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**91**  
**Ladi Ajiboye**  
 Defensive Tackle  
 6-1 ♦ 300 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
 Riverdale, Ga.  
 (Banneker/Hargrave Military)

Sophomore who enters the fall as a starter at defensive tackle... considered the squad's best defensive lineman... is an excellent run stopper and pass rusher... possesses excellent quickness and strength... coming off a strong campaign in which he garnered the most post-season acclaim of any of the Gamecock freshmen in 2007, including second team Freshman All-America honors by the *Sporting News*... has made 10 career starts.



**2007:** Named to the *Sporting News* second-team Freshman All-America squad and *CollegeFootballNews.com* third-team Freshman All-America team... also named Freshman All-SEC by both the SEC coaches and by the *Sporting News*... made 10 starts, most among the squad's freshmen... registered 39 tackles, most among the defensive tackles... 27 of the 39 tackles were solo stops... tied for third on the squad with 3.0 sacks... made his first career start against Georgia... had a sack against South Carolina State... registered a season-high six tackles, including 2.0 sacks in the win at North Carolina... also had five stops against LSU and Arkansas... recovered a fumble against Florida... enrolled at Carolina in January of 2007 and went through spring drills... named the Most Improved Defensive Tackle in the spring.

**2006:** Spent the season at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va., where he was coached by Robert Prunty... played at Hargrave with fellow Gamecock Clifton Geathers... was ranked by *Rivals.com* as the nation's No. 21 overall prep school prospect and was given a four-star rating... was a three-star prospect by *Scout.com* and considered the nation's 61st-best defensive tackle.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** A former teammate of current Gamecock cornerback Carlos Thomas at Banneker High School in College Park, Ga.... graduated in 2006... coached by Benny Crane... was credited with 74 tackles including five sacks as a senior after logging 80 tackles and 10 sacks as a junior... named his team's Best Defensive Player... invited to play in the North-South All-Star Game... also competed in the shot put for the track & field team.

**PERSONAL:** Olufemi Oladipupa Ajiboye was born Sept. 15, 1987... is a criminal justice major... enjoys playing video games... was offered by South Carolina, Virginia Tech, Illinois, Louisville, Michigan State and Minnesota out of high school... selected South Carolina over Virginia Tech after attending prep school.

Ajiboye's Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2007	12/10	27	12	39	3.5-14	3.0-13	0	1	1	0	1



**26**  
**Antonio Allen**  
 Linebacker  
 6-2 ♦ 190 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
 Ocala, Fla.  
 (Trinity Catholic/Fork Union Military)

Freshman who enrolled at Carolina in the spring of 2008 and went through spring drills... played strong safety in the spring but will get a look at the "Sam" linebacker spot in the fall... considered a "contact" player who likes to hit.

**2007:** Played at Fork Union Military Academy in Chatham, Va... given a four-star rating and considered the 23rd-best prep school prospect in the country by *Rivals.com*... played with fellow Gamecocks Akeem Auguste and Eric Baker.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** As a high school senior in 2006, earned first-team all-state honors in Florida after logging 126 tackles and four interceptions... helped Trinity Catholic High School to a 13-1 season... as a junior, he logged 114 tackles and two interceptions, helping his team win the Florida Class 2B title... a high school teammate of current Gamecock wide receiver Dion Lecorn, Allen was coached by former Florida quarterback Kerwin Bell... the consensus three-star prospect was considered the nation's 42nd-best safety prospect and the 80th-best player in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*... was the 75th-best safety prospect in the nation according to *Scout.com* and was rated the 91st-best player in the state of Florida by *SuperPrep*... originally signed with South Carolina in the Class of 2007.

**PERSONAL:** Antonio Allen was born September 23, 1988... undecided on his major field of study.



**70**  
**Garrett Anderson**  
 Offensive Center  
 6-4 ♦ 307 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
 Irmo, S.C.  
 (Dutch Fork)

Junior offensive lineman who has played guard throughout his first two seasons in the Garnet & Black... finds himself battling Seaver Brown for the starting center position heading into fall drills as a replacement for William Brown, who has graduated... smart, athletic player with huge potential... limited in the spring by a back injury... has played in 22 of 25 games over the past two seasons, including eight starts, all at offensive guard.



**2007:** Played in nine of 12 games, including starts in each of the first four contests... earned the start at left guard against Louisiana-Lafayette, Georgia and LSU and started at right guard against South Carolina State.

**2006:** Saw action in all 13 games as a true freshman during the 2006 campaign... started four games – Wofford, Florida Atlantic, Auburn and Kentucky at right guard... also used on special teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Local product who graduated from Dutch Fork High School in Irmo where he played for Coach Bill Kimrey... earned a spot on the *Orlando Sentinel* All-Southern Team... named the South Carolina Football Coaches Association Lineman of the Year... was a first-team All-State honoree by *The State*... rated the No. 2 player in the state at any position according to the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*... graded out at 93 percent with 62 knockdown blocks and no sacks allowed his senior year... rated as a four-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 8 offensive guard in the country and listed him as the No. 3 player in the state of South Carolina, regardless of position... earned All-State recognition by the Associated Press after leading the Silver Foxes to an 8-3 record his senior year... became the first lineman to be recognized as the Offensive Player of the Week by the Columbia Touchdown Club... played alongside fellow Gamecocks Rodney Paulk and Nick Prochak for the South Carolina team in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

**PERSONAL:** James Garrett Anderson was born July 13, 1988... pursuing a degree in business administration... chose South Carolina over offers from Clemson, Virginia Tech and West Virginia.



**62** **Pierre Andrews**  
**Offensive Guard**  
 6-3 ♦ 281 ♦ **Sophomore** ♦ **SQ**  
**Charlotte, N.C.**  
**(Independence)**

Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman who worked with the second-team unit at left guard for much of the spring... could also play center... one of the more athletic linemen on the squad who needs to continue to get bigger and stronger to compete for meaningful playing time... has appeared in one game in his Carolina career.

**2007:** Saw action in one game... played five plays against South Carolina State... slotted at the left guard position after working at center in 2006.

**2006:** Redshirted as a true freshman... worked primarily at offensive center.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Independence High School in Charlotte, N.C., in 2006 where he was coached by Coach Tommy Knotts... led the Patriots to four state titles... Independence High never lost a game with Andrews on the roster... all-conference selection as a sophomore, junior and senior, earning all-state recognition his junior and senior years... recognized as Independence's Most Valuable Lineman... played on the interior of the Independence offensive line, seeing action at both guard and center... considered to be very mobile as a pulling guard... played alongside fellow Gamecock Hutch Eckerson for the North Carolina team in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

**PERSONAL:** Pierre Andrews was born Dec. 27, 1987... interested in a degree in technology support and training management... enjoys music... chose South Carolina over an offer from LSU, among others.



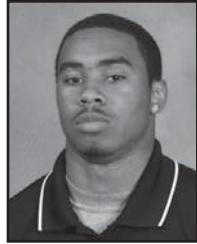
**3** **Akeem Auguste**  
**Cornerback**  
 5-9 ♦ 179 ♦ **Freshman** ♦ **HS**  
**Hollywood, Fla.**  
**(Chaminade-Madonna/Fork Union Military)**

Freshman cornerback who enrolled at Carolina in the spring of 2008 and went through spring drills... impressed coaches during the spring with his quickness and athletic ability... earned the Big Play Award for the defense during spring drills after making several spectacular interceptions... expected to push for consistent playing time in the fall... listed on the second team behind Carlos Thomas entering the fall.

**2007:** Spent the season at Fork Union Military Academy... after his season at Fork Union, was given a four-star rating and considered the 14th-best prep school prospect in the country by *Rivals.com*... played with fellow Gamecocks Antonio Allen and Eric Baker at Fork Union.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Credited with 114 tackles and 10 interceptions in his final two seasons at Chaminade-Madonna High School in Hollywood, Fla., playing for Coach Mark Guandolo... as a senior, he logged 54 tackles and three interceptions, returning two for touchdowns on his way to first team all-state accolades... was credited with 60 tackles and seven picks along with four touchdowns in the return game as a junior... was ranked as the 28th-best player in the state of Florida and the 14th-best cornerback in the country by *Rivals.com* while earning a four-star rating out of high school... was considered a four-star recruit and the 31st-best cornerback in the nation by *Scout.com* and was rated as the 41st-best player in Florida by *SuperPrep*... originally signed with South Carolina in the Class of 2007.

**PERSONAL:** Akeem Auguste was born on October 3, 1989... undecided on his major field of study.



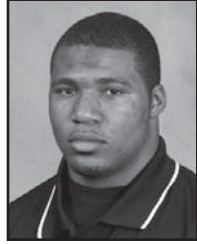
**28** **Eric Baker**  
**Tailback**  
 5-11 ♦ 187 ♦ **Freshman** ♦ **HS**  
**Jacksonville, Fla.**  
**(Edward H. White/Fork Union)**

Enrolled at Carolina in January 2008 and went through spring drills... considered one of the best "natural" runners on the squad... can do good things with the ball in his hands... runs hard and can make the defender miss.

**2007:** Spent the season at Fork Union Military Academy where he played on both sides of the ball... rushed for 800 yards and 10 touchdowns despite battling an ankle injury... a four-star prospect, was considered the eighth-best prep schooler in the nation by *Rivals.com*... played with fellow Carolina signees Antonio Allen and Akeem Auguste.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Rushed for over 1,500 yards in each of his final two seasons at Edward H. White High School, helping his team to a pair of state playoff appearances... led the state of Florida in rushing during his senior campaign of 2006 for coach Terry Gilliam... had 1,703 yards rushing and 16 TDs as a senior... earned second-team all-state honors... received a three-star rating, was considered the 41st-best running back in the nation and listed as the No. 70 player in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*... ranked as the 67th-best player in the state of Florida by *SuperPrep* and was a three-star prospect and the nation's 49th-best running back by *Scout.com*... also competed in track & field... turned down offers from Georgia, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Clemson, West Virginia, Louisville and Nebraska to sign with Carolina in 2007.

**PERSONAL:** Eric Baker was born on February 12, 1988... interested in the field of criminal justice.



**30** **Yvan Banag**  
**Fullback**  
 5-10 ♦ 235 ♦ **Senior** ♦ **3L**  
**Buford, Ga.**  
**(Buford)**

Senior who has made the transition from the defensive side of the ball to fullback in the spring for his final campaign... has seen action at both linebacker and safety during his Carolina career... solid special teams performer... last played in the backfield during his prep days in Buford, Ga... has made two career starts, both coming at linebacker in the 2006 campaign... was born in Paris, France, and came to the United States as an eighth-grader.

**2007:** Saw most of his action on special teams, playing in 10-of-12 games... suffered a right knee sprain in the opening game win over Louisiana-Lafayette and did not play against either Georgia or South Carolina State... returned to active duty against LSU... credited with four solo tackles, including a pair of stops against Clemson.

**2006:** Began the season at linebacker, moved to safety, then returned to an outside linebacker position... started the regular season's final two games (Middle Tennessee and Clemson) at linebacker after an injury to Cody Wells... also used on special teams... credited with 22 tackles, including 17 solo stops... had a pair of sacks... logged a season-high five tackles against Middle Tennessee... recovered a fumble on special teams against Tennessee... also forced one fumble.



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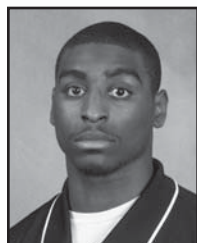
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**2005:** Began the season in the secondary, but was moved to the outside linebacker position... true freshman who played in all 12 games, figuring in on nine tackles, including five solo stops... had a season-high four stops in the bowl game against Missouri and registered three tackles in the Auburn game.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Buford (Ga.) High in 2005... helped his team to a 58-2 record and four state championship appearances, including three titles for Coach Dexter Wood... his team won 47 straight games... ran for 820 yards and eight TDs in 2004... also totaled 79 tackles with four interceptions as a senior... named first-team all-county and second-team all-state... received the Senior Captain Award... was on the state champion 4x100m relay team.

**PERSONAL:** Yvan Loic Banag was born in Paris, France, on December 23, 1986... came to the United States as an eighth-grader... pursuing a degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management... named pronounced ee-VON ben-AG.

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2005	12/0	5	4	9	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2006	13/2	17	5	22	2.0-6	2.0-6	0	0	0	1	1
2007	10/0	4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35/2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2.5-8</b>	<b>2.0-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>



# 4

**Jason Barnes**  
Wide Receiver  
6-4 ♦ 201 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
Charlotte, N.C.  
(Independence)

Lanky wide receiver who missed the majority of the 2007 season after injuring his left foot... expected to figure in the mix for playing time at wide receiver in 2008 with a clean bill of health... ran a 4.49 40-yard dash during the pre-spring timing... named the Most Improved Wide Receiver during spring drills... will have an opportunity to play more this fall... has started one career game.

**2007:** Saw action each of the first four games of the season, including his first career start at LSU... caught his only pass of the season, a 34-yard reception, against South Carolina State... injured his left foot in the loss to LSU and spent most of the remainder of the season on crutches.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Caught 84 passes for 1,413 yards and 14 touchdowns in helping Charlotte's Independence High School to a seventh-straight North Carolina state title in 2006... hauled in six passes for 67 yards in the Shrine Bowl... caught 30 passes for 300 yards as a junior... ranked as the 18th-best prospect in the state of North Carolina by *SuperPrep*... rated a four-star prospect, the 32nd-best wide receiver in the nation and the 11th-best player in the state of North Carolina by *Rivals.com*... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 66th-best wide receiver by *Scout.com*... has a 30-inch vertical leap... turned down an offer from North Carolina to sign with the Gamecocks.

**PERSONAL:** Jason Barnes was born May 31, 1989... is a sport and entertainment management major at South Carolina.

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	4/1	1	34	34.0	0	34

Receptions	1, South Carolina State, 2007
Yards Receiving	34, South Carolina State, 2007
Long Reception	34, South Carolina State, 2007



# 13

**Mark Barnes**  
Strong Safety  
6-2 ♦ 200 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
Columbia, S.C.  
(Richland Northeast)

Second-year player who missed much of the 2007 season due to injury... athletic player who played on both sides of the ball in high school... began his Carolina career in the defensive backfield but moved to wide receiver early in the 2007 season... saw limited playing time due to injury... converted back to the strong safety position in the spring of 2008... picked up the scheme quickly and showed good skills with the ball in the air... listed on the second team at strong safety behind Emanuel Cook entering fall drills.

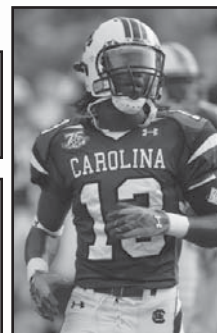
**2007:** Began the fall camp in the Gamecock secondary but moved to wide receiver early in the season... played sparingly in three contests - South Carolina State, Mississippi State and Kentucky... caught two passes, both against South Carolina State, for 12 yards and a touchdown... his first career touchdown reception was a six-yard catch from Blake Mitchell... applied for a medical redshirt due to a shoulder injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Local product who played both wide receiver and safety for Richland Northeast High School... caught eight passes, three for touchdowns, and had 86 tackles and four interceptions as a senior... played in the Shrine Bowl... earned second-team all-state honors from *The State*... as a junior, caught 25 passes for 545 yards and five TDs, had over 80 tackles and five interceptions... a four-star prospect by *Rivals.com* who was considered the ninth-best "athlete" in the nation and the sixth-best player in the state of South Carolina... rated the seventh-best "athlete" in the nation and the third-best player in the state of South Carolina by *SuperPrep*... ranked as the seventh best "athlete" in the country by *PrepStar*... is a four-star prospect and the nation's sixth-best safety according to *Scout.com*... runs a 4.45 40... chose Carolina over Louisville.

**PERSONAL:** Markevies Barnes was born July 2, 1988... pursuing a psychology degree.

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	3/0	2	12	6.0	1	6

Receptions	2, South Carolina State, 2007
Yards Receiving	12, South Carolina State, 2007
Long Reception	6, South Carolina State, 2007
Touchdowns Receiving	1, South Carolina State, 2007



# 74

**Heath Batchelor**  
Offensive Guard  
6-7 ♦ 308 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Haleyville, Ala.  
(Haleyville)

Offensive lineman who enters the fall listed as the starting right guard... came to South Carolina as a tackle and could see action at that position as well... tough and athletic... considered a strong pass blocker... developed into a solid anchor along the offensive line during the final half of the 2007 season... earned the Steve Sisk Outstanding Blocker Award, presented at the 2008 Spring Game... has started four games.




**2007:** Transitioned from backup right tackle to starting right guard during the campaign... saw action for just six plays, all at right tackle against South Carolina State, in the season's first eight contests... moved to right guard and inserted into the starting lineup against Tennessee... started each of the final four games of the season at that position... earned the Everyday Effort Award for the offense in the spring.

**2006:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Haleyville (Ala.) High School where he was coached by Steve Spiller... rated as a three-star prospect by *Scout.com*... was one of three linemen selected by the Alabama Sports Writers Association as a finalist for the 2005 Mr. Football Award as well as the 2005 Class 4A Lineman of the Year Award... helped the team to a 10-2 record and a second-round appearance in the state playoffs... two-time all-area selection... *PrepStar* all-region honoree... chosen for the Max Emfinger All-American Bowl... All-State and Super All-State selection in 2005... also competed for the Haleyville basketball and track & field teams in high school, winning the state title in the discus and shot put... member of the National Honor Society every year since ninth grade... included on the list of Who's Who Among American Students... member of the Spanish Club and vice president of Students Against Drunk Driving.

**PERSONAL:** Heath Batchelor was born July 28, 1987... plans to major in criminal justice... enjoys fishing and hunting in his spare time... chose South Carolina over offers from Georgia Tech and Auburn.



**29**  
**Blake Baxley**  
**Strong Safety**  
 5-9 ♦ 212 ♦ Sophomore ♦ SQ  
**Columbia, S.C.**  
**(Lexington)**

Walk-on who joined the squad in the fall of 2007... provides depth at safety.

**2007:** Redshirted as a first-year player at South Carolina.

**2006:** Attended Midlands Tech in Columbia... was a member of the President's List.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from nearby Lexington (S.C.) High School in 2005... played under coaches Jimmy Noonan, Jimmy Satterfield, Bob Stillwell and Bart Miller... served as team captain... helped his team to a pair of regional titles... was a two-time All-State selection in weightlifting... earned all-region honors in track & field and wrestling... was a member of the National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** Christian Blake Baxley was born June 3, 1987... pursuing a sports management degree with a minor in business... grandfather, Clayton Baxley, played football in the Shrine Bowl and later at Brevard College.



**6**  
**Tommy Beecher**  
**Quarterback**  
 6-2 ♦ 227 ♦ Junior ♦ 1L  
**Concord, N.C.**  
**(Concord)**

Junior quarterback who will compete for the starting position in 2008... came out of spring listed first on the depth chart... has completed 16-of-25 passes (64.0 percent) for 194 yards and two touchdowns in his career... also has carried seven times for 10 yards... shared Most Improved Quarterback honors in the spring with Chris Smelley... also was the Andrew Sorensen Scholar-Athlete Award winner, given to the player with the highest GPA... has appeared in 15 contests over the past two seasons.

**2007:** Saw action in all 12 games as he was the holder on placements for kicker Ryan Succop... completed 14-of-23 passes (60.9 percent) for 175 yards with one touch-down and one interception in three games at quarterback... played significant minutes in the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette... completed 11-of-15 passes for 137 yards and a touchdown in that contest... rushed four times for 17 yards against ULL... also saw action against South Carolina State, completing 3-of-7 passes for 38 yards with an interception... was 0-for-1 in spot duty against Florida... sprained his shoulder during the final week of spring ball and did not play in the Garnet & Black game... earned the Andrew Sorensen Scholar Athlete Award in the spring for having the team's highest GPA.

**2006:** Appeared in three games as a redshirt freshman, completing both of his passes for 19 yards and a score... hampered in early fall camp by an injured left thumb that sidelined him for the first scrimmage... began the season behind Blake Mitchell, Chris Smelley and Cade Thompson on the depth chart... had an impressive scrimmage during the off-week, earning a spot on the travel roster to Vanderbilt... saw his first game action on special teams against Tennessee... made his first collegiate appearance at quarterback against Middle Tennessee and completed a three-yard touchdown pass to Mike West... got in for one play against Clemson and completed a 16-yard pass to Kenny McKinley... received the Harold White GPA Award for the offense in the spring.

**2005:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Concord (N.C.) High School in 2005... played for Coach E.Z. Smith... compiled a 31-6 record as a prep quarterback... passed for over 3,600 yards and 40 touchdowns as a senior, guiding his team to a 15-1 record and the 3A state title... completed 155-of-300 passes for 2,586 yards and 28 touchdowns as a junior... named to the all-conference team as both a junior and senior... was the Southern Piedmont Player of the Year and named to *USA TODAY's* "Old Spice Red Zone Team"... also was the punter... attended the Regional Elite 11 quarterback camps at Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech.

**PERSONAL:** Thomas S. Beecher was born Aug. 22, 1987... is an actuary mathematics major... his uncles, Tee and Tommy Moorman, played for Steve Spurrier at Duke in the late 1980s.

**Beecher's Statistics**

-Passing-

Year	GP/GS	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2006	3/0	2-2-0	1.000	19	1	16
2007	12/0	23-14-1	60.9	175	1	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>15/0</b>	<b>25-16-1</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>

-Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	3/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	12/0	7	10	1.4	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>15/0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

**Beecher's Single Game Highs**

Pass Attempts ..... 15, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007  
 Pass Completions ..... 11, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007  
 Passing Yards ..... 137, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007  
 Completion Percentage ..... 73.3, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007  
 Touchdown Passes ..... 1, twice, Middle Tennessee, 2006  
 South Carolina State, 2007  
 Long Pass ..... 20, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007  
 Rushing Attempts ..... 4, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007  
 Rushing Yards ..... 17, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007  
 Long Rush ..... 11, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007



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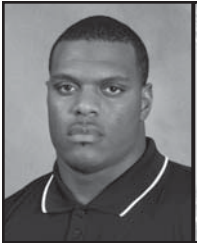
**17**  
**Zac Brindise**  
 Quarterback  
 6-0 ♦ 218 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
 Fort Myers, Fla.  
 (South Fort Myers)

Walk-on quarterback who joined the squad in the fall of 2007... brother of former Florida quarterback Noah Brindise, who also played under Head Coach Steve Spurrier.

**2007:** Worked with the scout team while being redshirted.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from South Fort Myers (Fla.) High School in 2007... coached by Grant Redhead... threw for 1,553 yards as a senior with 17 touchdowns helping his team to a 7-3 record... postseason honors included LCAC first team, John Carrigan All-Star game MVP, *News-Press* All-Area, *Naples News* Comeback Player and South Fort Myers Offensive MVP... also played basketball and competed in track & field... was a member of the National Honor Society and the German Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** Zachary Brindise was born Sept. 22, 1988, in Fort Myers Beach, Fla... parents are Kathy and Barry Brindise... brother, Noah, played quarterback at the University of Florida... interested in a degree in sport and entertainment management.



**52**  
**Jasper Brinkley**  
 Linebacker  
 6-2 ♦ 275 ♦ Senior ♦ 1L  
 Thomson, Ga.  
 (Thomson/Georgia Military)

All-conference and All-America linebacker candidate returns for his final season with the Gamecocks after receiving a medical redshirt for the 2007 season... named to the Chuck Bednarik preseason Watch List... held out of contact drills in the spring but looks to be 100 percent in the fall... possesses all the tools... is a tall linebacker with good size... an impact player and leader on the defense... was a first-team All-SEC performer as a junior in 2006 when he led the team with 107 tackles... started each of his first 17 games in a Gamecock uniform before being sidelined with a knee injury in 2007... led the team in tackles in nine of those 17 contests... has a twin brother, Casper, who completed his Carolina eligibility in 2007 and signed a free agent contract with the Carolina Panthers.

**2007:** Was the only Gamecock named preseason first-team All-SEC by both the SEC coaches and the media and was named to the preseason watch lists for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, Lombardi Award, Butkus Award and for the Walter Camp Player of the Year Award... finished the season with 21 tackles, including 15 solo stops, in four games... led the team with eight tackles, including seven solo stops in the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette, despite playing with a sprained left ankle... recorded his first career interception at Georgia on the game's final play, sealing the 16-12 win for the Gamecocks... had his second interception in as many games when he picked off a pass against South Carolina State... suffered a season-ending right knee injury in the loss at LSU... underwent surgery on Sept. 26.

