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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....	Columbia, S.C.
Founded.....	1801
Enrollment.....	34,099
Nickname.....	Gamecocks
Colors.....	Garner (PMS 202) and Black
National Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Southeastern (SEC)
Athletics Web Address.....	www.GamecocksOnline.com
University Web Address.....	www.sc.edu
President.....	Dr. Harris Pastides
NCAA Representative.....	Dr. Valinda Littlefield
Athletics Director.....	Ray Tanner
Basketball Administrator/Exec. Assoc. AD.....	Jeff Crane

BASKETBALL STAFF/INFORMATION

Head Coach.....	Frank Martin
Alma Mater.....	Florida International, '93
Record At South Carolina/Seasons.....	96-74 (.564), 5 seasons
Overall Record/Seasons.....	213-128 (.624), 10 seasons
Assistant Coach.....	Perry Clark (Gettysburg, '74)
Assistant Coach.....	Chuck Martin (Monmouth, '93)
Assistant Coach.....	Bruce Shingler (St. Augustine's College, '05)
Director of Basketball Operations.....	Andy Assaley (Cincinnati, '96)
Strength & Conditioning Coach.....	Scott Greenawalt (Muskingum College, '98)
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Administrative Assistant.....	John Reynolds (The Citadel, '11)
Graduate Assistant Manager.....	Brian Steele (South Carolina '16)
Student Assistant Coach.....	TeMarcus Blanton
Student Assistant Coach.....	Justin McKie (South Carolina '17)
Dir. Athl. Comm./PR - MBB.....	Emily Miles (Ball State, '03)
Home Arena.....	Colonial Life Arena
Capacity.....	18,000
Arena General Manager.....	Sid Kenyon
Press Row Phone Number.....	803-777-6182

BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year of Basketball.....	1908
All-Time Record.....	1,393-1,223-1 (.532)
Overall Postseason Record.....	30-20 (.600)
NCAA Tournament Appearances.....	9 (1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1989, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2017)
NCAA Tournament Record.....	8-10
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance.....	2017, Final Four, 77-73 L to Gonzaga
NIT Appearances.....	12 (1969, 1975, 1978, 1983, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2016)
NIT Record.....	22-10
Last NIT Appearance.....	2016, L vs. Georgia Tech, 83-66
Conference Championships/Titles.....	
SoCon Regular Season (1927, 1933, 1934, 1945); SoCon Tournament Champion (1933); ACC Regular Season (1970); ACC Champion (1971); SEC Regular Season (1997); SEC East Division Co-Champions (2009)	

TEAM INFORMATION

2016-17 Record.....	26-11
Southeastern Conference Record/Finish.....	12-6/t-3rd
SEC Tournament Record.....	0-1
Postseason.....	NCAA Final Four
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	7/8
Starters Returning/Lost.....	2/3
<i>*based on final game starters from 2016-17 season</i>	
Newcomers.....	7
Roster Breakdown.....	2 graduate, 0 seniors, 3 juniors, 5 sophomores, 5 freshmen

RETURNING TEAM STATS

Percentage of Scoring.....	26.9% (726/2,705)
Percentage of Field Goals Made.....	28.6% (264/923)
Percentage of 3-Point Field Goals.....	6.4% (16/248)
Percentage of Free Throws.....	29.7% (182/611)
Percentage of Rebounding.....	40.4% (490/1,212)
Percentage of Offensive Rebounding.....	46.1% (182/395)
Percentage of Assists.....	19.4% (91/467)
Percentage of Steals.....	23.2% (67/288)
Percentage of Blocks.....	51.4% (73/142)
Percentage of Minutes.....	33.0% (2,490/7,525)

Players Returning (stats from 2016-17 season):

Chris Silva (JR - F): Top returning scorer (10.2) and rebounder (6.1)/five double-doubles last season, including 13 points and 13 rebounds in Final Four matchup vs. Gonzaga; **Maik Kotsar (SO - F):** Averaged 5.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per game during freshman season; **Hassani Gravett (R-JR - G):** Top returning assist maker (1.4 per game)/averaged 3.2 points per game last season; **Evan Hinson (SO - G):** Also on the Gamecock football team/saw action in eight contests last season; **Khadim Gueye (SO - F):** Averaged 0.4 points in 7.1 minutes per game last season; **Tommy Corchiani (SO - G):** Saw action in five contests during freshman season; **Christian Schmitt (SO - G):** Saw action in five games during freshman season; **Kory Holden (R-JR - G):** Sat out 2016-17 season due to NCAA transfer rules

Players Lost (stats from 2016-17 season):

Sindarius Thornwell (SR - G): 2017 SEC Player of the Year (coaches), First Team All-SEC, top scorer at 21.4 points per game; **Duane Notice (SR - G):** 3-point specialist, averaged 10.2 points and 2.4 assists per game; **Justin McKie (SR - G):** Averaged 4.2 points and 2.1 assists per game during senior season, including eight points in Final Four matchup vs. Gonzaga; **Ran Tut (JR - G):** 1.0 points, 1.3 rebounds per game; **TeMarcus Blanton (R-JR - G):** 1.3 points, 1.0 rebounds per game last season; **Jarrell Holliman (R-JR - G):** Saw action in 15 games, 0.5 points per game; **PJ Dozier (SO - G):** Second-leading scorer last season at 13.9 points per game, top assist maker at 2.8 per game, declared for the NBA Draft; **Rakym Felder* (FR - G):** Averaged 5.6 points and 1.3 assists per game during freshman season; **Sedee Keita (FR - F):** Scored 1.1 points per game and 2.0 rebounds per outing

* suspended indefinitely

Newcomers:

David Beatty (FR - G); Frank Booker (GR - G); Jason Cudd (FR - F); Ibrahim Famouke Doumbia (FR - F); Felipe Haase (FR - F); Justin Minaya (FR - F); Wesley Myers (GR - G)

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ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Returning Starters (2)

Maik Kotsar
Chris Silva

**based on final game of 2016-17 season*

Returning Letterwinners (7)

Tommy Corchiani
Hassani Gravett
Khadim Gueye
Evan Hinson
Maik Kotsar
Christian Schmitt
Chris Silva

Guards (8)

David Beatty
Frank Booker
Tommy Corchiani
Hassani Gravett
Evan Hinson
Kory Holden
Wesley Myers
Christian Schmitt

Forwards (7)

Jason Cudd
Ibrahim Famouke Doumbia
Khadim Gueye
Felipe Haase
Maik Kotsar
Justin Minaya
Chris Silva

By Height

Christian Schmitt (5-11)
Kory Holden (6-1)
Wesley Myers (6-1)
David Beatty (6-2)
Hassani Gravett (6-2)
Frank Booker (6-3)
Tommy Corchiani (6-3)
Evan Hinson (6-4)
Justin Minaya (6-5)
Ibrahim Famouke Doumbia (6-6)
Felipe Haase (6-9)
Chris Silva (6-9)
Maik Kotsar (6-10)
Khadim Gueye (7-0)
Jason Cudd (7-1)

Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown/High/Last School
0	David Beatty	G	6-2	205	FR	HS	Philadelphia, Pa./Imhotep Institute Charter High School
5	Frank Booker	G	6-3	208	GR3VL/TR		Augusta, Ga./Westside/Oklahoma/FAU
20	Tommy Corchiani	G	6-3	180	SO	1VL	Raleigh, N.C./Ravenscroft High School
33	Jason Cudd	F	7-1	255	FR	HS	Myrtle Beach, S.C./Socastee
14	Ibrahim Famouke Doumbia	F	6-6	205	FR	HS	Bamako, Mali/Miami Country Day School
2	Hassani Gravett	G	6-2	187	R-JR1VL/TR		Villa Rica, Ga./Alexander/Pensacola State College
12	Khadim Gueye	F	7-0	248	SO	1VL	Dakar, Senegal/Victory Rock Prep (Bradenton, Fla.)
13	Felipe Haase	F	6-9	249	FR	HS	Osorno, Chile/Miami (Fla.) Christian School
23	Evan Hinson	G	6-4	240	SO	1VL	Deltona, Fla./Deltona
1	Kory Holden	G	6-1	197	R-JR2VL/TR		Salisbury, Md./J.M. Bennett/Delaware
21	Maik Kotsar	F	6-10	260	SO	1VL	Tallinn, Estonia/Sunrise Christian Academy (Wichita, Kan.)
10	Justin Minaya	F	6-5	210	FR	HS	Harrington Park, N.J./Northern Valley at Old Tappan
15	Wesley Myers	G	6-1	193	GR3VL/TR		Brooklyn, N.Y./Boys and Girls High School/Niagara/Maine
25	Christian Schmitt	G	5-11	180	SO	1VL	Mars, Pa./Mars Area
30	Chris Silva	F	6-9	223	JR	2VL	Libreville, Gabon/Roselle (N.J.) Catholic

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15	Wesley Myers	G	6-1	193	GR3VL/TR		Brooklyn, N.Y./Boys and Girls High School/Niagara/Maine
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23	Evan Hinson	G	6-4	240	SO	1VL	Deltona, Fla./Deltona
25	Christian Schmitt	G	5-11	180	SO	1VL	Mars, Pa./Mars Area
30	Chris Silva	F	6-9	223	JR	2VL	Libreville, Gabon/Roselle (N.J.) Catholic
33	Jason Cudd	F	7-1	255	FR	HS	Myrtle Beach, S.C./Socastee

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Director of Athletics Communications and Public Relations: Emily Miles (Ball State, '03)

TOP RETURNING ...

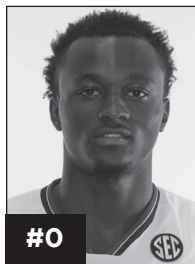
Scorer..... Silva, 10.2 ppg
Rebounder Silva, 6.1 rpg
Assist Maker Gravett, 1.4 apg
FG Shooter * Silva, 52.4% (122-233)
3-Point FG Shooter \$. Gravett 21.7% (15-69)
FT Shooter \$. Silva, 74.9% (134-179)
Shot Blocker..... Silva, 1.4 bpg
Steal Maker Kotsar, 0.7 spg

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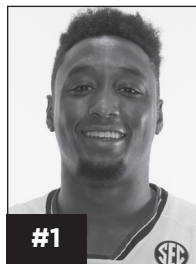
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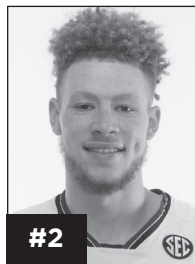
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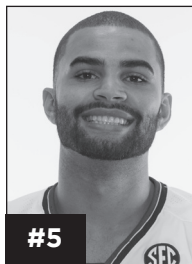
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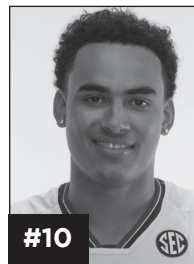
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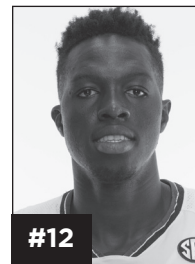
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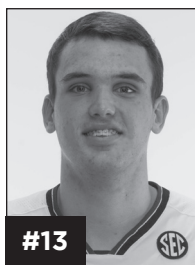
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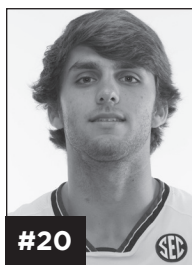
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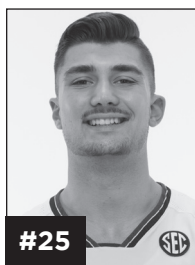
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CHUCK MARTIN
Assistant Coach



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Assistant Coach



ANDY ASSALEY
Director of Operations



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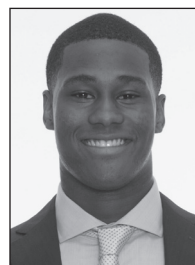
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TEMARCUS BLANTON
Student Asst. Coach



JUSTIN MCKIE
Student Asst. Coach



CHRIS LEEVY JOHNSON
Life Coach



2017-18 SOUTH CAROLINA MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	BROADCAST
Oct. 30	Erskine (exhibition)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.	-
Nov. 16	<i>Hoops 4 Hurricane Relief Exhibition</i> Virginia Tech (exhibition)	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.	SEC Network+
Nov. 10	at Wofford	Spartanburg, S.C.	7 p.m.	ESPN3
Nov. 13	Western Michigan %	Columbia, S.C.	8 p.m.	SEC Network
Nov. 16	<i>Puerto Rico Tip-Off (HTC Center)</i> vs. Illinois State #	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	11:30 a.m.	ESPN2
Nov. 17	vs. Boise State/UTEP #	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	10:30 a.m./1 p.m.	ESPNU/ESPN2
Nov. 19	vs. TBD #	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	TBD	ESPNU/ESPN2/ESPN3
Nov. 27	at FIU	Miami, Fla.	7 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Nov. 30	<i>Under Armour Reunion (Madison Square Garden)</i> vs. Temple \$	New York, N.Y.	9 p.m.	ESPNU
Dec. 2	UMass	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.	SEC Network+
Dec. 6	Wyoming	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.	SEC Network+
Dec. 9	Coastal Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	12 p.m.	SEC Network
Dec. 19	at Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	7 p.m.	ESPNU
Dec. 27	Limestone	Columbia, S.C.	3 p.m. ET	SEC Network+
Dec. 31	at Ole Miss*	Oxford, Miss.	6 p.m.	ESPN2
Jan. 3	Missouri*	Columbia, S.C.	9 p.m.	ESPN2
Jan. 6	Vanderbilt*	Columbia, S.C.	6:45 p.m.	SEC Network
Jan. 9	at Alabama*	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	7 p.m.	SEC Network
Jan. 13	at Georgia*	Athens, Ga.	1 p.m.	SEC Network
Jan. 16	Kentucky*	Columbia, S.C.	9 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 20	Tennessee*	Columbia, S.C.	6 p.m.	ESPN2
Jan. 24	at Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.	7 p.m.	SEC Network
Jan. 27	<i>Big 12/SEC Challenge</i> Texas Tech =	Columbia, S.C.	12 p.m.	ESPN2
Jan. 31	Mississippi State*	Columbia, S.C.	8:30 p.m.	SEC Network
Feb. 3	at Texas A&M*	College Station, Texas	2 p.m.	ESPN/ESPN2
Feb. 6	at Arkansas*	Fayetteville, Ark.	7 p.m.	ESPN2
Feb. 10	Florida*	Columbia, S.C.	12 p.m.	CBS
Feb. 13	at Tennessee*	Knoxville, Tenn.	9 p.m.	ESPNU
Feb. 17	Auburn*	Columbia, S.C.	3:30 p.m.	SEC Network
Feb. 21	Georgia*	Columbia, S.C.	6:30 p.m.	SEC Network
Feb. 24	at Mississippi State*	Starkville, Miss.	3:30 p.m.	SEC Network
Feb. 28	LSU*	Columbia, S.C.	6:30 p.m.	SEC Network
March 3	at Auburn*	Auburn, Ala.	3:30 p.m.	SEC Network
March 7-11	<i>SEC Tournament (Scottrade Center)</i> TBD	St. Louis, Mo.	TBD	SEC Network/ESPN
March 15	<i>NCAA Tournament (Various Sites)</i> First Round ^	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 23	Regionals &	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 31	Final Four	San Antonio, Texas	TBD	CBS

All dates and times subject to change | All home games in **bold** | All times listed Eastern | * indicates SEC contest | % indicates Puerto Rico Tip-Off Non-Bracketed Game (Columbia, S.C.) | # indicates Puerto Rico Tip-Off (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) | \$ indicates Under Armour Reunion (New York, N.Y.) | = indicates Big 12/SEC Challenge (Columbia, S.C.) | ^ sites include: Dayton (First Four); Pittsburgh, Wichita, Dallas, Boise, Charlotte, Detroit, Nashville, San Diego | & sites include: Omaha, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Boston



THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- ♦ The University of South Carolina is the fourth-fastest growing flagship university in the country.

