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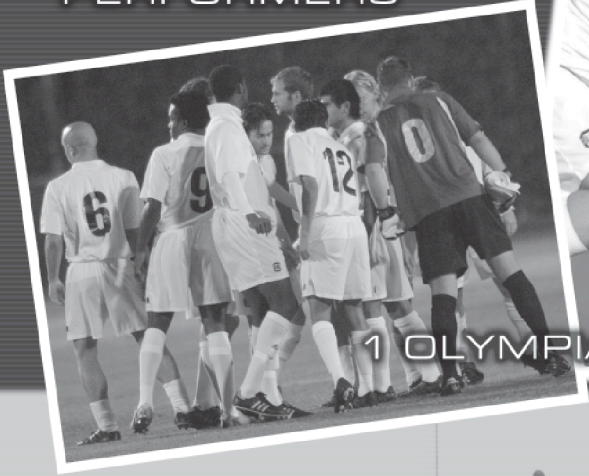
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# GAMECOCK SOCCER



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<b>Founded:</b>	1801
<b>Enrollment:</b>	23,700
<b>Nickname:</b>	Gamecocks
<b>Mascot:</b>	Cocky
<b>Colors:</b>	Garnet (PMS 201) & Black
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<b>First Year of Soccer:</b>	1978
<b>All-Time Record:</b>	368-136-43
<b>Years in NCAA Tourney (Last):</b>	17 (2004)
<b>Last Postseason Opponent:</b>	College of Charleston (L, 3-2)

## COACHING STAFF

<b>Head Coach:</b>	Mark Berson
<b>Alma Mater:</b>	North Carolina, 1975
<b>Record at South Carolina (Years):</b>	368-136-43 (27)
<b>Career Record (Years):</b>	379-141-43 (28)
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Bert Molinary
<b>Alma Mater:</b>	Excelsior College, 2003
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Alex Maslow
<b>Alma Mater:</b>	Furman, 2005
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<b>2003 Record:</b>	12-7-1
<b>Final NSCAA Ranking:</b>	N/A
<b>Starters Returning/Lost:</b>	9/2
<b>Letterwinners Returning/Lost:</b>	17/2

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**A NOTE TO THE MEDIA**

The University of South Carolina welcomes your attention to the 2005 Gamecock men's soccer team. Any questions concerning South Carolina soccer should be directed to Christy Lang in the South Carolina Athletic Media Relations Office. Interviews, statistics or general information concerning student-athletes or head coach Mark Berson should also be handled through the Media Relations Office.

Thank you for your interest in South Carolina soccer and please let us know if there is any way we may assist you in your coverage of Gamecock Athletics.

**ON THE INTERNET**

South Carolina's Official Athletics web site is [www.USCSports.com](http://www.USCSports.com). Schedules, rosters, biographies and other information are available, and the site features audio and video.

**AUDIO BROADCASTS**

At least nine South Carolina men's soccer matches will be broadcast live on USCSports.com this fall. Former Gamecock assistant coach Richard Rowell will call all the action.

**2005 BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

Sept. 2	@ Clemson	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	College of Charleston	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Penn	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Loyola-Chicago	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	UNC Wilmington	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	Kentucky	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	Marshall	2 p.m.
Oct. 28	Tulsa	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	SMU	1 p.m.
	Conference USA Tournament	TBA

**CREDENTIALS**

Photographers and members of the media who wish to cover a South Carolina soccer match at Stone Stadium should contact the South Carolina Media Relations Office in advance at (803) 777-5204 to be placed on the media gatelist. Statistics and notes will be made available to the media prior to each match in the Stone Stadium press box.

**VISITING RADIO**

Visiting radio personnel should contact the South Carolina Media Relations Office regarding the availability of phone lines in the Stone Stadium Press Box for game broadcast. Requests should be made at least two weeks prior to gameday.

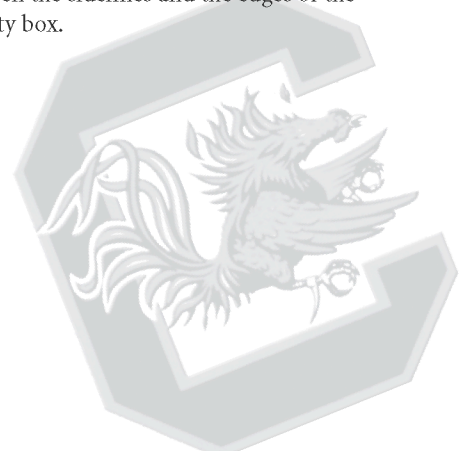
**COVERING A MATCH**

Postgame interviews will be held on the Stone Stadium field approximately 10 minutes after the match ends. Please notify a member of the South Carolina Media Relations staff of any requests.

Postgame summaries will be available in the Stone Stadium press box shortly after the end of the match.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Photographers may shoot from the sidelines at Stone Stadium, excluding the team bench areas. On the endlines, photographers are permitted only in the area between the sidelines and the edges of the penalty box.





## GAMECOCKS IN THE PROS

The University of South Carolina soccer program continues to prepare its student-athletes for the total experience in college, and for making the next step to the professional soccer world. In 27 years of play – all coming under the tutelage of head coach Mark Berson – the Gamecocks have had over 40 players that were drafted or played in the professional ranks. Those individuals were drafted by teams either in the North American soccer leagues or in foreign leagues.

With the emergence of Major League Soccer in 1996, Gamecock Rob Smith joined the Columbus Crew. Former Gamecock greats, Clint Mathis (New York/New Jersey Metrostars) and Josh Wolff (Chicago Fire/Kansas City Wizards), soon joined the list of Gamecocks in the MLS. Wolff and Mathis finished second and third, respectively, in the voting for MLS Rookie of the Year in 1998. Mathis spent the 2004 season playing with Hannover 96 of the German Bundesliga before returning to the United States to join Real Salt Lake. Henry Ring was the first goalkeeper drafted in in the 2000 MLS Super Draft and spent three years with the Chicago Fire and was named to the MLS All-Star team during a breakout 2004 season.

In 2003, three more Gamecocks joined the professional ranks. Defender Tim Glowienka was drafted by the NY/NJ Metro Stars and later joined teammate Michael Bachmeyer with the A-League's Pittsburgh Riverhounds. Midfielder David Moore joined the Atlanta Silverbacks, also a member of the A-League. Joey Worthen played with the Richmond Kickers of the A-League in 2004.

Brad Guzan was the No. 2 pick of the 2005 MLS SuperDraft and has gone on to start in goal for CD Chivas USA in his rookie campaign.

