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Ray TANNER

Head Baseball Coach
12th Season - South Carolina
21st Season - Overall

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In his 12th season as head coach at the University of South Carolina, Ray Tanner continues to lead the Gamecock baseball program to unprecedented heights with his commitment to excellence. Over the last decade, Tanner has established one of the premier programs in all of college baseball with milestones and accomplishments piling up each season.

Atop the list includes three consecutive trips to the College World Series from 2002-2004. Included in those journeys to Omaha was a national runner-up finish in 2002, a victory over SEC champion LSU in 2003 and three straight wins over perennial powers LSU, Miami (Fla.) and Cal State Fullerton in 2004.

Over the past eight years the Gamecocks own a 388-155 record, the fourth highest win total in Division I Baseball in that time frame as well as an SEC-best 147-92 mark in conference match-ups. Since the 2000 season, Tanner's squads have reached the NCAA Regionals eight times, made seven NCAA Super Regionals, clinched three SEC Eastern Division titles, earned two SEC Championships and won the school's first SEC Tournament title. In addition, Tanner has produced 23 All-Americans as well as 33 All-SEC performers to go along with 59 players that have signed professional baseball contracts.

South Carolina recorded its eight consecutive 40-plus win season in 2007 and achieved a ranking as high as No. 1 in the nation during the year. Carolina earned a trip to the postseason and won the NCAA Columbia (S.C.) Regional before falling one win shy of a trip to Omaha and the College World Series by winning one game in the NCAA Super Regional in Chapel Hill. The Super Regional appearance was Carolina's seventh in the past eight seasons, making the Gamecocks one of only two teams in the nation to achieve that feat. Under Tanner's leadership, the Gamecocks own eight consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament, the longest current streak among the 12 SEC schools.

The 2007 team featured two All-America players in first baseman Justin Smoak and designated hitter Phil Disher. Disher would also earn first team All-SEC honors along with second baseman Travis Jones. Smoak picked up a second team All-SEC selection along with third baseman James Darnell. Baseball America and the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll ranked South Carolina at No. 10 at the end of the season with the Gamecocks also coming in at No. 11 in Collegiate Baseball's final rankings.

Since coming to South Carolina in 1997, Tanner has compiled a 500-220 record, winning over 69 percent of baseball games USC has played. The winning percentage is second highest all-time among SEC coaches behind legendary LSU coach Skip Bertman. Coach Tanner will enter his 21st year in coaching in college baseball and owns an overall record of 895-393-3 with 16 appearances in the NCAA Tournament as a head coach at NC State and South Carolina.

Tanner became the fourth fastest active coach to reach the 800-win plateau in the 2005 season. He has averaged over 44 wins a season and is currently the eighth winningest active coach in Division I college baseball by winning percentage.

Tanner has also gained valuable experience at an international level in his association with USA Baseball. He has served five stints with Red, White & Blue including his latest in 2003 as head coach for the USA National Baseball Team. At the helm of some of the top freshmen and sophomores in the country, Tanner's club finished with a 27-2 record, the best record for a U.S. National Team (.931 winning percentage) and won a silver medal at the 2003 Pan American Games. He was named the U.S. National Coach of the Year for his work that season. Prior to his head coaching stint, Tanner served as an auxiliary coach for the 2000 Olympic Team under Tommy Lasorda that won a gold medal at the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, Australia. He was also an assistant with the 1995-1996 USA teams under former LSU coach Skip Bertman that culminated in a bronze medal win at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. Tanner also served alongside current Mississippi State coach Ron Polk on Bertman's staff. Tanner's first stint with USA Baseball came as an assistant coach to the national team in the summer of 1993.

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

The 1997 Gamecocks compiled a 33-24 record in Tanner's initial season and qualified for the Southeastern Conference post-season tournament. The 1997 team produced a first team All-America player in designated hitter Ryan Bordenick. Bordenick and pitcher Brett Jodie were named to the All-SEC team and shortstop Adam Everett was chosen to play with the USA National Team. Bordenick and catcher Rob Streicher were named All-South.

The 1998 team was ranked among the top 20 in the nation, compiled a 44-18 record and earned a bid to the NCAA playoffs with Tanner earning SEC Coach of the Year. Pitcher Kip Bouknight, outfielder Mike Curry and shortstop Adam Everett were named first team All-SEC. Bouknight, Everett, Curry and Bordenick picked up All-America recognition and pitcher Peter Bauer was named freshman All-America.



The 1999 team won South Carolina's first Southeastern Conference Eastern Division championship and finished with a 35-23 record. It produced a first team All-SEC designated hitter Tim Angiolini with shortstop Brian Roberts making the second team. Roberts led the NCAA in stolen bases with a school record 67 and also earned All-America recognition. Four players from the 1999 squad signed professional contracts.

Tanner's 2000 South Carolina team won the Southeastern Conference championship, a regional championship, advanced to a super regional and finished with a 56-10 record. The 2000 team was ranked first in the final Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) compiled by the NCAA and among the top ten in the three national final polls. Baseball America ranked the Gamecocks fourth, Baseball Weekly eighth and Collegiate Baseball ninth. In addition, Tanner was named National Coach of the Year as well as SEC Coach of the Year for a second time. Pitcher Kip Bouknight, 2000 consensus All-America, won the Golden Spikes Award for the nation's top amateur baseball player and finished the year with a 17-1 record. Bouknight and pitcher Scott Barber were first team selections on the 2000 All-SEC squad and pitcher Peter Bauer, outfielder Nate Janowicz and shortstop Drew Meyer were on the All-SEC second team.

His 2001 Gamecocks finished with a 49-20 record, won a regional and advanced to a super regional finishing in the top 15 in the national final polls. Carolina was 12th in the Baseball America poll, 13th in Baseball Weekly and 15th by Collegiate Baseball. The 2001 Gamecocks battled through the loser's bracket to win a second straight regional championship but lost a 3-2 heartbreaker to Stanford in the third and deciding super regional game at Palo Alto, Calif. Tanner's 2001 squad produced two All-America players in pitcher Lee Gronkiewicz, the nation's leader in saves, and catcher Tim Whittaker, who was also a semi-finalist for the Johnny Bench Award. Outfielder Garris Gonce, Gronkiewicz and outfielder Marcus McBeth were All-SEC.