The University of South Carolina's Columbia campus has 324 degree programs through its 14 degree-granting colleges and schools.

- ♦ The South Carolina Honors College is ranked the nation's best public university honors college based on honors college factors by the guidebook, "A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs."
- ♦ The Darla Moore School of Business undergraduate and MBA international business programs were ranked No. 1 by *U.S. News & World Report* in 2017.
- ♦ The National Academy of Inventors has named USC as a leading generator of patents, putting USC in the top one percent worldwide.
- ♦ As South Carolina's flagship university, USC has more nationally-ranked programs than any other school in the state. In fact, U.S. News alone ranks 47 of USC's academic programs as among the best in the nation.
- ♦ Students at the University of South Carolina have earned 716 national fellowships and scholarships valued at \$21.7 million since 1994. In 2014-15 alone, 54 students earned more than \$2.1 million for academic study.
- ♦ University of South Carolina faculty generated \$250 million in funding for research, training and outreach programs in fiscal year 2016.
- ♦ USC is ranked in the top-five percent of U.S. public universities in the number of national awards its faculty have received.
- ♦ USC has created vital business partnerships with Fortune 500 companies IBM, Fluor Corp., and Boeing, to create jobs, accelerate innovation and drive economic prosperity in the state and beyond. This spring it opened the Center for Applied Innovation, where the university, IBM and private-sector researchers will use technology for a host of real-world applications.
- ♦ Committed to access and affordability, USC established Palmetto College, offering convenient campus locations and online bachelor's degree completion programs for all South Carolina students. Its On Your Time initiative gives students greater flexibility to graduate sooner and pursue internship and study abroad opportunities.
- ♦ USC is one of only 32 public universities to receive the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier research designation and community engagement designation.

UNIVERSITY HISTORY

The University of South Carolina is a globally recognized, high-impact research university committed to a superior student experience and dedicated to innovation in learning, research and community engagement. Founded in 1801, the university offers more than 350 degree programs and is one of only 32 public universities to receive both the top-tier research designation and the community engagement designation from the Carnegie Foundation. More than 50,000 students are enrolled at one of 19 locations throughout the state, including the research campus in Columbia.



- ♦ USC has had at least one Goldwater Scholar every year for the past 25 years and one or more Fulbright Scholars for 16 consecutive years. In 2017, USC also had a Truman Scholar and a Rhodes Scholar.
- ♦ USC has been recognized by both Kiplinger's "Best Values in Public Colleges" and Forbes.
- ♦ The University of South Carolina was rated prominently in a list released by Forbes that ranks America's Best Employers. USC was ranked No. 96, the only Southeastern Conference university in list of 500.
- ♦ USC is recognized as a national model for a better student experience, based on its pioneering first-year experience program and other initiatives that give students more flexible and accelerated paths to graduation.
- ♦ Selected by Inc. magazine as one of the nation's top three "Incubators to Watch," the USC-Columbia Technology Incubator is one of several university efforts to cultivate entrepreneurship.
- ♦ USC has the state's most comprehensive suite of health disciplines, including medicine, public health, pharmacy, nursing and social work. Its online nursing graduate program is ranked No. 9, and its exercise science doctoral program is No. 1.



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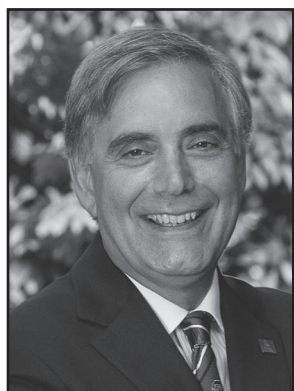
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PASTIDES**

During the past decade, the University of South Carolina's 28th president, Harris Pastides, has led USC's flagship system of eight institutions in 19 geographic locations to higher achievements and unprecedented growth. "Our chancellors, deans, faculty and staff have proven time and again," he says, "that even a recession and a 1000-year flood can not stop Carolina's march toward world-class status and global recognition."

Under Pastides' tenure the university has seen the USC Honors College rise to the No. 1 public honors college in the nation; celebrated continual top rankings in undergraduate and graduate international business, public health, engineering, nursing and others; rapidly increased research funding and surpassed a \$1 billion capital campaign goal.

An unwavering advocate for a superior student experience, Pastides encourages engagement beyond the classroom through leadership, service learning, international experiences, internships and undergraduate research. During his tenure, innovative programs like Palmetto College, On Your Time Graduation, Gamecock Gateway, Gamecock Guarantee and the Gamecock Student Athletic Promise provide greater access, flexibility and affordability to South Carolinians seeking a higher education degree. To date, over 90,000 degrees have been awarded systemwide during Pastides' presidency.

In 2016, Pastides became one of seven Fulbright alumni to receive the inaugural Global Changemaker Award, given in recognition of his ongoing commitment to transform society and humanity through his work. The son of Greek immigrants, Pastides also received the 2017 prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor which pays homage to the immigrant experience and the contributions made to our nation by immigrants and their children.

Today, Pastides serves on many local, state, national and international boards including the U.S. Competitive Council, the Fulbright Program and the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. He is a past chair of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and currently serves as the vice president of the SEC.

Prior to joining the university's faculty as dean of the Arnold School of Public Health, Pastides was a professor of epidemiology and chairman of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He received his master's in public health and his Ph.D. in epidemiology from Yale University. President Pastides and the first lady, Patricia Moore-Pastides, live on USC's historic Horseshoe.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

Dr. Harris Pastides is the institution's 28th President since 1804, when Johnathan Maxcy became the first to lead South Carolina College, the University's precursor.

Harris Pastides	2008-Present
Andrew A. Sorensen	2002-2008
John M. Palms	1991-2002
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William H. Patterson	1974-1977
Thomas F. Jones	1962-1974
Robert L. Sumwalt	1957-1962
Donald S. Russell	1952-1957
Norman M. Smith	1945-1952
J. Rion McKissick	1936-1944
Leonard T. Baker	1931-1936
Davison M. Douglas	1927-1931
William D. Melton	1922-1926
William Spenser Currell	1914-1922
Samuel Chiles Mitchell	1909-1913
Benjamin Sloan	1903-1909
Franklin C. Woodward	1897-1902
James Woodrow	1891-1897
John M. McBryde	1882-1883
William Porcher Miles	1880-1882
Augustus Baldwin Longstreet	1857-1861
Charles F. McCay	1855-1857
James Henley Thornwell	1851-1855
William Campbell Preston	1845-1851
Robert Henry	1841-1845
Robert W. Barnwell	1835-1841
Thomas Cooper	1821-1834
Jonathan Maxcy	1804-1820

Gaps in the presidential timeline indicate periods when the University was closed or under interim leadership or when its chief executive was known by a different title.