## GAMECOCKS ON NATIONAL TEAMS

A number of players have played on various United States national teams throughout the years. Coach Mark Berson directed the South team to the gold medal at the U.S. Olympic Festival in Durham, N.C., in 1987 – one year after serving as assistant coach for the South squad. Berson also guided the U.S. Under-18 team to the Granatkin/Leningrad Tournament in 1989 that was held in the Soviet Union. A list of those squads and Carolina players follows:

**U.S. National Team** – Mike Gosselin (1992), Clint Mathis (1998-present), Josh Wolff (2001-present)

**U.S. Olympic Team** – Rob Smith (1996), Josh Wolff (2000)

**Bolivian National Team** – Ruben Tufino (1996)

**U.S. National "B" Team** – Clint Mathis (1997), David Turner (1993), Clark Brisson (1992), Mike Gosselin (1989-90-91)

**U.S. Under-23 Team** – Billy Clifford (1993-94-95-96), Chris Faklaris (1993-96), Jamie Posnanski (1996), Rob Smith (1993-94-95-96), Tony Soto (1996), Josh Wolff (1998-00)

**U.S. Under-20 Team** – Joey Worthen (1999), Clint Mathis (1994), Tony Soto (1994), Chris Faklaris (1992-93), Rob Smith (1992-93), Tommy Loeber (1986), Josh Wolff (1996-97)

**U.S. Under-18 Team** – Josh Wolff (1994-95), Jamie Starr (1993)

**U.S. Under-17 Team** – Tony Soto (1992), Billy Baumhoff (1991), Mike Solano (1990), Brian Scott (1988), David Corfield (1982) and Raymond Vigliotti (1978-79)

**U.S. Olympic Festival** – Henry Ring (1998), Tony Soto (1995), Chris Faklaris (1993-94-95), Rob Smith (1991-93-94-95), Billy Clifford (1993-94-95), Jamie Posnanski (1994-95), Billy Baumhoff (1994-95), Brian Scott (1991), David Turner (1991), Tommy Loeber (1987), Scott Cook (1986-87), Bill Hency (1986), David Goodchild (1981), Eric Hawkes (1981) Chris Heidelberger (1981).

**World University Games** – Clint Mathis (1997), Josh Wolff (1997), Chris Faklaris (1995), Jamie Posnanski (1995), Rob Smith (1995), Mike Gosselin (1991).

**RIISING STARS**

During the 2005 Major League Soccer season, three former Gamecocks starred for their respective teams: Brad Guzan (CD Chivas USA), Clint Mathis (Real Salt Lake) and Josh Wolff (Kansas City Wizards). Guzan, who earned All-America honors at Carolina in 2004, made history by becoming the highest goalkeeper ever selected in the MLS SuperDraft when he was chosen No. 2 by expansion-club Chivas USA.

Following in the footsteps of South Carolina's first Major League Soccer player, Rob Smith, the tandem of Mathis and Wolff have had a huge impact on the MLS and the U.S. National Team.

Both Mathis and Wolff entered the MLS after the 1997 season by different methods. Mathis was drafted by the Los Angeles Galaxy as the sixth overall pick in the 1998 draft. Wolff signed with "Project 40" and was assigned to the Chicago Fire.

Mathis and Wolff had breakthrough seasons in 2000. Mathis was the star of the 2000 All-Star game, playing for the NY/NJ MetroStars in the same season that Wolff led the U.S. Olympic team to its best finish in the Olympics. Wolff played every minute for the U.S. during the Olympic Games.

Despite suffering injuries in 2001, Mathis and Wolff were named to the 2002 U.S. World Cup team by head coach Bruce Arena. Both strikers impacted the team's success in South Korea.

In 2001, Wolff was joined by former USC teammate Henry Ring. The goalkeeper was drafted in the third round by the Fire. Ring was the first Gamecock since Mathis to earn two All-America honors (1998 and 2000). Ring, Mathis and Wolff were all teammates during Carolina's 16-3-1 season in 1997, when they closed out their season in the second round of the NCAAAs. Wolff was traded from the Chicago Fire to the Kansas City Wizards in 2003. Ring assumed starting duties for the Fire in 2004 and had a breakout season, being named to the MLS All-Star team, while Mathis spent the 2004 campaign playing overseas with Hannover 96 of the German Bundesliga before returning to the United States to play for expansion team Real Salt Lake.



**HENRY RING**



**BRAD GUZAN**

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
PLAYERS IN  
PROFESSIONAL  
SOCCER**

<i>Player (Year)</i>	<i>Team (League)</i>
Paul Turin ('78)	St. Louis (MISL)
Ray Viglotti ('79)	New York (MISL)
Rich Wurdack ('79)	Denver (MISL)
Brian Winstead ('79)	New York (MISL)
	New England (NASL)
Tom Fouch ('79)	Charlotte (ASL)
Ed Fouchs ('79)	Charlotte (ASL)
Dan Potter ('79)	New Jersey (ASL)
John Tremont ('80)	Ft. Lauderdale (NASL)
Art Kramer ('80)	Oklahoma (ASL)
Viktor Wikstrom ('80)	Skeid (NORWAY)
David Burr ('82)	St. Louis (MISL)
David Goodchild ('82)	Denver (MISL)
Eric Hawkes ('82)	Baltimore Blast (MISL)
Warren Lipka ('85)	Fort Wayne (AISA)
Doug Allison ('87)	Carolina (USISL)
Scott Cook ('87)	Baltimore (MISL)
Pat Walsh ('88)	New Jersey (ASL)
Charles Arndt ('89)	Cleveland (MISL)
Scott Henderson ('89)	Washington (MISL)
Tommy Loeber ('90)	San Diego (MISL)
Clark Brisson ('91)	Canton (NPSL)
Mike Gosselin ('91)	Canton (NPSL)
Peter Duitsman ('93)	Chicago (APSL)
Rob Smith ('94)	Delaware (APSL)
	Columbus (MLS)
Billy Baumhoff ('94)	Harrisburg (APSL)
	Kansas City (MISL)
Chris Faklaris ('94)	Atlanta (APSL)
Jamie Posnanski ('94)	Carolina (USISL)
Billy Clifford ('95)	New York (APSL)
	Carolina (USISL)
John Mills ('96)	Charleston (USISL)
Jeff Wilson ('96)	Richmond (USISL)
Clint Mathis ('98)	Los Angeles (MLS)
	New York/New Jersey (MLS)
	Hannover 96 (GB)
Josh Wolff ('98)	Chicago (MLS)
	Kansas City (MLS)
Nathan Watkins ('99)	Charlotte (USISL)
Chris Morman ('00)	Raleigh (USISL)
Ryan O'Neill ('00)	Raleigh (USISL)
Henry Ring ('01)	Chicago (MLS)
Joey Worthen ('02)	Pittsburgh (ASL)
	Richmond (ASL)
Michael Bachmeyer ('03)	Pittsburgh (ASL)
Tim Glowienka ('03)	New York/New Jersey (MLS)
	Pittsburgh (ASL)
David Moore ('03)	Atlanta (ASL)
Brad Guzan ('04)	CD Chivas USA (MLS)