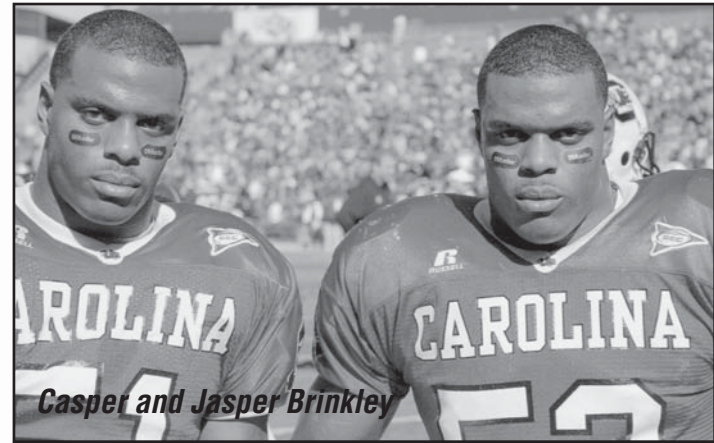
**2006:** Arrived in Columbia in January and went through spring drills... started all 13 games... team's leading tackler with 107 total stops, over twice as many as any other player on the squad... an amazing 79 percent of those (85 of 107) were solo stops... ranked fourth in the league and 55th in the country in tackles, averaging 8.2 per game... led the team and was sixth in the league with 14.5 tackles for loss, tops among SEC linebackers... also recorded 5.0 sacks... led the team in tackles in eight of 13 games, including a career-high 13 (11 solos) against Florida... also had 11 stops against Mississippi State and Houston... presented with the defense's Everyday Effort Award following spring drills.

**2004-05:** Attended Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga., where he was coached by Bert Williams... was a preseason first-team All-America linebacker who earned second-team postseason All-America accolades... recognized as the team's MVP both as a freshman and sophomore... came from the same program that produced former Gamecocks Brandon Isaac and Joel Reaves.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Thomson (Ga.) High School where he was coached by Luther Welch... was a first-team all-area and all-state selection.

**PERSONAL:** Jasper Jerrell Brinkley was born July 12, 1985... majoring in African-American studies... enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	13/13	85	22	107	14.5-37	5.0-22	0	4	2	0	0
2007	4/4	15	6	21	1.0-4	0.0-0	2	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17/17</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>15.5-41</b>	<b>5.0-22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**65**  
**Ryan Broadhead**  
 Offensive Center  
 6-5 ♦ 270 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
 Leesburg, Ga.  
 (Lee County)

Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... enters the fall listed as the third-team center behind Seaver Brown and Garrett Anderson... tough player with good feet... needs to continue to gain strength to contribute... can play all three inside positions... has gone through two springs as he originally signed with South Carolina in 2006, but greyshirted that fall and joined the team in the spring of 2007.

**2007:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Originally signed with the Gamecocks in February 2006, attended summer school but did not enroll in the fall... added 25 pounds to his frame during that time away from school... graduated from Lee County (Ga.) High in 2006 where he was coached by David Johnson... played center as a junior before moving to right tackle as a senior... graded out at 90 percent or better in every game his senior year and had 60 pancake blocks... was a Class AAAA first-team All-State honoree by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... led Lee County to a 10-2 record and its first Region I-AAAA Championship while earning first-team All-Metro, All-Area and All-Region recognition by the *Albany Herald*... team was undefeated in the region and posted its first 10-win season... finished the season ranked No. 5, the highest ranking in school history... also competed in track & field and wrestling.

**PERSONAL:** Ryan Broadhead was born April 27, 1988... is an economics major... enjoys hunting, fishing, boating and camping... an Eagle Scout... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from East Carolina, Memphis and UAB.



**82** **Freddie Brown**  
Wide Receiver  
6-3 ♦ 209 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Duncan, S.C.  
(Byrnes)

Reliable possession-type wide receiver who figures to get plenty of action again in 2008... possesses some of the best hands on the squad and runs good routes... knows all the wide receiver positions... has made seven career starts over the past two seasons... has caught 31 passes for 342 yards in his career, an average of 11.0 yards per catch.

**2007:** Played in all 12 games, making a trio of starts (Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina)... caught 17 passes for 195 yards, an average of 11.5 yards per reception... logged three catches for a career-high-tying 50 yards in the win over Mississippi State, including a career-long 23-yard reception... matched his career high with four receptions for 41 yards against Tennessee.

**2006:** Developed into the Gamecocks' third receiver behind Sidney Rice and Kenny McKinley... started four games... caught 14 passes for 147 yards, the fourth-highest totals on the team... did not have a reception in the first seven games, then caught 14 passes in the final six contests, including four each against Arkansas, Florida and Clemson... had a season-high 50 yards receiving against Arkansas.

**2005:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Byrnes High in Duncan, S.C., in 2005... caught 68 passes for 978 yards and 14 touchdowns his senior season for Coach Bobby Bentley... had three touchdown catches in the state semifinals vs. Aiken... caught 86 passes for 1,486 yards and 16 touchdowns in two seasons at Robinson High in Charlotte prior to transferring to Byrnes... also an outstanding basketball player, he scored 1,269 points while playing at Robinson High, and was named the conference Player of the Year... played in the 2004 North-South All-Star Game... rated the 14th-best player in the state and the 49th-best wide receiver in the nation by *Rivals.com*... rated the 15th-best player in South Carolina by *SuperPrep*.

**PERSONAL:** Freddie Brown III was born Feb. 19, 1987... is an African-American studies major... father, Freddie, is the head coach at Woodruff (S.C.) High School... owns a 34-inch vertical leap.

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	12/4	14	147	10.5	0	21
2007	12/3	17	195	11.5	0	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>

Receptions .....	4, Four times
Yards Receiving.....	50, Twice: Arkansas, 2006 Mississippi State, 2007
Long Reception .....	23, Mississippi State, 2007



**81** **Jamarial Brown**  
Defensive Tackle  
6-0 ♦ 291 ♦ Senior ♦ SQ  
Alvin, S.C.  
(Timberland/St. Augustine's)

Walk-on who provides depth along the defensive line.

**2007:** Joined the squad as a walk-on... worked with the scout team.

**2005-06:** Attended USC but was not on the football team.

**2004:** Attended St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C... earned a spot on the Dean's list.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Timberland High School in 2004... earned a spot on the South Carolina 3A All-State team as a senior football player for coach Art Craig... was a three-year starter on the gridiron, helping his team to the region title each season... Timberland High advanced to the third round of the playoffs during his senior year... was a two-time all-region selection... also lettered in wrestling for four years and was a state qualifier as a senior... lettered in track & field one season.

**PERSONAL:** Jamarial Brown was born Sept. 18, 1986, in Alvin, S.C... pursuing a degree in criminal justice... is a cousin of former Georgia Tech quarterback Joe Hamilton and of former Penn State standout Courtney Brown.



**9** **Moe Brown**  
Wide Receiver  
6-0 ♦ 186 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Anderson, S.C.  
(Westside)

Junior speedster who could be the Gamecocks' deep threat in 2008... may be the fastest of the wide receiving corps... is coming off his best spring... hard worker who loves to play the game... earned the Carolina Hustle Award for the offense during the spring drills... has made 22 receptions for 242 yards, an average of 11.0 yards per catch, during his career... has made five career starts.

**2007:** Played in all 12 games, making four starts... caught 13 passes for 168 yards, an average of 12.9 yards per catch... had a reception in each of the first four games of the season and in each of the final three contests... had five catches through nine games, then caught eight passes over the final three games... tied his career high with four pass receptions for 34 yards against Florida... logged a career-best 37 yards receiving on a pair of catches in the season finale against Clemson... caught a 27-yard pass against LSU, the longest of his career... shared Most Improved Wide Receiver honors in the spring with Mike West.

**2006:** Missed the 2006 season opener with an ankle injury, then played in the remaining 12 contests as a true freshman... caught nine passes for 74 yards... made his first and only collegiate start against Kentucky... had a season-high four receptions in that game against the Wildcats... also had two carries on the season, both against Wofford, for 11 yards.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Westside High School in Anderson, S.C., where he was coached by Ted Luckadoo... two-time all-region selection at wide receiver and one-time honoree at cornerback... competed for the South Carolina team in the 2005 Shrine Bowl, alongside fellow Gamecocks Garrett Anderson and Rodney Paulk... three-star prospect according to *Rivals.com*... the web site also listed him as the No. 56 wide receiver in the nation and the No. 13 player at any position in the state of South Carolina... led Westside to an 11-2 record and a regional championship... also

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competed for the Westside track & field team, earning all-region and all-state honors in the triple jump... was part of the Westside shuttle hurdle relay squad that set new indoor and outdoor national records.

**PERSONAL:** Mauricus "Moe" Brown was born Feb. 27, 1988... is a business administration major... excellent student was a three-time member of the Westside Honor Roll... active in his church... brother, Martez, is a hurdler and high jumper at the University of North Carolina... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Tennessee and Maryland.

### M. Brown's Statistics

-Rushing-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	12/1	2	11	5.5	0	13
2007	12/4	1	3	3.0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
-Receiving-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	12/1	9	74	8.2	0	21
2007	12/4	13	168	12.9	0	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>



### M. Brown's Single Game Highs

Carries .....	2, Wofford, 2006
Yards Rushing.....	11, Wofford, 2006
Long Rush.....	13, Wofford, 2006
Receptions .....	4, Kentucky, 2006 & Florida, 2007
Yards Receiving.....	37, Clemson, 2007
Long Reception .....	27, LSU, 2007



**63** **Seaver Brown**  
**Offensive Center**  
**6-5 ♦ 307 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L**  
**Clearwater, Fla.**  
**(Countryside)**

Redshirt sophomore who figures to compete for one of the starting positions in the middle of the offensive line... listed as the first-team center coming out of spring drills and will compete with Garrett Anderson for that starting assignment... can also play the guard position... a smart player who is considered very coachable... has made six career starts.

**2007:** Made the most starts (6) at the left guard position of the three players who earned starting assignments... made his first collegiate start against Mississippi State in week 5... held that starting slot through the next five weeks, also getting the nod against Kentucky, North Carolina, Vanderbilt, Tennessee and Arkansas.

**2006:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Countryside High School in Clearwater, Fla., where he was coached by John Davis... started every game over his final three seasons... went 27 straight games without missing an offensive snap... rated among the top 40 offensive guards in the country by *Rivals.com* and was tabbed as the No. 71 player in the state of Florida by the web site... represented the state of Florida in the 2005 CaliFlorida Bowl along with fellow Gamecock Kevin Young... first-team all-county and All-Sun Coast selection... member of the Class 5A second-team All-State team as selected by the Florida Sports Writers Association... helped Countryside to a 9-2 record his senior year.

**PERSONAL:** Seaver Brown was born March 17, 1988... pursuing a business administration degree... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Maryland, NC State and others.



**54** **Darantzy Brunson**  
**Defensive End**  
**6-0 ♦ 240 ♦ Sophomore ♦ SQ**  
**Hampton, S.C.**  
**(Wade Hampton/Benedict)**

Walk-on who joined the team in the fall of 2007... adds depth at defensive end.

**2007:** Redshirted as a walk-on player in his first season with the Gamecocks.

**2006:** Attended Benedict College in Columbia but did not compete in football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Wade Hampton High School in Hampton, S.C., in 2006 where he played football for Binky Rankin and defensive line coach I.W. Mathis... served as team captain as both a junior and senior... team was the region champs in both 2004 and '05 and appeared in the playoffs in each of his final three seasons... was an all-state and all-region lineman during his final campaign... played in the North/South All-Star game... considered one of the Top 100 prospects in the Palmetto State... was an Old Spice Red Zone recipient and team MVP as a senior... set the school sacks record for a single game (7), single season (15) and career (26)... named Most Improved as a junior... also competed in basketball and track & field... was a member of the Beta Club and on the school's honor roll.

**PERSONAL:** Darantzy Marrell Brunson was born November 12, 1987... lists his uncle, Barry Brunson, as a key figure in his life... is in the exercise science program at South Carolina.



**60** **Terrence Campbell**  
**Offensive Guard**  
**6-3 ♦ 285 ♦ Sophomore ♦ SQ**  
**Austell, Ga.**  
**(South Cobb)**

Sophomore who made the transition from defensive tackle to offensive guard during the fall of 2007... made significant strides this past spring... listed as the number two right guard on the depth chart entering the 2008 campaign... needs to continue his development to see the field this fall.

**2007:** Listed as a defensive lineman entering the fall but changed his number from 81 to 60 when he was moved to the offensive line... played in one game, seeing action in the win over South Carolina State... did not practice during the spring of '07 while rehabbing a knee injury sustained early in the 2006 season.

**2006:** Redshirted as a true freshman after suffering a left knee injury early in camp that required season-ending surgery.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from South Cobb High School in Austell, Ga., where he was coached by Shane Queen... rated as a three-star prospect by *Rivals.com*, which also tabbed him as the No. 50 strongside defensive end in the country and the No. 42 player in the state of Georgia regardless of position... first-team all-county honoree was selected to the North-South All-Star Team... helped South Cobb to a 9-2 record and a regional title... also competed in basketball... member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes... high school teammate of wide receiver Kenny McKinley.

**PERSONAL:** Terrence Campbell was born December 18, 1987... enjoys playing basketball and listening to music... pursuing a degree in retailing... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Arkansas and Louisville, among others.



# 15

## Matt Clements

Wide Receiver  
6-0 ♦ 190 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
Naples, Fla.  
(Barron Collier)

Talented wide receiver who has shown a lot of potential... excellent athlete who runs well and possesses good hands... figures to work his way into the rotation among the wide receiver corps this fall.

**2007:** Took a redshirt season after being hampered by a knee injury that kept him sidelined for much of the fall... saw limited playing time in the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette, then was used for one play on the "hands team" in the win over Georgia... did not have any statistics.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played quarterback for the first part of his senior season at Barron Collier High in Naples, Fla.... coached by Bill Sparacio... caught 50 passes for 726 yards and six touchdowns as a junior... a four-star prospect and the nation's 43rd-best wide receiver by *Scout.com*... three-star prospect who is ranked as the 45th-best wide receiver in the country and the 55th-best player in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*... rated as the 39th-best player in the state of Florida by *SuperPrep*... runs a 4.4 40 and has a 33-inch vertical leap... holds the school record in the 400 meters (48.3 seconds) and was the track team's MVP as a junior... also played basketball and baseball... his baseball squad was the 2005 5A-13 champs and ranked nationally.

**PERSONAL:** Matthew Jacob Clements was born July 4, 1988... interested in a degree in journalism... father, Steven Rogers, played baseball at Massasoit CC... turned down offers from Auburn, Clemson, Iowa State, Ohio State, Pittsburgh, Virginia and West Virginia to sign with Carolina.



# 21

## Emanuel Cook

Strong Safety  
5-10 ♦ 214 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Riviera Beach, Fla.  
(Palm Beach Gardens)

A postseason honors candidate in 2008 after turning in an outstanding sophomore season in 2007... is a preseason honorable mention All-America by *NationalChamps.net*... listed on the preseason Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List... one of the Gamecocks' toughest players and surest tacklers who was named to the 2007 All-Mayday Team as selected by ESPN's Mark May... has played in 21 games over the past two seasons, making 14 starts with 139 total tackles and three interceptions.

**2007:** Named second-team All-SEC by the SEC coaches, the Associated Press, *Rivals.com* and *Phil Steele's*... also named to the *CollegeFootballNews.com* first-team All-Sophomore squad... sidelined at the start of the season with an appendectomy, missing the season opener, but returned just two weeks after the operation to play against Georgia... despite missing one game and most of a second, led the team with 92 tackles, including 77 solos... had at least seven tackles in each of the last 10 games, including a career-high 11 versus both LSU and Vanderbilt, totaling 89 tackles in that stretch... was sixth in the SEC averaging 8.4 tackles per game... tied for the team lead with three interceptions... led the team with seven tackles, all solo stops, against South Carolina State... had seven solo stops against Mississippi State, including 2.0 tackles for loss and his first career sack... posted a game-high nine tackles, all solo stops, in the win over No. 8 Kentucky... had his first two career interceptions, led the team with nine tackles, including two tackles for loss, and a sack at North Carolina... logged 10 tackles, including eight solo stops, against Tennessee... had nine tackles, a sack, an interception and forced a fumble versus Clemson... shared Most Improved Safety honors in the spring with Brandon Isaac.

**2006:** Earned Freshman All-SEC honors by both the league's coaches and the *Sporting News*... tied for third on the team in tackles with 47, including 40 solo stops, despite playing only 10 games... recorded five tackles for loss... started five games including the first three contests and the Liberty Bowl game vs. Houston... also started at Florida... was the only true freshman to start the season opener at Mississippi State... suffered a left knee sprain against Wofford, which caused him to miss the next three games (FAU, Auburn and Kentucky)... returned for the Vanderbilt game where he logged six solo tackles... forced one fumble which helped turn the game at Clemson... had a season-high nine tackles versus Wofford and seven stops against Arkansas.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Palm Beach Gardens High where he was coached by Kevin Fleury... rushed for 2,027 yards and 27 touchdowns as a senior... recognized as the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* Player of the Year for large schools... led his team to the Class 6A state title as a senior, marking the first state championship in school history... ran for 373 yards and five TDs in a game against Atlantic and busted a 99-yard run vs. Lake Worth in the playoffs... rushed for 243 yards and four scores in the state title game... ranked as the No. 21 safety in the country by *Rivals.com*, who also tabbed him as the No. 51 player in the state of Florida, regardless of position... a three-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... winner of the Palm Beach Post Character Counts Award... recognized as the Lou Groza Award Palm Beach County Player of the Year.

**PERSONAL:** Emanuel Cook was born Jan. 20, 1988... majoring in retailing... turned down NC State, Minnesota, Arizona State and Ole Miss to sign with Carolina.

E. Cook's Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	10/5	40	7	47	5.0-9	0.0-0	0	0	2	1	0
2007	11/9	77	15	92	8.0-34	4.0-27	3	5	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21/14</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>13.0-43</b>	<b>4.0-27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>



# 84

## Jared Cook

Tight End  
6-5 ♦ 242 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Suwanee, Ga.  
(North Gwinnett)

Junior tight end who has the potential to be an all-league candidate in 2008... has excellent size, speed and jumping ability... looking for a break-out season... is coming off a good spring during which he earned the Big Play Award for the offense... has caught 36 passes over the past two campaigns for 534 yards, an average of 14.8 yards per catch, with three scores... clocked a 4.37 40-yard dash with a 39.5-inch vertical leap... has made four career starts.

**2007:** Came into the fall listed as a wide receiver but was moved to tight end... played in all 12 games, making three starts (South Carolina State, North Carolina and Tennessee)... was third on the squad with 30 receptions for 421 yards (second on the team), an average of 14.0 yards per catch, the highest average for any player with more than two receptions... logged three touchdown receptions – at North Carolina, at Arkansas and against Florida... had 13 of his 30 catches in a three-game stretch against Tennessee, Arkansas and Florida... had four receptions for a season-high 66 yards in the win over Mississippi State... caught a career-high five passes for 55 yards against Tennessee... given the Weight Room Effort Award for the offense following spring drills.

**2006:** Split the season between tight end and wide receiver as a redshirt freshman... saw action in 12 games... caught six passes for 113 yards, an average of 18.8 yards per catch... made his first collegiate start against Wofford, getting the nod at tight end... was moved back to wide receiver the following week... caught his first career touchdown pass – a 25-yarder from Syvelle Newton – against Auburn... caught two passes for 41 yards against Middle Tennessee... named the Most Improved Tight End during spring drills.





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**2005:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from North Gwinnett High School in 2005 where he played receiver and free safety for Coach Kyle Richardson... caught 32 passes for 800 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior... was a first-team All-Conference, All-State and Super 11 Team selection by *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*... rated the 24th-best player in the state of Georgia and the 40th-best wide receiver in the country by *Rivals.com*... also played basketball and was regarded as one of the top hoopsters in the state.

**PERSONAL:** Jared Alan Cook was born April 7, 1987... pursuing a degree in retailing... brother, Jason Cook, plays football at Ole Miss.

### J. Cook's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	12/1	6	113	18.8	1	26
2007	12/3	30	421	14.0	3	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/4</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>



### J. Cook's Single Game Highs

Receptions	5, Tennessee, 2007
Yards Receiving	66, Mississippi State, 2007
Long Reception	31, Mississippi State, 2007
Touchdowns	1, Four times



**17** **Chris Culliver**  
 Free Safety  
 6-0 ♦ 191 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
 Garner, N.C.  
 (Garner)

Sophomore speedster who was the Gamecocks' top kickoff returner in 2007 as a true freshman... moved to free safety in the spring after playing wide receiver as a freshman... big time talent who is expected to play a lot in 2008... named the Most Improved Safety during the spring... listed on the second team coming out of the spring, but figures to see plenty of action in the "nickel" and "dime" packages... has made one career start.

**2007:** Named to the All-SEC Freshmen team as a kick returner by the *Sporting News*... returned 34 kicks for 809 yards as a true freshman... his 23.8-yard return average ranked eighth in the SEC... his 809 kick return yards ranked second in school history, behind only the 880 yards logged by Dick Harris in 1970... had a trio of 44-yard kickoff returns, once at LSU, another against Mississippi State and a third at Arkansas... also played wide receiver... did not catch a pass, but did log five carries for 31 yards... 21 of those yards came on two carries against Georgia... sprained his left ankle in the win at Georgia and was held out of the South Carolina State game... made his first and only start at wide receiver against Tennessee.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Accounted for over 270 tackles in his final two seasons at Garner (N.C.) High School... credited with 147 tackles and four interceptions as a senior... although he started only a handful of games on offense, logged 1,500 all-purpose yards and returned four kickoffs and two punts for touchdowns... was the MVP for the East squad in the Offense-Defense All-Star Game after catching three passes for 97 yards, including a 77-yard touchdown reception... also played in the Shrine Bowl... produced 127 tackles, seven sacks and two picks as a junior... was a five-star recruit by *Rivals.com*, the Gamecocks' first five-star signee since Demetris Summers in 2003... considered by *Rivals.com* as the top player in the state of North Carolina and the third-best wide receiver in the country... *Rivals.com* ranked him as the 19th-best prospect in the country regardless of position, making him USC's highest-rated recruit since Greenwood linebacker Ricardo Hurley was ranked No. 17 among the class of '02... a four-star prospect and rated as the No. 13 safety in the country by *Scout*.

*com*... rated the 37th-best defensive back in the nation and the seventh-best player in the state of North Carolina by *SuperPrep*... did not play football until his sophomore year... has a 34-inch vertical leap... selected Carolina over Florida and NC State.

**PERSONAL:** Chris Culliver was born August 17, 1988... is a sport and entertainment management major.

### Culliver's Statistics

-Rushing-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	11/1	5	31	6.2	0	14
-Receiving-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	11/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
-Kick Returns-						
Year	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2007	34	809	23.8	0	44	



### Culliver's Single Game Highs

Carries	2, Georgia, 2007
Yards Rushing	21, Georgia, 2007
Long Rush	14, Georgia, 2007
Kickoff Returns	8, Arkansas, 2007
Kickoff Return Yards	222, Arkansas, 2007
Long Return	44, three times, 2007



**25** **Mike Davis**  
 Tailback  
 5-9 ♦ 214 ♦ Senior ♦ 3L  
 Columbia, S.C.  
 (Columbia)

Most experienced running back in the program, figures to get the bulk of the carries in 2008... led the team in rushing in 2005 and has been second on the squad in each of the past two seasons... has played in 36 games over the past three seasons, making 14 starts... has rushed for 1,658 career yards, which ranks 18th on the Gamecock career rushing list... has averaged 4.6 yards per carry and has scored 16 rushing touchdowns, which ties him with Stanley Pritchett and Derek Watson for 11th on the USC all-time list... has three career 100-yard rushing games... has also caught 49 passes for 454 yards in his career.

**2007:** Carried 114 times for 518 yards and five touchdowns... averaged 4.5 yards per carry... rushed for a team-high 94 yards in the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette... rushed for 102 yards in the win over South Carolina State, his third career 100-yard rushing game... also had the first receiving touchdown of his career in that contest... scored his first rushing touchdown of the season against LSU, going in from one-yard out to give the Gamecocks an early 7-0 advantage... caught three passes in that contest for a team-high 77 yards... tied the school record with three rushing touchdowns against Mississippi State... scored on a three-yard run against Kentucky... combined for 35 carries in back-to-back games against Mississippi State (18) and Kentucky (17), then logged just 35 carries through the final six contests... sat out the spring after undergoing right knee surgery.

**2006:** Played in 12 of 13 games, making five starts... was second on the team with 100 carries for 474 yards, averaging 4.7 yards per carry... logged six rushing touchdowns... caught 11 passes for 94 yards... missed the first several days of fall camp with an infection in his left foot... gained just 36 yards through the first three games before breaking loose for 92 yards and a TD in the win over FAU... best game of the season came when he carried 16 times for 94 yards and two touchdowns at Florida... missed the Middle Tennessee game... returned for the Clemson game and rushed a dozen times for 69 yards and two scores... carried 14 times for 72 yards in the Liberty Bowl win over Houston, including a season-long 25-yard burst... four of his six TDs



came in his last three games... came off an excellent spring in which he earned the Outstanding Running Back Award and was the Joe Morrison Award winner as the Offensive Player of the Spring.

