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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Columbia, S.C.
 Enrollment 33,724
 Founded 1801
 University President Dr. Harris Pastides
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 Conference Southeastern
 Nickname Gamecocks
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TEAM INFORMATION

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 Alma Mater North Carolina, 1994
 Record at South Carolina 165-81 (4 years)
 Career Record 165-81 (4 years)
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2016 SEASON IN REVIEW/2017 OUTLOOK

2016 Overall Record 46-18
 2016 SEC Record/Finish 20-9/1st East/ 2nd Overall
 2016 Postseason Finish NCAA Super Regional (0-2)
 Position Starters Returning/Lost 7/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost 12/6
 Players Returning/Lost 24/12

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Baseball 1892
 First Year in SEC 1992
 All-Time Record 2,533-1,508-17 (.625)
 All-Time SEC Record 419-307-1 (.577)
 SEC Championships 3 (2000, 2002, 2011)
 SEC Conference Tournament Titles 1 (2004)
 SEC East Titles 7 (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012, 2016)
 National Championships 2 (2010, 2011)
 NCAA Appearances/Last 31/2016
 NCAA Tournament Record 132-67
 College World Series Appearances/Last 11/2012
 College World Series Record 32-20

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Stadium (Dimensions) Founders Park (L-325, C-400, R-325, A-375)
 Capacity 6,400 permanent seats (8,242 standing-room only)
 Press Box Phone 803-777-6648



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Starters Returning (7) Jonah Bride, Chris Cullen, Alex Destino, TJ Hopkins, John Jones, Madison Stokes, LT Tolbert

Starters Lost (4) DC Arendas, Gene Cone, Marcus Mooney, Dom Thompson-Williams

Pitchers Returning (12) Kyle Anderson, Colie Bowers, Wil Crowe, Tyler Haswell, Adam Hill, Tyler Johnson, Cody Morris, Brandon Murray, John Parke, Josh Reagan, Clarke Schmidt, Reed Scott

Pitchers Lost (6) Canaan Cropper, Vince Fiori, Colton Provey, Matt Vogel, Braden Webb, Taylor Widener

Players Returning (24) Kyle Anderson, Danny Blair, Colie Bowers, Jonah Bride, Wil Crowe, Chris Cullen, Alex Destino, Ross Grosvenor, Tyler Haswell, Adam Hill, TJ Hopkins, Tyler Johnson, John Jones, Brandon McIlwain, Cody Morris, Brandon Murray, John Parke, Josh Reagan, Clarke Schmidt, Reed Scott, Madison Stokes, Hunter Taylor, LT Tolbert, Matt Williams

Players Lost (12) DC Arendas, Gene Cone, Canaan Cropper, Vince Fiori, Marcus Mooney, Colton Provey, Clark Scolamiero, Dom Thompson-Williams, Matt Vogel, Braden Webb, Taylor Widener, Jared Williams

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South Carolina won the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship in 2010 and 2011 at the College World Series. South Carolina has made 11 College World Series appearances including six times in the last 15 years.

In those 11 appearances, the Gamecocks are 32-20 for a .615 winning percentage, that is sixth-best among winning percentage leaders in CWS history. South Carolina is one of three schools in the nation to have reached at least 12 NCAA Super Regionals since 2000 and has the most NCAA Super Regional appearances of the 14 SEC schools since 2000. In addition, the Gamecocks own the second-highest win total in Division I baseball since 2000 (791-332 record) and more conference wins than any SEC team since 2000 (308-198 record).

Recently, South Carolina is one of only four schools in the nation to host an NCAA Regional in six of the last seven years.

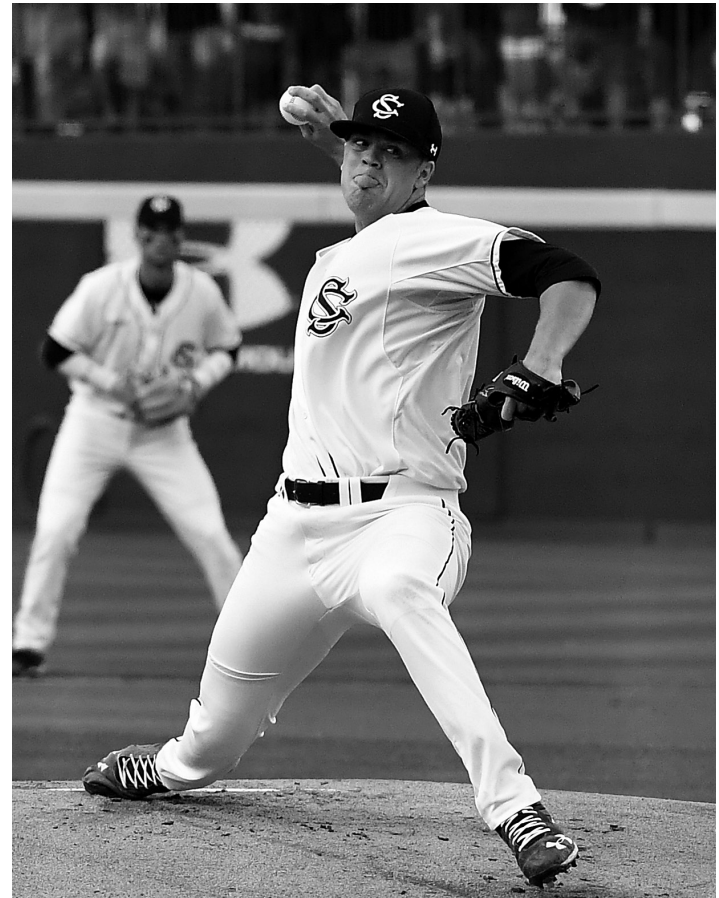
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Sophomore right-hander Clarke Schmidt earned third-team All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball. Schmidt went 9-5 with a 3.40 ERA. He allowed 50 runs, 42 earned, on 107 hits in 111.1 innings pitched with 129 strikeouts to just 27 walks and opponents batting .248 against him.