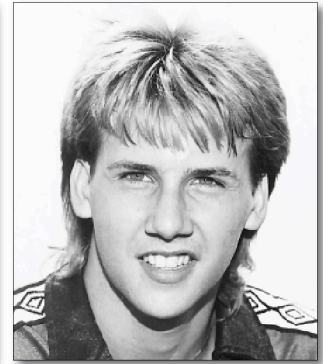
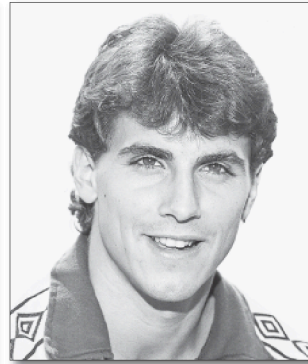
LEAGUES

- AISA – American Indoor Soccer League
- APSL – American Professional Soccer League
- ASL – American Soccer League
- GB - German Bundesliga
- MISL – Major Indoor Soccer League
- MLS – Major League Soccer
- NASL – North American Soccer League
- NPSL – National Professional Soccer League
- USISL – United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues

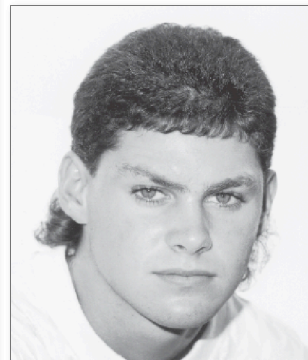
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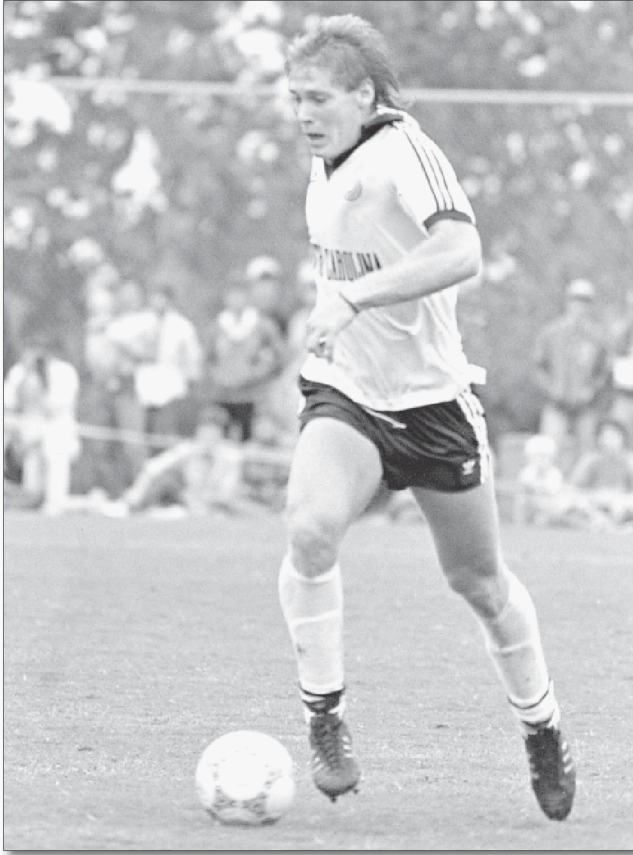
**Left:** A four-year starter for the Gamecocks from 1991-1994, Jamie Posnanski co-captained the 1994 team which enjoyed a 16-game winning streak and a number one national ranking. Graduating Cum Laude from USC in 1996, Posnanski recently co-founded Sans Locus, a marketing services firm focused on web technologies. **Above Left:** Graduating from South Carolina in 1984, Glen Thompson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and continued his education at USC until he earned an MBA. Thompson is an Assistant Comptroller for Fleet Mortgage. He is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Thompson was a member of the Gamecock Squad in 1980 and 1982-84. **Above Right:** Lettering in men's soccer from 1984-87, Jim Sonefeld graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Arts in Media Arts. Sonefeld is a member of the rock band, Hootie and the Blowfish. Their album, *Cracked Rear View*, spent weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Music Charts and won a number of Grammys.



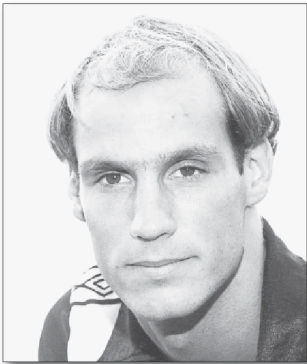
**Left:** Peter Duitsman was the Gamecocks' team captain in 1993 and earned the prestigious H. Boyd McWhorter Male Scholarship Athlete of the Year from the Southeastern Conference. Duitsman resides in Atlanta where he is a lawyer.



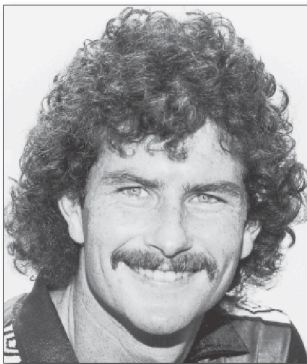
**Above:** Greg King, who represented the Garnet and Black from 1991 to 1994, is a software developer for SI Corporation in Charlotte, N.C.



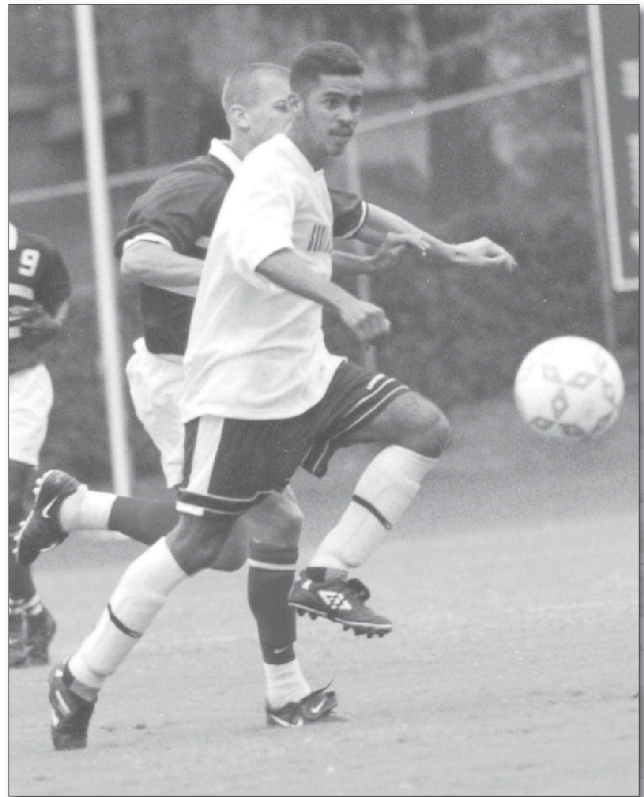
**Left:** Marty Baltzegar, member of the 1987 NSCAA All-South Region Team, graduated from South Carolina with an MBA. He is currently the Director of Business Development for S&ME, Inc. (Soil and Material Engineers). **Above:** Sporting the Garnet and Black from 1991-93, Helgi Bjorgvinsson is currently an executive with Icelandic Air.



