

Faraign.Giles  
All-American

Quentin.Moore

Erik.Heymann

Brandi.Cross  
All-American

Trier.Young

# NCAA<sup>®</sup> QUALIFIERS

Ray.Miley  
All-American

Jussi.Heikkila

Jamil.James  
All-American

Derron.Flood  
All-American

*Gamecock Men*



**DERRON FLOOD**

**Sprints**  
**Sr./Sr.**  
**Chesapeake, Va.**  
**(Deep Creek)**

*All-American*

Helped lead 4x400m relay team to NCAA Championships after sitting out the previous two seasons ... Can contribute in the relay and the 400

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
200-Meter Dash	21.41
400-Meter Dash	47.46
OUTDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	46.53

**2007:** Outdoors, finished fifth in the 400m at the Jim Click Shootout to open the season ... recorded a fourth place finish while competing in the 400m at the Spec Towns National Invite with a time of 47.30 ... qualified for the NCAA East Region meet in the 400m after finishing eighth at the SEC Outdoor Championships with a 46.53 showing. The time was the second fastest mark by a Gamecock on the year ... member of 4x400m relay team that finished seventh at the NCAA Championships in 3:05.03.

**2006:** Did not run.

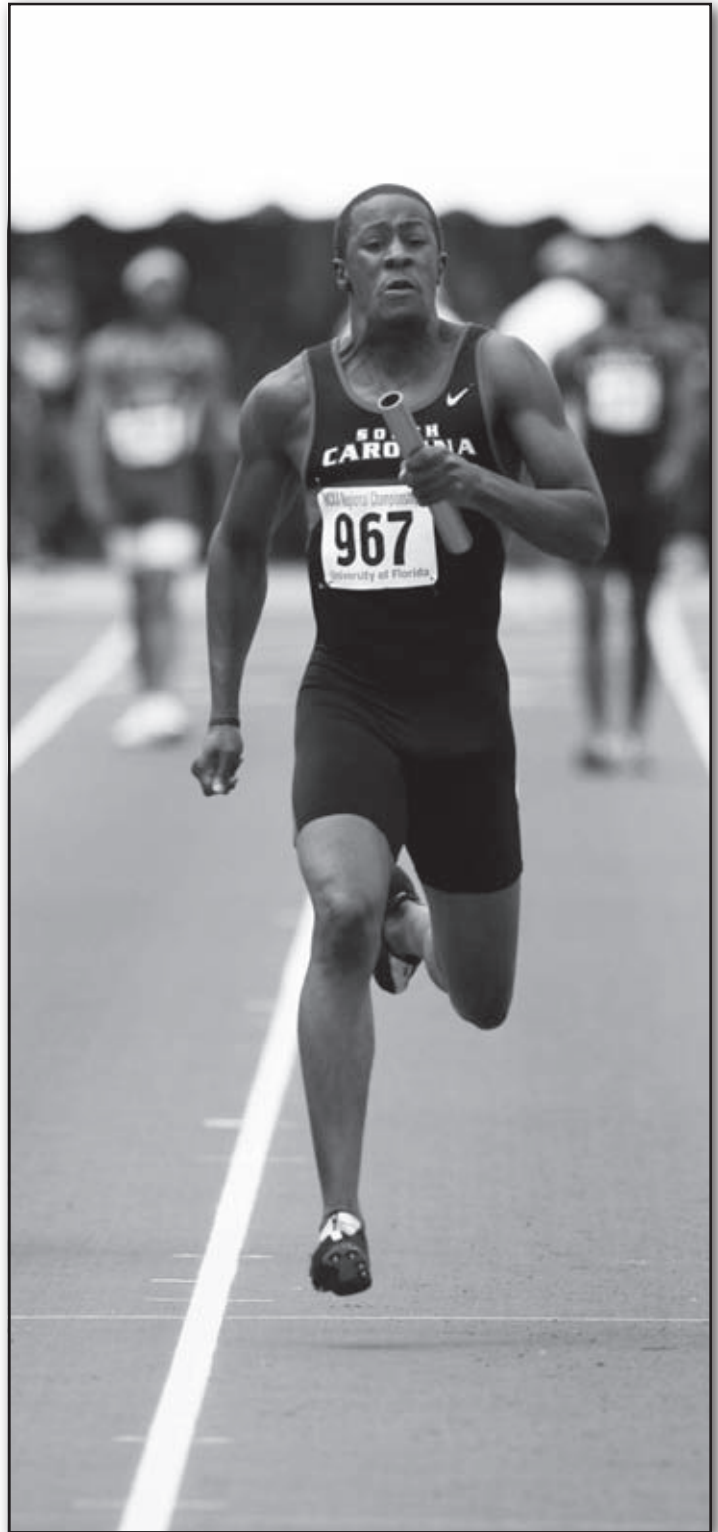
**2005:** Did not run.

**2004:** Indoors, at the Carolina Big 12 meet, ran a time of 49.67 in the 400m to finish eighth ... place eighth in the 400 at the Kentucky Invitational with a time of 48.21 ... finished fourth in the 400m at the SEC Invitational ... finished fifth at the Gator Invitational in the 400m with a time of 48.65 ... at the Meet of Champions in New York, placed fourth in his heat at 48.61 ... at the SEC Championships in Kentucky, he ran a time of 47.46 to finish 15th in the heats.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Attended Deep Creek High School in Chesapeake, Va. ... posted the nation's fastest indoor 500m time with a mark of 1:04.51 ... anchored the 4x200 relay team that established a national indoor record ... part of the 4x100m relay champion squad at the Penn Relays ... team was five-time state champions ... ran personal-best time of 47.47 in the 400m as a junior ... best 300m time was 34.12 and 200m time of 21.41 came during his senior year ... ran a 10.78 100m time as a freshman ... also lettered in football.

