

GAMECOCK FOOTBALL

# SOUTH CAROLINA

A black and white photograph of Mike Davis, a South Carolina Gamecock football player. He is wearing a dark jersey with white stripes on the sleeves and the number 20. He is holding a football in his right arm and looking upwards and to the left. The background is a blurred stadium.

MIKE  
DAVIS

**HERE**

I don't have to  
run around you,  
I can run  
**OVER** you

# The Gamecocks

## Jerrell ADAMS

TE • 6-6 • 242 • JR. • 2L

Pinewood, S.C.

(Scott's Branch/Fork Union)



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Third-year tight end who should be even more of a factor in the Gamecock offense... named the "Most Improved" tight end in the spring of 2014, the second-straight year he's earned that distinction... listed as the No. 2 tight end behind Rory Anderson, but a spring injury to Anderson could give Adams more opportunities this fall... owns 17 career receptions for 277 yards, a 16.3-yard average, with three touchdowns in 22 games... has one career start.

**2013:** Tight end who played in all 13 games, making one start... caught 13 passes for 187 yards, a 14.4-yard clip, with a pair of scores... suffered an ankle injury in preseason camp which limited him early in the season... made the start and hauled in a career-long 44-yard reception at UCF... caught two passes for 50 yards against Kentucky... caught three passes for 48 yards at Missouri... scored on a four-yard catch against Mississippi State... caught three passes including a touchdown in the Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... shared "Most Improved" tight end honors during the spring with Rory Anderson.

**2012:** True freshman tight end... earned SEC All-Freshman accolades by the league's coaches... caught four passes for 90 yards and a touchdown in nine games... averaged 22.5 yards per reception... one of three true freshmen to play in the season opener at Vanderbilt... caught his first pass, a 33-yarder from Seth Strickland, in the win over UAB... logged a 12-yard reception at Florida... caught his first touchdown pass, a 29-yarder against Arkansas, for the game's first points.

**PREP SCHOOL:** Attended Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy in the fall of 2011... coached by John Shuman... was a four-star prospect by Rivals.com, Scout.com and 247Sports.com, and a three-star talent by ESPN.com.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played quarterback, tight end, linebacker, defensive end and punter in football and was a power forward on the basketball team at Scott's Branch High School in Summerton, S.C., graduating in 2011... led the Eagles to the 1A Division II state title as a senior... coached by Leonard Johnson... in two years at quarterback he threw for 689 yards and 12 touchdowns in the run-dominated offense... also caught 21 passes for 581 yards and eight scores in his career... logged 96 tackles with five interceptions and a sack as a junior on the defensive side of the ball... caught three touchdown passes as a tight end in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... was the first player from his high school to play in the Shrine Bowl... also played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Myrtle Beach... the Eagles were the 2008 1A Division II state champions and the 2009 state runners-up... also played basketball, averaging 19 points and 13 rebounds as a junior... given a three-star ranking, considered the state's 10th-best player and rated as the 17th-best tight end in the country according to Rivals.com... given three stars and considered the nation's 30th-best high school tight end by Scout.com... a four-star recruit by 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Atlantic Region class... decided to attend South Carolina over Clemson.

**PERSONAL:** Jerrell D. Adams was born December 31, 1992... is pursuing a degree in public health.

### Adams' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2012	9/0	4	90	22.5	1	33
2013	13/1	13	187	14.4	2	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>22/1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>

### Adams' Single-Game Highs

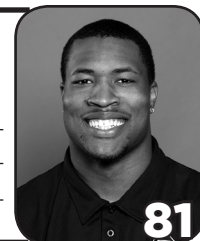
Receptions.....3, twice: Missouri & Wisconsin, 2013  
Yards Receiving ..... 50, Kentucky, 2013  
Long Reception.....44, UCF, 2013  
Touchdown Receptions .... 1, 3 times: Arkansas, 2012  
Mississippi State, 2013 & Wisconsin, 2013

## Rory "Busta" ANDERSON

TE • 6-5 • 227 • SR. • 3L

Powder Springs, Ga.

(McEachern)



81

Senior tight end who is an All-SEC candidate in his senior campaign... suffered a torn right triceps muscle late in spring drills and could miss some time this fall after undergoing surgery in April... has played in 38 games over the past three seasons making 13 starts... owns 39 career receptions for 694 yards, an average of 17.8 yards per catch... has scored eight touchdowns.

**2013:** "Busta" played in 12 of 13 games, starting nine, including the last seven in the regular season... caught 17 passes for 235 yards, an average of 13.8 yards per catch... did not find the end zone in 2013 after logging eight scores in his first two campaigns... suffered a hamstring injury in preseason camp, causing him to miss the season opener versus North Carolina... caught a pair of passes for 34 yards in the win at UCF... caught three passes for 38 yards in the win at Missouri... caught three passes for a game-high 69 yards against Florida... caught passes in nine straight contests before being shutout over the final three games... shared "Most Improved" tight end honors during the spring with Jerrell Adams.

**2012:** Saw action in all 13 games, making a pair of starts (UAB and Tennessee)... hauled in 14 passes for 271 yards and five touchdowns... averaged 19.4 yards per catch... caught four passes for a team and career-high 90 yards and two scores (7 and 51 yards) in the home opener over East Carolina... had a 13-yard TD catch against Missouri... caught a 37-yard pass in the win at Kentucky... caught a 14-yard touchdown pass against Georgia... caught three passes for 58 yards, including a 26-yard scoring strike in the win over Tennessee... had a 29-yard reception against Arkansas.

**2011:** True freshman who played in all 13 games, starting two (Kentucky and Tennessee)... three of his eight catches went for touchdowns... logged 188 receiving yards, a 23.5-yard average... six of his receptions went for at least 19 yards... recorded his first catch against Vanderbilt... earned his first career start versus Kentucky and responded with a 46-yard reception... notched his first career touchdown on a 23-yard connection vs. Tennessee, sealing the win... caught his second TD on a 20-yard strike against The Citadel... caught two passes for 57 yards and his third score in the win over arch rival Clemson... included was a career-long 55-yard reception.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played tight end at McEachern High in Powder Springs, Ga., graduating in 2011... caught 38 passes with six touchdowns in his senior season... coached by Kyle Hockman... helped the Indians win 21 games over his final two seasons... three-star prospect who was considered the nation's 26th-best tight end and ranked 41st in the state of Georgia by Rivals.com... was a three-star recruit and the nation's 31st-rated tight end by Scout.com... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 35th-best tight end by 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Southeast Region class... also played basketball and helped his team to the state AAAAA quarterfinals as a junior... selected South Carolina over Tennessee, USF and Virginia among many others.

**PERSONAL:** Rory C. Anderson II was born October 2, 1992... is pursuing a degree in retail management.

### Anderson's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	13/2	8	188	23.5	3	55
2012	13/2	14	271	19.4	5	51
2013	12/9	17	235	13.8	0	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>38/13</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>55</b>

### Anderson's Single-Game Highs

Receptions.....4, East Carolina, 2012  
Yards Receiving ..... 90, East Carolina, 2012  
Long Reception ..... 55, Clemson, 2011  
Touchdown Receptions ..... 2, East Carolina, 2012



## Landon ARD

**PK • 5-9 • 178 • JR. • 1L**

**Rock Hill, S.C.**  
**(South Pointe)**



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Junior who handled the kickoff duties for the Gamecocks in 2013... enters the fall atop the depth chart in that role again... will also compete with Elliott Fry for the placekicking chores... has kicked off 96 times in his career with a 61.8 yard average, including 39 touchbacks (41 percent)... selected as the Harold White GPA award winner for special teams in the spring.

**2013:** Sophomore who handled the kickoff chores for the Gamecocks all season... logged 83 kickoffs for an average of 61.7 yards with 36 touchbacks (43 percent)... opponents averaged 22.5 yards per return... credited with three tackles including a pair of solo stops... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... considered the "Most Improved" placekicker in the spring.

**2012:** Earned the duties as the kickoff specialist early in the season... also had a couple appearances when the Gamecocks attempted an onside kick... had three touchbacks among his 13 kickoffs.

**2011:** Walk-on who joined the team in the fall... was redshirted in his first season... named one of four outstanding walk-ons at the 2012 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from South Pointe High in Rock Hill, S.C. in 2011... played football for coach Bobby Carroll... earned all-area, all-region and all-state honors... turned down a scholarship from Newberry to walk-on at South Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** Landon E. Ard is majoring in sport and entertainment management.

### Ard's Statistics -Kicks-

Year	No.	Yds	Avg.	TB	OB
2012	13	809	62.2	3	0
2013	83	5123	61.7	36	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>5932</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>

## Jacob AUGUST

**TE • 6-6 • 247 • FR. • PS**

**Elgin, S.C.**  
**(Cardinal Newman/Fork Union)**



40

Walk-on who enrolled at South Carolina and joined the squad in January of 2014... shared Freshman Offensive Player of the Spring honors with Connor Mitch... provides depth at tight end and may also compete with the punters.

**2013:** Spent the fall at Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy where he was listed as a tight end, wide receiver, punter and placekicker on the post-graduate roster... coached by John Shuman... caught over 20 passes and a pair of touchdowns... also considered walking-on at Penn State and had scholarship offers from Southern Miss and Temple before electing to stay home at South Carolina.

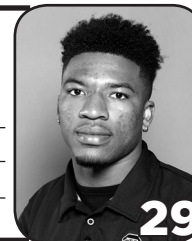
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Cardinal Newman in Columbia, S.C... coached by Brannon Tidwell... had walk-on offers from South Carolina and Georgia as a punter.

**PERSONAL:** Jacob August is a business administration major.

## Matrick BELTON

**WR • 6-4 • 215 • SO. • TR**

**Columbia, S.C.**  
**(Keenan/Hampton)**



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Walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad when spring practice began... enrolled at South Carolina in January 2104... will not be eligible this fall per NCAA transfer rules after spending the fall of 2013 at Hampton University.

**2013:** Attended Hampton University... was on the football roster, but did not see any action.

**2012:** Played in six games for the Hampton Pirates, making one start... caught four passes for 33 yards on the season... caught one pass for 20 yards at Florida A&M on September 15.

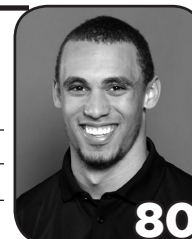
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Keenan High School in Columbia in 2012... coached by Mitchell Moton... named all-state as a senior, repeating as Keenan's Offensive MVP after racking up 1,157 yards and nine touchdowns... recorded 600 yards and five touchdowns as a junior while earning Offensive MVP honors... was an All-Region and All-Area selection... also played basketball... was featured in Midlands Prep.

**PERSONAL:** Matrick Belton was born May 26, 1994... majoring in physical education... had scholarship offers from South Carolina State, Campbell and Newberry before electing to attend Hampton.

## K.J. BRENT

**WR • 6-4 • 192 • JR. • 2L**

**Waxhaw, N.C.**  
**(Marvin Ridge)**



80

Junior wide receiver who has seen action at both wide receiver and on special teams in the last two seasons... listed with the third unit on the depth chart entering the fall... looking for more consistent action in 2014.

**2013:** Saw action in 11 games, making a pair of catches for 13 yards... had a nine-yard reception against North Carolina and a four-yard catch against Coastal Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... given the Everyday Attitude Award for the offense at the 2013 spring game.

**2012:** Redshirt freshman wide receiver... also used on special teams... played in all 13 games... caught three passes for 28 yards... had two catches against East Carolina netting 14 yards and one 14-yard reception against Florida... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named a Harold White GPA Award winner during the 2012 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2011:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Marvin Ridge High School in Waxhaw, N.C. in 2011... played for Scott Chadwick... earned a spot on the AP all-state team... selected to participate in the NUC All-World Bowl in Charleston, S.C., following his senior season... caught 47 passes for 737 yards and eight touchdowns as a junior... missed most of his sophomore season with a broken tibia... three-star prospect, considered the 16th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the 54th-best wide receiver in the country, according to Rivals.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the nation's 118th-best wide receiver by Scout.com... also a three-star recruit and the nation's 60th-best wide receiver according to 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Atlantic Region class... chose South Carolina over North Carolina... also had offers from Arkansas, Duke, East Carolina, Illinois, Kentucky, NC State,



# Player Profiles

## CAROLINA FOOTBALL

West Virginia and Wisconsin... was the first commitment of South Carolina's 2011 class.

**PERSONAL:** Keith Brent Jr. was born August 6, 1993... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

### Brent's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2012	13/0	3	28	9.3	0	14
2013	11/0	2	13	6.5	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

### Brent's Single-Game Highs

Receptions..... 2, East Carolina, 2012  
Yards Receiving ..... 14, twice: East Carolina, 2012  
& Florida, 2012  
Long Reception ..... 14, Florida, 2012



## Larenz BRYANT

**SPR • 6-0 • 220 • SO. • 1L**  
**Charlotte, N.C.**  
**(Vance)**



Sophomore who looks to see more regular action in 2014... moved from an inside linebacker position to Spur during the 2013 campaign... listed third on the depth chart at that position entering the fall.

**2013:** True freshman linebacker... played in all 12 regular season games, mostly on special teams, making seven tackles... did not see action in the bowl win vs. Wisconsin... collected three of his seven stops including his only tackle for loss in the win over Coastal Carolina... had two tackles vs. Mississippi State.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played both running back and linebacker for the Vance Cougars in Charlotte, N.C., graduating in 2013... coached by Keith Wilkes... named to the 2012 Associated Press all-state team... helped his squad to a 9-4 record as a senior... logged 1,694 yards rushing and 21 touchdowns on offense and notched 84 tackles with nine sacks on defense... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game and in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl following his senior season... rushed for 1,423 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior while recording 154 tackles with 23 tackles for loss... returned three of his four interceptions for touchdowns... notched 56 tackles as a sophomore as his team reached the state finals... a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the fourth-best inside linebacker in the country and the 112th-best prospect in the nation according to Rivals... a four-star prospect and the nation's seventh-best outside linebacker by Scout... a four-star prospect, the top player in North Carolina, the sixth-best outside linebacker in the country and the 50th-best player overall according to 247Sports... rated a four-star prospect and No. 237 on the ESPN300... a four-star prospect, the nation's 44th-best player overall and the fifth-best "Big Back" by MaxPreps... a five-star prospect, the fourth-best outside linebacker in the country and No. 45 overall by PrepStar... selected South Carolina over a host of schools with Clemson, Florida, Virginia and Wake Forest also making his final list of five.

**PERSONAL:** Larenz Bryant was born November 1, 1994... is a journalism major.

### Bryant's Statistics

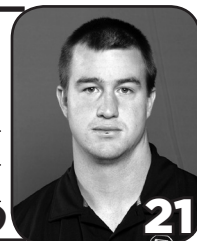
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	12/0	5	2	7	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0

## Andrew BUNCH

**WR • 5-11 • 173 • SO. • SQ**

**Mt. Pleasant, S.C.**

**(Bishop England/Presbyterian)**



Walk-on who joined the squad in August of 2013... eligible for the first time this fall after sitting out the 2013 season due to NCAA transfer rules after attending Presbyterian College in 2012.

**2013:** Joined the squad in August... was not eligible due to NCAA transfer rules.

**2012:** Was a walk-on member of the Presbyterian College football team.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Bishop England High School in Charleston, S.C. in 2012... coached by John Cantey... named the Division II-AA Player of the Year... set the school record for touchdowns... turned down a scholarship offer at Newberry College to walk-on at Presbyterian.

**PERSONAL:** Andrew Bunch was born October 25, 1993... is a sport and entertainment management major.

## Damiere BYRD

**WR • 5-9 • 170 • SR. • 3L**

**Sicklerville, N.J.**

**(Timber Creek)**



Senior wide receiver who is regarded as the fastest player on the squad... considered one of the top four receivers on the squad heading into the fall... missed much of the spring while rehabbing from knee surgery... has 48 career receptions for 957 yards with seven touchdowns... has one 100-yard receiving game and seven career receptions of 40-plus yards... a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection who also served as a captain on the track & field squad... was unable to compete in the 2014 indoor track season but ran in the outdoor campaign.

**2013:** Played in 12 games, making 10 starts... did not appear in the bowl win over Wisconsin after injuring his right knee in practice prior to the game... third on the squad with 33 catches and second with 575 receiving yards... averaged 17.4 yards per catch with four touchdowns... recovered a fumble on punt coverage in the season opening win over North Carolina... caught a career-high five passes for 74 yards in the win at UCF... matched that career high with five catches the following week against Kentucky, this time for a then-career-best 98 yards, including a 62-yard TD reception... caught a 45-yard TD pass in the win at Arkansas... had his best game as a Gamecock, catching four passes for a career-high 121 yards at Tennessee, including a 76-yard TD reception... hauled in four passes for 76 yards at Missouri... had a six-yard TD reception against Mississippi State... caught four passes for 55 yards in the win over Florida... best times during the indoor track season in 2013 were 6.66 in the 60-meter dash, 21.41 in the 200 and 47.91 in the 400 meters... named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2012:** Played in all 13 games, making a pair of starts... caught 14 passes for 366 yards, a 26.1-yard average, with three scores... had four receptions of more than 40 yards... also returned two kickoffs for 22 yards and rushed four times for -2 yards... caught two passes for 81 yards in the home opener against East Carolina, including a 53-yard reception... teamed with Dylan Thompson on a 94-yard scoring strike against UAB... it was the fourth-longest pass in school history, tied for the second longest in FBS play in 2012,



and was his first career TD reception... caught a 30-yard scoring strike at Kentucky... set the tone early in the Georgia game with a 42-yard reception on the second play from scrimmage... also made the start at LSU... did not log a reception in the season's final five regular games... bounced back with two catches for 63 yards in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan, including a 56-yard scoring play on the third play from scrimmage... named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Most Improved Wide Receiver in the spring... top time in the 60m dash during the indoor track seasons was 6.71 seconds... placed sixth at the 2012 SEC indoor championships in that event.

**2011:** True freshman who played in nine games, starting three... sat out the first four games due to an NCAA eligibility issue... caught one pass for 16 yards, rushed 10 times for 73 yards and had one kickoff return for 24 yards... started the first game in which he appeared against Auburn... had his first career rush in that game... caught his only pass for 16 yards vs. Kentucky... also set a career long with a 21-yard run against the Wildcats... earned his second start at Arkansas... lone kick return came vs. The Citadel... started and rushed three times for 19 yards in the win over Clemson.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Timber Creek Regional High in Erial, N.J. in 2011... coached by Robert Hinson... logged more than 1,500 yards from scrimmage as a senior... played in the NUC All-World Bowl in Charleston, S.C., where he caught five passes for 52 yards and two touchdowns, earning offensive MVP honors... as a junior for the Chargers, caught 38 passes for 605 yards and four touchdowns, carried the ball 78 times for 685 yards and eight more scores, and added two punt returns for TDs, earning first-team all-conference and Group III and second-team All-South Jersey... a prep track standout who clocked a 10.42 100-meters, a 21.90 200-meters, and a 47.88 400-meters... won the state indoor 55-meter title as a sophomore in 6.39 seconds... traveled to Japan in February 2011 to compete for the United States... rated a four-star prospect, the sixth-best player in New Jersey, the 19th-best wide receiver in the country and ranked as the 186th-best player in the country by Rivals.com... regarded as a four-star prospect, the 132nd-best player in the country and the 18th-best wide receiver by Scout.com... four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in New Jersey and the 24th-best wide receiver in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... considered a PrepStar All-American... selected South Carolina over Iowa, Ole Miss and Florida.

**PERSONAL:** Damiere Byrd is a sport and entertainment management major.

## Byrd's Statistics

### —Rushing—

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	9/3	10	73	7.3	0	21
2012	13/2	4	-2	-0.5	0	3
2013	12/10	1	13	13.0	0	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>34/15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>

### —Receiving—

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	9/3	1	16	16.0	0	16
2012	13/2	14	366	26.1	3	94
2013	12/10	33	575	17.4	4	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>34/15</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>94</b>

### —Kick Returns—

Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	9/3	1	24	24.0	0	24
2012	13/2	2	22	11.0	0	16
2013	12/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34/15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>

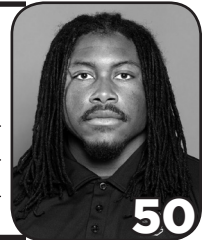


## A.J. CANN

OG • 6-4 • 311 • SR. • 3L

Bamberg, S.C.

(Bamberg-Ehrhardt)



An All-SEC and All-America caliber performer who anchors the Gamecocks' offensive line from the left guard position... named to *Phil Steele's* and *Athlon's* preseason first-team All-America and first-team All-SEC squads... one of the leaders on the squad, both on the field and in the weight room... owns a team-high 38 career starts, starting all but one game over the past three campaigns... served as a team captain in 2013... a three-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2013:** Voted a permanent team captain as a junior... started every game during the season... was a first-team midseason and third-team postseason All-SEC selection by Phil Steele... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... presented with the Everyday Hustle Award for the offense at the 2013 spring game.

**2012:** Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman... started 12 of 13 games at left guard... did not get the start at Florida, the only game he has not started in his career... earned a spot on Phil Steele's third-team Midseason All-SEC squad... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2011:** Redshirt freshman who started every game at left guard... one of seven Gamecocks to earn a start in every contest... first-team Freshman All-American by CollegeFootballNews.com, CBSSports.com, FOXSportsNext.com and Phil Steele... on the Coaches' and Rivals.com SEC All-Freshman team... member of the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2010:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played on both sides of the ball for coach Kevin Crosby at Bamberg-Ehrhardt (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2010... graded out at 96 percent with 60 knockdown blocks as an offensive tackle... did not give up a sack... also logged 95 tackles, 24 tackles for loss and six sacks as a defensive lineman for the Red Raiders... helped B-E reach the state 1-A quarterfinals as a senior... selected to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Under Armour All-American game... earned all-state honors by *The State*... named the Orangeburg *Times and Democrat* Player of the Year, first-team all-area and was an Elite 11 selection... considered a four-star prospect, rated as the nation's second-best center, the state's ninth-best player and ranked 182nd on the Rivals250 by Rivals.com... rated a four-star prospect and the nation's third-best center by Scout.com... rated a four-star prospect, the nation's third-best offensive guard and 85th overall on ESPN's Top 150... ranked as the 24th-best offensive lineman in the country by SuperPrep... listed on PrepStar's Top 350 All-American team... also considered North Carolina, Clemson, Georgia Tech, Georgia and Tennessee.

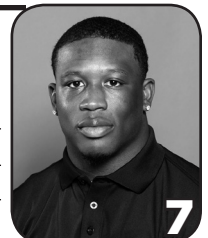
**PERSONAL:** A.J. Cann's given name is Aaron... was born October 3, 1991... owns a degree in African American studies.

## Shon CARSON

TB • 5-8 • 201 • JR. • 1L

Scranton, S.C.

(Lake City)



Junior tailback who will be in stiff competition for playing time in a loaded backfield... stayed healthy for the first time in his career in 2013... focused on football in the spring after working with the baseball team in the spring

of 2013... responded by being selected as the "Most Improved" running back in camp... suffered a broken collarbone during the Garnet & Black Spring Game... has 265 rushing yards on 64 carries with one touchdown in 16 career contests... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... has made one career start.

**2013:** Tailback who was able to remain healthy and see significant playing time after being injured for much of his first two campaigns... third on the squad with 256 yards rushing on 61 carries, an average of 4.2 yards with one TD... caught five passes for 59 yards and returned eight kickoffs for a 17.8-yard average... six of his kickoff returns came at Georgia where he logged 111 yards... carried a career-high 15 times for 56 yards in the win at Arkansas... had a career-long 24-yard reception against Mississippi State... came off the bench to rush 13 times for a career-high 102 yards in the win over Florida... his 58-yard burst off the 5-yard line in the fourth quarter set up the game-winning field goal... had 11 carries for 38 yards and a score against Coastal Carolina in his only career start... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... did not participate in spring ball as he was an outfielder on the baseball team... batted .194 (6-for-31) in 18 games including nine starts with seven runs scored and two RBI for Chad Holbrook's squad.

**2012:** Redshirt freshman who injured his left wrist early in camp and underwent surgery in late August... did not see any game action until the Outback Bowl when he caught two passes in the win over Michigan... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... did not go through spring drills while rehabbing a knee injury.

**2011:** True freshman who quickly moved up the depth chart... carried the ball three times for nine yards... rushed two times for seven yards in the season opener against East Carolina... also had a 23-yard kickoff return in that contest... suffered a torn ACL in his knee on his only carry at Georgia... missed the rest of the season... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** A two-sport standout at Lake City (S.C.) High, graduating in 2011... also a highly-touted baseball player... selected in the 44th round of the MLB Draft by the Cincinnati Reds... rushed for 2,280 yards and 33 touchdowns as a senior... became just the third player in South Carolina history to tally 100 career touchdowns, joining former Byrnes standout Marcus Lattimore and former Lexington product Demetris Summers, both of whom played collegiately at South Carolina... helped his team to the third round of the Class AA state playoffs as a senior... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... earned the game's Offensive MVP award for South Carolina after rushing for 82 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries and catching four passes... also played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... rushed for 2,146 yards and 33 touchdowns as a junior... rushed for 1,636 yards and 19 touchdowns on 186 carries as a sophomore... rushed for nearly 1,300 yards as a freshman... considered a three-star prospect, the eighth-best player in the state and the 28th-best running back in the country, according to Rivals.com... regarded as a four-star prospect, the 192nd-best player in the country and the 24th-best running back by Scout.com... three-star prospect according to 247Sports.com... considered a PrepStar All-American... also had offers from Auburn, Clemson, Duke, East Carolina, Florida State, North Carolina, Tennessee and UCLA.

