. The Gamecocks have a blend of experience and youth ready to set the tone up front, led by three-year starting tackle **Brandon Shell**. Shell missed the spring while rehabbing from shoulder surgery, but should be at full strength when fall drills begin. He is penciled in to move from the right tackle position to the left in his final campaign to protect the quarterback's blind side, leaving the right tackle spot in the capable hands of veterans **Mike Matulis** and **Mason Zandi**. Matulis is a talented force who has weathered his share of injuries during his Gamecock career. If he can get close to 100 percent physically, it would be a big boost to the line. Zandi is a 6-9, 314-pound junior who has waited patiently for his opportunity. Sophomore **Alan Knott** made eight starts last season and has continued to improve, earning the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring honors, locking down the starting center position. Junior **Cody Waldrop**, who has endured his share of injuries as well, and senior **Will Sport** are slated to man the left and right guard positions, respectively. **D.J. Park** and **Donell Stanley** shared the Everyday Effort Award for the offense in the spring, and received a high number of reps due to the injuries along the front, helping them progress to a point where they will be "game ready" this fall. Junior **Brock Stadnik** and redshirt freshman **Malik Young** are also capable of stepping in if called upon. Five newcomers will join the fold this fall, including four true freshmen in **Zack Bailey**, **Blake Camper**, **Trey Derouen** and **Christian Peltage**. In addition, Wake Forest transfer **Cory Helms** will be on campus, but the two-year starter for the Demon Deacons will not be eligible this fall due to NCAA transfer rules.



BRANDON SHELL

2014 Statistics (SEC/NCAA)

Scoring Defense	30.4 (12/89)
Rushing Defense	212.2 (13/105)
Passing Defense	220.5 (10/52)
Total Defense	432.7 (13/92)

After being a strength for several seasons, the Gamecock defense had a down year in 2014, slipping to the bottom of most categories in the SEC. Jon Hoke was brought in to help rectify the situation in 2015. Eight starters return, but several will be challenged to hold onto their starting berths. The defensive line, which had a difficult time providing any consistent pressure on the quarterback, should be bolstered with an infusion of new talent, led by Marquavius Lewis, Dante Sawyer and Dexter Wideman. The linebacking corps should be a strength, as Skai Moore and Jonathan Walton solidified that group once they were paired in the starting lineup late last season. The young secondary grew up last season as they gained more experience, and should be improved with that year of seasoning under their collective belts.

Defensive Line

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
Cedrick Cooper	None
Gerald Dixon	
Gerald Dixon Jr.	
Phillip Dukes	Roster Newcomers
Darius English	Shameik Blackshear
Kelsey Griffin	Devonte Covington
David Johnson	Ulric Jones
Abu Lamin	Marquavius Lewis
Taylor Stallworth	Dante Sawyer
	Boosie Whitlow
	Dexter Wideman
Lettermen Lost	
Deon Green	
Mason Harris	
J.T. Surratt	

2014 Starters in **Bold**

DEFENSIVE LINE:

The Carolina defensive line found out that replacing All-American Jadeveon Clowney was going to be much tougher than anyone anticipated. The Gamecocks recorded just 14 sacks as a team last year, one more than Clowney produced by himself in 2012. Most of the key players return up front, and will be bolstered by a bevy of newcomers who could contribute immediately. The competition this fall will be interesting to watch, with no shortage of candidates vying for



GERALD DIXON JR.

playing time. Coming out of the spring, **Gerald Dixon**, **Gerald Dixon Jr.** and **Phillip Dukes**, all fifth-year players, along with junior college transfer **Marquavius Lewis**, are penciled in with the first-team unit. Lewis arrived in the spring and immediately established himself as the squad's top defensive end and an all-star candidate. Defensive ends **Cedrick Cooper**, **Darius English** and **David Johnson** are all experienced and capable of coming off the edge to provide some pressure as well. **Kelsey Griffin**, **Abu Lamin** and **Taylor Stallworth** figure to see plenty of action in the middle of the line, primarily as run stoppers. **Dexter Wideman** arrived in the spring and could be a key contributor. Joining the corps this fall are a trio of junior college transfers in **Devonte Covington**, **Ulric Jones** and **Dante Sawyer**, along with true freshmen **Shameik Blackshear** and **Quandeski "Boosie" Whitlow**.