**Left:** Tim Berra graduated from USC in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in Management Science and Marketing. Berra is Vice President of the Western Region of Heidtman Steel. Residing in St. Louis, Mo., he is also a member of the Executive Board. **Bottom Left:** Brian Murphy lettered at USC in 1983 and 1984. He is currently the owner of Brian Murphy Insurance Agency and a personal financial representative for Allstate Insurance Company. Murphy resides in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. with his wife Rhonda and sons Cameron and Sammy.



**Right:** While playing for the University of South Carolina men's soccer team from 1994-97, Mark Anatol earned a degree in Business Administration. He is currently a manager at Citicorp Merchant Bank (Citibank) in Trinidad.



**EUGENE E. STONE III STADIUM:  
HOME OF THE GAMECOCKS**

EUGENE E. STONE III STADIUM

Located in the heart of the USC campus is the home field of the Gamecocks, known as Eugene E. Stone III Stadium, also known as The Graveyard. Once again in 2004, South Carolina put up some impressive numbers in home attendance. With an average of 1,104 fans per match, Carolina ranked No. 18 nationally in attendance.

The stadium, which debuted in 1996, was made possible by the \$1 million gift given by the late Eugene E. Stone III. Stone, who passed away in 1997, was a Carolina graduate and Chairman of Stone Manufacturing Co. Inc., the parent company of UMBRO International.

Stone Stadium's west side houses permanent stands that hold 4,000 fans. It is equipped with a 70' by 8' press box with a camera deck on top. The press box houses both the scoreboard operating system and the public address system as well as room to comfortably seat members of the media.

The facility includes two team rooms, an officials' dressing room, a concession stand for the fans and restrooms for both men and women on each side of the stadium. Also nicknamed The Graveyard because of its close proximity to the House of Peace cemetery, the area has proven to be a "graveyard" for opponents over the years. In 27 seasons, the Gamecocks have compiled an incredible 244-62-17 record against visitors for an unbelievable winning percentage of .782.



**STONE STADIUM RECORDS**

**MATCH RECORDS**

**Most Goals:** 13 vs. Coastal Carolina (9/26/79)  
**Fewest Goals:** 0, 28 times  
**Most Opponent Goals:** 5 by Connecticut (9/14/79); by North Carolina (10/14/94)  
**Fewest Opponent Goals:** 0, 131 times  
**Largest Margin of Victory:** 12-0 vs. Presbyterian (9/18/78)

**SEASON RECORDS**

**Most Matches:** 15 (1988-89)  
**Most Wins:** 13 (1985-88-89)  
**Most Losses:** 4 (1983-2000-2003)  
**Most Ties:** 2 (1983-2000)  
**Most Consecutive Wins:** 13 (1985)  
**Most Consecutive Losses:** 2 (1983, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2003)  
**Longest Unbeaten Streak:** 13 (1985)  
**Highest Won-Loss Pct.:** .955 (10-0-1, 1993)  
**Lowest Won-Loss Pct.:** .500 (4-4-2, 2000)  
**Most Goals:** 51 (1997, 11 matches)  
**Fewest Goals:** 12 (2000, 12 matches)  
**Most Opponent Goals:** 20 (1992, 14 matches)  
**Fewest Opponent Goals:** 4 (1987, 12 matches)  
**Most Shutouts:** 10 (1985, 14 matches)  
**Most Opp. Shutouts:** 3 (1982, 13 matches; 2000, 10 matches; 2003, 10 matches)

**CAREER RECORDS**

**Overall Record:** 232-55-16 (.792)  
**Most Consecutive Wins:** 13 (9/1/85-12/1/85)  
**Most Consecutive Losses:** 2 (9/18/83-9/24/83; 11/6/94-11/20/94; 9/17/95-9/20/95)

**Longest Unbeaten Streak:** 15 (10/17/84-12/1/85)  
**Longest Winless Streak:** 4 (9/18/83-10/2/83)  
**Goals For:** 924 (3.05 per game)  
**Goals Against:** 257 (0.85 per game)

**MILESTONE MATCHES**

**1st Match/Win:** Presbyterian (9/18/78), 12-0 W  
**50th Match:** Erskine (10/27/82), 3-1 W  
**50th Win:** Davidson (10/26/83), 1-0 W  
**100th Match:** Furman (10/29/86), 0-3 L  
**100th Win:** Charleston (10/5/88), 3-0 W  
**150th Match:** Erskine (10/26/90), 4-0 W  
**150th Win:** Davidson (9/8/93), 5-0 W  
**200th Match:** Louisville (10/30/94), 4-1 W  
**200th Win:** Philadelphia Textile (11/15/98), 3-0 W  
**250th Match:** Davidson (9/4/99), 0-1 L (OT)

**NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORDS**

**Record:** 10-9-0 (.526)  
**Most Goals:** 6 vs. Air Force (11/28/93)  
**Most Opponent Goals:** 3 by UAB (11/25/01);  
**Fewest Goals:** 0 - Six times; most recent against Duke (11/26/00)  
**Fewest Opponent Goals:** 0 - Six times; most recent against Chas. Southern (11/23/97)

**TOP 20 CROWDS AT STONE STADIUM**

Rank	Opponent	Attendance	Date	Score	W/L/T
1	Clemson	6,025	10/14/90	1-3	L
2	Clemson	5,900	10/9/88	2-1	W
3	UCLA!	5,750	9/6/98	2-1	W
4	UCLA@	5,718	11/4/89	3-2 ot	W
5	Indiana@	5,600	11/6/88	1-1	T
6	Clemson	5,385	11/1/92	2-0	W
7	Akron@	5,351	11/5/89	1-0	W
8	Clemson	5,027	10/8/00	0-0 ot	T
9	Clemson	5,021	10/11/99	0-1	L
10	Indiana@	4,953	10/28/90	2-1	W
11	Clemson	4,868	10/6/02	1-2	L
T12	Boston@	4,500	11/8/87	1-0	W
T12	American#	4,500	12/1/85	0-2	L
14	Clemson	4,400	10/12/86	4-3 ot	W
15	Clemson	4,312	10/10/04	1-0	W
16	Furman	4,125	10/15/00	1-1 ot	T
17	Air Force#	4,104	11/28/93	6-0	W
18	Clemson	4,065	10/19/94	3-1 ot	W
T19	North Carolina	3,800	9/17/89	3-2	W
T19	Duke	3,800	10/19/86	2-3 ot	L

