

# CAROLINA

## GAMECOCKS

**Sophomore  
Armin Hornikel**



**GAMECOCK MEN'S SWIMMERS**



# Returning Men's Swimmers



**Andrew Atzhorn**  
IM/Backstroke  
Senior • 6-1  
Gulf Breeze, Fla.  
(Gulf Breeze)

**2008-09** - Finished 12th in the 400 IM at SEC Championships with a 3:50.90, scoring points for the Gamecocks for the first time in his career...Earned an NCAA 'B' cut in the event...Set nine personal records during the course of the season...Had the second-best time on the team in the 200 breast (2:02.75) and the third-best in the 200 free (1:38.48) and the 200 IM (1:49.75)...Helped 800 freestyle relay team earn an NCAA 'B' cut with a 6:30.33 at the SEC Championships...Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2007-08** - Turned in the top time for a Carolina swimmer in the 400 IM with a 4:01.43...Bested his previous top time in the 200 back, touching the wall in 1:50.48 at the SEC Championships...Set a personal best in the 100 back with a time of 52.27...Also competed in the 100 and 200 breast and the 200 IM...Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2006-07** - Earned personal top time in 1000 freestyle (9:43.26) event against intrastate rival Clemson...Posted season-low mark in the 500 freestyle (4:38.96) at the SEC Championships...Competed once with the 800-meter relay team.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Gulf Breeze High School ... Lettered in swimming all four years ... Finished second in the 200 IM at the FHSAA championships.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Andrew Christian Atzhorn...Nickname is Andy ...Parents are Dave and Teri Atzhorn...Sister Aileen is a sophomore swimmer for the Gamecock women's team...Born on November 17, 1987...Major is business.

### ATZHORN'S TOP TIMES

100 freestyle	48.15#	College of Charleston (1/24/09)
200 freestyle	1:38.48#	Last Chance Meet (2/28/09)
500 freestyle	4:38.96	SEC Championships (2/8/07)
1000 freestyle	9:43.26	Clemson (11/3/06)
100 backstroke	52.16	Gamecock Invitational (11/21/08)
200 backstroke	1:49.01	Gamecock Invitational (11/22/08)
100 breaststroke	58.85	at Alabama/Georgia (1/31/09)
200 breaststroke	2:02.75	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
200 butterfly	1:54.74	Gamecock Invitational (11/22/08)
200 IM	1:49.75	at Alabama/Georgia (1/31/09)
400 IM	3:50.90	SEC Championships (2/20/09)



**Isaac Badillo**  
Free/Back/Fly  
Sophomore • 6-0  
Columbia, S.C.  
(Ridge View)

**2008-09** - Competed at SEC Championships in 100 free, 100 back and 100 fly...Set personal-bests in all three events at the meet...Had the third-fastest time on the team in the 100 butterfly (49.99)...Won five national titles in the 17-18 age group at the Puerto Rico national swimming championships in May...Set the Puerto Rican national 18-and-under record in the 50-meter butterfly.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Ridge View High School...Holds six school records in his respective events...Named Swimmer of the Year in 2006 and 2007...Was the high point winner for five straight years...Member of Carolina Aquatics...State Champion in 100 backstroke...Qualified for Junior Nationals...Qualifier for FINA World Youth Championships...Part of state record team in 400 and 800 medley relay...President of National Technical Honor Society and student body honor roll committee.

**PERSONAL** - Born January 2, 1990...Parents are Margarita Badillo and Lester Badillo...Major is electrical engineering.

### BADILLO'S TOP TIMES

50 freestyle	21.91	Gamecock Invitational (11/22/08)
100 freestyle	47.06	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
100 backstroke	51.54	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
100 butterfly	49.99	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
200 butterfly	2:00.68	College of Charleston (1/24/09)



**Ryan Connolly**  
Breaststroke/IM  
Sophomore • 6-0  
Zionsville, Ind.  
(Zionsville Community)

**2008-09** - Competed in every meet for the Gamecocks during the season...Third-fastest time on the team in the 200 breast (2:07.71)...turned in an eighth-place finish at in the 400 IM at the Gamecock Invitational...Swam in an exhibition role in three events at the SEC Championships.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Zionsville Community High School...Was sixth at the Indiana High School state meet...Holds the school and sectional record in his event...Four-year county winner...Named an All-American...Team finished in the Top 10 in the state of Indiana two years in a row...Helped his team to two straight sectional championships...Member of Zionsville Swim Club.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Ryan Patrick Connolly...Born Dec. 20, 1989...Parents are Pat and Shannon Connolly...Major is undeclared.