**PERSONAL:** Born Jan. 2, 1985, in Brooklyn, N.Y. ... parents are Ricky and Debbie Flood ... chose South Carolina because of the great training facilities and teammates ... notes that his father has been the biggest influence on his life ... favorite athlete is Michael Johnson ... pursuing a degree in sociology.

2007 PROGRESSIONS			
INDOOR			
<b>400-METER</b>			
3/3	NCAA Last Chance	12	49.51
OUTDOOR			
<b>400-METER</b>			
3/24	Jim Click Shootout	5	47.55
4/13	Spec Towns Invite	4	47.30
4/21	NC A&T Invite	9	47.40
5/12	SEC Championship	P	46.77
5/13	SEC Championship	8	46.53
5/25	NCAA East Regional	P	47.25
<b>4x400-METER RELAY</b>			
5/26	NCAA East Regional	2	3:06.72
6/9	NCAA Championship	7	3:05.03



Men's Team





## KEITH HINNANT

**Sprints**  
**Sr./Sr.**  
**Bay Shore, N.Y.**  
**(Bay Shore)**

### All-American

Quarter-mile specialist with unwavering work ethic and the endurance of a half miler ... enjoyed a strong season in the 4x400m relay, earning All-America status ... with his ability to run both the 400 and the 800, including the 4x400m relay, Hinnant serves as one of the foundations of South Carolina's long-sprint program.

#### COLLEGIATE BESTS

INDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	46.76
800-Meter Dash	1:53.52
OUTDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	46.60

**2007:** Began the indoor season at the Diet Pepsi Invitational, finishing seventh in 48.38 ... Followed up with showings at the New Balance Collegiate and the Tyson Invitational, dropping his times with each run in going from 48.08 to 47.80 ... Ran a 46.97 in the SEC Championship preliminary round to qualify for finals ... placed seventh in the conference finals at 47.14 ... also competed in the NCAA Last Chance meet, placing fourth at 47.16 ... Ran in the 800m twice, first taking silver at the Virginia Tech Invitational in 1:53.52 ... Ran a 1:53.32 to finish third at the Rod McCravy Invitational ... Opened the outdoor season with a first place finish in the 800m at the Weems Baskins Relay, recording a winning time of 1:51.76, the second-best performance for a Gamecock on the season ... ran to a seventh place finish at the Florida relays with a personal season best time of 47.22 ... finished sixth at the Spec Towns National Invite in 47.91 ... member of 4x400m relay team that finished seventh at the NCAA Championships in 3:05.03.

**2006:** Made an impact nationally in the 400m during the indoor season ... ran a 48.46 at the Virginia Tech Invitational followed by a 48.37 run at the Gator Invitational ... the New Balance Armory Collegiate Invitational was the beginning of his national rankings with a time of 47.06 for a third-place finish ... still in form, ran a 47.56 at the Tyson Invitational followed by a run of 47.13 at the SEC Indoor Championships for a second-place finish behind only Xavier Carter of LSU ... with hopes of qualifying for nationals, ran a 46.76 at the Iowa State Last Chance Meet ... during the outdoor season, picked up where he left off breaking the tape in 46.78 at the Walt Disney Invitational ... at the Florida Relays, ran a 46.94 for a second-place finish ... won the Murray Neely Invitational with a 46.69 ... the SEC Outdoor Championships saw a 47.54 one-lap run ... after qualifying for regionals, ran a 46.80 at the East Regional Championships for a 10th-place finish to go along with a strong pop-off leg on the championship 4x400m relay team.

**2005:** Focused on the 400-meters during both the indoor and outdoor seasons ... best mark during the indoors was a 47.35 at the Tyson Invitational in Arkansas ... finished 23rd at the SEC Indoor Championships with a clocking of 47.93 ... won the Georgia Tech Invitational 400-meters with a season-best time of 46.60 to open the outdoor year ... ran under 47 seconds in four of six races ... placed 11th at the SEC Outdoor Championships with a time of 46.71 ... placed ninth at the NCAA East Regional meet with a time of 47.02.

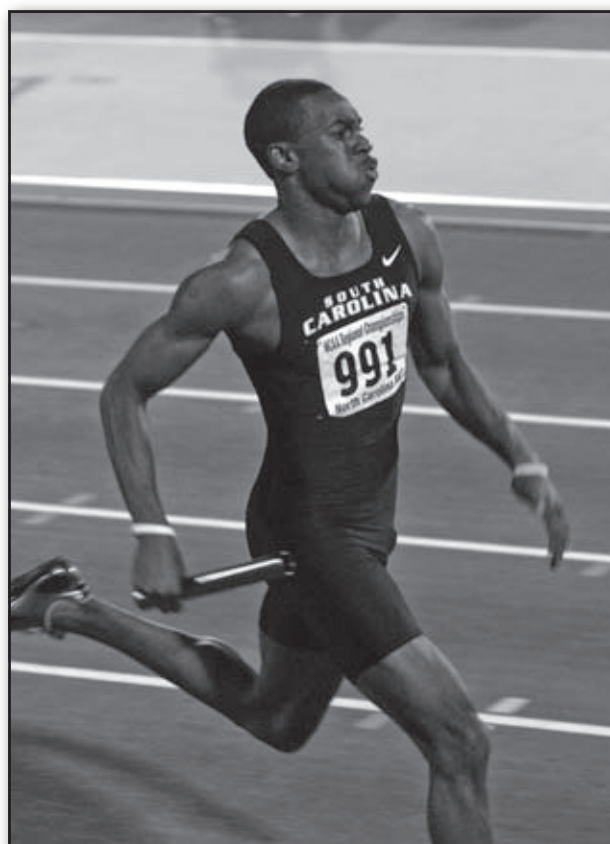
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Bay Shore High School in New York in 2004 ... lettered four times in both track and field and basketball ... coached by Rich Degnan and Jim McGlynn ... was a 2004 high school All-American by *USA Today* ... member of the 2004 World Junior team that went to Italy ... placed seventh in the 400-meters at the World Juniors with a time of 46.54 ... named the Long Island Male Runner of the Year, the Suffolk County track MVP in 2003 and 2004, and