@ MetLife Classic; # NCAA Quarterfinal; % Umbro Kickoff Classic; ! Providence Kickoff Classic

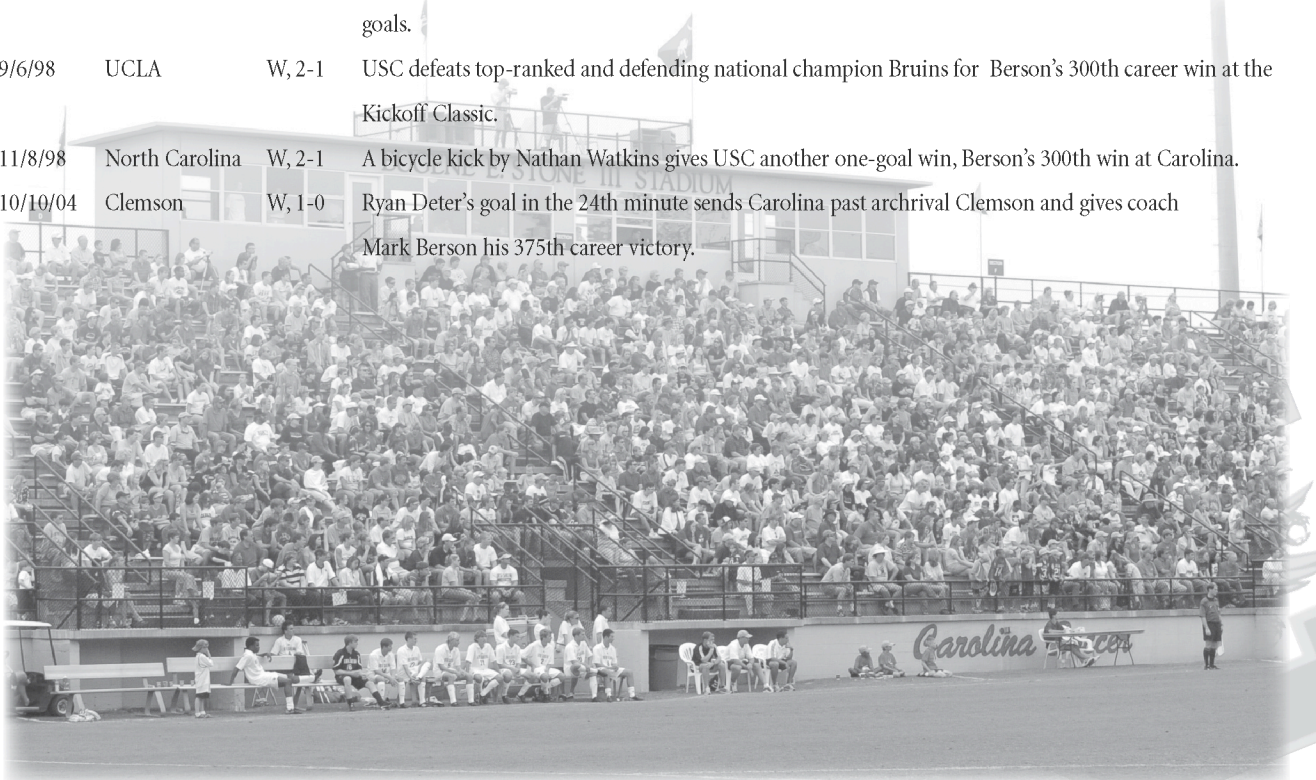


# HOME SWEET HOME - MEMORABLE HOME MATCHES

*Over the last 27 seasons, many great memories have been made at South Carolina home matches at The Graveyard, since named Stone Stadium. These memorable matches range from NCAA Tournament wins to strong individual showings, to wins that marked a specific moment in Carolina soccer history.*

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	DESCRIPTION
9/19/78	Presbyterian	W, 12-0	USC's first-ever home match, began Carolina's excellent record at home.
11/17/85	Duke	W, 3-0	Doug Allison and Scott Cook both add a goal and an assist, as USC wins school's first NCAA home match.
10/12/86	Clemson	W, 4-3	One of the early matches with USC archrival. Carolina secured its first home win over Clemson.
11/27/88	SMU	W, 1-0	The lone first half goal by Clark Brisson leads Gamecocks to first ever Final Four.
11/4/89	UCLA	W, 3-2	First of two wins over UCLA nine years apart helped USC go undefeated in 1989 Met Life Classic.
11/12/89	Duke	W, 2-1	Scott Cook scores miraculous goal from near corner flag to defeat Blue Devils in NCAA Tournament.
10/28/90	Indiana	W, 2-1	Win over powerhouse Indiana give Gamecocks second Met Life Classic title.
11/1/92	Clemson	W, 2-0	Gamecocks score in 15 seconds; have captain ejected at 56 seconds. Still win thriller.
11/4/92	Co. of Charleston	W, 4-3	Senior All-American Tommy Loeber scores his first career goal with seconds left to send match to overtime.
11/28/93	Air Force	W, 6-0	USC reaches second Final Four behind six-goal outburst by six different Gamecock goal scorers.
10/14/94	North Carolina	W, 7-5	Future MLS star Clint Mathis shows first signs of brilliance.
10/29/97	Wake Forest	W, 5-4	Carolina erased a 4-2 second-half deficit to come back and defeat WFU behind five Josh Wolff points.
11/23/97	Chas. Southern	W, 3-0	First NCAA match at newly-named Stone Stadium sees Mathis and Kim Eriksen combine to score two goals.
9/6/98	UCLA	W, 2-1	USC defeats top-ranked and defending national champion Bruins for Berson's 300th career win at the Kickoff Classic.
11/8/98	North Carolina	W, 2-1	A bicycle kick by Nathan Watkins gives USC another one-goal win, Berson's 300th win at Carolina.
10/10/04	Clemson	W, 1-0	Ryan Deter's goal in the 24th minute sends Carolina past archrival Clemson and gives coach Mark Berson his 375th career victory.