**PERSONAL:** Born Sept. 5, 1991, Jacques Carson is a sport and entertainment management major.

## Carson's Single-Game Highs

Carries.....	15, Arkansas, 2013
Yards Rushing .....	102, Florida, 2013
Long Rush.....	58, Florida, 2013
Touchdowns Rushing.....	1, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Receptions.....	2, twice: Michigan, 2012 and Missouri, 2013
Yards Receiving .....	24, Mississippi State, 2013
Long Reception .....	24, Mississippi State, 2013
100-yard Rushing Games .....	1, Florida, 2013

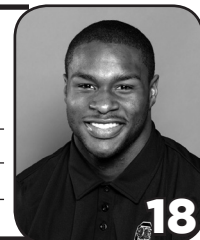


## Cedrick COOPER

DE • 6-2 • 225 • JR. • 2L

Lithonia, Ga.

(Lithonia)



Junior who made the transition from linebacker to defensive end during the bowl camp in 2013 and spent the spring learning the nuances of the position... listed with the third-team unit entering the fall... primarily used on special teams over the previous two seasons.

**2013:** Sophomore linebacker who dislocated left elbow on August 6, causing him to miss the first three games... played in each of the final 10 contests, primarily on special teams... logged five tackles, including two against Mississippi State... did not practice during the spring while recovering from a knee injury suffered in the practices leading up to the Outback Bowl game.

**2012:** Redshirt freshman linebacker who saw action in 11 games... used primarily on special teams... credited with one tackle... injured his knee during the Outback Bowl practices... was limited in the spring of 2012 by a lower back injury.

**2011:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Lithonia (Ga.) High School, graduating in 2011... logged 97 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and six sacks as a senior for a squad that went 4-6... coached by Marcus Jelks... as a junior recorded 101 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, a pair of sacks and three pass breakups... only played two seasons at linebacker... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 61st-best outside linebacker in the country and the 70th-best player in the state of Georgia by Rivals.com... considered a three-star prospect and the nation's 45th-best outside linebacker by Scout.com... considered a three-star prospect by 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Southeast Region class... selected South Carolina over NC State, Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee and Ole Miss.

**PERSONAL:** Cedrick Cooper was born November 20, 1992... is pursuing a degree in criminology and criminal justice.

## Carson's Statistics

### -Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	2/0	3	9	3.0	0	5
2012	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013	13/1	61	256	4.2	1	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>16/1</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>

### -Receiving-

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	2/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2012	1/0	2	1	0.5	0	3
2013	13/1	5	59	11.8	0	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>16/1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>

### -Kick Returns-

Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	2/0	1	23	23.0	0	23
2012	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013	13/1	8	142	17.8	0	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>16/1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

## C. Cooper's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	11/0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	10/0	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21/0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>





## Pharoh COOPER

**WR • 5-11 • 201 • SO. • 1L**  
**Havelock, N.C.**  
**(Havelock)**



Versatile performer who makes things happen when the ball is in his hands... came on strong as the 2013 season progressed... listed atop the depth chart at one of the wide receiver positions entering the fall... also a top candidate to return punts and kickoffs in 2014... was an All-SEC Freshman selection as both an all-purpose back and return specialist last season... named the Joe Morrisson Offensive Player of the Spring in 2014.

**2013:** True freshman who saw his role increase as the season progressed... earned a spot on the Freshman All-SEC squad as both an all-purpose back and return specialist... also was a second-team Freshman All-American by 247Sports... third on the squad with 655 all-purpose yards, including 202 rushing, 54 receiving, 40 on punt returns and 359 on kick returns... also completed 2-of-3 passes for 29 yards and a touchdown... moved from cornerback to wide receiver a week into fall camp... played in 11 of 13 games, not seeing action against either Georgia or Vanderbilt... used in the Wildcat formation for the first time at UCF... caught his first career pass, a 12-yard reception, in the win over Kentucky... had four carries for 45 yards, including a 33-yard burst out of the Wildcat in the win at Arkansas... completed his only pass attempt for three yards... also took over the kickoff and punt return duties in that contest and returned a punt 36 yards... made his first career start at Tennessee... saw more Wildcat formation work against Mississippi State, carrying six times for 23 yards... rushed twice for 81 yards, including a 71-yard run, against Coastal Carolina... also caught two passes for 42 yards and a score against the Chanticleers... rushed four times for 15 yards and connected on a 26-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Wilds against Clemson to seal the victory... also had a 55-yard kickoff return against the Tigers.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Versatile performer who could play either receiver or defensive back at South Carolina... graduated in 2013... helped Havelock (N.C.) to back-to-back 3A state titles... Rams went 15-1 during his senior season and a perfect 16-0 during his junior campaign... coached by Jim Bob Bryant... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game after his senior season... used at quarterback, running back, receiver and was the primary return man on punts and kickoffs in the Shrine game... finished with 253 total yards including a 45-yard TD run, earning offensive MVP honors for the North Carolina squad... also played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... as a junior, rushed for 300 yards and caught 65 passes for 1,285 yards and 14 scores... registered 58 tackles with six interceptions... a four-star prospect and the state's ninth-best player by Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 120th-best wide receiver by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 15th-best player in the state, and the 24th-best "athlete" in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 62nd-best wide receiver and an All-Atlantic Region pick by PrepStar... also had offers from East Carolina and NC State.

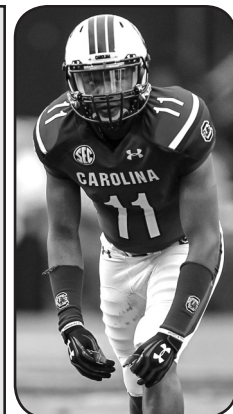
**PERSONAL:** Pharoh Cooper was born March 7, 1995... is a sport and entertainment management major.

### P. Cooper's Statistics

-Rushing-							
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2013	11/1	20	202	10.1	1	71	
-Passing-							
Year	GP/GS	Com	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD
2013	11/1	2	3	0	.667	29	1
-Receiving-							
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2013	11/1	3	54	18.0	1	24	
-Kick Returns-							
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2013	11/1	16	359	22.4	0	55	
-Punt Returns-							
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2013	11/1	9	40	4.4	0	36	

### P. Cooper's Single-Game Highs

Carries.....	6, Mississippi State, 2013
Yards Rushing .....	81, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Long Rush.....	71, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Touchdowns Rushing.....	1, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Receptions.....	2, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Yards Receiving .....	42, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Long Reception .....	24, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Touchdown Receptions .....	1, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Pass Attempts .....	2, Clemson, 2013
Pass Completions .....	1, twice; Arkansas, 2013 & Clemson, 2013
Passing Yards .....	26, Clemson, 2013
Touchdown Passes .....	1, Clemson, 2013
Long Pass .....	26, Clemson, 2013



## Ryland CULBERTSON

**LS • 6-4 • 267 • SR. • 1L**  
**Laurens, S.C.**  
**(Laurens Academy)**



Senior who is penciled in as the short snapper again this year... handled all the short-snapping duties during the 2013 campaign.

**2013:** Handled the snapping duties on field goals and extra points for the first time in his career... a key part of the unit that helped Elliott Fry convert 15-of-18 field goals and 54-of-55 extra point attempts... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2012:** Reserve long snapper... also added depth to the offensive line.

**2011:** Returned to the squad in the fall after not participating in spring drills.

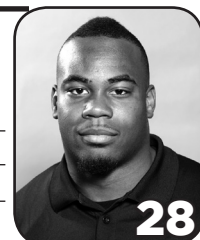
**2010:** Joined the team in the fall after the roster expanded as a walk-on offensive lineman and long snapper.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Laurens (S.C.) Academy in 2010.

**PERSONAL:** Ryland Culbertson has earned a degree in interdisciplinary studies.

## Mike DAVIS

**TB • 5-9 • 223 • JR. • 2L**  
**Atlanta, Ga.**  
**(Stephenson)**



Talented junior tailback who is an all-star candidate after earning second-team All-SEC honors in 2013 when he logged the fourth-most single-season rushing yards in school history... earned a spot on *Phil Steele's* and *Athlon's* preseason third-team All-America squad... regarded as a second-team preseason All-SEC selection by both publications... ranks 26th in school history with 1,458 rushing yards... has seven 100-yard rushing games and 11 starts.

**2013:** Running back who earned second-team All-SEC honors by the league's coaches, the A.P., *Athlon* and *College Sports Madness*... ranked fifth in the SEC and 32nd nationally with a 98.6-yard rushing average, carrying 203 times for 1,183 yards with 11 touchdowns... his 1,183 yards rushing is the fourth-highest single-season mark in school history, behind only George Rogers (twice) and Marcus Lattimore... his 11 rushing TD's tied for the sixth-highest single-season total... the 203 carries was the seventh-highest mark in a

season... also caught 34 passes (second on the squad) for 352 yards... was fifth in the league and 37th nationally with 127.9 all-purpose yards per game... his sophomore season was almost identical to that of his brother, James's sophomore season at Clemson - Mike rushed 203 times for 1,183 yards while James rushed 203 times for 1,187 yards in 2006... played in 12 games, starting 11... logged seven 100-yard rushing games... recorded the first 100-yard game of his career in his first career start in the season opener against North Carolina... finished with 115 yards rushing, including a 75-yard touchdown burst... it was the longest run from scrimmage by a Gamecock since Bobby Wallace went for 88 in 2006 and tied for the 12th-longest run in school history... carried 16 times for 149 yards and a touchdown at Georgia... had a 75-yard run in that contest, the second-straight week he went for a 75-yard scamper... became the first player in Carolina history with two 75-yard runs in a career... also caught four passes for 49 yards... rushed for 77 yards and a TD and caught three passes for 67 yards in the win over Vanderbilt... set career highs with 26 carries for 167 yards and three touchdowns in the win at UCF... 150 of his rushing yards came in the second half... tied the school record for rushing touchdowns in a game... included was a 53-yard TD burst, his third carry of the season that went more than 50 yards... named the National Running Back of the Week by College Football Performance Awards for his efforts at UCF... rushed for 106 with two touchdowns on 21 carries and added three receptions for 54 yards against Kentucky... carried 19 times for 129 yards and a TD at Arkansas... rushed 21 times for 137 yards, including a 45-yard scamper and a score at Tennessee... limited to 51 yards on the ground at Missouri, but logged career-highs with 10 receptions for 99 yards, accumulating 150 all-purpose yards... went over the 1,000-yard rushing mark with a 128-yard effort against Mississippi State... named a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award... did not play against Coastal Carolina... scored his team-leading 11th touchdown against Clemson... recognized as the "Most Improved" running back during the spring.

**2012:** Ranked fourth on the squad with 52 carries for 275 yards as a true freshman... scored a pair of touchdowns... averaged 5.3 yards per carry... one of four true freshmen to play in the season opener at Vanderbilt... rushed four times for 84 yards, including a 50-yard gallop and a touchdown against UAB... saw more action later in the season after the season-ending injury to Marcus Lattimore... had 13 carries for 53 yards and a score against Arkansas and 12 carries for 43 yards in the regular-season finale against Clemson.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Rushed for 1,923 yards and 21 touchdowns on 213 carries as a senior at Stephenson High in Stone Mountain, Ga., graduating in 2012... team went 9-2... also rushed for over 1,000 yards, including an eight-yard average, and 10 touchdowns as junior... carried 42 times for 368 yards and four scores as a sophomore... coached by Ron Gartrell... played in the U.S. Army All-American Game... named to the AAAAA All-State team by the *AJC* and selected to the 2011 Super Southeast 120 by the *Mobile (Ala.) Register*... a four-star prospect, the seventh-best running back in the country, the eighth-best prospect in Georgia and the nation's 63rd-best player overall, according to Rivals.com... given four stars, rated the 10th-best running back in the country and No. 71 overall by Scout.com... rated four stars and the third-best player in Georgia, the fifth-best running back in the country and the 45th-best player overall by 247Sports.com... considered a four-star prospect, the sixth-best running back in the nation, the sixth-best player in the state and the 62nd-best player in the country by ESPN.com... number 97 on the *PrepStar* Dream Team... originally committed to Florida over two dozen offers including Georgia, Tennessee, Florida State and Clemson, before casting his lot with the Gamecocks.

## Davis' Statistics

### -Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2012	12/0	52	275	5.3	2	50
2013	12/11	203	1183	5.8	11	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/11</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1458</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>75</b>

### -Receiving-

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2012	12/0	4	35	8.8	0	15
2013	12/11	34	352	10.4	0	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>

**PERSONAL:** Mike Davis was born February 19, 1993... is a brother of former Clemson running back, James Davis... is a sociology major.

## Davis' Single-Game Highs

Carries.....	26, UCF, 2013
Yards Rushing .....	167, UCF, 2013
Long Rush.....	75, twice: North Carolina, 2013 & Georgia, 2013
Touchdowns Rushing.....	3, UCF, 2013
Receptions.....	10, Missouri, 2013
Yards Receiving .....	99, Missouri, 2013
Long Reception .....	38, Vanderbilt, 2013
100-Yard Rushing Games.....	7 times



## Grant DAVITTE

**QB • 6-3 • 180 • FR. • RS**  
**Columbia, S.C.**  
**(Irmo)**



Local product who joined the squad in the fall of 2013 as a walk-on after the roster expanded... provides depth at the quarterback position.

**2013:** Joined the squad in August after the roster expanded.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Irmo (S.C.) High School in 2013... played quarterback for head coach Bob Hanna.

**PERSONAL:** Grant Davitte was born January 21, 1994... is pursuing a degree in business administration.

## Jordan DIAZ

**FB • 6-1 • 236 • SR. • 1L**  
**Hamilton, N.J.**  
**(Hamilton West/Mercer Co. C.C.)**



Senior fullback who missed spring ball while recovering from a left knee injury... listed with the second-team unit entering the fall... walk-on who earned his first letter in 2013 after working primarily on special teams.

**2013:** Backup fullback who was used on special teams... suffered a left knee injury on the opening kickoff against Florida and missed the remainder of the season... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... transitioned to fullback in the spring after working at linebacker in the fall of 2012.

**2012:** Linebacker who joined the squad when the roster expanded in August.

**2010-11:** Attended Mercer County Community College in West Windsor, N.J... was a member of the Gattaca football program, a JUCO club team.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Hamilton (N.J.) West High School in 2010... played football for Tom Hoglen... earned first team all-area and all-conference honors in both 2009 and 2010.

**PERSONAL:** Jordan Diaz was born June 2, 1992... is an exercise science major... one of the campus leaders of the "Uplifting Athletes" program.





## Jordan DIGGS

**SPR • 6-0 • 217 • SO. • 1L**

**Fort Myers, Fla.  
(Island Coast)**



Sophomore who will battle with senior Sharrod Golightly and sophomore Larenz Bryant for playing time at the Spur position... selected as the "Most Improved" Spur during the spring of 2014... one of three Gamecocks whose father also played football at Carolina, joining half-brothers Gerald Dixon Jr. and Gerald Dixon.

**2013:** Redshirt freshman who played behind Sharrod Golightly at the Spur position... played in all 13 games logging 25 tackles... credited with 4.0 tackles for loss, one pass breakup and two quarterback hurries... had a tackle for loss in the opener against North Carolina and another against Vanderbilt... credited with a tackle for loss, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry at Tennessee... had a tackle for loss against Mississippi State... started the bowl game against Wisconsin and recorded a career-high six tackles, including four solo stops... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2012:** True freshman... played in two contests early in the season, getting in against East Carolina and UAB... logged five tackles including a tackle for loss... sat out the remainder of the season due to a left calf strain.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Collected 63 tackles during his senior campaign at Island Coast High School in Cape Coral, Fla., graduating in 2012... selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Game following the season... named to the Super 75 list by the *Florida Times-Union* and to the Super 120 by the *Mobile (Ala.) Register*... as a junior, logged 53 solo tackles, two forced fumbles, two interceptions and a sack... also played quarterback in the wildcat offense and scored twice... as a receiver, caught 11 passes for 103 yards... earned first-team All-Area accolades by the *News-Press*... played on both sides of the ball as a sophomore, logging 62 tackles and three interceptions, while catching 15 passes for 201 yards and three scores... was a four-star prospect, the 11th-best safety in the country and the 39th-best player in the state of Florida by Rivals.com... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 27th-best safety by Scout.com... a four-star recruit, the 17th-best player at his position and the 45th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the 17th-best player at his position and the 43rd-best player in the state by 247Sports.com... narrowed his choices to Vanderbilt and Tennessee and also visited Nebraska and Michigan State before selecting the Gamecocks.

**PERSONAL:** Jordan Diggs was born September 28, 1993... father, Shed, played linebacker for Carolina from 1984-87... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

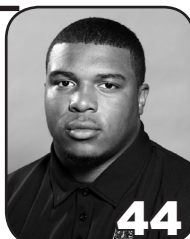
### Diggs' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	2/0	4	1	5	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	13/1	16	9	25	4.0-4	0.0-0	0	1	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15/1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5.0-6</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Gerald DIXON

**DE • 6-2 • 274 • SO. • 1L**

**Rock Hill, S.C.  
(South Pointe)**



Fourth-year sophomore defensive end who is penciled in as a starter entering the fall, as the Gamecocks look to replace starters Jadeveon Clowney and

Chaz Sutton... showed tremendous progress as the 2013 season unfolded... one of three Gamecocks whose father also played football at Carolina, joining his half-brother, Gerald Dixon Jr., and Jordan Diggs.

**2013:** Third-year player who saw his playing time increase as the season progressed... played in all 13 games, making one start... credited with 17 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss... had a pair of quarterback hurries... recovered a fumble in the win over UCF... had a career-high four tackles, all solo stops, against Missouri... logged three tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry versus Mississippi State... made his first start against Coastal Carolina.

**2012:** Redshirt freshman defensive end... notched a pair of tackles in three games, including a four-yard sack against East Carolina... received a second medical redshirt after suffering a concussion.

**2011:** Sat out the season with a tibia fracture... received a medical redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Logged 132 tackles, 19.5 sacks, 18 tackles for loss and 22 quarterback hurries as a senior for South Pointe High School in Rock Hill, S.C.... graduated in 2011... helped the Stallions finish with a 13-2 record and as the Class 3A state runners-up... played in the Shine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior campaign... had over 100 tackles and 10 sacks as a junior for head coach Bobby Carroll... rated a three-star prospect, the number 11 prospect in the state and the number 25 weakside defensive end nationwide by Rivals.com... rated a two-star prospect by Scout.com and 247Sports.com.

**PERSONAL:** Gerald Gervoris Ky'Trell Dixon goes by "Lil' G"... was born August 7, 1993... is the younger half-brother of teammate Gerald Dixon Jr... father, Gerald Dixon Sr., played at Carolina from 1990-91 before going on to a 10-year career with three teams in the NFL and is an assistant coach at Rock Hill High... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

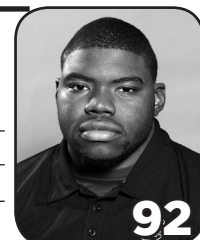
### Dixon's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	3/0	2	0	2	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0
2013	13/1	11	6	17	1.5-3	0.0-0	0	0	2	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16/1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2.5-7</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## Gerald DIXON JR.

**DT • 6-3 • 323 • JR. • 2L**

**Rock Hill, S.C.  
(Northwestern)**



Junior defensive tackle who figures to be in the regular rotation in the middle of the line... two-year letterwinner who is listed with the first-team unit entering the fall... one of three Gamecocks whose father also played football at Carolina, joining Jordan Diggs and his half-brother, Gerald Dixon... has made three career starts.

**2013:** Played in 12 games, making one start... credited with 18 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss... started the opener against North Carolina and responded with three tackles, including a half-sack and a quarterback hurry... posted a career-high four stops against Georgia... logged a seven-yard tackle for loss at Tennessee... sustained an ankle sprain in that game and did not travel to Mizzou... credited with a half-tackle for loss among three stops versus Florida... has three career starts... presented with the Everyday Effort Award for the defense in the spring.

**2012:** Redshirt freshman defensive tackle... saw action in 12 games, making nine tackles.... started two contests, getting the nod against Florida and Tennessee, replacing an injured Kelcy Quarles... intercepted a pass at Kentucky... had a season-best three stops in the win over the Vols... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

# Player Profiles

## CAROLINA FOOTBALL

2011: Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Northwestern High in Rock Hill, S.C. in 2011... coached by Jimmy Wallace... logged 100 tackles, 10 sacks, eight tackles for loss, 12 quarterback hurries, four forced fumbles, two recovered fumbles and two interceptions as a senior... anchored the line for a Trojan team that went 15-0 and won the Class 4A Division II state championship... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... logged 90 tackles and three sacks as a junior... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals.com and 247Sports.com... rated a two-star prospect by Scout.com... named to PrepStar's All-Atlantic Region class... selected Carolina over Maryland.

**PERSONAL:** Gerald Dixon Jr. was born March 30, 1993... is the older half-brother to teammate Gerald G. Dixon... father, Gerald Dixon Sr., played at South Carolina from 1990-91 before going on to a 10-year career with three teams in the NFL and is an assistant coach at Rock Hill (S.C.) High... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

### Dixon Jr.'s Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	12/2	4	5	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	0
2013	12/1	7	11	18	2.5-12	0.5-3	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2.5-12</b>	<b>0.5-3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Phillip DUKES

**DT • 6-3 • 323 • JR. • 1L**

**Manning, S.C.**  
**(Manning)**



Fourth-year junior defensive tackle who is expected to play an even greater role this season in the middle of the defensive front... listed with the second team unit entering the fall behind senior J.T. Surratt... has played in 18 games over the past two seasons making one start.

**2013:** Third-year sophomore who played in all 13 games, making one start... credited with 14 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a pair of quarterback hurries... credited with a forced fumble at UCF... had a half-tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry against Mississippi State... credited with a tackle for loss against Florida... made the start against Coastal Carolina... named the Most Improved Defensive Lineman at the Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2012:** Redshirt freshman defensive tackle... credited with three tackles in five games... had two stops against East Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2011: Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Recorded 89 tackles, 23 tackles for loss, 12 sacks, seven forced fumbles and three blocked kicks as a senior at Manning (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2011... helped his team to the Lower State finals in Class AA... during his four-year career, he totaled 289 tackles, 63 tackles for loss, 29 sacks, 15 forced fumbles and eight blocked kicks... logged 87 tackles with 22 for loss and 10 sacks as a junior... as a sophomore, he collected 70 tackles and 12 sacks... coached by Robbie Briggs... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas (where he recorded a pair of sacks) and in the Offense-Defense All-American Game... regarded as a four-star prospect, the ninth-best defensive tackle, the 101st-best player overall in the country, and the fifth-best player in the state of South Carolina, according to Rivals.com... considered a four-star prospect, the nation's 123rd-best player and the 13th-best defensive tackle, according to Scout.com... a four-star prospect by 247Sports.com... named a PrepStar All-American... also played basketball... considered Clemson, Alabama, and North Carolina before choosing Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** Phillip Dukes was born January 8, 1992... is pursuing a degree in sociology.

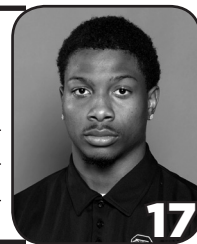
### Dukes' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	5/0	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	13/1	7	7	14	1.5-4	0.0-0	0	0	2	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1.5-4</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

## Chaz ELDER

**FS • 6-2 • 195 • SO. • 1L**

**Union City, Ga.**  
**(Banneker)**



Sophomore who came on strong as the 2013 season progressed and figures to be the starter at the free safety position in 2014... rangy player with excellent athleticism... made six starts in his redshirt freshman campaign.

**2013:** Redshirt freshman who played in 12 games, making six starts including each of the final five contests... logged 29 tackles, including 20 solo stops... credited with a half tackle for loss at Georgia... began to see more duty in the win over Kentucky and responded with four solo tackles... earned his first start in the win at Arkansas... responded with four tackles and a fumble recovery... suffered a concussion late in that contest and missed the Tennessee game... intercepted a pass against Mississippi State.

2012: Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Logged 83 tackles with two interceptions as a senior defensive back at Banneker High School in College Park, Ga., graduating in 2012... coached by Marquis Slaton... team finished 6-4 in his senior season... played in the Under Armour All-American Game in St. Petersburg, Fla. following his senior season... named to the A/JC All-District team... named one of Fulton County's "Fantastic Four"... was a four-star prospect, the 15th-best safety and the 22nd-best player in Georgia by Rivals.com... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 45th-best safety by Scout.com... a four-star recruit, the nation's 123rd-best player, the fifth-best safety and the 13th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the 227th-best player in the country, the 13th-best safety and the 19th-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... the PrepStar All-American selected South Carolina over Georgia, Vanderbilt and Arkansas among others... Banneker High School also produced former Gamecocks Ladi Ajiboye and Carlos Thomas.

**PERSONAL:** Chaz Elder was born April 11, 1994... is a sport and entertainment management major.

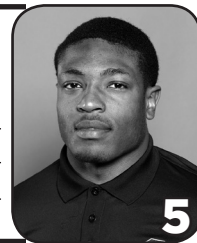
### Elder's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	12/6	20	9	29	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	1

## Darius ENGLISH

**DE • 6-6 • 241 • SO. • 1L**

**Powder Springs, Ga.**  
**(McEachern)**



Penciled in as a starter entering the fall at defensive end, as the Gamecocks look to replace starters Jadeveon Clowney and Chaz Sutton... excellent pass rusher coming off the corner... needs to continue to work to gain weight to be



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an every down player in the SEC... selected by the coaches as the "Outstanding Weight Room" recipient for the defense during the off-season.