was a three-time Bay Shore track MVP.

**PERSONAL:** Keith Hinnant was born June 25, 1986, in Bay Shore, N.Y. ... mother is Loretta Young and sister is NaKeshia Hinnant ... pursuing a sociology degree ... favorites include the movie "All About the Benjamins" and the "Dave Chapelle Show" ... chose USC over Tennessee, Oklahoma and Georgia.

#### 2007 PROGRESSIONS

INDOOR			
400-METER			
1/27	Diet Pepsi Invitational	7	48.38
2/2	New Balance Collegiate	P	48.08
2/9	Tyson Invitational	21	47.80
2/24	SEC Championship	P	46.97
2/25	SEC Championship	7	47.14
3/3	NCAA Last Chance	4	47.16
800-METER			
1/13	Virginia Tech	2	1:53.52
1/20	Rod McCravy Memorial	3	1:53.32
OUTDOOR			
800-METER			
3/31	Weems Baskins Relays	1	1:51.76
400-METER			
4/6	Florida Relays	7	47.22
4/13	Spec Towns Relays	6	47.91
5/10	SEC Championship	P	47.43
4x400-METER RELAY			
5/13	SEC Championship	2	3:03.86
5/26	NCAA East Regional	2	3:06.72
6/9	NCAA Championship	7	3:05.03



Men's Team



**JAMIL JAMES**

**Sprints**  
**Sr./Sr.**  
**Marabella, Trinidad**  
**(Presentacion College)**

*All-American*

Expected to become a strong SEC contributor in the 200m and 400m ... with a mix of short sprint speed and quarter-mile endurance, James is expected to be a consideration for both the 4x100m and 4x400m relays.

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
55-Meter Dash .....	6.50
200-Meter Dash .....	21.72
400-Meter Dash .....	47.44
OUTDOOR	
200-Meter Dash .....	21.52
400-Meter Dash .....	47.07

**2007:** Indoors, saw his times decrease with every run, beginning with a 50.04 at the Rod McCravy Invitational ... Ran a 49.97 at the Diet Pepsi Invite to place 18th ... Competed at the New Balance Collegiate with a 49.09 ... Ran a 48.75 at the Tyson Invitational ... Hit a 48.47 in the SEC Championships before placing seventh at the NCAA Last Chance meet in 48.08 ... Outdoors, earned a fourth place finish in the 400m at the Jim Click Shootout with a time of 47.55 ... won the 400m at the Weems Baskins Relays with a time of 46.93, which qualified for the NCAA East Region meet ... placed third at the Spec Towns National Invite with a time of 47.67 ... produced a fifth place finish at the NCAA East Region meet with a personal season best mark of 49.83 in the 400, the second fastest team time on the season ... ran a 47.44 at the NCAA Championships in Sacramento, Calif., placing 22nd overall ... member of SEC Championship runner-up 4x400m relay team that ran the second-fastest time in USC history at 3:03.86 ... competed and placed second at NCAA East Regionals in 3:06.72 before the relay team earned seventh at the NCAA Championships in 3:05.03.

**2006:** The indoor season saw three separate events contested ... in the 55m, ran a 6.50 in the semis of the USC Invitational ... in the 200m, a season personal record was run at the Tyson Invitational, breaking the tape in 21.87 ... in the 400m race, sped to a 49.14 finish at the New Balance Armory Collegiate Invitational ... during the outdoor season, ran a few early 200m races before concentrating on the quarter mile ... opened up his 200m campaign with a 21.93 at the Walt Disney Invitational ... qualified for regionals in the 400 at the Orange & Purple Classic with a fine run of 47.07 ... while at the East Regional Championships, ran 47.24 to finish 14th before running the second leg of the first place 4x400m relay team.

**2005:** Competed in the 200- and 400-meters during both the indoor and outdoor seasons as a true freshman ... turned in his best times at the Tyson Invitational, running the 200m in 21.72 and the 400m in 47.47 ... placed 15th in the SEC Indoor Championships in the 400m dash with a time of 47.56 ... ran a 47.52 at the Last Chance Meet ... ran his best 400m time of 46.92 during the outdoor season at the Tennessee Quad Meet ... top 200m time of 21.52 was turned in at the Orange & Purple Classic ... competed in both events at the SEC Outdoor Championships ... finished 23rd in the 200 (21.79) and 19th in the 400 (48.00) ... placed 15th in the 400m dash at the NCAA East Regional meet with a time of 47.52.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Presentation College in San Fernando, Trinidad & Tobago, in 2004 ... lettered four times for coach Trevor James ... also lettered in soccer ... was a member of the World Junior team in 2003 and 2004, the Pan America Juniors and Pan American Seniors ... was the 2004 World Junior bronze medalist in the 200-meters ... awarded Most Outstanding Athlete in 2002.