GAMECOCK DEFENSE

Linebacker

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
Bryson Allen-Williams	Cedrick Malone
Larenz Bryant	
T.J. Holloman	Roster Newcomers
Skai Moore	Daniel Fennell
Jonathan Walton	Ernest Hawkins
	Jalen Henry
	Sherrod Pittman
	Reubyn Walker
Lettermen Lost	
Kaiwan Lewis	
Marcquis Roberts	

2014 Starters in **Bold**

LINEBACKER: The linebacking corps should be a unit of strength this season, led by a pair of returning starters in juniors **Skai Moore** and **Jonathan Walton**. The two clicked when they were paired up late in the 2014 season, with Moore leading the team in tackles for the second-straight year. When the Gamecocks line up in the traditional 4-3 set, Moore will play MIKE, with Walton at WILL and junior **Larenz Bryant** penciled in at SAM. Bryant missed much of the spring with a liver laceration, but will be at full speed in the fall. **T.J. Holloman** and **Bryson Allen-Williams** provide solid depth and can produce without losing a beat. Junior college transfer **Ernest Hawkins** and freshmen **Jalen Henry** and **Sherrod Pittman** all were on campus in the spring, although Pittman did not participate in the camp while recovering from a broken leg. Walk-ons **Cedrick Malone** and **Reubyn Walker** add depth, while freshman **Daniel Fennell** will join the cast in the fall.

Spur

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
T.J. Gurley	None
Jasper Sasser	
Letterman Lost	Roster Newcomer
Sharrod Golightly	Darin Smalls
2014 Starters in Bold	

SPUR: While Jon Hoke's defense features more of a base 4-3 look, the Gamecocks will use their Spur linebacker as a nickelback against spread offenses. After playing safety for his first three seasons in the Garnet & Black, senior **T.J. Gurley** made the transition to Spur in the spring, and is slated to be the starter in the fall, replacing **Sharrod Golightly**. Little-used **Jasper Sasser** put together a nice spring after shifting to Spur, collecting a pair

of interceptions in the spring game, and pushed his way into the conversation for playing time. 2014 signee **Darin Smalls** finally made his way to Columbia in the spring, but was limited as he continued to rehab a high school knee injury.

Cornerback

Lettermen Returning	Squadmen Returning
Al Harris Jr.	Wesley Green
Chris Lammons	Shannon James
Rico McWilliams	Demetrius Smalls
Jamari Smith	
Letterman Lost	Roster Newcomers
Sidney Rhodes	Rashad Fenton
	Octavis Johnson
2014 Starters in Bold	

CORNERBACK:

The Gamecocks were very young at the cornerback position a year ago and, without the benefit of a strong pass rush up front, were challenged early and often. The growing pains they endured should only improve their resolve this season, as all



CHRIS LAMMONS

the key players return. Junior **Rico McWilliams** and sophomore **Chris Lammons** are listed atop the depth chart entering the fall. McWilliams looks to be a 100 percent after a knee injury suffered in his freshman season hampered his early development. He was considered the "Most Improved" of the corners in the spring. Lammons started seven games as a true freshman last fall. **Al Harris Jr.** started the season opener as a true freshman last year and garnered SEC All-Freshman accolades. **Jamari Smith** returns after missing all of the 2014 campaign with a broken foot. **Wesley Green** redshirted last season, while walk-ons **Shannon James** and **Demetrius Smalls** add depth. Incoming freshmen **Rashad Fenton** and **Octavis Johnson** look to make an immediate contribution this fall.