**2013:** Redshirt freshman defensive end who played in all 13 games, making one start... logged 19 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss... forced a fumble in the season opener against North Carolina... made his first career start against Kentucky, replacing an injured Jadeveon Clowney... responded with three tackles, including a half sack... credited with a quarterback hurry at Arkansas... logged a career-high six tackles, including four solo stops against Coastal Carolina... honored as the Most Improved Player on defense at the 2013 spring game.

**2012:** Played briefly against East Carolina and UAB... logged three tackles, all against the Blazers, including a half tackle for loss... sat out the rest of the season with an injury to his right wrist... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Won Georgia's AAAAA Defensive Player of the Year honors by the *AJC* after a 21-sack senior season at McEachern High School in Powder Springs, Ga., graduating in 2012... coached by Kyle Hockman... squad went 10-2 in his senior season... named to the PARADE All-America team... also played basketball... was a three-star prospect, the 22nd-best weak-side defensive end and 15th-best player in Georgia by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 46th-best defensive end by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the 47th-best defensive end and the 41st-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the 20th-best defensive end and the 22nd-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... selected South Carolina over Arkansas among others.

**PERSONAL:** Darius English was born August 25, 1994... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

English's Statistics												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR	
2012	2/0	2	1	3	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2013	13/1	14	5	19	2.5-8	0.5-2	0	0	1	1	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15/1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3.0-10</b>	<b>0.5-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Patrick FISH

**P • 6-0 • 194 • SR. • 1L**  
**Shelby, N.C.**  
**(Burns)**



Senior who serves as the holder on placements... also has been the No. 2 punter on the squad... provides a solid backup to incumbent Tyler Hull for those duties... recognized as the "Most Improved" special teams holder in the spring... has punted twice in his career.

**2013:** Junior who served as the holder on placements for the first time in his career... a key part of the unit that helped freshman kicker Elliott Fry convert 15-of-18 field goals and 54-of-55 extra point attempts... also served as the backup punter but was not used in that capacity... earned the Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring at the 2013 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2012:** Redshirt sophomore punter... served as a backup to Tyler Hull... saw action against East Carolina and Florida... averaged 35.0 yards on three punts with a long of 47... one of his punts was inside the 20.

**2011:** Competed with Joey Scribner-Howard for the starting punting chores in fall camp... fell short in that battle and did not see any game action.

**2010:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Handled the kicking duties at Burns High School in Lawndale, N.C., graduating in 2010... played for coach Matt Beam... was a three-year starter for the Bulldogs... also played soccer... considered a two-

star prospect by both Rivals.com and Scout.com... considered the nation's 23rd-best kicker by Rivals.com... selected Carolina over Duke, Illinois and Gardner-Webb.

**PERSONAL:** Patrick Fish was born August 21, 1991... owns a degree in sport and entertainment management... father, Woody, is a former head football coach at Gardner-Webb.

Fish's Statistics							
Year	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TB	FC
2012	2	3	105	35.0	47	0	2
							120
							1

## Elliott FRY

**PK • 6-0 • 165 • SO. • 1L**  
**Frisco, Texas**  
**(Prince of Peace Christian)**



Maybe the most pleasant surprise of the 2013 season, Fry returns for his sophomore year as Carolina's incumbent placekicker... garnered Freshman All-SEC recognition in his first season in the Garnet & Black, which parlayed him into a scholarship player as well... is a preseason third-team All-SEC performer according to both *Athlon's* and *Phil Steele*... was the first freshman to placekick in a season opener for the Gamecocks since Courtney Leavitt in 1996... named Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring in 2014.

**2013:** True freshman placekicker who went from unknown walk-on to a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team... led the team with 99 points, the fourth-highest single-season total in school history... connected on 15-of-18 field goal attempts and 54-of-55 extra points... the 54 PAT's in a season is a school recording, surpassing the mark of 51, set by Spencer Lanning in 2010... scored nine points, including 2-for-2 on field goals of 39- and 26-yards, in the season opener against North Carolina... became the first true freshman to placekick in a season opener since Courtney Leavitt in 1996... booted a 36-yard field goal to start the scoring at Georgia... connected on both field goal attempts versus Kentucky, hitting from 40 and 41 yards out... remained perfect in field goal attempts on the season with a 33-yarder at Arkansas... missed for the first time in seven attempts when he failed from 45 yards out at Tennessee... named the SEC Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance at Missouri... hit a 20-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter, then connected from 40 yards out in the second overtime which proved to be the game-winner... booted a career-best 44-yard field goal, along with a 37-yard kick against Mississippi State... named the SEC Freshman of the Week for his efforts in the win over Florida... accounted for 13 of the Gamecocks' 19 points with a career-high four field goals, including a season-long 45-yarder... hit two field goals in the final period to give the Gamecocks the win.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Worked as both the punter and placekicker for Prince of Peace Christian School in Carrollton, Texas, graduating in 2013... coached by Larry Thexton... was a first-team all-state selection... hit 49-of-50 extra point attempts and 8-of-9 field goals, helping his team to a 9-3 record as a senior... longest field goal was 44 yards... also kicked a 50-yard field goal in an all-star game... turned down a scholarship offer from Louisiana Tech.

**PERSONAL:** Elliott Fry was born Dec. 12, 1994... is a psychology major.

Fry's Statistics									
-Placekicking-									
Year	GP	FG-A	Pct	Long	PAT-A	Pts.			
2013	13	15-18	83.3	45	54-55	99			
-Field Goals-									
Year	M-A	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
2013	15-18	83.3	0-0	5-5	4-5	6-8	0-0	45	0

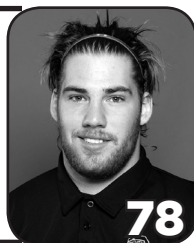




## Cody GIBSON

OT • 6-7 • 278 • SR. • 3L

Tallahassee, Fla.  
(Lincoln)



Veteran offensive lineman who has gained plenty of experience over the past four seasons... listed as a backup at the right tackle position entering the fall... has made six career starts.

**2013:** Junior offensive tackle who suffered a sprained right knee injury early in fall camp which kept him sidelined for the first three games... saw playing time in each of the final 10 games, primarily on special teams... saw his most action at Arkansas, versus Mississippi State and against Coastal Carolina... missed most of the spring after undergoing minor knee surgery.

**2012:** Sophomore offensive tackle who played in nine games, making a pair of starts... got the starting nod at right tackle against East Carolina and UAB... garnered one of the Outstanding Weight Room awards handed out at the spring game.

**2011:** Earned valuable experience...played in seven of the last 10 games, starting four at the right tackle spot.... got the starting nod against Kentucky, Mississippi State, Tennessee and Arkansas... named the Most Improved Offensive Lineman in the spring.

**2010:** Petitioned for a medical redshirt as a true freshman... suffered a sprained left knee during preseason practice on August 9... played in the season opener against Southern Miss.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played on the offensive line at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Fla., graduating in 2010... played for coach Yusuf Shakir... helped his team to the third round of the state playoffs as a senior after reaching the 4A title game during his junior campaign... received the Big Bend (nine counties) of Florida Offensive Lineman of the Year Award for 2009... was the first offensive lineman to also be nominated for the Big Bend Offensive Player of the Year Award... named to the Florida first-team All-State Class 4A by the prep writers... considered a three-star prospect and the nation's 64th-best offensive tackle by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 85th-best offensive tackle by Scout.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the nation's 50th-ranked offensive tackle by ESPN.com... had offers from East Carolina, USF, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Middle Tennessee, Tulane, Marshall and Iowa State before committing to the Gamecocks in July of 2009.

**PERSONAL:** Daniel Cody Gibson was born August 30, 1992... has a degree in criminal justice... brother, Dustin, was a four-year football letterwinner at Florida International.

## Garrison GIST

FB • 5-10 • 260 • JR. • SQ

Rock Hill, S.C.  
(Northwestern)



Walk-on fullback who joined the squad in the spring of 2013... has tremendous strength from many hours spent in the weight room... adds depth to the fullback position.

**2013:** Played fullback for the first time since middle school... saw action in two games, playing against Coastal Carolina and in the bowl win over Wisconsin... did not record any statistics.

**2011-12:** Did not participate in football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Attended Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, S.C., graduating in 2011... played nose guard and linebacker for two seasons before moving to offensive tackle as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Garrison Gist was born May 23, 1993... is an art studio major at South Carolina... has competed in weightlifting competitions... father, Anquan Gist, played safety at The Citadel.

## Sharrod GOLIGHTLY

SPR • 5-10 • 187 • SR. • 3L

Decatur, Ga.  
(Southwest DeKalb)



Senior who won the starting nod at the Spur position in the fall of 2013 and developed into one of the more consistent performers on the defense... earned second-team All-SEC recognition by the Associated Press... is a pre-season second-team All-SEC pick by Phil Steele... limited in the spring after undergoing minor left knee surgery in the offseason... has 12 career starts.

**2013:** Turned in a solid season, starting all 12 regular season games at the Spur position... earned a spot on the A.P. All-SEC second team and on Phil Steele's third-team All-SEC unit... sixth on the squad with 47 tackles, including 6.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks... had four pass breakups and recovered a pair of fumbles... made his first career start in the opener against North Carolina... responded with six tackles, including a tackle for loss, and a quarterback hurry... credited with a 10-yard sack against Vandy... tied for the team high with five stops against UCF... credited with five tackles, including a half-sack and a pass breakup against Kentucky... logged four tackles, including a tackle for loss and a pass breakup at Mizzou... had one of his top games versus Mississippi State with four tackles, two tackles for loss and a fumble recovery... tied for the team lead with six tackles against Florida, including a half-tackle for loss... shared Most Improved safety honors during the spring.

**2012:** Spur who also was used on special teams... played in eight games, logging three tackles... two of his stops came in the win over Georgia.

**2011:** Saw action in 12 of 13 games as a redshirt freshman... primarily a special teams performer... did not play in the season opener against East Carolina... recorded seven tackles... credited with a tackle for loss against Florida... had two tackles against Georgia and Nebraska.

**2010:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played safety at Southwest DeKalb High School in Decatur, Ga., graduating in 2010... logged 113 tackles, three sacks and two interceptions as a senior... selected to the first-team Class AAAA all-state team... the Panthers went 10-2 and were the Region 6-AAAA champions... as a junior, credited with 88 tackles, 25 tackles for loss, three sacks, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries... a three-star prospect, the nation's 56th-best safety prospect and the state of Georgia's 64th-best prospect, according to Rivals.com... ranked as a three-star prospect and the nation's 85th-best safety by Scout.com... rated a two-star prospect and the nation's 109th-best safety by ESPN.com... originally committed to Vanderbilt.

**PERSONAL:** Sharrod Golightly was born January 14, 1992... has earned his degree in sociology.

### Golightly's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2011	12/0	7	0	7	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	8/0	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	13/12	30	17	47	6.0-24	1.5-13	0	4	1	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>33/12</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7.0-28</b>	<b>1.5-13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>



## Deon GREEN

**DT • 6-4 • 289 • SO. • SQ**  
**Windermere, Fla.**  
**(Olympia)**



Fourth-year sophomore defensive tackle who has been hampered throughout much of his collegiate career with injuries... remained healthy during the spring and parlayed that into being named the "Most Improved" defensive lineman by the coaching staff... listed with the third-team unit entering the fall... a two-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2013:** Defensive tackle who played in two contests, making a pair of stops, including a tackle for loss, in the Coastal Carolina game... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2012:** Redshirt freshman defensive lineman who continued to rehab from a knee injury that required surgery in 2011... did not see any action... petitioned for and received his second medical redshirt season... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2011:** Redshirted as a true freshman... was not part of the 105 roster at the start of camp while dealing with a knee injury that required surgery.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Orlando's Olympia High School in 2011... recorded 68 tackles, 14 tackles for loss, a pair of sacks and two fumble recoveries as a senior... earned a spot on the *Orlando Sentinel's* All-Orange County and All-Central Florida first teams after his senior season... selected to play in the Central Florida All-Star game following the season... logged 75 tackles including 25 tackles for loss and six sacks as a junior... given a three-star rating and named the nation's 50th-best defensive tackle by Rivals.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the 49th-best defensive tackle by Scout.com... three-star prospect, according to 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Southeast Region class... had over 20 scholarship offers from which to choose with USF, Penn State and Ole Miss making the short list.

**PERSONAL:** Lemuel Deon Green was born October 25, 1992... is a finance major... grew up in Bowman, S.C., just outside Orangeburg, before moving to Orlando for his freshman year of high school.

### Green's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	2/0	2	0	2	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

## Kelsey GRIFFIN

**DT • 6-2 • 310 • SO. • 1L**  
**Buford, Ga.**  
**(Mill Creek)**



Talented sophomore defensive tackle who gained valuable experience as a true freshman in 2013... expected to push for consistent playing time this fall... listed with the third-team unit entering the fall.

**2013:** True freshman defensive tackle who got his feet wet in 2013... played in nine games, logging a dozen tackles... had four tackles including a half-tackle for loss in the season opener against North Carolina... collected a season-high five stops in the win over Coastal Carolina.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive tackle who recorded 108 total tackles including 10 sacks as a senior at Mill Creek High School (Hoschton, Ga.)... gradu-

ated in 2013... helped the Hawks to a 9-4 record and the third round of the 6A state playoffs as a senior... coached by Shannon Jarvis... named to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Class AAAAAA all-state team... named second-team all-state by the Georgia Sportswriters Association... played in the Under Armour All-American game following his senior season... recorded 44 tackles with six tackles for loss as a junior, earning all-state and All-Gwinnett County accolades... four-star prospect who was regarded as the 10th-best player in Georgia, the seventh-best defensive tackle in the country and the 120th-best player overall on the Rivals250... a four-star prospect and the nation's 13th-best defensive tackle according to Scout... a four-star prospect, the eighth-best player in Georgia, the seventh-best defensive tackle in the country, the 78th-best player overall and a second-team All-American according to 247Sports... a four-star prospect, the 12th-best defensive tackle in the country and the 123rd-best player overall by PrepStar... considered the nation's 12th-best defensive tackle by MaxPreps... rated a four-star prospect and No. 100 on the *ESPN150*... named honorable mention on *PARADE* magazine's All-America team... had numerous offers including Auburn, Florida, Florida State, Georgia and Tennessee.

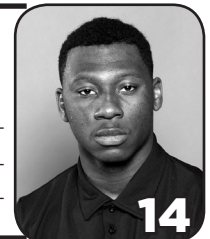
**PERSONAL:** Kelsey Griffin was born September 19, 1994... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

### Griffin's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	9/0	7	5	12	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0

## Ali GROVES

**CB • 5-10 • 187 • FR. • RS**  
**Stone Mountain, Ga.**  
**(Stephenson)**



Redshirt freshman cornerback who look to contribute this fall following the losses of 2013 starters Victor Hampton and Jimmy Legree... was limited in the spring while continuing to recover from right shoulder surgery... listed with the second-team unit entering the fall.

**2013:** Redshirted in his true freshman season... injured his right shoulder late in the season and underwent surgery.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Two-way standout who figures to be a cornerback at South Carolina... played wide receiver and defensive back for the Stephenson Jaguars in Stone Mountain, Ga., graduating in 2013... coached by Ronald Gartrell... team went 9-3 in his senior season... played just four games as a junior due to injury, finishing with 23 tackles, one interception and two forced fumbles... also ran in the sprint events and competed in the long jump in track & field... three-star prospect who was the state's 78th-best player and the 74th-best "athlete" in the country according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 110th-best cornerback by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 45th-best player in the state, and the 39th-best cornerback in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 55th-best cornerback in the country and an All-Southeast Region pick according to PrepStar... numerous offers included Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Ole Miss, Missouri, Vanderbilt and NC State... prepped with current Gamecocks Kadetrix Marcus and Mike Davis.

**PERSONAL:** Ali Groves was born September 16, 1994... mother attended T.L. Hanna High in Anderson, S.C... is a business administration major.

## T.J. GURLEY

**FS • 5-10 • 194 • JR. • 2L**  
**Cairo, Ga.**  
**(Cairo)**



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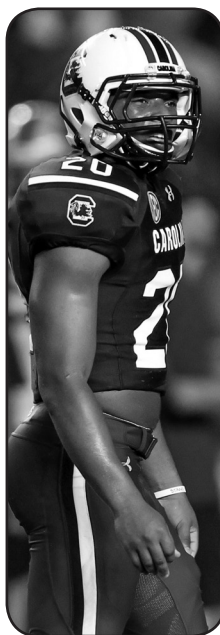
Junior safety who should be back to full strength this year after suffering a knee injury midway through the 2012 campaign... listed as the second-team free safety behind Chaz Elder entering the fall... can play either safety position... known for being a big hitter... named the "Most Improved" safety and the Harold White GPA award for the defense during the spring by the coaching staff... has made four career starts.

**2013:** Sophomore safety who worked his way back following a knee injury suffered midway through the 2012 season... played in all 13 games, making a pair of starts... logged 30 tackles, including 21 solo stops... came off the bench to lead the team in tackles with nine, including seven solo stops, in the season-opening win over North Carolina... made his first start of the season at Georgia and responded with a career-high 11 tackles, including eight solo stops... collected 20 tackles in the first two games then just 10 in the final 11 contests... made his second start in the win at Arkansas... intercepted a pass against Coastal Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2012:** True freshman safety who was selected to the SEC All-Freshman squad by the league's coaches... played in eight games logging 13 tackles while working in the secondary and on special teams... one of four true freshmen to play in the season opener at Vanderbilt... made his first career start against Missouri, replacing the suspended D.J. Swearinger in the Gamecock secondary... made his second career start at Florida when the Gamecocks opened in a goal line defense... later suffered a season-ending knee injury in that contest while covering a punt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Earned Class AAA all-region and all-state honors as a senior defensive back at Cairo (Ga.) High School, graduating in 2012... three-year varsity starter who recorded 82 tackles and four interceptions in his senior season for the Syrupmakers... coached by Tom Fallow... team went 11-3 in 2011 after a 12-1 season in 2010... earned first team all-area and all-region and honorable mention all-state honors as a junior... participated in the RisingSeniors.com junior all-star game... was a three-star prospect, the 44th-best cornerback and the 70th-best player in the state by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 74th-best cornerback by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the 35th-best safety and the 83rd-best player in Georgia according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the 55th-best cornerback and the 51st-best player in the state by 247Sports.com... other suitors included Arkansas, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Mississippi State, Southern Miss and Tennessee.

**PERSONAL:** Timothy "T.J." Gurley was born February 20, 1994... is pursuing a degree in integrated information technology.



## Austin HAILS

**QB • 6-2 • 220 • JR. • SQ**  
**Collinsville, Ill.**  
**(Collinsville)**



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Walk-on quarterback who joined the squad when the roster expanded in the fall of 2011... in his fourth year in the program.

**2013:** Spent the season in a reserve role working with the scout team.

**2012:** Spent the season in a reserve role working with the scout team.

**2011:** Walk-on quarterback who joined the squad when the roster expanded in the fall... worked with the scout team.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Collinsville (Ill.) High School in 2011... coached by Mike Liljegren... the Kahoks went 6-4 in his senior season when he threw for 888 yards and six touchdowns... named Athlete of the Year.

**PERSONAL:** Austin Hails is a biological sciences major at South Carolina.

## Coleman HARLEY

**LS • 6-1 • 246 • JR. • SQ**  
**Aiken, S.C.**  
**(South Aiken)**



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Walk-on long snapper who joined the squad when the roster expanded in the fall of 2011... is in his fourth year in the program.

**2013:** Spent the season as a backup long snapper.

**2012:** Spent the season as a backup long snapper.

**2011:** Walk-on long snapper who joined the squad in the fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from South Aiken (S.C.) High School in 2011... played football for coach Jeremy West.

**PERSONAL:** Coleman Harley is pursuing a degree in public health.

## Mason HARRIS

**DE • 6-3 • 235 • JR. • 2L**  
**Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.**  
**(Ridgeland)**



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Fourth-year player who has worked at both defensive end and linebacker in his Gamecock career... listed as a second-team defensive end entering the fall... has the quickness and speed to put pressure on the quarterback coming off the edge... given the "Everday Effort" award for the defense in the spring.

**2013:** Sophomore defensive end who played in 12 games, making seven stops... credited with a half-sack in the season-opening win over North Carolina and with a half-sack and a quarterback hurry in the win over Vanderbilt... logged two tackles each against UNC and Kentucky... used primarily on special teams late in the season... garnered Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring accolades, awarded at the Garnet & Black spring game.

**2012:** Redshirt freshman who played on special teams... logged three tackles in six games... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

### Gurley's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	8/2	8	5	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	13/2	21	9	30	0.5-0	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21/4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0.5-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>







2011: Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played mostly defensive end at Ridgeland High School in Rossville, Ga., graduating in 2011.. coached by Mark Mariakis... recorded 119 tackles and 15 sacks as a senior, earning Class AAA all-state honors... tallied 68 tackles with 12 sacks and 14 tackles for loss as a junior for the Panthers... team went 9-2 during his junior campaign and was the Region 6-AAA champions... considered a three-star prospect, the 47th-best outside linebacker in the nation and the 58th-best player in the state of Georgia by Rivals.com... regarded as a three-star prospect by both Scout.com and 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Southeast Region class... also had offers from Miami (Fla.), Kentucky and Middle Tennessee State.

**PERSONAL:** Mason Harris was born July 28, 1993... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major at South Carolina.

## Harris' Statistics

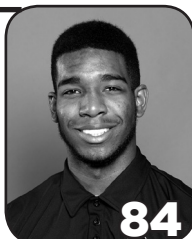
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	6/0	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	12/0	1	6	7	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18/0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Matthew HARVEY

**WR • 6-8 • 228 • JR. • SQ**

**Rock Hill, S.C.**

**(Rock Hill)**



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Walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad in the spring of 2013... tallest receiver on the roster at 6-8.

**2013:** Joined the squad for the first time in the spring... scout team player during the season... did not receive any playing time.

**2011-12:** Enrolled at Carolina but did not participate in football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Rock Hill (S.C.) High School in 2011... played basketball for the Bearcats and coach Eric Rollings... averaged 11.3 points and 10.5 rebounds per game on the hardwood, earning honorable mention all-area honors.

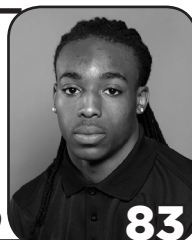
**PERSONAL:** Matthew Harvey was born July 16, 1993... is a broadcast journalism major.

## Carlton HEARD

**WR • 6-0 • 188 • JR. • SQ**

**Athens, Ga.**

**(Clarke Central/Gardner-Webb)**



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Walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad for the first time in the spring of 2013... listed on the second team entering the fall... was not eligible last fall per NCAA transfer rules after playing at Gardner-Webb... earned "Most Improved" wide receiver honors in the spring of 2014.

**2013:** Walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad for the first time in the spring... enrolled at Carolina in January... impressed the coaches in his first opportunity on the practice fields... was not eligible in the fall per NCAA transfer rules.

**2012:** Played in eight games for the Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs... caught 31 passes for 422 yards, averaging 13.6 yards per catch, with one touchdown... had seven catches for 107 yards against Samford... logged seven receptions for 137 yards, including a career-long 54-yard touchdown catch

against Liberty, earning Big South Freshman of the Week accolades.

**2011:** Redshirted as a true freshman at Gardner-Webb... Began August camp as a walk-on and earned a scholarship with outstanding performance and work ethic in preseason practices.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played at Northeast Georgia powerhouse Clarke Central (Ga.) High under Coach Leroy Ryals... graduated in 2011... moved to receiver full time as a senior... caught 25 passes for 520 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior... helped the Gladiators to an 11-1 record and the Georgia region 8-AAAA title in 2010.

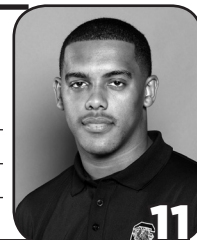
**PERSONAL:** Carlton Heard was born August 21, 1993... is a sociology major at South Carolina.

## T.J. HOLLOMAN

**LB • 6-2 • 234 • SO. • 1L**

**Stone Mountain, Ga.**

**(St. Pius X)**



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Sophomore linebacker who figures to compete with Kaiwan Lewis for the starting Mike position again in 2014... the duo split time in 2013... could also play the Will position... considered a very intelligent player who picks up the schemes quickly... earned the "Big Plays" award for the defense during the 2014 spring drills... has made three career starts.

**2013:** Redshirt freshman who played in all 13 games, making three starts at linebacker... named to Athlon's third-team Freshman All-America squad... split time with Kaiwan Lewis... collected 44 tackles, including 28 solo stops... had 5.0 tackles for loss and a sack... tied for second on the squad with three interceptions... tied for the team lead with five tackles at UCF, including a tackle for loss... also logged his first career interception against the Knights... made his first career start against Kentucky... responded by tying for the team lead with six tackles, including five solo stops... also started against Tennessee and Arkansas... registered seven tackles at Tennessee with a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry... collected another seven stops including his first career sack in the win over Coastal Carolina... intercepted a pass against Mississippi State and another against Clemson... credited with a tackle for loss in the bowl win over Wisconsin... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... recognized at the 2013 Garnet & Black Game for the Harold White GPA Award for the defense.