**PERSONAL:** Jamil Junior James was born Sept. 16, 1986, in Trinidad & Tobago ... parents are Trevor and Margaret James ... pursuing a degree in retailing ... also considered LSU, Tennessee and Auburn before choosing Carolina.

**2007 PROGRESSIONS**  
**INDOOR**

<b>200-METER</b>			
2/10	Tyson Invitational	P	22.24
<b>400-METER</b>			
1/20	Rod McCravy Invitational	19	50.04
1/27	Diet Pepsi Invite	18	49.97
2/2	New Balance Collegiate	P	49.09
2/9	Tyson Invitational	40	48.75
2/24	SEC Championship	P	48.47
3/3	NCAA Last Chance	7	48.08

**OUTDOOR**

<b>400-METER</b>			
3/24	Jim Click Shootout	4	47.55
3/31	Weems Baskin Relay	1	46.93
4/6	Florida Relays	8	47.52
4/13	Spec Towns Invite	3	47.28
5/11	SEC Championship	P	47.67
5/25	NCAA East Regional	P	46.50
5/26	NCAA East Regional	5	46.28
6/6	NCAA Championship	22	47.44
<b>4x400-METER RELAY</b>			
5/13	SEC Championship	2	3:03.86
5/26	NCAA East Regional	2	3:06.72
6/9	NCAA Championship	7	3:05.03



Men's Team



## RAY MILEY

**Sprints**  
**Sr./Sr.**  
**Brooklyn, N.Y.**  
**(Canarsie/Kingsborough CC)**

### 2-Time All-American

National junior college champion should continue with the 400 and relay teams in his second year in the program

**2007:** Indoors, competed in the 400m and 800m dash ... Ran a 50.06 in the 400m at the Virginia Tech Invitational to place 14th ... also ran at the NCAA Last Chance meet with a fifth place finish at 47.18 ... competed in the 800m at the Rod McCravy Memorial, placing fourth in 1:53.64 ... finished fifth at the Diet Pepsi Invite in 1:52.96 ... ran at the SEC Championships, hitting a time of 1:52.31 ... member of 4x400m relay team that placed third at the SEC Championships in 3:06.84 ... bronze medalist at the NCAA Championships, recording a relay time of 3:06.93 ... Opened up the outdoor season at the Hurricane Invite where he recorded a second place finish in the 400m with a time of 47.13 ... Secured a fourth place finish and Gamecock season best in the 800m at the Jim Click Shootout with a time of 1:53.11 ... finished second in the 800m at the Weems Baskins Relays, recording a time of 1:53.30 ... finished fifth and qualified for the NCAA East Regional meet in the 400m at the SEC Outdoor Championship preliminaries with a time of 46.99 ... recorded a team season best at the SEC Outdoor Championships with a time of 46.31 in the 400m ... Ran on the second place 4x400m relay team at the SEC Championships that finished with a time of 3:03.86, the second-fastest time in Carolina history ... also placed second at the NCAA East Regionals with a time of 3:06.72 ... member of relay team that placed seventh at the NCAA Championships in 3:05.03.

**2005/2006:** Competed in track and field at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he was coached by Dave Loobie and was the team's MVP ... best time in the 400m was 47.12 and 1:53.00 in the 800m ... was the NJCAA indoor champion in the 600m.

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	47.18
800-Meter Dash	1:52.31
OUTDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	46.31

2007 PROGRESSIONS			
INDOOR			
<b>400-METER</b>			
1/13	Virginia Tech Invitational	14	50.06
3/3	NCAA Last Chance	5	47.18
<b>800-METER</b>			
1/20	Rod McCravy Memorial	4	1:53.64
1/27	Diet Pepsi Invite	5	1:52.96
2/24	SEC Championships	P	1:52.31
<b>4x400-METER RELAY</b>			
2/25	SEC Championship	3	3:06.84
3/10	NCAA Championship	3	3:06.93
OUTDOOR			
<b>400-METER</b>			
3/15	Hurricane Invite	2	47.13
4/6	Florida Relays	12	48.12
4/13	Spec Towns Invite	5	47.39
5/11	SEC Championship	P	46.99
5/12	SEC Championship	6	46.31
5/25	NCAA East Regional	P	46.98
<b>4x400-METER RELAY</b>			
5/13	SEC Championship	2	3:03.86
5/26	NCAA East Regional	2	3:06.72
6/9	NCAA Championship	7	3:05.03

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Lettered one year of track at Canarsie High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. ... ran under coaches Lamb, Wood and Thomas.

**PERSONAL:** Ray Ricki Miley was born April 19, 1984 ... parents are De-lores Williams and Ray Miley, Sr. ... is a psychology major and loves to cook ... favorite foods are macaroni and cheese, corn bread and soul food.