Safety

Lettermen Returning

Jordan Diggs
Chaz Elder
Chris Moody
D.J. Smith

Squadmen Returning

Ali Groves
Benji Russell

Roster Newcomers

Toure Boyd
Isaiah Johnson
Antoine Wilder

Lettermen Lost

Kadetrax Marcus
Brisen Williams

2014 Starters in **Bold**

SAFETY: The Gamecocks will look to replace one of the leaders of the defense in Brisen Williams, who was used at both safety positions as well as cornerback in 2014, while trying to plug the holes manufactured by youth and inexperience.



JORDAN DIGGS

Returning starter **Chris Moody** came out of the spring listed as the top free safety, while classmate **Jordan Diggs** made the transition from Spur to strong safety in the spring, where he earned "Most Improved" accolades and a starting spot entering the fall. **Chaz Elder**, who has nine career starts, and **D.J. Smith** provide quality backups, while **Ali Groves** and **Benji Russell** add depth. A pair of transfers could figure into the mix immediately. **Isaiah Johnson** is a fifth-year senior who graduated from Kansas in May. In two seasons for the Jayhawks, he accumulated 148 tackles and six interceptions while starting all 24 games. **Toure Boyd** has two years of junior college experience under his belt and could work his way into early playing time as well. Freshman **Antoine Wilder** will also join the squad this fall.

2014 Statistics (SEC/NCAA)

Kickoff Returns	19.1 (14/105)
Punt Returns	5.0 (14/107)
Net Punting	37.6 (10/64)

Placekicker Elliott Fry heads the list of the special teams performers. Fry was a second-team All-SEC selection and was a semifinalist for the Groza Award as a sophomore. Former Florida Atlantic standout Sean Kelly joined the team in the spring and is the leading candidate to handle the punting duties this fall. Landon Ard returns for his final season as a kickoff specialist. Drew Williams has handled the deep snapping duties each of the last two years and will add short snapping to his repertoire. Shon Carson (kickoffs) and Pharoh Cooper (punts) are back as the kick returners.

Spring Game, which would stand as the longest of his career. Should something unexpected happen to Fry, senior **Landon Ard** is a capable backup. Ard also has handled the kickoff duties. Newcomers **Joseph Charlton** and **Michael Almond** could challenge Ard for that specialty role.

PUNTER: Carolina will need to replace three-year starter Tyler Hull. While Hull was not known for his distance, he was always able to get the punt off and had a respectable net average. Transfer **Sean Kelly** was the only punter on campus in the spring. He averaged over 41 yards per punt in two seasons with Florida Atlantic, including 33 that traveled at least 50 yards. He will be challenged by freshmen **Joseph Charlton** and **Michael Almond**. Charlton is a rare specialists to come to Carolina with a scholarship already in hand.

GAMECOCK SPECIAL TEAMS

Special Teams

Lettermen Returning

Landon Ard (PK)
Elliott Fry (PK)
Drew Williams (LS)

Lettermen Lost

Ryland Culbertson (LS)
Patrick Fish (H)
Tyler Hull (P)

Squadmen Returning

Nick McGriff (LS)

Roster Newcomers

Michael Almond (K/P)
Joseph Charlton (K/P)
Jakob Huechtler (LS)
Sean Kelly (P)

2014 Starters in **Bold**

LONG SNAPPER: Drew Williams has handled the long snapping duties in each of the past two seasons and figures to do so again in 2015. However, this season, he will be trusted with the additional duties of the short snapper on placements, replacing Ryland Culbertson. **Nick McGriff** will no longer work as a reserve tight end and instead focus on deep snapping. He will compete with fellow walk-on **Jakob Huechtler** for the No. 2 role.

PLACEKICKER:

The Gamecocks will put their placekicking duties in the capable hands (and foot) of junior **Elliott Fry**. Fry has been one of the most consistent kickers in Gamecock history, and is already fourth on the school's all-time list for points scored in a career with 204. Fry was a second-team All-SEC performer a year ago and a semifinalist for the Groza Award. With a 77 percent accuracy rate, that increases to 91 percent when attempting from under 40 yards, Fry has worked to increase his range. He showed that effort is paying off, as he connected on a 48-yarder in the Garnet & Black



ELLIOTT FRY

HOLDER: The Gamecocks will need to replace Patrick Fish, who was considered by Coach Spurrier as the best holder in the country. **Sean Kelly** came out of the spring as the leading candidate to replace Fish for this overlooked position. **Landon Ard** will also be given a look.