**FACULTY
ATHLETICS
REPRESENTATIVE**
**DR. VALINDA
LITTLEFIELD**

Dr. Valinda Littlefield is in her third season as the Athletics Faculty Representative at the University of South Carolina. Littlefield is an associate professor of history and African-American studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is a scholar of the history of women, African Americans and education with an emphasis on Southern African-American history from 1877 to the present.

Dr. Littlefield graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina Central University in 1987 with a double major in political science and history. She earned her doctorate from the University of Illinois in 2003.

Dr. Littlefield joined the South Carolina faculty in 1999 after professional stops at each of her alma maters, North Carolina Central and Illinois.

While at USC, Dr. Littlefield has served on numerous university committees including co-chair of the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Desegregation, QEP, University Women's Faculty Organization, and Faculty Committee on Instructional Development. She currently serves on the University Caroliniana Society Board and as a TRIO Ronald McNair Faculty Research Mentor. In addition, Littlefield serves on boards and executive committees of a number of local, state and national organizations such as One Columbia, the SC Academy of Authors, the SC African American Council for the Social Studies and the Southern Historical Association.

She is the co-editor with Marjorie Spruill and Joan Marie Johnson of a three-volume anthology, *South Carolina Women: Their Lives and Times*. She also served as subject editor of Education for the *African American National Biography*.

Dr. Littlefield is married to Dr. Daniel C. Littlefield, Carolina Professor of History.



ATHLETICS DIRECTOR - RAY TANNER



University of South Carolina Athletics Director Ray Tanner is in his sixth year guiding the fortunes of the Gamecocks' athletics programs. After a long and highly successful career as Carolina's baseball coach, Tanner officially began his new duties on Aug. 2, 2012.

Under Tanner's watch, Gamecock student-athletes have achieved tremendous success in inter-collegiate athletic competition, in the classroom and the community.

In May 2017, Tanner was awarded a contract extension by the USC Board of Trustees, keeping him in the athletics director chair until 2022.

In addition to his athletics director duties, Tanner accepted the role of student mentor on the South Carolina campus that was offered to him

by President Harris Pastides. "When he does talk to the broader student body, he has huge respect. I am looking for someone who is impactful," said Pastides.

Gamecock student-athletes have led all schools in the SEC Academic Honor Roll, earning 911 recognitions in the last 10 reports (2014-17 / Fall, Winter, Spring, First-Year). Carolina student-athletes have earned a cumulative 3.0 grade point average or better in 21 consecutive semesters.

In the last five academic years, the Gamecocks have won two national championships (2017 women's basketball, 2014 equestrian), eight SEC regular season and tournament championships and its 832.5 points in the 2016-17 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup All-Sports Standings is the most in school history. The Gamecocks placed 21st in the Learfield Cup in 2016-17, its best finish since 2002-03 (18th) and third best finish in school history.

For the second straight year, in 2016-17, Carolina also claimed the Certified SC Grown Palmetto Series, sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. The series consists of athletic, community service and academic points in head-to-head matchups against Clemson.

The Gamecocks have had 21 teams finish in the Top 10 and 40 finish in the Top 25 during the last five years.

Carolina student-athletes accomplished these academic and athletic feats while performing more than 9,000 hours of community service, breaking an athletics department record for four-straight years.

In September 2014, Tanner spearheaded the development of "The Gamecock Student-Athlete Promise," a document that showcases the depth and breadth of the commitment the South Carolina Athletics Department has made to its student-athletes.

As part of the document, USC became the first school in the SEC to guarantee four-year scholarships for all qualifying sports. It also offers former student-athletes the opportunity to return to campus to complete their undergraduate degree as part of the "Gamecock Degree Completion Program."

As part of giving Gamecock student-athletes a "championship experience" at USC, the commitment to develop the finest facilities in the nation continues.

Since taking on the athletics director role at USC, Tanner has overseen construction and facility renovation projects such as Springs-Brooks Plaza and the Bignon Game Day Center, Gamecock Football Indoor Practice Facility, USC Soccer Complex, Wheeler Beach Volleyball facility and locker rooms in Carolina Natatorium. Carolina hosted the 2017 SEC Outdoor Track & Field Championships at the newly-renovated Cregger Track.

Construction is also underway for a new football operations building and upgrades to Founders Park.

Tanner has negotiated contracts for Gamecock Athletics that have created additional exposure and revenue for the department.

As part of a 10-year agreement with IMG, a new center-hung scoreboard and 360 degree LED ribbon board was added to Colonial Life Arena this summer. South Carolina's IMG marketing arrangement, finalized in 2016, was ranked as the 7th-largest in college athletics by the Portland Business Journal.

The Gamecocks have a 10-year contract with Under Armour as its official outfitter, which was signed in 2016. The contract is one of the 10 largest in college athletics, ranked by Forbes magazine.

Tanner completed his second year as a member of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee and is scheduled to be on the committee through the 2019 baseball season.

A dedicated community leader whose charitable organization, The Ray Tanner Foundation, has made a difference in many South Carolina families, a three-time National Coach of the Year and Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, Tanner completed 16 years as head coach at the University of South Carolina, establishing one of the premier programs in college baseball prior to being named AD. He led the Garnet & Black to two NCAA Division I Baseball Championships, a pair of national runner-up finishes, six College World Series appearances, three SEC championships, six SEC Eastern division titles, a SEC tournament crown and 13-consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Tanner gained valuable experience at an international level in his association with USA Baseball. He served five stints with the Red, White and Blue, including in 2003 as head coach for the USA National Baseball Team. He was named the U.S. National Coach of the Year for his work that season.

Tanner was named the South Carolina head coach June 14, 1996, after nine successful seasons as head coach at his alma mater, North Carolina State.

Tanner has a bachelor's degree in recreational administration from NC State (1980) and a master's of public affairs, public administration (1983).

Born Donald Ray Tanner, Jr., March 25, 1958, in Smithfield, N.C., Tanner grew up in Benson, N.C. He is married to the former Karen Donald, a native of Charleston, S.C. The Tanners have two daughters, Bridgette Grace ("Gracie") and Margaret Pearl ("Maggie") and one son, Joseph Luke ("Luke").

KEY TANNER DATES

June 14, 1996	Named Baseball Coach at University of South Carolina
June 29, 2010	South Carolina wins its first NCAA Baseball National Championship
June 28, 2011	South Carolina wins its second NCAA Baseball National Championship
Aug. 2, 2012	Became Director of Athletics at University of South Carolina
March 21, 2014	"Wheeler Beach" opens as University of South Carolina hosts its first home beach volleyball match in its inaugural season
Sept. 2014	University of South Carolina introduces "The Gamecock Student-Athlete Promise"
Feb. 2015	Named to NCAA Baseball Committee
May 9, 2015	Ground is broken on the Sheila and Morris Cregger Track Stadium
Summer, 2015	Jerri and Steve Spurrier Indoor Football Practice Facility Opens
Aug. 2015	Student-athletes move into the new 650 Lincoln residence hall
Sept. 2015	Springs Brooks Plaza is completed around Williams-Brice Stadium
Oct. 22, 2015	Founders Federal Credit Union becomes the naming rights partner for the University of South Carolina baseball stadium (Founders Park)
Dec. 1, 2015	Will Muschamp named head football coach
Sept. 2016	The "Gamecock Leadership Academy" begins as a development resource for University of South Carolina student-athletes
April 2017	The "Beyond Sports Professional Development and Internship Program" launched to provide University of South Carolina student-athletes valuable work experience in their chosen field