**2012:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Coached by Paul Standard at St. Pius X Catholic School in Atlanta, graduating in 2012... team went 12-1 in his senior season... racked up 48 tackles and four interceptions as a junior... played quarterback for half a season and threw for 500 yards and rushed for 430 more... also ran track... was a three-star prospect, the 60th-best player in the state of Georgia and the nation's 63rd-best outside linebacker by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 90th-best outside linebacker by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the 60th-best outside linebacker and the 63rd-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the 29th-best outside linebacker and the 67th-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... selected the Gamecocks over Illinois, Louisville and NC State.

**PERSONAL:** Thomas "T.J." Holloman was born August 15, 1994... is pursuing a degree in accounting... family is originally from South Carolina... stepfather played football at North Carolina.

## Holloman's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	13/3	28	16	44	5.0-13	1.0-6	3	1	1	0	0



## Tyler HULL

**P • 6-2 • 207 • SR. • 2L**

**Mount Airy, N.C.**

**(Mount Airy/Guilford)**



Two-year starting punter returns for his final campaign with the Garnet & Black... has booted 100 punts over the past two seasons... penciled in as the probable starter again in 2014 heading into the fall.

**2013:** Second-year starter at punter... averaged 37.8-yards per punt with a long of 55... Ten of his 46 punts were inside the 20 with only two touchbacks... averaged 46.0 yards on two punts at Georgia... averaged 47.0 yards on three punts at UCF, including a season-long 55 yarder and two inside the 20... punted a season-high eight times at Tennessee... averaged 44.7 yards on three punts at Missouri with a long of 46... punted eight times for a 40.4 yard average in the win over Mississippi State... named the Most Improved Punter during the spring.

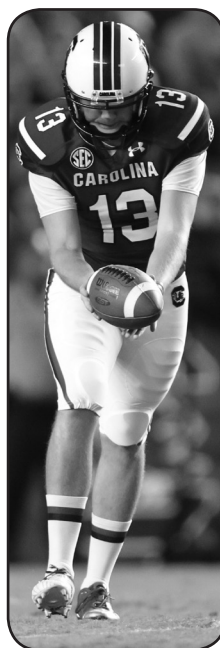
**2012:** Sophomore who did not arrive on the Carolina campus until a week after fall camp began but quickly asserted himself as the team's top punter... averaged 39.4 yards on 54 punts with 12 inside the 20, and 22 fair catches and seven that traveled 50+ yards... best game came against Tennessee when he booted five times for a 43.2 yard average, including a key 51-yarder in the final minute, helping preserve the win... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2011:** Attended Surry Community College in Dobson, N.C.

**2010:** Attended Guilford (N.C.) College in where he played in all 10 games as the Quakers' placekicker... also punted in the season's final game... made three of his five field goal attempts, including a long of 34 yards against Averett... connected on 9-of-12 extra point attempts... also handled kickoff responsibilities with 37 kicks for a 49-yard average... punted five times for a 34.2 yard average with a long of 42 yards against Emory & Henry College.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Lettered three times under head coach Kelly Holder at Mount Airy (N.C.) High School... graduated in 2010... was a two-time Northwest Conference Specialist of the Year... two-time 1A all-state selection... named All-Northwest region as selected by the Winston-Salem Journal in 2009... led all North Carolina kickers with 118 points in 2009... ranked fifth all-time in North Carolina extra points with 162... holds all Mount Airy records for touchbacks, field goals, extra points and longest field goal (46 yards)... also lettered twice as a catcher in baseball... first recipient of the "Bear Pride" award... 2010 English Academic award winner.

**PERSONAL:** Tyler Hull is pursuing a degree in economics.



## Shannon JAMES

**CB • 5-7 • 153 • SO. • HS**

**Florence, S.C.**

**(South Florence)**



Walk-on defensive back who joined the squad just prior to spring ball... adds depth at the cornerback position... listed as a redshirt sophomore.

**2013:** Attended Florence Darlington Tech.

**2012:** Attended the University of South Carolina but did not play football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from South Florence (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2012... coached in football by Lynn Flemming... was an all-region selection and garnered the Dual Threat Award.

**PERSONAL:** Shannon James was born December 25, 1993... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

## Shamier JEFFERY

**WR • 6-1 • 198 • JR. • 1L**

**St. Matthews, S.C.**

**(Calhoun County)**



Fourth-year wide receiver... listed on the third-team unit entering the fall... looking for more regular playing time in his junior campaign... presented with the "Everyday Attitude" award for the offense during the spring of 2014... tremendous bloodlines as his brother, Alshon, is a former Gamecock All-American and 2013 NFL Pro Bowler with the Chicago Bears.

**2013:** Sophomore wide receiver who saw action in eight games... caught six passes for 32 yards... five of the receptions came in the win over Arkansas... also had a catch in the Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin... made one of the bigger plays of the season when, as part of the "hands team," he recovered the onside kick vs. Kentucky to preserve the victory... shared Most Improved honors among the wide receivers with Shaq Roland in the spring.

**2012:** Played in three contests, getting on the field against East Carolina, Arkansas and Michigan... did not log any statistics.

**2011:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played both quarterback and wide receiver at Calhoun County in St. Matthews, S.C., graduating in 2011... coached by Walt Wilson... passed for over 2,000 yards as a senior... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Myrtle Beach following his senior campaign... was a two-time Orangeburg (S.C.) *Times and Democrat* Elite 11 selection... passed for 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns in just seven games as a junior signal-caller for the Saints... also played basketball at Calhoun County... given a three-star rating, considered the 53rd-best wide receiver in the country and ranked as the 13th-best player in the state of South Carolina by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 86th-best wide receiver by Scout.com... four-star prospect, according to 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Atlantic Region class... also had offers from Auburn, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, NC State and Tennessee.

**PERSONAL:** Shamier Jeffery was born September 9, 1991... is a sociology major... brother of South Carolina record-setting All-American wide receiver Alshon Jeffery, who was a second round draft pick by the Chicago Bears in 2012.

### Hull's Statistics

Year	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20
2012	13	54	2130	39.4	55	5	22	12
2013	13	46	1737	37.8	55	2	15	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3867</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>



## Jeffery's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2013	8/0	6	32	5.3	0	11

## Jeffery's Single-Game Highs

Receptions.....	5, Arkansas, 2013
Yards Receiving .....	32, Arkansas, 2013
Long Reception .....	11, Arkansas, 2013

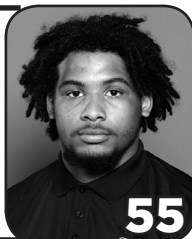


## David JOHNSON

**DE • 6-1 • 275 • FR. • RS**

**Lithonia, Ga.**

**(Lithonia)**



Redshirt freshman who will have an opportunity this fall to battle his way into the rotation along the defensive front... came in as a linebacker but moved to defensive end during his true freshman campaign.

**2013:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Linebacker who recorded 109 tackles including 20 tackles for loss and 11 sacks as a senior in 2012 at Lithonia (Ga.) High School... Bulldogs posted a 3-7 record... graduated in 2013... coached by Marcus Jelks... named first-team Class AAAA all-state by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*... played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl following his senior campaign... had 94 tackles including 15 tackles for loss and seven sacks with three forced fumbles as a junior... notched 105 tackles with 10 sacks as a sophomore... earned All-DeKalb County honors... a three-star prospect who was considered the 30th-best player in the state and the 29th-best outside linebacker in the country, according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the 62nd-best defensive end in the country by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 37th-best player in the state, and the 17th-best weakside defensive end in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 24th-best outside linebacker and an All-Southeast Region pick by PrepStar... had numerous offers including Auburn, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, NC State, Pitt and Vanderbilt... prepped with current Gamecock Cedrick Cooper.

**PERSONAL:** David Johnson was born January 20, 1995... is undecided on his major field of study.

## Nick JONES

**WR • 5-7 • 168 • SR. • 3L**

**Moore, S.C.**

**(Byrnes)**



Fifth-year enior wide receiver who has proven to be a reliable pass catcher during his Carolina career... has 51 career receptions for 621 yards with six touchdowns in 35 contests... has made 11 career starts.

**2013:** Played in all 13, games making six starts... fourth on the squad with 27 receptions for 281 yards (10.4 yards per catch) with five touchdowns... led the team with four receptions in the season opener against North Carolina, matching his career high... had his best game as a Gamecock when he caught six passes for 97 yards and two TDs at Georgia... had 10 receptions in the first two games... caught his third scoring pass of the season in the win over Vanderbilt... caught the game-tying two-yard touchdown pass with 42 seconds remaining in regulation at Missouri... also caught a touchdown pass

against Coastal Carolina... had three receptions in the bowl win over Wisconsin after logging just six catches in the previous six contests.

**2012:** Sophomore wide receiver who saw his playing time increase as the season progressed... played in 12 games, earning three starts... caught a dozen passes for 197 yards... had a 36-yard reception against Missouri... starts came late in the season against Arkansas, Clemson and Michigan... set a season high with four receptions for 45 yards against in-state rival Clemson in the regular-season finale... caught three passes for 78 yards in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan, including a career-long 70-yard reception.

**2011:** Played in 10 of 13 games... made a pair of starts... caught a dozen passes for 143 yards and a touchdown... averaged 11.9 yards per catch... recorded his first career catch in the season opener against East Carolina... connected on a key 34-yard completion, the longest of the season, in the win over Navy... grabbed his first career touchdown against Kentucky... logged a career high four catches in the win at Mississippi State... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2010:** Redshirted in his first season on the Carolina campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Key player on the potent James Byrnes High School squad in Duncan, S.C., graduating in 2010... missed some time with a knee injury but still recorded 32 receptions for 347 yards and four TDs... helped the Rebels reach the AAAA Division I title game as a senior... coached by Chris Miller... Rebels won the state title in both 2007 and 2008... considered a three-star prospect and the state's 25th-best player by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 91st-best wide receiver by Scout.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the 86th-best wide receiver by ESPN.com... also had offers from Auburn, Michigan and others.

**PERSONAL:** Nicholas Jones was born November 21, 1991... has earned his degree in sociology.

## Jones' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	10/2	12	143	11.9	1	34
2012	12/3	12	197	16.4	0	70
2013	13/6	27	281	10.4	5	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>35/11</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>70</b>

## Jones' Single-Game Highs

Receptions.....	6, Georgia, 2013
Yards Receiving .....	97, Georgia, 2013
Long Reception .....	70, Michigan, 2012
Touchdown Receptions .....	2, Georgia, 2013



## Alan KNOTT

**OC • 6-4 • 280 • FR. • RS**

**Tyrone, Ga.**

**(Sandy Creek)**



Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... listed as the third-team center entering the fall.

**2013:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Helped the Sandy Creek (Tyrone, Ga.) Patriots to a pair of state titles, including a perfect 15-0 mark in 2012... graduated in 2013... coached by Chip Walker... named first-team Class AAAA all-state by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and by the Georgia Sportswriters Association... played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif. following his senior season... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 61st-best player in Georgia and the 53rd-best offensive tackle in the country according to



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Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 30th-best offensive guard by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 43rd-best player in the state, and the 27th-best offensive guard in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 43rd-best offensive guard and an All-Southeast Region pick by PrepStar... had many offers including Kentucky, Miami, Virginia Tech and North Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** David Alan Knott was born December 16, 1994... is undecided on his major field of study.

## Abu LAMIN

**DT • 6-4 • 302 • SO. • JC**

**Fayetteville, N.C.**

**(Trinity Christian/Fort Scott CC)**



Junior college defensive tackle who enrolled at South Carolina in January 2014... has three years to play three for the Gamecocks... named the Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring by the coaches... came out of his first spring practice listed with the second-team unit.

**2013:** Attended Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, where he played for head coach Curtis Horton... racked up 34 tackles in 2013 with 7.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks in nine games for the 2-7 Greyhounds... also forced one fumble... Rivals.com lists him as a four-star prospect and the No. 19 junior college player in the nation... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect... considered a four-star prospect, the No. 18 junior college prospect in the country and the No. 6 JUCO defensive tackle, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect and No. 43 on its ESPNJCS50 list... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and a JUCO All-American... selected the Gamecocks over offers from Alabama, Arkansas, Nebraska and Tennessee among others.

**2012:** Redshirted in his first season at FSCC.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Originally from Trinity Christian School in Fayetteville, N.C., graduating in 2012... coached by Chuck Webster.

**PERSONAL:** Abu Lamin is a sociology major.

## Kaiwan LEWIS

**LB • 6-0 • 228 • JR. • 2L**

**Pleasantville, N.J.**

**(St. Joseph)**



Junior linebacker who will compete with T.J. Holloman and Marcquis Roberts for the starting Mike position... listed atop the depth chart entering the fall... was limited in the spring after having minor left knee surgery in the offseason... has made 10 career starts.

**2013:** Sophomore linebacker who split time at the Mike position with T.J. Holloman... played in 12 games, making 10 starts... third on the squad with 54 tackles... had 4.0 tackles for loss and one sack... intercepted two passes, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble... made his first career start in the season opener against North Carolina... logged a career-high 12 tackles including a tackle for loss at



Georgia... tied for the team lead with five stops against UCF... did not play at Arkansas... had a tackle for loss at Tennessee... returned to the starting lineup at Missouri and responded with a pair of tackles including a tackle for loss and his first career interception... had five stops against both Mississippi State and Florida... logged six tackles against Clemson and forced a fumble... led the team with nine tackles, recovered a fumble and had an interception the Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Most Improved linebacker during the spring.

**2012:** True freshman who saw action on special teams... played in 11 contests... did not appear against Vanderbilt or Kentucky... recorded three tackles including two solo stops... had a solo and an assisted tackle in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Earned all-state honors after helping St. Joseph (Hammonton, N.J.) to an undefeated state championship season... graduated in 2012... coached by Paul Sacco... the St. Joe's defense allowed just 19 points all season... played both defensive end and linebacker... was in on 54 tackles and three fumble recoveries... participated in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Texas... finished his junior season with 80 tackles, 10 sacks, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one blocked punt and one interception for a touchdown, earning third-team All-State honors... also tabbed first-team All-Area by the *Atlantic City Press*... had 65 tackles with 11 tackles for loss and nine sacks as a sophomore... considered a three-star prospect, the state's 10th-best player and the 48th-best outside linebacker in the country by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 31st-best middle linebacker by Scout.com... a four-star recruit, the ninth-best inside linebacker and the fifth-best player in New Jersey according to ESPN.com... a four-star recruit, the ninth-best player in the state and the 11th-best inside linebacker by 247Sports.com... others interested in the PrepStar All-American's talents included Arkansas and Cal.

**PERSONAL:** Kaiwan Lewis was born March 20, 1994... is a criminal justice major.

### Lewis' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	11/0	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	12/10	31	23	54	4.0-17	1.0-9	2	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23/10</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4.0-17</b>	<b>1.0-9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

## Cedrick MALONE

**SPR • 6-0 • 201 • SO. • SQ**

**Camden, S.C.**

**(Camden/Coastal Carolina)**



Walk-on who joined the squad in the fall of 2013... listed as a backup at the Spur linebacker position... was not eligible in his first season in the Garnet & Black after transferring from Coastal Carolina.

**2013:** Joined the squad in August when the roster expanded in the fall... initially enrolled at Carolina in January of 2013... was not eligible this fall.

**2012:** Initially enrolled at Coastal Carolina in January of 2012 and participated in football spring drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Camden (S.C.) High School in 2011... played football for Jimmy Neal... was an all-region selection.

**PERSONAL:** Cedrick Malone was born January 27, 1993... is an interdisciplinary studies major.



## Kadetrix MARCUS

SS • 6-1 • 194 • SR. • 2L

Stone Mountain, Ga.  
(Stephenson)



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“JJ” returns for his final season in the Garnet & Black... will compete for playing time at strong safety position this fall... presented with the “Everday Attitude” award for the defense by the coaches in the spring... has made seven starts among his 30 appearances over the past three seasons.

**2013:** Played in 12 games at the safety position, making seven starts... collected 25 tackles... made his first career start in the season opener against North Carolina... suffered a left shoulder injury in that contest and did not play against Georgia... returned to the starting lineup for five of the next six games... also started against Coastal Carolina... had a season-high five tackles against Vanderbilt... added four stops each against UCF and Kentucky... matched his career high with five stops in the Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin... considered the Most Improved defensive back during the spring.

**2012:** Reserve safety who saw most of his action on special teams... played in 12 games... did not play against LSU... served as a backup to Brison Williams at the strong safety position... had two of his five tackles in the win at Kentucky... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... one of four players cited for the Outstanding Weight Room award at the 2012 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2011:** Saw action in six contests as a true freshman, primarily on special teams... recorded one tackle... tackle came in the win at Georgia.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga. in 2011... logged nearly 80 tackles, nine knockdowns and a pair of interceptions as a senior for the Jaguars... coached by Ron Gartrell... made the all-region and all-county first teams... selected to participate in the NUC All-World Bowl in Charleston, S.C., following his senior season... played at Hillgrove High in Powder Springs before transferring to Stephenson for his senior season... logged 81 tackles, an interception, four forced fumbles and six pass breakups as a junior... rated a three-star prospect, the 30th-best safety in the country and the 32nd-best player in the state of Georgia by Rivals.com... is a three-star prospect and the nation's 36th-best safety, according to Scout.com... three-star prospect, according to 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Southeast Region class... had numerous other offers, including those from Auburn, Clemson, Maryland, Ole Miss, NC State, USEF, Stanford, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and West Virginia.

**PERSONAL:** Known by his family and friends as “JJ”, Kadetrix Marcus was born January 26, 1993... is a business management major at South Carolina.

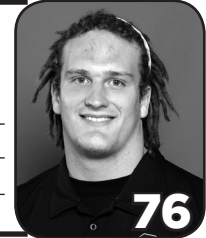
### Marcus' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2011	6/0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	12/0	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	12/7	16	9	25	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30/7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Mike MATULIS

OG • 6-5 • 307 • JR. • 2L

Boynton Beach, Fla.  
(Park Vista)



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Fourth-year junior offensive lineman... moved to right guard in the spring and enters the fall as the probable starter at that position after playing tackle throughout his career... 2014 was the first spring he was able to practice due to injuries... the move gives Carolina another experienced offensive lineman in the starting mix... presented with the “Everday Hustle” award for the offense by the coaches in the spring... talented player who has been hampered by shoulder problems for each of the past two seasons... has undergone surgery on both shoulders since coming to Carolina... has started 10 games during his career.

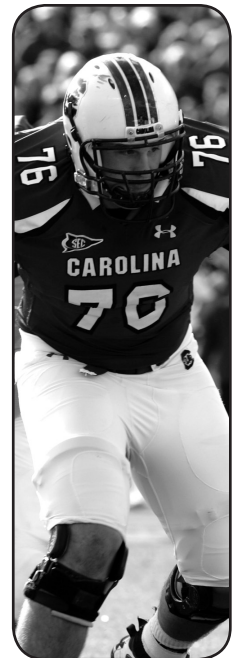
**2013:** Redshirted after having his right shoulder scoped on August 9... also missed all of spring ball while rehabbing from shoulder surgery.

**2012:** Started five games along the offensive line... was the starting right tackle in the season opener at Vanderbilt... moved to left tackle and started each of the next two contests before moving back to right tackle for the Missouri game... did not play at Kentucky due to an injured shoulder... made the start at left tackle against Florida... the shoulder injury ultimately required season-ending surgery... also missed the spring of 2012 while rehabbing from offseason shoulder surgery.

**2011:** A first-team Freshman All-American according to *Sporting News*... saw very limited action in the first four games as the coaches considered redshirting the true freshman tackle... redshirt was taken off for good when senior starting left tackle Kyle Nunn suffered a back injury... made his first collegiate start at left tackle against Auburn... saw limited action again over the next three games, then moved into the starting right tackle slot for the Florida contest and held the starting job for the remainder of the season... made five starts during the season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Was a two-year starter at left tackle for the Park Vista High School Cobras in Lake Worth, Fla., graduating in 2011... missed some time early in his senior season with a knee injury... coached by Brian Dodds... played in Florida's North-South All-Star game... also invited to the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Myrtle Beach, S.C. following his senior season but did not participate due to an ankle injury... earned Class 6A first-team all-state honors in 2009 after leading the Cobras to a 6-4 record and a spot in the playoffs... also wrestled in high school... given a three-star ranking, named the 33rd-best offensive tackle in the country and the 79th-best player in the state of Florida by Rivals.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the 54th-best offensive tackle by Scout.com... three-star prospect, according to 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Southeast Region class... had numerous scholarship offers including ones from Florida State, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisville, Minnesota, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt and West Virginia.

**PERSONAL:** Michael Matulis was born November 30, 1992... is a criminal justice major... brother, Chris, was a pitcher at LSU.



## Connor MCLAURIN

FB • 6-0 • 243 • SR. • 2L

Raleigh, N.C.  
(Garner)



Senior fullback who is listed as the starter at the position entering the fall... did not take part in spring drills while recovering from a broken left fibula suffered just days before the 2014 Capital One Bowl... considered an excellent blocker... has made five career starts.

**2013:** Former walk-on who saw action in all 12 regular season games, making five starts at fullback... also used on special teams... touched the ball for the only time in his career in the Clemson game when he caught a key 15-yard pass... broke his left leg two days in practice prior to the bowl game... earned the Outstanding Weight Room award for the offense at the 2013 Garnet & Black Spring Game... granted a scholarship prior to the start of the season.

**2012:** Saw limited action in the backfield as a blocker and also on special teams... played in all 13 games... recorded one tackle... tabbed as one of four Outstanding Walk-ons at the 2012 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2011:** Moved from linebacker to fullback during fall camp to provide needed depth at the position... saw action in five games on special teams, playing against Kentucky, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Arkansas and The Citadel... notched one tackle against the Razorbacks.

**2010:** Joined the program as a walk-on linebacker in the fall.

**2009:** Attended Wake Tech Community College in Raleigh, N.C.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Garner (N.C.) Magnet High School in 2009... coached by Nelson Smith... lettered three years in football... named the top defensive player in the conference, was a two-time first-team all-league performer and was a first-team all-academic selection... team won the conference title and reached the fourth round of the playoffs... turned down a scholarship offer from Fayetteville State.

**PERSONAL:** Connor Keith McLaurin has earned his degree in public health... father, Howard, played football at East Carolina.

## Rico MCWILLIAMS

CB • 5-11 • 184 • SO. • 1L

Hampton, Ga.  
(Lovejoy)



Redshirt sophomore cornerback... listed as a starter entering the fall... continues to work his way back to full strength after suffering a knee injury prior to the 2012 campaign... has made a pair of starts.

**2013:** Redshirt freshman cornerback who played in nine games making a pair of starts... made the start at Arkansas and recorded his only tackle in that contest... also made the start in the Capital One Bowl win against Wisconsin... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... sat out the spring as he continued to rehab from a knee injury suffered early in fall camp 2012.

**2012:** Suffered a season-ending left knee injury during the second practice of the preseason... underwent surgery in mid-August.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Earned AAAA first-team all-state honors at Lovejoy High in Hampton, Ga. as a senior, graduating in 2012... coached by Al Hughes... helped his team to a 14-1 record as a senior and a spot in the state title game

and was 24-2 over his last two seasons... named to the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... named to the AJC All-Area team... logged 40 tackles and two interceptions, along with 12 receptions for 301 yards as a senior... had 35 tackles and two picks as a junior... named one of Clayton Country's "Fantastic Four" prior to his senior season... played wide receiver early in his career before moving to cornerback... a three-star prospect, the state's 30th-best player and the nation's 26th-best cornerback according to *Rivals.com*... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 28th-best cornerback by *Scout.com*... a three-star recruit, the country's 89th-best cornerback and the state's 91st-best player according to *ESPN.com*... a three-star recruit, the nation's 62nd-best cornerback and the 71st-best player in the state by *247Sports.com*... selected Carolina over 16 other offers.

**PERSONAL:** Rico McWilliams was born July 31, 1993... is a sociology major at South Carolina.

### McWilliams' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	9/2	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

## Connor MITCH

QB • 6-3 • 211 • FR. • RS

Raleigh, N.C.  
(Wakefield)



Redshirt freshman quarterback who will battle with Brendan Nosovitch and Perry Orth for the No. 2 duties behind senior Dylan Thompson... garnered plenty of reps this spring in his second spring on campus... shared co-Freshman "Most Improved" honors for the offense in the spring with tight end Jacob August... regarded as smart, competitive and mature.

**2013:** Enrolled at Carolina in January 2013... took a redshirt in the fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Wakefield High School in Raleigh, N.C. in December 2012... a four-year starter... coached by Rod Sink... finished his prep career ranked second in four career categories in North Carolina high school history, passing for 12,078 yards with 1,384 attempts, 807 completions and 153 touchdowns... threw for 4,661 yards and 63 touchdowns while completing 62 percent of his passes as a senior, leading the Wolverines to an 11-2 record... set the state record with nine touchdown passes in a win over Broughton, one shy of the national record... as a junior, threw for 3,832 yards and 48 touchdowns as the team went 9-3... earned all-state and all-region honors... threw for 3,300 yards and 33 scores as a sophomore, leading Wakefield to a 9-3 mark... four-star prospect who was regarded as the seventh-best player in the state, the 13th-best pro-style quarterback in the country and ranked No. 248 on the Rivals250... a three-star prospect and the nation's 44th-best quarterback by Scout... a four-star prospect, the seventh-best player in the state, the 13th-best pro-style quarterback and ranked No. 243 overall by 247Sports... rated a four-star prospect and No. 226 on the ESPN300... considered the 10th-best pro-style quarterback in the country by MaxPreps... a three-star prospect, the 15th-best pro-style quarterback in the country and the 167th-best player overall by PrepStar... named honorable mention on *PARADE* magazine's All-America team... chose the Gamecocks over Alabama, LSU, Auburn and North Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** Connor Mitch is a sport and entertainment management major... comes from an athletic family... father, Bob Mitch, played quarterback and safety at Syracuse in the early 1970s... brother, Ryan, played quarterback at Maryland... sister, Brittany, played basketball at Duke.