He became the first Gamecock pitcher since Michael Roth in 2011 to reach the single-season 100-strikeout total. Schmidt ranked second in the SEC with 129 strikeouts. He was also third in innings pitched and tied for fifth in wins.

Schmidt was strong in SEC games with a 5-2 record and a 3.72 ERA in the league. He had 76 strikeouts in 67.2 innings pitched in the league. His 76 league strikeouts were second-best among the league pitchers behind teammate Braden Webb, with his win-total tied for fifth-most and innings pitched ranked sixth in the conference.

Schmidt was named National Co-Pitcher of the Month for March by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA). Schmidt won four games in March and struck out 46 batters in 37.0 innings pitched with a 2.19 ERA.

Schmidt was a semifinalist for the Dick Howser Trophy as well, named for the top player in collegiate baseball.

He earned SEC Pitcher of the Week honors after striking out nine batters in eight scoreless innings in an 8-1 victory over Clemson. Schmidt earned the Tom Price Award as MVP of the Gamecocks for the Clemson series

Freshman right-hander Braden Webb was a third-team All-America selection by the NCBWA and earned unanimous Freshman All-America honors as well. He became the 31st pitcher in school history to reach 10 or more wins and was the first Gamecock to reach 10 wins since Michael Roth went 14-3 in the 2011 season. Webb was selected in the third round of the MLB Draft by Milwaukee.

Webb finished 10-6 with a 3.09 ERA. He allowed 43 runs, 35 earned, on 80 hits in 102.0 innings pitched. He also reached the single-season 100-strikeout total and had 128 strikeouts to 48 walks. Opponents hit .216 against him.

Webb was fourth in the SEC in wins and third in the league with his 128 strikeouts. He was also eighth in opposing batting average and 15th in ERA.

In SEC games, Webb went 7-3 with a 3.82 ERA and had 88 strikeouts in 63.2 innings with opponents batting .232 against him in league play. Webb's seven wins tied him with Alex Faedo of Florida and Dakota Hudson of Mississippi State with the most victories in league play. His 88 strikeouts were also the most by a SEC pitcher in league contests.

Webb won SEC Freshman of the Week three times in his wins over Florida, Vanderbilt and Ole Miss with the wins over the Commodores and Rebels coming on the road. He was also National Player of the Week by Collegiate Baseball for his performance at Ole Miss. In the Ole Miss game, Webb retired 17 in a row and 23 of 25 at one stretch to help lead the Gamecocks to victory. Webb's 14 strikeouts were one short of the school's freshman record of 15 set by Brian Williams on May 29, 1988 vs. Georgia Tech.

Both Webb and Schmidt's SEC numbers were some of the best in school history. Webb's seven wins in league play were tied for third-highest in school history and the most by a Gamecock pitcher since Blake Cooper went 7-1 in the 2010 season. Webb's 88 league strikeouts were the most-ever by a Carolina pitcher with Schmidt's 76 strikeouts in league play tied for second all-time as well.



Junior outfielder Gene Cone earned first-team All-SEC honors as he led the Gamecocks in hitting with a .363 average (78-for-215) with 30 RBI and 53 runs scored as well as a .474 on-base percentage and a .498 slugging mark. Cone ranked first in the SEC in on-base percentage and sixth in batting average. Cone saved his best for league play as he hit .391 (43-for-110) in 29 SEC games with 13 RBI and 30 runs scored. He led the conference with 27 walks to nine strikeouts and was second in the SEC with a .514 on-base percentage in SEC games. His 30 runs scored in league games were the most by a SEC player in 2016. He also ranked third in hitting and tied for sixth in hits. He was selected in the 10th round of the 2016 MLB Draft by the New York Mets.

On his way to All-SEC honors, Cone set the school record with a 31-game hitting streak surpassing the previous mark of 26 set by Whit Merrifield in the 2009 and 2010 seasons. The hitting streak was the longest in Division I baseball in 2016 and his 34-game streak of reaching base safely the longest mark in the SEC. During the 31-game hitting streak, Cone hit .402 (49-for-122) with 18 RBI, 33 runs scored, 11 doubles, two triples and three homers. His on-base percentage during the streak was .497 with a .598 slugging mark.

Cone earned National Player of the Week honors by Collegiate Baseball as well as SEC Player of the Week accolades for his performance in the Missouri series. He went 10-for-12 (.833) at the plate in a sweep of Missouri with six RBI and seven runs scored. Cone capped the weekend going 5-for-5, just a homer shy of the cycle and drove in three runs in the 9-2 victory over Missouri while surpassing Merrifield's mark. He was 3-for-4 with two runs scored with three RBI including a key two-out two-run double to give the Gamecocks the lead for good in Friday's 8-5 win over the Tigers. He was also 2-for-3 with two runs scored in the 5-1 win over Missouri.

Cone's 10 hits were the most in a weekend series by a Gamecock player since Christian Walker went 10-for-11 at Mississippi State April 22-24 and the most ever by a Gamecock player in Founders Park history (dating back to 2009).

Cone and Schmidt were semifinalists for the Gregg Olson Award, presented by Toolshed Sports and awarded to college baseball's breakout player of the year.