KICK RETURNER: Shon Carson has returned 39 kickoffs over the last two years, posting a career average of 20.0 yards per return. **Deebo Samuel** got a long look in the spring and is listed even on the pre-fall depth chart along with Carson. Other candidates could emerge when fall camp opens.

PUNT RETURNER: Pharoh Cooper has returned 24 punts over the past two seasons and is the odds on favorite to handle those duties again this fall, although his workload on offense may play a role in how often he is used as a returner. He is capable of making a big play with the ball in his hands. **Chris Lammons** also was used in this role in the spring, but like kick returner, other candidates could emerge when fall camp opens.



OFFENSE

	Wide Receiver	Tight End	Tackle	Guard	Center	Quarterback	Fullback	Tailback	Specialists
RS-SENIORS	Carlton Heard Shamier Jeffery		Mike Matulis Brandon Shell	Will Sport			Garrison Gist	Shon Carson Brandon Wilds	Landon Ard (PK)
SENIORS		Jerrell Adams							
RS-JUNIORS	Mattrick Belton Sean Odom	Clayton Stadnik	Mason Zandi	Brock Stadnik Cody Waldrop		Perry Orth		Darius Paulk Devin Potter	Sean Kelly (P)
JUNIORS	Pharoh Cooper				Cory Helms				Elliott Fry (PK) Drew Williams (LS)
RS-SOPHOMORES			D.J. Park		Alan Knott	Connor Mitch	Rivers Bedenbaugh	Rod Talley David Williams	Jakob Huechtler (LS)
SOPHOMORES									
RS-FRESHMEN	Shaq Davidson Terry Googer Decbo Samuel	Jacob August Kevin Crosby	Malik Young	Donell Stanley		Michael Scarnecchia			Nick McGriff (LS)
FRESHMEN	Jalen Christian Hayden Hurst D.J. Neal Christian Owens Jerad Washington	Kyle Markway Connor Redmond	Blake Camper Christian Pellage	Zack Bailey Trey Derouen		Lorenzo Nunez Gage Pucci	Max Moorman	Mon Denson A.J. Turner	Michael Almond (K/P) Joseph Charlton (K/P)

DEFENSE

	Defensive End	Defensive Tackle	MIKE LB	WILL LB	SAM LB	Spur	Strong Safety	Free Safety	Cornerback
RS-SENIORS	Cedrick Cooper	Gerald Dixon Jr. Phillip Dukes					Isaiah Johnson		
SENIORS						T.J. Gurley			
RS-JUNIORS	Gerald Dixon* Darius English	Abu Lamin	T.J. Holloman	Cedrick Malone Reubyn Walker			Jordan Diggs Chaz Elder	Chris Moody	Shannon James Rico McWilliams
JUNIORS	Devante Covington Marquavius Lewis	Kelsey Griffin Ulric Jones	Skai Moore	Jonathan Walton	Larenz Bryant			Toure Boyd	
RS-SOPHOMORES	David Johnson					Jasper Sasser	Benji Russell	Ali Groves	Demetrius Smalls Jamari Smith
SOPHOMORES	Dante Sawyer	Taylor Stallworth		Bryson Allen-Williams	Ernest Hawkins			D.J. Smith	Al Harris Jr. Chris Lammons
RS-FRESHMEN									Wesley Green
FRESHMEN	Shameik Blackshear Boosie Whitlow	Dexter Wideman	Jalen Henry	Daniel Fennell Sherrod Pittman		Darin Smalls	Antoine Wilder		Rashad Fenton Octavis Johnson

-Gerald Dixon is a 5th-year junior