KEY NUMBERS UNDER TANNER

National Championships: 2

Equestrian (2014)
Women's Basketball (2017)

Southeastern Conference Championships: 7

Equestrian (2013, 2014)
Women's Basketball (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
Women's Soccer (2016)

Programs achieving Final Top 25 National Rankings: 16

Baseball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Equestrian, Football, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Men's Swimming and Diving, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Women's Indoor Track & Field, Women's Outdoor Track & Field, Beach Volleyball, Softball

Programs Reaching Post-season Competition*:

2012-13: (10): Baseball, Women's Basketball, Equestrian, Football, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Softball, Men's Tennis, Women's Indoor Track & Field, Women's Outdoor Track & Field

2013-14: (11): Baseball, Women's Basketball, Equestrian, Football, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Women's Soccer, Softball, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Women's Indoor Track & Field

2014-15: (10): Women's Basketball, Football, Equestrian, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Women's Soccer, Softball, Men's Swimming & Diving, Women's Tennis, Women's Outdoor Track & Field

2015-16: (14): Baseball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Equestrian, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Softball, Men's Swimming and Diving, Women's Swimming and Diving, Women's Tennis, Women's Indoor Track & Field, Women's Outdoor Track & Field

2016-17: (16): Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Football, Beach Volleyball, Women's Golf, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Men's Golf, Softball, Equestrian, Men's Indoor Track & Field, Women's Indoor Track & Field, Men's Swimming & Diving, Women's Swimming & Diving

*Individual sports - Finished Top 50



ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT • THE GAMECOCK CLUB



University. More than 18,000 South Carolina fans donate to the Athletics Department through annual Gamecock Club memberships.

South Carolina Athletics' mission centers on developing championship caliber programs in the Southeastern Conference and nationally. There are four components needed to create a championship program: a prominent university committed to its athletics program, a vibrant community that can be proudly presented to recruits, excellent coaches, and outstanding facilities. South Carolina is a distinguished university with an energized and supportive community in Columbia and throughout the state. The Gamecock coaching staff blends hall-of-fame experience and exciting new perspectives that, together with a seasoned athletics staff, give South Carolina Athletics a competitive advantage in the recruiting battle. It is time to focus on providing outstanding facilities for Gamecock student-athletes and fans.

The tremendous support of donors to the Garnet Way Campaign (completed in July 2015), enabled Gamecock Athletics to reach new heights in the SEC, both competitively and in our ability to support our student-athletes. Donors contributed more than \$245 million total in support of Gamecock Athletics' facilities and scholarships.

South Carolina Athletics is taking another step forward with the September 2016 launch of its "Expanding Our Vision" capital initiative. South Carolina Athletics has always been expanding in some capacity. Whether it is expanding expectations for success, expanding the areas from where it recruits talent, or expanding facilities and resources to help student-athletes achieve success academically and athletically, South Carolina is not standing still in living up to the commitments made in the Gamecock Student-Athlete Promise. The pillars of "Expanding Our Vision" are the Football Operations Center, the Carolina Coliseum renovations, the new golf practice facility, and the Gamecock Student-Athlete Promise. For more information on these projects visit ExpandingOurVision.com.

The Gamecock Club is located at 1304 Heyward Street in Columbia, can be reached at (803) 777-4276 and is also online at www.GamecocksOnline.com/GamecockClub. Be sure to like The Gamecock Club on Facebook and follow @TheGamecockClub on Twitter.

The Gamecock Club, established in 1940, provides financial support to the more than 500 student-athletes representing the University of South Carolina. This aid is in the form of tuition fees, meal costs, housing costs, medical costs, injury assistance, and other educational needs. Gamecock Club membership is open to all alumni and friends of the

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The Athletics Department formed the Garnet Society to recognize those who have contributed philanthropic gifts to South Carolina Athletics, above and beyond Gamecock Club contributions and seat donations. To learn more about membership in the Garnet Society and how you can make an impact, visit GarnetSociety.com and follow @GarnetSociety on Twitter.

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SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT-ATHLETE MEDIA INTERVIEW POLICY

All interviews are to be coordinated through the Athletics Communications and Public Relations Department and men's basketball SID Emily Miles and if Miles can not be reached, through Michael DeBates. This allows the staff to arrange the interview when it best suits the student-athlete's and the reporter's schedules. Please contact the Communications and Public Relations Department in advance to make your interview requests.

Media are not permitted to contact student-athletes on their own at any time.



COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The University of South Carolina Office of Compliance Services is committed to a comprehensive compliance program that educates everyone about the importance of adhering to NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules. We strive to create a "compliance conscience" within the University and throughout the community.

The commitment to compliance ensures institutional control over the department of athletics and furthers the mission of the University of South Carolina. The existence of a successful compliance program depends on the willingness of coaches, administrators, staff, student-athletes and boosters to be cognizant of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules.

WHAT IS COMPLIANCE?

At South Carolina, the Office of Compliance Services works within the department of athletics and the University to ensure South Carolina's compliance with all applicable rules. In doing so, the compliance staff is charged with the following tasks:

- Educating administrators, coaches, staff, prospects, student-athletes and boosters about NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules;
- Developing monitoring systems to ensure compliance with these rules. These systems are designed to monitor rules pertaining to recruiting, academic eligibility, financial aid, awards, extra benefits, ethical conduct, amateurism, agents, employment, occasional meals, and the playing and practice seasons for each sport; and
- Investigating and reporting violations of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules to the appropriate governing authority.

ARE YOU A BOOSTER?

You are a booster if you are or ever have:

- Been a member of a booster organization that supports University of South Carolina athletics;
- Made any financial contributions to any area the University of South Carolina;
- Made any annual or lifetime membership commitment to a booster organization;
- Been involved with the recruitment of a prospect;
- Provided benefits to an enrolled student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends;
- Been involved in promoting South Carolina's athletics program;
- Provided or helped to arrange employment for student-athletes;
- Been a season ticket holder.
- Remember, once a booster, always a booster

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

A prospective student-athlete (prospect) is a student who has:

- Started classes for the ninth grade, or
- If they haven't started ninth grade, ever received any financial assistance or other benefit prospective students do not generally receive.



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An individual remains a prospect until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

- The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term (including summer) of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year.
- The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term.

Remember a prospect remains a prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent with the University of South Carolina.

EXTRA BENEFITS

A recruiting inducement or extra benefit is any special arrangement by a University of South Carolina employee or booster to provide a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by the NCAA. Examples of impermissible extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Free or reduced cost services, rentals, or purchases of any type (e.g., meals, drinks, clothing, laundry, haircuts, legal fees, tattoos, car repairs, free upgrades on products or services, etc.)
- Gifts of any kind, including special occasions (birthdays, holidays, graduation, etc.)
- VIP access to bars, clubs, events, etc.
- Free or reduced cost housing for any length of time
- Loans (including co-signing)
- Cash or like items
- Use of an automobile or transportation
- An employment arrangement for a prospect or student-athlete's relatives
- Entertainment
- Use of your telephone or credit card
- Providing a meal in your home (if occasional meal, please contact compliance services)
- Academic assistance of any kind (e.g., tutoring, editing papers/projects, assistance in completing classwork, use of computer, etc.)
- Any tangible items, including merchandise

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

South Carolina is responsible for the actions of its boosters. If a booster provides an impermissible benefit to a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends, South Carolina may be subject to penalties, even if the student-athlete has completed his or her eligibility. The prospect or student-athlete who accepts an impermissible benefit jeopardizes his or her eligibility for intercollegiate competition. A booster who provides an impermissible benefit may be disassociated from the University's athletics program. Disassociation results in a loss of all benefits or privileges offered by the department of athletics and may involve other penalties as appropriate.