Men's Team





**QUENTIN MOORE**

**Sprints**  
**So./So.**  
**Chesapeake, Va.**  
**(Deep Creek)**

**2-Time All-American**

Expected to continue contributing to short sprints and relays after earning All-America honors indoors and outdoors in the 4x400m relay ... will continue running the quarter-mile

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
200-Meter Dash	21.88
400-Meter Dash	47.24
OUTDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	47.22

**2007:** Competed in the 200m and 400m indoors ... began season with a third place finish at the Virginia Tech Invitational in the 200m, recording a time of 21.98 ... ran a 21.88 in the preliminary round at the Tyson Invitational ... in the 400m, ran a 47.31 at the Rod McCravy Memorial to place fourth ... had an eighth place finish at the Diet Pepsi Invite in 48.41 ... ran in the New Balance Collegiate at 47.78 and the Tyson Invitational at 48.16 ... season best performance at the SEC Championships where he recorded a time of 47.24 in the preliminary round ... member of 4x400m relay team that placed third at the SEC Championships in 3:06.84 ... bronze medalist at the NCAA Championships, recording a relay time of 3:06.93 ... Outdoors, placed third in the 400m at the Jim Click Shootout with a time of 47.36 ... came in second at the Weems Baskin Relay after recording a time of 47.32 ... finished third at the Florida Relays with a season best mark of 47.22 in the 400m ... recorded a fourth place finish in the 100m at the State USATF after finishing with a time of 11.08 ... member of SEC Championship runner-up 4x400m relay team that ran the second-fastest time in USC history at 3:03.86 ... competed and placed second at NCAA East Regionals in 3:06.72 before the relay team earned seventh at the NCAA Championships in 3:05.03.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Coached by Richard Cox at Deep Creek High in Chesapeake, Va. ... was awarded letters from 2002 to 2006 in indoor and outdoor track ...

**2007 PROGRESSIONS**  
**INDOOR**

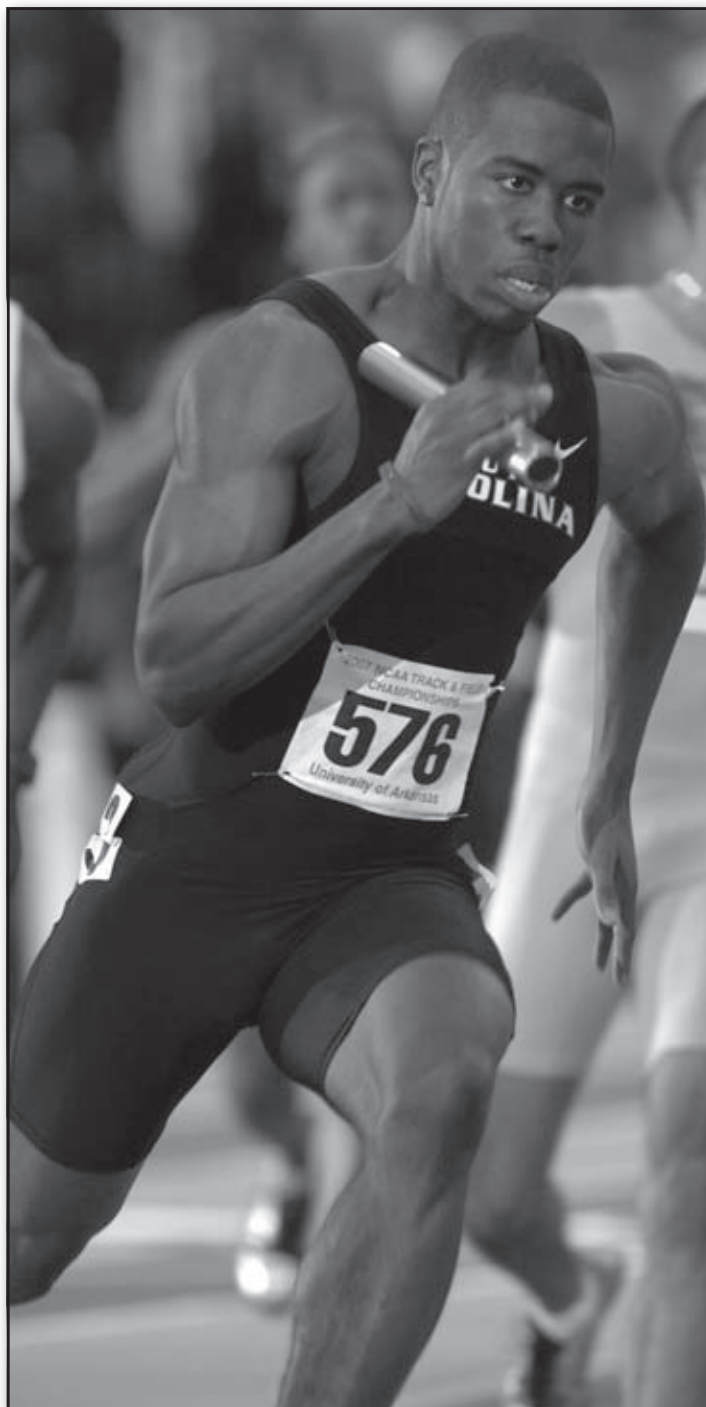
<b>200-METER</b>			
1/13	Virginia Tech Invitational	3	21.98
2/10	Tyson Invitational	P	21.88
<b>400-METER</b>			
1/20	Rod McCravy Invitational	4	47.31
1/27	Diet Pepsi Invite	8	48.41
2/2	New Balance Collegiate	P	47.78
2/9	Tyson Invitational	31	48.16
2/24	SEC Championship	P	47.24
<b>4x400-METER RELAY</b>			
2/25	SEC Championship	3	3:06.84
3/10	NCAA Championship	3	3:06.93