### CONNOLLY'S TOP TIMES

500 freestyle	4:55.91	at Florida (11/8/08)
100 breaststroke	1:00.46	Clemson (10/31/08)
200 breaststroke	2:07.71	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
200 backstroke	2:01.49	Virginia (10/24/08)
200 IM	1:53.93	SEC Championships (2/19/09)
400 IM	4:01.67	SEC Championships (2/20/09)



**James Crawford**  
Back/Fly/IM  
Sophomore • 5-9  
High Wycombe, England  
(John Hampden Grammar School)

**2008-09** - One of the most versatile swimmers on the team...Had the second-fastest times on the team in the 200 free (1:38.26), 100 back (50.15), 200 back (1:46.23), and 200 IM (1:49.03)...Part of 800 FR (6:30.33) and 400 MR (3:14.31) teams that earned NCAA 'B' cuts at the SEC Championships...Was a huge part of the Gamecocks' win over Clemson, winning all three of his individual events...Won the 200 backstroke at the Gamecock Invitational.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Member of Ealing Swimming Club...Member of National Youth Squad in 2004 and 2005...Was a national finalist in multiple events for his age group in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, and in the open division in 2005...Was a national relay member for Ealing.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is James Matthew Crawford...Born October 28, 1988...Parents are Philip and Lesley Crawford...Major is civil engineering.

### CRAWFORD'S TOP TIMES

100 freestyle	47.26#	North Carolina (10/17/08)
200 freestyle	1:38.26	Last Chance Meet (2/28/09)
100 backstroke	50.15#	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
200 backstroke	1:46.43	U.S. Short Course Nationals (12/6/08)
200 IM	1:49.03	SEC Championships (2/19/09)



**Rory Grigull**  
**Sprint Freestyle**  
**Sophomore • 6-2**  
**Coral Springs, Fla.**  
**(Marjory Stoneman Douglas)**

**2008-09** - Primarily swam the sprint freestyle events...Helped the 800 free relay team to an NCAA 'B' cut time (6:30.33) at the SEC Championships...Had the fourth-fastest time on the team in the 100 free (45.49)...Competed in 50 free, 100 free, 200 free and 800 FR at SEC Championships.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School...Was a four-time high school All-American...Helped his team to two Florida high school state championships...Member of Coral Springs Swim Club...Earned the AP Scholar Award.

**PERSONAL** - Born January 14, 1990...Parents are Gary Grigull and Alicia Grigull...Major is exercise science.

**GRIGULL'S TOP TIMES**

50 freestyle	21.22	SEC Championships (2/19/09)
100 freestyle	45.49	U.S. Short Course Nationals (12/6/08)
200 freestyle	1:41.56	Gamecock Invitational (11/21/08)

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Stratford High School...Member of Southern Marlins Racing Team...Qualifier for junior nationals...Was South Carolina state champion in 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke in 2007 and 2008...South Carolina Long Course champion in 100 breast, 100 fly and 200 IM in 2008...Member of USA Swimming Scholastic All-America Team in 2007 and 2008...High School All-American...South Carolina state record holder among AAAA schools in the 100 breaststroke.

**PERSONAL** - Born March 21, 1990...Parents are Jochen and Angelika Hornikel...Major is biology.

**HORNIKEL'S TOP TIMES**

50 freestyle	20.78	SEC Championships (2/19/09)
100 breaststroke	54.42	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
200 breaststroke	2:00.92	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
100 butterfly	51.00	Gamecock Invitational (11/21/09)
200 IM	1:58.82	North Carolina (10/17/08)



**Dan Jackson**  
**Distance Freestyle**  
**Sophomore • 5-11**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**(A.N. McCallum)**

**2008-09** - Led the way for the Gamecocks' distance freestyle corps...Finished 16th in the 1650 free at SEC Championships to score a point for Carolina (15:40.76)...Also had the top time on the team in the 1000 (9:29.75) and the second-fastest in the 500 (4:35.42)...Competed in 200 butterfly at SEC Championships...Won the 1650 freestyle in the dual meet with College of Charleston.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from A.N. McCallum High School...Member of Nitro Swimming...Was a three-time Junior National qualifier...Member of National Honor Society and Foreign Language Honor Society.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Daniel Broadhead Jackson...Born September 3, 1989...Parents are Joyce and Keith Jackson...Major is exercise science.

**JACKSON'S TOP TIMES**

500 freestyle	4:35.42	at Alabama/Georgia (1/31/09)
1000 freestyle	9:29.75	at Alabama/Georgia (1/31/09)
1650 freestyle	15:40.76	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
200 butterfly	1:52.96	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
400 IM	4:07.17	Gamecock Invitational (11/20/09)



**Ham Hollett**  
**Backstroke/IM**  
**Sophomore • 6-2**  
**Charlotte, N.C.**  
**(Charlotte Catholic)**

**2008-09** - Provided depth in the backstroke events...Had the fourth-fastest time on the team in the 100 back (51.28) and the fifth-fastest in the 200 back (1:50.64)...Competed in both backstroke events and 200 IM at SEC Championships.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Charlotte Catholic HS...Was the state champion in the 100 back...Helped his team to four state championships...Member of Mecklenburg Aquatic Club.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Hamilton Buckley Hollett...Born January 10, 1990...Parents are Peter and Mary Beth Hollett...His father swam at North Carolina State...Major is business.