Sophomore catcher John Jones earned National Player of the Week honors from Collegiate Baseball and SEC Co-Player of the Week after putting together arguably one of the greatest weekends at the plate in school history in the Penn State series. Jones reached base in all 14 plate appearances vs. Penn State batting 1.000 (8-for-8) with six walks for an OBP of 1.000 as well. Jones went 4-for-4 with a homer and four RBI in a 7-1 series-opening win vs. the Nittany Lions. He followed that up with a grand slam and tying a single-game school record with four walks in Saturday's 16-5 victory vs. Penn State. In the series finale, Jones went 3-for-3 including a two-run single and a walk in the 4-2 win to sweep the series vs. Penn State. Jones' slugging percentage for the weekend was 1.750 also.

In records going back to 1997, Jones is the only Gamecock in school history to start three games in a series and put up a 1.000 OBP, besting the previous mark of .875 set by Christian Walker in 2011 at Mississippi State as well as Walker's .909 batting average (10-for-11). Jones' six walks tied for the most by a Gamecock in a series since Scott Wingo's six walks vs. Brown in 2010. Jones' 10 RBI are the most by a Gamecock in a series since LB Dantzer drove in 10 vs. Albany vs. 2013. Jones' 1.750 slugging percentage is the best in a series since Steven Neff's 2.000 slugging mark vs. Arkansas in 2011.

Jones also earned SEC Player of the Week after hitting .500 (7-for-14) in the Arkansas series with a pair of game-winning home runs as well as eight runs batted in. Jones opened the series going 3-for-5 with a pair of run scored and a RBI in the 10-6 win. He followed that up with a two-run homer to break a 2-2 tie in the 6-2 win over Arkansas on Saturday. Jones capped the weekend off going 3-for-5 with a double and a game-winning three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning that lifted Carolina to an 8-6 victory vs. the Razorbacks. Jones' five RBIs in Sunday's contest was a career-high as well.

Jones finished the year hitting .269 (57-for-212) with seven homers, 49 RBI, a .372 on-base percentage and a .420 slugging mark.



Junior outfielder Dom Thompson-Williams was a fifth round selection in the 2016 MLB Draft by the New York Yankees and finished second on the team in hitting with a .321 average (77-for-240) as well as a team-high 17 doubles, three triples, eight homers, 41 RBI and 58 runs scored.

He led Carolina with a team-high 23 multi-hit games and was third with 12 multi-RBI contests. He was the only Gamecock player to start all 64 games. His 17 doubles were the most by a Gamecock since Christian Walker hit 21 in 2011 and his 58 runs scored were the most since Walker scored 64 in 2011.

He hit .545 (6-for-11) in the Alabama series with a home run, a double, a pair of RBI and five runs scored as the Gamecocks clinched the SEC East. All three games were multi-hit performances. He opened the series 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored in a 6-4, followed that up 2-for-4 with a homer in the 4-2 win and closed out the series 2-for-3 with three runs scored.

He tied a school record with three doubles and added a triple and three RBI in a 14-4 win at Furman.

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The Gamecocks had four players named to the SEC All-Freshman Team. Catcher Chris Cullen, first baseman LT Tolbert and right-handers Adam Hill and Braden Webb received All-Freshman accolades.



Hill earned Freshman All-America honors alongside Webb from Collegiate Baseball. He was 7-0 with a 3.53 ERA. He allowed 26 runs, all earned, on 49 hits in 66.1 innings with 72 strikeouts to 28 walk. Opponents hit .208 against him.

Hill was named SEC Freshman of the Week after winning a pair of games the week of March 7-13. Hill went three innings and allowed one run on three hits with no walks and five strikeouts in a 7-1 win over Wofford. He followed that up with 5.1 scoreless innings in March 13th's 2-0 win over Charleston Southern.



Despite being in his first season, Cullen saw the most action behind the plate for the Gamecocks in the 2016 season.

He played in 50 games with 41 starts and hit .238 (35-for-147) with 19 runs scored and 23 RBI.

Cullen fielded .991 and allowed just 29 stolen bases in 39 attempts.

Cullen drove in 11 of his 23 runs with two outs. He added 11 doubles as well.



Tolbert played several positions throughout the 2016 season, but his primary spot for the SEC slate was at first base.

Tolbert had 27 RBI and 32 runs scored with 15 walks to 14 strikeouts. Tolbert was the second-toughest batter to strike out in the SEC with an average of 13.7 at bats per strikeout.

Tolbert hit .417 (5-for-12) in the NCAA Regional with two doubles, three RBI and six runs scored.



Senior infielder Marcus Mooney was stellar in 62 games with 61 starts and was selected in the 10th round of the 2016 MLB Draft by the Atlanta Braves. Mooney hit .314 (64-for-204) with a .413 on-base percentage. He fielded .944 at shortstop with just 13 errors.

Junior left-hander Josh Reagan and sophomore right-hander Tyler Johnson were as good as it gets in college baseball at the end of games and helped to contribute to over half of South Carolina's wins. Reagan and Johnson each won three games and combined for 20 saves with 12 of those saves in SEC play.



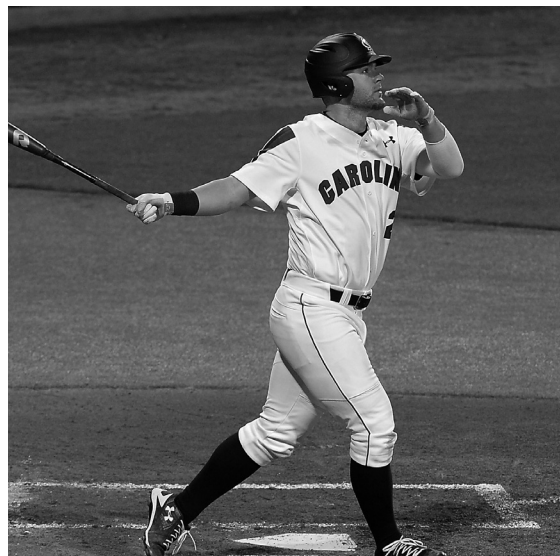
Junior left-hander Josh Reagan went 3-2 with a 2.08 ERA and had 11 saves. He struck out 50 in 56.1 innings and made 29 appearances.