**OUTDOOR**

<b>100-METER</b>			
4/11	State USATF	4	11.08
<b>400-METER</b>			
3/15	Hurricane Invite	9	48.40
3/24	Jim Click Shootout	3	47.36
3/31	Weems Baskin Relay	2	47.32
4/6	Florida Relays	3	47.22
5/11	SEC Championship	P	47.38
<b>4x400-METER RELAY</b>			
5/13	SEC Championship	2	3:03.86
5/26	NCAA East Regional	2	3:06.72
6/9	NCAA Championship	7	3:05.03

... was awarded letters from 2002 to 2006 in indoor and outdoor track ... won an AAU national championship in the 4x100m and 4x400m relays ... received Scholar Athlete of the Year honors in 2006 ... state champion in the 300m and 500m indoors and the 400m outdoors ... team MVP indoors in 2005 and 2006 and outdoors in 2005 ... personal records during high school were 10.75 in the 100m, 21.49 in the 200m and 45.90 running the first leg of the 4x400m.

**PERSONAL:** Quentin Lee Moore was born Dec. 25, 1987, in Norfolk, Va. ... parents are Kenneth and Sandra Moore ... has musical talents on the trumpet and piano ... names his mother's cakes and desserts among favorite foods ... following the pre-medical track majoring in biology.



Men's Team



## JASON RICHARDSON

**Hurdles/Sprints  
Sr./R-Jr.  
Cedar Hill, Texas  
(Cedar Hill)**

### 4-Time All-American

Four-time All-American hurdler who has become a double threat in the 110m and 400m hurdles ... with the ability to run anything from the 60m to the 400m, hurdles, and both relays, Richardson is a consistent scorer on the national scene with three individual third-place NCAA finishes to his name ... looking to bounce back from an injury late in the 2007 indoor season.

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
200-Meter Dash	21.70
400-Meter Dash	47.80
55-Meter Hurdles	7.18
60-Meter Hurdles	7.70
OUTDOOR	
110-Meter Hurdles	13.36w
400-Meter Hurdles	49.82

**2007:** Ran in four meets indoors before injury hit, preventing a chance at outdoor competition ... won the 55-meter hurdle preliminaries at the Virginia Tech Invite in 7.29 before placing second with a time of 7.26 ... recorded a time of 7.28 in the Diet Pepsi Invitational prelims before hitting a new personal best 7.18 to finish second in the finals ... competed at the New Balance Collegiate and the Millrose Games in the 60-meter hurdles to finish his season ... had a 7.79 at the New Balance Collegiate to win the preliminary round ... injury hit at Millrose Games when he pulled up with a hamstring injury after clearing the final hurdle.

**2006:** Injury struck early in the indoor season keeping competitions at bay until the Tyson Invitational where he clocked an 8.08 as a season opener ... in the 55m hurdles, ran a 7.59 to place fourth at the USC Invitational ... began coming into form with a 7.49 run in the prelims of the SEC Championships ... going into the finals in ninth place, surged through the finish line in a time of 7.34 for a fourth-place SEC Championship finish ... on the road to the NCAA Indoor Championships, raced to a 7.89 in the prelims of the Last Chance Meet, eventually winning with his clocking of 7.83 and earned a spot to nationals ... becoming an All-American at the NCAA Championships with his 7.83 preliminary run, a tumble over hurdle two made the race go uncompleted and a time not recorded ... ran both the 110 and 400 hurdles during the outdoor season ... began his 400-hurdle campaign with a bang at the Weems Baskins Relays where he broke the tape in 51.70 and followed up with a 13.80 effort in the short hurdles ... concentrating on the short hurdles, ran 13.67 followed by a 13.52 for two fine weeks of running at the Walt Disney World Invitational and the Florida Relays ... finished the Penn Relays as the 110 hurdle champion with a modest 13.73 ... completed the SEC Outdoor Championships with two second-place finishes in times of 13.51 and 50.45 ... with momentum built, continued on to win the NCAA East Regional meet in a personal record of 13.36w and placed second in the 400 hurdles breaking the tape at 49.90 ... in addition to individual efforts, ran a strong anchor leg of the region championship 4x400m relay team ... added another NCAA All-America honor with a third-place finish in the 110 hurdles at nationals ... though not making the finals, a collegiate PR was produced in the 400 hurdle semis with a time of 49.82 ... went head-to-head with professionals at the USA Outdoor Championships where a 13.63 sent him through preliminary rounds to run another 13.63 for a sixth-place finish in the semis ... went on to compete in Dominican Republic at the NACAC Under-23 meet placing second with a time of 13.87 in the 110m hurdles.

**2005:** Focused on the 60-meter hurdles during the indoor season during his freshman campaign ... posted his first win at the Clemson Invitational with a time of 7.81 ... finished fourth in the 60m hurdles at the Meet of Champions and came

back with a third-place finish at the USC Invitational ... ran a 7.75 in the prelims at the SEC Championships to earn a trip to the finals, where he finished third, breaking the tape in 7.77 seconds ... won the Last Chance Meet with a time of 7.83 seconds ... ran 7.73 in the 60m hurdles in the prelims of the NCAA Indoor Championships to earn a spot in the national finals ... took the bronze medal and earned his first All-America certificate with a season-best time of 7.70 ... ran both the 110-meter and 400-meter hurdles during the outdoor season ... finished second in the 110m hurdles at the Penn Relays with a time of 13.76 and was third in the 400m hurdles with a time of 51.57 ... turned in a time of 13.73 in the 110m hurdles at the NCAA East Regional meet ... qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 110m hurdles ... had the sixth-fastest time (13.79) in the prelims and the third-fastest clocking in the semis (13.68) to earn a spot in the finals ... garnered his second All-America certificate with a personal-best time of 13.50 in the finals to take the bronze medal behind Florida's Josh Walker (13.39) and Ole Miss's Antwon Hicks (13.42).