GOT QUESTIONS? ASK COMPLIANCE.

The above information is a brief overview of compliance and rules pertaining to boosters and their interactions with prospective and current student-athletes. It is not an exhaustive discussion. If you have any questions about any NCAA, SEC, or institutional rules, please contact the Office of Compliance Services at (803) 777-1519 or via email at athcompl@mailbox.sc.edu.

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MEDIA SERVICES

The 2017-18 edition of the University of South Carolina basketball media guide is a source of information for the news media. Additional information is available upon request. News releases, action and still photographs, video tapes and digital images are also available to accredited members of the news media upon request.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Credentials are limited to working daily print and electronic media and to others whose duties make necessary access to press row. Photo credentials are issued only to working photographers and cinematographers. Photographers are restricted to the baselines and may use natural light only. Flash units are not allowed.

South Carolina will use the online credentials system. Please go to www.sportssystem.com/seccredentials to register for credentials (photo, press row).

ALL credentials will be distributed on game day at the press pass gate on the College Street entrance of the Colonial Life Arena. A limited number of media parking spaces are available. Media parking passes must be requested at the time of credential requests.

INTERVIEW POLICIES

All interview requests must be made in advance to SID Emily Miles in the South Carolina Athletics Communications and Public Relations Department. Beginning with the start of practice in October, Miles will release a weekly coach and student-athlete availability schedule to media on Monday's.

Post-Game Interview Policy: After each home game, the visiting coach will address the media first, followed by South Carolina student-athletes then South Carolina head coach Frank Martin. (Depending on deadline, this may be altered on a game-by-game basis).

Road Interview Policy: Interviews with Coach Martin and student-athletes while on the road will be scheduled according to the home post-game media procedure.

HOME GAME SERVICES

Press Room: The South Carolina basketball media room is located behind the visitor bench near the locker room cluster at Colonial Life Arena. This room is open only to accredited media with proper credentials.

Internet: There is wireless and high speed data lines in the press room. Those data lines are available on a first come, first served basis. Wireless is also available in the arena.

FOOD SERVICES

Each credentialed media member will be issued a food coupon that can be used at the concession stands inside Colonial Life Arena.

STATISTICAL SERVICES

Complete play-by-play, full halftime and final boxscores are provided to the media. South Carolina uses Statbroadcast.com to provide statistical data in-game to media.

BROADCASTS

Announce positions for radio and TV broadcasts are at courtside. Under contracted reciprocal agreements, the official designated originating station or network of the visiting team is allowed to originate radio broadcasts without charge. All others will be charged an origination fee.

Stations must contact Liz McMillan of Gamecock Sports Properties at (803) 777-7895 for information.

PRESS ROW PASSES

NEWSPAPERS are eligible to apply for credentials and access to media opportunities. The granting and number of credentials for daily newspapers will be based on the newspaper's circulation on a space available basis.

Those newspapers publishing more than twice a week, but less than six, will have priority after those in the daily newspaper category.

WEBSITES that meet one of the following criteria will be issued a maximum of three (3) season approved press credentials, which includes the videographer, and two (2) photo passes to be used for still photography.

1. Is the official website of the home or visiting school or its conference;
2. Is the official online service of a national over-the-air or cable television network;
3. Has a "national affiliate agreement" with or is an official licensed site of a national or local newsgathering organization and has at least one full-time employee dedicated to writing for the site; or
4. Is a local newsgathering organization that has at least two full-time employees and is owned by a media company with multiple assets.

Websites that are an extension of a non-digital local media outlet (newspaper, radio, television) will not be issued credentials independent of their originating organization.

Sport-specific websites with more than two full-time writers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

No credentials will be issued to any website that is not deemed by University of South Carolina Assistant Athletics Director/Communications and Public Relations to have adequate editorial oversight. Credentials will not be approved to anyone who writes or posts under an alias.

TELEVISION stations will be issued a maximum of two (2) season approved credentials.

Local **RADIO** stations will be granted one (1) season approved press row credential per daily sports show. In addition, one (1) press row credential will be distributed per station for the sports director. Non-daily local radio sports shows and out-of-market radio stations that have a daily sports show will be granted a maximum one (1) credential on a game-by-game space available basis.

STUDENT MEDIA outlets for the home and visiting schools will be issued credentials in accordance with the policy or their format (newspaper, website, radio, television). To be considered student media, the outlet must be sanctioned as such by the university, have full-time university staff overseeing the training of staff or be governed by a university-appointed board, and receive some portion of its funding from student fees.

PHOTO WIRE SERVICES that distribute nationally and retain all rights for sale and usage of any image taken at the event will be issued one (1) season photo pass. Any wire service that sells/shares its images for non-editorial uses must provide the University of South Carolina Athletics Media Relations department with a statement indicating how it ensures that non-editorial clients use its images within NCAA regulations.

• **Non-affiliated bloggers will not be credentialed.**

All other credential requests, including non-daily newspapers, magazines, out-of-market radio stations, etc. will be issued on a game-by-game, case-by-case and space available basis at the discretion of the media relations director.

Please note: Due to the high number of applications, it is not possible to accommodate all requests. No one under 18 years of age will be issued a credential without prior approval of the SID.

No credentials will be issued to any website that is not deemed by the University of South Carolina Assistant Athletics Director/Communications and Public Relations to have adequate editorial oversight.

COACH, STUDENT-ATHLETE RADIO POLICY

South Carolina coaches are limited to one appearance from one member of a sport's coaching staff per seven-day period on any radio station or any radio show that is aired as part of a state-wide, regional or national network in the Columbia market. The length of the interview should be no more than one segment, defined as "commercial break to commercial break." The segment shall run no longer than 10 minutes. In addition, the same member of a sport's coaching staff or South Carolina administrator cannot make appearances in consecutive seven-day periods on the same radio station. Media outlets in which the institution or the SEC is contractually affiliated are exempt from this language. Exceptions can be made in the occurrence of a major "breaking news" event.

South Carolina student-athletes may not participate in any live radio show other than during a regularly scheduled newscast and for no longer than four minutes, postgame interview times, conference media days and structured media opportunities during NCAA championships, without the consent of the South Carolina Communications and Public Relations department. This policy is in effect year-round and does not apply to institutional networks. It does apply to internet chat rooms that are sponsored by a media outlet for the sole purpose of conducting Q&A sessions with the viewing public concerning the student-athlete's athletic career.

It is not permissible for any non-rightsholder to archive audio or video Event content that exceeds five (5) minutes in length. Events are defined as varsity contests, press conferences and any other group media availability. Archiving may not begin until the conclusion of the entire event. WNKT-FM is the only radio station that can carry press conferences live and/or archived in their entirety.

SPOTTERS AND STATISTICIANS

The Communications and Public Relations Department can supply radio and television broadcasters with spotters and stat personnel if notified of their needs in advance.

SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT-ATHLETE MEDIA INTERVIEW POLICY

All interviews are to be coordinated through the Communications and Public Relations Department and men's basketball SID Emily Miles. This allows the staff to arrange the interview when it best suits the student-athlete's and the reporter's schedules. Please contact the Communications and Public Relations Department in advance to make your interview requests.

Media are not permitted to contact student-athletes on their own at any time. All interviews will take place at the designated interview site for that day as listed in the weekly media advisory, or in the media relations office.