**2005:** Made nine starts as a true freshman... was the team's leading rusher with 146 carries for 666 yards and five TDs... logged his first 100-yard rushing game in the regular-season finale against Clemson with a 111-yard effort, then topped that with a career-best 125 yards and two scores in the Independence Bowl against Missouri... gained 413 yards over the final four games after logging 253 yards in the first eight contests... caught 15 passes for 136 yards, including a 64-yard reception in the season opener versus UCF... made his first start at Georgia... scored his first touchdown and the Gamecocks' first rushing touchdown of the season against Alabama in the third game... rushed for 89 yards in the win at Arkansas, including a season-best 37-yard tote... carried a season-high 22 times for 88 yards and two TDs against Florida.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Columbia's Glenforest High School in 2005 but played his high school football for Columbia High... coached by Kember Amick... totaled 5,517 career rushing yards and scored 68 touchdowns during his career... rushed for 2,226 yards and 27 TDs as a senior and 2,127 yards and 20 scores as a junior... regarded as the top running back prospect in the state and the 11th-best running back in the nation by *Scout.com*... rated the 22nd-best running back and the 67th prospect overall in the nation by *Rivals.com*... rated the third best player in the state by *SuperPrep*... was a four-year starter on the basketball team.

**PERSONAL:** Mike Davis was born May 12, 1986... is pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

### M. Davis' Statistics

#### -Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2005	12/9	146	666	4.6	5	37
2006	12/5	100	474	4.7	6	25
2007	12/0	114	518	4.5	5	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>36/14</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>1658</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>

#### -Receiving-

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2005	12/9	15	136	9.1	0	64
2006	12/5	11	94	8.5	0	18
2007	12/0	23	224	9.7	1	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>36/14</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>

### M. Davis' Single Game Highs

Carries ..... 22, Florida, 2005  
 Yards Rushing..... 125, Missouri, 2005  
 Long Rush..... 37, Arkansas, 2005  
 Touchdowns Rushing..... 3, Mississippi State, 2007  
 100-Yard Rushing Games ..... Three  
 Receptions ..... 5, Georgia, 2007  
 Yards Receiving..... 79, UCF, 2005  
 Long Reception ..... 64, UCF, 2005  
 Touchdowns Receiving..... 1, South Carolina, State, 2007



# 47

## Patrick DiMarco

Fullback

6-1 ♦ 242 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
 Altamonte Springs, Fla.  
 (Lake Brantley)

Sophomore fullback who figures to battle for the starting position in 2008... penciled in as the probable starter entering fall drills... tough, smart player who is considered very coachable... regarded as a leader... earned the Everyday Effort Award for the offense during the spring.

**2007:** Played in all 12 games as a true freshman... used primarily on special teams, but also saw action in the backfield... did not have any carries... caught four passes for 32 yards... had a pair of nine-yard receptions and two seven-yard catches... scored his first career touchdown on a seven-yard pass reception from Chris Smelley in the win over Kentucky... had a pair of kickoff returns, netting 41 yards.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played on both sides of the ball for Lake Brantley High School in Altamonte Springs, Fla... primarily used as a blocker on offense and as an end on defense... coached by George Clayton... racked up 125 tackles, 29 tackles for loss and 17 sacks as a senior for the 6-A squad... scored eight touchdowns on offense... was the *Orlando Sentinel's* Player of the Year in Central Florida... helped Lake Brantley to a 14-2 record and a state runner-up finish... was named first-team all-state, conference Player of the Year, the Orlando Touchdown Club Player of the Year, team captain and team MVP... played in the North-South Florida All-Star Game... considered a two-star prospect by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*... also participated in baseball, basketball and weightlifting.

**PERSONAL:** Patrick Scott DiMarco was born April 30, 1989... pursuing a degree in business administration... enjoys playing golf and weightlifting... grandfather, Richard DiMarco, played basketball at St. John's, uncle, Chris DiMarco, is on the PGA Tour and cousin, Steve DiMarco, plays in the Baltimore Orioles system... recruited by UCF, USF, Northwestern and Florida Atlantic, among others.

### DiMarco's Statistics

#### -Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	12/0	0	0	0.0	0	0

#### -Receiving-

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	12/0	4	32	8.0	1	9

#### -Kick Returns-

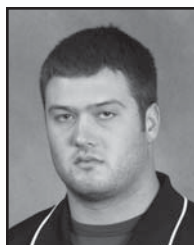
Year	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	2	41	20.5	0	23

### DiMarco's Single Game Highs

Receptions ..... 1, Four times  
 Yards Receiving..... 9, Twice, Mississippi State, 2007  
 Vanderbilt, 2007  
 Long Reception ..... 9, Twice, Mississippi State, 2007  
 Vanderbilt, 2007  
 Touchdowns Receiving..... 1, Kentucky, 2007



# GAMECOCKS



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## Hutch Eckerson

Offensive Tackle

6-6 ♦ 291 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Lumberton, N.C.  
(Lumberton)

Sophomore offensive lineman who is slated to compete for the starting left tackle position with Jamon Meredith... expected to get the nod in the first two games as Meredith will sit out due to an NCAA ruling... could also play right tackle... athletic offensive lineman who is especially adept at pass protection... named the Most Improved Lineman in the spring... sat out the 2007 season as a redshirt to get bigger and stronger... gained valuable game experience as a true freshman in 2006 when he played in 10 games, making five starts, at the right tackle position.

**2007:** Redshirted during his second season at Carolina.

**2006:** Saw early playing time as a true freshman... played in 10 games, making five starts... did not play in the opener at Mississippi State or in the final two games against Clemson and Houston... made his debut against Georgia... moved into the starting lineup against Wofford at left tackle after a season-ending injury to Gurminder Thind... also made starts against FAU, Auburn, Kentucky and Vanderbilt... saw action primarily on special teams throughout the remainder of the season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Attended Lumberton (N.C.) High School where he played for Coach Bill Dockery... was a four-year starter... first-team all-conference, all-county and all-state selection... rated as a four-star prospect by *Rivals.com* and was considered as one of the top 10 players coming out of the state of North Carolina, regardless of position.. listed as the No. 21 offensive tackle in the nation by *Rivals.com*... named to the Associated Press All-State team, along with fellow Gamecock Pierre Andrews... represented North Carolina in the 2005 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

**PERSONAL:** Hutch Eckerson was born Feb. 19, 1988... interested in a degree in sociology... enjoys hunting and playing golf in his spare time... father, Todd Eckerson, played at North Carolina State... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Virginia Tech, NC State, North Carolina and Virginia.



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## Stephen Flint

Wide Receiver

6-2 ♦ 192 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.  
(Wando)

Walk-on who provides depth at the wide receiver position.

**2007:** Worked with the scout team while being redshirted as a true freshman wide receiver.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Wando High School in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., in 2007... played for Coach Bob Hayes... named team captain and Most Valuable Offensive Back as a senior... helped his squad to the state playoffs... also played baseball... was a member of the National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** Stephen Bourne Flint was born Dec. 27, 1988 in Mt. Pleasant, S.C... brother, Michael, lettered at Carolina in 2004-05... pursuing a degree in business administration... enjoys the outdoors.



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## Foxy Foxworth

Tight End

6-3 ♦ 244 ♦ Sophomore ♦ SQ  
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.  
(Wando)

Hard working walk-on who provides depth at the tight end position.

**2007:** Served as a reserve tight end... practiced with the scout team.

**2006:** Joined the program in the fall as a walk-on... redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Wando High School in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., in 2006 where he was coached by Bob Hayes... 2005 All-State selection by the Associated Press and the *High School Sports Report*... represented South Carolina in the 2005 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, joining fellow Gamecocks Garrett Anderson, Moe Brown, Rodney Paulk and Nick Prochak on the South Carolina roster... first-team all-Lowcountry tight end in 2004 and 2005... 2005 all-Lowcountry Lineman of the Year... played in a run-oriented offense and was used primarily as a blocking tight end, but did make nine receptions his senior year... helped lead Wando to the 2004 Lowerstate finals.

**PERSONAL:** Eugene "Foxy" Foxworth was born Oct. 1, 1987... is a sport and entertainment management major... grandfather, Gene Foxworth Jr., played football at The Citadel... enjoys hunting, fishing and being outdoors.



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## Larry Freeman

Wide Receiver

6-1 ♦ 223 ♦ Senior ♦ 1L  
Fort Meade, Fla.  
(Fort Meade/Pearl River CC)

Senior wide receiver who looks to contribute more this fall after turning in a solid spring... earned the Special Team Award in the spring for his ability to get to the punter... former junior college transfer who joined the squad in January 2007... listed on the second team entering the fall... has good size at 6-1 and 223 pounds.

**2007:** Played sparingly in his first season in the Garnet & Black following a stint at Pearl River Community College in Mississippi... appeared in 11-of-12 games at both wide receiver and on special teams... did not appear in the loss to Florida... caught two passes for 30 yards... had a 19-yard reception against South Carolina State, then had an 11-yard reception against Vanderbilt... joined the Gamecock roster in the spring of 2007.

**2005-06:** Played at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Miss., for Coach Tim Hatten... in addition to playing wide receiver, he handled the quarterback duties for four games during his sophomore season... helped his 2006 squad to the MACJC state championship and a spot in the NJCAA national championship game, where the second-ranked Wildcats fell to No. 1 Blinn (Tex.) by a 19-6 score to finish the season with a 10-2 mark... caught over 50 passes for 800 yards and eight touchdowns as a freshman in 2005... listed as the 42nd-best player on *Rivals.com* Junior College top 100 and was given a three-star rating... was a four-star prospect by *Scout.com*... had offers from Arkansas, Ole Miss and Tennessee, among others.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Fort Meade (Fla.) High School where he played baseball and basketball in addition to football... helped his football squad to the state playoffs each year, including a pair of runner-up finishes... earned all-state and all-county honors.

**PERSONAL:** Larry Donnell Freeman was born Jan. 2, 1986... pursuing in a degree in African-American studies.



### Freeman's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	11/0	2	30	15.0	0	19

### Freeman's Single Game Highs

Receptions ..... 1, Twice: South Carolina State, 2007 & Vanderbilt, 2007  
 Yards Receiving..... 19, South Carolina State, 2007  
 Long Reception ..... 19, South Carolina State, 2007



**2007:** Played briefly against South Carolina State for his only collegiate experience... did not participate in spring drills while continuing his rehabilitation from shoulder surgery in the fall of 2006.

**2006:** Enrolled at South Carolina in January... gained the experience of going through spring drills... entered the fall listed on the second team at fullback... injured his left shoulder and underwent season-ending surgery... took the season as a redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Ooltewah (Tenn.) High in December 2005... coached by Benny Monroe... started his high school career at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga... helped Ooltewah to a 9-3 record his senior year... carried the ball 54 times for 233 yards and scored seven touchdowns in his final prep campaign... also played on the defensive line, making 3.5 sacks, 5.0 tackles for loss and 28 tackles... earned all-region and all-area honors his junior and senior year... considered as one of the top fullbacks in the nation, as he was ranked as the No. 12 fullback in the country by *Rivals.com*... the web site also tabbed him as the No. 13 player at any position in the state of Tennessee... also lettered in baseball.

**PERSONAL:** Clark Gaston was born Dec. 2, 1987... enjoys hunting and fishing... plans to major in biology... two-time Biology Award winner and Physical Science Award winner... father, Terry, played football at Tennessee and brother, Jared, plays baseball in the Florida Marlins' minor league system... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Navy and North Carolina.



# 5

**Stephen Garcia**  
 Quarterback  
 6-2 ♦ 221 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
 Tampa, Fla. (Jefferson)

Redshirt freshman quarterback who is blessed with a strong arm and has the ability to scramble out of the pocket.

**2007:** Enrolled at Carolina in January but did not participate in spring drills... worked as the scout team quarterback in the fall while taking a redshirt season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Jefferson High School in Tampa, Fla., in December 2006... completed 506-of-821 passes for 8,081 yards and 83 touchdowns as a prep signal-caller while leading his team to the playoffs each season, including a spot in the championship game as a sophomore... also rushed 263 times for 1,345 yards and 17 scores... graduated as the all-time county leader in passing yards, completions and touchdowns and third in the state for career passing yards and sixth in TD passes... earned all-state honors as a senior after passing for over 2,500 yards and 29 touchdowns and leading his team to a 9-3 record... played in the Offense-Defense All-Star Game held in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., following his senior season... as a junior he passed for 2,800 yards and 28 touchdowns and rushed for an additional 700 yards and eight touchdowns... as a sophomore, threw for just under 2,800 yards with 27 scores... coached by Mike Simmons and Mike Fenton... ranked by *Rivals.com* as the nation's fourth-best dual-threat quarterback, the 12th-best player in the state of Florida and a member of the Rivals100... was a four-star prospect by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*... was the 18th-best quarterback prospect in the nation by *Scout.com*... ranked as the eighth-best quarterback in the nation by *PrepStar*... was regarded as the third-best quarterback at the Elite 11 camp in the summer prior to his senior season... two-year starter in basketball... was an honor roll student.

**PERSONAL:** Stephen Glenn Garcia was born Feb. 15, 1988... brothers, Brian and Gary, both played football at Harvard... uncle, Ernie Garcia, played football at Florida State... pursuing a degree in sociology... hobbies are watching ancient war movies and collecting swords... considered Oklahoma, Auburn, Florida and Ole Miss, among others, before committing to the Gamecocks.



# 80

**Clark Gaston**  
 Tight End  
 6-2 ♦ 244 ♦ Sophomore ♦ SQ  
 Cleveland, Tenn. (Ooltewah)

Former fullback who made the transition to tight end in the spring... joined the squad in January 2006 after graduating from high school in December 2005 and went through spring drills that year... has been hampered by injuries throughout much of his Carolina career... adds depth to the tight end position.

# 96

**Clifton Geathers**

Defensive End  
 6-7 ♦ 290 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
 Georgetown, S.C. (Carvers Bay/Hargrave Military)



Sophomore lineman who is listed on the second team at defensive end behind senior Jordin Lindsey entering the fall... named the Most Improved Defensive End coming out of the spring... has a tremendous upside as a football player... has excellent size and athletic ability at 6-7 and 290 pounds... has long arms and good reach... comes from a tremendous family tree of football standouts.

**2007:** Enrolled at South Carolina in January and went through spring drills... played in 11-of-12 games... credited with a pair of tackles during his freshman campaign, both coming against South Carolina State... also credited with one quarterback hurry on the season... did not play in the season finale against Clemson.

**2006:** Attended Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham (Va.) in the fall, where he was coached by Robert Prunty and was a teammate of fellow Gamecock Ladi Ajiboye... a four-star prospect who originally committed to Georgia before casting his lot with the Gamecocks... regarded as the No. 14 prep school prospect in the country by *Rivals.com*... also received offers from Clemson, Florida and Florida State.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Carvers Bay High School where he was one of the nation's top prospects... participated in the Army All-American game in January 2006.

**PERSONAL:** Clifton Geathers was born Dec. 11, 1987... interested in a degree in retailing... is the younger brother of former University of Georgia and current Cincinnati Bengals' defensive end Robert Geathers Jr. and is the nephew of former All-Pro defensive lineman Jumpy Geathers.

### Geathers' Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2007	11/0	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0



**69** **Matthew Grooms**  
 Deep Snapper  
 6-1 ♦ 230 ♦ Sophomore ♦ HS  
 McColl, S.C.  
 (Marlboro County)

Walk-on deep snapper who joined the squad in the spring of 2008.

**2006-07:** Attended Midlands Technical College in Columbia.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Marlboro County High School in Bennettsville, S.C., in 2001... played for Coach Dean Boyd... was part of the 1998 squad that won the state title... also played soccer.

**PERSONAL:** Matthew Grooms was born July 8, 1983 in Laurinburg, N.C... is a mathematics major.



**58** **John Guerry**  
 Linebacker  
 6-0 ♦ 217 ♦ Junior ♦ SQ  
 Columbia, S.C.  
 (Dreher)

Junior linebacker who joined the team as a walk-on in the spring of 2006.

**2007:** Saw action on special teams against Louisiana-Lafayette, his only collegiate action... selected along with Bryan Kingrey and Ranzino Valentine as an Outstanding Walk-on following the 2007 spring drills.

**2006:** Worked on the scout team as a squadman.

**2005:** Enrolled at South Carolina, but did not play football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Dreher High School in Columbia, S.C., in 2005, where he was coached by Bill Bacon... earned Defensive MVP honors his junior and senior years... two-time all-area selection... all-region honoree his senior year... led the team in tackles in each of his final two campaigns... included on the list of Who's Who Among High School Students... also competed for the baseball and track & field teams.

**PERSONAL:** John Guerry was born April 30, 1987... working towards a degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.



**28** **Chris Hail**  
 Strong Safety  
 5-10 ♦ 199 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
 Lovejoy, Ga.  
 (Lovejoy)

Junior defensive back who enters the fall as the number three strong safety behind Emanuel Cook and Mark Barnes... began his Carolina career as a wide receiver... also has seen some action at cornerback... played in 17 games over the past two years.

**2007:** Played in eight-of-12 games... saw more playing time as the season unfolded... did not play in the first four games, then saw action on special teams over the next four contests... saw action in the secondary in each of the final four games of the season... credited with eight tackles, including seven solo stops... had two solo stops against Florida and a solo and an assisted tackle versus Arkansas.

**2006:** Opened the season as a wide receiver and was converted to cornerback midway through the campaign... played on special teams in the opener at Mississippi State... worked on the offensive side of the ball for the first time against Wofford... recorded all three of his receptions against Auburn... moved to cornerback prior to the Kentucky game... saw action in each of the final four regular season contests, primarily on special teams... credited with three tackles in nine games.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Lovejoy (Ga.) High School in 2006 where he played for Coach Al Hughes... made 35 catches for 600 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior... all-region selection helped Lovejoy to a pair of regional championships... also competed on the Lovejoy track & field and basketball teams... was a two-time state champion in the triple jump and placed fifth in the 200m... honor roll student.

**PERSONAL:** Dorian Christopher Hail was born July 21, 1988... major is criminal justice... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Georgia Tech and Bowling Green.



<i>Hail's Statistics</i>											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	9/0	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	8/0	7	1	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17/0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**81** **Paul Haile**  
 Wide Receiver  
 6-0 ♦ 204 ♦ Junior ♦ SQ  
 Lexington, S.C.  
 (Lexington)

Walk-on who provides depth at wide receiver... has a good understanding of the offense... has appeared in two games during his career, catching one pass.

**2007:** Saw action in one game, playing briefly in the South Carolina State game.

**2006:** Appeared in one game, catching a one-yard pass against Florida Atlantic.

**2005:** Walked on to the football team in the fall and competed on the scout team while taking a redshirt season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Lexington (S.C.) High School in 2005... coached by Jimmy Satterfield and Bart Miller... helped his team to three consecutive playoff appearances... also competed for the basketball and track and field teams.

**PERSONAL:** Paul Wiley Haile was born Sept. 15, 1987... majoring in retailing.



# 79

## Marque Hall

Defensive Tackle

6-3 ♦ 314 ♦ Senior ♦ 3L  
Wingate, N.C.  
(Forest Hills)

Fifth-year senior defensive lineman who figures to be a stabilizing force in the middle for the Gamecocks in 2008... listed on the second team at defensive tackle entering the fall, but will figure prominently in the rotation... looks to be completely recovered from a knee injury that would allow him to return to his 2006 form... has played in 35 games making 14 starts during his Carolina career.

**2007:** Played in all 12 games after coming off a knee injury, making eight starts... credited with 22 tackles, including 18 solo stops... had a pair of tackles for loss, including a sack... notched five quarterback hurries, the second-highest total on the squad... forced a fumble against Vanderbilt, the second forced fumble of his career... has appeared in 35 games over the past four seasons, making 14 starts... owns 50 career tackles... was unable to practice during the spring as he continued to rehabilitate from a season-ending left knee injury.

**2006:** Arguably the top defensive lineman on the squad... started each of the first two games, making five tackles... recorded a sack in the opening-day win at Mississippi State... suffered a left knee injury in the Georgia game and underwent season-ending surgery... received a medical redshirt.

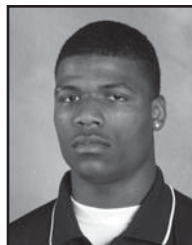
**2005:** Figured into a three-man rotation in the middle of the defensive line with Stanley Doughty and Chris Tucker... started one game, getting the nod in the Georgia contest... credited with 14 tackles... three of his tackles came behind the line of scrimmage, including one sack.

**2004:** Had a solid rookie campaign... appeared in nine games... started the final three games of the year at defensive tackle... was in on nine total tackles (seven solo)... had one tackle for loss versus South Florida... made two tackles vs. Florida.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Forest Hills High School in North Carolina in 2004... recorded 88 tackles, including 25 tackles for loss, and five sacks his senior season... rated the #1 defensive line prospect in the state of North Carolina by Tom Lemming... ranked the #3 prospect in the state of North Carolina and the #17 defensive line prospect in the nation by *Prep Star*... ranked the 10th-best defensive tackle recruit in the country by *Rivals.com*.

**PERSONAL:** Edward Marque Hall was born Jan. 16, 1986... working towards a degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management... can bench press 430 pounds.

Hall's Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2004	9/3	7	2	9	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0	0	1	0
2005	12/1	6	8	14	3.0-5	1.0-3	0	0	0	0	0
2006	2/2	2	3	5	1.5-9	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	0
2007	12/8	18	4	22	2.0-6	1.0-3	0	1	5	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35/14</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7.5-23</b>	<b>3.0-13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>



# 85

## Joe Hills

Wide Receiver

6-4 ♦ 202 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
Palmetto, Fla.  
(Palmetto)

Second-year wide receiver who missed most of the 2007 season due to injury... skilled athlete who made an immediate impression on the coaching staff... possesses good size and good hands, but still learning the game... also considered an excellent blocker... figures to work his way into the wide receiver rotation this fall.

**2007:** Suffered a right knee sprain early in fall camp and missed most of the pre-season practices... appeared in just one game, getting into two plays against Mississippi State.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Logged over 500 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns and added four interceptions playing wide receiver, tight end and safety as a senior at Palmetto (Fla.) High School... participated in the Offense-Defense All-Star Game in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., following the season... considered a four-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... ranked by *Rivals* as the 27th-best "athlete" in the nation and the 37th-best player in the state of Florida... rated a three-star prospect and the nation's 89th-best wide receiver by *Scout.com*... ranked as the 84th-best player in the state of Florida by *SuperPrep*... also offered by Georgia, LSU, Louisville, Ole Miss and Nebraska.

**PERSONAL:** Joe Hills was born October 2, 1987... is interested in a degree in criminal justice.



# 35

## Jim Hutton

Fullback

6-1 ♦ 241 ♦ Junior ♦ SQ  
Greeleyville, S.C.  
(Williamsburg Academy)

Walk-on who has spent the past two seasons working with the scout team as a walk-back... provides depth at the position.

**2007:** Worked with the scout team as a walk-on fullback.

**2006:** Worked on the scout team in his first season with the football squad... joined the team in the spring and went through spring drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Williamsburg Academy in Kingstree, S.C., in 2005... played on both sides of the ball for Coach David Rankin... was the leading rusher in the SCISA All-Star Game as a fullback... logged 111 solo tackles as a senior linebacker, including a single game-high 23 stops... scored 21 touchdowns as a senior while earning all-state honors.

**PERSONAL:** Jim Hutton was born on Jan. 12, 1987... pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering.



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## Melvin Ingram

Linebacker

6-2 ♦ 269 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Hamlet, N.C.  
(Richmond County)

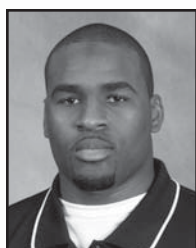
Second-year player who is expected to compete for more playing time during his sophomore season... shows excellent flashes, just needs to become more consistent to earn more playing time... broke his foot in an off-field accident just prior to the 2008 Garnet & Black Spring Game... an excellent athlete with good size who also returned five kickoffs during the 2007 season.

**2007:** Played in all 12 games, logging 15 tackles, including 13 solo stops... credited with a sack against Vanderbilt... gained 90 yards on his five kick returns, an average of 18.0 yards per return... had three kick returns against Kentucky for 59 yards... also had a season-high 5.0 tackles against the Wildcats.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Hard-hitting linebacker who completed his senior year with 87 tackles and 2.5 sacks for Richmond County High School in one of the top 4-A leagues in the state of North Carolina... returned a Willy Korn fumble for a touchdown in the Shrine Bowl game... regarded as the 17th-best player in the state of North Carolina by *SuperPrep*... rated a four-star linebacker by *Rivals.com*... Rivals tabbed him as the 21st-best outside linebacker in the country and the 10th-best player in the state of North Carolina... *Scout.com* ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 20th-best middle linebacker prospect in the nation... also considered North Carolina and North Carolina State before settling on the Gamecocks.