## Chris MOODY

**SS • 6-1 • 210 • SO. • 1L**

**McDonough, Ga.  
(Henry County)**



Redshirt sophomore defensive back who could play either of the deep safety positions... listed as the third-team strong safety entering the fall.

**2013:** Redshirt freshman safety who saw action in 12 games... primarily used on special teams... credited with seven tackles... saw his most action at Tennessee when Chaz Elder was sidelined with an injury and Kadetrix Marcus was ejected for targeting... responded with three tackles in that contest.

**2012:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played quarterback and defensive back for Henry County High School in McDonough, Ga., graduating in 2012... coached by Mike Rozier... recruited as an athlete who could play cornerback or safety and could be used in the Wildcat offense... was a first-team AAAAA All-State selection and the Henry County Player of the Year as a senior... led the Warhawks to an 8-4 record... rushed for 1,064 yards and passed for 1,475 yards on offense while accounting for 22 touchdowns... also logged 25 tackles with a couple of interceptions on the defensive side of the ball... played in the annual GACA North vs. South All-Star Game following the season... threw for 1,100 yards and rushed for 500 more with 16 combined TDs as a junior for the Warhawks... rated a three-star prospect, the 64th-best "athlete" and the 67th-best player in the state by *Rivals.com*... three-star prospect and the nation's 63rd-best safety according to *Scout.com*... a three-star player, the 36th-best "athlete" and the 46th-best player in Georgia according to *ESPN.com*... given three stars, rated the 65th-best player in Georgia and the 72nd-best "athlete" in the country by *247Sports.com*... originally committed to Vanderbilt before switching to Carolina... had scholarship offers from over 15 FBS schools with UCF and USF also making his final four.

**PERSONAL:** Chris Moody was born June 9, 1994... is a sport and entertainment management major.

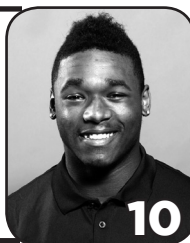
### Moody's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	12/0	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

## Skai MOORE

**LB • 6-2 • 213 • SO. • 1L**

**Cooper City, Fla.  
(University)**



Second-year sophomore linebacker who exploded on the scene as a true freshman... very athletic player who paced the team in tackles and interceptions in his first campaign... listed as the probable starter at the Will linebacker position entering the fall... named to *Athlon's* preseason second-team All-SEC unit and to *Phil Steele's* preseason fourth-team All-SEC squad... selected by the coaches for the "Everyday Hustle" award for the defense during the spring.

**2013:** True freshman linebacker who earned a spot on the coaches' Freshman All-SEC squad and was a second-team Freshman All-American according to *247Sports*... played in all 13 games, making four starts... led the team in tackles with 56... added a team-leading four interceptions and recovered a fumble... came off the bench to record seven tackles, including 1.5 tackles for

loss and a half-sack, in the season opener against North Carolina... credited with six tackles at Georgia... led the team with six tackles, including a tackle for loss, in the win at Arkansas... added another six stops at Tennessee... made his first start against Mississippi State and was credited with six tackles along with his first career interception... started each of the final four regular season games... tied for the team lead with six tackles against Florida, including a tackle for loss... intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble in the win over Clemson... recorded five tackles and had a pair of interceptions in the 2014 Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Linebacker who helped Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) University School to an undefeated season and the 3A state title as a senior... graduated in 2013... coached by Roger Harriott... racked up 14 tackles and a sack in the championship game for the Suns... totaled 103 tackles with six sacks and four interceptions during his final season... the Suns posted five shutouts and limited seven of their opponents to three points or less... credited with 70 tackles including 18 tackles for loss during his junior campaign... a four-star prospect and the 43rd-best player in the state and the No. 19 outside linebacker in the nation according to *Rivals*... a three-star recruit and the No. 29 outside linebacker prospect in the country per *Scout*... considered a four-star prospect the 45th-best player in Florida and the 22nd-best outside linebacker in the country by *247Sports*... named All-Southeast Region by *PrepStar*... originally committed to Rutgers... also considered Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

**PERSONAL:** Skai Moore is a hotel, restaurant and tourism management major.

### Moore's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	13/4	30	26	56	3.5-7	0.5-3	4	0	0	0	1

## Kyle MORINI

**LB • 5-10 • 221 • SR. • SQ**

**Warner Robins, Ga.  
(White Knoll/Gray Military)**



Senior walk-on linebacker who briefly moved to fullback in the spring before returning to the defensive side of the ball... adds depth to the unit and could also figure in on special teams.

**2013:** Junior linebacker who stepped on the South Carolina campus for the first time in January and was added to the football squad as a walk-on... saw action in two games, playing against Coastal Carolina and in the bowl win over Wisconsin... missed several weeks of the season after dislocating his elbow in practice.

**2012:** Spent the fall semester at Midlands Tech.

**2011:** Played linebacker at Gray Military Academy in Columbia... saw action at both the Will and Mike positions... served as the team captain and led the team in tackles.

**2010:** Played Mike linebacker as a true freshman at North Greenville University.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Born and raised in Warner Robins, Ga., but graduated from White Knoll High School in nearby Lexington, S.C. in 2010... coached by Gordon Walters... honorable mention all-region selection.

**PERSONAL:** Kyle Morini was born January 2, 1992... is a mathematics major.

## Brendan NOSOVITCH

QB • 6-1 • 221 • SO. • SQ

Allentown, Pa.

(Central Catholic)



Backup signal-caller who will compete for the No. 2 spot on the depth chart this fall with redshirt freshman Connor Mitch behind senior Dylan Thompson... garnered plenty of reps in the spring... has shown good mobility.

**2013:** Third-string quarterback... saw his first action in the win at Arkansas... scored the game's final touchdown on a seven-yard run... completed both of his passes against Coastal Carolina... also used briefly on special teams... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Most Improved quarterback in the spring.

**2012:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Won the Maxwell Football Club's first Pennsylvania Player of the Year award and was named to the *PARADE* All-America football team following his senior season... also named the Maxwell Club's winner of the 27th Jim Henry Award... is the state's career record-holder with 12,877 total yards and second all-time in the state in passing yards (9,249) and touchdown passes (106)... led Central Catholic to a state title as a junior and reached the PIAA Class 3A state semifinals as a senior... threw for 3,809 yards and 39 touchdowns and rushed for 852 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior... rushed for 1,647 yards and 25 touchdowns and threw for 3,112 yards and 43 scores as a junior... was the 2010 Gatorade Player of the Year in the state of Pennsylvania after leading his team to a 16-0 record and the PIAA Class 3A title... coached by Harold Fairclough... selected to play in the Big 33 All-Star Game... was a three-star prospect, the 19th-best player in the state and the 22nd-best dual-threat quarterback in the country according to Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 44th-best quarterback by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the 41st-best quarterback and 16th-best player in Pennsylvania according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the eighth-best dual-threat quarterback and the 15th-best player in the state by 247Sports.com... a PrepStar All-East Region pick... had offers from Clemson, Maryland, Georgia Tech, Virginia and Temple among others.

**PERSONAL:** Brendan Nosovitch was born January 17, 1994... is a finance major.

### Nosovitch's Statistics

#### —Passing—

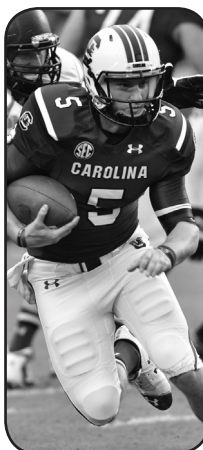
Year	GP/GS	Com-Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2013	3/0	2-2-0		1.000	13	0	8

#### —Rushing—

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2013	3/0	3	12	4.0	1	7

### Nosovitch's Single-Game Highs

Pass Attempts	2, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Pass Completions	2, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Passing Yards	13, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Rushing Attempts	2, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Rushing Yards	7, Arkansas, 2013
Long Rush	7, Arkansas, 2013
Rushing Touchdowns	1, Arkansas, 2013

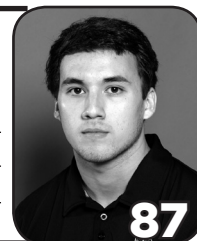


## Sean ODOM

WR • 6-0 • 190 • SO. • HS

Orangeburg, S.C.

(Orangeburg Prep)



Walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad just prior to spring practice in 2014... adds depth to the receiving corps... listed as a redshirt sophomore.

**2012-13:** Attended the University of South Carolina but did not compete in football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Orangeburg (S.C.) Prep in 2012... coached by Adam Holmes... served as team captain... set school records in touchdowns and yards for a receiver... turned down scholarship offers from Newberry, Presbyterian and Campbell.

**PERSONAL:** Sean Odom was born October 24, 1993... is an exercise science major.

## Perry ORTH

QB • 6-1 • 204 • SO. • SQ

Ponte Vedra, Fla.

(Ponte Vedra/Fla. State College)



Walk-on quarterback who has impressed the coaches enough to figure in the mix with Connor Mitch and Brendan Nosovitch for the No. 2 signal-caller role behind senior Dylan Thompson... recognized in the spring as the "Most Improved" quarterback and earned the "Big Plays" award for the offense during the 2014 spring drills.

**2013:** Quarterback who enrolled at Carolina in January and joined the football squad in time for spring practices.

**2012:** Spent the fall semester at Florida State College, a community college in Jacksonville... did not play football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Ponte Vedra (Fla.) High School in 2012... coached by Mike Loyd... helped his team to the district title as a senior... set school records for both a season (2011) and career in passing yards, completion percentage and touchdown passes... played in the 2011 Shrine Bowl in Jacksonville... threw for 1,800 yards and a school-record 17 touchdowns in his junior season when he was second-team all-district and all-conference... also played baseball, starting for the varsity team as an eighth grader... hit .475 in 2012 while helping his team to a runnerup finish in the Florida state 5A division... was an honor roll student.

**PERSONAL:** Perry Orth is an economics major at South Carolina... father, Rusty, played football at West Virginia in the late '70s... brother, Calvin, plays baseball at The Citadel... owns a lawn maintenance business with his brothers.

## Drew OWENS

TE • 6-6 • 238 • JR. • 1L

Charlotte, N.C.  
(Ardrey Kell)



Redshirt junior tight end who enters the fall listed on the third team... looks to gain more consistent playing time in 2014... has made one career start.

**2013:** Sophomore tight end... saw action in seven contests... caught two passes for 13 yards... made his first appearance on the field for the Garnet & Black and earned career start in the season opener against North Carolina after injuries sidelined Rory Anderson and Jerrell Adams... caught his first pass in that contest... had an eight-yard reception in the win at UCF... returned to full strength in the spring after suffering a knee injury in the 2012 Garnet & Black Spring Game that sidelined him for the 2012 campaign.

**2012:** Sat out the season after injuring his knee during the spring game, which required surgery... was not part of the 105 that opened camp... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... tabbed the Most Improved Tight End in camp at the 2012 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2011:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** A two-time All-Southwestern 4A tight end who had 25 catches for 524 yards and five touchdowns as a senior, playing for Ardrey Kell and Knights' coach Adam Hastings... graduated from the Charlotte area high school in 2011... logged 14 catches for 221 yards and four touchdowns as a junior in a run-oriented offense... given a three-star rating, the 13th-best prospect in the state of North Carolina and the nation's 19th-best tight end, according to Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 23rd-best tight end by Scout.com... a three-star prospect, according to 247Sports.com... also made visits to Michigan, North Carolina and NC State in addition to numerous other scholarship offers.

**PERSONAL:** Drew Owens was born April 29, 1993... is a marketing and management major at South Carolina.

### Owens' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2013	7/1	2	13	6.5	0	8

### Owens' Single-Game Highs

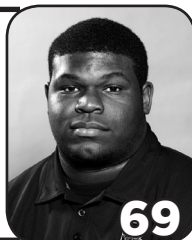
Receptions.....	1, twice: North Carolina, 2013 & UCF, 2013
Yards Receiving .....	8, UCF, 2013
Long Reception .....	8, UCF, 2013



## D.J. PARK

OG • 6-4 • 328 • FR. • RS

Dillon, S.C.  
(Dillon)



Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... listed as a backup right guard entering the fall.

**2013:** Offensive lineman who enrolled at Carolina in January 2013... worked primarily at right tackle during the spring due to numbers, but moved inside in the fall... redshirted.

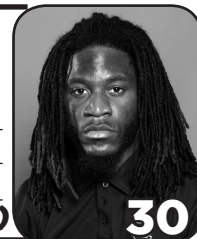
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Dillon (S.C.) High School in December 2012... started at left tackle for the Class AA I state champions... the Wildcats went 14-1 during his senior season... coached by Jackie Hayes... participated in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif.... named to the MaxPreps 2012 Small Schools All-American Football team... earned all-region and all-state honors as a junior... four-star prospect who was the state's third-best player, the 19th-best offensive tackle in the land and the nation's 220th-best prospect according to Rivals... a four-star prospect and the nation's 23rd-best offensive tackle, and No. 294 on the Scout300 list... a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, and the 16th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... considered a four-star prospect, the nation's second-best offensive tackle and the 52nd-best player overall by MaxPreps... a four-star prospect, the 20th-best offensive tackle in the country and the 178th-best player overall by PrepStar... had offers from numerous other schools throughout the Southeast, including Auburn, Clemson, Florida, LSU and Tennessee... hails from the same high school that produced current Gamecocks Kwinton Smith and Bryce King.

**PERSONAL:** D.J. Park is a criminal justice major.

## Darius PAULK

TB • 5-8 • 193 • SO. • TR

Columbia, S.C.  
(Richland NE/North Greenville)



Walk-on who joined the squad in the spring... impressed the coaches in his first work in the Garnet & Black to garner the "Outstanding Walk-On" award for the offense... is not eligible in 2014 after spending the last two seasons at North Greenville.

**2013:** Carried 32 times for 120 yards in nine games for a 5-6 North Greenville squad.

**2012:** Rushed for 748 yards on 161 carries in nine games for North Greenville... also had nine catches for 34 yards... team went 5-6.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Richland Northeast High School in Columbia in 2012... coached by Jay Frye... was an all-region selection after rushing for over 1,000 yards on 155 carries with nine touchdowns as a senior... two-time team captain... lettered three times... had scholarship offers from North Greenville and Newberry.

**PERSONAL:** Darius Paulk was born February 8, 1994... is an economics major... brother, Rodney, played linebacker at South Carolina... brother, Leonard, played football at East Carolina.

## Devin POTTER

TB • 5-10 • 203 • SO. • SQ

Granite Falls, N.C.  
(South Caldwell)



Redshirt sophomore running back who adds depth to the position... honored as the Harold White GPA award winner for the offense during the spring after sporting a 3.9 GPA in exercise science.

**2013:** Saw action in one contest... played in the Coastal Carolina game, logging three carries for 12 yards... recognized as the "Outstanding Walk-On" for the offense at the 2013 spring game.



# Player Profiles

# CAROLINA FOOTBALL

**2012:** Freshman walk-on running back who joined the squad when the roster expanded in August.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated first in the class of 2012 at South Caldwell High School in Hudson, N.C... rushed for 3,200 yards and 40 touchdowns over his final two seasons as the starting fullback... named the conference Offensive Player of the Year... coached by Bruce Carter.

**PERSONAL:** Devin Potter was born January 26, 1994... is an exercise science major.

## Jonas PRICE

**K/P • 6-2 • 165 • FR. • HS**  
**Cockeysville, MD**  
**(St. Paul's)**



Walk-on who joined the squad in the spring of 2014... provides depth at both placekicker and punter.

**2013:** Enrolled at Carolina in the fall of 2013, but did not participate in football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from St. Paul's School in Brooklandville, Md. in 2013... coached by Paul Bernstorff... was an All-MIAA punter... also played hockey.

**PERSONAL:** Jonas Price was born September 27, 1994... is a business major at South Carolina.

## Sidney RHODES

**CB • 5-10 • 182 • SR. • 2L**  
**Easley, S.C.**  
**(Wren/Western Carolina)**



Fifth-year senior defensive back... has been a solid contributor on special teams... could figure in the cornerback rotation in his final campaign... nominated for the national Burlsworth Award, given to a player who began his career as a walk-on.

**2013:** Former walk-on who was granted a scholarship prior to the start of the season... used primarily on special teams... saw action in all 13 games... notched seven tackles including five solo stops... had three kick returns for 47 yards... returned a kickoff 19 yards at Missouri... also had a 17-yard kick return against Florida and an 11-yard return against Wisconsin in the Capital One Bowl... recognized as the "Outstanding Walk-On" for the defense at the 2013 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2012:** Former transfer from Western Carolina, was converted from wide receiver to cornerback in the fall... saw action in 12 games, collecting five tackles... did not play in the season opener against Vanderbilt... had two stops in the win over Tennessee.

**2011:** Enrolled at South Carolina but did not play football.

**2010:** Attended Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C... participated in both football and track & field... walk-on who earned a spot as the kick returner for the Catamounts, earning Freshman All-SoCon honors as a returner... returned 16 kicks for 336 yards, a 21.0 yard average, with a long of 41 yards against Appalachian State... caught four passes for 22 yards and rushed six times for 52 yards.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Wren High School in Piedmont, S.C. in 2010... played wide receiver and defensive back for coach Jeff Tate... was the team MVP and earned all-region honors after catching 46 passes for 773 yards and 13 TDs... helped the Hurricanes to their first division title and advance to the playoffs for the first time in 16 years... a state qualifier in track.

**PERSONAL:** Sidney Rhodes has earned his degree in exercise science

### Rhodes' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2012	12/0	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	13/0	5	2	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	25/0	8	4	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0

### -Kick Returns-

Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2012	12/0	1	22	22.0	0	22
2013	13/0	3	47	15.7	0	19
Total	25/0	4	69	17.3	0	22

## Marcquis ROBERTS

**LB • 6-1 • 216 • SO. • 1L**  
**Powder Springs, Ga.**  
**(McEachern)**



Fourth-year sophomore linebacker who battled injuries in each of his first two seasons on campus before seeing regular action in 2013... can play either linebacker position, but is listed as the third-team Mike linebacker entering the fall... recognized as the co-Everyday Attitude award winner for the defense in the spring... made nine starts during the 2013 campaign.

**2013:** Split time at the Will linebacker position with Skai Moore... stayed healthy for the first time in his career... played in all 13 games, starting each of the first eight contests plus the bowl game... ranked fifth on the team with 48 tackles... had 3.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks... logged five tackles in his first career start against North Carolina... had six tackles including 2.0 tackles for loss and a sack at Georgia... tied for the team lead with seven tackles against Vanderbilt... credited with a half sack and forced a fumble at UCF.

**2012:** Sat out the entire season while rehabbing from a knee injury... was not part of the 105 at the start of fall camp... gained his second medical redshirt.

**2011:** Missed the entire season after undergoing shoulder surgery in the summer... was not part of the 105 that started camp in August... granted a medical redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Logged 86 tackles with six sacks in his senior campaign at McEachern High School in Powder Springs, Ga., graduating in 2011... played mostly outside linebacker but also was used as a strong safety and inside linebacker... coached by Kyle Hockman... helped the Indians win 21 games over his final two seasons... rated as the 22nd-best outside linebacker prospect in the country, the 26th-best prospect in the state of Georgia and given a three-star ranking by Rivals.com... is a three-star prospect and the nation's 99th-best outside linebacker, according to Scout.com... is a three-star prospect by 247Sports.com... named to PrepStar's All-Southeast Region class... also had offers from Cincinnati, Purdue, Illinois, Mississippi State, South Florida, UCF, Virginia, West Virginia and others... also played prep basketball and helped his team to the state AAAAAA quarterfinals as a junior.

**PERSONAL:** Marcquis Roberts was born October 24, 1992... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

### Roberts' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	13/9	31	17	48	3.5-11	1.5-7	0	2	1	1	0



## Corey ROBINSON

OT • 6-8 • 344 • SR. • 2L

Havelock, N.C.  
(Havelock)



Fifth-year senior tackle who mans the quarterback's blindside... started all 13 games in 2013 and has made 22 career starts... physical player who has the size that makes NFL scouts take notice... a *Phil Steele* and *Athlon's* preseason third-team All-SEC honoree.

**2013:** Redshirt junior who started all 13 games at the left tackle position... put together a solid season in his second year as a starter... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2012:** Redshirt sophomore who returned from the defensive line back to his more familiar offensive side of the ball in spring drills... showed significant improvement and worked his way into the starting lineup... made his first career start against Missouri, getting the nod at left tackle... started nine of the final 10 contests.

**2011:** Redshirt freshman who transitioned from the offensive line to defensive tackle in the spring... did not see any game action.

**2010:** Redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for coach Jim Bob Bryant at Havelock (N.C.) High, graduating in 2010... played mostly offensive guard but saw action at all five offensive line positions and some on the defensive line for the Rams... selected to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... considered a three-star prospect and the nation's 52nd-best offensive tackle by Rivals.com... rated a two-star prospect and the nation's 99th-best offensive tackle by Scout.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the nation's 56th-ranked offensive tackle by ESPN.com... also considered Duke, North Carolina, NC State and East Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** Born May 21, 1992, Corey Robinson is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

## Na'Ty RODGERS

OT • 6-5 • 280 • FR. • RS

Waldorf, Md.  
(McDonough)



Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... worked primarily at right tackle in the spring behind Brandon Shell... slated to compete with Cody Gibson for the top backup role at the position in the fall... could also play guard.

**2013:** Redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Offensive lineman who helped McDonough High Rams (Pomfret, Md.) to a 9-2 record as a senior... graduated in 2013... coached by Luke Ethington... played in the Chesapeake Bowl all-star game and in the Under Armour All-America Game following the season... rated as a four-star prospect, the sixth-best player in the state, the 15th-best offensive tackle in the country and No. 181 overall by Rivals... a three-star prospect and the 22nd-best offensive guard in the nation according to Scout... considered a four-star prospect, the seventh-best player in the state and the 20th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the nation's 15th-best offensive tackle by MaxPreps... a PrepStar All-American... had a slew of offers from all over the country ultimately chose Carolina over Maryland, with Florida State, Washington and Oklahoma also in the mix.

**PERSONAL:** Na'Ty Rodgers was born February 3, 1995... father first played at Oklahoma then transferred to Washington... is undecided on his major field of study.

## Shaq ROLAND

WR • 6-1 • 176 • JR. • 2L

Lexington, S.C.  
(Lexington)



Talented wideout who is regarded as the next outstanding receiver in a long line of great ones, following in the footsteps of Sidney Rice, Kenny McKinley, Alshon Jeffery, Ace Sanders and Bruce Ellington at Carolina under Steve Spurrier and Steve Spurrier Jr... a *Phil Steele* and *Athlon's* preseason fourth-team All-SEC honoree... recognized as the co-Everyday Attitude award winner for the offense in the spring... averaging 17.8 yards per reception during his career... has six career starts.

**2013:** Saw more action in his sophomore season as the year progressed... played in 10 games, making six starts... caught 25 passes for 455 yards, a team-best 18.2-yard average, with five touchdowns... earned his first career start and caught a 65-yard touchdown pass from Connor Shaw on the third play from scrimmage in the season opener against North Carolina... it was the longest reception of his young career and gave the Gamecocks their fastest score to start a season since joining the SEC... caught three passes for 48 yards at Georgia... caught two passes, both for touchdowns, in the win over Mississippi State... TD catches were from 14 and 43 yards out... had four receptions for 72 yards and a score against Coastal Carolina... added three catches and a touchdown against Clemson... had his best game of the season in the Capital One Bowl win over Wisconsin when he logged 112 yards on six receptions, both career highs... shared the Most Improved wide receiver award, presented at the 2013 spring game, with Shamier Jeffery.

**2012:** True freshman wide receiver who was highly touted after being named "Mr. Football" in the state of South Carolina as a senior at nearby Lexington High School... became the fourth straight "Mr. Football" to commit to the home state flagship university... saw action in 11 games... caught five passes for 80 yards with a touchdown... saw his first action against East Carolina and responded with a pair of receptions for 25 yards... first career touchdown reception was a 30-yard completion from Dylan Thompson against UAB... had a pair of receptions for 25 yards against Arkansas.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Lexington (S.C.) High School in 2012... named to the annual PARADE magazine 53-man All-America team... coached by Scott Earley... played receiver and also directed the Wildcat offense... helped his squad to an undefeated regular season and an 11-1 record overall in his final campaign... led the Wildcats with nearly 2,000 yards and 24 TDs as a senior... named "Mr. Football" in the state of South Carolina... named the Offensive MVP in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas after leading the Sandlappers in receiving yards and scoring two touchdowns... also scored in the Under Armour All-American Game... selected to the Super Southeast 120 by the *Mobile (Ala.) Register*... was the region Player of the Year as a junior while earning all-state and all-area honors... also played basketball... averaged nearly 20 points and seven rebounds as a junior, earning Region Player of the Year honors... was a four-star prospect, the best player in the state, the 10th-best wide receiver in the country and the 66th-best player overall by Rivals.com... rated a five-star prospect, the nation's fourth-best wide receiver and the 40th-best player in the country by Scout.com... a four-star recruit, the best player in the state, the fifth-best wideout and the nation's 45th-best player according to ESPN.com... considered the No. 1 prospect in Carolina, the 52nd-best player in the country, the sixth-best "athlete" and a four-star recruit by 247Sports.com... number 39 on the PrepStar Dream Team... also considered Alabama, Florida, Georgia before selecting the Gamecocks.