Residence hall, apartment or cell phone numbers for student-athletes will not be provided to the media. Should you need to conduct a telephone interview with a student-athlete, a call will be placed to you from the student-athlete at a mutually agreeable time.



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Greenville News

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Hilton Head Island Packet

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Hilton Head, S.C. 29938
843-706-8121

Myrtle Beach Sun News

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Orangeburg Times & Democrat

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Orangeburg, S.C. 29116
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Rock Hill Herald-Journal

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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE MEDIA INFORMATION



COACHES TELECONFERENCE

The SEC men's basketball coaches teleconference begin January 8 and run through March 12. Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the SEC Communications Department for further details. Each coach will appear on the teleconference for seven minutes. All SEC basketball teleconferences can be listened to on the internet at www.secsports.com shortly after the conclusion of the teleconference.

2018 SEC Teleconference Schedule

Monday, January 8
Thursday, January 25
Monday, February 5
Monday, February 19
Monday, March 5
*Monday, March 12
*includes only teams advancing to postseason play

ORDER OF APPEARANCE

(All Times Eastern)

11:00 a.m. Bryce Drew, Vanderbilt
11:07 a.m. Mike White, Florida
11:14 a.m. Frank Martin, South Carolina
11:21 a.m. Mark Fox, Georgia
11:28 a.m. Will Wade, LSU
11:35 a.m. John Calipari, Kentucky
11:42 a.m. Rick Barnes, Tennessee
11:49 a.m. Mike Anderson, Arkansas
11:56 a.m. Avery Johnson, Alabama
12:03 a.m. Bruce Pearl, Auburn
12:10 a.m. Andy Kennedy, Ole Miss
12:17 a.m. Ben Howland, Miss. State
12:24 a.m. Cuonzo Martin, Missouri
12:31 a.m. Billy Kennedy, Texas A&M

SEC WEBSITES

General SEC basketball information can be accessed on the Web at www.secsports.com. The basketball section is updated with new material daily on the page, with standings, statistics, game previews, notes and other important information.

The SEC also offers a media-only section of the website - www.secsportsmedia.com. Media covering the SEC can retrieve information from the conference office as well as the 14 SEC institutions from the media site. An internet photo gallery, logos and a championship credentialing system for SEC basketball is available on the site. (The site houses all media information for the other 19 sports the SEC sponsors).

SEC RELEASE

The conference basketball release will be available each Monday beginning in early November via the league's websites. Any media representative wishing to receive information via e-mail should register on www.secsportsmedia.com. SEC standings and team-by-team results will be updated each weekday, while conference statistics will be updated as often as needed based on the schedule of play. Information is also available via the school's SIDs.

SEC WEEKLY AWARDS

The SEC will name a Player of the Week and Freshman of the Week in men's basketball each Monday of the season. Each week's selections will be released on Mondays and will also be announced in the league's weekly releases. Nominations for the award are made each week by the men's basketball media relations contacts.

SEC TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS

Media credential requests for the 2018 SEC Tournament in St. Louis will be available online at www.secsportsmedia.com in early January. For further information concerning media coverage of the 2018 SEC Tournament, please contact the SEC Communications Department. Tickets to the 2018 SEC Tournament may be purchased through one of the 14 member institutions' ticket offices. Each school determines its priority for selling tournament tickets.

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THE SEC - AMERICA'S ELITE BASKETBALL CONFERENCE



- Throughout the history of men's college basketball, the Southeastern Conference has captured 11 NCAA Championships and four NIT titles, putting the SEC as one of the nation's top basketball conferences.

- Thirteen of the 14 SEC coaches have led their teams to the NCAA Tournament. The one not included in that list is entering his third season coaching collegiately and was previously named the NBA Coach of the Year while directing his team to the NBA Finals.

- Nine SEC coaches have taken their teams to the Sweet 16, seven have advanced to the Elite Eight and five have gone on to the Final Four (includes Division II).

- Five SEC coaches have been head coaches in the Final Four (includes DII) with two winning national championships.

- Seven different SEC teams (Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, Mississippi State and South Carolina) have appeared in the Final Four.

- The SEC was 11-5 in NCAA Tournament games in 2017. It is the seventh consecutive season the SEC has been .500 or better in the NCAA Tournament. It is the 56th time the league has been .500 or better in NCAA Tournament games.

- 72 men's basketball students were named to the 2016 SEC Academic Honor Rolls (Winter and First Year) for having a grade point average of 3.00 or above for either the preceding academic year or a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above.



The SEC Network

The Southeastern Conference and ESPN signed a 20-year agreement through 2034 to create and operate a multiplatform network which launched August 14, 2014. The network and its accompanying digital platform carried SEC content 24/7 including more than 1,000 events in its first year making every SEC basketball game available nationwide. Programming also includes studio shows and original content such as SEC Storied and SEC Inside. The Network has reoccurring weekday programming such as SEC Now, a news & information show featuring SEC Network hosts Peter Burns, Dari Nowkhah or Laura Rutledge and network analysts, discussing all the SEC news of the day, airing each weekday evening. The network also has weekend programming, including SEC Rewind, when the Network takes a look back at a historic game from the SEC, and SEC Scoreboard, a Saturday evening recap show featuring highlights and analysis of all the day's events.

The South Carolina Operation

The University of South Carolina will produce 120-130 events with an ESPN-caliber production. These include baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, softball, volleyball and sand volleyball games that are not covered by CBS, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or the SEC Network linear channel. Live operations for the SEC Network at Carolina are led by David Cockfield (producer), Justin Stoll (graphic design), Valerie Gerfin (associate producer) and Kim Justice (engineer). Play-by-play duties will be handled by familiar voices Brad Muller, Derek Scott and Burch Antley.





GAMECOCK RADIO NETWORK



Gamecock Sports Marketing, a partnership between the University of South Carolina Athletics Department and IMG College is the originating medium for radio coverage of 2017-18 South Carolina basketball games.

Gamecock Sports Marketing is responsible for the overall management of the athletic program's corporate partnership effort, which includes producing, selling and distributing the Gamecock Radio Network (live play-by-play and call-in shows) and television programming (coaches shows), print advertising in various athletic department publications, and selected signage in University athletic facilities.

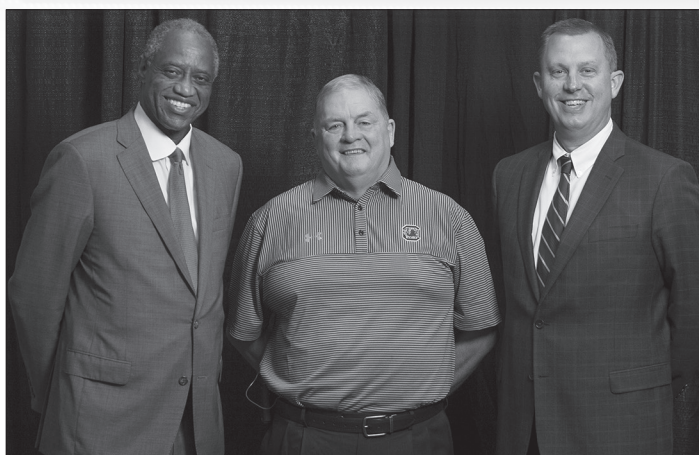
Derek Scott enters his second season as the radio play-by-play voice for Carolina men's basketball and baseball on the Gamecock Radio Network. Since 2007, Scott has served as a television (Gamecock Athletics-produced games on SEC Network Plus) and radio play-by-play voice for various Gamecock teams, including men's and women's basketball, baseball and volleyball. He has also been the host of Gamecock Athletics' weekly show, "Inside the Roost," highlighting the programs of the Carolina athletics department. From 1998-2007, Scott was an Assistant Athletics Director at Ohio University, where he hosted and produced the weekly coach's show for football and men's basketball while also handling play-by-play duties for both sports. He also managed the public relations staff, coordinated all radio and television broadcasts for the Ohio Sports Network and oversaw all licensing efforts for Bobcat athletics.