**HOLLETT'S TOP TIMES**

100 backstroke	51.28	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
200 backstroke	1:50.64	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
100 butterfly	51.90	Gamecock Invitational (11/21/09)
200 IM	1:55.22	SEC Championships (2/19/09)



**Chris Kelly**  
**Free/Back/Fly/IM**  
**Sophomore • 5-10**  
**Morristown, Tenn.**  
**(Morristown West)**

**2008-09** - One of the most versatile swimmers for Carolina as a freshman...Had the team's fastest time in the 500 free (4:34.09) and 200 back (1:46.23) and was second-fastest in the 200 fly (1:50.11)...Competed in 200 IM, 400 IM and 200 back at SEC Championships...Advanced to 'C' finals at U.S. Short Course Nationals in the 200 back, finishing 18th...Won four races in dual meets during the year, including two against Duke/Davidson and one each against Virginia and College of Charleston.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Morristown-Hamblen High School West...Was an All-American in the 100 back, 100 fly, 200 IM and 500 free...Also played golf for the Trojans...Member of Pilot Aquatic Club of Knoxville...Was a 2nd honors student.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Christopher Alexander Kelly...Born August 9, 1989...Mother is Patricia Kelly...Major is marketing.



**Armin Hornikel**  
**Breaststroke/IM**  
**Sophomore • 6-3**  
**Boeblingen, Germany**  
**(Stratford [S.C.] )**

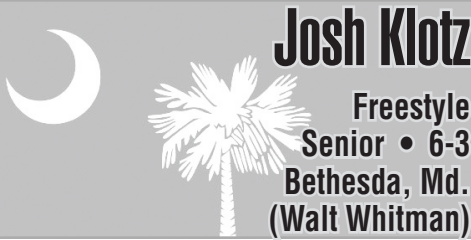
**2008-09** - Was the team's leading breaststroker as a freshman...Had the team's best time in both the 100 (54.42) and 200 (2:00.92) events...Earned a 'B' cut in the 100 breast at SEC Championships...Was part of the top relay team in the 200 FR (1:20.02, B), 200 MR (1:31.65) and 400 MR (3:14.31, B)...Advanced to consolation finals in both breaststroke events at SEC Championships; finished 10th in the 100 and 14th in the 200 to score points for Carolina...Won both breaststroke races in the dual meet with Clemson, helping the Gamecocks to a victory.



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## KELLY'S TOP TIMES

200 freestyle	1:39.76	Last Chance Meet (2/28/09)
500 freestyle	4:34.09	Gamecock Invitational (11/20/08)
100 butterfly	51.30	Gamecock Invitational (11/21/08)
200 butterfly	1:50.11	U.S. Short Course Nationals (12/6/08)
100 backstroke	50.33	at Alabama/Georgia (1/31/09)
200 backstroke	1:46.23	U.S. Short Course Nationals (12/5/08)
200 IM	1:50.60	U.S. Short Course Nationals (12/4/08)
400 IM	3:57.58	SEC Championships (2/20/09)

**Josh Klotz**  
Freestyle  
Senior • 6-3  
Bethesda, Md.  
(Walt Whitman)

**2008-09** - Competed in sprint freestyle events at SEC Championships...Was part of the second-fastest 200 free relay team (1:24.36)...Set personal bests in all three sprint events at SEC Championships...Member of SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2007-08** - Earned an NCAA 'B' cut as part of the 800 FR team at the SEC Championships, touching the wall in 6:33.45...Was part of the top 200 FR team that posted a 1:22.28 at the SEC Championships...Also on the 200 MR team that swam a 1:34.04 at the SEC meet.... Was one of Carolina's top sprinters, posting a 21.11 in the 50 free that rated second-best on the team...Swam a 47.20 in the 100 free at the SEC meet.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Walt Whitman High School...High School All-American...Broke the Montgomery County Public School record in the 50 freestyle... Member of the All Star Aquatics Club.