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**PERSONAL:** Shaquille "Shaq" Roland was born December 27, 1993... is an African American studies major... became the fourth-straight South Carolina "Mr. Football" to sign with the Gamecocks, following Stephon Gilmore, Marcus Lattimore and Jadeveon Clowney.

## Roland's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2012	11/0	5	80	16.0	1	30
2013	10/6	25	455	18.2	5	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>21/6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>65</b>

## Roland's Single-Game Highs

Receptions.....6, Wisconsin, 2013  
Yards Receiving .....112, Wisconsin, 2013  
Long Reception.....65, North Carolina, 2013  
Touchdowns Receiving.....2, Mississippi State, 2013



## Benjamin RUSSELL

**FS • 6-0 • 175 • FR. • HS**  
**Atlanta, Ga.**  
**(Woodward Academy)**



Walk-on defensive back who joined the squad just prior to the start of spring practice... adds depth at the safety position.

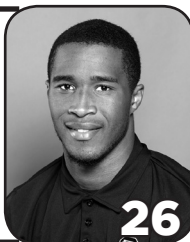
**2013:** Attended South Carolina but did not participate in football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Woodward Academy in Atlanta... coached by former Gamecock assistant John Hunt... named his squad's most valuable wide receiver... turned down a scholarship offer from Dartmouth.

**PERSONAL:** Benjamin Russell is a business administration major.

## Jasper SASSER

**FS • 6-0 • 203 • FR. • RS**  
**Jacksonville, Fla.**  
**(Wolfson)**



Redshirt freshman safety... listed with the third team unit at the free safety position entering the fall.

**2013:** Redshirted in his first season in the Garnet & Black.

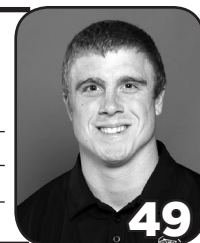
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played running back, quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back at Wolfson High School in Jacksonville, Fla., graduating in 2013... likely will begin his Carolina career at safety but could also play receiver... coached by Walter Williams... Wolfpack went 3-7 in his senior season... fractured his foot during his senior season and underwent surgery... missed most of the football season but returned to the basketball hardwood... in four games on the gridiron he passed for over 300 yards, had 298 yards receiving and five touchdowns on offense... also had 15 tackles and returned two kickoffs for scores... rushed for 2,000 yards and 17 scores as a junior... earned all-district honors as both a sophomore and junior... three-star prospect who was ranked as the 59th-best "athlete" in the nation and 96th on the Florida top-100 by Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 84th-best safety by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 156th-best player in the state, and the 79th-best "athlete" in the country by 247Sports... a three-star prospect, the 47th-best safety and an All-Southeast Region pick by PrepStar... turned

down offers from Clemson, Ole Miss, NC State, South Florida and Stanford among others.

**PERSONAL:** Jasper Sasser was born November 30, 1993... is a sport and entertainment management major.

## Garrett SHANK

**SS • 6-0 • 203 • SO. • SQ**  
**Marietta, Ga.**  
**(Lassiter)**



Sophomore safety who figures to be a special teams contributor again in 2014 while adding depth in the deep secondary.

**2013:** Joined the squad as a walk-on in the spring... saw action in four games, all on special teams.

**2012:** Enrolled at Carolina in August, but did not compete on the gridiron.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Lassiter High School in Marietta, Ga. in 2012... the Trojans went 10-4 during his senior season... logged 48 tackles and five interceptions as a safety... also played lacrosse, helping his squad to the state title game.

**PERSONAL:** Garrett Shank was born October 18, 1993... is a business administration major.

## Brandon SHELL

**OT • 6-6 • 333 • JR. • 2L**  
**Goose Creek, S.C.**  
**(Goose Creek)**



Big offensive lineman who is slated to handle the right tackle position again this season... a preseason second-team All-SEC selection according to Phil Steele... fourth-year junior who is a two-year starter... recognized as the Outstanding Weight Room award winner for the offense at the 2014 spring game... has made 23 starts in his career.

**2013:** Sophomore who held down the right tackle position... started all 13 games... presented with the Everyday Effort award at the 2013 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2012:** Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... earned Freshman All-SEC honors and was named first-team Freshman All-American by FoxSportsNext.com... started 10 of the 13 contests... made his first career start as the left tackle at Vanderbilt in the season opener... did not start the next three games while transitioning to his more comfortable right side... returned to the starting lineup as the right tackle at Kentucky and held that spot for the remainder of the season... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... shared Most Improved Offensive Lineman accolades at the 2012 Garnet & Black Spring Game with Will Sport.

**2011:** Redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman... saw action for four plays in the season opener against East Carolina... was hampered for much of the season with a shoulder injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Standout offensive lineman for head coach Chuck Reedy at Goose Creek (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2011... helped his team to the Class 4A Division II state semifinals as a senior... selected as the Charleston (S.C.) *Post and Courier's* Player of the Year... earned a spot on the prestigious *PARADE* All-America team... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Caro-





# CAROLINA FOOTBALL

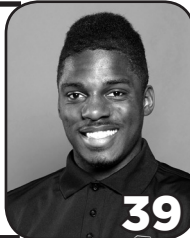
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linas and in the U.S. Army All-American Game... a four-star prospect who was listed as the state's third-best player, the fourth-best offensive tackle in the country and the 66th-best player regardless of position by Rivals.com... regarded as a five-star prospect and the fifth-best offensive tackle by Scout.com... four-star prospect, ranked No. 77 in the country, the number three recruit in the state and the 12th-best offensive tackle in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ranked 78th in the PrepStar 150... named first-team All-American by MaxPreps... also played basketball... had offers from all over the Southeast before selecting Carolina over Alabama and Clemson.

**PERSONAL:** Brandon Shell was born February 6, 1992... is a sociology major... great uncle is NFL Hall of Famer Art Shell.

## DEMETRIUS SMALLS

**CB • 5-11 • 170 • FR. • HS**  
**Bluffton, S.C.**  
**(Bluffton)**



Walk-on defensive back who joined the squad just prior to the start of spring ball... adds depth at the cornerback position.

**2013:** Attended South Carolina but did not participate in football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Bluffton (S.C.) High School in 2013... coached by Ken Cribb... served as a team captain... earned the squad's Best Receiver Award... turned down a scholarship offer from Army.

**PERSONAL:** Demetrius Smalls was born December 20, 1994... is a sport and entertainment management major.

## Jamari SMITH

**CB • 5-10 • 197 • SO. • 1L**  
**Jacksonville, Fla.**  
**(Fletcher)**



Versatile player who began his Carolina career at tailback, moved to cornerback, switched back to tailback and returned to cornerback in the spring with an opportunity to get on the field sooner... listed on the second team at cornerback entering the fall.

**2013:** True freshman who moved from running back to cornerback a week into fall camp... returned to running back during the week prior to the Tennessee game... played in nine games... used primarily on special teams... logged four carries for five yards in the win over Mississippi State... with injuries mounting at running back, had an opportunity to show his wares against Coastal Carolina... responded with a 103-yard effort and a touchdown on 10 carries... included was a 52-yard burst... finished the season with 108 yards rushing on 14 carries, a 7.7-yard average.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Running back who prepped at Fletcher High School in Neptune Beach, Fla., graduating in 2013... team went 12-3 in his senior season under head coach Josh Corey... tallied 2,178 yards on the ground with 24 touchdowns earning first-team Class 8A all-state honors as a junior... did not have a fumble in 295 carries as a junior while garnering *Florida Times-Union* Offensive Player of the Year accolades... three-star prospect, the 43rd-best running back in the nation and ranked 82nd on the Florida top 100 according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 61st-best running back by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 64th-best player in the state, and the 14th-best all-purpose back in the country by 247Sports... a three-star

prospect, the 33rd-best running back and an All-Southeast Region pick by PrepStar... selected South Carolina over Wake Forest but drew scholarship offers from multiple programs including Arkansas, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Notre Dame, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Virginia, West Virginia, and others.

**PERSONAL:** Jamari Smith was born October 19, 1994... is a sport and entertainment management major.

### J. Smith's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2013	9/0	14	108	7.7	1	52

### J. Smith's Single-Game Highs

Carries.....	10, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Yards Rushing .....	103, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Long Rush.....	52, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Touchdowns Rushing.....	1, Coastal Carolina, 2013
100-Yard Rushing Games.....	1 time



## Will SPORT

**OG • 6-5 • 291 • JR. • 2L**  
**Milton, Fla.**  
**(Pace)**



Junior offensive lineman... adds experienced depth along the Gamecock front line... listed as a backup at right guard entering the fall... a fixture on special teams... has made one career start.

**2013:** Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman... played in eight of 13 games... made his first start of his career at Tennessee, replacing the injured Ronald Patrick at right guard... also saw extensive action against Coastal Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2012:** Played in 12 of 13 games, primarily on special teams... shared Most Improved Offensive Lineman honors at the 2012 spring game with Brandon Shell.

**2011:** Redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Pace (Fla.) High School in 2011... coached by Mickey Lindsey... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals.com... was a two-star prospect and the nation's 150th-best offensive tackle by Scout.com... two-star prospect according to 247Sports.com... also had offers from FAU, FIU, USF, Southern Miss and UCF.

**PERSONAL:** William Sport was born September 25, 1992... is a management and marketing major at South Carolina.

## Brock STADNIK

**OG • 6-5 • 287 • SO. • 1L**  
**Greensboro, N.C.**  
**(Western Guilford)**



Third-year sophomore offensive lineman... listed as the No. 2 left guard behind senior A.J. Cann entering the fall... recognized as the "Most Improved" offensive lineman in the spring by the coaches... twin brother of Carolina offensive lineman Clayton Stadnik... father played in the NFL.

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# CAROLINA FOOTBALL

**2013:** Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... played in each of the last eight games on special teams... saw his first action on the offensive line in the win at Arkansas... also saw extensive playing time against Coastal Carolina.

**2012:** Touted offensive tackle who enrolled at Carolina in January 2012... underwent shoulder surgery upon his arrival and did not participate in spring drills... was limited in the fall while rehabbing... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Western Guilford High School in Greensboro, N.C. in December 2011... coached by Chris Causey... squad lost in the first round of the North Carolina 4A state playoffs and finished the season with a 4-7 record... was a 2012 UnderArmour All-American Game selection and 2011 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas selection... named to the PARADE All-America team... was an all-conference and all-state selection as a junior... is a four-star prospect, the seventh-best player in the state, and the 36th-best offensive tackle in the country according to Rivals.com... was a four-star recruit, the 18th-best tackle in the country and the 129th-best player overall according to Scout.com... a four-star recruit who ranked as the nation's 16th-best tackle and the sixth-best player in North Carolina by ESPN.com... was a four-star recruit, considered the state's seventh-best prospect, the 18th-best offensive tackle in the country and the nation's 143rd-best player overall, according to 247Sports.com... the PrepStar All-American selected South Carolina over Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Florida State and Virginia Tech among over 25 offers.

**PERSONAL:** Brock Stadnik is pursuing a degree in psychology... is a twin brother to Gamecock offensive lineman Clayton Stadnik... father, John, played center professionally for one season with the San Diego Chargers and four years in the USFL after playing collegiately at Western Illinois.

## Clayton STADNIK

**OC • 6-3 • 273 • SO. • 1L**  
**Greensboro, N.C.**  
**(Western Guilford)**



54

Third-year sophomore offensive lineman... expected to challenge Cody Waldrop for the starting center position during the fall... twin brother of Gamecock offensive lineman Brock Stadnik... started seven games in 2013.

**2013:** Redshirt freshman who was pressed into duty at center when starter Cody Waldrop was out with injuries... started seven games in the middle of the O-line... made his first career appearance and start at Georgia... named the SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for his efforts in the win over Vanderbilt in just his second start... graded out at 82 percent while playing all 87 snaps... made five successive starts against Kentucky, at Arkansas, at Tennessee, at Missouri and against Mississippi State.

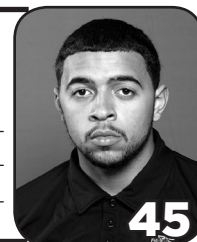
**2012:** Enrolled at Carolina in January 2012 and went through spring drills... redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Western Guilford High School in Greensboro, N.C. in December 2011... coached by Chris Causey... squad lost in the first round of the North Carolina 4A state playoffs and finished the season with a 4-7 record... played right tackle as a junior before making the switch to center... rated among the Top 40 players in North Carolina by the *Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer*... a three-star recruit and the nation's 18th-best center according to Rivals.com... a three-star recruit and the nation's 11th-best center as rated by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the eighth-best center and the 24th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... considered a two-star prospect, the 24th-best center in the country and the 48th-best player in North Carolina by 247Sports.com... a PrepStar All-Atlantic Region pick... offered by NC State, Virginia Tech, East Carolina and Wake Forest.

**PERSONAL:** Clayton Stadnik is working towards a degree in criminal justice... is a twin brother to Gamecock offensive lineman Brock Stadnik... father, John, played center professionally for one season with the San Diego Chargers and four years in the USFL after playing collegiately at Western Illinois.

## Brandon STURDIVANT

**FB • 6-2 • 218 • SO. • SQ**  
**Fort Mill, S.C.**  
**(Nation Ford)**



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Redshirt sophomore walk-on fullback who provides depth.

**2013:** Walk-on fullback who joined the squad in the fall of 2013 when the roster expanded.

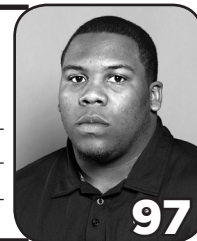
**2012:** Spent the year at York Technical College.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Nation Ford High School in Fort Mill, S.C. in 2012... played football for head coach Michael Allen.

**PERSONAL:** Brandon Sturdivant was born March 18, 1994... is a hotel, restaurant, tourism management major.

## J.T. SURRATT

**DT • 6-2 • 310 • SR. • 2L**  
**Winston-Salem, N.C.**  
**(Parkland)**



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Fifth-year senior who is the lone returning starter along the defensive line... will be looked on for leadership... a preseason third-team All-SEC selection by *Phil Steele*... shared the Everyday Attitude award for the defense with Marquis Roberts during the spring... has made 14 career starts, including every game during the 2013 season.

**2013:** Fourth-year junior defensive tackle who started all 13 games... registered 33 tackles with 4.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks... tied for the team high with six tackles, including five solo stops and a tackle for loss, against Kentucky... logged four tackles including three solo stops against Missouri... credited with an 11-yard sack and another quarterback hurry in the win over Mississippi State.

**2012:** Redshirt sophomore defensive tackle who played in each of the final 10 games... made one start... logged 14 tackles including 2.5 tackles for loss and a half sack... Had a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry in the win over Missouri... made his first career start at Florida when the Gamecocks opened in a goal-line defense... his half sack came at Clemson.

**2011:** Reserve defensive tackle... credited with two tackles in three games... saw action against Kentucky, Arkansas and Florida.

**2010:** Redshirted during his true freshman campaign... injured his right shoulder during fall camp and underwent surgery... spent the remainder of the fall rehabbing the injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Earned all-conference, all-county and all-state honors at Parkland High School in Winston-Salem, N.C., graduating in 2010... played for coach Deangelo Bell... logged 78 tackles, including 19 tackles for loss and 15 sacks as a senior... participated in the East-West All-Star Game... credited with 122 tackles, including 28 tackles for loss and 22 sacks as a junior... also played basketball in high school... averaged nine points, 12 rebounds and



six blocks as a junior on the hardwood... considered a two-star prospect by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 79th-best defensive tackle by Scout.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the nation's 94th-ranked defensive tackle by ESPN.com... also had offers from Louisville, East Carolina, Marshall and Western Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** Terrence Jalen Surratt was born August 10, 1992... is pursuing a degree in hotel, restaurant, tourism management.

Surratt's Statistics												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR	
2011	3/0	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2012	10/1	9	5	14	2.5-4	0.5-2	0	0	2	0	0	
2013	13/13	19	14	33	4.0-17	1.5-12	0	0	2	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26/14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>6.5-21</b>	<b>2.0-14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Rod TALLEY

**TB • 5-10 • 201 • SO. • TR**  
**Laurens, S.C.**  
**(Laurens/Gardner-Webb)**



Walk-on who enrolled at South Carolina in January and joined the squad just prior to the start of spring ball... will not be eligible this fall due to NCAA transfer rules.

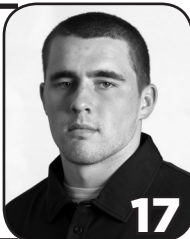
**2013:** Was a scholarship player on the Gardner-Webb football squad... played in eight games, was second on the team in rushing... carried 40 times for 276 yards (6.9 per carry) and three touchdowns as a true freshman... team finished 7-5.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Laurens (S.C.) High School in 2013... coached by Greg Lawson... named 2012 Laurens County Player of the Year in 2012... a two-time, first-team All-County selection... earned All-Region honors in 2012... rushed for 3,120 yards and 30 touchdowns in his final two seasons... carried 261 times for 1,530 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior... helped lead Raiders to an 8-4 overall record and the state playoffs... ran for 332 yards and two touchdowns on 35 carries vs. Woodruff (S.C.) High... had scoring runs of 62 and 94 yards in that game... named WSPA Player of the Week for his efforts... rushed for 1,590 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior... earned All-County honors in 2011.

**PERSONAL:** Rodrick Talley was born July 3, 1995... is a computer information systems major at South Carolina.

## Dylan THOMPSON

**QB • 6-3 • 218 • SR. • 3L**  
**Boiling Springs, S.C.**  
**(Boiling Springs)**



Fifth-year senior quarterback who has earned the starting duties entering the fall... is 3-0 in his career as a starter... one of the team's leaders in the locker room... completed 55.0 percent of his passes over the past three seasons for 1,827 yards with 14 touchdowns and five interceptions... has also rushed for five career scores... has a pair of 300-yard passing games among his three starts... served an internship under the direction of Athletics Director Ray Tanner during the spring to complete his undergraduate degree... recognized at the 2014 Garnet & Black Spring Game as the recipient of the Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete Representative of the University of South Carolina.

**2013:** Backup signal-caller who proved to be effective when given an opportunity... played in 10 of 13 games making one start... completed 58.4 percent of his passes (52-for-89) for 783 yards with four touchdowns and three interceptions... also rushed 16 times for 27 yards and three scores... got in for just one play in the season opener against North Carolina, but made that a productive one, as he hit Kane Whitehurst on a 29-yard touchdown pass... came off the bench to complete 7-of-9 passes for 75 yards and scored on a three-yard keeper in limited duty against Vanderbilt... entered the UCF game early after an injury to Connor Shaw... completed 15-of-32 passes for 261 yards in the win over the Knights... also scored on a two-yard run... worked in relief in the win at Arkansas, completing 4-of-5 passes for 38 yards, including a 15-yard TD pass to Whitehurst... made his only start of the season at Missouri... completed 15-of-27 passes for 222 yards with one interception before giving way to Connor Shaw in the third quarter... hit on 8-of-11 passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns in the rout of Coastal Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2012:** Sophomore quarterback who proved to be a more than an adequate backup for Connor Shaw... completed 66-of-127 passes on the season for 1,027 yards and 10 TDs with just two interceptions in 11 games... made a pair of starts for an injured Shaw, throwing for over 300 yards on each occasion... made his first career start against East Carolina and responded by completing 21-of-37 passes for 330 yards with three touchdowns and no picks... also rushed nine times for 17 yards... had TD passes of 7, 30 and 29 yards, and also completed a 53-yard pass to Damiere Byrd... selected as the Capital One Cup Impact Performer of the Week for his efforts... came off the bench to hit 5-of-10 passes for 177 yards and two TDs against UAB... hit Byrd on a 94-yard touchdown pass, the fourth-longest pass completion in school history and also hooked up with Shaq Roland on a 30-yard scoring strike... also rushed for a six-yard score... completed 8-of-20 passes for 83 yards in a relief role at Florida... got his second starting nod at Clemson... responded by completing 23-of-41 passes for 310 yards with three touchdowns... scoring passes were from 13, 34 and 6 yards out... also had a key 20-yard draw on a 3rd-and-19 situation, the longest run of his career, setting up the game's final touchdown... received the Ernest Brooks MVP award for his performance against the Tigers... hit 7-of-10 passes for 117 yards and two scores in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan... connected on a 70-yard strike to Nick Jones and found Bruce Ellington on a 32-yard scoring pass with just 11 seconds left in the contest, lifting Carolina to a 33-28 win... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... shared Most Improved Quarterback honors at the 2012 Garnet & Black Spring Game with Seth Strickland.

**2011:** Listed as the second-team signal-caller after the departure of Stephen Garcia... saw action in four contests... briefly appeared in the Vanderbilt game, rushing one time for one yard... carried three times for 11 yards, including an 8-yard TD versus Kentucky... also completed both of his passes in that game for 17 yards... rushed one time for four yards at Arkansas... took the snaps on the final series in the Capital One Bowl win over Nebraska... named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2010:** Redshirted as a true freshman... worked with the scout team.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Two-sport star at Boiling Springs (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2010... selected to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... threw for 1,300 yards and rushed for another 500, accounting for 21 touchdowns in only six games as a junior as the Bulldogs went 8-4 before losing to eventual AAAA state finalist Sumter... hindered by a separated shoulder... also played basketball... averaged 17 points, five rebounds and five assists as a junior, earning a scholarship offer from Louisiana Tech... considered a two-star prospect by Rivals.com... rated a two-star prospect by Scout.com... regarded as a two-star prospect and the nation's 94th-ranked quarterback by ESPN.com... also considered ECU, Kentucky, Vanderbilt and Furman... hails from the same school that produced former Carolina quarterback Phil Petty.

**PERSONAL:** Dylan Thompson was born October 25, 1991... graduated in May with a degree in sport and entertainment management.



## Thompson's Statistics

-Passing-						
Year	GP/GS	Com-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2011	4/0	2-2-0	1.000	17	0	10
2012	11/2	66-127-2	52.0	1027	10	94
2013	10/1	52-89-3	58.4	783	4	44
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25/3</b>	<b>120-218-5</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>1827</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>94</b>

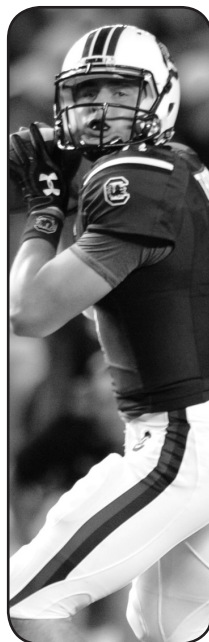
-Rushing-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	4/0	5	16	3.2	1	8
2012	11/2	34	23	0.7	1	20
2013	10/1	16	27	1.7	3	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25/3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>

## Thompson's Single-Game Highs

Pass Attempts ..... 41, Clemson, 2012  
 Pass Completions ..... 23, Clemson, 2012  
 Passing Yards ..... 330, East Carolina, 2012  
 Passing Touchdowns ..... 3, twice; East Carolina, 2012  
 & Clemson, 2012  
 Rushing Attempts ..... 14, Clemson, 2012  
 Rushing Yards ..... 38, Clemson, 2012  
 Long Rush ..... 20, Clemson, 2012  
 Rushing Touchdowns ..... 1, 5 Times

## Thompson's Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	W/L	C	-Passing-				-Rushing-			
				A	I	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	
09/03/11	vs East Carolina	-				-DNP-					
09/10/11	at Georgia	-				-DNP-					
09/17/11	Navy	-				-DNP-					
09/24/11	Vanderbilt	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	
10/01/11	Auburn	-				-DNP-					
10/08/11	Kentucky	-	2	2	0	17	0	3	11	1	
10/15/11	at Miss State	-				-DNP-					
10/29/11	at Tennessee	-				-DNP-					
11/05/11	at Arkansas	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	
11/12/11	Florida	-				-DNP-					
11/19/11	The Citadel	-				-DNP-					
11/26/11	Clemson	-				-DNP-					
01/02/12	vs Nebraska	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>2011 TOTALS</b>		<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	
08/30/12	at Vanderbilt	-	0	3	0	0	0	5	-4	0	
09/08/12	East Carolina	W	21	37	0	330	3	9	17	0	
09/15/12	UAB	-	5	10	0	177	2	2	-3	1	
09/22/12	Missouri	-	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	
09/29/12	at Kentucky	-	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10/06/12	Georgia	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10/13/12	at LSU	-				-DNP-					
10/20/12	at Florida	-	8	20	1	83	0	2	-13	0	
10/27/12	Tennessee	-				-DNP-					
11/10/12	Arkansas	-	1	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	
11/17/12	Wofford	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11/24/12	at Clemson	W	23	41	1	310	3	14	38	0	
01/01/13	vs Michigan	-	7	10	0	117	2	2	-12	0	
<b>2012 TOTALS</b>		<b>2-0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	
08/29/13	North Carolina	-	1	1	0	29	1	0	0	0	
09/07/13	at Georgia	-				-DNP-					
09/14/13	Vanderbilt	-	7	9	1	75	0	3	23	1	
09/28/13	at UCF	-	15	32	1	261	0	6	0	1	
10/05/13	Kentucky	-	1	3	0	13	0	1	-5	0	
10/12/13	at Arkansas	-	4	5	0	38	1	1	4	0	
10/19/13	at Tennessee	-	1	1	0	5	0	1	6	0	
10/26/13	at Missouri	W	15	27	1	222	0	2	5	0	
11/02/13	Miss. State	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11/16/13	Florida	-				-DNP-					
11/23/13	Coastal Carolina	-	8	11	0	140	2	2	-6	1	
11/30/13	Clemson	-				-DNP-					
01/01/14	vs Wisconsin	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>2013 TOTALS</b>		<b>1-0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>			<b>3-0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1827</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5</b>



## Gerald TURNER

**FB • 6-2 • 250 • FR. • RS**

**Goose Creek, S.C.**

**(Goose Creek)**



**44**

Redshirt freshman who began his career on the defensive side of the football, but was converted to fullback in the spring of 2014... listed with the third-team unit entering the fall.