**PERSONAL:** Melvin Ingram was born April 26, 1989... is undecided on his major field of study at the University of South Carolina.

Ingram's Statistics												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR	
2007	12/0	13	2	15	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	0	
-Kick Returns-												
Year	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long							
2007	5	90	18.0	0	23							



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## Lemuel Jeanpierre

Offensive Guard

6-3 ♦ 293 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Orlando, Fla.  
(Timber Creek)

Junior offensive lineman who is slated to compete for one of the starting guard positions this fall... opens the fall listed first on the depth chart at left guard... considered the returning starter at right guard after making five starts at the position in 2007... has the strength and athleticism to become an excellent player, just needs to continue to gain experience and confidence... played on the defensive side of the ball in his first two seasons at Carolina before making the transition to the offensive line in the final week of the 2007 spring session... has made six career starts, including one on the defensive line.

**2007:** Made five starts at the right guard position, the most on the squad... was one of four players (also Garrett Anderson, James Thompson and Heath Batchelor) who gained starting nods at the position... earned the start against Louisiana-Lafayette, Georgia, LSU, Vanderbilt and Tennessee... made the move during the final week of spring ball from defensive tackle to offensive guard... garnered the Weight Room Effort Award for the defense following spring drills.

**2006:** Defensive tackle who saw more consistent playing time in the rotation as the season progressed... played in all 13 games, making his lone start in the Liberty Bowl against Houston... logged 17 tackles, including 11 solo stops... six of his 17 tackles came in the backfield, accounting for 26 yards lost, including a pair of sacks... had a season-high five tackles and forced a fumble in the bowl win over Houston... credited with a half sack against FAU, a full sack against Auburn and another half sack against Tennessee... rewarded with the Unselfish Award following spring drills.

**2005:** Redshirted in his first season on the Carolina campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for Coach Jimmy Buckridge at Timber Creek High School in Orlando, Fla., graduating in 2005... earned 6A first-team all-state honors... named first-team All-Orange Country as a junior by the *Orlando Sentinel* after totaling 96 tackles and nine sacks... Played in the Central Florida All-Star Game... regarded as the 44th-best defensive tackle in the country by *Rivals.com*... ranked #25 on the *Orlando Sentinel's* Top 100 players in the state of Florida... three-year starter on the basketball team.

**PERSONAL:** Lemuel Jeanpierre was born May 19, 1987... is pursuing in a degree in retailing... pronounces his name La-MULE Jon-Pierre (goes by Lem).



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## Bryan Kingrey

Fullback

6-1 ♦ 230 ♦ Senior ♦ 2L  
Raleigh, N.C.  
(Ravenscroft)

Senior fullback who provides solid depth at the position... a former walk-on who has earned a scholarship, could see more playing time this season with the departure of starter Lanard Stafford... listed on the second team behind Patrick DiMarco entering the fall... has appeared in 14 games over the past two seasons, earning a pair of letters... has made one career start.

**2007:** Played in nine-of-12 games, primarily seeing action on special teams... did not have any carries or receptions... shared Outstanding Walk-On accolades in the spring with John Guerry and Ranzino Valentine.

**2006:** Saw action in five games... made his only career start at fullback against Georgia... did not record any statistics... earned his first varsity letter.

**2005:** Worked as a scout team fullback... did not see any game action... made the transition to the offensive side of the ball after playing linebacker during the spring.

**2004:** Member of the practice squad.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Ravenscroft Upper School in Raleigh, N.C., in 2004 where he was a three-year letterman... coached by Ned Gonet... played right guard and defensive end... received the team's Most Improved Player award his senior year... was a starter in two state championship games... credited with 44 tackles, three sacks and two interceptions... earned the Gatorade Will To Win Athlete Award at the East Carolina University Football Camp when former South Carolina defensive coordinator John Thompson served as the head coach at ECU... also played lacrosse for Ravenscroft... recipient of the Ravenscroft Upper School Fine Arts Service Award.

**PERSONAL:** Bryan C. Kingrey was born May 24, 1986... earned a degree in business marketing at the University of South Carolina, graduating in May.



**34** **Spencer Lanning**  
Punter/Placekicker  
5-11 ♦ 178 ♦ Sophomore ♦ SQ  
Rock Hill, S.C.  
(York)

Walk-on kicker/punter who could compete for the starting punting duties this fall... will challenge incumbent Ryan Succop and incoming freshman Ryan Doerr for that special teams duty... averaged 38.0 yards per punt on three attempts in the Garnet & Black Spring Game with a long of 44 yards.

**2007:** Walk-on kicker who scored his first collegiate point on an extra point in the win over South Carolina State... also appeared in the LSU game on a kickoff.

**2006:** Served as a reserve punter as a true freshman... did not see any game action.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from York (S.C.) High School where he was coached by Steve Boyd... 2005 All-State selection by the Associated Press and the Coaches' Association... averaged better than 41 yards per punt as a senior... kicked the winning 42-yard field goal in the North's 11-10 victory at the North-South All-Star game en route to claiming Offensive Player of the Game honors... helped York to an appearance in the state playoffs... also played soccer... member of the National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** Spencer Davis Lanning was born May 21, 1988... pursuing a degree in economics... enjoys running, playing soccer and the guitar.



**18** **Dion LeCorn**  
Wide Receiver  
5-11 ♦ 220 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Ocala, Fla.  
(Trinity Catholic)

Sophomore who came on strong as the 2007 season progressed... developed into the top target of the highly-recruited wide receiving corps that was part of the 2007 signing class... projected as the starting receiver opposite senior All-America candidate Kenny McKinley entering the fall... tough, intelligent player who runs well and is an excellent blocker... very dependable on the field... has made six starts.

**2007:** Capped his first season in the Garnet & Black by being named to the *Sporting News* Freshman All-SEC team... played in 10 games during his first collegiate campaign, hauling in 27 passes for 315 yards, an average of 11.7 yards per catch... had a trio of touchdown receptions, scoring against North Carolina, Arkansas and Clemson... did not play in the season's first two games and did not have a catch through four contests... earned his first career start in Game 5 against Mississippi State... responded with a pair of catches for 12 yards... scored his first collegiate touchdown on a 3-yard pass at North Carolina... had a break-out game with a game-high eight receptions for a career-high 109 yards and a touchdown at Arkansas... finished the season with five catches for 65 yards and a score versus Clemson... longest pass reception was 24 yards on three occasions – versus Kentucky, at Arkansas and against Clemson... totaled 16 catches for 215 yards and two touchdowns over the season's final three games.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Caught 57 passes for 1,108 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior at Trinity Catholic High School in Ocala, Fla... finished his junior season with 59 receptions for 1,151 yards and 11 TDs... had 40 catches for 852 yards and nine TDs as a sophomore... was the top receiver for Florida signee John Brantley... also was a teammate of Gamecock signee Antonio Allen... coached by former Florida quarterback Kerwin Bell... team went 13-1 in 2006... rated a four-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... considered the 19th-best prospect in the state of Florida and the 17th-best wide receiver in the country by *Rivals.com*... was a three-star prospect by *Scout.com* and

considered the 68th-best wide receiver in the country... selected South Carolina over LSU, Alabama, Ole Miss, USF and UCF.

**PERSONAL:** Dion LeCorn was born Nov. 18, 1988... is undecided on his major.

**Lecorn's Statistics**

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	10/6	27	315	11.7	3	24

**Lecorn's Single Game Highs**

Receptions	8, Arkansas, 2007
Yards Receiving	109, Arkansas, 2007
Long Reception	24, Three times, 2007
Touchdowns	1, Three times
100-Yard Receiving Games	One



**44** **Dustin Lindsey**  
Linebacker  
6-4 ♦ 242 ♦ Senior ♦ 2L  
Mobile, Ala.  
(Davidson)

Linebacker returns for his fifth season... working his way back from a knee injury... did not practice in the spring... if healthy, could compete for one of the starting outside linebacker positions... listed on the second team at the "Will" linebacker spot entering the fall... has made four career starts, all of which came during the 2005 season.

**2007:** Slowed most of the season with a right knee injury that he suffered during the spring game... underwent surgery on the knee in April... played at Georgia in Game 2, his first game experience since the 2005 Independence Bowl... re-injured his knee in that contest and did not play again... named the Most Improved Inside Linebacker following spring drills.

**2006:** Took a redshirt season... worked with the scout team.

**2005:** Played in all 12 games, starting four contests... ranked third on the squad with 58 tackles, including 36 solo stops... had 6.5 tackles for loss, including a pair of sacks... led the team with six tackles against Troy, including five solo stops... figured into the receiving stats when he caught a tipped pass on a fake punt attempt at Auburn... the play lost four yards... recovered a fumble against Kentucky... made his first career start against Vanderbilt... responded with a team-high 10 tackles, including eight solo stops... led the team with nine tackles against Tennessee... logged 35 tackles in his four starts (8.75 tackles per start)... recognized as the co-winner of the team's defensive Everyday Effort Award during the spring.

**2004:** True freshman linebacker who appeared in eight games... played primarily on special teams... credited with four tackles.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Davidson High School in Mobile, Ala.... played for coach Glenn Vickery... totaled 162 tackles, eight quarterback sacks and two interceptions as a senior... named co-Defensive Player of the Year in southwest Alabama... one of three finalist for the Defensive Lineman of the Year in the state of Alabama.

**PERSONAL:** Dustin A. Lindsey was born Dec. 24, 1985... working on a degree in criminal justice... is the twin brother of Gamecock defensive end Jordin Lindsey.

**D. Lindsey's Statistics**

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2004	8/0	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	12/4	36	22	58	6.5-14	2.0-6	0	0	0	0	1
2006											
–Redshirted–											
2007	1/0	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21/4</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>6.5-14</b>	<b>2.0-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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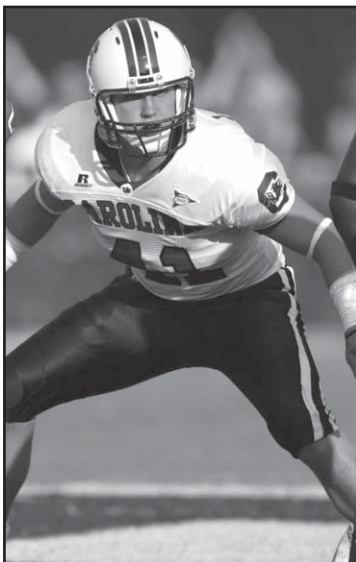


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## Jordin Lindsey

Defensive End  
6-3 ♦ 261 ♦ Senior ♦ 2L  
Mobile, Ala.  
(Davidson)

Senior defensive end returns for his final campaign after taking a redshirt season in 2007... enters the fall listed atop the depth chart at a defensive end position... brings toughness to the entire defensive unit... plays the run well and could move inside on long-yardage situations... played in 33 games from 2004-06... last appearance came in the 2006 Liberty Bowl win over Houston when he was named Carolina's Outstanding Defensive Player after intercepting a pass and recovering a fumble... in fact, both of his interceptions have come in bowl games... has made 69 career tackles, including 51 solo stops... also has forced three fumbles and has recovered two... has made 15 career starts.



**2007:** Took a redshirt season.

**2006:** Played in all 13 games... started six contests, including the last five in a row... logged 37 tackles, including 29 solo stops... had 4.5 tackles for loss, including one sack... had one interception and broke up a pair of passes... forced a pair of fumbles and recovered two as well... credited with five tackles, including a sack, a tackle for loss and a forced fumble against Auburn... forced a fumble at Vanderbilt... had a season-high six stops against Arkansas and Clemson... also recovered a fumble at Clemson... capped off the season by being named Carolina's Outstanding Defensive Player in the Liberty Bowl when he had a pass interception and recovered a fumble.

**2005:** Moved into the starting lineup in Game 4 against Troy and held that spot for the rest of the year... logged 29 tackles, including 20 solos... notched 5.5 tackles for loss, including three sacks... credited with a 16-yard sack against Tennessee... had a season-high five tackles in the win over Florida... intercepted a pass in the bowl game against Missouri... recognized as the co-winner of the team's defensive Carolina Hustle Award following spring drills... moved to a down lineman position during the spring.

**2004:** Rookie linebacker who played on special teams, appearing in eight contests... was in on three total tackles.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Davidson (Ala.) High School in 2004... played for Coach Glenn Vickery... one of three finalists for Defensive Lineman of the Year in Alabama... named co-Defensive Player of the Year in southwest Alabama... credited with 153 tackles and six quarterback sacks.

**PERSONAL:** Billy Jordin Lindsey was born Dec. 24, 1985... pursuing a degree in African-American studies... twin brother, Dustin, also plays football at Carolina.

### J. Lindsey's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2004	8/0	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	12/9	20	9	29	5.5-28	3.0-24	1	0	3	1	0
2006	13/6	29	8	37	4.5-12	1.0-5	1	2	0	2	2
2007	-Redshirted-										
<b>Total</b>	<b>33/15</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>10.0-40</b>	<b>4.0-29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>



# 10

## Brian Maddox

Tailback  
5-10 ♦ 220 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Anderson, S.C.  
(T.L. Hanna)

Sophomore tailback who is expected to push projected starter Mike Davis for playing time during the 2008 campaign... listed as the second-team tailback entering the fall... took advantage of more reps in the spring and showed tremendous improvement as his confidence grew... named the Most Improved Running Back in camp... a between the tackles runner who can make the first guy miss.

**2007:** Saw action in 10-of-12 games during his freshman campaign... did not appear against either Arkansas or Clemson... carried six times for 14 yards... all six carries came in the season's first three games, with four of those rushes coming in the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette when he gained 12 yards... also carried once against Georgia (minus-four yards) and once against South Carolina State (six yards)... did not have any pass receptions... primarily saw action on special teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Rushed for 1,750 yards on 235 carriers with 18 touchdowns as a senior at T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, S.C., helping his team to a region title and third playoff appearance in four years... a first-team All-State selection by the Associated Press and by *The State*... played in the Shrine Bowl... participated in the Offense-Defense All-Star Game... finished his three-year prep career with 500 carries for 4,200 yards and 50 scores... rushed for 1,340 yards and 21 TDs as a junior... coached by Scott Parker... ranked as a four-star prospect and the 31st-best running back in the nation by *Scout.com*... considered a four-star prospect, the 13th-best running back in the country and the ninth-best player in the state of South Carolina by *Rivals.com*... rated the 19th-best running back in the nation and the eighth-best player in the state of South Carolina by *SuperPrep*... also participated in track.

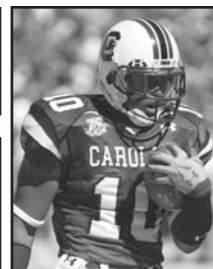
**PERSONAL:** Brian Justin Maddox was born May 28, 1989... father, Eddie Maddox, played football at Western Carolina... interested in a degree in business administration... enjoys deer hunting, turkey hunting and fishing... selected South Carolina over Virginia Tech... also offered by Clemson, Maryland, Auburn and Florida.

### Maddox's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	10/0	6	14	2.3	0	7

### Maddox's Single Game Highs

Carries.....	4, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007
Yards Rushing.....	12, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007
Long Rush.....	7, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007



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## Cliff Matthews

Defensive End  
6-4 ♦ 250 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Cheraw, S.C.  
(Cheraw)

Sophomore who earned several postseason accolades as a true freshman in 2007 while playing linebacker for the Garnet & Black... moved back to defensive end in the spring where he is projected to be the starter after spending most of last fall at outside linebacker... regarded as the most athletic defensive end on the squad... can be an outstanding pass rusher... has all-conference ability... earned the Everyday Effort Award for the defense in the spring... has made nine career starts.



**2007:** Named to both the SEC Coaches and the *Sporting News* Freshman All-SEC team... also named to the honorable mention freshman All-America squad by the *Sporting News*... played in all 12 games, making nine starts at outside linebacker... made his first start at LSU in week four despite suffering a small break in his right hand in practice the week leading up to the game... remained in the starting lineup through the remainder of the season... credited with a partially blocked punt against LSU, the first for the Gamecocks since the 2000 season... recorded 26 tackles, including 20 solo stops... had a pair of tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry... logged a season-high four tackles against South Carolina State and matched that total against North Carolina.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** A two-way starter (tight end and defensive end) for Cheraw (S.C.) High School... led his team to the state championship... earned first-team all-state honors from *The State*... also was an all-region selection... was the Shrine Bowl Defensive MVP after finishing with four tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery... had three tackles and a pair of sacks in the Offense-Defense All-Star Game... recorded 75 tackles and 120 sacks as a junior... coached by Johnny White... ranked as a five-star prospect and the sixth-best defensive end in the country by *Scout.com*... considered a four-star prospect, the 32nd-best player in the nation, the second-best player in the state of South Carolina and the No. 3 weak side defensive end in the country by *Rivals.com*... rated the No. 1 player in the state of South Carolina, the 10th-best defensive lineman in the country and the 47th-best player overall in the nation by *SuperPrep*... ranked as the 10th-best defensive lineman in the country by *PrepStar*... was also all-state in basketball and track & field... runs a 4.7 40-yard dash... spurned offers from Clemson, Florida State, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Auburn and others to sign with the Gamecocks.

**PERSONAL:** Cliff Matthews was born August 5, 1989... interested in a degree in criminal justice.

Matthews' Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2007	12/9	20	6	26	2.0-10	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0



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### Alex McGrath

Tight End  
6-1 ♦ 218 ♦ Senior ♦ 1L  
Greer, S.C.  
(Riverside)

Senior walk-on who did not see any game action in 2007 after earning a letter in 2006 as a special teams performer... provides depth at the tight end position... has good hands... caught three passes for 41 yards in the 2008 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2007:** Did not see any game action... worked with the scout team.

**2006:** Saw action in 12-of-13 games, missing only the opener at Mississippi State... did not record any statistics... joined the team in the spring and went through spring drills.

**2005:** Attended South Carolina but did not play football.

**2004:** Enrolled at the College of Charleston for the fall semester before transferring to USC for the Spring 2005 semester.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Riverside High School in Greer, S.C., in 2004 where he was coached by Don Frost... also played basketball... was an all-region quarterback in 2002... earned player of the week and Offensive MVP honors in 2003... member of the National Art Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** Alex McGrath was born Sept. 27, 1985... majoring in history... enjoys playing guitar and snowboarding.



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### Kenny McKinley

Wide Receiver  
6-0 ♦ 182 ♦ Senior ♦ 3L  
Mableton, Ga.  
(South Cobb)

All-America candidate who returns for his senior season after earning first-team All-SEC honors in 2007... selected to the *Playboy* magazine preseason All-America squad and is a preseason second-team All-America by *NationalChamps.net*... named to the Maxwell Award Watch List... named to most preseason first-team All-SEC squads... possesses excellent quickness... tough player with good feet... held out of the spring drills due to a toe injury, but expected to be 100 percent in the fall... set the school's single-season receptions record with 77 catches in 2007... could break nearly every school career receiving record... enters the 2008 campaign ranked tied for fourth in career receptions (153), sixth in career receiving yards (2,139) and tied for sixth in receiving touchdowns (15) in Carolina history... the school records are held by Sterling Sharpe (169 receptions and 2,497 receiving yards) and Sidney Rice (23 touchdown catches)... has caught a pass in 33 straight games, matching Ball State's Dante Love and Indiana's James Hardy for the third-longest consecutive streak in the nation behind Rice's Jarett Dillard (36) and UNLV's Casey Flair (35) and just one off the school record, held jointly by Sterling Sharpe and Jermale Kelly... is the SEC active leader in both career receptions and receiving yards... has tallied six 100-yard receiving games in his career... has played in all 37 games over the past three seasons, making 31 starts (29 consecutive), the most of the returning players.

**2007:** Became USC's go-to wide receiver... earned first-team All-SEC honors by the league's coaches, the Associated Press and *CollegeFootballNews.com*... was a second-team All-SEC pick by *Rivals.com* and by *Phil Steele's*... earned honorable mention All-America honors from *CollegeFootballNews.com*... started all 12 games... led the team with a school-record 77 receptions, more than any other two players combined, for a team-best 968 yards and a team-leading nine touchdowns... his 968 receiving yards ranked as the fourth-highest single-season total and his nine touchdowns ranked in a tie for sixth for a single campaign... led the SEC in receptions (77), receptions per game (6.42) and in receiving yards per game (80.7)... tied for second among SEC receivers with nine touchdowns... led the team in receptions in 10 of the 12 games and in receiving yards in nine of 12 contests... had four 100-yard receiving games in 2007, three against SEC opponents and one against Clemson, and has six in his career... caught seven passes for 102 yards at Georgia... caught four passes for 107 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Mississippi State... included was a 48-yard reception, the longest of his career... had a four-game stretch where he caught five touchdown passes... tied a school record with 14 catches for a career-best 151 yards and one touchdown against Tennessee... caught eight passes for 125 yards and two scores against Clemson... given the Ernest A. Brooks Memorial Award for the MVP of the Carolina-Clemson game.

### McKinley's 33-Game Reception Streak

Date	Opp.	Rec.	Yds.	TD
<b>2005</b>				
10/01	Auburn	3	30	0
10/08	Kentucky	4	42	0
10/22	Vanderbilt	2	17	0
10/29	Tennessee	5	54	0
11/05	Arkansas	3	58	0
11/12	Florida	1	4	0
11/19	Clemson	3	28	0
12/30	Missouri	1	12	0
<b>2006</b>				
08/31	Miss. State	1	42	0
09/09	Georgia	4	60	0
09/16	Wofford	2	26	0
09/23	FAU	2	46	0
09/28	Auburn	8	110	1
10/07	Kentucky	3	63	0
10/21	Vanderbilt	2	41	1
10/28	Tennessee	4	70	0
11/04	Arkansas	7	87	1
11/11	Florida	5	71	0
11/18	MTSU	5	86	0
11/25	Clemson	5	66	0
12/29	Houston	3	112	2
<b>2007</b>				
09/01	UL-Lafayette	6	44	1
09/08	Georgia	7	102	0
09/15	SC State	4	36	1
09/22	LSU	6	25	1
09/29	Miss. State	4	107	2
10/04	Kentucky	5	68	0
10/13	N. Carolina	5	64	1
10/20	Vanderbilt	4	79	0
10/27	Tennessee	14	151	1
11/03	Arkansas	7	72	0
11/10	Florida	7	95	0
11/24	Clemson	8	125	2



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**2006:** Started all 13 games... was second on the squad behind Sidney Rice in both receptions (51) and receiving yards (880)... averaged 17.3 yards per catch... the 51 receptions was the 10th-highest mark in school history while the 880 receiving yards ranked sixth in a single season in Carolina history... his 67.7 yards per game average ranked 10th in the SEC... logged five touchdown receptions... best game was an eight-catch, 110-yard effort against Auburn, the first 100-yard receiving day in his career... had a three-catch, 112-yard performance in the Liberty Bowl that included a pair of fourth-quarter, 43-yard touchdown receptions... had a seven-catch, 87-yard performance against Arkansas... also caught touchdown passes against Auburn, Vanderbilt and Arkansas... had a career-long 44-yard reception at Kentucky... a former high school quarterback, he threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Syvelle Newton on a reverse play at Kentucky... returned 17 punts for 151 yards, an average of 8.9 yards per return (seventh in the SEC) with a long of 21 yards... given the Carolina Hustle Award following spring drills.

**2005:** Worked his way into the starting lineup at wide receiver and also handled the punt return duties as a true freshman... started six games... ranked third on the team with 25 catches for 291 yards, an average of 11.6 yards per catch, with a touchdown... also returned 18 punts for 83 yards and rushed five times for 17 yards... made his first career start against Troy... caught a season-high five passes against Tennessee... caught three passes for a season-high 58 yards in the win at Arkansas, including a 42-yard reception for his first career touchdown, which proved to be the game-winner... had at least one reception in 10 of 12 games overall.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from South Cobb High School in Mableton, Ga., in 2005... played for Coach Shane Queen... earned all-county honors as a junior and senior... threw for 1,470 yards and 16 touchdowns and rushed for 750 yards and scored 12 TDs his senior year... ran for 400 yards and eight touchdowns while throwing for 1,575 yards and 12 scores as a junior in 2003... rated the 29th-best athlete in the state of Georgia and the 54th-best athlete in the country by *Rivals.com*.