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**CLINT MATHIS AND  
JOSH WOLFF  
PLAYING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Josh Wolff helped the Kansas City Wizards to the 2004 MLS Cup Championship.
- After playing overseas in Germany, Clint Mathis returned to the U.S. in 2005 to join MLS expansion team Real Salt Lake.
- Clint Mathis and Josh Wolff represented the United States in the 2002 World Cup in South Korea. Mathis posted one goal and one assist, while Wolff tallied an assist enroute to the U.S.'s best finish in 70 years. They advanced to the quarterfinals where they lost to Germany 1-0.
- Representing the U. S. on the World Cup qualifying team, Josh Wolff and Clint Mathis played in three matches before suffering injuries that would sideline them both for three to four months. Wolff was named man-of-the-match when the U.S. defeated Mexico, while Mathis earned man-of-the-match honors with a game-winning goal in the 87th minute, to defeat Honduras 2-1.
- In 2001, on a cold April night in Columbus, Ohio, Mathis and Wolff were called on by U.S. National team coach Bruce Arena after starters Brian McBride and Claudio Reyna were both injured. The duo combined on the would be game-winning goal in the 47th minute with Mathis feeding Wolff in a breakaway to lead the U.S. over Mexico in a World Cup Qualifying game.
- Wolff played every minute of the U.S.'s six matches at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, netting two goals. The U.S. ended the games with an historic fourth place finish, the best finish for the United States.
- Mathis set a Major League Soccer record in August of 2003, when he scored five goals in a game against Dallas. As a MetroStar, the midfielder led NY/NJ to a win with a career-high five goals. Mathis holds the MLS record for points in a game with 10, also in the Dallas game. The former Gamecock is also among the leaders in assists in a game with a hat trick of sorts, posting three assists in a 1998 match.
- Wolff led the Fire to the 2000 U.S. Open Cup Championship with a 2-1 win over the MLS' Miami Fusion. The Fire were the first MLS team to win multiple Open Cup Championships. Chicago also won the Cup in 1998 with an identical 2-1 win over the Columbus Crew.
- Mathis made his national team debut on Dec. 6, 1999 against Australia in San Jose. The U.S. team rookie was named the MVP of the game for his efforts.
- In front of over 50,000 fans, Wolff helped the Chicago Fire capture its first MLS Cup in October of 1998 in the team's inaugural season.



**2002 WORLD CUP**

- Clint Mathis and Josh Wolff are the first Gamecocks to represent the United States in the World Cup
- Mathis scored one goal and one assist, while Wolff tallied one assist
- Both players graced the covers of several sports magazines, including Sports Illustrated, ESPN Magazine and Soccer America
- Mathis and Wolff helped advance the United States to the quarterfinals...the best finish in 70 years

**ALPHABETICAL**

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl
9	Ayo Akinsete	F	Jr.
10	Josh Alcala	F	Sr.
12	Rob Charest	MF	Jr.
16	Geoff del Forn	GK	So.
13	Ryan Deter	F	Sr.
7	Kyle Franklin	F	Fr.
8	Jeff Gross	MF	R-Fr.
1	Mike Gustavson	GK	Fr.
21	Kevan Hawkins	MF/F	Fr.
18	Makan Hislop	D	Jr.
0	Ryan Jenkins	GK	Fr.
14	Matt King	MF	So.
11	Ryan Leeton	MF	Jr.
23	Spencer Lewis	MF	Fr.
26	Sebastian Lindholm	F	So.
25	Matt Mierley	GK	Fr.
19	J.D. Moon	MF	So.
27	B.J. Neilsen	D	R-Fr.
2	Ralph Pace	MF	Jr.
4	Ramon Paracat	MF	So.
17	Greg Reece	D	Sr.
24	David Ross	MF	Jr.
6	Mike Sambursky	F	Jr.
20	David Smith	MF	Fr.
15	Stephen Sprague	D	Jr.
3	Eric Szeszycki	M	Sr.
5	Daniel Upchurch	D	So.
22	Brennan Williams	MF	Fr.

**NUMERICAL ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
0	Ryan Jenkins	GK	6-3	203	Fr.	Maryville, Tenn. (Maryville)
1	Mike Gustavson	GK	6-3	180	Fr.	Aiken, S.C. (South Aiken)
2	Ralph Pace	MF	6-1	175	Jr.	Boston, Va. (Rappanhannock/UMass)
3	Eric Szeszycki	MF	5-9	160	Sr.	Round Rock, Texas (Round Rock)
4	Ramon Paracat	D	5-9	176	So.	Farmingville, N.Y. (St. John the Baptist)
5	Daniel Upchurch	D	6-1	181	So.	Dallas, Texas (Greenhill)
6	Mike Sambursky	F	5-10	173	Jr.	Katy, Texas (Cypress Springs)
7	Kyle Franklin	F	6-1	173	Fr.	Maryville, Tenn. (Maryville)
8	Jeff Gross	MF	5-10	159	R-Fr.	Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer)
9	Ayo Akinsete	F	5-11	194	Jr.	London, England (St. Columbia's)
10	Josh Alcala	D	5-9	162	Sr.	Buda, Texas (Hays)
11	Ryan Leeton	D	5-11	176	So.	Midland, Texas (Midland)
12	Rob Charest	MF	5-11	165	Jr.	Monson, Mass. (Monson/UMass)
13	Ryan Deter	F	6-2	175	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C. (Leesville Road)
14	Matt King	MF	5-8	156	So.	Sandy, Utah (Brighton)
15	Stephen Sprague	D	5-7	154	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (Lake Highlands/Loyola-Chicago)
16	Geoff del Forn	GK	6-0	160	So.	Gainesville, Ga. (Piedmont College)
17	Greg Reece	D	6-3	194	Sr.	Clemmons, N.C. (West Forsyth)
18	Makan Hislop	D	6-3	207	Jr.	Tobago, West Indies (Signal Hill)
19	J.D. Moon	MF	5-10	155	So.	Conyers, Ga. (Heritage)
20	David Smith	MF	6-0	177	Fr.	Arlington, Texas (Summit)
21	Kevan Hawkins	MF/F	5-9	160	Fr.	Denton, Texas (Ryan)
22	Brennan Williams	MF	5-7	151	Fr.	Columbia, S.C. (Cardinal Newman)
23	Spencer Lewis	MF	5-6	136	Fr.	Irmo, S.C. (Irmo)
24	David Ross	MF	5-11	168	Jr.	Brandon, Miss. (Jackson Prep/App. State)
25	Matt Mierley	GK	5-10	173	Fr.	Weston, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
26	Sebastian Lindholm*	F	6-2	164	So.	Taby Sweden (DeGeer)
27	B.J. Neilsen	D	6-0	181	R-Fr.	Destrehan, La. (Jesuit)

\* will miss the 2005 season with an injury

**BY CLASS**

Seniors.....	4
Juniors.....	8
Sophomores.....	6
Redshirt Freshmen.....	2
Freshmen .....	7

**COACHING STAFF**

Name	Position	Year	Alma Mater
Mark Berson	Head Coach	28th	North Carolina, 1975
Bert Molinary	Assistant Coach	2nd	Excelsior, 2003
Alex Maslow	Assistant Coach	1st	Furman, 2005
Ryan Sacko	Volunteer Assistant	1st	Charleston Southern, 2003



**2005 SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS:** *Front Row (L-R):* Kyle Franklin, Brennan Williams, Spencer Lewis, Jeff Gross, Eric Szeszycki, Josh Alcala, Stephen Sprague, Rob Charest, Matt King and B.J. Neilsen. *Middle Row (L-R):* Head coach Mark Berson, assistant coach Bert Molinary, Ayo Akinsete, Ramon Paracat, Kevan Hawkins, David Ross, David Smith, Sebastian Lindholm, Daniel Upchurch, J.D. Moon, manager Bryan Ham, assistant coach Alex Maslow, volunteer assistant Ryan Sacko. *Back Row (L-R):* Makan Hislop, Mike Sambursky, Ryan Deter, Matt Mierley, Ryan Jenkins, Mike Gustavson, Geoff del Forn, Ralph Pace, Greg Reece and Ryan Leeton.