**2013:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive end who finished his senior season with 93 tackles and eight sacks for Goose Creek (S.C.) High School... graduated in 2013... coached by Chuck Reedy... team went undefeated during his senior season... participated in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... recorded six tackles, including 1.5 for loss, an interception and two pass breakups in that contest... also played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl... tallied 42 tackles, 11 tackles for loss with nine sacks, six forced fumbles, five pass breakups and five blocked punts during his junior season, helping his team to the 4A Division II state title, all-state honors and Defensive Player of the Year accolades... also returned an interception 80 yards for a score and recovered a blocked punt for a TD... notched 40 tackles and six sacks as a sophomore... regarded as a three-star prospect, the eighth-best player in the state and the 23rd-best inside linebacker in the country according to Rivals... a three-star prospect and the nation's 56th-best middle linebacker by Scout... a three-star prospect, the 10th-best player in the state, and the 34th-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... was the nation's 16th-best inside linebacker by MaxPreps... a four-star prospect, the ninth-best inside linebacker in the country and the 156th-best player overall by PrepStar... also had offers from Clemson and North Carolina... prepped with current Gamecock Brandon Shell.

**PERSONAL:** Gerald Turner was born December 28, 1994... is a business administration major.

## Cody WALDROP

**OC • 6-2 • 309 • SO. • 1L**

**Seffner, Fla.**

**(Armwood)**



**51**

Third-year sophomore offensive lineman... slated to be the starting center entering the fall, but will be pushed by Clayton Stadnik... could also play guard... listed on the Rimington Award preseason Watch List, which recognizes the nation's outstanding center... has made six career starts.

**2013:** Redshirt freshman offensive lineman who filled the big shoes left by T.J. Johnson at the center position... totaled six starts... made his first career start in the season opener against North Carolina... injured his right foot in the contest and was not able to play at Georgia or against Vanderbilt... returned to the starting lineup at UCF... did not play against Kentucky or Arkansas due to an ankle injury... re-aggravated the ankle injury in practice leading to the Tennessee game and did not make the trip to Knoxville or Missouri and did not dress against Mississippi State... finally returned to the starting lineup against Florida and started the final four games... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... recognized as the Most Improved Freshman on offense during the spring at the 2013 spring game.

**2012:** Redshirted as a true freshman.



**HIGH SCHOOL:** Was a three-time all-state selection at Armwood High in Seffner, Fla., graduating in 2012... coached by Sean Callahan... helped the Hawks to a 15-0 record and a Class 6A state title as a senior... team finished third nationally in *USA Today's* poll... first-team All-Hillsborough County as a junior, according to the *Tampa Tribune*... named to the Super 75 by the *Florida Times-Union*... selected to the 2011 Super Southeast 120 by the *Mobile (Ala.) Register*... ranked 36th among the *Gainesville Sun* Florida's Top 50 prospects... was the state's No. 40 prospect according to *FlaVarsity.com*... was a three-star prospect, the nation's 16th-best guard and the 47th-best player in the state by *Rivals.com*... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 37th-best offensive guard by *Scout.com*... a three-star recruit, the nation's 33rd-best guard and the 70th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the nation's second-best center and the 55th-best player in Florida by *247Sports.com*... the PrepStar All-American committed to Carolina over Georgia... had offers from Florida State, North Carolina and Tennessee among others.

**PERSONAL:** Cody Waldrop was born July 8, 1993... is a criminal justice major at South Carolina.

## Jonathan WALTON

**LB • 6-0 • 228 • SO. • 1L**

**Daphne, Ala.**

**(Bayside Academy)**



Sophomore linebacker who figures to see more playing time in 2014 after getting his feet wet in 2013, primarily on special teams... regarded as the Most Improved linebacker during the 2014 spring drills... also selected by the coaches as the "Most Improved Freshman" on the defensive side of the ball... listed with the second team unit entering the fall at the Will linebacker position behind Skai Moore.

**2013:** True freshman linebacker who saw action in all 13 games... credited with eight tackles... also notched a quarterback hurry... logged a pair of tackles in the win over Mississippi State.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played linebacker at Bayside Academy in Daphne, Ala., graduating in 2013... helped the Admirals to a 7-5 record as a senior... logged 122 tackles and three blocked punts during his final season... coached by Phil Lazenby... regarded as a three-star prospect, the No. 20 player in the state of Alabama and the 21st-best inside linebacker in the nation by *Rivals*... a three-star recruit and the No. 46 middle linebacker in the country according to *Scout*... considered a three-star prospect, the 21st-best player in the state and the 39th-best inside linebacker in the country by *247Sports*... named All-Southeast Region by *PrepStar*... originally committed to Penn State... also officially visited Auburn, Tennessee and Minnesota.

**PERSONAL:** Jonathan Walton was born September 20, 1994... is undecided on his major field of study.

### Walton's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2013	13/0	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0

## Devin WASHINGTON

**DE • 6-3 • 221 • FR. • RS**

**Orlando, Fla.**

**(Jones)**



Redshirt freshman who had his first real opportunity to showcase his skills to the coaches during spring ball... missed the entire 2013 season after suffering a concussion during preseason camp... listed with the third team at defensive end entering the fall.

**2013:** Redshirted after sitting out the entire campaign with a concussion, suffered prior to the start of the season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played defensive end for Jones High School in Orlando... graduated in 2013... coached by Jerry Howard... helped the Fightin' Tigers to a 7-5 record as a senior... member of the *Orlando Sentinel's* 2013 Super 60... played at East River before transferring to Jones prior to his junior season... logged 55 tackles with 11 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks as a junior and 43 tackles with 9.5 sacks as a sophomore... rated a three-star prospect, the state's 58th-best player and the nation's No. 20 weakside defensive end by *Rivals*... a three-star prospect and the nation's 57th-best defensive end by *Scout*... a four-star prospect, the 48th-best player in the state, and the 14th-best weak-side defensive end in the country according to *247Sports*... considered the 25th-best defensive end in the nation by *MaxPreps*... a three-star prospect, the 16th-best defensive end in the country and an All-Southeast Region pick according to *PrepStar*... also had offers from Boston College, Cincinnati and Clemson among others.

**PERSONAL:** Devin Washington was born March 24, 1995... is a business administration major at South Carolina... heavily involved with the "Uplifting Athletes" chapter at South Carolina.

## Michael WASHINGTON

**DE • 6-3 • 237 • JR. • SQ**

**Allendale, S.C.**

**(Allendale-Fairfax/S.C. State)**



Defensive end who is the oldest player on the squad, as he turns 27 in August... voted the Outstanding Walk-on for the defense in the spring of 2014 by the coaching staff... enlisted in the United States Marines after high school... spent four years in military service... previously was a walk-on at South Carolina State.

**2013:** Worked with the scout team as a reserve defensive end.

**2012:** Enrolled at South Carolina and joined the football squad in the spring as a walk-on defensive end.

**2011:** Was a walk-on football player at South Carolina State University... did not appear in any games... attended USC-Aiken in the spring of 2011.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Allendale-Fairfax High School in 2005... coached by Carlos Cave... lettered in football and basketball... had football scholarship offers from South Carolina, Clemson and North Carolina State to play safety... logged 95 tackles as a junior.

**PERSONAL:** Michael Washington is a criminal justice major.



## Kane WHITEHURST

WR • 5-11 • 169 • JR. • 1L

Duluth, Ga.

(Chattahoochee/Arkansas)



85

Walk-on wide receiver who came to Carolina after one season at Arkansas... listed with the third-team unit entering the fall... also a candidate for special teams work.

**2013:** Walk-on transfer from Arkansas who became eligible this season... played in 11 games... caught four passes for 66 yards, a 16.5-yard average... two of his catches went for scores... saw his first game action for the Garnet & Black in the season opener against North Carolina... responded with a 29-yard touchdown reception from Dylan Thompson on his only catch in that contest... caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from Thompson in the win at Arkansas against his former teammates... hauled in two passes for 22 yards against Coastal Carolina... limited in the spring as he continued to rehab from shoulder surgery.

**2012:** Walk-on wide receiver who joined the team in the fall of 2012 when the roster expanded in August... was not eligible to compete in 2012 due to NCAA transfer rules... did not practice after undergoing shoulder surgery.

**2011:** Attended the University of Arkansas on a football scholarship... was redshirted during his true freshman campaign.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Chattahoochee High School in Alpharetta, Ga. in 2011... helped the team to the 2010 Georgia AAAA state championship... was a big-play threat in his senior season for head coach Terry Crowder, totaling 84 catches for 1,378 receiving yards and 17 touchdowns, including a score in Chattahoochee's 24-0 victory against Starr's Mill High School for the state title... was an all-state first-team pick and North Fulton Region Offensive Player of the Year honoree by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*... also claimed first-team all-area honors from *The Beacon*... prior to his standout senior season, Whitehurst played quarterback and defensive back at Northview High School... earned All-Neighbor second-team accolades at defensive back from the *North Fulton Neighbor*... originally picked the Razorbacks over interest from Eastern Michigan, Troy, Tulane and Vanderbilt.

**PERSONAL:** Kane Whitehurst was born March 9, 1993... is a retailing major at South Carolina... is the cousin of current NFL and former Clemson quarterback Charlie Whitehurst.

### Whitehurst's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2013	11/0	4	66	16.5	2	29

### Whitehurst's Single-Game Highs

Receptions.....	2, Coastal Carolina, 2013
Yards Receiving .....	29, North Carolina, 2013
Long Reception .....	29, North Carolina, 2013
Touchdown Receptions .....	1, twice: North Carolina & Arkansas, 2013



## Brandon WILDS

TB • 6-2 • 222 • JR. • 2L

Blythewood, S.C.

(Blythewood)



22

Fourth-year junior running back who provides an excellent complement to starter Mike Davis... big back who likes to run between the tackles... has 707 rushing yards and six touchdowns on 150 career carries... owns three 100-yard rushing games... also has 24 receptions for 255 yards and two scores... has made five career starts.

**2013:** Sophomore tailback who was hampered for much of the season with injuries... limited to just seven games... logged 43 carries for 221 yards, a 5.1-yard average, with three touchdowns... also caught nine passes for 119 yards and two scores... ran a dozen times for 64 yards in the season opener against North Carolina... it was his first action since the 2011 season... scored on a seven-yard burst at Georgia... rushed 10 times for 36 yards and caught a career-high five passes for a career-best 65 yards with a 33-yard TD catch in the win over Vanderbilt... rushed five times for 31 yards at UCF before suffering a dislocated elbow... missed six games between the elbow and a hamstring injury... returned to action with seven carries for 62 yards and two touchdowns against Coastal Carolina... caught two passes for 36 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown reception that sealed the win, against Clemson... garnered the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring accolades at the 2013 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2012:** Sat out the season as a redshirt after suffering a high ankle sprain... worked extremely hard in the weight room to gain strength and speed while redshirting.

**2011:** True freshman who burst on the scene after the season-ending injury to Marcus Lattimore and proved to be an SEC-caliber back... began the fall camp listed as the fifth-string tailback... Injuries to Lattimore (knee), Shon Carson (knee), Kenny Miles (wrist) and Eric Baker (ankle) vaulted Wilds to the top of the heap... used primarily as a special teams performer early in the season... appeared in each of the first seven games, rushing 13 times for 75 yards, an average of 5.8 yards per carry... made his first career start at Tennessee... rushed 28 times for 137 yards, an average of 4.9 yards per carry, with a long of 24 yards against the Vols... also was the Gamecocks' leading receiver with three catches for 31 yards... He was held in check at Arkansas with 10 carries for just 21 yards, but scored his first collegiate touchdown... bounced back with his second 100-yard rushing game when he went for 120 yards on a career-high 29 carries against Florida... logged 109 yards and two TDs on 20 carries against The Citadel including a season-best 47-yard burst... finished the season with three 100-yard rushing games among his five starts... was third on the squad with 486 net yards rushing on 107 carries, an average of 4.5 yards per tote... scored three rushing touchdowns... also caught 15 passes for 136 yards, 9.1 yards per catch.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Blythewood (S.C.) High School in 2011... finished his prep career with 500 carries for 2,700 yards with 29 rushing scores in 33 games... coached by Jeremy Saitz... carried 175 times for 818 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior... played in the North-South All-Star game following the season... rushed for 1,551 yards (129 per game) and scored 20 TDs as a junior... became the first player in Bengal history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season... had 73 carries for 331 yards as a sophomore in 2008... considered a three-star recruit and the state's 29th-best player by Rivals.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the nation's 115th-best running back by Scout.com... named a PrepStar All-American... also considered East Carolina, Arkansas, Illinois and Maryland.

**PERSONAL:** Brandon T. Wilds was born July 22, 1993... is an interdisciplinary studies major.







## Wilds' Statistics

### -Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	13/5	107	486	4.5	3	47
2012						
2013	7/0	43	221	5.1	3	27
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20/5</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>47</b>

### -Receiving-

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2011	13/5	15	136	9.1	0	20
2012						
2013	7/0	9	119	13.2	2	33
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20/5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>

## Wilds' Single-Game Highs

Carries.....	29, Florida, 2011
Yards Rushing .....	137, Tennessee, 2011
Long Rush.....	47, Citadel, 2011
Touchdowns Rushing.....	2, Citadel, 2011
Receptions.....	5, Vanderbilt, 2013
Yards Receiving .....	65, Vanderbilt, 2013
Long Reception .....	33, Vanderbilt, 2013
100-Yard Rushing Games.....	3 times



## Brison WILLIAMS

**SS • 5-11 • 208 • SR. • 3L**

**Warner Robins, Ga.**

**(Northside/Fork Union)**



**12**

Senior with a lot of experience who will be the leader in the secondary... can play either of the safety spots and could also be used at cornerback... a preseason fourth-team All-SEC selection according to *Phil Steele*... slated to start at the strong safety position in the fall, but was recognized as the Most Improved cornerback in the spring... has played 33 games over the past three seasons, making 24 starts, most among the defensive players and second on the squad behind A.J. Cann... two of his three interceptions have come against Clemson.

**2013:** Played in 12 games, starting 11... saw action at both free and strong safety... collected 45 tackles, including 32 solo stops... had one interception and three pass breakups... led the team with eight tackles at Tennessee, including a half-tackle for loss... logged seven tackles and a pass breakup against Mississippi State... did not play against Coastal Carolina after suffering a cracked bone in his forearm... intercepted a pass against Clemson, his second in as many seasons against the Tigers.

**2012:** Sophomore safety who played in all 13 games, starting 12... only game he did not start was at Florida when Carolina opened in a goal-line defense... credited with 52 tackles, including 43 solo stops... logged a pair of interceptions and four pass breakups... credited with a sack in the opener at Vanderbilt... intercepted the first pass of his career against East Carolina... led the team with a career-high eight tackles in the win at Kentucky... led the team with seven tackles, all solo stops, along with a pair of pass breakups against Georgia... forced a fumble against Arkansas... recovered a fumble against Wofford... recorded his second pick in the win at Clemson.

**2011:** True freshman who enrolled in the spring after spending the previous fall at Fork Union Military... suffered a broken arm during fall camp, which kept him sidelined for the first four weeks of the season... made his debut against Auburn... played in eight contests... collected 11 tackles, including eight solo stops... made the start against Florida replacing an injured DeVonte Holloman... named Most Improved among the safeties in the spring.

**2010:** Signed with South Carolina in February... attended Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy where he was a four-star prospect and the nation's sixth-best prep school player by Rivals.com... was a three-star prospect by Scout.com and 247Sports... coached by John Shuman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Northside High School in Warner Robins, Ga. in 2010... was the 5A Defensive Player of the Year and earned All-Middle Georgia and all-state first-team accolades... recorded 88 tackles, including 66 solo stops for the Eagles... had 10 tackles for loss, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries... returned four kickoffs for touchdowns... participated in the GACA North-South All-Star Classic and earned the 2009 Golden Helmet Award... considered a three-star prospect, the state's 34th-best prospect and the nation's 36th-best cornerback by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 85th-best cornerback by Scout.com... regarded as a two-star prospect and the nation's 104th-ranked safety by ESPN.com... also considered Georgia Tech.

**PERSONAL:** Brison Williams was born December 4, 1991... is a sociology major.

## B. Williams' Statistics

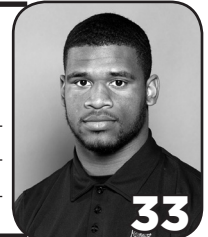
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2011	8/1	8	3	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	13/12	43	9	52	1.5-3	1.0-2	2	4	0	1	1
2013	12/11	32	13	45	0.5-2	0.0-0	1	3	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>33/24</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2.0-5</b>	<b>1.0-2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

## David WILLIAMS

**TB • 6-1 • 214 • FR. • RS**

**Philadelphia, Pa.**

**(Imhotep Charter)**



**33**

Redshirt freshman tailback who figures to work his way into the rotation in a crowded backfield this fall... highly touted athlete coming out of high school... possesses excellent size and speed.

**2013:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Rushed for 1,904 yards on 195 carries (9.8 per rush) with 23 touchdowns as a senior at Imhotep Charter in Philadelphia... led the Panthers to a 14-1 record... graduated in 2013... coached by Albie Crosby... played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif. following his senior season... earned first-team All-City honors as a junior when he fell just short of 2,000 yards rushing... a four-star recruit, the eighth-best player in the state and the 21st-best running back in the country according to Rivals... a four-star prospect and the nation's 23rd-best running back by Scout... a four-star prospect, the seventh-best player in the state, the eighth-best running back in the country and the 146th-best player overall according to 247Sports... rated a four-star prospect and No. 131 on the ESPN150... considered the nation's 11th-best running back by MaxPreps... turned down offers from Ohio State, Arizona State, Tennessee, Miami, Arizona, Auburn and Boston College among others.

**PERSONAL:** David Williams was born June 17, 1994... is a business administration major at South Carolina.

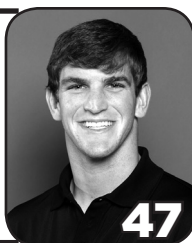


## Drew WILLIAMS

LS • 6-2 • 201 • SO. • 1L

Irmo, S.C.

(Dutch Fork)



Sophomore walk-on who earned a letter as a true freshman in 2013 while handling the team's deep snapping duties... slotted to handle those chores again this fall... named the Most Improved special teams long snapper in the spring of 2014.

**2013:** True freshman walk-on who handled the snapping duties on punts throughout the season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Served as the long snapper for Dutch Fork High School in nearby Irmo, S.C... also played some quarterback and receiver for the Silver Foxes... coached by Tom Knotts... joined the Gamecock program in the summer as a walk-on... honored as the Student of the Year and received the Citizenship award.

**PERSONAL:** Charles Andrew Williams was born June 17, 1994... is an anthropology major.

## Mason ZANDI

OT • 6-9 • 301 • SO. • 1L

Irmo, S.C.

(Chapin)



One of the biggest players on the team at 6-9 and 301 pounds... listed as the second team left tackle entering the fall behind Corey Robinson... made his only career start as a tight end... is also a special teams contributor.

**2013:** Redshirt freshman... plays both offensive tackle (No. 74) and tight end (No. 83)... saw action in every game... made his first career start, playing tight end, against Vanderbilt... considered the Most Improved offensive lineman in the spring.

**2012:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** played for the Chapin (S.C.) Eagles... competed for just one season on the offensive line... was the state 3A champion in the shot put as a junior... was a two-star prospect by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 102nd-best offensive tackle by Scout.com... a two-star recruit, the 146th-best offensive tackle and the 32nd-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... considered the 35th-best prospect in South Carolina, the 145th-best offensive tackle in the country and a two-star recruit by 247Sports.com.

**PERSONAL:** Mason Zandi was born July 26, 1994... is a marketing major.





NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH/LAST SCHOOL)
Bryson Allen-Williams	LB	6-1	231	Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)
Joe Blue	FB	5-10	255	Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)
Kevin Crosby	TE	6-1	230	Bamberg, S.C. (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)
Shaq Davidson	WR	5-11	170	Gaffney, S.C. (Gaffney)
Terry Googer	WR	6-4	210	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)
Wesley Green	CB	5-10	176	Lithonia, Ga. (Martin Luther King)
Al Harris Jr.	CB	5-11	162	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Abu Lamin*	DT	6-4	295	Fayetteville, N.C. (Trinity Christian/ Fort Scott C.C.)
Chris Lammons	CB	5-10	172	Sunrise, Fla. (Plantation)
Blake McClain	DE	6-3	265	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood)
Kalan Ritchie	DE	6-5	226	Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek)
Tyshun Samuel	WR	6-0	192	Inman, S.C. (Chapman)
Dante Sawyer	DE	6-2	235	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
Michael Scarnecchia	QB	6-4	189	Fleming Island, Fla. (Fleming Island)
Darin Smalls	CB	5-11	180	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
D.J. Smith	CB	5-11	189	Marietta, Ga. (Walton)
Taylor Stallworth	DT	6-2	293	Mobile, Ala. (Murphy)
Donell Stanley	OL	6-4	346	Floydale, S.C. (Latta)
Jhaustin Thomas	DE	6-6	255	Covington, Ga. (Columbia/Trinity Valley C.C.)
Dexter Wideman	DT	6-4	270	Saluda, S.C. (Saluda)
Malik Young	OL	6-3	318	Pelzer, S.C. (Woodmont)

\*Enrolled in January 2014

## Year-by-Year Recruiting Rankings

Year	Rivals.com	Scout.com	Year	Rivals.com	Scout.com
2002	11	18	2008	22	34
2003	8	15	2009	12	13
2004	35	28	2010	24	34
2005	23	20	2011	18	11
2006	24	33	2012	19	13
2007	6	7	2013	16	24
			2014	16	24

## QUICK FACTS

- ◆ Officially 21 players in the 2014 signing class, eight on offense and 13 on defense.
- ◆ 19 high school players in the 2014 signing class and two junior college players (Abu Lamin and Jhaustin Thomas).
- ◆ Five states are represented including South Carolina (9), Georgia (6), Florida (4), Alabama (1) and North Carolina (1).
- ◆ Defensive tackle Abu Lamin enrolled in January.
- ◆ The class features four of the Rivals250 list including: Dante Sawyer (87), Bryson Allen-Williams (103), Wesley Green (208), and Dexter Wideman (237).
- ◆ The class has eight members of the Scout300 including: Donell Stanley (105), Shaq Davidson (120), Bryson Allen-Williams (138), D.J. Smith (168), Wesley Green (209), Dante Sawyer (231), Chris Lammons (265) and Dexter Wideman (266).
- ◆ The class includes seven of the 247Sports 247 list including: Dexter Wideman (64), Bryson Allen-Williams (96), Donell Stanley (115), Dante Sawyer (121), Wesley Green (185), Tyshun Samuel (238), and Shaq Davidson (241).
- ◆ The class includes 10 of the ESPN300 list including: Chris Lammons (86), Dante Sawyer (88), D.J. Smith (108), Wesley Green (120), Kevin Crosby (143), Shaq Davidson (146), Bryson Allen-Williams (162), Dexter Wideman (179), Donell Stanley (214), and Terry Googer (260).
- ◆ The 2014 class is ranked 16th in the country by Rivals.com; 24th by Scout.com; 15th by 247Sports.com, and 19th by ESPN.com.
- ◆ It was the 10th-straight year that Carolina has been ranked in the top-25 in recruiting classes according to Rivals.com.
- ◆ Rivals.com: 10 4-star; 11 3-star; 0 2-star.
- ◆ Scout.com: 9 4-star; 9 3-star; 3 2-star.
- ◆ 247Sports: 11 4-star; 9 3-star; 1 2-star.
- ◆ ESPN.com: 10 4-star; 11 3-star; 0 2-star.