Reagan's 11 saves tied for third-highest in the SEC and he tied for sixth in the league in appearances.



Sophomore right-hander Tyler Johnson went 3-2 with a 2.42 ERA and had nine saves. Johnson struck out 59 to just eight walks in 52.0 innings in 29 relief appearances. Eight of Johnson's nine saves were in league play, the most by any SEC pitcher.

Johnson pitched on USA Baseball's Collegiate National Team over the summer.



Sophomore outfielder Alex Destino had a team-high 10 homers and 59 RBI to go along with a .509 slugging percentage. Destino ranked fourth in the SEC in RBI. It was the most RBI by a Gamecock since Christian Walker's 62 in 2011.

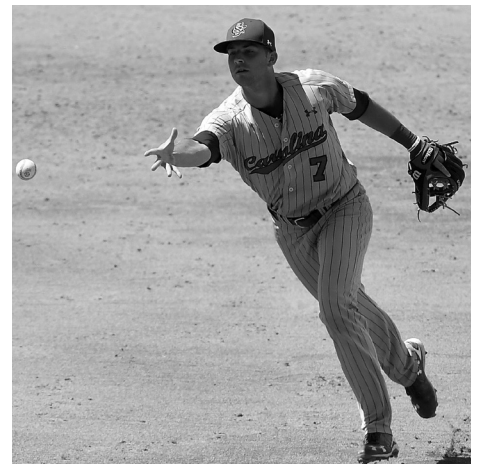
South Carolina became only the 20th school since the Regional-Super Regional format began in 1999 to claim the regional championship after losing its first game. After falling 5-4 to Rhode Island in the regional opener, South Carolina won four consecutive games vs. Duke, Rhode Island and UNCW to win the 2016 Columbia Regional.

Sophomore catcher Hunter Taylor came up with the big hit in a 4-2 win over Duke in the first elimination contest as he knocked a double off the third base bag and down the left field line in the ninth inning to give the Gamecocks a lead they would not relinquish.

The Gamecocks followed that up with the best offensive performance of the season belting out 22 hits in a 23-2 victory over Rhode Island. Freshman right-hander Adam Hill pitched a career-high seven innings as well.

Having to win two games in one day, the Gamecocks came back for the nightcap and behind a complete game effort by sophomore right-hander Tyler Johnson and a 13-hit attack, the Gamecocks defeated UNCW 10-1 to force one more game in the regional.

Rain postponed the regional final on Monday, but the Gamecocks were ready on Tuesday and put five runs on the scoreboard in the fourth inning and a pinch-hit two-run double by sophomore John Jones gave Carolina insurance in the ninth on the way to 10-5 win over UNCW to win the regional.



Senior infielder DC Arendas was named to the All-Tournament Team after he went 7-for-14 (.500) with six runs scored, a double, a triple, two homers and five RBI in the NCAA Regional.



Sophomore right-hander Tyler Johnson came up with a huge start in his first start of the year in a 10-1 win over UNCW in the NCAA Regional. Johnson pitched his first career complete game and struck out 11 batters in the elimination game. That performance, along with 1.1 scoreless innings for the win vs. Duke earned Johnson NCAA Regional MVP.



Sophomore catcher Hunter Taylor had just three starts entering the NCAA Regional, but made three starts behind the plate over the weekend and hit .333 (4-for-12) on his way to All-Tournament team honors. Taylor had a game-winning RBI double in the ninth inning of the 4-2 win over Duke. He also had two hits and a pair of RBI in the 10-1 win over UNCW.



Freshman right-hander Braden Webb sealed the regional for the Gamecocks in his only relief appearance of the season. Webb pitched a scoreless inning of relief with a strike-out in the 10-5 win over UNCW.

Founders Federal Credit Union and the University of South Carolina announced a partnership awarding naming rights of Carolina Stadium to Founders Federal Credit Union. Carolina Stadium officially became Founders Park on October 22, 2015.

Unveiled in 2009, the \$35-plus million facility has a capacity of 8,242 fans and is the crown jewel among baseball stadiums across the nations. South Carolina has ranked among the top three in the nation in total attendance in six consecutive years, including a mark of 293,677 last season. South Carolina went 34-7 last year at Founders Park for a winning percentage of .829.



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BASEBALL AT FOUNDERS PARK

HOME RECORD		
Year	Record	Pct.
2009	26-9	.743
2010	30-6	.833
2011	36-4	.900
2012	32-7	.821
2013	31-6	.838
2014	34-7	.829
2015	25-11	.694
2016	34-7	.829
TOTAL	248-57	.813

HOME ATTENDANCE		
Year	Total	Avg.
2009	231,360	6,804
2010	241,582	6,710
2011	297,279	7,431
2012	295,389	7,574
2013	260,605	7,445
2014	305,564	7,452
2015	250,057	7,354
2016	293,677	7,162
TOTAL	2,175,513	7,132

SEASON TICKETS SOLD	
Year	Total
2009	4,745
2010	4,585
2011	4,989
2012	5,590
2013	5,835
2014	5,957
2015	6,049
2016	5,734

BASEBALL AT FOUNDERS PARK

SEC SCHOOLS RANKED BY WINNING PERCENTAGE AT HOME (2009 to 2016)

School	Record	Winning Pct.
South Carolina	248-57	.813
LSU	257-65-1	.797
Vanderbilt	228-64	.781
Florida	238-67	.780
Texas A&M	228-77	.748
Ole Miss	192-76	.716
Arkansas	195-81	.707
Alabama	173-81	.681
Mississippi State	189-89	.680
Kentucky	164-80	.672
Auburn	178-104	.631
Missouri	125-95	.568
Tennessee	144-110	.567
Georgia	141-116	.549

Since the opening of Founders Park, the Gamecocks are 248-57 for an .813 winning percentage, the best winning percentage at home among the 14 SEC schools.