The South Carolina men's soccer program ushers in a new era in 2005. This season will mark the Gamecocks' first as a member of Conference USA. Head coach Mark Berson, who ranks No. 5 in wins among all active Division I coaches, returns nine starters and 14 letterwinners from a team that compiled a 12-7-1 record and made the school's 17th appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The 2005 Gamecocks hope to carry that momentum into this season and build on the success a youthful squad achieved a year ago.

"In 2004, our team jumped out to an 8-2-1 record and had a great start to the season," Berson said. "As we hit the middle part of the season, we didn't get some bounces, and we had a little bit of misfortune here and there. The guys fought through it. One of our main goals was to finish the season strong last year, which we did, in winning three of our last four games, including wins against No. 13 Duke and No. 21 FIU. That earned us an NCAA Tournament bid, our third in four years."

Carolina compiled an impressive resume last season. In addition to victories over Duke and Florida International, the Gamecocks picked up wins over a number of quality op-



ERIC SZESZCYKI

ponents, including William & Mary, Portland, Wake Forest and Clemson.

"We achieved our goal of getting into the NCAA Tournament and also of finishing strong," Berson added. "Unfortunately, we did not win that tournament game at home. We lost in a very close game to College of Charleston. We would like to go further, and that's our objective for this season. We have a very demanding schedule this year which will present us with a lot of chances to prove ourselves."

Carolina will have a solid corps of veteran players on the roster this season, and a talented group of newcomers should provide depth to the team. A quartet of seniors, Josh Alcalá, Greg Reece, Eric Szeszcyki and Ryan Deter, will bear much of the leadership responsibility in 2005.

"As we head into the season, the strength of this team is that we have veteran team, and I think we have a lot of good depth in our incoming class," Berson said. "Our goals are to win the regular season Conference USA Championship, win the Conference USA Tournament and get an NCAA bid. After that, the objective is to advance in the NCAA Tournament."

Szeszcyki, a midfielder, finished at the Gamecocks' second-leading scorer in 2004 with 14 points on five goals and four assists. Alcalá, who has made the move from defender into a midfield/forward position this season, was fifth with 11 points on three goals and five assists a year ago. Reece returns to anchor the defense. He helped the Gamecocks collect five shutouts last season and scored seven points on three goals and an assist.

USC will start the season without Deter's services. He is expected to be out up to eight weeks after a foot injury he sustained over the summer. As a junior, Deter finished with 14 points on five goals and four assists to tie with Szeszcyki for the second-most on the team.

Carolina will have to fill the role of leading scorer with a different player this season. Sebastian Lindholm led USC with 16 points on six goals and four assists as a freshman, but will miss the season with a torn ACL.

## GOALKEEPERS

The Gamecocks will have holes to fill, and the most glaring loss is in the goal. All-American Brad Guzan, who played every minute of the 2003 and 2004 seasons between the posts, opted to forgo his final two seasons of eligibility to enter Major League Soccer. Guzan was the No. 2 pick, becoming the highest goal-

keeper every drafted into the MLS, of expansion team CD Chivas USA.

"The loss of Brad Guzan in the goal is a huge. It's a loss that we're going to have to work to compensate for by working hard to improve in other areas," Berson explained. "Everyone is going to have to pull a little bit harder to make up for the fact that we lose Brad Guzan."

Berson expects a wide open race to replace Guzan with four new goalkeepers on the team. Geoff del Forn, a transfer from Division III Piedmont College in Georgia, and a trio of freshmen, Mike Gustavson, Ryan Jenkins and Matt Mierley, will be contending for the position.

"We know that no matter who earns the position, they will be lacking experience at this level," Berson added. "Clearly that is going to affect the way we play and the way we design things as a team. We want to try to keep things as solid as we can to enable our goalkeeper to develop back there in the position."

Del Forn has joined the Gamecocks after playing one season at Piedmont College in Georgia.

Gustavson, a high school All-American, completed a successful high school career at South Aiken High School in 2005 by helping the team to the 4A State Championship.

"Mike has good size, good range and excellent reach," Berson said. "He reads the game well and distributes the ball very well."

Jenkins is one of two Gamecock freshmen from Maryville High School, joining high school teammate Kyle Franklin. He was three-sport athlete in high school, playing football with Cade Thompson, a freshman quarterback on the USC football team.

"Ryan Jenkins has good size and a good range," Berson notes. "As he focuses on soccer in college, he will be an exciting player to watch."

Mierley comes to Carolina from Weston, Fla.

"Matt has a lot of experience as a winner at both the club and high school level," Berson said. "That confidence and ability to win are very important."

"It's going to be a battle right down to the wire to determine who is going to come out as our No. 1 goalkeeper and No. 2 goalkeeper and so forth," Berson said. "Clearly, that's go-

ing to be a main focus of our preseason is to come out and get an idea who is going to be our leading candidate in the goal."

DEFENSE

Carolina returns a number of players who saw time in the starting lineup on defense last season, and Berson expects this to be a solid position for his team.

"Across the backline we have depth and experience and that is going to need to be a strong area for us," he said.

Greg Reece, a two-year starter, returns as a center back.

"Greg has good size, he's good in the air and has been a starter for us throughout his career. He's led us to two NCAA Tournaments," Berson noted. "He's got the ability and experience to be a leader for us in the backline."

Junior Ryan Leeton is back in action after undergoing surgery on his knee last season. Injury hampered Leeton in 2004 as he appeared in just six matches, making five starts.

"Ryan has good mobility, he's a fierce competitor," Berson said. "He wins a lot of balls in the air and on the ground. He's a good organizer."

Sophomore Daniel Upchurch will also be competing for a spot at the center back position. Upchurch played in 15 matches with 14 starting assignments in 2004.

"Daniel played a lot of last year as a freshman when Ryan Leeton was down with injury," Berson said. "He played well for us, and he'll certainly be a guy who will contend for some time at the center back position."

B.J. Neilsen spent the 2004 season as a red-shirt and will make his collegiate debut this year.

"B.J. needs experience, but had a very good off season," Berson said. "He will certainly be pushing to earn time."

On the left side, Ray Paracat returns as a sophomore. He appeared in 15 matches and made 10 starts a year ago.