In 2002, Tanner and his Gamecocks made it to Omaha and stayed 12 days to finish as National Runner-up. It was the first trip for Tanner and culminated in a national championship showdown between South Carolina and Texas. The Gamecocks won their second SEC championship in three years and Tanner was named 2002 America Baseball Coaches Association South Region Coach of the Year and South Carolina was ranked as the number two team in the nation in all of the final polls. The final 2002 record was 57-18, topping the school record of 56 wins set two years earlier. The 2002 team won four games in the SEC Tournament after winning the official conference title with a 21-8 record in conference games. The Gamecocks then defeated Virginia Commonwealth and North Carolina twice to advance to the super regional for the third year in a row. The Gamecocks won two of three from defending national champion Miami (Fla.) to advance to the College World Series in Omaha. It took a five run ninth inning rally to defeat the Hurricanes in the deciding game. After being shut out 11-0 by Georgia Tech to open the 2002 World Series, Tanner's team fought back. Carolina defeated home state favorite Nebraska 10-8, Georgia Tech, 9-5, and Palmetto State archrival Clemson twice, 12-5 and 10-2, before losing the title game to Texas 12-6. It was South Carolina's third second place finish in Omaha. The Gamecocks were also runners-up in 1975 under coach Bobby Richardson and in 1977 under coach June Raines.

Three of Tanner's players; first baseman Yaron Peters, pitcher Blake Taylor and shortstop Drew Meyer earned All-American honors. Peters was the SEC Player of the Year, and Taylor led the nation in saves with 21. Meyer was a first round pick, the 10th overall choice in 2002 and the third consecutive Gamecock shortstop to be drafted in the first round.

South Carolina returned to the College World Series in 2003 and notched one win, an 11-10 slugfest over fellow SEC member LSU wrapped around a pair of losses to CWS runner-up Stanford. The final record in 2003

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RAY TANNER RESUME

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.	POSTSEASON
1988	NC State	45	16	0	.738	NCAA East Regional
1989	NC State	35	21	2	.621	ACC Tournament
1990	NC State	48	20	0	.706	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1991	NC State	48	20	0	.706	NCAA East Regional
1992	NC State	46	18	0	.715	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1993	NC State	49	17	0	.742	NCAA Midwest Regional
1994	NC State	46	18	1	.715	NCAA Mideast Regional
1995	NC State	36	24	0	.600	ACC Tournament
1996	NC State	42	19	0	.689	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1997	South Carolina	33	24	0	.579	SEC Tournament
1998	South Carolina	44	18	0	.710	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1999	South Carolina	35	23	0	.603	SEC Tournament
2000	South Carolina	56	10	0	.848	NCAA Super Regional
2001	South Carolina	49	20	0	.710	NCAA Super Regional
2002	South Carolina	57	18	0	.760	NCAA College World Series
2003	South Carolina	45	22	0	.672	NCAA College World Series
2004	South Carolina	53	17	0	.757	NCAA College World Series
2005	South Carolina	41	23	0	.640	NCAA Regional
2006	South Carolina	41	25	0	.621	NCAA Super Regional
2007	South Carolina	46	20	0	.697	NCAA Super Regional
TOTAL		895	393	3	.694	OVERALL (20 years)
		500	220	0	.694	SOUTH CAROLINA (11 years)

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was 45-22 and in the final national polls the Gamecocks were ranked 6th by Collegiate Baseball, seventh by Baseball Weekly and 10th by Baseball America.

To get to Omaha a second straight time South Carolina won its fourth SEC Eastern Division championship, a fourth consecutive NCAA regional championship and a second consecutive super regional.

The 2003 Gamecocks swept the Atlanta regional tournament hosted by Georgia Tech with a win over East Carolina and two over Stetson and then swept two super regional games against North Carolina at Sarge Frye Field. Two of Tanner's 2003 players, pitcher David Marchbanks and third baseman Brian Buscher, earned All-America recognition. Marchbanks was also SEC Pitcher of the Year and he, Buscher and Landon Powell were named All-SEC. Seven 2003 Gamecocks were drafted and three others signed as free agents.

South Carolina made its third straight trip to Omaha in 2004 when the Gamecocks finished with a 53-17 record and in the process set or tied 20 school records. Four of Tanner's players earned All-American honors in 2004, catcher Landon Powell and pitchers Chad Blackwell, Matt Campbell and Aaron Rawl. Powell and Blackwell also earned All-SEC honors along with Brendan Winn. Six Gamecocks were drafted and signed professional baseball contracts in the 2004 season including Powell and Campbell, who were selected in the first round of the MLB draft, the first time in history that two USC players were taken in the first round. Carolina finished the year ranked third in the country in all three national polls.

USC had another successful season in 2005 that saw the Gamecocks earn a spot in the NCAA Atlanta Regional. Carolina finished 41-23 and reached the final game of the NCAA Regional. Senior first baseman Steve Pearce earned All-American honors and was named NCBWA District IV Player of the Year. Junior shortstop Steven Tolleson joined Pearce on the All-SEC team. Pearce, Davy Gregg, Aaron Rawl and Zac McCamie all signed professional baseball contracts at the end of the season. The Gamecocks finished the season ranked 21st by Sports Weekly and 25th by Baseball America.