**PERSONAL:** Kenny McKinley was born Jan. 31, 1987... is a retailing major... owns a 35-inch vertical leap.

## South Carolina Career Receiving Records

### RECEPTIONS

1.	Sterling Sharpe (1983-87) .....	169
2.	Zola Davis (1995-98) .....	164
3.	Robert Brooks (1988-91) .....	156
4.	Jermale Kelly (1997-00) .....	153
	<b>Kenny McKinley (2005-07) .....</b>	<b>153</b>
6.	Fred Zeigler (1967-69) .....	146
7.	Sidney Rice (2005-06) .....	142
8.	Cory Boyd (2003-07) .....	117
9.	Stanley Pritchett (1992-95) .....	116
10.	Brandon Bennett (1991-94) .....	111

### RECEIVING YARDS

1.	Sterling Sharpe (1983-87) .....	2,497
2.	Zola Davis (1995-98) .....	2,354
3.	Sidney Rice (2005-06) .....	2,233
4.	Robert Brooks (1988-91) .....	2,211
5.	Jermale Kelly (1997-00) .....	2,181
6.	<b>Kenny McKinley (2005-07) .....</b>	<b>2,139</b>
7.	Philip Logan (1974-77) .....	2,063
8.	Fred Zeigler (1967-69) .....	1,876
9.	Troy Williamson (2002-04) .....	1,754
10.	Ira Hillary (1981-84) .....	1,566

### RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1.	Sidney Rice (2005-06) .....	23
2.	Robert Brooks (1988-91) .....	19
	Jermale Kelly (1997-00) .....	19
4.	Sterling Sharpe (1983-87) .....	17
	Zola Davis (1995-98) .....	17
6.	Philip Logan (1974-77) .....	15
	<b>Kenny McKinley (2005-07) .....</b>	<b>15</b>
8.	Toby Cates (1991-94) .....	13
	Monty Means (1992-95) .....	13
	Troy Williamson (2002-04) .....	13

### 100-YARD GAMES

1.	Sidney Rice (2005-06) .....	11
2.	Sterling Sharpe (1983-87) .....	10

### CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RECEPTION

1.	Sterling Sharpe (1985-87) .....	34
	Jermale Kelly (1997-00) .....	34
3.	<b>Kenny McKinley (2005-07) .....</b>	<b>33</b>
4.	Ryan Brewer (2000-02) .....	31

### McKinley's Statistics

-Passing-						
Year	GP/GS	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2005	12/6	1-0-0	.000	0	0	0
2006	13/13	1-1-0	1.000	22	1	22
2007	12/12	1-0-0	.000	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37/31</b>	<b>3-1-0</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>
-Rushing-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2005	12/6	5	17	3.4	0	7
2006	13/13	1	0	0.0	0	0
2007	12/12	5	15	3.0	0	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>37/31</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
-Receiving-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2005	12/6	25	291	11.6	1	42
2006	13/13	51	880	17.3	5	44
2007	12/12	77	968	12.6	9	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>37/31</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2139</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>48</b>
-Punt Returns-						
Year	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2005	18	83	4.6	0	13	
2006	17	151	8.9	0	21	
2007	4	35	8.8	0	19	
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	



### McKinley's Single Game Highs

Carries .....	2, LSU, 2007
Yards Rushing .....	16, LSU, 2007
Long Rush .....	7, Twice: Vanderbilt, 2005 & LSU, 2007
Receptions .....	14, Tennessee, 2007
Yards Receiving .....	151, Tennessee, 2007
Long Reception .....	48, Mississippi State, 2007
Touchdowns Receiving .....	2, Three times: Houston, 2006 Mississippi State, 2007, & Clemson, 2007
100-Yard Receiving Games .....	Six





**92** **Byron McKnight**  
 Defensive End  
 6-5 ♦ 236 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
 Laurinburg, N.C.  
 (Scotland County)

Defensive end prospect who used a year redshirting to improve size and strength on his 6-5 frame... listed as a third-team defensive end entering the fall... showed a lot of improvement in the spring... can run well... needs to learn to love the weight room to continue his development and fulfill his potential.

**2007:** Redshirted during his true freshman campaign.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive end who was a high school teammate of Gamecock signee Travian Robertson at Scotland County in Laurinburg, N.C.... team reached the playoffs for three straight seasons... regarded as a two-star prospect by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*... has a 31-inch vertical leap... also played basketball and competed in track & field.

**PERSONAL:** Byron McKnight was born August 31, 1988... pursuing a degree in criminal justice.



**16** **Michael McQueeney**  
 Quarterback  
 6-2 ♦ 217 ♦ Junior ♦ SQ  
 Mt. Pleasant, S.C.  
 (Bishop England/Western Carolina)

Walk-on who transferred to South Carolina in the fall of 2006 from Western Carolina... provides depth at quarterback.

**2007:** Worked with the scout team as a squadman.

**2006:** Sat out the season per NCAA rules following his transfer from Western Carolina... worked on the scout team.

**2005:** Reserve quarterback for the Western Carolina Catamounts... completed 4-of-9 passes for 21 yards and rushed four times for minus 14 yards in four games.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Bishop England High School in Charleston, S.C., in 2005... named the Region 6-AA Player of the Year... listed as one of the top 10 quarterbacks in South Carolina by *The State* and on Max Emfinger's list of top "drop-back quarterbacks" in the nation... passed for 2,269 yards and 18 touchdowns... tabbed 2A All-State by the *High School Sports Report*... selected to play in the South Carolina North/South All-Star game... Bishop England was the top scoring team in South Carolina, averaging 34.5 points per game... also a standout on the basketball team.

**PERSONAL:** Michael McQueeney was born Dec. 14, 1985... interested in a degree in economics.



**77** **Jamon Meredith**  
 Offensive Tackle  
 6-5 ♦ 301 ♦ Senior ♦ 3L  
 Simpsonville, S.C.  
 (Hillcrest)

Fifth-year senior offensive lineman who is the incumbent at the left tackle position... has also played right tackle during his career and worked some at guard in the spring... one of the more intelligent as well as one of the strongest players on the team... earned the Harold White GPA Award for the offense in the spring... a veteran who has started 29 games over the past three seasons, second on the club to Kenny McKinley, including 28 consecutive starts heading into the 2008 campaign... has started each of the last 18 games at left tackle... will sit out the first two games of the 2008 campaign due to an NCAA eligibility ruling stemming from his freshman season.

**2007:** Started all 12 games at left tackle, extending his streak to 28 consecutive starts... named the Outstanding Offensive Lineman in the spring... was an *ESPN The Magazine* academic All-District selection.

**2006:** Started all 13 games... started the first seven games at right tackle, then moved to left tackle for the final six contests... given a game ball following the win at Vanderbilt when he switched from right tackle to left tackle after intermission... named the SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for his efforts in helping Carolina knock off 24th-ranked Clemson... the USC offense gained nearly 500 yards of offense against a Tiger defense that had allowed an average of just 250 yards previously... the Gamecocks totaled over 400 yards of offense in each of the season's final four games... presented the Andrew Sorensen Scholar-Athlete Award for Football during the spring game.

**2005:** Earned four starts during the season, all at right tackle, including the bowl game against Missouri... made his first career start versus Kentucky... took over the right tackle spot halfway through the Arkansas contest and started each of the final two regular season games.

**2004:** Rookie who saw action in one game, getting in for three plays against Vanderbilt... granted a redshirt year but will need to sit out the first two games of the '08 season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played defensive end at Hillcrest High School... played for Coach Wayne Garrick.

**PERSONAL:** James J. Meredith was born May 11, 1986... is a sport and entertainment management major... graduated in May.



**1** **Captain Munnerlyn**  
 Cornerback  
 5-9 ♦ 185 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
 Mobile, Ala.  
 (Murphy)

Junior who is one of the top returning cover cornerbacks in the SEC... strong candidate for postseason honors again in 2008 after picking up several postseason accolades in 2007... listed on the preseason Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List... hard-nosed player who loves to play the game... physical corner who plays much bigger than his size... also handles the punt return duties for the Gamecocks... did not participate in the spring drills after suffering a foot injury at the end of the 2007 season... expected to be at full strength in the fall... has played in 23 games over the past two seasons, making 15 starts... has five career interceptions... ran a 4.35-second 40-yard dash in the spring of 2007... owns a 34-inch vertical leap.

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**2007:** Earned postseason recognition, picking up first-team All-SEC honors from the league's coaches and *Rivals.com*, second-team accolades from the Associated Press and third-team mention from *Phil Steele's... CollegeFootballNews.com* put him on its first-team All-Sophomore squad... considered the Gamecocks' best cover corner for the nation's fourth-ranked pass defense... started 10 games, but not the final two due to injury... tied for the team lead with three interceptions... seventh on the team with 47 tackles, including 40 solo stops... handled the punt return duties, ranking seventh in the SEC with a 9.2 yard average... logged 165 punt return yards, the most for a Gamecock since Ryan Brewer had 202 in 2000... returned a dozen kickoffs for 258 yards, a 21.5 yard per return average, with a long of 33 yards... forced a fumble and picked off a pass in the win over South Carolina State... had his second interception of the season when he picked off Andre Woodson in the win over then-No. 8 Kentucky... also had seven solo tackles and a fumble recovery in the game... had seven tackles, six solos, at North Carolina... also had a key 38-yard punt return at Chapel Hill, setting up a South Carolina score just before intermission... had a career-long 46-yard punt return against Vanderbilt... had one of his best games as a Gamecock at Tennessee when he logged a career-high and team-leading 11 tackles, including 10 solo stops... two of the tackles were in the backfield... also picked off a pass and was credited with another pass break up in that contest... suffered a broken bone in his left foot against Arkansas and played just one play against Florida... did not play in the season finale against Clemson... presented with the Special Teams Award following spring drills.

**2006:** Saw action in 12 games, including five starts as a true freshman... did not play against Wofford after being hospitalized for several days with an infection in his right forearm... got the starting nod against FAU, and then in each of the regular season's final three games – at Florida, vs. MTSU and at Clemson and in the Liberty Bowl against Houston... credited with 36 tackles, including 27 solo stops... picked off two passes and credited with five pass breakups... interceptions came against Vanderbilt and Arkansas... had a season-high five stops against both Tennessee and Houston... returned 12 kickoffs for a 23.2 yard average.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Murphy High School in Mobile, Ala., in 2006, where he played for Coach Ron Lee... earned a spot on the Alabama Sports Writers Association All-State team... three-time all-region selection... participated in the Junior All-Star Game and Pigskin Classic in Hawaii... helped Murphy High to a 10-2 record and a 6A Regional runner-up finish his senior year... also competed for the Murphy track & field team, running the 100m and the 200m... was clocked at 10.53 in the 100m and 22.43 in the 200m dash... participated in the Junior Olympics.

**PERSONAL:** Captain Munnerlyn was born April 10, 1988... working towards a degree in criminal justice... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Kansas State and West Virginia.

Munnerlyn's Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	12/5	27	9	36	0.0-0	0.0-0	2	5	0	0	0
2007	11/10	40	7	47	2.0-7	0.0-0	3	4	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23/15</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2.0-7</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
-Kick Returns-											
Year	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long						
2006	12	278	23.2	0	38						
2007	12	258	21.5	0	33						
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>						
-Punt Returns-											
Year	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long						
2006	1	0	0.0	0	0						
2007	18	165	9.2	0	46						
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>						



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**Mike Newton**  
 Cornerback  
 5-11 ♦ 190 ♦ Senior ♦ 1L  
 Lexington, S.C.  
 (Lexington/Newberry)

Walk-on defensive back... provides solid depth at cornerback... transferred to South Carolina in the fall of 2006 after beginning his collegiate career at Newberry College.

**2007:** Saw action in five games... played on special teams against LSU, Kentucky, Arkansas, Florida and Clemson... earned his first collegiate letter.

**2006:** Sat out the season per NCAA rules following a transfer from Newberry College... worked on the scout team.

**2004-05:** Member of the Newberry (S.C.) College football team... redshirted as a true freshman in 2004.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Lexington (S.C.) High School in 2004... played football for Coach Jimmy Satterfield... named the school's Most Valuable Defensive Back Award following his senior season... was a 2003 all-region selection at defensive back and a 2004 all-region selection in the high jump in track & field... recorded a high jump best of 6-2.

**PERSONAL:** Michael Ryan Newton was born June 24, 1986... working towards a degree in sport and entertainment management at South Carolina.



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**Donte'e Nicholls**  
 Defensive Tackle  
 6-1 ♦ 311 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
 Pompano Beach, Fla.  
 (Blanche Ely)

Big defensive tackle who looks to work his way into the rotation along the defensive line this year... enters the fall listed on the third team at defensive tackle.

**2007:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive tackle from Pompano Beach, Fla., who was a three-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... considered the 49th-best defensive tackle prospect in the nation and the 93rd-best player in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*... considered a three-star prospect and the 49th-best defensive tackle in the nation by *Scout.com*... also offered by Arizona State, Louisville, Rutgers and West Virginia.

**PERSONAL:** Donte'e Nicholls was born July 4, 1988... is pursuing a degree in journalism.





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## Eric Norwood

Linebacker  
6-1 ♦ 270 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Acworth, Ga.  
(North Cobb)

A 2008 postseason awards candidate after earning several honors in 2007, including first-team All-SEC by the league's coaches... on the preseason Rotary Lombardi Award, Bronko Nagurski Trophy and the Lott Trophy watch lists... is a preseason third-team All-American by *NationalChamps.net*... moved to outside linebacker during the spring after playing defensive end for the past two seasons... was named the Most Improved outside linebacker following the spring... also given the Harold White GPA Award for the defense... versatile performer with the speed to cover in passing situations or blitz... set the school record with 19.5 tackles for loss in 2007... has played in all 25 games over the past two seasons, making a dozen starts... ranks sixth on the school's all-time list in career tackles for loss with 28.5, just 6.5 off the record total of 35 set by Andrew Provence... his 13.0 sacks ranks eighth on the all-time list and is halfway to Provence's school record of 26.0.

**2007:** Named first-team All-SEC by the league's coaches, second-team All-SEC by the A.P. and third-team All-SEC by *Phil Steele's*... second on the squad with 69 tackles, including a school-record 19.5 tackles for loss... his 1.62 TFLs per game ranked third in the SEC and tied for seventh in the nation... tied for first in the SEC with three fumble recoveries... had 6.0 sacks, 10th in the SEC... credited with a team-high nine quarterback hurries and three pass breakups... a big-play performer, had a blocked punt and three fumble recoveries, two of which he returned for touchdowns... made his first collegiate start against Louisiana-Lafayette in the season opener... had six tackles, including a 13-yard sack and a 13-yard TFL in the win at Georgia... recorded eight tackles, including a sack at LSU... notched a 16-yard sack in the win over Mississippi State... named the SEC Defensive Player of the Week, the FWAA/Bronko Nagurski and the Master Coaches National Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts against Kentucky... tied an NCAA record by returning two fumbles for touchdowns – scoring from two and from 53 yards out – registered five unassisted tackles, including a tackle for loss, had two pass deflections and a quarterback hurry in the nationally-televised Thursday night win... credited with 2.0 sacks at North Carolina... recovered a fumble against Vanderbilt... had nine tackles, including 3.5 TFLs, against Clemson... earned the Carolina Hustle Award for the defense during spring drills.

**2006:** Named first-team Freshman All-America and first-team Freshman All-SEC honors by *The Sporting News* and second team Freshman All-America by *Rivals.com*... showed an ability to get to the quarterback... recorded 7.0 sacks, tying for the team lead with Casper Brinkley... figured in on five solo and four assisted sacks... also led the team with five quarterback hurries... was third on the team with 9.0 tackles for loss among his 30 total stops... had a season-high six stops against Kentucky.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from North Cobb High School in Georgia where he was coached by Bob Clark... three-star prospect according to *Rivals.com*... the web site also tabbed him as the #26 player in the state of Georgia at any position and the #34 strongside defensive end in the country... made 50 tackles and had 11 sacks as a senior... also played tight end, making 15 catches for 315 yards and three TDs... all-county selection as a linebacker, defensive end and tight end during his career... six-time selection as the Cobb County Defensive Player of the Week... Cobb County Touchdown Club 48 Minute Man of the Year... *Prep Sports* All-Region team... also competed for the North Cobb basketball and track & field teams.

**PERSONAL:** Eric Norwood was born May 24, 1988... is a criminal justice major... chose Carolina over Auburn, Boston College and Oklahoma State, among others.

### Norwood's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	13/0	22	8	30	9.0-74	7.0-67	0	1	5	0
2007	12/12	46	23	69	19.5-89	6.0-47	0	3	9	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>25/12</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>28.5-163</b>	<b>13.0-114</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>



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## Kyle Nunn

Offensive Tackle  
6-6 ♦ 300 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
Sumter, S.C.  
(Sumter)

Offensive lineman who took a redshirt season in 2007 to spend his time in the weight room... made good strides in the spring... coaches are excited about his future at Carolina... enters the fall listed as the second-team right tackle behind senior Justin Sorensen.

**2007:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Offensive lineman from Sumter, S.C., who earned a spot on the Shrine Bowl team... nominated for state lineman of the year honors... coached by Paul Sorrells... graded out at 85 percent and had two knockdown blocks as a junior... was an all-area and all-region pick as both a junior and senior... also named all-state as a senior and was the South Carolina Coaches Association Big 16 Lineman of the Year... a three-year varsity starter who helped lead his team to the state playoffs each season... is a three-star prospect and ranked as the 62nd-best offensive tackle in the country by *Rivals.com*... regarded as the 18th-best player in the state of South Carolina by both *Rivals.com* and *SuperPrep*... a three-star prospect and the nation's 62nd-best offensive tackle according to *Scout.com*... also played basketball and competed in track & field.

**PERSONAL:** Kyle Mathew Nunn was born April 5, 1989... interested in a degree in business administration... has been a volunteer for Children's Chance and has done some work for Palmetto/Richland's Children's Hospital... committed to South Carolina in October... also had offers from North Carolina and Virginia Tech.



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## Rodney Paulk

Linebacker  
6-0 ♦ 226 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Columbia, S.C.  
(Richland Northeast)

Junior linebacker who has started 22 games over the past two seasons, ranking third among the returning players behind only seniors Kenny McKinley and Jamon Meredith... tough, consistent performer... listed behind Jasper Brinkley at middle linebacker entering the fall, but expected to be a key contributor again in 2008... has registered 100 tackles over the past two seasons, including 8.0 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks... earned the Carolina Hustle Award for the defense in the spring.

**2007:** Solid performer who ranked fourth on the squad with 64 tackles, including 41 solo stops and 23 assisted tackles... started all 12 games... recorded 4.5 tackles for loss, including a 10-yard sack at Georgia... had a season-high seven tackles against the Bulldogs and matched that total against LSU and at North Carolina... logged six stops against Vanderbilt, Arkansas and Clemson... named the Harold White GPA Award winner for the defense and the Everyday Effort Award winner for the defense following the spring drills.

**2006:** Garnered second-team Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News* and first-team Freshman All-SEC accolades from the league's coaches and from *The Sporting News* as a true freshman... started 10-of-13 games, the most starts of any of the Carolina freshmen, including nine of the last 10 contests... credited with 36 tackles, including 26 solo stops... had 3.5 tackles for loss and a sack... also recovered a fumble against Florida Atlantic... had a season-high six stops against Wofford.

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**HIGH SCHOOL:** Local product who graduated from Richland Northeast High School in 2006... coached by Jay Frye... led RNE to the Class 4A Division II title game... widely considered as one of the top prospects in the state of South Carolina was rated as the #9 player in the state by *Rivals.com* and was also tabbed as the #19 inside linebacker in the nation by *Rivals.com*... led Richland Northeast to a 13-2 record and a state runner-up finish his senior year... competed for the South Carolina squad at the 2005 Shrine Bowl... selected to the *Orlando Sentinel* All-Southern team... All-Area selection by *The State* and was an All-State honoree by the *High School Sports Report*... made an eye-popping 174 tackles, 22 tackles for loss and 12 sacks... was a finalist for the state's Mr. Football Award, presented by the South Carolina Auto Dealers Association... also competed on the RNE basketball, soccer and wrestling teams... honor roll student.

**PERSONAL:** Rodney Wellington Paulk was born Sept. 11, 1988... majoring in marine science... enjoys working out, playing basketball and soccer and wrestling... works at the youth center at Fort Jackson... his cousin, Tim Paulk, was an all-SEC linebacker at Florida in 1990 and 1991... chose South Carolina over offers from Virginia Tech, North Carolina and Kentucky.

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	13/10	26	10	36	3.5-13	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	1
2007	12/12	41	23	64	4.5-15	1.0-10	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25/22</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>8.0-28</b>	<b>2.0-18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**2005:** Saw action in nine games as a true freshman... played at the defensive end position... did not figure in on any tackles... credited with one pass break up... handled the short snapping duties in the Florida game.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Greenville (S.C.) High School in 2005... played for Coach Larry Frost... led his team to a 32-4 record over a three-year period... finished his high school career with more than 210 tackles and 36 sacks... named the Class AAA Defensive Player of the Year by *High School Sports Report* after recording 90 tackles and 13 sacks as a senior... named his team's Defensive MVP... played in the 2004 South Carolina-North Carolina Shrine Bowl... rated the 13th-best player in the state of South Carolina by *High School Sports Report* and the 16th-best player in the state by *SuperPrep*... rated the 18th-best player in the state and the 46th-best defensive end in the country by *Rivals.com*.

**PERSONAL:** Nathaniel Pepper was born Feb. 21, 1987... is pursuing a degree in African-American studies.

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2005	9/0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2006	13/12	19	6	25	5.0-16	1.0-2	1	0	0	1	1
2007	3/3	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25/15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5.0-16</b>	<b>1.0-2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>



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**Nathan Pepper**

Defensive Tackle  
6-1 ♦ 292 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Greenville, S.C.  
(Greenville)

Fourth-year defensive lineman who returns for his junior season after petitioning for a medical redshirt in 2007... suffered a season-ending knee injury in the third game of the 2007 campaign... missed the entire spring while rehabbing the knee... penciled in as the probable starter at defensive tackle this fall if he regains his full health... has made 15 starts over the past three seasons.



**2007:** Started each of the first three games... started the opener against Louisiana-Lafayette at defensive tackle but moved to defensive end in week two against Georgia... had three tackles against ULL... intercepted a pass and returned it 19 yards for a touchdown in the win over South Carolina State... it was his second career interception... suffered a left knee injury on the play and underwent season-ending surgery... had an excellent spring, earning the Joe Morrison Award as the Defensive Player of the Spring.

**2006:** Played in all 13 games, starting 12... did not start in the Liberty Bowl game against Houston... logged 25 tackles, the most among the Gamecock interior linemen... 19 of his tackles were solo stops... credited with 5.0 tackles for loss, including a sack against FAU... returned a fumble 37 yards against Vanderbilt... picked off a pass against Clemson and returned it 33 yards for what appeared to be a go-ahead touchdown, only to fumble through the endzone, resulting in a touchback... received the Carolina Hustle Award for the defense following spring drills.



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**Nick Prochak**

Tight End  
6-3 ♦ 230 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Spartanburg, S.C.  
(Spartanburg)

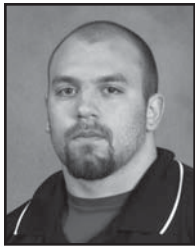
Redshirt sophomore tight end who was not available in the spring after suffering a broken leg in an off-field accident over the winter... working hard to rehab the injury.

**2007:** Used almost exclusively on special teams while earning his first varsity letter... only appearance on offense came in the win over South Carolina State... made the transition to tight end from strong safety in the spring of 2007 and was impressive during the spring drills, earning the team's Most Improved Tight End accolades... showed an ability to get open and possesses good hands.

**2006:** Redshirted as a true freshman... listed as a strong safety on the roster... underwent shoulder surgery and did not see much practice time.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Spartanburg (S.C.) High School where he was coached by Doc Davis... played alongside fellow Gamecocks Garrett Anderson and Rodney Paulk at the 2005 Shrine Bowl... earned a spot on the *High School Sports Report* all-state team... ranked among the top 25 players in the state of South Carolina by *Rivals.com*... played quarterback and was a finalist for the state's Mr. Football Award... 2005 honoree as the WSPG Player of the Year... four-time Player of the Week... completed 139-of-226 pass attempts for 1,791 yards and 17 touchdowns in addition to rushing the ball 133 times for 399 yards his senior year... won the 2005 Maxwell Award for owning the highest grade point average on the football team... also earned the South Carolina Shrine Team Academic Award winner for having the highest GPA of any player on the South Carolina Shrine Bowl roster... member of the Spartanburg High School Symphony Orchestra... Student Body President in 2005-06... member of the Beta Club.

**PERSONAL:** Nick Prochak was born Sept. 8, 1987... chose South Carolina over offers from Clemson, Vanderbilt and Duke... undecided on his major field of study.



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## Taylor Rank

Tailback

6-0 ♦ 214 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Vancouver, Wash.  
(Evergreen)

Junior tailback who figures to add depth to the tailback position again this year... hard-nosed player who will help again on special teams... coaches have confidence in his ability... has rushed for 104 yards in his career, including a 101-yard rushing game against Florida Atlantic in the 2006 season in his lone career start.