South Carolina has totaled 2,175,513 in attendance since 2009 for an average of 7,132 fans.

Founders Park has hosted six NCAA Regionals as well as three NCAA Super Regionals. South Carolina owns a 22-5 (.815) all-time record in postseason games at Founders Park. The Gamecocks are 64-13 (.831) all-time in postseason home games in Columbia, SC.





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Talent, experience and depth are just some of the traits surrounding the South Carolina baseball team heading into the 2017 season. Fresh off the school's 12th NCAA Super Regional appearance, 31st trip to the NCAA Tournament and seventh SEC Eastern Division title, the Gamecocks are eager to return to the field with a hunger and drive to make another postseason run.

"When you play at South Carolina, I think every kid will tell you that they come to school here because they feel they are going to have an opportunity to play in the postseason and if they play well in the postseason they may have a chance to play in the College World Series," said South Carolina head coach Chad Holbrook. "At South Carolina, I think that's what the expectation is and I think our players have been very hungry - fallen just short of one of those main goals last year to get back at it. Our league is very difficult and we have to take it one day at a time, but I certainly feel they have invested great energy and work ethic to put themselves in a position to accomplish great things. It has been a group that has enjoyed each other. They've pushed each other on the field, they've pushed each other off the field. Thus far, it has been a committed group."

Commitment is an important first step towards chemistry. Chemistry was a key that Coach Holbrook cited when referencing last year's successful 46-18 campaign. He is hopeful that the continued positive energy and commitment to excellence will be a cornerstone of the 2017 team.

"The chemistry part is going to become a very important factor into how well we do," stated Holbrook. "We are going to have some talented players maybe playing in a new position or maybe not playing as much as they would like to play. They are each going to have to buy into their role; they are going to have to be a great teammate and be very supportive of each other. All great teams enjoy being around each other. As the season unfolds we will find out how strong our bond to one another is. That is what makes being part of a team so special. Our coaching staff feels good about the type of kid we have. We had a great deal of fun this fall and I know our players are anxious to go out and play."

ON THE MOUND

When assessing the team after fall workouts, Holbrook points out the pitching staff will be one of the strengths. Despite the loss of All-America right-hander Braden Webb and right-hander Taylor Widener – both of whom were drafted last season – the Gamecocks may field as good a staff as any in the country. Junior right-handers Wil Crowe, Tyler Johnson and Clarke Schmidt are among the top pitching prospects for the 2017 MLB Draft and are expected to go in the early rounds and are All-America and All-SEC candidates. Senior left-hander Josh Reagan and senior right-hander Reed Scott have a combined 123 career appearances and can pitch in any role. Add to that sophomore right-hander Adam Hill, who was a Freshman All-American in 2016 and the excitement surrounding several newcomers, who will make an immediate impact.

"I think it all starts on the mound," said Holbrook. "We feel great about the experience we have out front in Wil Crowe, Clarke Schmidt, Adam Hill. We feel great about the depth and experience we have in the bullpen with Josh Reagan, Tyler Johnson, Reed Scott and Brandon Murray. And some of our new guys have shown great promise as well like Cody Morris, Sawyer Bridges, Colby Lee and Rian Haire."

The triumvirate of Schmidt, Crowe and Hill has experience pitching on the weekends and in the SEC. Schmidt and Crowe will both enter the preseason as the top two candidates to get the ball on Friday night. Schmidt was a third-team All-America selection last year and has drawn preseason All-America accolades as well. He won nine games last year and struck out 129 batters. That is the second-most of any college pitcher in the country returning for the 2017 season. Fresh off of Tommy John surgery, Crowe is back to the form that helped elevate him to the Friday night spot in the 2015 season and led to his 8-3 record when he was a Freshman All-American two years ago. Hill found his way into the weekend rotation last year and went 7-0. He is considered a top MLB Draft prospect for the 2018 season.

The back end of the bullpen figures to be led by Johnson, Reagan and Scott. All three made 29 appearances apiece and each figures to factor in again for the 2017 season. Johnson broke through in 2016 and showed dominance in SEC play and the postseason. Eight of Johnson's nine saves

came in SEC play – the most by any player in conference play – and he also stood out for his first career complete game in his only start of the year in a 10-1 win over UNCW as the Gamecocks worked their way to a regional title. Johnson caught the eyes of many, which led him to a summer spot on USA Baseball's Collegiate National Team. Reagan's 11 overall saves ranked third in the SEC. He kept hitters at bay as well with opponents batting .172 against him. Scott won four games in relief and picked up two saves.

Redshirt freshman right-hander Cody Morris was the top high school prospect in the state of Maryland two years ago when Tommy John surgery cut his senior season at Reservoir HS short. Now with over a year of rehab behind him, Morris performed well in fall scrimmages and is expected to compete for a starting spot and significant innings in the 2017 season. An energized Brandon Murray showed progress in the fall as well. The junior right-hander is working towards substantial innings for the upcoming campaign. Junior left-hander John Parke is also back and will be off the mound again in January and should be ready to go for the season.