Carolina earned another trip to the postseason in 2006 and won the NCAA Charlottesville Regional before falling one win shy of a trip to Omaha and the College World Series by winning the first game of the NCAA Super

Regional in Athens. Despite a young team, Tanner molded together a group that saw four players earn All-SEC honors including first team outfielder Michael Campbell and second team honorees Robbie Grinestaff (designated hitter), Reese Havens (shortstop) and Wynn Pelzer (relief pitcher). In addition to freshman Reese Havens earning All-SEC accolades, first baseman Justin Smoak, outfielder Andrew Crisp and starting pitcher Mike Cisco were named to the SEC All-Freshman team. The seven Gamecocks honored were the most players from an individual school to be recognized by the conference coaches in 2006. Smoak and Crisp also received national recognition with freshman All-America honors. Carolina finished 2006 ranked 12th by Collegiate Baseball as well as 13th by Baseball America and 15th in the Sports Weekly/ABCA coaches' poll.

Before arriving to Columbia as head coach of the Gamecocks, Tanner led his alma mater NC State to seven appearances in the NCAA postseason tournament and ranked second for most wins in school history. He was the 1990 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year and in 1993 was named Atlantic Region Coach of the Year when his team won 49 games.

While he was head coach a NC State for nine seasons, Tanner was affiliated with the Wolfpack baseball program for more than 20 years. He came to the Raleigh campus in the fall of 1976 as a player following an outstanding career at South Johnston High School in Four Oaks, N.C. A four-year starter at shortstop and third base, he earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors his senior season and still ranks among the Wolfpack's all-time leaders in several categories.

Following his playing career, Tanner served as an assistant for NC State coach Sam Esposito, overseeing recruiting efforts and coaching third base.

When Esposito retired, Tanner moved up at the age of 28, becoming one of the youngest head baseball coaches in the nation. During his tenure as an assistant, the Wolfpack reached the NCAA Tournament twice. He had additional duties as assistant to the athletics director and as assistant athletics director in charge of game operations.

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

TANNER MILESTONE VICTORIES AT SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Victories

Victory	Opponent	Result
No. 1	vs. College of Charleston (2/7/1997)	9-8
No. 50	vs. Tennessee (3/15/1998)	4-3
No. 100	vs. The Citadel (4/7/1999)	5-4 (10)
No. 150	vs. Clemson (4/19/2000)	9-8 (12)
No. 200	at Clemson (4/25/2001)	2-1
No. 250	at Kentucky (4/28/2002)	6-4
No. 300	vs. UNC Asheville (4/22/2003)	5-1
No. 350	vs. Ole Miss (4/30/2004)	7-3
No. 400	at LSU (4/10/2005)	7-5
No. 450	vs. Kentucky (5/24/2006)	4-2
No. 500	at North Carolina (6/10/2007)	8-6

TANNER CAREER MILESTONES

Career Victories

Victory	Opponent	Result
No. 1	vs. Western Carolina (1988)	7-1
No. 50	vs. Rutgers (1989)	6-2
No. 100	vs. New York Tech (1990)	3-2
No. 150	vs. VCU (1991)	12-3
No. 200	vs. East Carolina (1992)	6-2
No. 250	at Duke (1993)	2-1
No. 300	vs. Georgia Tech (1994)	8-7
No. 350	at East Carolina (1995)	10-1
No. 400	vs. East Tennessee State (2/15/1997)	11-2
No. 450	vs. Georgia State (3/24/1998)	12-6
No. 500	vs. Furman (4/20/1999)	4-2
No. 550	vs. Georgia (4/28/2000)	9-5
No. 600	vs. Kentucky (5/4/2001)	11-0
No. 650	vs. Tennessee (5/10/2002)	10-6
No. 700	vs. Kentucky (5/3/2003)	7-2
No. 750	at The Citadel (5/12/2004)	6-1 (10)
No. 800	vs. Wofford (5/10/2005)	12-0
No. 850	vs. Oklahoma (2/9/2007)	13-2

bold denotes games coached at South Carolina
regular denotes games coached at NC State

Born Donald Ray Tanner, Jr., March 25, 1958 in Smithfield, N.C., Tanner grew up in Benson, N.C. He is married to the former Karen Donald, a native of Charleston, S.C. A University of South Carolina graduate, she was formerly head women's athletic trainer at NC State. During the summer of 1997 she served as trainer for Charlotte in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). She is the former director of athletics and director of sports medicine at Columbia College.

They have two daughters, Bridgette Grace ("Gracie") and Margaret Pearl ("Maggie") and one son, Joseph Luke ("Luke").



THE TANNER FAMILY
Ray, Luke, Karen, Gracie & Maggie

**TANNER'S NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORD
YEAR-BY-YEAR**

YEAR	RECORD	NCAA POSTSEASON FINISH
1997	N/A	
1998	2-2	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1999	N/A	
2000	4-2	NCAA Super Regional
2001	5-3	NCAA Super Regional
2002	9-4	College World Series
2003	6-2	College World Series
2004	8-2	College World Series
2005	3-2	NCAA Regional
2006	4-3	NCAA Super Regional
2007	4-2	NCAA Super Regional
TOTALS	45-22	(.672)