Casey Manning, the color analyst for the Gamecock Radio Network, earned a varsity letter for the legendary coach Frank McGuire from 1971-73 (freshmen were not eligible to play varsity basketball) and attended South Carolina from 1969-73. Prior to his college career he was named Player of the Year in South Carolina and was a high school All-American at Dillon High School. He won the Freshman Academic Award and he was selected to Who's Who in Colleges and Universities and chosen as a South Carolina outstanding senior during his college career. He was a member of Carolina's ACC Tournament Championship team in 1970-71.

Manning is currently a Circuit Court Judge for the state of South Carolina, having served in that capacity since April 1994. He served as the Assistant Attorney General for the state of South Carolina for five years (1983-88), and was the Chief of Prosecutions from 1988-89. Manning is a member of the American Bar Association and is a past president of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.

Carroll Senn has served as engineer/producer for the Gamecock Basketball Radio Network since 1981.

Liz McMillan is Executive Director for the Network and has been involved since 1993 as the first woman in the SEC to serve in this capacity.



(L TO R): CASEY MANNING, CARROLL SENN, DEREK SCOTT

GAMECOCK
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COLONIAL LIFE ARENA - HOME OF THE GAMECOCKS

■ Colonial Life Arena is more than just the home of South Carolina men's and women's basketball. It's also a thriving entertainment venue that the city of Columbia and its surrounding metropolitan area are able to enjoy throughout the year.

■ Colonial Life Arena was ranked third in the nation's highest grossing university arenas for "University Top Stops" in Venues Today for ticket sales in 2017. The arena also ranked number one in sales in South Carolina for 2017 in Venues Today for "Carolina Top Stops".

■ Colonial Life Arena is the largest arena in the state of South Carolina with 18,000 seats, and the 10-largest on-campus basketball facility in the nation. Located on the beautiful University of South Carolina campus, this one-of-a-kind facility features 41 suites, four entertainment suites, and the Frank McGuire Club, a full-service hospitality room that has a capacity of 300. The state-of-the-art facility also features plush seating, a technologically advanced sound system, a brand new 12-display centerhung LED video board, and a one-of-a-kind selection of unique concession foods that will delight fans of all ages.

■ The Arena has hosted numerous shows, including Foo Fighters, Paul McCartney, Janet Jackson, Luke Bryan, The Weeknd, WWE Wrestling, Disney on Ice and numerous other acts.

■ The arena is the largest building ever constructed at the University of South Carolina at 342,000 square feet. It features two spacious, identical locker rooms for the Gamecock men's and women's basketball teams with team meeting rooms, recruiting rooms, coaches locker rooms and a training room facility.



FUN FACTS ABOUT COLONIAL LIFE ARENA

16,880 cubic yards of earth moved, which is enough to fill 222 swimming pools

3,848 tons of steel, which would weigh equal to 96,200 quarters, which would equal \$24,050

125 miles of cable, which would stretch between Columbia and Folly Beach

1,872 tons of cooling, which would cool an average of 12 grocery stores

205,384 bricks and 60,137 concrete blocks, which would stretch the entire length of Lake Murray (41 miles)

8,750 gallons of paint, which would paint approximately 115 average Columbia 2-story houses

4,781 square yards of carpet, which would carpet approximately the field at Williams-Brice Stadium

443 people working on building the arena at a given time, which would staff 44 fast food restaurants

1,158,000 man-hours to complete Colonial Life Arena, which would equal two working hours from each person living in the Columbia Metro area



2017-18 PRESEASON NOTABLES



FRANK MARTIN

South Carolina head coach Frank Martin enters his sixth season leading the Gamecocks and 11th season overall as a head coach in 2017-18. Martin, the 2017 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year (CollegeInsider.com), led South Carolina to its first Final Four and a school record 26 wins a season ago. In his 10 seasons as a head coach, Martin has led his teams to at least 21 wins seven times, including a combined 51 wins for the Gamecocks the past two seasons.

SCOUTING THE GAMECOCKS

South Carolina returns seven letterwinners and two starters from last season's Final Four squad, including junior forward Chris Silva (10.2 ppg, 6.1 rpg). The Gamecocks welcome seven newcomers, including graduate transfers Frank Booker (FAU) and Wesley Myers (Maine), while Carolina also has five freshmen joining the squad this season in David Beatty, Jason Cudd, Ibrahim Famouke Doumbia, Felipe Haase and Justin Minaya.

FUN FACT

Did you know? Gamecock players on the 2017-18 squad combine to speak nine different languages, below is a breakdown:

Famouke Doumbia: English, French, Bambara, Malinké

Silva: English, French, Portuguese

Kotsar: English, Estonian

Gueye: English, Wolof, French

Booker: English, Icelandic

Haase: English, Spanish

BY THE NUMBERS

6 - South Carolina collected six true road wins last season, posting victories at USF, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, LSU and at Mississippi State.

26 - In his career, junior forward Chris Silva has 26 games with at least two blocks, including a three-block effort in the Final Four matchup vs. Gonzaga last season.

6-3 - South Carolina was 6-3 last season in games against opponents ranked in the top 25.

20+ - The Gamecocks had seven wins by at least a 20-point margin last season.

6.4% - The Gamecocks return just 6.4 percent (16/248) of their made 3-point baskets from last season.

KEY STAT

Frank Martin teams are known for their tenacious defense. Last season, Carolina forced at least 15 turnovers in 30 of 37 contests, and the Gamecocks held opponents to below 40 percent shooting 17 times. In the final NCAA stats, Carolina was fifth in the country in turnovers forced (17.1 per game), 18th in opponent field goal percent (40.1%) and ninth in 3-point field goal percent defense (30.3%).

RECORD SETTING 26

With its win over SEC foe Florida in the Elite Eight last March, South Carolina posted its 26th win of the 2016-17 season, which set a new Gamecock record for wins in a campaign, besting the previous mark of 25, which was set twice, during the 1969-70 and 2015-16 seasons.

MARKING THE RECORD BOOK

South Carolina's historic 2016-17 season marked the Gamecock record book in several team and individual categories. Below are a few of those marks:

219 - Duane Notice ranks second all-time with 219 career 3-point field goals

27 - Carolina's 27 made free throws vs. Duke marked a new NCAA Tournament record for the Gamecocks

71.4% - The Gamecocks hit 71.4% (20-28) in the second half in the win over Duke, a new Carolina record for shooting percentage in a single half in NCAA Tournament play

611 - South Carolina's 611 made free throws in 2016-17 rank second all-time to the 635 made at the line during the 1970-71 season

215 - Sindarius Thornwell's 215 made free throws on the year rank in a tie for second all-time in a single season with fellow Gamecock great, John Roche (1971)

632 - South Carolina forced its opponents into 632 turnovers during the season, which rank second all-time behind the 678 turnovers by Gamecock opponents during the 2001-02 season

THANK YOU FANS!!!

South Carolina set attendance records in both total attendance and average attendance in 2016-17. A total of 241,123 fans attended Carolina games on the season, an average of 13,396 fans. Nationally, the Gamecocks ranked 15th in total attendance, which was third in the SEC, and 21st in average attendance, which was fourth in the SEC.