Don't be surprised to see a few newcomers on the hill with the game on the line as well. Freshman right-hander Sawyer Bridges led Summerville HS to a state title last year and he will be a power right-hander that will add to the depth, as will Colby Lee, who was the South Carolina Class A Player of the Year. He will show off a power arm from the right side. The coaching staff is also high on sophomore junior college transfer Graham Lawson, who had success in the fall. Freshmen left-handers Rian Haire and Jonathan Jahn had highly successful high school careers and look to earn innings also.

College baseball experts and professional scouts are excited with the level of talent on the mound in college baseball for the 2017 season. With the SEC the best college baseball conference in the country, success on the mound is imperative.

"In this league, there always is (high-level pitching)," noted Holbrook. "The SEC has always been loaded with front-line first round type pitchers. This year we have some pitchers that are highly thought of. That being said, that doesn't guarantee (anything). Where you are projected to be in the draft, where you projected to be in the preseason; that has no bearing on what type of season we are going to have. I think our players are mature enough to understand that with the schedule we have in front of us and the teams that we are going to play, we have to play at a high level each and every time we step out on the field if we want to have a special year."

"It is nice to know that we have some great kids in Wil Crowe, Clarke Schmidt, Tyler Johnson, Josh Reagan, Reed Scott, Adam Hill," added Holbrook. They are great kids, great character, talented, they have worked extremely hard and they have the makings to be the backbone of our team."

ON THE FIELD

Holbrook is excited with the position players that return and a group of newcomers that will give him options before he writes out the lineup card on Opening Day. Fall practice was spirited with several position battles highlighting the weekend scrimmages.

The Gamecocks do have some talent to replace with the departure of All-SEC outfielder Gene Cone, selected in the 10th round of the draft by the Mets and fifth-rounder outfielder Dom Thompson-Williams who went to the Yankees. Also gone are middle infield staples Marcus Mooney and DC Arendas. Still, there is plenty of talent eager to replace the departure of those four players.

"To have the type of year we want to have, we have to do a great job of supporting our pitchers," stated Holbrook. "We need to learn to be a great defensive team and we also need to be productive offensively. We have to be strong in all three areas to have a special year."

Experience and production shouldn't be a problem with the catching position. All three starters from last year return. Chris Cullen earned SEC All-Freshman in 2016 and was one of the team's top hitters in the fall. Cullen and junior catcher John Jones both gained valuable experience in the summer in the Cape Cod League. Jones broke out of the gates hot last year and is one of the team's top returning power hitters from last year when he belted seven homers and added 49 RBI. Junior catcher Hunter Taylor was also a key cog in the NCAA Regional as he earned All-Tournament Team honors.

"As we all know, that catching position is an important one and I couldn't feel better about our three guys behind the plate," said Holbrook.

“Chris Cullen, John Jones and Hunter Taylor, are solid guys and great teammates. Cullen may be our most improved player from this time a year ago. All three have experience, maturity, and the ability to be terrific players for us.”

Looking at the infield, the Gamecocks bring back junior third baseman Jonah Bride, who started in 63 of 64 games at the hot corner. Bride made just three errors the entire season and fielded .975 while producing at the plate with a .283 average and a .393 on-base percentage. The shortstop competition was under the microscope during the fall, but Holbrook has options returning with junior Madison Stokes and sophomore LT Tolbert. Both Stokes and Tolbert saw significant action last year at first base and second, but will now move to their more familiar spot in the middle infield. After missing the first half of the 2016 season due to an injury, Stokes emerged to be an important part of the lineup with a .304 batting average in 31 games. Stokes had a tremendous fall with 10 extra base hits including four homers and could hit in the middle of the lineup. Tolbert is coming off a SEC All-Freshman campaign and was solid in fall scrimmages as well. Junior Matt Williams caught Holbrook’s eye at first base in the fall. Williams was South Carolina’s third leading hitter of the fall behind Cullen and Stokes. The son of a coach, Williams figures to get the first crack at first base.

Several newcomers expect to compete for time in the middle infield. Sophomore utility player Jacob Olson showed promise during the fall slate and could see time either at an infield spot or in the outfield. The junior college transfer has versatility and a knack for getting on base. Freshman Carlos Cortes brings in a highly-touted bat. He also is versatile enough to play both the infield and outfield. Junior college transfers Justin Row and Chase DeMars have been solid additions and can factor in both the second base and shortstop competitions as well. Freshmen Riley Hogan and Joey Polak are newcomers that bring a physical approach to the plate. Both could see time at first. Holbrook has been pleased with the effort of the entire group as he looks toward the spring.

“As a team we still have a number of areas that we need to continue to improve upon,” noted Holbrook. “We have great competition going on at shortstop. We obviously return Jonah (Bride) at third base and he played a great third base for us last year, but he needs to continue to improve as well. Some of the newcomers are pushing him. Carlos Cortes, Jacob Olson, Justin Row are newcomers that have pushed some of our returners and they certainly have the ability to be productive players. Madison Stokes and LT Tolbert are two returners that have shown great promise. They have neat chemistry between the two of them.”