"Ray played off and on last season. Once he gains consistency with his play and concentration, he should be able to assume more responsibility over on the left side," Berson said.

Brennan Williams, a freshman from Columbia, could also see time on the left side.

"He has good speed and is a good athlete, but just lacks experience on the left-hand side," Berson said of Williams.

On the right side, juniors Stephen Sprague and Makan Hislop return. Sprague joined the Gamecocks for his sophomore season after playing at Loyola (Chicago) in 2003. He played in 18 matches and started nine of those.

"Stephen played well last year after entering our program as a transfer," Berson said. "He's got experience, and he's very athletic. He's got good speed and reads the game well."

Hislop, a member of the Trinidad & Tobago Under-20 National Team, is a two-year starter for the Gamecocks.

"Makan has good ability at both the right back and center back position. He can push forward very well, and he's good in the air," Berson noted. "He strikes the ball extremely well and serves a good ball."

MIDFIELD

The Gamecock midfield also features a good blend of returning players and good depth.

Szeszcyki, who served as a team captain in 2004, will be the natural leader of the midfield corps.

"Eric has played a tremendous role on this team through the years," Berson said. "He was one of our top goal scorers (last season). He's very mobile, comes forward well and is a tireless worker for us."

At the center midfield, Carolina has three players with significant experience in juniors Ralph Pace and Rob Charest and sophomore J.D. Moon.

Pace and Charest both transferred to South Carolina from UMass at the beginning of the spring semester, and enjoyed a productive spring season with the team. Moon saw time in every match as a freshman, and scored the game-winner in a 1-0 victory at No. 13 Wake Forest.

"Both Ralph and J.D. can play in the middle, along with Rob Charest," Berson said. "Rob is a good playmaker, reads the game well and has a very high work rate. He's a good distributor of the ball."

Sophomore Jeff Gross and junior David Ross, another transfer, both will provide support in the midfield. Gross was redshirted last year, but had a good spring.

"We're looking for improvement and development from Jeff to see how much responsibility he can take this fall," Berson said.

Ross transferred in from Appalachian State for the spring semester last year.

"David can play in the middle of the midfield, on the right and on the left," Berson said. "He had a very good spring and should help us."

Sophomore Matt King played last year and learned the Carolina system.

"As Matt gains experience, we will look for him to assume more responsibility."

Spencer Lewis, an incoming freshman from Irmo, will also be in the mix.

"Spencer is a very good passer, reads the game well," Berson notes. "He can hold the ball well and distribute the ball well. He just needs to gain experience with this group at the college level."



## FORWARD

At the forward position, the Gamecocks took a blow this summer with the injuries to Sebastian Lindholm, the team's leading scorer a year ago, and Ryan Deter.

Lindholm tore his ACL during the week leading up to USC's NCAA Tournament match. He tore the ACL again after being cleared to play and was operated on during the summer. Lindholm will miss this season. Deter's foot injury will keep him out at least eight weeks.

"Clearly, Sebastian's presence will be missed," Berson said. "He is a player we were counting on to help us. Ryan's return is possible, but we just don't know what the likelihood of that is or what kind of form he would be in when he returns. Ryan is a senior and has had a great career here. I know how much he was looking forward to coming back and playing this year. We have high hopes that he will be able to return and contribute to our attack as he has in the past."

Luckily, the Gamecocks return three players that are proven scorers in Ayo Akinsete, Mike Sambursky and Josh Alcala.

Akinsete led Carolina in scoring during his freshman season in 2003. He scored five goals and added two assists for a total of 12 points in 2004.

"Ayo had a good year last year," Berson said. "He needs to be more consistent, and if he can be more consistent in his production up front, he has all the tools to be a very good forward at the collegiate level. He's a guy that can be a major impact player for our team."

Sambursky finished as the Gamecocks' assist leader with six last season. He also scored three goals for a total of 12 points.

"Mike had a tremendous year for us last year," Berson added. "He is very explosive up front and he can play wide on the right. We need to put him in a position where he can run at players to create opportunities. He is very fast, very strong and has a great workrate. He's a tireless worker up front for us."

In addition to Akinsete and Sambursky, senior Josh Alcala will play in attacking role for the Gamecocks.

"Josh is a senior and a player that has played extremely well throughout his career for us," Berson notes. "He's got good agility and balance and tremendous skill on the ball. He passes the ball well and comes forward very well in the attack. With those three, that's the

group of forwards that we are going to rely on to give us experience and goals in big-game situations."

Behind a group of veterans, USC has an exciting group of young players in freshman Kyle Franklin, Kevan Hawkins and David Smith.

"It will be important for them to develop so that we can get some depth at the position, having lost Ryan and Sebastian. Kyle Franklin can play as a withdrawn forward or up top," Berson said. "He has good strength and makes very good runs and reads opportunity to open things up well. He just lacks experience at the position."

"Kevan Hawkins can play wide or as a forward up top. He has a good shot, and is very good on the turn. He reads game well and maintains possession well in first third of the field."

"David Smith can also play up front or in the midfield, and will probably be used at both positions," Berson said. "He's very good at getting crosses in and has a good shot. He's very comfortable on the ball."

## OVERALL

The Gamecocks will feature a good blend of youth and experience, and that's something Berson feels good about.

"At every position on the field, we should have some experience returning," Berson noted. "Obviously, we will be lacking experience in the goal, which is a critical position. Every person on this team will have to work exceptionally hard to pull up the extra slack so we can let that person in goal develop and become the top flight goalkeeper that we need. That position probably won't be decided until we move through the season a little bit. It's possible that whoever emerges as the leader in preseason will maintain that spot, but it's also possible that the goalkeeper may change as we move through the year. This is just one of the things we're going to have to live with this year."

Carolina's four seniors should set the pace as the program competes in Conference USA for the first time.

"I think, from a team aspect, we're very excited about the foundation that has been laid by this senior class," Berson said. "We've been to the (NCAA) tournament three of the last four years. We've had significant wins over excellent programs during that period."

The Gamecocks are ready for the adjust-

ment to playing in a conference for the first time since 1994. USC had been an independent for all but two seasons of the program's 27-year existence.

"As we enter Conference USA, we're very excited about the new opportunities; we're very excited about the new rivalries. At the same time, we know it's going to be a challenge to go to places we've never been and play teams we don't know anything about, and begin to establish this conference identity that I think will be a real plus to soccer program over the years. The competition in this league is excellent. It will certainly be one of the top conferences in the country based on its RPI and the performance of the teams in the past. We welcome this as a great opportunity, and we accept it as a great challenge for our program. We also understand that we're going to be on a little bit of a learning curve as we adjust to new teams, new places, new rivalries. It will be an exciting period, and it gives us an excellent goal to shoot for as we try to compete for the conference championship in our first year back in a conference."



**MIKE SAMBURSKY**