**PERSONAL** - Born on July 27, 1988...Parents are Norman and Mary Beth Klotz.

## KLOTZ'S TOP TIMES

50 freestyle	20.93	SEC Championships (2/19/09)
100 freestyle	45.91	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
200 freestyle	1:43.12	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
100 butterfly	54.10	North Carolina (10/17/08)
200 butterfly	1:45.94	SEC Championships (2/24/08)




**Ryan Langley**  
Freestyle  
Junior • 6-0  
Herndon, Va.  
(Herndon)

**2008-09** - Provided depth in sprint freestyle events...Had the fifth-best time on the team in the 100 free (45.74)...Competed at SEC Championships in 50 free, 100 free and 200 free, setting personal-best times in all three events...Helped the 400 FR team to a race win in a dual meet with Duke/Davidson (3:06.29)...Member of SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2007-08** - Competed in the sprint freestyle events for the Gamecocks...Turned in a 21.74 in the 50 free at the SEC Championship...Touched the wall in 47.57 in the 100 free, also at the SEC meet...Season-best in the 200 free was a 1:44.33.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Herndon High School...State and district Champion... Named All-American...Holds four school records... Two time All-Met Honorable Mention... Four-time district, region and state qualifier...Member of Machine Aquatics club...Two-time NCSA Junior National Qualifier...Finished second in the 200 free relay at 2007 Short Course NCSA Junior Nationals...PVS Resident and Senior record holder.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Ryan Scott Langley...Born on March 9, 1989...Parents are Kim and Kimberly Langley...Major is undecided.

## LANGLEY'S TOP TIMES

50 freestyle	20.90	SEC Championships (2/19/09)
100 freestyle	45.74	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
200 freestyle	1:42.01	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
500 freestyle	4:58.04	Virginia (10/24/08)
1000 freestyle	10:17.25	Clemson (10/31/08)
100 backstroke	55.60	Gamecock Invitational (11/21/08)
200 backstroke	2:07.12	at Clemson (11/3/07)
100 breaststroke	1:04.96	at Alabama Classic (12/1/07)




**Dominique Lendjel**  
IM/Backstroke  
Junior (RS) • 6-1  
Sindelfingen, Germany  
(Gottlieb-Daimler-Schule)

**2008-09** - Redshirted; injured during preseason.

**2007-08** - Competed in the NCAA Championships in the 100 and 200 backstroke and 200 IM...Scored two points for Carolina at the SEC Championships with a 15th-place finish in the 200 IM...Set personal bests in two of three events, swimming a 49.41 in the 100 back and a 1:47.07 in the 200 IM, the second-fastest time in school history... His time of 1:47.00 in the 200 back was a season-best...Had the top Carolina time in both the 100 free (45.97, personal best) and 200 free (1:41.07) and the second-best in the 100 fly (49.01)...Part of the 800 FR team that earned a 'B' cut with a 6:33.45 at the Alabama Classic.

**2006-07** - Honorable mention All-American...Competed in the 800 free relay event at the NCAA Championships where the team finished 11th with a season-best mark of 6:28.65, en route to honorable mention All-America honors...South Carolina's highest finisher in the 200 IM at NAAs (1:36.13, 33rd), posting a season-low mark in the event... Also competed in the 200 back at the NCAA Championships, finishing 29th (1:45.57)... Competed in several events at SECs, including the 200 back (1:46.88, 8th), the 400 medley relay (3:16.50, 6th) and the 200 IM (1:48.71, 11th)...Turned in USC's top time of the year in the 100 back (50.40), 200 back (1:45.57) and 200 IM (1:48.13).

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Attended Gottlieb-Daimler-Schule for high school...2005 and 2006 200 IM German National Champion and member of the National "B" Team.

**PERSONAL** - Nickname is Dom...Mother, Andrea Lendjel, was a Hungarian swimming champion...Has two siblings, Patrick, 23, and Marcel, 20...Born May 21, 1985...Major is HRTM.

## LENDJEL'S TOP TIMES

100 freestyle	45.97	LSU (10/13/07)
200 freestyle	1:41.07	Florida State (1/25/08)
100 backstroke	49.41	NCAA Championships (3/28/08)
200 backstroke	1:45.57	NCAA Championships (3/18/07)
100 butterfly	49.01	SEC Championships (2/23/08)
200 IM	1:47.07	NCAA Championships (3/27/08)
400 IM	4:03.27	SEC Championships (2/8/07)




**David Livsey**  
Freestyle/Butterfly  
Freshman • 6-3  
Norfolk, Va.  
(Indiana Univ. HS)

**2008-09** - Sprint freestyle specialist...Helped the 400 free relay team set a school record and earn an NCAA 'B' cut with a 2:55.67 at the SEC Championships...Also competed in 50 free, 100 fly and 100 free at SEC Championships...Had the team's second-fastest time in the 100 free (44.74)...Was the fourth-fastest Gamecock in the 100 fly (50.06)...Won the 100 freestyle race against College of Charleston.

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**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Indiana University High School...Member of TIDE Swim Team...Holds team records in the 50, 100 and 1,650 free, 100 back, and 100 & 200 fly.

**PERSONAL** - Born July 5, 1990...Parents are Matthew and Sandra Livsey...Father swam at Old Dominion...Major is business.