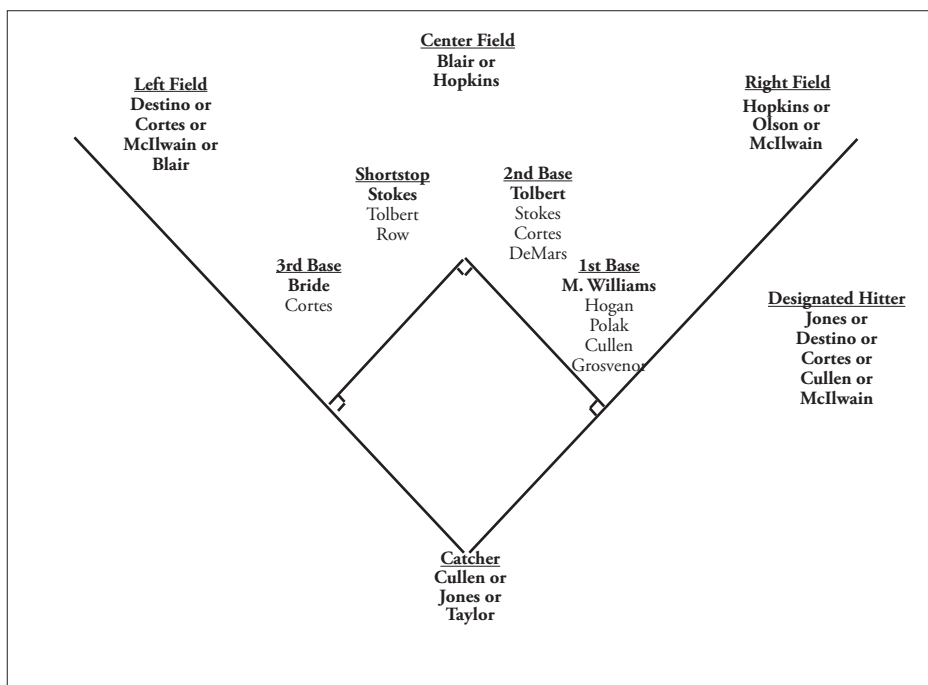
“We played good defense this fall, but playing good defense in the fall and playing good defense in the spring are two different things,” added Holbrook. “I love the ability level of our infielders, but there will be some guys in new spots. How our infielders play defense is going to be crucial to the success of our team. That being said, I think the guys we are going to put out there are anxious to show they are very good infielders as well. Collectively with Stokes, Bride, and Tolbert leading the way I feel we have a gifted group. And guys like Olson and Cortes can certainly factor in as well.”

The outfield could feature three veterans with junior Alex Destino back as well as the return of sophomores TJ Hopkins and Danny Blair. Destino figures to get the nod in left field, but is also an option as a designated hitter. Destino is a top 100 prospect for the 2017 MLB Draft and is looking to maintain power numbers, like the 10 homers and 59 RBI he produced last year to go along with a .509 slugging percentage. Hopkins made his way into the lineup as a freshman last year and is ready to make a jump in his sophomore campaign. The dynamic Hopkins hit .322 in his first year in the Garnet & Black. Both he and Blair are options in center field and right field and both are candidates in the leadoff spot.

“Our outfield situation will continue to evolve,” said Holbrook. “I love how TJ Hopkins continues to develop. He is very athletic, explosive, much improved offensively, handles the bat well and he plays a great center and right field. Danny Blair is much improved. He is a gifted outfielder and if he is a high on-base percentage guy offensively, then he has a chance to be a special player. Alex Destino and Carlos Cortes are two offensive-minded guys that can play left field. They certainly can do a good job out there. We feel good about those two hitting the middle of our lineup. Jacob Olson is another guy – I mentioned him with the infielders – he is also very versatile and can play the outfield as well. We are going to need to find a place to get him some at bats because he certainly did some nice things for us this fall.”

The lineup will continue to evolve as the spring season creeps closer. Still, there is considerable balance in what the Gamecocks can offer.

“Offensively it will be interesting to see how we evolve,” said Holbrook. “We have a chance to be a balanced and athletic group, but there will be some new faces in there. Dom (Thompson-Williams) and Gene (Cone) were terrific for us a year ago. They gave our team an offensive identity. This year we return Destino, Jones, Bride, Hopkins, and Cullen - and I think they are much improved from a year ago. I also love the improvements Stokes and Tolbert have made. We certainly have a lot of confidence in Cortes and Olson as well. We have a lot of work to do but I’m optimistic that we have a chance to be a good offensive team.”



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MISSION STATEMENT

The University's mission is threefold: the education of the state's diverse citizens through teaching, research and creative activity, and service.

The University of South Carolina is home to more than 200 years of history and tradition, rising from a single building in 1805 on what would become the heart of the campus, the Horseshoe. Today, the 11 buildings that make up the Horseshoe frame a lush lawn that is an irresistible gathering place for students, faculty and staff members and alumni and the scene of many important university events.

And while the Horseshoe will always be the symbol of Carolina's proud tradition, the university's presence and reach stretch across the state, with baccalaureate universities in Aiken, Spartanburg (Upstate) and the sea islands (Beaufort and the gateway to Hilton Head) as well as Palmetto College, which encompasses our associate degree-granting campuses — in Allendale and Walterboro (Salkehatchie), Sumter, Lancaster and Union — and our online bachelor's degree completion programs.

Together, they are building economic prosperity; fulfilling the university's mission of teaching, research and service to the state; and preparing future leaders in business, law, education, the arts, tourism, communications, medicine and the health sciences.

- The University of South Carolina's Columbia campus offers more than 300 degree programs through its 14 degree-granting colleges and schools.
- The South Carolina Honors College is the nation's best public honors college based on honors college factors according to the guidebook "A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs."
- U.S. News & World Report recognizes the Moore School of Business for having the No. 1 undergraduate international business program and No. 1 graduate international business program, and Financial Times credits the Moore School with the No. 1 international course experience.
- USC launched a new online degree completion program in 2013. Palmetto College's online offerings bring together the resources of the entire University of South Carolina system to combine the quality of a USC degree with the flexibility of online learning.
- Students at the University of South Carolina have earned 786 national fellowships and scholarships valued at \$24 million since 1994. University of South Carolina faculty members generated \$250.1 million in funding for research, training and outreach programs in fiscal year 2015, the highest total ever at the university.