**2007:** Saw action in all 12 games... used primarily as a special teams performer... saw action on offense in just one game – South Carolina State... carried two times for five yards in that contest... named the Most Improved Running Back following the spring drills.

**2006:** Played in all 12 regular-season games, primarily on special teams... did not appear in the Liberty Bowl game against Houston... injured his left thigh during early fall camp which limited his practice time during two-a-days... made his first career start and his first appearance at tailback against Florida Atlantic... responded with 101 yards rushing on 15 carries, including a 44-yard burst, which at the time was the longest run by a Carolina back since the 2004 season... only other carries came in mop-up duty against Middle Tennessee... a bruised shoulder kept him sidelined for much of the spring of 2006.

**2005:** Saw brief action in the Georgia game... suffered an ankle injury that sidelined him for much of the remainder of the fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Wash., in 2005... played for Coach Cale Piland... rolled up 4,000 all-purpose yards and 57 touchdowns during his prep career... named the Class 4A Player of the Year in the state of Washington and the *Seattle Times* Class AAAA State MVP after rushing for 2,013 yards and 33 touchdowns as a senior... carried the ball 28 times for 211 yards and three touchdowns in the 2004 state championship game to rally his school from a 14-0 deficit and lead them to the state title... as a junior, ran for 1,300 yards on 143 carries, scoring 18 TDs, earning all-area and all-league honors... rated the eighth-best player in the state of Washington by *SuperPrep*... rated the 44th-best safety in the country by *Rivals.com*... named to the All-West Team and rated the 74th-best player in the west by Tom Lemming... Georgia native who moved to Washington his sophomore year.

**PERSONAL:** Joseph Taylor Rank was born July 15, 1987... interested in a degree in economics.

Rank's Statistics						
–Rushing–						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	12/1	20	99	4.9	0	44
2007	12/0	2	5	2.5	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>
–Receiving–						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	12/1	1	8	8.0	0	8
2007	12/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>



Rank's Single Game Highs	
Carries	15, Florida Atlantic, 2006
Yards Rushing	101, Florida Atlantic, 2006
Long Rush	44, Florida Atlantic, 2006
100-Yard Rushing Games	One
Receptions	1, Florida Atlantic, 2006
Yards Receiving	8, Florida Atlantic, 2006
Long Reception	8, Florida Atlantic, 2006



# 72

## Quintin Richardson

Offensive Tackle

6-4 ♦ 289 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
Columbia, S.C.  
(Spring Valley)

Local prep standout who took a redshirt season in 2007... listed as the third-team left tackle entering the fall... athletic player who needs to get stronger to see the field.

**2007:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** 2007 graduate of Columbia's Spring Valley High... a knee injury cost him much of his senior season... still garnered third-team All-State honors from *The State*... was a standout at the Offense-Defense All-Star Game... graded out at 86 percent with 78 knockdown blocks as a junior... regarded as a four-star prospect, the fifth-best player in South Carolina, the eighth-best offensive tackle in the nation and the 99th best-player in the country overall by *Rivals.com*... ranked as a four-star prospect and the 20th-best offensive tackle in the nation by *Scout.com*... rated the nation's 19th-best offensive lineman and the sixth-best player in South Carolina by *SuperPrep*.

**PERSONAL:** Quintin Richardson was born November 30, 1988... is undecided on his major field of study.



# 42

## Travian Robertson

Defensive End

6-4 ♦ 270 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Laurinburg, N.C.  
(Scotland County)

Sophomore listed on the second team at defensive end entering the fall... has tremendous power and work ethic... coaches feel he has the potential to be an outstanding player... earned the Weight Room Effort Award in the spring... has made one start.

**2007:** Played in all 12 games... credited with seven tackles, including four solo stops... had a pass break up and a quarterback hurry... was the only true freshman in the starting lineup for the season-opener against Louisiana-Lafayette... responded with a season-high three tackles in that game... was a December, 2006 high school graduate and enrolled in January to go through spring drills... named the Most Improved Defensive End in the spring.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Scotland County High School in Laurinburg, N.C., in December 2006... coached by Mark Barnes... named his squad's Defensive End of the Year after recording 74 tackles with 7.5 sacks, two fumble recoveries and four forced fumbles... named all-conference, all-region and team Defensive MVP... team reached the playoffs for three straight seasons... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, where he had four tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery... logged three tackles and a pair of sacks in the Offense-Defense All-Star Game in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla... missed much of his junior season after tearing an ACL... considered a four-star prospect by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*... regarded as the #18 defensive end prospect in the country by *Scout.com*... was the #8 strong side defensive end and the fourth-best player in North Carolina according to *Rivals.com*... was on the Rivals100 list... also played basketball and competed in track.

**PERSONAL:** Travian Jamal Robertson was born Dec. 9, 1988... brother, Tony Robertson, plays football at Appalachian State... interested in a criminal justice degree.

Robertson's Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2007	12/1	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	1	0	0



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# 54

## Hardee Sanders

Offensive Center  
6-2 ♦ 279 ♦ Junior ♦ SQ  
Barnwell, S.C.  
(Barnwell)

Junior offensive lineman who is in his fourth year with the Gamecock program... can play center or guard.

**2007:** Walk-on offensive lineman who served as a squadman.

**2006:** Walk-on offensive lineman who worked with the scout team.

**2005:** Walked on during the fall and competed as a squad member.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Barnwell (S.C.) High School in 2005... coached by Darryl Smith... recognized as the Offensive Lineman of the Year during his junior and senior seasons... LIFE scholarship recipient... also competed in soccer.

**PERSONAL:** Hardee Gore Sanders was born April 7, 1987... pursuing a degree in business management... cousin, Buddy Gore, was a running back for Clemson in the 1960s.



# 53

## Marvin Sapp

Linebacker  
5-11 ♦ 228 ♦ Senior ♦ 3L  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
(Sandalwood)

Veteran linebacker who returns for his senior campaign... regarded as a returning starter after making eight starts a season ago at the middle linebacker position, but is listed on the third team entering the fall... provides experienced quality depth... missed all of the spring due to a hernia... has appeared in 33 games over the past three seasons, including a dozen starts... has logged 135 tackles in that stretch.

**2007:** Stepped in admirably at middle linebacker for Jasper Brinkley after the All-America candidate went down with a knee injury against LSU... totaled 61 tackles, ranking fifth on the squad, including 50 solo stops... his first start of the season came in the win over Mississippi State... responded with a game-high eight tackles, including six solo stops... forced a fumble against Florida.

**2006:** Played in all 13 contests, starting three times, including each of the first two games... finished second on the team in tackles with 51, behind only Jasper Brinkley... 35 of his 51 tackles were solo stops... had 2.5 tackles for loss, including a sack... credited with seven tackles, including two TFLs and a sack in the season-opening win at Mississippi State... logged a team-high eight tackles against Georgia... had six tackles against Auburn... named the Outstanding Linebacker and Joe Morrison Defensive Player of the Spring at halftime of the spring game.

**2005:** Worked his way into the second-team unit as a true freshman... did not play in the first three games before taking the redshirt off... finished the season with 23 tackles... made his first career start against Troy in his first collegiate game... responded with five tackles, including four solo stops... had a season-high eight tackles against Auburn.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Sandalwood High in Jacksonville, Fla., in 2005... coached by Adam Geis... recorded 150 tackles and three sacks as a senior, earning first-team all-state honors... was a *SuperPrep* All-American, the *Jacksonville Times Union* Defensive Player of the Year and the Northeast Florida Defensive Player of the Year... was a *Jacksonville Times Union* Super 11 and a Super 24 (North Florida/South

Georgia) pick... as a junior, totaled 145 tackles and three interceptions... named to the All-Region, All-Area, All-District and 6A All-State team as a junior and senior... rated the second-best linebacker in the state by the *Jacksonville Times Union*, the 14th-best linebacker in the country by the insiders.com and the 35th-best player in the state by *SuperPrep*... on Feb. 1, 2005, he was assigned to cover Media Day at Super Bowl XXXIX for NFLHS.com and SuperBowl.com.

**PERSONAL:** Marvin K. Sapp Jr. was born Sept. 21, 1986... is pursuing a degree in criminal justice... first cousin is former Clemson QB Patrick Sapp and his second cousin is NFL defensive lineman Warren Sapp.

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2005	8/1	9	14	23	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	13/3	35	16	51	2.5-14	1.0-12	0	1	0	0	0
2007	12/8	50	11	61	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>33/12</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>4.0-18</b>	<b>1.0-12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>



# 88

## Weslye Saunders

Tight End  
6-5 ♦ 273 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Durham, N.C.  
(Riverside)

Sophomore tight end who is listed on the second team behind junior Jared Cook entering the fall... showed marked improvement since last fall in both the weight room and on the field... named the Most Improved Tight End in the spring.

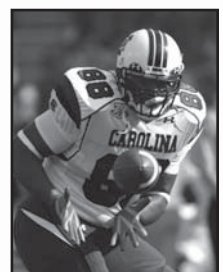
**2007:** Put together a solid freshman campaign that saw him garner Freshman All-SEC honors by the *Sporting News*... was a *Sporting News* Honorable Mention Freshman All-America and a *CollegeFootballNews.com* third-team Freshman All-America... played in 11-of-12 games, missing only the South Carolina State contest... caught 12 passes for 151 yards, an average of 12.6 yards per reception... had a season-high four receptions for 32 yards at LSU... caught a 48-yard pass, the longest of his career, against Kentucky and appeared to be going into the end zone for a score when the ball was dislodged from his hands... had three catches for 31 yards versus Florida.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played tight end and defensive end for Riverside High School in Durham, N.C... coached by Tommy Blalock... helped the Pirates reach the 4-AA state championship game... team finished the season 11-5 after starting the year 3-4... caught 58 passes for 718 yards with seven touchdowns... also had 242 yards rushing with 10 scores on just 32 carries... logged 86 tackles and eight sacks as a defensive end... was a Shrine Bowl participant... was all-region and all-conference as a junior after recording 20 catches for 308 yards and six touchdowns at tight end, and 52 tackles, four sacks, 14 TFLs and two forced fumbles at defensive end... given a four-star ranking by both *Scout.com* and *Rivals.com*... *Scout.com* considered him the 18th-best tight end prospect in the nation... was the eighth-best player in the state of North Carolina according to *Rivals.com*.

**PERSONAL:** Weslye Saunders was born Jan. 16, 1989... is the son of *The News & Observer* columnist Barry Saunders... is working on a degree in journalism... selected USC over North Carolina, Louisville, Clemson and Florida State, among others.

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2007	11/0	12	151	12.6	0	48

Receptions	4, LSU, 2007
Yards Receiving	50, Kentucky, 2007
Long Reception	48, Kentucky, 2007





**48 Vandaral Shackelford**  
Linebacker  
6-0 ♦ 239 ♦ Junior ♦ 1L  
Riverdale, Ga.  
(Riverdale)

Reserve linebacker who has seen limited action over the past two seasons... gained a lot of reps in the spring due to several injuries at the middle linebacking position and showed flashes of brilliance but hampered by inconsistency... earned a letter as a true freshman in 2006... named pronounced van-DARE-ul.

**2007:** Saw limited action in four games... played fairly extensively in the opener against Louisiana-Lafayette, then sparingly against Georgia, South Carolina State and Arkansas... credited with a pair of tackles, both against ULL.

**2006:** Took the redshirt off by appearing against Auburn in the season's fifth game... appeared in each of the last nine games on both defense and special teams... logged five tackles, all solo stops... had two tackles each against Auburn and Arkansas... credited with a pair of tackles for loss.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Riverdale (Ga.) High School in 2006 where he was coached by Nic Davis... ranked as the #37 outside linebacker in the nation and the #36 player in the state of Georgia regardless of position by *Rivals.com*... helped Riverdale to an 8-3 record as a senior, making 120 tackles and 20 tackles for loss... forced two fumbles and blocked a kick his senior year... earned a spot on the Class AAAAA first-team All-State squad, according to NFLHS.com... Metro Atlanta Defensive Player of the Year... an honorable mention All-State honoree by the GHSA and by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... honor roll student was a member of the math club and was the winner of the Math Excellence award.

**PERSONAL:** Vandaral Ricardo Shackelford Jr. was born July 25, 1988... working towards a degree in criminal justice... uncle, Reggie Austin, played for the Chicago Bears and Minnesota Vikings... chose South Carolina over offers from Georgia, North Carolina, Duke and Vanderbilt.

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	9/0	5	0	5	2.0-8	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	4/0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13/0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2.0-8</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**31 Gerrod Sinclair**  
Linebacker  
6-0 ♦ 234 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
(Mandarin)

Junior who begins the fall penciled in as the starting strongside linebacker... regarded as a smart player who misses few assignments... steady, dependable player... has played in 23 games over the past two seasons.

**2007:** Garnered significant playing time early in the season, both as a backup linebacker and on special teams... suffered a left knee sprain in the win over Kentucky and missed the next two contests... played in 10-of-12 games... recorded 15 tackles, including 12 solo stops... had a season-high four tackles against both South Carolina State and Arkansas... had an excellent spring earning Most Improved Outside Linebacker accolades.

**2006:** Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams... credited with one tackle... added 20 pounds to his six-foot frame and moved from safety to outside linebacker in the spring... earned the Harold White GPA Award for the defense in the spring.

**2005:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Mandarin High School in Jacksonville, Fla., in 2005... coached by J.D. Hall... was a *SuperPrep* All-America and earned first-team 6A all-state honors as a senior after totaling 107 tackles, eight sacks and seven interceptions... was a *Jacksonville Times Union* Super 11 and a Super 24 (North Florida/South Georgia) selection... earned second-team 6A all-state honors as a junior after logging 80 tackles and nine interceptions... returned four of the nine interceptions for touchdowns... named All-First Coast his junior and senior seasons... rated the #2 safety in the state of Florida, the 29th-best safety in the country and the 39th-best player in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*.

**PERSONAL:** Gerrod Sinclair was born Nov. 13, 1986... pursuing a degree in retailing at South Carolina.

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	13/0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2007	10/0	12	3	15	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23/0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**7 Chris Smelley**  
Quarterback  
6-2 ♦ 216 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
(American Christian)

Sophomore who will battle for the starting quarterback spot this fall with junior Tommy Beecher... has the most experience of the signal-callers in camp despite being in just his third season in the program... shared the Most Improved Quarterback honor in the spring with Tommy Beecher... has made six career starts, logging a 4-2 record in those contests... has completed 57.1 percent of his passes (101-for-177) for 1,288 yards and nine touchdowns.

**2007:** Started six games, posting a 4-2 record... completed 92-of-162 passes (56.8 percent) for 1,176 yards and nine TDs with seven interceptions... had a quarterback efficiency rating of 127.46... was the starting QB in week one, when he took the season's first snap against Louisiana-Lafayette... became the first redshirt freshman to start a season-opener at quarterback since Todd Ellis did so in 1986... celebrated his 21st birthday by completing 19-of-37 passes for a career-high 279 yards with two touchdowns and one INT against Mississippi State on Sept. 29... his performance earned him SEC Freshman of the Week honors... came back the next week by connecting on 17-of-30 passes for 256 yards and two TD's to lead the Gamecocks to a win over No. 8 Kentucky, earning his second-straight SEC Freshman of the Week honor... fired a career-high three touchdown passes in the win at North Carolina... won each of his first four starts, matching Ron Bass and Steve Tannehill for the best start by a Carolina quarterback before suffering his first loss as a starter against Vanderbilt.

**2006:** True freshman who won the backup role behind Blake Mitchell in the pre-season... made his collegiate debut in the season opener at Mississippi State... replaced an injured Blake Mitchell in the first quarter and responded by completing 2-of-4 passes for 48 yards, including a 42-yard hookup with Kenny McKinley... came into the Georgia game late in the contest and connected on 7-of-11 passes for 64 yards... bothered by a left heel injury and did not play again for the rest of the season... petitioned for a medical redshirt following the season... completed 9-of-15 passes overall for 112 yards with no interceptions or touchdowns.

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**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from American Christian High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in 2006 where he was coached by Stephen Hooks... a four-star prospect, according to *Rivals.com*... ranked as the #8 pro-style quarterback in the nation by *Rivals.com*... selected as the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Alabama in 2005 after throwing for a state record 4,120 yards and 59 touchdowns with only nine interceptions... Smelley's 134 career touchdown passes smashed the existing record of 105 set by former Alabama star Brodie Croyle... set a state record by passing for 565 yards in a game against Brantley HS his senior year... passed for 10,385 yards during his career, a mark that ranks second all-time in the state of Alabama... *Orlando Sentinel*/All-Southern team honoree... selected to the Alabama Sports Writers Association's 2005 All-State Football Team's Super 12... runner-up for the Mr. Football award in the state of Alabama... member of the National Honor Society... selected as the Eugene Brittan Award winner for excellence in personal, athletic and academic life every year from his ninth grade year through his senior year, becoming the first person to earn the award multiple times... started four games as a seventh grader and every game from his eighth grade year through graduation, compiling a 59-12 record as a starter, including a 39-3 record from his 10th grade through 12th grade years... led American Christian to 32 consecutive wins from the end of his ninth grade year through his senior year... his team was recognized as the WTXH High School Football Team of the Year for West Alabama in 2003, 2004 and 2005... also competed for the American Christian baseball team, earning all-state honors... led his team to state titles in 2004 and 2005... earned MVP honors at the 2005 Alabama State Finals... recognized as a Super 9 baseball player by the *Tuscaloosa News* and was a Super 12 baseball player according to the *Birmingham News*... honored as the Top Sports Baseball Player of the Week four times.

**PERSONAL:** Christopher Smelley was born Sept. 29, 1986... is a business administration major... enjoys hunting, fishing and reading in his spare time... sister, Jana, played volleyball at Birmingham Southern... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Tennessee, Ole Miss, Louisville and NC State, among others.

### Smelley's Statistics

#### -Passing-

Year	GP/GS	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2006	2/0	15-9-0	60.0	112	0	42
2007	7/6	162-92-7	56.8	1176	9	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>9/6</b>	<b>177-101-7</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>1288</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>48</b>

#### -Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	2/0	3	-9	-3.0	0	5
2007	7/6	29	-59	-2.0	0	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>9/6</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-68</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>



### Smelley's Single Game Highs

Pass Attempts	37, Mississippi State, 2007
Pass Completions	19, Mississippi State, 2007
Passing Yards	279, Mississippi State, 2007
Completion Percentage	73.3, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007
Touchdown Passes	3, North Carolina, 2007
Long Pass	48, Twice, MSU & UK, 2007
Rushing Attempts	7, North Carolina, 2007
Rushing Yards	14, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007
Long Rush	17, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2007

# SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS



# 46

## Cedrick Snead

Cornerback

5-6 ♦ 173 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS

Garner, N.C.  
(Garner)

Second-year walk-on cornerback... provides depth in the secondary.

**2007:** Redshirted as a true freshman walk-on.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Garner (N.C.) Senior High in 2007 where he was a high school teammate of Gamecock wide receiver Chris Culliver... earned both academic and athletic all-conference honors for three years while playing for coach Nelson Smith... helped his squad to four straight conference titles and the 2006 Eastern North Carolina state regional runner-up... also played basketball and competed in track & field... was a Distinct Honors graduate... was the SGA secretary.

**PERSONAL:** Cedrick Snead was born April 3, 1989, in Raleigh, N.C.... pursuing a degree in business administration.



# 78

## Justin Sorensen

Offensive Tackle

6-7 ♦ 327 ♦ Senior ♦ 2L

Vancouver Island, B.C.  
(Ballenas)

Fifth-year senior offensive lineman who is the projected starter at the right tackle position... selected in the first round (the fifth player taken overall) in the 2008 Canadian Football Draft by his hometown team, the B.C. Lions... has made 18 consecutive starts, all at right tackle... one of the biggest players on the team at 6-7 and 327 pounds.

**2007:** Started all 12 games at right tackle... was one of eight players to start every game... three of the eight players to start every game were offensive linemen - Sorensen, left tackle Jamon Meredith and center William Brown.

**2006:** Saw action in all 13 games... was limited primarily to special teams duty until he was inserted in the lineup at right tackle for the second half at Vanderbilt... made his first career start the next week against Tennessee and retained his starting role for the remainder of the season... made six starts overall... the Gamecocks totaled over 400 yards of offense in each of the season's final four games.

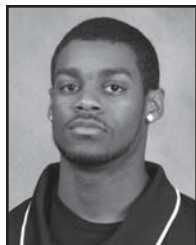
**2005:** Served as a squadman... saw action in three games, appearing in the Alabama, Troy and Missouri games, primarily on special teams.

**2004:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Ballenas High School in Vancouver Island, B.C., in 2004... played offensive tackle for Coach Hines... was named his team's Most Valuable Player.

**PERSONAL:** Justin Sorensen was born June 8, 1986... graduated in December 2007 with a degree in retailing... working on a second major in psychology.





# 23

## Jay Spearman

Cornerback  
6-0 ♦ 190 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Greenwood, S.C.  
(Greenwood)

Newcomer who graduated from Greenwood High School in December and joined the Gamecocks in January... went through spring drills... suffered a shoulder injury during the spring which limited his participation.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated in December 2007 from Greenwood (S.C.) High School where he played for Coach Shell Dula... played quarterback in high school... racked up 1,300 all-purpose yards and 10 touchdowns while leading his Greenwood team to an 11-2 record as a senior... earned first-team All-State honors from *The State*... played in the 71st annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following the season... named to the All-Atlantic Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... as a junior, he rushed for 1,111 yards and 17 touchdowns and threw for 1,108 yards and seven scores, helping Greenwood to the AAAA Division II state title... a three-star prospect, *Rivals.com* considers him the 59th-best "athlete" in the country and the 18th-best player in the state of South Carolina... also considered Clemson, Maryland and Nebraska before selecting the Gamecocks.

**PERSONAL:** Jay Spearman was born on December 8, 1989... his uncle is former Gamecock Andray Spearman, who lettered from 1996-98... undecided on his major.



# 97

## Nate Spurrier

Punter/Placekicker  
6-2 ♦ 243 ♦ Junior ♦ SQ  
Snellville, Ga.  
(Brookwood)

Walk-on kicker who is in his third season with the Garnet & Black... no relation to Head Coach Steve Spurrier... listed as the No. 2 placekicker behind Ryan Succop entering the fall.

**2007:** Provided depth behind Ryan Succop as a placekicker and punter.

**2006:** Walk-on who provided depth at both placekicker and punter... did not see any game action... joined the team in the spring.

**2005:** Enrolled at South Carolina but did not play football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Brookwood High School in Snellville, Ga., in 2005... played for Coach Mark Crews... two-time all-county selection was recognized as the Specialist of the Year and was a five-time Player of the Week selection... helped Brookwood to an appearance in the 2002 Class 5A state title game and a 2003 region championship... also was a standout for the soccer team, earning all-county recognition as a junior and as a senior... a President's List student (perfect 4.0 GPA) who was a Scholar-Athlete every year in high school and graduated with honors.

**PERSONAL:** Nathaniel John Spurrier was born on Oct. 1, 1986... majoring in business marketing... father, John, competed for the track and cross country teams at Army... has a sister, Jocelyn, who signed to play for the South Carolina women's soccer team in 2008.



# 27

## Scott Spurrier

Wide Receiver  
5-4 ♦ 168 ♦ Junior ♦ SQ  
Leesburg, Va.  
(Loudoun County)

Walk-on who is the backup holder on placements... hard worker who does whatever is asked from the coaches... is the son of Head Coach Steve Spurrier and brother of wide receivers coach Steve Spurrier Jr.... came off the bench (literally) to score a touchdown in the annual Garnet & Black Spring game.

**2007:** Saw brief action at wide receiver against South Carolina State in his only collegiate game experience.

**2006:** Walk-on wide receiver who joined the squad in the fall.

**2005:** Attended Charleston Southern in the fall and was a member of the football team, but did not play after sustaining an injury to his hand... transferred to South Carolina in the spring of 2006.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Loudoun County High in Leesburg, Va., in 2005... coached by Pat McManus... played wide receiver, cornerback and punter, returned kicks and punts and served as the team's holder... recognized as the team's Defensive Back of the Year as a junior and senior... team captain... averaged 17.4 yards per punt return as a senior... also competed in track & field and lacrosse... Dean's List student who was the vice-president of the school's business club.

**PERSONAL:** Scott Spurrier was born March 25, 1987... majoring in sport & entertainment management... son of Head Coach Steve Spurrier and brother of receivers coach Steve Spurrier Jr.



# 24

## Darian Stewart

Free Safety  
5-11 ♦ 218 ♦ Junior ♦ 2L  
Huntsville, Ala.  
(Lee)

Junior who is slated to be the starter at the free safety position as the 2008 season unfolds... intelligent player who has good cover skills... considered an excellent tackler... earned the Joe Morrison Award as the Defensive Player of the Spring... has made a dozen career starts, all coming in the 2007 season.