**LIVSEY'S TOP TIMES**

50 freestyle	20.82	SEC Championships (2/19/09)
100 freestyle	44.74	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
200 freestyle	1:44.54#	Gamecock Invitational (11/20/08)
100 butterfly	50.06	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
200 butterfly	1:52.99	U.S. Short Course Nationals (12/6/09)



**Brett Sexton**  
**Freestyle/Breaststroke**  
**Junior • 6-2**  
**Winston-Salem, N.C.**  
**(Ronald Reagan)**

**2008-09** - Gave South Carolina depth in the breaststroke and sprint freestyle events...Swam in an exhibition role at SEC Championships in 50 free, 100 free and 100 breast...Had the team's third-best time in the 100 breast (59.44) and fourth-fastest in the 200 breast (2:15.50).

**2007-08** - Competed in the SEC Championships in the breaststroke events and the 50 free...Turned in a season-best time in the 100 breast at the SEC meet with a 1:00.30...Swam a season-low 2:14.58 in the 200 breast in the initial meet of the season against Virginia Tech.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Ronald Reagan High School...Helped his team to a runner-up finish at the North Carolina state championships...Won a state title with his relay team...Member of Winston-Salem YMCA...Was in the top five at Y-Nationals each year.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Brett William Sexton...Born June 22, 1989...Parents are John and Tammy Sexton...Major is geography.

**SEXTON'S TOP TIMES**

50 freestyle	21.37	SEC Championships (2/19/09)
100 freestyle	47.29	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
100 breaststroke	59.44	at Alabama/Georgia (1/31/09)
200 breaststroke	2:14.58	Virginia Tech (10/5/07)



**Gray Tedder**  
**Free/Fly/IM**  
**Junior • 6-3**  
**Shelby, N.C.**  
**(Shelby)**

**2008-09** - Competed at SEC Championships in 50 free and 100 free...Part of second-best 200 free relay team for Carolina (1:24.36)...Set personal-bests in four events, three of which came at the Gamecock Invitational.

**2007-08** - Swam in two meets before illness forced him to the sidelines the remainder of the year...Recorded a 22.80 in the 50 free against LSU...Swam a 49.35 in the 100 free in the Virginia Tech meet.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Shelby High School...Was North Carolina state champion and team MVP his senior year...Helped his team to a fourth-place finish in the state championships in 2005-06...Also played soccer...Member of Sharks Aquatic Club...Holds the team record in 50, 100 and 200 free and 100 back.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Graydon Thomas Tedder...Born January 29, 1989...Parents are Helen Hebbe Tedder and Tommy Tedder...Major is economics.

**TEDDER'S TOP TIMES**

50 freestyle	20.89	SEC Championships (2/19/09)
100 freestyle	46.79	Gamecock Invitational (11/22/09)
200 freestyle	1:43.79	Gamecock Invitational (11/22/09)
100 backstroke	54.73	Gamecock Invitational (11/21/09)



**Trey Tharpe**  
**Freestyle/Backstroke**  
**Senior • 6-1**  
**Dalton, Ga.**  
**(Dalton)**

**2008-09** - Specialized in mid-distance free and backstroke events...Had the second-best 1650 free time on the squad (16:35.41)...Was the third-best backstroker in the 300 (1:48.82) and fifth-best in the 100 (51.38)...Competed in 100 and 200 back and 200 free at SEC Championships...Member of SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2007-08** - Competed in multiple events for the Gamecocks...Swam the 200 backstroke at the SEC Championships, turning in a 1:53.97, a personal best...Also set personal bests in the 200 free (1:43.29) and 500 free (4:40.22), and swam the 200 and 400 IM for the first time as a collegian...Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2006-07** - Concluded strong rookie campaign competing at SECs, recording season-low marks in the 1650 free (16:17.15) and 100 back (52.98) events...Posted the second-lowest Gamecock time in the 1000 free (9:40.91) in tri-meet with Alabama and Florida...Also competed on 400 medley and 800 free relay squads.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Dalton High School...Three time high school state champion in the 200 medley relay...Three time All-American...Three time all-state...Lettered in swimming all four years.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Henry Clifford Tharpe III...Nickname is Trey...Parents are Henry and Julie Tharpe...Born on October 26, 1987...Officer in South Carolina SAAC...Major is management.

**THARPE'S TOP TIMES**

100 freestyle	46.71	at Alabama/Georgia (1/31/09)
200 freestyle	1:41.95	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
500 freestyle	4:40.22	Florida State (1/25/08)
1000 freestyle	9:40.91	at Alabama/Florida (1/20/07)
1650 freestyle	16:17.15	SEC Championships (2/10/07)
100 backstroke	51.38	SEC Championships (2/20/09)
200 backstroke	1:48.82	SEC Championships (2/21/09)
200 IM	1:56.42	Clemson (10/31/08)
400 IM	4:10.55	Virginia (10/24/08)

# - denotes leadoff split of relay

! - denotes school record



# Men's Swimming Newcomers



## Robert Cave

**Breaststroke**  
Freshman • 6-3  
Hertfordshire, England  
(East Barnet School)

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Competed for Hatfield Swim Club... Was a three-time finalist in the breaststroke events at the Commonwealth Youth Games...Took bronze in the 200m event...Ranked No. 1 in England in the 200 breast in 2008...Holds the sectional record in that event.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Robert Cave...Parents are Stephan Cave and Elizabeth Cave...Has one brother, Michael...His father was a cyclist for England...Major is finance.