TANNER AT USC VS. ALL RIVALS

Opponent	Record	Pct.
Alabama	16-16	.500
Appalachian State	3-0	1.000
Arkansas	12-18	.400
Auburn	22-8	.733
Brown	4-0	1.000
Butler	1-0	1.000
Cal State Fullerton	1-2	.333
Campbell	1-0	1.000
Central Florida	2-1	.667
Charlotte	2-0	1.000
College of Charleston	13-2	.867
Charleston Southern	16-3	.842
The Citadel	19-5	.792
Clemson	19-20	.487
Cleveland State	3-0	1.000
Coastal Carolina	2-0	1.000
Davidson	12-0	1.000
Delaware State	9-0	1.000
Duke	2-0	1.000
Duquesne	10-0	1.000
East Carolina	4-0	1.000
East Tennessee State	4-0	1.000
Eastern Michigan	3-0	1.000
Elon	5-2	.714
Evansville	2-1	.667
Florida	21-15	.583
Florida International	1-0	1.000
Furman	11-4	.733
Gardner Webb	1-0	1.000
George Mason	5-0	1.000
George Washington	3-0	1.000
Georgia	23-15	.605
Georgia Southern	2-0	1.000
Georgia State	2-0	1.000
Georgia Tech	3-3	.500
James Madison	1-0	1.000
Kent	2-1	.667
Kentucky	22-14	.611
Liberty	2-0	1.000
Longwood	3-0	1.000
Louisiana Lafayette	1-2	.333
Louisiana State	19-14	.576
Marshall	3-0	1.000
Miami (Fla.)	3-2	.600
Michigan	2-0	1.000
Minnesota	1-0	1.000
Mississippi	18-11	.621
Mississippi State	16-18	.471
Nebraska	1-0	1.000
New Orleans	1-0	1.000
Niagara	3-0	1.000
North Carolina	8-4	.667
North Carolina Asheville	5-0	1.000
North Carolina Wilmington	4-0	1.000
Oklahoma	1-0	1.000
Old Dominion	3-2	.600
Pepperdine	0-1	.000
Presbyterian	1-0	1.000
Princeton	1-0	1.000
Quinnipiac	3-0	1.000
Purdue	1-0	1.000
Radford	13-2	.867
Richmond	2-1	.667
Seton Hall	3-0	1.000
Stanford	1-4	.200
Stetson	2-0	1.000
Tennessee	19-17	.528
Texas	0-1	.000
Texas Tech	1-0	1.000
Vanderbilt	27-9	.750
Virginia	1-0	1.000
Virginia Commonwealth	3-0	1.000
Virginia Military	4-0	1.000
Wake Forest	2-0	1.000
West Virginia	2-1	.667
Western Carolina	4-0	1.000
Western Kentucky	1-0	1.000
William & Mary	2-0	1.000
Winthrop	1-0	1.000
Wofford	25-1	.962
Yale	3-0	1.000
TOTALS	500-220	.694
Vs. Southeastern Conference	215-156	.579
Vs. Non-Conference	285-64	.817

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RAY TANNER BY THE NUMBERS -- ENTERING THE 2008 SEASON

- .694** Winning Percentage at CAROLINA; second highest all-time among SEC coaches
- 1** NATIONAL RUNNER-UP FINISH; 2002
- 1** SEC TOURNAMENT TITLE; 2004
- 2** SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS; 2000, 2002
- 3** COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES; 2002, 2003, 2004
- 4** SEC EASTERN DIVISION TITLES; 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003
- 5** PLAYERS DRAFTED IN THE 1ST ROUND; Everett, Roberts, Meyer, Powell, Ma. Campbell
- 5** STINTS COACHING WITH USA BASEBALL; 1993, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2003
- 7** NCAA SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCES; 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007
- 8** CONSECUTIVE NCAA REGIONAL BERTHS; longest current streak in the SEC
- 9** NCAA REGIONAL APPEARANCES; 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- 11** SEASONS COACHED AT SOUTH CAROLINA
- 20** SEASONS AS HEAD COACH IN COLLEGE BASEBALL
- 23** ALL-AMERICANS COACHED AT SOUTH CAROLINA
- 33** ALL-SEC PLAYERS COACHED AT SOUTH CAROLINA
- 44** WIN TOTAL HE HAS AVERAGED AT SOUTH CAROLINA
- 57** SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS IN A SEASON SET IN 2002
- 59** CAROLINA PLAYERS THAT HAVE SIGNED PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CONTRACTS
- 147** WINS OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS IN SEC GAMES; highest total among SEC schools
- 388** WINS OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS; Fourth highest total in the nation (2000-07)
- 500** WINS AT SOUTH CAROLINA
- 895** CAREER WIN TOTAL; Fourth fastest active coach to reach the 800-win plateau

TANNER TIDBITS

2002 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES NATIONAL RUNNER-UP
2003 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
2004 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

FOURTH HIGHEST WIN TOTAL IN DIVISION I BASEBALL OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS
 -388-155 from 2000-2007

WINNINGEST SEC TEAM IN SEC GAMES OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS
 -147-92 from 2000-2007

TWO SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS
 -2000 56-10 overall, 25-5 conference
 -2002 57-18 overall 21-8 conference

FOUR SEC EAST TITLES
 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003

SEC TOURNAMENT TITLE
 2004

NINE NCAA APPEARANCES
 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

SEVEN NCAA SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCES
 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007

EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS WITH ATTENDANCE OVER 100,000 AT SARGE FRYE FIELD

2000 - Ranked Sixth in Nation (134,207)
 2002 - Set South Carolina record total attendance (151,521)
 2003 - Ranked Fifth in Nation total attendance (145,616)
 2004 - Ranked Sixth in Nation total attendance (159,142)

RECRUITING CLASSES
 2000 - Ranked 8th in Nation
 2001 - Ranked 10th in Nation
 2002 - Ranked 8th in Nation
 2003 - Ranked 1st in Nation
 2004 - Ranked 9th in Nation
 2005 - Ranked 1st in Nation
 2006 - Ranked 1st in Nation

SEC COACH OF THE YEAR
 1998, 2000

NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR
 2000

CAROLINA HONOR ROLL

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR
 2000 Kip Bouknight

SEC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
 2000 Kip Bouknight
 2002 Yaron Peters

SEC PITCHER OF THE YEAR
 2003 David Marchbanks

SEC MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
 2000 Kip Bouknight

SEC BOYD MCWHORTER MALE SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
 2002 Trey Dyson

ALL-AMERICANS (23)
 1997 Ryan Bordenick (DH)
 1998 Ryan Bordenick (UT)
 Kip Bouknight (SP)
 Mike Curry (OF) Adam Everett (SS)
 1999 Brian Roberts (SS)
 2000 Scott Barber (RP) Peter Bauer (SP),
 Kip Bouknight (SP)
 Lee Gronkiewicz (RP)
 2001 Tim Whittaker (C)
 2002 Drew Meyer (SS) Yaron Peters (1B),
 Blake Taylor (RP)
 2003 Brian Buscher (3B)
 David Marchbanks (SP)
 2004 Chad Blackwell (RP) Matt Campbell (SP)
 Landon Powell (C) Aaron Rawl (SP)
 2005 Steve Pearce (1B)
 2007 Phil Disher (C)
 Justin Smoak (1B)