**2007:** Played in all 12 games, making 10 starts, including each of the last eight contests... finished third on the squad with 68 tackles, including 56 solo stops, which was second on the team... had 3.0 tackles for loss... recorded two interceptions and seven pass breakups... recovered two fumbles and forced two more... started for the first time in his collegiate career at Georgia... responded with a team-high nine tackles, all solo stops... also had two pass breakups in the contest... recovered a fumble in the win over South Carolina State... intercepted a pass in the fourth quarter against Mississippi State... forced two fumbles and had an interception in the win at North Carolina... had seven solo tackles and a fumble recovery against Florida.

**2006:** Saw action in 12-of-13 games as a true freshman, both on defense and on special teams... credited with seven tackles... five of his seven stops came against Wofford... the other two tackles were recorded against Middle Tennessee.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Lee High School in Huntsville, Ala., where he was coached by David O'Conner... a three-star prospect according to *Rivals.com*... rated as the #35 safety in America by *Rivals.com*... made 25 pass receptions for 581 yards (23.2 yards per catch) with six touchdowns... also rushed for five touchdowns... as a free safety he had four interceptions and 54 tackles... led Lee High to an 11-3 record

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his senior year... selected as the *Huntsville Times'* Super All-Metro Most Valuable Player as a senior... finalist for the 5A Back of the Year Award... all-city and all-metro honoree in 2004 and 2005... four-year letterwinner for the Lee HS basketball team as a guard was an all-metro selection in 2004 and 2005, earning city MVP honors in 2004... averaged 21 points per game as a junior and 28 points per game as a senior... competed two years on the track & field team, finishing third in the state in the triple jump.

**PERSONAL:** Darian Stewart was born Aug. 4, 1988... pursuing a degree in retailing... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Georgia Tech, Louisville, Kentucky and Southern Miss, among others.

### Stewart's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	12/0	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	12/10	56	12	68	3.0-10	0.0-0	2	7	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>24/10</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3.0-10</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>



**14**  
**Ryan Succop**  
 Punter/Placekicker  
 6-3 ♦ 224 ♦ Senior ♦ 3L  
 Hickory, N.C.  
 (Hickory)

Carolina's punter and placekicker returns for his final season in the Garnet & Black... strong-legged senior who has handled all three kicking chores: kickoffs, punts and placements for the Gamecocks... is a postseason honors candidate again in 2008... one of the top returning placekickers in college football who should be a candidate for the Lou Groza Award along with all-conference and All-America consideration... was a semi-finalist for the Groza Award in 2006... was the Joe Morrison Award winner in the spring as the team's Offensive Player of the Spring... is 29-for-39 in field goal attempts in his career (74.4 percent) and is 16-for-17 (94.1 percent) inside 40 yards... has converted 22 of his last 26 attempts (84.6 percent) from inside 47... has scored 161 points in his career, ranking 10th on Carolina's all-time list... averging 42.3 yards on 85 career punts.

**2007:** Was an Associated Press honorable mention All-SEC selection... earned SEC first-team preseason honors as a placekicker by the media and was a second-team selection by the coaches... also earned preseason second-team All-SEC honors as a punter by both the media and coaches... named to the preseason Lou Groza Award watch list after being a semi-finalist for the award in 2006... also named to the Ray Guy Award watch list... was 13-for-17 in field goal attempts... three of his four misses came from at least 47 yards out (47, 48 and 50)... kicked three field goals in the 16-12 win at Georgia, earning SEC Special Teams Player of the Week honors... also punted seven times for a 40.7 yard average against the Bulldogs... punted five times for a 44.8 yard average against LSU... averaged 42.0 yards on six punts in the win over Kentucky, including a 52-yarder... matched his career-high with a 58-yard punt against Vanderbilt... hit a season-long 49-yard field goal at Tennessee with just under two minutes remaining to give the Gamecocks' a 24-21 lead... also handled the kick off duties... averaged 41.6 yards per punt, fourth in the SEC and 39th in the country, with a long of 58, and averaged 64.0 yards on his kickoffs.

**2006:** Earned second-team All-SEC honors as selected by the league's coaches... a semi-finalist for the Groza Award... connected on 16-of-20 of his field goal tries... his 80.0 percent accuracy was fourth in the SEC... actually only missed two – a 51-yarder that hit the left upright against Georgia and a 33-yarder against Houston in the Liberty Bowl... other two misses were blocked... was 10-for-11 from inside 47 yards... booted a 50-yarder against Tennessee and a career-high 55-yarder – the second longest in school history – against Vanderbilt... also had a 55-yarder taken off the board against Florida due to a penalty... averaged 42.8 yards per field goal attempt and 40.1 yards per field goal made... connected on 37-of-39 extra points for 85 points overall... his

85 points led the team and was the third-highest single-season total in school history... averaged 6.5 points per game, fourth in the SEC and the third-highest mark among kickers... 29 of 73 kickoff attempts (40 percent) were touchbacks... averaged 43.7 yards per punt, which would have ranked third in the SEC with enough punts to qualify... was the SEC Special Teams Player of the Week for his efforts against Mississippi State when he connected on all three of his field goal attempts (39, 35 and 47 yards) and punted six times for a 48.7 yard average... also averted a certain blocked punt and scrambled 16 yards for a first down, leading to a Carolina score.

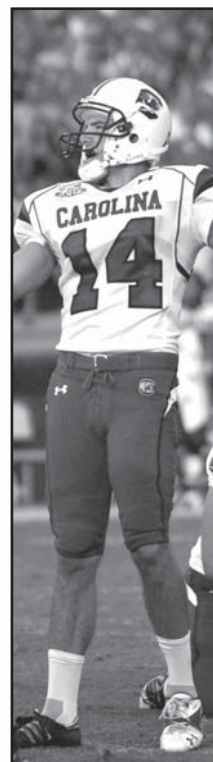
**2005:** Handled the kickoff chores as a true freshman and was the backup placekicker... kicked off 59 times for a 62.3 yard average with 29 touchbacks (49 pct.)... attempted two field goals, missing from 50 yards against UCF and from 46 versus Georgia.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Hickory (N.C.) High in 2005... played for Coach John Worley... four-time all-conference and two-time all-state performer... three-time conference Special Teams Player of the Year... in 2004, averaged 41 yards per punt, put 98 percent of his kickoffs in the end zone, was 12-of-14 FG and 42-of-42 on PATs... in 2003 he was 7-of-10 on field goals (long of 53 yards) and made all 38 of his PATs... three-time all-state selection in soccer... scored 104 career goals in soccer... rated the fourth-best kicker in the nation and the 16th-best prospect in North Carolina by *Rivals.com*.

**PERSONAL:** Ryan B. Succop was born Sept. 19, 1986... pursuing a double major in finance and real estate with a minor in computer science.

### Succop's Statistics

–Placekicking–								
Year	GP	FG-A	Pct	Long	PAT-A	Pts.		
2005	12	0-2	.000	-	0-0	0		
2006	13	16-20	.800	55	37-39	85		
2007	12	13-17	.765	49	37-37	76		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29-39</b>	<b>.744</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>74-76</b>	<b>161</b>		
–Field Goals–								
Distance	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+			
2005	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1			
2006	0-0	2-2	6-7	6-8	2-3			
2007	0-0	2-2	6-6	5-8	0-1			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>11-17</b>	<b>2-5</b>			
–Punting–								
Year	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20
2006	13	29	1267	43.7	58	0	4	6
2007	12	56	2330	41.6	58	3	13	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3597</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>
–Kickoffs–								
Year	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	TB	OB		
2005	12	59	3675	62.3	29	1		
2006	13	73	4640	63.6	29	2		
2007	12	60	3841	64.0	11	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>12156</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4</b>		
–Scoring–								
Year	GP	FG-ATT	PAT-A	Tot. Pts.	Avg/Gm.			
2005	12	0-2	0-0	0	0.0			
2006	13	16-20	37-39	85	6.5			
2007	12	13-17	37-37	76	6.3			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29-39</b>	<b>74-76</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>4.4</b>			



# CAROLINA

## GAMECOCKS



**75** **Gurminder Thind**  
**Offensive Tackle**  
 6-4 ♦ 281 ♦ Senior ♦ 2L  
 Mississauga, Ont.  
 (John Fraser)

Fifth-year senior offensive lineman who has played both tackle and guard during his Gamecock career... missed all of spring due to a back injury and status is questionable heading into his final campaign... was a fourth-round draft pick (32nd overall) in the Canadian draft by the Montreal Alouettes... has made five career starts, two at left tackle and three at left guard... joins Justin Sorensen as one of two Canadians on the offensive line.

**2007:** Transitioned to left guard where he earned starts against South Carolina State, Florida and Clemson... also saw significant action at North Carolina until re aggravating a left ankle injury.

**2006:** Started each of the first two games at left tackle, his first career starts... suffered a right foot injury in the Georgia game that required season-ending surgery, performed on Sept. 26... spent the remainder of the fall in a "boot"... earned the Most Improved Offensive Lineman Award during the spring.

**2005:** Saw limited game action as a reserve offensive lineman... appeared in the Alabama and Kentucky games.

**2004:** Redshirted.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from John Fraser Secondary in Mississauga, Ont., Canada, in 2004... played for the Mississauga Warriors, a city league team... coached by John Simas.

**PERSONAL:** Gurminder Thind was born Jan. 29, 1984... pursuing a degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.



**5** **Carlos Thomas**  
**Cornerback**  
 5-11 ♦ 197 ♦ Senior ♦ 3L  
 College Park, Ga.  
 (Banneker)

Senior defensive back who has made 20 career starts, the fourth-highest total on the squad entering the 2008 campaign... penciled in as the probable starter at one of the cornerback slots again this fall... has good coverage skills and has become a better performer with added experience... has worked on his tackling skills and becoming more physical... originally used as a wide receiver and a kickoff returner during his freshman season at Carolina... regarded as one of the fastest Gamecocks, clocking a 4.37 40-yard dash... has three career interceptions.

**2007:** Played in 11-of-12 games, missing the North Carolina game after suffering a neck injury in practice the week leading up to that contest... made seven starts... logged 17 tackles on the season, 16 of which were solo stops... did not intercept a pass but credited with six pass breakups, second on the squad... had a season-high five tackles against Tennessee... also had a season-high five tackles against the Volunteers in 2006... shared the Most Improved Cornerback honors in the spring with Stoney Woodson.

**2006:** Made the transition to defense full-time in the spring after spending most of the 2005 season at wide receiver... played in all 13 games, making 10 starts... credited with 27 tackles, including 24 solo stops... had a season-high five tackles against Tennessee and four stops against Clemson... recorded two interceptions... picked off

passes at Vanderbilt and against Arkansas... also used as a kickoff returner... led the team with 15 kick returns for 284 yards, an average of 18.9 yards per return... returned a kickoff 51 yards against Florida Atlantic.

**2005:** Versatile athlete who was used at wide receiver, cornerback and on kickoff returns in his true freshman campaign... caught nine passes for 73 yards, rushed three times for 53 yards, returned 21 kickoffs for 502 yards and intercepted a pass... started three times, getting the nod against Georgia, Alabama and Kentucky... played both ways against the Bulldogs, starting at wide receiver and working in the defensive secondary... intercepted a D.J. Shockley pass in the endzone late in the first half, preserving USC's 9-7 halftime advantage... earned SEC Freshman of the Week accolades for his efforts against the Bulldogs... had a season-high 79-yard kick return against Troy and had a 44-yard return in the bowl game against Missouri... caught a season-high four passes against Kentucky... suffered a concussion while returning a kickoff against Tennessee and was held out of the Arkansas game.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Banneker High School in College Park, Ga., in 2005... played for Coach Benny Crane... named first-team All-State in 2004 and played in the Georgia High School All-Star game... finished his senior season with over 1,000 total yards and nine touchdowns receiving and rushing... also had over 30 tackles and four interceptions as a senior... had 20 catches for 411 yards and five touchdowns as a junior... rated the eighth-best player in the state of Georgia by *SuperPrep*... rated the ninth-best wide receiver in the nation by *PrepStar*... regarded as the 28th-best player in the southeast and the 108th-best player in the country by Tom Lemming... was known also as an exceptional baseball player... batted .627 as a sophomore playing second base and center field.

**PERSONAL:** Carlos Thomas was born May 1, 1987... is pursuing a degree in African-American studies... brother is Levon Thomas, who has played wide receiver in the NFL.

Thomas' Statistics											
-Defense-											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2005	11/3	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	0
2006	13/10	24	3	27	1.0-10	0.0-0	2	0	0	0	0
2007	11/7	16	1	17	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	6	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35/20</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1.0-10</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
-Rushing-											
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long					
2005	11/3	3	53	17.7	0	20					
2006	13/10	0	0	0.0	0	0					
2007	11/7	0	0	0.0	0	0					
<b>Total</b>	<b>35/20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>					
-Receiving-											
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long					
2005	11/3	9	73	8.1	0	22					
2006	13/10	0	0	0.0	0	0					
2007	11/7	0	0	0.0	0	0					
<b>Total</b>	<b>35/20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>					
-Kick Returns-											
Year	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long						
2005	21	502	23.9	0	79						
2006	15	284	18.9	0	51						
2007	0	0	0.0	0	0						
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79</b>						



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## Charles Turner

Deep Snapper  
6-4 ♦ 219 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Roebuck, S.C.  
(Dorman)

Sophomore deep snapper... incumbent as the deep snapper on both punting and placement situations... given the Outstanding Walk-on Award in the spring.

**2007:** Handled both the punting and placekicking snapping duties... worked with holder Tommy Beecher to help placekicker Ryan Succop connect on 13-of-17 field goal attempts and all 37 extra point attempts... credited with three tackles on punt coverage.

**2006:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Dorman High School in 2006 where he was coached by Dave Gutshall... earned best special teams player honors to go with a spot on the all-area academic team... member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club... also lettered in baseball.

**PERSONAL:** Charles David Turner was born April 25, 1988... studying political science.



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## Chris Vaughn

Deep Snapper  
6-1 ♦ 252 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
Columbia, S.C.  
(Irmo)

Walk-on who is the number two deep snapper behind Charles Turner.

**2007:** Redshirted as a true freshman... was a member of Alpha Lamda Chi Freshman Honor Society.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Was a four-year starter for Coach Bob Hanna at Irmo High School in Columbia, graduating in 2007... was a two-time all-region and all-area selection... earned all-state honorable mention as a senior... team was the state runnerup in both 2004 and 2006... also wrestled and played baseball... was a two-time all-region selection on the diamond.

**PERSONAL:** Christopher Bryan Vaughn was born October 28, 1988... mother, Susan Vaughn, played tennis at Lander University... pursuing a degree in business administration.



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## Bobby Wallace

Tailback  
5-7 ♦ 202 ♦ Senior ♦ 2L  
Conway, S.C.  
(Conway)

Senior who provides depth at the tailback position and could also be used in the return game on special teams... very quick player who has a burst... has rushed for 242 yards on 46 carries during his career, an average of 5.3 yards per rush... has the fourth-longest run from scrimmage in school history – an 88-yard scamper against Middle Tennessee in 2006 – to his credit... was the first player signed by Steve Spurrier at Carolina... has made one career start.

**2007:** Did not see any game action after being hampered by injuries... suffered a fractured right clavicle during the fall two-a-days.

**2006:** Saw action in seven games... carried five times for 107 yards with a touchdown... had one carry in both the Vanderbilt and Arkansas games... entered the Middle Tennessee game late in the contest and had three carries... broke loose for an 88-yard touchdown run, the fourth-longest run in school history and the longest since Brandon Bennett went 89 yards against East Tennessee in 1991... only Bennett, Ben Garnto (89 against Wake Forest in 1965) and Steve Wadiak (a school record 96-yard run against George Washington in 1950) have had longer rushes from scrimmage... added two receptions for 29 yards.

**2005:** Carried 41 times for 135 yards as a true freshman... also caught eight passes for 42 yards... started in his first collegiate game against Central Florida... notched his first three career receptions against Alabama for 25 yards... carried a season-high seven times in the win over Troy... also had seven carries in the bowl game against Missouri... had his best game against Clemson when he carried six times for a season-high 51 yards, including a 14-yard burst, his longest of the campaign.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Conway (S.C.) High School in 2005... played for Coach Chuck Jordan... helped his team to the state championship game three times... named to the Class AAAA All-State Team as a running back by *High School Sports Report* and was its Class AAAA Offensive Player of the Year... a finalist for South Carolina's Mr. Football... ran for 1,903 yards and 22 TDs on 247 attempts for an average of 7.7 yards a carry in 2004... also caught 18 passes for 215 yards and three scores... as a junior he rushed for 2,128 yards on 277 carries and tallied 26 touchdowns and had 271 yards receiving with five TD catches... his sophomore year he ran for 1,060 yards on 153 carries and scored seven times... totaled 5,151 rushing yards and 55 rushing TDs as a prep... also had 629 yards receiving with eight receiving TDs and scored four TDs on returns... named Offensive MVP for the South in the 2004 North-South All-Star Game after rushing for 83 yards and a TD while catching three passes for 30 yards... rated the 20th-best all-purpose back in the country and the 21st-best player in the state of South Carolina by *Rivals.com*... rated the 19th-best player in the state by *High School Sports Report*... rated the 15th-best player in the state of South Carolina by the *Herald Journal*... rated the 24th-best player in the state of South Carolina by *SuperPrep*... rated the 61st-best player in the Mid-Atlantic by Tom Lemming.

**PERSONAL:** Bobby D. Wallace was born Jan. 3, 1987... is majoring in retailing.

### Wallace's Statistics

-Rushing-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2005	12/1	41	135	3.3	0	14
2006	7/0	5	107	21.4	1	88
2007	0/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19/1</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>88</b>
-Receiving-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2005	12/1	8	42	5.2	0	12
2006	7/0	2	29	14.5	0	19
2007	0/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19/1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
-Kick Returns-						
Year	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2005	1	15	15.0	0	15	
2006	0	0	0.0	0	0	
2007	0	0	0.0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	

### Wallace's Single Game Highs

Carries	7, Twice: Troy & Missouri, 2005
Yards Rushing	98, Middle Tennessee, 2006
Long Rush	88, Middle Tennessee, 2006
Touchdowns Rushing	1, Middle Tennessee, 2006
Receptions	3, Alabama, 2005
Yards Receiving	25, Alabama, 2005
Long Reception	19, Middle Tennessee, 2006





**12** **C.C. Whitlock**  
Wide Receiver  
5-10 ♦ 171 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Chester, S.C.  
(Chester)

Versatile athlete who joined the Gamecocks' program in January 2008 and went through spring drills... talented performer who shows excellent quickness... has a lot to learn if he is to work his way into the wide receiver rotation this fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated in December 2007 from Chester (S.C.) High School and enrolled at Carolina in January... athlete who is capable of playing multiple positions, including wide receiver, defensive back and kick returner... led Chester to the Class AAA State Championship game as a senior where they lost to Wilson, 14-12... caught 23 passes for 418 yards, an average of 18.2 yards per catch, rushed 77 times for 266 yards with five TDs and completed 58-of-91 passes for 864 yards and 11 touchdowns for Coach Victor Floyd... also had 38 tackles and four interceptions... was a first-team All-State selection by the Associated Press and *The State*, played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and also participated in the ESPN/Under Armour All-Star Game in Orlando where he returned an interception for a touchdown... as a junior, he starred at quarterback and cornerback, receiving first-team all-state and all-region honors after accounting for 26 all-purpose touchdowns... passed for 1,500 yards, rushed for 800 yards and logged five interceptions... the four-star prospect was rated as the third-best player in the state and the #10 cornerback prospect in the nation by *Rivals.com*... *Scout.com* considers him the 10th-best cornerback in the nation and the third-best player in the Palmetto State... named to the Top 135 Dream Team by *PrepStar* magazine... also ran the high hurdles and on the 4x100 meter relay team as a prep.

**PERSONAL:** Charles C. Whitlock was born on April 1, 1989... is undecided on his major field of study... is a cousin of former Gamecock Jonathan Joseph... also visited Alabama and North Carolina before selecting the Gamecocks.



**7** **Addison Williams**  
Cornerback  
5-8 ♦ 181 ♦ Sophomore ♦ 1L  
Atlanta, Ga.  
(Westlake)

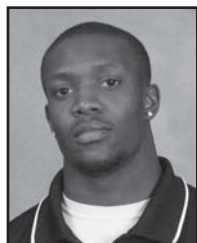
Sophomore defensive back who enters the fall listed as the second-team cornerback behind Captain Munnerylyn... named the Most Improved Cornerback in the spring... has made one career start.

**2007:** Played in 10 games as a true freshman, missing only the opener against Louisiana-Lafayette and the LSU contests... earned more playing time as the season progressed... made his first career start in the season finale against Clemson... recorded eight tackles on the season, including seven solo stops... credited with one pass breakup.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Atlanta's Westlake High School in 2007... was an all-metro and all-state selection... helped his team to the state playoffs in three straight seasons, including the 3A state title in 2004... logged six interceptions and five touchdowns (three on kickoffs and two on punts) in the return game as a junior... coached by Dallas Allen... earned a three-star rating by *Rivals.com*... considered the 28th-best player in the state of Georgia and the 29th-best cornerback in the country by *Rivals.com*... ranked as the 58th-best cornerback in the nation and a three-star prospect by *Scout.com*... rated as the 20th-best player in the state of Georgia by *SuperPrep*... also a state champion in track & field... was a member of the National Honor Society and in the Talented and Gifted Program.

**PERSONAL:** Addison Williams was born Oct. 10, 1988... interested in the sports and entertainment management program at South Carolina... cousin, Calvin Russell Jr. was a member of the Green Bay Packers... selected Carolina over offers from Kentucky, Georgia Tech, Indiana, Mississippi State and Tulane.

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2007	10/1	7	1	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0



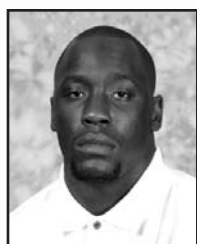
**10** **Jamire Williams**  
Cornerback  
5-10 ♦ 186 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
(First Coast)

Redshirt freshman defensive back enters the fall listed on the third team at cornerback... blessed with tremendous speed... will compete for playing time at either cornerback or in nickel and dime packages this fall... ran a 4.34 40-yard dash in the spring.

**2007:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Standout prep defensive back who was also a top sprinter on the track team at Jacksonville's First Coast High School... graduated in 2007... three-star prospect by *Rivals.com*... considered the 21st-best cornerback in the country and the 45th-best player in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*... was a four-star prospect by *Scout.com* and regarded as the nation's 22nd-best cornerback... turned down offers from Auburn, Florida, Georgia Tech, LSU, Tennessee and Ohio State, among others.

**PERSONAL:** Jamire Williams was born May 17, 1988... undecided on his major field of study.



**99** **Jonathan Williams**  
Defensive Tackle  
6-2 ♦ 290 ♦ Senior ♦ 1L  
Augusta, Ga.  
(Glenn Hills/Mississippi Delta CC)

Former junior college player who returns for his final season in the Garnet & Black... enters the fall listed on the second team at defensive tackle... steady performer who earned the Most Improved Defensive Tackle award in the spring... very quick and strong player... has made three career starts.

**2007:** Joined the Gamecock squad in January and went through spring drills... played in all 12 games last fall, making three starts... got regular playing time in the defensive line rotation... earned the starting nod against Kentucky, North Carolina and Vanderbilt in the middle of the season... recorded 13 tackles overall, including nine solo stops... earned his first start against Kentucky and made a key play early in that contest when he sacked quarterback Andre Woodson for a 17-yard loss and forced a fumble that was recovered by Eric Norwood and taken into the end zone for a score... had a season-high two tackles against five opponents... earned the Big Play Award for the defense following the spring game.

**2004-06:** Played at Mississippi Delta CC in Moorhead, Miss., for Coach Jay Miller... was a two-year starter for the Trojans after initially enrolling at Independence (Kan.) J.C... was a first-team all-state selection in the Mississippi junior college ranks in 2006... received a four-star ranking from *Scout.com* and a three-star ranking from *Rivals.com*... *Rivals.com* considered him the 44th-best JUCO prospect.

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**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Glenn Hills High School in Augusta, Ga., in 2004... earned all-state honors as a senior and all-area honors during both his junior and senior seasons... played for Coach Felix Curry... named his school's Best Defensive Lineman for three straight years... also played high school basketball... as a high school senior he received offers from Alabama and Auburn among others.