### CAVE'S TOP TIMES

100 breast	55.63
200 breast	1:59.61*
200 IM	1:54.92

\*Converted from LCM



## Matt Columbus

**Freestyle/IM**  
Freshman • 5-10  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
(St. Xavier)

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from St. Xavier High School...Coach was Jim Brower...Was a 7-time high school All-American...Three-time first-team GCL...All-City First Team in 2008 and 2009...Won the 2009 Ohio state championship in the 500 free and 400 freestyle relay...Four-time finalist at state championships...Helped the AquaBombers to three state titles (2006, 2007, 2009)...Team won NISCA National Title in 2007 and 2008...Club team is Cincinnati Marlins...USA Swimming Junior National qualifier in 2006, 2007 and 2008...Finished third at 2007 Y-Nationals in 1650 free...Member of National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Matthew John Columbus...Born Jan. 2, 1991...Parents are Michael and Karen Columbus...Has a sister, Sara...Plans to major in biology...Chose South Carolina over UC Irvine and Georgia Tech.

### COLUMBUS' TOP TIMES

200 free	1:40.57
500 free	4:28.10
1000 free	9:22.10



## Alex Fitton

**IM/Backstroke**  
Freshman • 6-1  
Monmouth Beach, N.J.  
(Christian Brothers Academy)

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Christian Brothers Academy...Coach was Vito Chiavarollati...Team captain...Named first-team All-Shore all four years...Team MVP and high points scorer all four years...Won two Monmouth city championships and one Shore Conference title in the 200 IM...Holds school, city or conference records in 200 IM, 200 MR and 200 free...Was conference champion in 100 back...Club team is Red Bank YMCA...21-time All-American...Was a high school honor student.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Christian Alexander Fitton...Born Feb. 8, 1991...Parents are Ed and Dede Fitton...Has twin brothers, Nicholas and Geoffrey, and a sister, Amanda...

Uncle Joey Hackett played football for the Denver Broncos...Plans to major in business...Chose South Carolina over offers from Lehigh and UNC-Wilmington.

### FITTON'S TOP TIMES

100 free	46.50
200 free	1:40.71
200 IM	1:52.96



## Michael Flach

**Freestyle/IM**  
Freshman • 6-0  
Annandale, Va.  
(Bishop O'Connell)

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Rated #91 overall prospect in the country by CollegeSwimming.com...Graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School...Named team MVP in 2008 and 2009...Holds school records in 200 and 500 free and 200 IM...Earned All-America honors in those three events in 2008 and 2009...Was ninth in the nation in the 500 free in 2009...Club team is The Fish...Was High Point Scorer from 2002-2009...Holds club team record in 12 different events...Won the 2009 Eastern Zone Sectional Meet, setting meet record in 1000 free...Third place at Senior Championships in 2009...Honor roll student.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Michael Flach...Born April 30, 1991...Parents are Michael and Theresa Flach...Has four sisters, Clare, Emily, Katie and Anna...Plans to major in business...Chose South Carolina for its strong business program and the opportunity to compete in the Southeastern Conference.

### FLACH'S TOP TIMES

200 fly	1:48.95
500 free	4:26.02
1000 free	9:10.48



## Max Heinze

**Sprint Free/Fly**  
Sophomore • 6-7  
Berlin, Germany  
(Ouachita Baptist)

**2008-09 (at OBU)** - Helped 200 MR team set NCAA Division II national record with a clocking of 1:27.25 at the Division II championships...Helped OBU take a fifth-place finish at the national championships...Finished fifth at D-II championships in 100 fly (48.39)...Was 15th in the nation in 100 free (44.88)...Won New Intercollegiate Swim Conference title in the 100 backstroke (50.87)...Second in NISC in 50 free (21.06).

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Maximilian Heinze...Born October 11, 1987...Parents are Frank and Ilka Heinze...Major is retail.