ALL-SEC (33)
 1997 Ryan Bordenick (DH) Brett Jodie (SP)
 1998 Kip Bouknight (SP) Mike Curry (OF)
 Adam Everett (SS)
 1999 Tim Angiolini (DH) Brian Roberts (SS)
 2000 Scott Barber (RP) Peter Bauer (SP)
 Kip Bouknight (SP)
 2001 Garris Gonca (OF)
 Lee Gronkiewicz (RP)
 Marcus McBeth (OF)
 2002 Trey Dyson (DH) Drew Meyer (SS)
 Yaron Peters (1B) Blake Taylor (RP)
 2003 Brian Buscher (3B)
 David Marchbanks (SP)
 Landon Powell (C)
 2004 Chad Blackwell (RP) Landon Powell (C)
 Brendan Winn (OF)
 2005 Steve Pearce (1B) Steven Tolleson (SS)
 2006 Michael Campbell (OF)
 Robbie Grinestaff (DH)
 Reese Havens (SS) Wynn Pelzer (RP)
 2007 James Darnell (3B) Phil Disher (DH)
 Travis Jones (2B) Justin Smoak (1B)

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICANS (6)
 1998 Peter Bauer (SP) Kip Bouknight (SP)
 2000 Drew Meyer (SS)
 2006 Andrew Crisp (OF) Justin Smoak (1B)
 2007 Blake Cooper (SP)

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL SIGNEES

1997 Rob Streicher (Expos)
 1998 Ryan Bordenick (Brewers)
 Mike Curry (Royals)
ADAM EVERETT (Red Sox)
 BRETT JODIE (Yankees)
 Patrick Sexton (Mets)
 Eric Stanton (Pirates)
 Derick Urquhart (Expos)
 1999 Randy Hadden (Dodgers)
 Jason Pomar (A's)
 Adam Poe (Rangers)
BRIAN ROBERTS (Orioles)
 Scott Barber (Diamondbacks)
 Peter Bauer (Blue Jays)
 Clint Collins (Reds)
 Nate Janowicz (Indians)
 Brandon Pack (Rangers)
 2001 **Kip Bouknight (Rockies)**
 Brennan Dees (Montgomery-IND)
 Michael Floyd (Phillies)
LEE GRONKIEWICZ (INDIANS)
 Bryon Jeffcoat (Braves)
 Tripp Kelly (A's)
MARCUS MCBETH (A'S)
 Brett Price (A's)
 Tim Whittaker (Blue Jays)
 2002 Gary Bell (Yankees)
 Trey Dyson (Royals)
 Garris Gonca (Cardinals)
DREW MEYER (RANGERS)
 Yaron Peters (Braves)
 Chris Spigner (Richmond-IND)
 Blake Taylor (Indians)
John Wesley (Blue Jays)
 Steven Whetstone (White Sox)
 Steven Bondurant (A's)
BRIAN BUSCHER (GIANTS)
JON COUTLANGUS (GIANTS)
 Justin Harris (Pirates)
Chris Hernandez (Pirates)
 David Marchbanks (Marlins)
 2004 **Chad Blackwell (Royals)**
BILLY BUCKNER (ROYALS)
Matt Campbell (Royals)
KEVIN MELILLO (A'S)
Landon Powell (A's)
 Bryan Triplett (Astros)
 2005 Davy Gregg (Cubs)
 Zac McCamie (Marlins)
STEVE PEARCE (PIRATES)
 Aaron Rawl (Phillies)
Steven Tolleson (Twins)
 Chris Brown (Joliet-IND)
 Michael Campbell (Padres)
Andrew Cruse (Phillies)
 Ian Paxton (Devil Rays)
 2007 **Arik Hempy (Cubs)**
Harris Honeycutt (Reds)
Jeff Jeffords (Reds)
Travis Jones (Braves)

Bold = currently playing
 CAPS = PLAYED IN MAJOR LEAGUE

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OVERALL WIN TOTALS OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	Florida State	405-142-1
2.	Rice	404-129
3.	Texas	390-151
4.	South Carolina	388-155
5.	Wichita State	381-173
6.	Nebraska	362-154
7.	Clemson	361-167
8.	Oral Roberts	359-131
9.	Georgia Tech	358-153
10.	North Carolina	357-158-1

NCAA REGIONAL APPEARANCES OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	South Carolina	8
	Arizona State	8
	Cal State Fullerton	8
	Clemson	8
	Florida State	8
	Miami (Fla.)	8
	Oral Roberts	8
	Rice	8
	Texas	8

NCAA SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCES OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	South Carolina	7
	Miami (Fla.)	7
3.	Cal State Fullerton	6
	Clemson	6
	Florida State	6
	Rice	6
7.	Georgia Tech	5
	LSU	5
	Stanford	5
	Texas	5

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	Cal State Fullerton	5
	Texas	5
3.	Miami (Fla.)	4
	Rice	4
	Stanford	4
6.	South Carolina	3
	Clemson	3
	Georgia	3
	LSU	3
	Nebraska	3
	Oregon State	3

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES WINS OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	Texas	14
2.	Stanford	13
3.	Cal State Fullerton	11
4.	Oregon State	10
5.	Rice	9
6.	South Carolina	8
	North Carolina	8
7.	Miami (Fla.)	7
8.	Arizona State	4
	Clemson	4
	LSU	4

COMPARING SOUTH CAROLINA & ALL SEC SCHOOLS

OVERALL WIN TOTALS OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	South Carolina	388-155
2.	LSU	335-174-2
3.	Ole Miss	312-182-1
4.	Florida	310-193-2
5.	Mississippi State	308-179-2
6.	Alabama	306-182
7.	Tennessee	295-189
8.	Arkansas	287-193
9.	Georgia	285-207
10.	Auburn	273-197
11.	Vanderbilt	267-199
12.	Kentucky	232-215-1