2007 PROGRESSIONS			
INDOOR			
55-METER HURDLES			
1/12	Virginia Tech Invite	P	7.29
1/12	Virginia Tech Invite	2	7.26
1/27	Diet Pepsi Invitational	P	7.28
1/27	Diet Pepsi Invitational	2	7.18
60-METER HURDLES			
2/2	New Balance Collegiate	P	7.79
2/2	Millrose Games	6	9.09

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Cedar Hill High School in Cedar Hill, Texas ... lettered four years in track and field ... ran the third-fastest time ever by a high school athlete in the 400-meter hurdles ... was the Gatorade National Athlete of the Year, Verizon Youth Athlete of the Year and a 2004 High School All-American ... was a two-time World Youth Champion ... named the Great Southwest Top Performer ... best times were 13.38 in the 110m hurdles, 36.05 in the 300m hurdles and 49.79 in the 400m hurdles ... served as captain of the Cedar Hill debate team.

**PERSONAL:** Jason Alexander Richardson was born April 4, 1986, in Houston, Texas ... parents are Charles and Sandra Richardson ... pursuing a degree in sport and entertainment management ... is a McKissick Scholar and enrolled in the Honors College at South Carolina ... favorite athlete is Allen Johnson ... chose South Carolina over Tennessee and Southern California.



Men's Team





**AARON  
ANDERSON**

**Sprints**  
**Fr./Fr.**  
**Fayetteville, N.C.**  
**(Douglas Byrd)**

Expected to make an immediate impact in the 200m and 400m with the ability to score points at the SEC and NCAA regional levels ... should compete with the 4x400m relay.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, N.C., where he was coached by Robert Freeman ... 2007 All-American ... four-time all-conference ... ran a 21.64 in the 200m and 47.36 in the 400m ... participated in USATF Region III Junior Olympic Championships and the National Junior Olympic championships in the 200m and 400m ... Mid-Southeastern 4A Conference champion in 200m and 400m ... Named 2006 and 2007 Mid-Southeastern 4A Athlete of the Year.

**PERSONAL:** Aaron Lamar Anderson was born Feb. 10, 1989 in Rockingham, N.C. ... pursuing a degree in computer information systems ... father is Howard Anderson ... participated in the Fayetteville Flyers track club ... hobbies include sleeping, basketball and shopping ... chose USC over Florida and LSU.



**KEVIN  
BRINKLEY**

**Pole Vault**  
**So./So.**  
**Richmond, Va.**  
**(Douglas Freeman/James Madison)**

Transfer from James Madison University will compete with an opportunity to score at the SEC level.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Coached by Jeff Butler at Freeman High School in Richmond ... Holds school-record in pole vault and was ranked first in the area for outdoor pole vault ... won Central region title ... took third at the Nike nationals in Greensboro ... competed with Xtreme Heights pole vaulting club in Richmond, Va., coached by Val Osipenko ... holds the club outdoor record for high school seniors at 15-1 ... also played football where he was an All-Academic Team selection and earned honorable mention honors at wide receiver ... an All-Colonial District and Central Region selection after earning the title at 171 pounds

**PERSONAL:** Kevin Brinkley was born April 30, 1988 ... worked as a lifeguard ... pursuing a degree in media arts .. Father, Bob Brinkley, was his football coach at Douglas Freeman.



**JASON  
COOK**

**Throws**  
**R-So./Jr. • 6-2**  
**Bristow, Va.**  
**(Brentsville District)**

Displayed ability to score with his improvements last season ... a team captain, will make an impact in all three events

**2007:** Competed in shot put and weight throw indoors ... Set a new shot put PR in the first meet of the season by 2 1/2 feet after throwing a 53-1 at the Virginia Tech Invitational ... improved his throw by three-quarters of an inch at the Diet Pepsi Invitational where he finished seventh ... saw a big improvement at the Gamecock Invitational where he finished second with a throw of 53-8 1/4 ... hit a new PR the following week at the SEC Championships at 54-6 1/2, taking 13th in the finals ... also set a PR in the weight throw at the conference championships, tossing a 59-0 3/4 to place tenth and narrowly miss out on scoring ... outdoors he participated in one event, winning the Weems Baskin Relays in the shot put at 53-2 3/4.

**2006:** Contested the shot put and weight throw during the indoor season ... the Virginia Tech Invitational meet saw a season-opening shot put PR of 46-11 3/4 before unleashing a massive PR of 50-6 at the USC Invitational where he placed third ... a great throw of 58-10 in the weight throw at the SEC Indoor Championships placed fifth ... the outdoor season included the addition of the discus and hammer in exchange for the weight throw ... in the hammer, a distance of 154-5 was marked at the Murray Neely Invitational before the uncorking of a huge 170-0 personal record for a fifth-place finish at the Clemson Invitational ... shot put throws of 52-4 and 54-5 1/2 at the Penn and Sea Ray Relays proved to be PRs ... in the discus, a personal best of 168-3 at the Spec Towns meet secured a sixth-place finish ... at the SEC Outdoor Championships, a 151-2 1/4 throw concluded a year of great improvement from last season.