### HEINZE'S TOP TIMES

50 free	20.56
100 free	44.77
100 fly	48.39

MEN'S SWIMMING



**Collin Kaden**  
**IM/Breast/Fly**  
**Freshman • 6-0**  
**Humble, Texas**  
**(Atascocita)**

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Atascocita High School...Coach was David Pink... Team captain for two years...Team MVP...Named All-State and All-American in 200 IM, 100 breast, 100 fly and 400 FR...Finished third and fifth in consecutive years at the state high school meet...Club team is Eagles Swimming Association...Earned a U.S. Open cut time and made the ESA national team...Was a finalist in every event at sectionals...Honor roll student...Member of academic all-district team.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Collin Andrew Kaden...Parents are James and Mary A. Kaden...Has four brothers, Chris, Sean, Thomas and Matt, and two sisters, Meghan and Erin...Father played football at Penn...Plans to major in sports marketing...Chose South Carolina because of its location, ambitious team and coaches, and opportunity to compete in the SEC...Picked the Gamecocks over offers from Washington, Missouri, Louisville and TCU.

**KADEN'S TOP TIMES**

200 IM	1:49.36
200 breast	2:02.73
200 fly	1:51.49



**Brooks Ross**  
**Distance Free**  
**Freshman • 5-11**  
**Manakin-Sabot, Va.**  
**(Collegiate School)**

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Collegiate School...Coach was Mike Stott...Team MVP in 2009...Team captain...Four-time all-state selection...Three-time all-prep selection...First-team All-Metro in 2009...2008-09 high school All-American...Helped team to three straight state titles...Holds team record in 500 free...Club team is NOVA of Virginia...Holds team records in 800 free and 800 FR (LCM)...Helped team to NCSA Junior championship in 2009.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Brooks Robert Ross...Born Feb. 16, 1991...Parents are Dale and Joanne Ross...Has one sister, Hunter...Sister plays golf for N.C. State...Plans to major in business...Chose South Carolina because of its business school and the opportunity to compete in the SEC...Picked the Gamecocks over offers from Maryland and East Carolina.

**ROSS' TOP TIMES**

500 free	4:31.03
1000 free	9:14.31
1650 free	15:34.78



**Andrew Seiler**  
**Breast/Free/IM**  
**Freshman • 6-4**  
**Phoenixville, Pa.**  
**(Springford)**

**PRE-COLLEGE** Graduated from Spring-Ford High School...Coach was Bob Sieracki... Team captain...Two-time all-state selection...Holds school records in 50 free, 100 free, 100 breast and 200 IM...Club team is Upper Mainline YMCA...Two-time qualifier for Junior Nationals...Four-time YMCA consolation finalist...Honor roll student.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Andrew Thomas Seiler...Born Feb. 7, 1991...Parents are Ken and Vivian Seiler...Has one sister, Erin...Plans to major in geology...Chose South Carolina because of the fit with the coaches and the location...Picked the Gamecocks over offers from Miami (Ohio) and UNC-Wilmington.

**SEILER'S TOP TIMES**

200 IM	1:56.21
100 breast	58.29
100 free	46.87



**Garrett Snipes**  
**Free/Fly/Back**  
**Freshman • 6-0**  
**Greer, S.C.**  
**(Riverside)**

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Riverside High School... Team MVP in 2008... Named all-state and all-region each year from 2005-09... Team captain in 2008...Helped Warriors to state titles in 2004 and 2008... Holds school records in 100 free, 100 back and as part of three relay teams... Club team is Y-Spartaquatics... Was silver medalist in 100 free at 2009 state meet... Finished sixth in 50 free at 2009 YMCA long-course championships... Helped club team to Y-Nationals team championship and South Carolina state titles in 2009...USA Swimming Scholastic All-American in 2007...Attending South Carolina on a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Garrett Michael Snipes... Born July 17, 1991... Parents are Phil and Brenda Snipes... Has two brothers, Matthew and Andrew...Plans to major in biology... Chose South Carolina because both parents attended USC and he was raised as a Gamecock...Also had offers from Davidson and George Washington.



# Men's Swimming - 2008-09 In Review

A 29th-place finish at the NCAA Championships, a strong performance at the SEC Championships and three dual meet victories highlighted a 2008-09 season for South Carolina men's swimming that was full of encouraging signs for the future development of the program. Although the Gamecocks continued to play catch-up with the rest of the Southeastern Conference, the gap is closing as South Carolina continues to strive toward the level of the elite swimming programs in the SEC and in the nation.

The season started at the Carolina Natatorium with a pair of difficult dual meets against ACC foes North Carolina and Virginia, both of whom were ranked in the CSCAA Top 25. While the Tar Heels left with a 184-115 victory and the Cavaliers won by a 165-124 margin, there were signs of improvement throughout the Carolina ranks. Nick Walkotten got a win in the 100 fly in both meets, while Andy Atzhorn won the 200 IM against UNC and set personal-best marks in two events against UVA.



**Nick Walkotten**

Clemson came to town on Halloween night for the annual Palmetto State showdown, and the home crowd left happy as the Gamecocks dominated the Tigers, 178-119, to pick up their first win over Clemson since 2005. The Gamecocks got event wins in the 200 free (Kyle Cormier), 100 back (James Crawford), 100 breast (Armin Hornikel), 200 fly (Walkotten), 100 free (Cormier), 200 back (Crawford), 200 breast (Hornikel), 100 fly (Walkotten) and 200 IM (Crawford) while sweeping the relays to take down their rivals from the Upstate for the 33rd time.