WIN TOTALS IN CONFERENCE GAMES OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)***

1.	South Carolina	147-92
2.	LSU	137-99-2
3.	Florida	129-109-2
	Ole Miss	129-110
5.	Alabama	127-114
6.	Georgia	119-119
7.	Mississippi State	118-113
8.	Arkansas	114-121
9.	Auburn	109-131
	Tennessee	109-125
11.	Vanderbilt	102-135
12.	Kentucky	81-153-2

***Only conference games, does not include SEC or NCAA postseason contests.

40-PLUS WIN SEASONS OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	South Carolina	8
2.	LSU	6
3.	Alabama	4
	Florida	4
5.	Ole Miss	3
	Mississippi State	3
	Tennessee	3
8.	Arkansas	2
	Auburn	2
	Georgia	2
	Vanderbilt	2
12.	Kentucky	1

NCAA REGIONAL APPEARANCES OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	South Carolina	8
2.	Mississippi State	7
3.	Arkansas	6
	Florida	6
	LSU	6
	Ole Miss	6
7.	Alabama	5
	Auburn	5
9.	Georgia	4
10.	Tennessee	3
	Vanderbilt	3
12.	Kentucky	1

NCAA SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCES OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	South Carolina	7
2.	LSU	5
3.	Georgia	3
	Mississippi State	3
	Ole Miss	3
6.	Arkansas	2
	Florida	2
	Tennessee	2
9.	Alabama	1
	Vanderbilt	1
11.	Auburn	0
	Kentucky	0

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS (2000-2007)

1.	South Carolina	3
	Georgia	3
	LSU	3
4.	Tennessee	2
5.	Arkansas	1
	Florida	1
	Mississippi State	1

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Mark CALVI

**Assistant Coach
4th Season - South Carolina
Pitching/Recruiting**

#48

Mark Calvi enters his fourth year as pitching coach at the University of South Carolina and his 15th year coaching in collegiate baseball.

In his time at Carolina and Florida International University, Calvi has had 27 pitchers either drafted or signed by Major League Baseball teams. That group of pitchers includes former Golden Panthers Josh Banks and Willie Collazo, who both made their Major League Baseball debuts in the 2007 season. Banks played for the Toronto Blue Jays with Collazo with the New York Mets. Both pitchers are on the 40-man rosters for the 2008 season along with another former FIU pitcher, Mark Worrell.

Under the direction of Calvi, the Gamecock pitching staff was among the best in the SEC and the nation with a 3.93 team ERA in 2007 as well as 606 strikeouts in 597.1 innings pitched. Carolina ranked third in the nation in strikeouts per nine innings with 9.1 punchouts averaged per contest. Calvi also had four of his pitchers selected in the 2007 MLB Draft. Junior RHP Wynn Pelzer went in the ninth round (Padres), junior RHP Harris Honeycutt was a 10th routh pick (Reds), junior LHP Arik Hempy was selected in the 17th round (Cubs) and senior RHP Jeff Jeffords was picked up in the 19th round by the Reds. The 2007 season also saw the emergence of RHP Blake Cooper, who was tabbed freshman All-America by Collegiate Baseball.

In the 2006 season, a young pitching staff found its form putting together its best numbers late in the year and in the postseason. Under Calvi's leadership, Pelzer earned second team All-SEC honors along with Mike Cisco being named to the SEC All-Freshman team. In addition, both Pelzer and Cisco were part of the 2006 NCAA All-Tournament team at the Charlottesville Regional. Junior pitcher Andrew Cruse was a ninth round selection in the MLB Draft by the Philadelphia Phillies.

Calvi's first season at Carolina was also a sucess with USC producing a 3.78 team ERA, as senior pitchers Zac McCamie and Aaron Rawl finished among the SEC leaders in innings pitched and strikeouts. Rawl and McCamie also were selected in the 2005 MLB Draft.

Calvi has also produced two pitchers that have led the nation in strikeouts and earned run average respectively. Evan Thomas led the country in strikeouts with 220 in the 1996 season, the fourth highest total in NCAA history and Joseph Burns finished the 1995 campaign with a 1.20 ERA.

Before coming to USC, Calvi served 11 years as an assistant at Florida International University. At FIU, Calvi's pitching staff finished among the Top 10 in earned run average five times and the Golden Panthers made seven NCAA appearances advancing to the Super Regionals against Southern Cal in 2001. His 1995 (2.40) and 1999 (3.07) staffs led Division I in ERA. In addition, the Golden Panthers led the entire nation in strikeouts in 1998 with 675 punchouts. His 1995 staff also posted 16 shutouts on the year, tied for the sixth highest total in NCAA history.

Calvi established himself as one of the top pitching coaches in the country at FIU producing eight All-Americans and 13 All-Conference recipients. He has had 20 pitchers either drafted or signed by Major League Baseball teams. Calvi has also produced two pitchers that have led the nation in strikeouts and earned run average respectively. Pitcher Evan Thomas led the country

in strikeouts with 220 in the 1996 season, the fourth highest total in NCAA history and Joseph Burns finished the 1995 campaign with a 1.20 ERA.

Originally from Marco Island, Fla., Calvi earned three varsity letters in baseball at Nova Southeastern University as a catcher. After earning a bachelor's degree in secondary education, Calvi signed a professional baseball contract with the Seattle Mariners organization in 1992, helping his team win a Northwest League Championship that season. The following year he worked as a scout for the Mariners.

Calvi and his wife, Kaylie, have one daughter, Taylor, born on October 3, 1994.



**THE CALVI FAMILY
Kaylie, Taylor, Mark**



Monte LEE

**Assistant Coach
6th Season - South Carolina
Recruiting Coordinator/Hitting**

#43

Monte Lee enters his sixth season as assistant baseball coach on Ray Tanner's staff and his first year as recruiting coordinator. Lee also works with the outfielders and hitters during practice and has been Camp Coordinator for the Ray Tanner baseball camps in both the summer and winter.