UNIVERSITY HISTORY

In 2001, the University celebrated the bicentennial of its charter, but 2005 also marked a watershed anniversary: 200 years since the first classes began at South Carolina College, as it was then known. Carolina has endured the Civil War and Reconstruction, closings, and name changes. Permanently chartered in 1906 as the University of South Carolina, it grew throughout the 20th century and today is building its reputation as a cutting-edge research institution.



- USC is ranked in the top 5 percent of U.S. public universities in the number of national awards its faculty has received.
- The new Darla Moore School of Business building serves as the front door of Innovista, the university's research district, and is a hub for creativity, research and entrepreneurial activity. The school is pursuing a net zero status and LEED Platinum rating for its new home.
- The USC School of Medicine pioneered the nation's first medical school curriculum that teaches first- through fourth-year students how to use leading ultrasound technologies for bedside diagnosis.
- The Chronicle of Higher Education named USC a "Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students." Our students are consistent winners of other prestigious awards, such as National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.
- USC has partnered with IBM and Fluor Corporation to open the Center for Applied Innovation on the Columbia campus. The center promises to reshape how technology is used in higher education.
- USC is consistently recognized by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine, Princeton Review and USA Today for being one of the best values among public colleges and universities.
- USC is one of only 32 public universities to earn the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier designations in both research activity and community engagement.



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.

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 information here 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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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 University. More than 17,000 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.

Announced in November of 2011, the Carolina’s Promise Campaign raised over \$1 billion through July 2015 to improve every facet of the University of South Carolina. The athletics portion of the Carolina’s Promise Campaign, the Garnet Way Campaign, was charged with raising \$200 million in support of athletics facilities and scholarships. Thousands of donors have contributed more than \$245 million total in support of Gamecock Athletics.

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 South Carolina Media Relations Office would like to thank you for your interest in South Carolina Baseball. This guide has been prepared to assist you in your coverage of the team.

If you have any questions or requests, please reach South Carolina baseball contact Andrew Kitick at (803) 777-5257 or via e-mail at kitick@mailbox.sc.edu



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South Carolina head coach Chad Holbrook, staff and all Gamecock players are available for media interviews. Interviews can be conducted on Thursdays before practice from 1:30-2:30 p.m. or at other times arranged through the South Carolina Media Relations Office.

It is requested that all interviews be arranged through Andrew Kitick. Players and coaches have been instructed to not agree to interviews not arranged by the Media Relations Office.

GAME UPDATES

Media who wish to retrieve home score updates can follow a variety of ways to receive the latest information.

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They can provide you with login information to our media FTP site. Please credit all footage to GamecocksOnline when using footage from the FTP site.

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Wireless internet is available for use. Wired outlets for photographers and videographers are also available in the back of the press box.

Each media member will receive (1) food coupon per game to purchase food at the concession stand. Soft drinks and water are also available in the press box.

CREDENTIALS

Accredited news media are admitted on a game-by-game basis through the main entrance located near center field. Personnel assigned to cover games should contact Andrew Kitick at least one day before the game to arrange for proper credentials.

PARKING

Media personnel assigned to cover games should contact Andrew Kitick at least one day before the game to arrange for parking passes. Parking at the stadium is limited.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

Post-game interviews are conducted in the media room at Founders Park. After a brief cooling-off period, requested players will be brought to the interview area followed by head coach Chad Holbrook. A mult box is available for use. **Please note for the 2017 season, while the new media room is under construction, all interviews will take place on the field near the team dugout until the new room is completed.** The South Carolina locker room is closed to the media. Media who wish to interview opposing coach or players should make requests through the Visiting SID.



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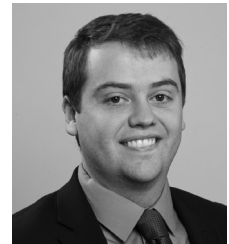
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Gamecock Sports Marketing, a partnership between the University of South Carolina Athletic Department and one of the leaders in the collegiate sports marketing industry, IMG College, is the originating medium for radio coverage of the 2017 South Carolina baseball games.

WNKT (107.5 FM), "The Game," in Columbia will be the flagship stations for originations of all 56 regular season games plus all postseason play. Games can also be heard on www.GamecocksOnline.com.

Derek Scott, who has served two institutions as a play-by-play broadcaster for almost 20 years, was named the radio play-by-play voice for University of South Carolina men's basketball and baseball in October of 2016 by officials with the South Carolina Athletics Department and Gamecock IMG Sports Marketing.

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.

Scott also serves as Senior Account Executive for Gamecock IMG Sports Marketing, working with corporate partnerships.

Tommy Moody is in his 17th year calling Gamecock Baseball. Moody is the chairman of the USC Athletic Hall of Fame and was a past president of the USC Association of Lettermen in 1992. Moody played under head coach Bobby Richardson on the Gamecock baseball team from 1970-72 as an infielder. Moody co-hosts a talk show, "Halftime" on The Game (107.5 FM), Monday-Friday from 1-4 p.m.

2017 Network Affiliates

Aiken/Edgefield	WKSX	92.7 FM
Allendale	WDOG	93.5 FM
Camden	WCAM	1590 AM
Charleston	WWIK	98.9 FM
Columbia	WNKT	107.5 FM
Florence	WHYM	1260 AM
Florence	WOLH	1230 AM
Florence	WFRK	95.3 FM
Georgetown	WJXY	93.7 FM
Greenville	WROO	104.9 FM
Kingstree	WDKD	1310 AM
Myrtle Beach	WJXY	93.9 FM
Rock Hill/Lancaster	WRHM	107.1 FM
Seneca	WSNW	1150 AM
Seneca	WSNW	94.1 FM
Spartanburg	WSPG	1240 AM



Derek Scott & Tommy Moody