Things were a little tougher the next week at No. 5 Florida with the Gators taking a 167-126 win. However, Cormier and Walkotten got wins in the 100 and 200 free, as well as the 100 fly.

Carolina would turn in a strong performance two weeks later as they hosted the Gamecock Invitational, finishing second in the six-team field. Walkotten earned his first NCAA 'B' cut of the season in the 200 fly, while Cormier picked up provisional times in the 200 IM and 200 free.

After the holiday break, the Gamecocks headed north to Durham, N.C., for a tri-meet with Davidson and Duke. While Carolina easily handled Davidson, 157-116, the match with Duke came down to the final race. The Gamecocks needed to take first and second in the 400 FR to force a tie; however, Duke took second to take a 153-145 win.

Cross-state rival College of Charleston visited Columbia for Senior Day and the final home meet for Kyle Cormier, Keith Dawley, Christian Kata, Steven Luckie, Nick Walkotten, Todd Weyandt. The team sent out the seniors in style with a 159-126 victory over the Cougars.

The following week saw a trip to Tuscaloosa for a tri-meet with SEC foes Alabama and Georgia. The Gamecocks dropped both meets - 167-131 to Alabama; 197-103 to Georgia - with Cormier's win in the 200 IM highlighting the meet for the Gamecocks.

In late February, South Carolina headed to Auburn for the SEC Championships and put together its best collection of swims in several years. Five individuals scored points for Carolina in 10 different events, and Kyle Cormier took the medal stand with a third-place finish in the 200 free. Meanwhile, Carolina swimmers earned eight NCAA 'B' cut times in individual events and in four of five relays, and six school records fell in the four days at the Martin Aquatic Center. Carolina finished in eighth place, but continued to narrow the gap between itself and the rest of the SEC.

Walkotten and Cormier earned invites to the NCAA Championships, making it the third trip for both athletes. Cormier swam the 200 IM, 100 free and 100 fly but did not score. Walkotten, meanwhile,

turned in a 15th-place finish in the 100 fly then scored big points for Carolina in the 100 fly, finishing sixth. Walkotten's combined 15 points gave South Carolina a 29th-place finish, its best since 2005.



**Dan Jackson**



**Kyle Cormier took the bronze medal in the 200-yard freestyle at the 2009 SEC Championships.**

## 2008-09 Men's Dual Meet Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Result
Oct. 17	North Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	L, 115-184
Oct. 24	Virginia	Columbia, S.C.	L, 124-165
Oct. 31	Clemson	Columbia, S.C.	W, 178-119
Nov. 8	Florida *	Gainesville, Fla.	L, 126-167
Nov. 20-22	Gamecock Invitational	Columbia, S.C.	2nd
Jan. 10	Davidson	Durham, N.C.	W, 157-116
	Duke	Durham, N.C.	L, 145-153
Jan. 24	Coll. of Charleston	Columbia, S.C.	W, 159-126
Jan. 31	Alabama *	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L, 131-167
	Georgia *	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L, 103-197
Feb. 18-21	SEC Championships	Auburn, Ala.	8th
Mar. 26-28	NCAA Championships	College Station, Texas	29th

## SEC Championships Scoring - Individuals

Athlete	Event	Time/Score (Place)	Points
Andrew Atzhorn	400 IM	3:50.90 (12th)	5
Kyle Cormier	200 IM	1:45.51 (4th)	15
Kyle Cormier	200 Free	1:34.09 (3rd)	16
Kyle Cormier	100 Free	43.69 (10th)	7
Armin Hornikel	100 Breast	54.42 (10th)	7
Armin Hornikel	200 Breast	2:01.42 (14th)	3
Dan Jackson	1650 Free	15:40.76 (16th)	1
Nick Walkotten	100 Fly	47.20 (10th)	7
Nick Walkotten	100 Back	47.84 (10th)	7
Nick Walkotten	200 Fly	1:43.55 (6th)	13

## SEC Championships Scoring - Relays

Athletes	Event	Time/Score (Place)	Points
Cormier, Livsey, Weyandt, Walkotten	400 FR	2:55.67 (7th)	24
Crawford, Hornikel, Walkotten, Cormier	400 MR	3:14.31 (7th)	24
Cormier, Hornikel, Weyandt, Walkotten	200 FR	1:20.02 (7th)	24
Cormier, Grigull, Crawford, Atzhorn	800 FR	6:30.33 (8th)	22

## NCAA Championships Scoring

Athlete	Event	Time/Score (Place)	Points
Nick Walkotten	100 Fly	46.59 (15th)	2
Nick Walkotten	200 Fly	1:42.48 (6th)	13