While at South Carolina, Lee has helped lead the Gamecock hitters to be among the best in the country and the nation. The 2007 squad led all Division I schools in home runs with 113 round trippers and batted .301 as a team. The team also averaged 7.9 runs per game, the ninth highest mark in the country.

Four different offensive players earned All-SEC honors including first baseman Justin Smoak, second baseman Travis Jones, third baseman James Darnell and designated hitter Phil Disher. Disher and Smoak each earned All-America honors as well.

Lee has worked closely with the offense since joining the South Carolina staff in the fall of 2002 and has helped to produce 13 MLB Draft selections in his five seasons with the Garnet & Black. Included among that group are MLB players Brian Buscher, Kevin Melillo and Steve Pearce. All three, along with former catcher Landon Powell, are on 40-man MLB rosters for the start of the 2008 season.

He was no stranger to Sarge Frye Field when he joined the South Carolina staff in the fall of 2002. Lee played against the Gamecocks several times during his career, 1996-99, as a four-year starting outfielder at the College of Charleston. He experienced perhaps his best offensive game Feb. 6, 1999 when he drove in all of the College of Charleston runs with three home runs in a 5-4 loss to South Carolina.

Monte Lee played in 206 games during his career at College of Charleston from 1996 to 1999 before being the first position player drafted in school history by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 39th round of the 1999 MLB Draft. He earned all-district academic honors in 1999 and tallied 240 career hits, scored 156 runs, added 50 doubles, six triples, 22 homers, 150 RBI with 88 walks and 66 stolen bases. Coach Lee ranks first on the school's all-time list for RBI as well as second in doubles and total bases, third in at bats, fourth in runs scored and fourth in games played. Lee also finished his career with a .33 batting average. In the Fall of 2004, Lee was inducted as an inaugural member of the College of Charleston Wall of Fame at Patriots Point.

Lee was drafted in the 39th round by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1999 and played that summer with the New Jersey Cardinals in the New York-Penn League. He signed as a free agent with the Texas Rangers the following year (2000) and played at Savannah of the South Atlantic League where he was a teammate of former Gamecock outfielder Adam Poe.

A graduate of the College of Charleston, Lee began his coaching career as an assistant for two seasons, 2001-02, at Spartanburg Methodist Junior College. The 2001 Spartanburg Methodist club reached the NJCAA College World Series and the 2002 team set a school record with 51 wins in a season. During summers of those two yeras he also worked with the South Carolina Diamond Devils AAU team, as an assistant in 2001 and as head coach in 2002.

Born Monte Wesley Lee II, Feb. 9, 1977, in Spartanburg, Lee graduated from Lugoff-Elgin High School in 1995. He was a four year baseball letterman in high school and also played football for two seasons.

Lee and his wife, Kelly, have two daughters, Madeliene, born Feb. 15, 1996, and Shelby, born April 29, 1999.



**THE LEE FAMILY
Madeliene, Monte, Kelly, Shelby**

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Sammy ESPOSITO

**Volunteer Assistant Coach
1st Season - South Carolina**

#41



Brad HOCKING

**Student Assistant Coach
2nd Season - South Carolina**

#47

Sammy Esposito enters his first season as volunteer assistant coach with the South Carolina baseball program. Esposito comes to Columbia after two seasons on the Georgia Southern staff. A four-year letterwinner at NC State, Esposito is the son of former NC State head coach Sam Esposito, who coached South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner during his playing days. Tanner also served on Esposito's staff from 1981-87 before becoming his successor with the Wolfpack.

"I'm thrilled to add Sammy to our coaching staff," said head coach Ray Tanner. "He is a great young coach, who will bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to our program."

In addition to his two seasons with Georgia Southern, Esposito has also been involved with several baseball camps in the Southeast Region including South Carolina, NC State and Richmond. Esposito served as an assistant coach in the Cape Cod League for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox. Y-D won the Cape Cod Championship following a league-best record of 31-12-1 in the regular season.

"I'm very excited to be a part of Coach Tanner's staff at the University of South Carolina," said Sammy Esposito. "This is a tremendous opportunity to work with great coaches, great players and one of the best programs in the country."

Esposito graduated from NC State with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. He attended Broughton High School in Raleigh, N.C. where he was a two-time All-Conference selection in baseball.

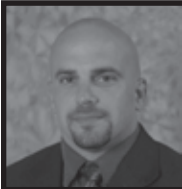
Brad Hocking is in his second season as student assistant coach with the South Carolina baseball program. Hocking originally signed to pitch for the Gamecocks and enrolled in the fall of 2004 but was unable to play due to injuries.

Hocking is a member of the Honors College and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting and financing. Hocking is expecting to complete his degree requirements in the spring of 2008. Hocking received the Community Service Award for the baseball team at the 2006 banquet. He also oversaw the Team Gamecocks effort that collected over 12,000 pounds of food for Harvest Hope.

Hocking came to Carolina from Riverside High School in Greer, S.C. At Riverside, Hocking played for coach Chris Bates and was the 2003 South Carolina AAA Player of the Year after compiling a 10-0 record with a 0.97 ERA and 83 strikeouts in 58 innings pitched. Riverside was the 2003 and 2004 AAA state champions in South Carolina. Hocking played for Riverside along with current Gamecocks, Adam and Andrew Crisp, Kyle Enders, Alex Farotto and Will Kish. Despite not pitching in his senior season, Hocking batted .450 and earned all-state honors. Hocking was also his school's valedictorian with a 5.16 GPA.

Born Bradley Thomas Hocking on Feb. 21, 1986 in Greer, Hocking is the son of Scott and Barb Hocking. He has two older sisters, Marcie and Erin. His grandfather Bill Hocking, was captain of the basketball team at the University of Illinois.