**PERSONAL:** Jonathan Lamont Williams was born Nov. 22, 1985... interested in a degree in African American studies.

J. Williams' Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2007	12/3	9	4	13	1.0-17	1.0-17	0	0	0	1	0




**12**  
**Shaq Wilson**  
 Linebacker  
 5-11 ♦ 194 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
 Jacksonville, Fla.  
 (First Coast)

Freshman linebacker who joined the squad in January and went through spring drills... showed solid development in the spring... listed on the third team entering the fall but will compete for a spot on the two-deep in the fall... named the Most Improved Inside Linebacker in the spring... timed at 4.69 seconds for the 40-yard dash in the spring.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from First Coast High School in Jacksonville, Fla., in December 2007... enrolled at Carolina in January... as a senior he totaled 116 tackles, three sacks, three interceptions, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries while leading his team to an 11-3 record and the district title... was named the area's Defensive Player of the Year by *The Florida Times-Union* and was an all-state selection... named to the All-Southeast Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... logged 132 tackles, including nine sacks, one interception and two forced fumbles as a junior... a three-star prospect, *Rivals.com* considered Wilson the 26th-best outside linebacker prospect in the nation and the 54th-best player in the state of Florida... *Scout.com* considered him the 20th-best weakside linebacker in the country... was a high school teammate of current Gamecock Jamire Williams... was offered scholarships by Georgia Tech, Minnesota, Ole Miss and South Florida, among others, but was the first Gamecock commitment for 2008.

**PERSONAL:** Shaquille Wilson was born on May 22, 1990... undecided on his major field of study.



**4**  
**Alonzo Winfield**  
 Linebacker  
 6-0 ♦ 218 ♦ Freshman ♦ RS  
 Winston-Salem, N.C.  
 (Carver)

Linebacker who redshirted as a true freshman in 2007... showed a lot of progress in the off-season... listed on the third team entering the fall but could battle for a spot on the two-deep... possesses excellent speed... was timed at 4.38 seconds for the 40-yard dash in the spring.

**2007:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Made 80 tackles and had two interceptions during his senior season at Carver High School in Winston-Salem, N.C.... received a three-star rating by *Rivals.com*... considered the 44th-best outside linebacker in the country and the 27th-best player in the state of North Carolina by *Rivals.com*... regarded as the 26th-

best player in the state of North Carolina by *SuperPrep*... was a three-star prospect and the nation's 70th-best safety according to *Scout.com*... ran track in the spring and focused on the 100 and 200 meter dashes... originally committed to Tennessee and considered North Carolina and NC State before casting his lot with the Gamecocks.

**PERSONAL:** Alonzo Winfield was born June 1, 1987... undecided on his major field of study.



**36**  
**Stoney Woodson**  
 Cornerback  
 5-11 ♦ 197 ♦ Senior ♦ 3L  
 Tampa, Fla.  
 (Middleton)

Fifth-year senior defensive back who has the ability to play safety as well as corner... has been a regular in the secondary packages in each of the past three seasons... has made 13 career starts, intercepting four passes... one of the fastest players on the team, has been timed in 4.35 seconds for 40 yards.



**2007:** Played in 10 games, making three starts... logged 26 tackles, including 22 solo stops... started the season opener at free safety against Louisiana-Lafayette... credited with a forced fumble at LSU... suffered a right hamstring injury in practice and did not play at North Carolina or versus Vanderbilt... started the final two games of the season at cornerback... had seven tackles and intercepted a Tim Tebow pass against Florida... had eight tackles against Clemson, including seven solo stops... 15 of his 26 tackles came in the final two games... coming off a strong spring in which he shared Most Improved Cornerback honors with Carlos Thomas.

**2006:** Played in all 13 games, making nine starts... tied for third on the team with 47 tackles, including 39 solo stops... recorded a pair of tackles behind the line of scrimmage... had a season-high nine tackles against Arkansas and eight stops against Vanderbilt, both team highs for those games... led the team with three interceptions, the first three of his career... logged his first career interception in the loss to Georgia in Week 2... also intercepted a pass at Kentucky and had a pick at Florida.

**2005:** Saw action in all 12 games as a redshirt freshman playing behind Johnathan Joseph... credited with nine tackles, including six solos... logged a pair of pass break-ups and recovered two fumbles... made his first career start against Troy... responded with a season-best three solo stops... recovered a fumble against Kentucky... recovered a fumble in the endzone at Tennessee, which was a key in the upset win over the Volunteers.

**2004:** True freshman defensive back who was redshirted.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Middleton High School in Tampa, Fla., in 2004... played for Coach Harry Hubbard... played cornerback, wide receiver, quarterback and was a return specialist... named first-team all-county.

**PERSONAL:** Stoney Ray Woodson Jr. was born Oct. 11, 1985... working towards a degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.

Woodson's Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2005	12/1	6	3	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	2	0	0	2
2006	13/9	39	8	47	2.0-4	0.0-0	3	1	0	0	0
2007	10/3	22	4	26	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	4	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35/13</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2.5-5</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>



# 49

## Damien Wright

Linebacker  
6-0 ♦ 231 ♦ Junior ♦ SQ  
Sumter, S.C.  
(Crestwood)

Reserve linebacker who has appeared in seven games over the past two seasons... adds depth at linebacker and on special teams.

**2007:** Saw action in one game as a redshirt sophomore, playing on special teams against Louisiana-Lafayette.

**2006:** Saw action as a special teams performer in six of 13 games as a redshirt freshman... credited with a pair of tackles, one against Florida Atlantic and one against Middle Tennessee.

**2005:** Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Crestwood High School in Sumter, S.C., in 2005... played for Coach Keith Crolley... was a 3A all-state selection, a two-time all-region pick and the 2004 Region 6 Defensive Player of the Year... named to the Statewide All-Defense team as a linebacker by *High School Sports Report*... on defense in 2004 he totaled 175 tackles, with three interceptions, 11 QB sacks, 22 QB hurries and six fumble recoveries... played in the 2004 South Carolina-North Carolina Shrine Bowl Game... named all-area and all-region as a junior... rated the 12th-best player in the state of South Carolina by *High School Sports Report*... rated the 13th-best player in the state of South Carolina by *SuperPrep*... rated the 17th-best player in the state and the 32nd-best safety in the country by *Rivals.com*.

**PERSONAL:** Damien Jamal Wright was born Sept. 24, 1987... is a retail management major.

Wright's Statistics											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2006	6/0	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2007	1/0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7/0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# 64

## Kevin Young

Offensive Guard  
6-5 ♦ 311 ♦ Sophomore ♦ SQ  
Clearwater, Fla.  
(Central Catholic)

Third-year offensive lineman who enters the fall listed as the third-team right guard... highly touted player following a prep career at Central Catholic High School in Clearwater, Fla., but has been hampered by injuries in each of his first two seasons in the Carolina Garnet & Black... missed most of the spring after suffering a shoulder injury that required surgery.

**2007:** Penciled in to make his first collegiate start at Georgia but suffered a left ankle injury during practice the week of the game and was sidelined... did not see any game action.

**2006:** Redshirted... underwent shoulder surgery during the season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Catholic High School in Clearwater, Fla., in 2006 where he was coached by Michael Jalazo... a four-star prospect according to *Rivals.com*... tabbed as the #20 offensive tackle in the nation by *Rivals.com*... rated as the #45 player in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*... represented the state of Florida in

the 2005 CaliFlorida Bowl along with fellow Gamecock Seaver Brown... Class 2B first-team All-State football honoree as selected by the Florida Sports Writers Association... was also a first-team all-Sun Coast honoree... led his team to the 2005 district and region titles... academic honor roll selection... also lettered in baseball.

**PERSONAL:** Kevin Young was born Nov. 12, 1987... plans to major in retailing... enjoys lifting weights... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Florida State, Miami (Fla.) and West Virginia, among others.

### Starting Assignments

Player	'04	'05	'06	'07	Career
Kenny McKinley	-	6	13	12	31
Jamon Meredith	RS	4	13	12	29
Rodney Paulk	-	-	10	12	22
Carlos Thomas	-	3	10	7	20
Justin Sorensen	RS	0	6	12	18
Jasper Brinkley	-	-	13	4	17
Captain Munnerylyn	-	-	5	10	15
Nathan Pepper	-	-	12	3	15
Jordin Lindsey	0	9	6	RS	15
Emanuel Cook	-	-	5	9	14
Marque Hall	3	1	2	8	14
Mike Davis	-	9	5	0	14
Stoney Woodson	RS	1	9	3	13
Eric Norwood	-	-	0	12	12
Marvin Sapp	-	1	3	8	12
Ladi Ajiboye	-	-	-	10	10
Darian Stewart	-	-	0	10	10
Cliff Matthews	-	-	-	9	9
Garrett Anderson	-	-	4	4	8
Freddie Brown	-	RS	4	3	7
Seaver Brown	-	-	RS	6	6
Dion LeCorn	-	-	-	6	6
Chris Smelley	-	-	RS	6	6
Lemuel Jeanpierre	-	RS	1	5	6
Moe Brown	-	-	1	4	5
Gurminder Thind	RS	0	2	3	5
Hutch Eckerson	-	-	5	RS	5
Jared Cook	-	RS	1	3	4
Dustin Lindsey	0	4	RS	0	4
Heath Batchelor	-	-	RS	3	3
Jonathan Williams	-	-	-	3	3
Yvan Banag	-	0	2	0	2
Jason Barnes	-	-	-	1	1
Chris Culliver	-	-	-	1	1
Travian Robertson	-	-	-	1	1
Addison Williams	-	-	-	1	1
Bryan Kingrey	RS	0	1	0	1
Taylor Rank	-	RS	1	0	1
Bobby Wallace	-	1	0	0	1

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## 2008 Signing Class (23)

### OFFENSE (10)

#### Quarterback (2)

Aramis Hilliary	QB	6-2	205	North Augusta, S.C. (Strom Thurmond)
Reid McCollum	QB	6-4	195	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)

#### Tailback (2)

Eric Baker*	TB	5-11	187	Jacksonville, Fla. (Edward H. White/Fork Union Military)
Kenny Miles	TB	5-10	200	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Brookwood)

#### Wide Receiver (3)

Tori Childers	WR	6-5	215	Rock Hill, S.C. (Rock Hill/New Hampton (NH) Prep)
D.L. Moore	WR	6-4	178	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
C.C. Whitlock*	WR	5-10	171	Chester, S.C. (Chester)

#### Tight End (1)

Mike Triglia	TE	6-4	234	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bolles)
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#### Offensive Line (2)

T.J. Johnson	OL	6-4	285	Aynor, S.C. (Aynor)
Elliot Williams	OL	6-6	275	Woodstock, Ga. (Etowah)

### DEFENSE (12)

#### Defensive Line (4)

Ronald Byrd	DE	6-6	258	LaGrange, Ga. (Callaway)
Kenny Davis	DT	6-4	295	Newberry, S.C. (Newberry)
Jarriel King	DE	6-7	285	Hanahan, S.C. (North Charleston/Georgia Military)
Devin Taylor	DE	6-6	225	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)

#### Linebacker (3)

Reggie Bowens	LB	6-2	210	Holly Springs, N.C. (Garner)
Chaz Sutton	LB	6-4	236	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)
Shaq Wilson*	LB	5-11	194	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)

#### Defensive Back (5)

Antonio Allen*	LB	6-2	190	Ocala, Fla. (Trinity Catholic/Fork Union Military)
Akeem Auguste*	CB	5-9	179	Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna/Fork Union Military)
Jarrett Burns	FS	6-3	185	Huntsville, Ala. (Lee)
Darrell Simmons	SS	6-1	185	College Park, Ga. (Banneker)
Jay Spearman*	CB	6-0	190	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood)

### SPECIAL TEAMS (1)

#### Punter/Kicker (1)

Ryan Doerr	P/PK	6-3	185	Katy, Texas (Katy)
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\*-Enrolled in January;  
Bio found in Player Profiles.



**43 Reggie Bowens**  
Linebacker  
6-2 ♦ 210 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Holly Springs, N.C.  
(Garner)

A first-team all-state selection at Garner (N.C.) High School... tallied more than 100 tackles during his senior season... played in the Shrine Bowl... named to the All-Atlantic Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... considered a three-star prospect... *Rivals.com* ranked him the #37 outside linebacker in the 2008 signing class and the 16th-best player in the state of North Carolina... has been timed at 4.41 in the 40-yard dash... was a prep teammate of current Gamecocks Chris Culliver and Cedrick Snead... chose South Carolina over North Carolina, Clemson and East Carolina among others... Reginald T. Bowens was born June 22, 1990.



**33 Jarrett Burns**  
Free Safety  
6-3 ♦ 185 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Huntsville, Ala.  
(Lee)

All-city and all-region selection during his prep career at Lee High School in Huntsville, Ala.... played quarterback in high school but is projected as a collegiate safety... three-star athlete... has been timed at 4.51 in the 40-yard dash... high school teammate of current Gamecock Darian Stewart... played at same high school as Carolina assistant coach Ron Cooper... also a stand-out on the basketball court... Jarrett Douglas Burns was born on October 27, 1989.



**93 Ronald Byrd**  
Defensive End  
6-6 ♦ 258 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
LaGrange, Ga.  
(Callaway)

All-area selection as a high school offensive lineman at Callaway High School in Hogansville, Ga.... tallied 45 tackles, including seven sacks, during his senior year... runs a 4.8 40-yard dash... considered a three-star prospect... chose South Carolina over Arkansas, Auburn, Indiana, Louisville and Purdue, among others... Ronald D. Byrd was born August 13, 1990.



**83** **Tori Childers**  
Wide Receiver  
6-5 ♦ 215 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Rock Hill, S.C.  
(Rock Hill/New Hampton Prep)

Late commitment who signed with the Gamecocks in March... graduated from Rock Hill High School in 2006... led the Bearcats to a state championship on both the gridiron and the hardwood during his senior year... attended New Hampton Prep School in New Hampshire in 2007 where he played both football and basketball... caught 40 passes for 700 yards and 12 touchdowns in his one year at New Hampton, and averaged 10 points and 8 rebounds a game in basketball... had offers from North Carolina and Tennessee... has a seven-foot, one-inch wingspan... clocked at 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash and boasts a 35-inch vertical leap.

**94** **Kenny Davis**  
Defensive Tackle  
6-4 ♦ 295 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Newberry, S.C.  
(Newberry)

First-team All-State honoree by *The State* during his senior season at Newberry (S.C.) High School... played for Coach Sam Baird... played in the 71st annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Max Emfinger All-American Bowl... named to the All-Atlantic Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... helped his team to the Class 2A state championship game as a junior... *Rivals.com* ranked him as the #38 defensive tackle in the 2008 signing class and the 14th-best prospect in the state of South Carolina... *Scout.com* ranked him as the 40th-best defensive tackle in the land... given a three-star rating... runs the 40-yard dash in 4.90 seconds and can bench press better than 400 pounds... chose South Carolina over Stanford, Virginia Tech, Clemson and North Carolina... Kentrell L. Davis was born on July 2, 1990.

**39** **Ryan Doerr**  
Punter/Placekicker  
6-3 ♦ 185 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Katy, Texas  
(Katy)

Helped Katy (Texas) High School to a 16-0 record and the Class 5A Division II state title as a senior... tallied 57 touchbacks in 108 kickoff attempts... averaged 42.7 yards per punt during his senior season... tabbed second-team All-American, according to *MaxPreps.com*... named All-American by *PrepStar* magazine... selected to the THSCA's All-Academic team... *Rivals.com* ranked

him as the #18 kicker in the 2008 signing class... considered a two-star prospect... chose USC over Rice, Air Force, Houston, Northwestern and Kansas State... Ryan John Doerr was born June 19, 1989.

**3** **Aramis Hillary**  
Quarterback  
6-2 ♦ 205 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
North Augusta, S.C.  
(Strom Thurmond)

Logged 2,400 yards and 16 touchdowns passing and another 980 yards and 18 scores rushing as a senior at Strom Thurmond High School in Johnston, S.C.... led his team to the third round of Class 3A playoffs... was a North-South All-Star selection... was an honorable mention All-State selection by *The State*... was the first recipient of the inaugural Deon Grant Award, given to the overall Player of the Year in the Augusta area... also named the All-Area South Carolina Player of the Year by the *Augusta Chronicle*... named to the All-Atlantic Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... passed for 1,762 yards and ran for 752 more as a junior, producing 21 TDs... *Rivals.com* ranked him as the #14 dual-threat quarterback in the nation and the 19th-best player in the Palmetto State... considered a three-star prospect... chose Carolina over offers from Appalachian State, East Carolina, Middle Tennessee State and Mississippi State... Aramis Denzel Hillary was born on March 28, 1990.

**55** **T.J. Johnson**  
Offensive Lineman  
6-4 ♦ 285 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Aynor, S.C.  
(Aynor)

Earned first-team All-State honors as selected by the Associated Press at Aynor (S.C.) High School as a senior... was a second-team All-State pick by *The State*... played in the 71st annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... named to the All-Atlantic Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... *Rivals.com* ranked him as the 13th-best offensive center in the nation and the 17th-best player in the state of South Carolina... considered a three-star prospect... chose South Carolina over offers from Vanderbilt, Duke, Wake Forest, East Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, and NC State... Anthony Eugene Johnson was born on July 17, 1990.

**76** **Jarriel King**  
Defensive End  
6-7 ♦ 285 ♦ Junior ♦ JC  
Hanahan, S.C.  
(North Charleston/Georgia Military)

**JUNIOR COLLEGE:** Sat out the fall of 2005 before enrolling at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga., where he was considered a four-star prospect... played for Coach Bert Williams... started on the defensive line as a freshman in 2006 and recorded 23.5 tackles, including 2.5 sacks... ranked as the 40th-best junior college prospect in the nation by *Rivals.com*... named to the All-Southeast Region team by *PrepStar* magazine.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from North Charleston (S.C.) High School in 2005 and signed with the Gamecocks, but did not qualify academically... played in the 2004 North-South All-Star game... named to the Class AAA All-Defensive Team and rated the 11th-best player in the state by *High School Sports Report*... rated the 22nd-best player in the state of South Carolina by *PrepStar*... named first-team All-Low Country and first-team all-state... was the *Charleston Post & Courier* Lineman of the Year... one of 50 players nationwide to be named to the "Old Spice Red Zone Team," listed in *USA Today*... team captain... region champion in the shot put and MVP on the track team... did not play organized football until his freshman year... recorded 86 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles and three blocked kicks in 2004... as an offensive lineman in 2004, he was credited with 29 pancake blocks... Jarriel King was born February 27, 1987.

**14** **Reid McCollum**  
Quarterback  
6-4 ♦ 195 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Summerville, S.C.  
(Summerville)

Graduated from Summerville (S.C.) High School in December 2007... under the direction of legendary coach John McKissick, he led Summerville to Class AAAA Division I state championship game as a senior... passed for 3,644 yards and 44 TDs in his final prep season... threw for 518 yards and nine touchdowns in one game... earned third-team All-State honors as selected by *The State*... named to the All-Atlantic Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... played in the 71st annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... as a junior, passed for nearly 3,000 yards and 25 TDs... rated a three-star prospect, was considered the 23rd-best player in the Palmetto State and the 28th-best pro-style quarterback in the country by *Rivals.com*... was the 52nd-best quarterback prospect in the nation, according to *Scout.com*... also recruited by Wake Forest, Duke and NC State, among others, but cast his verbal lot with the Gamecocks in June... Reid P. McCollum was born on August 4, 1989.

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**24** **Kenny Miles**  
Tailback  
5-10 ♦ 200 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Lawrenceville, Ga.  
(Brookwood)

Rushed for more than 2,400 yards during senior season at Brookwood High School in Snellville, Ga.... garnered first-team all-state and all-area honors during his senior season... named to the All-Southeast Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... *Rivals.com* ranked him as the #33 running back in the nation in the 2008 signing class and the 38th-best player in the state of Georgia... considered a three-star prospect... chose South Carolina over an offer from Central Florida... Kenneth D. Miles was born on October 5, 1990.

**12** **D.L. Moore**  
Wide Receiver  
6-4 ♦ 178 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Bowling Green, Ky.  
(Bowling Green)

Earned All-Southeast Region honors as a senior from *PrepStar* and All-Dixie Region honors from *SuperPrep*, which ranked him as the #9 player in Kentucky and the second-rated receiver... *Rivals.com* ranked him as the eighth-best player in the Commonwealth... named to the prestigious Kentucky Football Coaches Association's "Tremendous 26" and was the organization's District 2-5A Player of the Year... invited to play in the Kentucky East-West All-Star game in June... earned first-team all-state honors from the AP and *BluegrassPreps.com* (second team by the *Louisville Courier-Journal*)... the *Lexington Herald-Leader* named him to its Class of the Commonwealth team, honoring the state's top 22 players... was a two-time first-team All-Sky Conference performer... a three-year letterman, he was Bowling Green's MVP as a senior when he set school single-season marks with 63 receptions for 1,350 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaging 21.4 yards per catch... playing free safety he had 39 tackles (19 solo) and three interceptions... garnered honorable mention all-state accolades as a junior... had 26 receptions for 468 yards and three TDs, while he was in on 20 tackles with a fumble recovery... his sophomore season BGHS used an option offense, and he was mostly called upon to block as he had two receptions for 20 yards... with 92 career receptions for 1,838 yards and 16 TDs, he set BGHS career marks in all three; he averaged 20.3 yards per catch... under coach Kevin Wallace, Bowling Green went 13-2 his sophomore through senior seasons, reaching the state championship game all three occasions... also lettered three times in basketball, averaging a double-double at power forward as a senior... was a member of the Beta Club... chose South Carolina over offers from Cincinnati, Colorado, Nebraska and Purdue... Daniel Lensey Moore II was born on March 15, 1989.

**8** **Darrell Simmons**  
Strong Safety  
6-1 ♦ 185 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
College Park, Ga.  
(Banneker)

"Tez" was an All-City selection at Banneker High School by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* his senior season after accumulating 94 total tackles, including 16 for loss... named to the All-Southeast Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... considered a three-star prospect... *Rivals.com* ranked him as the #41 safety in the nation in the 2008 signing class and the 39th-best player in the state of Georgia... is a former high school teammate of current Gamecocks Carlos Thomas, Ladi Ajiyoye and Addison Williams... chose South Carolina over offers from Tennessee, Florida State, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio State and Oklahoma... Darrell Cartez Simmons was born on November 1, 1989.

**51** **Chaz Sutton**  
Linebacker  
6-4 ♦ 236 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Savannah, Ga.  
(Jenkins)

Played on both sides of the ball at Jenkins High School in Savannah, Ga.... rushed 75 times for 830 yards, an 11.7 yards per carry average and logged 85 tackles, including six sacks, as a junior... considered a four-star prospect... ranked as the #6 weakside defensive end in the nation by *Rivals.com* for the 2008 signing class and the 17th-best player in the state of Georgia... *Scout.com* ranked him as the 37th-best defensive end in the nation... originally committed to Florida before casting his lot with South Carolina... also had offers from Indiana, Louisville, Rutgers, Virginia Tech, West Virginia and California... Chaz E. Sutton was born on September 7, 1989.

**98** **Devin Taylor**  
Defensive End  
6-6 ♦ 225 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Beaufort, S.C.  
(Beaufort)

Totaled 110 tackles with 10 sacks and 19 tackles for loss as a senior at Beaufort (S.C.) High School, earning first-team All-State recognition from the Associated Press and from *The State*... helped lead his team to state AAAA Championship game... played in the 71st annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... logged 80 tackles and four sacks as a junior... considered a three-star prospect... was the 21st-best player in the state of South Carolina, according to *Rivals.com*... was the 93rd-

best defensive end in the country according to *Scout.com*... also played basketball and competed in track & field... won the Class 4A state triple jump title as a senior with a leap of 48-3... chose South Carolina over offers from Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Furman, Duke and NC State... hopes to study either electrical or computer engineering... Devin Darnell Taylor was born on November 15, 1989.

**89** **Mike Triglia**  
Tight End  
6-4 ♦ 234 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
(Bolles)

Caught five touchdowns during his senior season at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, helping lead the Bulldogs to second round of state playoffs... ranked as the #2 tight end in the state of Florida by *FlaVarsity.com*... considered a two-star recruit... is the 61st-best tight end in the country, according to *Scout.com*... chose South Carolina over offers from Georgia Tech, Illinois, Memphis, Arkansas State and Florida Atlantic... Michael Thomas Triglia was born on December 26, 1989.

**67** **Elliot Williams**  
Offensive Lineman  
6-6 ♦ 275 ♦ Freshman ♦ HS  
Woodstock, Ga.  
(Etowah)

Played on both the offensive and defensive line as a prep standout at Etowah High School in Woodstock, Ga.... named to the All-Southeast Region team by *PrepStar* magazine... *Rivals.com* ranked him as the #70 offensive tackle in the 2008 signing class... *Scout.com* ranked him as the 48th-best offensive tackle in the land... considered a three-star recruit... also played basketball... chose South Carolina over offers from Auburn, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Marshall... Elliot T. Williams was born July 4, 1990.