## BY POSITION

### OFFENSE (8)

**Quarterback (1):** Michael Scarnecchia  
**Fullback (1):** Joe Blue  
**Wide Receiver (3):** Shaq Davidson, Terry Googer, Tyshun Samuel  
**Tight End (1):** Kevin Crosby  
**Offensive Line (2):** Donell Stanley, Malik Young

### DEFENSE (13)

**Defensive End (4):** Blake McClain, Kalan Ritchie, Dante Sawyer, Jhaustin Thomas  
**Defensive Tackle (3):** Abu Lamin, Taylor Stallworth, Dexter Wideman  
**Linebacker (1):** Bryson Allen-Williams  
**Cornerback (5):** Wesley Green, Al Harris Jr., Chris Lammons, Darin Smalls, D.J. Smith

## BY STATE

**Alabama (1):** Taylor Stallworth  
**Florida (4):** Al Harris Jr., Chris Lammons, Blake McClain, Michael Scarnecchia  
**Georgia (6):** Bryson Allen-Williams, Terry Googer, Wesley Green, Dante Sawyer, D.J. Smith, Jhaustin Thomas

**North Carolina (1):** Abu Lamin  
**South Carolina (9):** Joe Blue, Kevin Crosby, Shaq Davidson, Kalan Ritchie, Tyshun Samuel, Darin Smalls, Donell Stanley, Dexter Wideman, Malik Young





## Bryson ALLEN-WILLIAMS

**LB • 6-1 • 231 • FR. • HS**

**Ellenwood, Ga.**  
**(Cedar Grove)**



**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Cedar Grove (Ellenwood, Ga.) High School in 2014.... coached by Jimmy Smith... the Saints went 7-5 in his senior season, reaching the second round of the state AAA playoffs... earned Class AAA second-team all-state honors by the Georgia Sportswriters... earned a spot on the *AJC's* Class AAA All-Metro squad... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio, Texas following his senior season... collected 99 tackles with 22 tackles for loss including 16 sacks, three fumble recoveries and an interception as a junior... was an AT&T Georgia Junior Bowl selection... recorded 64 tackles as a sophomore... Rivals.com considers him a four-star prospect, the sixth-best outside linebacker in the nation, No. 103 overall, and the 28th-best player in the state of Georgia... Scout.com gives him a four-star rating, is No. 12 on its list of outside linebackers and No. 138 overall... 247Sports.com lists him as a four-star recruit, the nation's No. 6 outside linebacker, the seventh-best player in the state of Georgia and No. 96 on its Top247 list... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, No. 162 on its ESPN300 list, the 10th-best outside linebacker in the nation and the 11th-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a four-star prospect and No. 208 on the Top 300 All-American Team... also visited UCLA, Alabama and Georgia and had offers from over 20 other major schools.

**PERSONAL:** Bryson Allen-Williams was born October 15, 1996... was the second commitment in the Gamecocks' 2014 recruiting class.

## Joe BLUE

**FB • 5-10 • 255 • FR. • HS**

**Dillon, S.C.**  
**(Dillon)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played on both sides of the ball at Dillon (S.C.) High School, seeing action at running back, fullback and linebacker for the Wildcats... was an all-region and all-state player... coached by Jackie Hayes... helped his team to a 12-2 record and the state title in 2013... named the *High School Sports Report* Division I-AA Defensive Player of the Year... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... logged six tackles with two tackles for loss and scored a rushing touchdown in the contest... had 17 carries for 96 yards and a touchdown to help Dillon win the 2012 state championship... logged 16 rushing touchdowns as a junior... Rivals.com lists him as a three-star prospect, the No. 5 fullback in the nation and the 16th-best player in the state... Scout.com ranks him as a three-star prospect and the 54th-best middle linebacker in the country... 247Sports considers him a three-star prospect, the 28th-best player in the state and the nation's 36th-best inside linebacker... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 29th-best inside linebacker in the nation and the 21st-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick... also offered by Auburn, Florida, Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech.

**PERSONAL:** Joseph Hakeem Blue was born October 27, 1994... interested in sports medicine... enjoys reading about Malcolm X... was the first commitment in the 2014 recruiting class.

## Zach CIMAGLIA

**K/P • 6-1 • 170 • SO. • TR**

**Charlotte, N.C.**  
**(Myers Park/North Carolina A&T)**



**2013:** Transfer who spent the 2013-14 academic year at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte.

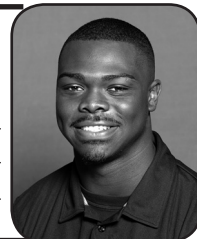
**2012:** Was a member of the North Carolina A&T football squad... served as the Aggies kicker and punter for head coach Rod Broadway... connected on 14-of-24 field goals and 25-of-27 extra points for 67 points... set the school record for freshmen with 14 made field goals... hit on 10-of-10 extra points against West Virginia State... was the MEAC Rookie of the Week after nailing four field goals against Virginia University of Lynchburg... averaged 37.6 yards on 51 punts with a long of 55... seven were of 50+ yards, 17 were inside the 20 and 13 were fair catches... also averaged 61.8 yards on 52 kickoffs with 11 touchbacks.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Myers Park High School in Charlotte in 2012... scored 62 points as a senior as he connected on 47 extra points and five field goals... kicked off 66 times for an average of 51.9 yards per kick with 27 touchbacks.

## Kevin CROSBY

**TE • 6-1 • 230 • FR. • HS**

**Bamberg, S.C.**  
**(Bamberg-Ehrhardt)**



**HIGH SCHOOL:** "KC" saw action at a number of positions for Bamberg (S.C.)-Ehrhardt High School... caught 43 passes for 571 yards and 12 touchdowns for the Red Raiders in his senior season... team finished with a 7-6 record and a spot in the semifinals of the AA-II playoffs... coached by his father, Kevin Crosby... earned a spot on the statewide all-state team as selected by the *High School Sports Report*... selected to the all-region team by the *Orangeburg Times and Democrat*... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Under Armour All-America game following his senior season... Rivals.com rates him as a four-star prospect, the sixth-best player in the state and the 11th-best tight end in the country... Scout.com ranks him as a three-star prospect and the 19th-best tight end in the country... considered a four-star prospect, the ninth-best player in the state, and the eighth-best tight end in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, No. 143 on its ESPN300 list, the fourth-best tight end in the nation and the third-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as a four-star prospect and No. 116 on the Top 150 Dream Team.

**PERSONAL:** Kevin Crosby Jr. was born May 23, 1996.

## Shaq DAVIDSON

**WR • 5-11 • 170 • FR. • HS**

**Gaffney, S.C.**  
**(Gaffney)**



**HIGH SCHOOL:** Gaffney (S.C.) High School product... coached by Dan Jones... led the Indians to an 8-4 record as a senior... played quarterback,





throwing for 1,539 yards and 13 touchdowns and rushing for 762 yards and seven scores... played in Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio... team reached the state championship game during his junior campaign... Rivals.com considers him a three-star prospect, the third-best player in the state and the 56th-best wide receiver in the country... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect, the 22nd-best wide receiver in the country and No. 120 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the sixth-best player in the state, the 36th-best wide receiver in the nation and the 241st-best player overall according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, No. 146 on its ESPN300 list, the 17-best wide receiver in the nation and the fourth-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 102 on the Top 150 Dream Team... also visited Auburn.

**PERSONAL:** Shaquille Davidson was born November 18, 1994.

## Terry GOOGER

**WR • 6-4 • 210 • FR. • HS**  
**Atlanta, Ga.**  
**(Woodward Academy)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Versatile athlete who played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back for the War Eagles of Woodward Academy in Atlanta... played for head coach John Hunt, the former offensive line coach at South Carolina... team finished with a 9-3 record in his senior season and advanced to the second round of the AAA playoffs... threw for 967 yards and 10 touchdowns and ran for 1,116 yards and 16 scores... also lettered in basketball and track... Rivals.com considers him a four-star prospect, the 26th-best player in the state, and the 19th-best "athlete" in the country... Scout.com ranks him as a three-star prospect and the 34th-best tight end in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 42nd-best player in the state, and the 62nd-best wide receiver in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, No. 260 on its ESPN300 list, the 33rd-best "athlete" in the nation and the 24th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 238 on the Top 300 All-American Team.

**PERSONAL:** Corterries Cosea Googer (GOO-grr) was born December 10, 1994... interested in the sports management program at South Carolina.

## Wesley GREEN

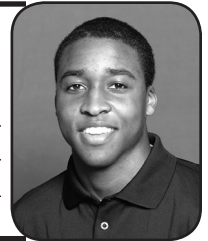
**CB • 5-10 • 176 • FR. • HS**  
**Lithonia, Ga.**  
**(Martin Luther King)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive back at Martin Luther King High School in Lithonia, Ga... coached by Cortez Allen... helped the Lions to a 7-4 record as a senior... collected five interceptions in his final campaign... Rivals.com considers him a four-star prospect, the 17th-best player in the state, the 17th-best cornerback in the country and No. 208 on the Rivals250 list... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect, the 21st-best cornerback in the country and No. 209 overall... 247Sports.com lists him as a four-star recruit, the nation's No. 15 cornerback, the 13th-best player in the state of Georgia and No. 185 on its Top247 list... rated a four-star recruit, the ninth-best player in the state, the nation's 13th-best cornerback and No. 120 overall by ESPN... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 193 on the Top 300 All-American Team.

**PERSONAL:** Wesley Green was born September 29, 1995... committed to South Carolina over Georgia and Ole Miss from among more than 25 offers.

## Al HARRIS JR.

**CB • 5-11 • 162 • FR. • HS**  
**Fort Lauderdale, Fla.**  
**(St. Thomas Aquinas)**



**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive back at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla... tore his hamstring in the third game of his senior season and was not able to play the rest of the way... the Raiders finished the 2013 slate with a 10-3 record and went to the regional finals of the 7A state playoffs... helped his team to the 7A state title in his junior season... Rivals.com considers him a three-star prospect, the 74th-best player in the state, and the 44th-best cornerback in the country... Scout.com ranks him as a three-star prospect and the 46th-best cornerback in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 78th-best player in the state, and the 49th-best cornerback in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 83rd-best cornerback in the nation and the 228th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick.

**PERSONAL:** Alshinard Harris Jr. was born November 19, 1995... father, Al Harris Sr., was a two-time pro bowl cornerback who played 14 seasons in the NFL for Philadelphia, Green Bay, Miami and St. Louis and is currently a coach for the Kansas City Chiefs.

## Caleb HINES

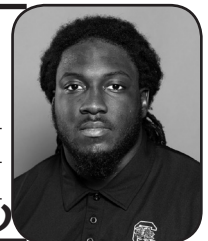
**WR • 5-10 • 160 • FR. • HS**  
**Cornelius, N.C.**  
**(Hough)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Hough High School in Cornelius, N.C. in 2014... attended SouthLake Christian in Huntersville, N.C. previously where he also played basketball... also considered Charlotte, Duke, Elon and Richmond before electing to walk-on at South Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** Caleb Hines is the son of Clarkston Hines, who played football for Steve Spurrier at Duke... Clarkston was the ACC Offensive Player of the Year and an All-American in 1989 after catching a league-record 17 touchdown passes... he was the 1990 ACC Male Athlete of the Year and a ninth-round selection by the Buffalo Bills in the NFL Draft... he was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2010.

## Abu LAMIN

**DT • 6-4 • 302 • SO. • JC**  
**Fayetteville, N.C.**  
**(Trinity Christian/Fort Scott CC)**



Bio can be found on page 58.

## Chris LAMMONS

**CB • 5-10 • 172 • FR. • HS**  
**Sunrise, Fla.**  
**(Plantation)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played on both sides of the ball for head coach Steven Davis at Plantation (Fla.) High School... helped the Colonels to an 8-3 record and to the second round of the 7A playoffs... as a quarterback, he threw for about 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns while running for another 900 yards and seven scores... as a defensive back, he registered 30 tackles with eight pass breakups and two interceptions... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio following his senior season... Rivals.com rates him as a four-star prospect, the 45th-best player in the state and the 14th-best "athlete" in the country... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect, the 31st-best cornerback in the country and No. 265 overall... 247Sports.com lists him as a four-star prospect, the nation's No. 22 cornerback and the 40th-best player in the state of Florida... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, the 12th-best "athlete" in the nation, No. 86 on the ESPN300 list and the 15th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 101 on the Top 150 Dream Team... originally committed to Florida... also visited Wisconsin.

**PERSONAL:** Christopher Lamar Lammons was born January 31, 1996... member of the high school honor roll... interested in communications.

## Blake MCCLAIN

**DE • 6-3 • 265 • FR. • HS**  
**Jacksonville, Fla.**  
**(Sandalwood)**



**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Sandalwood High School in Jacksonville in 2014... played defensive end for head coach Adam Geis... helped the Saints to an 8-3 record as a senior... began his prep career at Ponte Vedra (Fla.) Nease High School... considered a three-star prospect, the 53rd-best player in the state of Florida and the 19th-best strongside defensive end in the country by Rivals.com... regarded as a three-star prospect and the 64th-best defensive end in the country by Scout.com... 247Sports.com lists him as a three-star prospect, the 19th-best strongside defensive end in the nation and the 84th-best player in the state of Florida... ESPN.com ranks him as a three-star prospect, the 46th-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 85th-best player in Florida... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick... originally committed to Florida State and then to Nebraska before casting his lot with Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** Blake McClain was born September 15, 1995.

## Nick MCGRUFF

**TE • 6-0 • 220 • FR. • HS**  
**Gainesville, Fla.**  
**(Gainesville)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Gainesville (Fla.) High School in 2014... also played baseball... coached by Mark Latsko... Hurricanes went 9-3 in his

senior season, reaching the regional semifinals in 6A... elected to walk-on at South Carolina.

## Kalen RITCHIE

**DE • 6-5 • 226 • FR. • HS**  
**Goose Creek, S.C.**  
**(Goose Creek)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for head coach Chuck Reedy at Goose Creek (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2014... began the season as one of the top tight ends in the country and ended it as a defensive end for the Gators, who went 12-1 before bowing out in the second round of the 4A-II playoffs... recorded 41 tackles including 11 tackles for loss and three sacks... earned a spot on the Division II-AAAA all-state team as selected by the High School Sports Report... also was a *Charleston Post & Courier* all-region selection... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl following his senior season... Rivals.com considers him a three-star prospect, the No. 21 weakside defensive end in the nation and the eighth-best player in the state... Scout.com ranks him as a three-star prospect and the 50th-best tight end in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 30th-best player in the state, and the 47th-best tight end in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 17th-best tight end in the nation and the 18th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick... also had offers from Clemson, Virginia Tech and NC State among others.

**PERSONAL:** Kalen Ritchie was born October 9, 1995

## Tyshun SAMUEL

**WR • 6-0 • 192 • FR. • HS**  
**Inman, S.C.**  
**(Chapman)**



**HIGH SCHOOL:** "Deebo" played for head coach Mark Hodge at Chapman High School in Inman, S.C.... helped lead the Panthers to an 11-4 record and to the semifinals of the AAA playoffs as a senior... accumulated 166 catches for 2,751 yards and 36 touchdowns during his career... also rushed 133 times for 898 yards and scored 13 times on the ground... collected a school record 53 career TDs... added 94 tackles and 12 interceptions... as a senior logged 61 receptions for 1,184 yards and 15 scores... added 837 yards on the ground with 13 TDs... also scored twice on INTs... named the *High School Sports Report* Class AAA Offensive Player of the Year... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... caught 78 passes for 1,246 yards and 18 scores as a junior... also had a kick return and a punt return for a touchdown... played mainly defensive back and some running back as a sophomore... Rivals.com considers him a three-star prospect, the No. 53 wide receiver in the nation and the 17th-best player in the state... listed as a two-star prospect by Scout.com... considered a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, the 35th-best wide receiver in the nation, and is No. 238 overall according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 192nd-best wide receiver in the nation and the 32nd-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick... selected South Carolina over North Carolina, Vanderbilt and Appalachian State.

**PERSONAL:** Tyshun Samuel was born January 15, 1996... the nickname "Deebo" comes from the neighborhood bully character played by actor Tiny Lister in the movie "Friday".





## Dante SAWYER

**DE • 6-2 • 235 • FR. • HS**  
**Suwanee, Ga.**  
**(North Gwinnett)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive end who was coached by Bob Sphire at North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee, Ga.... helped the Bulldogs to a 13-3 record and the state championship game as a senior... logged 49 tackles, including eight tackles for loss and three sacks in his final campaign... earned first-team Class 6A all-state accolades by the Georgia Sportswriters... also earned a spot on the AJC's Class 6A all-metro team... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl... recorded three sacks in that all-star game... Rivals.com considers him a four-star prospect, the 13th-best player in the state, the seventh-best strongside defensive end in the country and No. 87 on the Rivals100 list... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect, the 24th-best defensive end in the country and No. 231 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the 8th-best player in the state, the fifth-best weakside defensive end in the nation, and No. 121 overall, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, No. 88 on its ESPN300 list, the ninth-best defensive end in the nation and the seventh-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 60 on the Top 150 Dream Team... also visited Missouri before choosing the Gamecocks.

**PERSONAL:** Dante Sawyer was born December 17, 1994.

## Michael SCARNECCHIA

**QB • 6-4 • 189 • FR. • HS**  
**Fleming Island, Fla.**  
**(Fleming Island)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for coach Frank Hall at Fleming Island (Fla.) High School... led the Golden Eagles to a 10-1 record as a senior while throwing 28 touchdowns and only two picks... earned a spot on the A.P. All-State team... as a junior, completed 101-of-156 passes for 1,553 yards and 18 TDs in his first year as a starter, earning honorable mention all-state honors... team logged a 7-3 record... Rivals.com considered him a three-star prospect while Scout.com gave him a two-star rating... considered a two-star prospect, the 277th-best player in the state, and the 84th-best pro-style quarterback in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 66th-best pocket-passing quarterback in the nation and the 239th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Southeast Region pick... selected Carolina over an offer from UAB.

**PERSONAL:** Michael Anthony Scarnecchia was born July 25, 1995... uncle, Sam Scarnecchia, played football at Miami (Fla.)... was a member of the National Honor Society... interested in neurology.

## Darin SMALLS

**SS • 5-11 • 180 • FR. • HS**  
**Summerville, S.C.**  
**(Summerville)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for legendary coach John McKissick at Summer-

ville (S.C.) High School... the Green Wave went 11-3 and reached the state semifinals in his senior season... suffered a knee injury in his final campaign... logged 60 tackles and intercepted six passes as a sophomore, returning two for touchdowns... also competed in baseball and track... Rivals.com considers him a three-star prospect, the 11th-best player in the state and the 37th-best cornerback in the country... Scout.com ranks him as a three-star prospect and the 53rd-best cornerback in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 15th-best player in the state, and the 37th-best safety in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 23rd-best safety in the nation and the 14th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick... had more than a dozen major college offers.

**PERSONAL:** Darin Herbert Smalls was born November 15, 1994... interested in the sports management program.

## D.J. SMITH

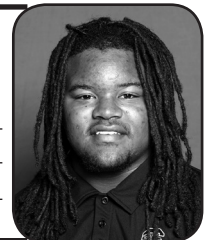
**CB • 5-11 • 189 • FR. • HS**  
**Marietta, Ga.**  
**(Walton)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played safety during his senior season at Walton High School in Marietta, Ga., after playing cornerback as a sophomore and a junior... recorded 77 tackles with a pair of interceptions in his final campaign while leading the Raiders to a 6-5 mark... coached by Rocky Hildago... Rivals.com considers him a four-star prospect, the 10th-best player in the state and the 26th-best cornerback in the country... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect, the 16th-best safety in the country and No. 168 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the 45th-best player in the state, and the 36th-best cornerback in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, the 12th-best cornerback in the nation, No. 108 on the ESPN300 list and the eighth-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 95 on the Top 150 Dream Team... selected South Carolina over Tennessee and Clemson... had more than 20 offers.

**PERSONAL:** David Jordan Smith was born September 8, 1995... comes from the same school that produced Gamecock assistant G.A. Mangus.

## Taylor STALLWORTH

**DT • 6-2 • 293 • FR. • HS**  
**Mobile, Ala.**  
**(Murphy)**



**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive lineman at Mobile, Alabama's Murphy High School... the Panthers went 6-5 under head coach Ronn Lee in 2013... credited with 53 tackles including 12 tackles for loss, seven hurries and four sacks as a senior... played in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Classic following his senior season... tallied eight tackles and a sack in that contest... recorded 57 tackles as a junior including nine for loss and four sacks... Rivals.com considers him a three-star prospect, the 12th-best player in the state and the 30th-best defensive tackle in the country... Scout.com ranks him as a three-star prospect and the 124th-best defensive end in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 20th-best player in the state, and the 49th-best defensive tackle in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 107th-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 51st-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect



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and an All-Southeast Region pick... had offers reaching double-digits and also visited Mississippi State before selecting Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** Taylor Stallworth as born August 18, 1995.

### Donell STANLEY

**OL • 6-4 • 346 • FR. • HS**

**Floydale, S.C.**

**(Latta)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Offensive lineman who prepped at Latta (S.C.) High School... the Vikings went 7-4 in 2013 under head coach Kelly Williamson... was a finalist for the South Carolina "Mr. Football" award... earned a spot on the statewide all-state team as selected by the *High School Sports Report*... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... also played basketball and baseball... played for the baseball state title as a junior... Rivals.com considers him a four-star prospect, the 10th-best player in the state and the 16th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect, the sixth-best offensive guard in the country and No. 105 overall... considered a four-star prospect, the fourth-best player in the state, the fifth-best offensive guard in the nation and the 121st-best player overall according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, the 14th-best offensive guard in the nation, No. 214 on the ESPN300 list and the seventh-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 213 on the Top 300 All-American Team... was a member of the National Honor Society... selected Carolina over Clemson.

**PERSONAL:** Donell Lavon Stanley Jr. was born June 27, 1995... interested in sports management.

### Jhaustin THOMAS

**DE • 6-6 • 255 • JR. • JC**

**Covington, Ga.**

**(Columbia/Trinity Valley C.C.)**

**JUNIOR COLLEGE:** Defensive end who spent the past two years at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas... coached by Brad Smiley... logged 55 tackles with 13.5 tackles for loss including a league-leading 12.5 sacks in 2013 for the Cardinals, earning first-team NJCAA All-America accolades and the SWJCFC Defensive MVP... Rivals.com lists him as a three-star recruit and the 89th-best JUCO prospect in the country... Scout.com considers him a two-star recruit... considered a three-star prospect, the fifth-best strongside defensive end in the JUCO ranks, and the 59th-best JUCO player in the country according to 247Sports.com... considered a three-star recruit who ranks 37th on the ESPNJC50... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and a JUCO All-American.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** A two-sport standout at Columbia High in Decatur, Ga... coached by Mario Allen... logged 55 tackles including 20 tackles for loss and three sacks as a senior... team went 6-5 in his senior season and 6-4 during his junior campaign... as a junior, made 83 tackles with 13 sacks... also played basketball where he averaged a double-double on the hardwood... helped his team to back-to-back state titles in hoops... was a three-star prospect, the nation's 43rd-best strongside defensive end and the 73rd-best player in Georgia by Rivals.com... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 86th-best defensive end by Scout.com... a three-star recruit, the 38th-best defensive end and the 37th-best player in the state according to ESPN.com... a three-star recruit, the nation's 36th-best strongside defensive end and the

## CAROLINA FOOTBALL

43rd-best player in Georgia by 247Sports.com... recruited by Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Georgia and Georgia Tech.

**PERSONAL:** Jhaustin Thomas was born April 13, 1993... originally signed by the Gamecocks in February 2012.

### Dexter WIDEMAN

**DT • 6-4 • 270 • FR. • HS**

**Saluda, S.C.**

**(Saluda)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive line recruit who prepped at Saluda (S.C.) High School... the Tigers went 5-6 under head coach Wayne Bell in 2013... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Under Armour All-America game following his senior season... logged four tackles in the Shrine Bowl... credited with 64 tackles and seven sacks in 2012... logged 61 tackles with 14.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks in 2011... Rivals.com considers him a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in the state, the 15th-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 237 on the Rivals250... Scout.com ranks him as a four-star prospect, the 22nd-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 266 overall... 247Sports.com lists him as a four-star prospect, the nation's No. 7 defensive tackle, the second-best player in the state and No. 64 on its Top247 list... ESPN considers him a four-star prospect, the 12th-best defensive tackle in the nation, No. 179 on the ESPN300 list and the sixth-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a four-star prospect and No. 141 on the Top 150 Dream Team... originally committed to Florida State.

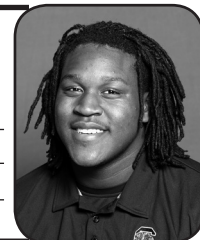
**PERSONAL:** Dexter Wideman was born October 28, 1995.

### Malik YOUNG

**OL • 6-3 • 318 • FR. • HS**

**Pelzer, S.C.**

**(Woodmont)**



**HIGH SCHOOL:** Offensive lineman who prepped for the Woodmont Wildcats in Piedmont, S.C... coached by Jason Farmer... team went 4-7 in his final year... earned a spot on the Division II-AAAA all-state team by the *High School Sports Report*... an all-region and two-time all-county selection... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and the Offense-Defense All-American game... also lettered in track & field... Rivals.com considers him a three-star prospect and the 20th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout.com ranks him as a three-star prospect and the 98th-best offensive tackle in the country... considered a three-star prospect, the 23rd-best player in the state, and the 47th-best offensive guard in the nation, according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considers him a three-star prospect, the 36th-best offensive guard in the nation and the 19th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar as a three-star prospect and an All-Atlantic Region pick.

**PERSONAL:** Malik Shaqid Young was born January 18, 1996... interested in a business degree... enjoys playing basketball and reading.