Billy ANDERSON

**Strength & Conditioning Coach
6th Season with Baseball
15th Season at South Carolina**

In his 15th year at the University of South Carolina, Billy Anderson is in his sixth season as strength coach to the baseball program. Anderson also works with the softball team along with men's and women's golf. Anderson began working in 1992 at South Carolina as a graduate assistant and has been a full-time member of the strength staff since 1994.

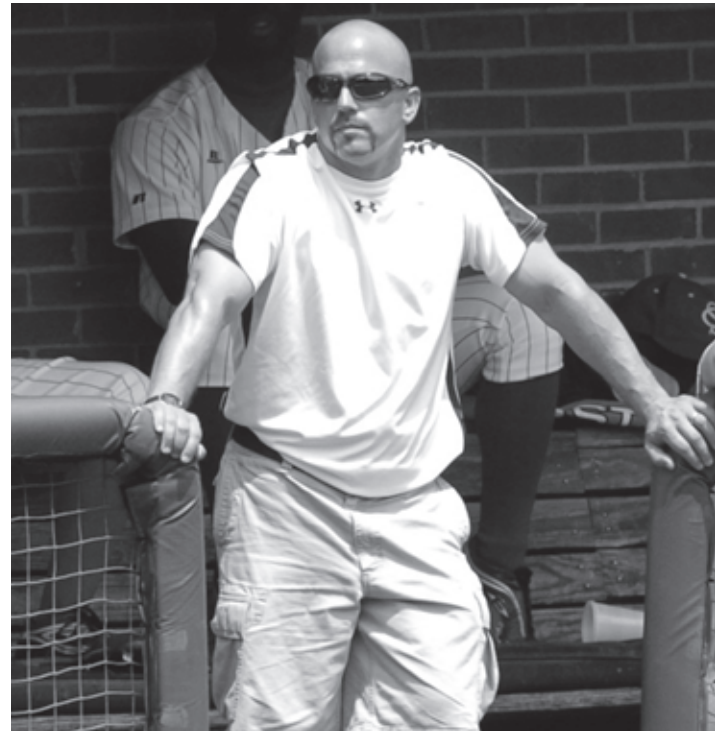
Anderson is certified by the United States American Weightlifting Association (USAWA) as well as the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) and the National Association of Speed and Explosion (NASE)

A native of Stratford, Conn., Anderson received his bachelor of science degree in Health Fitness from Springfield (Mass.) College.

While at Springfield, Anderson ran track all four years and is still the record holder in the 800 meter run. He was the junior and senior Athlete of the Year at Springfield as his team was the ECAC champions both years. In 1991, Anderson finished eighth in the 800 meter run at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships.

A 1987 graduate of Bunnell High School in Stratford, Conn., Anderson was an All-State performer in football and track.

Anderson and his wife, the former Tish Fellers, were married July 22, 2000. They have a son, Kaden Ellis, born on Sept. 11, 2005.



THE ANDERSON FAMILY
Kaden, Billy & Tish

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Steven BONDURANT

**Academic Advisor
1st Season - South Carolina**



Kyle LIPSEY

**Director of Baseball Operations
5th Season - South Carolina**

STAFF

Steven Bondurant is in his first season as academic advisor for the South Carolina Baseball program. In addition to his duties as primary advisor for the baseball team in academic manners, Bondurant also coordinates the Class Check Program for all student-athletes at the University of South Carolina. This past fall, the baseball team earned a cumulative GPA of 3.05.

Bondurant began his position in August of 2007 following a four-year professional baseball career with the Oakland Athletics. Bondurant reached as high as Triple-A with the Sacramento Rivercats before retiring due to injury.

Bondurant was a member of the South Carolina Baseball team from 2000-03 including serving as captain for the '03 squad his senior year. In four seasons with the Gamecocks, "Bondo" compiled a 14-7 career record with a pair of seven-win seasons in 2002 and 2003. Both the 2002 and 2003 teams competed in the College World Series with the '02 squad finishing as national runner-up and earning an SEC championship. Bondurant's seventh win of the 2002 season was in an elimination game at Omaha vs. in-state rival Clemson that eliminated the Tigers and propelled the Gamecocks into the national championship game.

Bondurant graduated in the spring of 2002 from South Carolina with degrees in marketing and also in management. In addition, Bondurant earned his Master's in human resources in 2004.

Bondurant and his wife Emily reside in Columbia. Emily also graduated from the University of South Carolina and is a former cheerleader for the Gamecocks.

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Kyle Lipsey is in his first year as director of baseball operations and his fifth season as a member of the South Carolina baseball program. Lipsey previously served as a team manager for the squad and has been with the Gamecocks since the 2004 season. In his first year, the Gamecocks reached Omaha and the College World Series.

As director of operations, Lipsey oversees all equipment management for the baseball and softball teams and also coordinates the travel and hotel arrangements for the baseball team. Lipsey also is primary contact on the staff with the umpire crews for each game.

Lipsey graduated in the spring of 2006 from South Carolina with a degree in business management and marketing. He also had a minor in sport & entertainment management.

Lipsey attended Jonesville High School where he lettered in baseball and basketball. He earned all-region honors in basketball averaging 17.2 points per game. He played in the Spartanburg Tip-Off Club All-Star Game as well. He was a shortstop for four seasons on the baseball team. He was an all-area honoree by the Spartanburg Herald-Journal for both baseball and basketball. Lipsey also was named to the All-State Academic Team while attending Jonesville High School.

Lipsey was born on March 16, 1984 in Spartanburg, S.C. He is the son of Gene and Nancy Lipsey.



STEVEN & EMILY BONDURANT



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Assistant Ticket Manager



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Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer



Jason Currin
Student Athletic Trainer



Amy Fraley
Student Athletic Trainer



Kim Murray
Student Athletic Trainer



Mike Zachrich
Graduate Assistant Manager



Ryan Fischer
Student Assistant Manager



Grounds Crew: -- Daniel Derrick, Jeremy White, Marcus Thurber, James Bouknight, Travis Reed, Donnie Lindler. Not pictured, Eddie Dunning.

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