**COLLEGIATE BESTS**  
**INDOOR**

Shot Put	54-6 1/2
35-Pound Weight	59-0 3/4

**OUTDOOR**

Shot Put	54-5 1/2
Discus	168-3
Hammer	170-0



**2005:** Redshirted during the indoor season while recovering from shoulder surgery ... changed to a spin technique with the shot put and began learning how to throw the hammer ... competed in the shot put, hammer and discus during the outdoor season ... turned in his best effort in the shot and hammer at the Tennessee Quad Meet with marks of 45-9 3/4 and 137-6 ... had his longest discus throw at Georgia with a 143-2 effort ... competed in all three events at the SEC Outdoor Championships.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Was a two-time state champion in the



shot put and discus while attending Brentsville District in Nohesville, Va. ... was a two-time all-state team member in the shot put and a four-time member of the all-state teams in the discus ... was a national qualifier in the 2004 discus and was *The Washington Post* Athlete of the Year ... lettered in football, indoor track, outdoor track and wrestling at Brentsville District High School ... broke Gamecock throws coach Mike Sergent's 17-year-old high school records.

**PERSONAL:** Jason Corey Cook was born Jan. 3, 1986, in Manassas, Va. ... parents are Gerald and Janet Cook ... pursuing a degree in sociology ... has done some cliff diving.



## JOHNNY DUTCH

**Hurdles  
Fr./Fr.  
Clayton, N.C.  
(Clayton)**

Highly talented, expected to score points at the conference and national levels in hurdles.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Coached by Bennett Jones at Clayton High School ... named All-American all four years of high school for indoor and outdoor hurdle events ... Won 2006 Nike Outdoor Nationals in 110 meter hurdles junior year (13.54) ... won 2007 Nike Indoor Nationals senior year (7.71) ... won 2007 Pan American Juniors in 400 meter hurdles (50.87) and 110 meter hurdles (13.47) ... placed second with the USA's 4x400m team (3:06) ... placed second at 2007 Junior Nationals in 400 meter hurdles (50.07) and 110 meter hurdles (13.39) ... won 2007 Simplot Games 60 meter hurdles in Idaho ... broke national record in 55 meter hurdles at an indoor meet with a time of 7.07 ... All-American all four years in high school and a nine time state champion in both hurdle events.

**PERSONAL:** Johnny Dominique Dutch was born January 20, 1989 ... pursuing a degree in media arts ... mother is Deborah Dutch ... hobbies include creating films, going to the movies, swimming and jogging ... favorite athlete is James Carter ... chose USC over Tennessee, Florida and Southern California.



## JOE FEDERL

**Jumps  
Fr./Fr.  
Scituate, Mass.  
(Scituate)**

Will look to find a role competing in the high jump, triple jump and long jump.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Scituate High School where he was coached by Jay Dunbar ... also lettered in baseball

**PERSONAL:** Joseph David Federl was born March 21, 1988 in San Francisco, Calif. ... parents are Beth Baron and Joe Federl ... has one sister, Molly ... pursuing a degree in business administration ... aspires to join the international business program and get an MBA.



## JARETT GERALD

**Jumps  
Fr./Fr.  
McDonough, Ga.  
(Eagle's Landing)**

Will likely redshirt this year.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Eagle's Landing High School in Stockbridge, Ga. ... coached by Claud Spinks ... lettered in football, basketball and track ... placed in both the high jump and long jump at Regionals ... Wendy's High School Heisman nominee ... Henry County Athlete of the Year nominee ... football Defensive Player of the Year ... named best receiver at Chicago Bears football camp ... Who's Who and National Honor Roll selection.

**PERSONAL:** Jarett Evander Gerald was born August 9, 1989 ... pursuing a degree in sport and entertainment management ... parents are Panzy and Samuel Davis and Evander and Laetitia Gerald.



## JOHNATHAN HANCOCK

**Sprints  
Jr./R-So.  
Charlotte, N.C.  
(West Charlotte)**

Hancock is expected to continue contributing in the short sprints with two solid years behind him.

**2007:** Indoors, competed in four events in short sprints ... took third in the 55-meter dash at the Gamecocks Invitational with a time of 6.45 ... ran the same time at the Diet Pepsi Invitational for ninth ... ran both the 60- and the 200-meter dashes at the SEC Indoor Championships ... redshirted outdoors.

**2006:** Indoors, sped to a 55-meters personal record at the USC Invitational with a time of 6.31 ... ran both the 55- and the 200-meter dashes at the SEC Indoor Championships ... during the outdoor season, contested the 100- and 200-meters.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from West Charlotte High School in 2005 ... lettered three times in track and field for coach Bennett King ... top times were 10.47 in the 100m and 21.53 in the 200m ... was the state MVP at the 4A level in 2004, *The Charlotte Observer* Runner of the Year in 2004 and the Mecklenburg Runner of the Year in both 2004 and 2005 ... earned All-America indoor honors in the 55-meter dash (6.31) and 4x200-meter relay ... team was the indoor state champions in 2005 and the outdoor champs in 2004 ... was on the honor roll, earned a Presidential Award and was an Army Scholar-Athlete Award winner.

**PERSONAL:** Johnathan Seth Hancock was born March 31, 1987, in Charlotte, N.C. ... parents are John T. and Sandra Hancock ... working toward a degree in criminal justice ... has one of the higher GPAs on the team ... chose South Carolina over Florida, Georgia and Tennessee ... once met Evander Holyfield.

### COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

55-Meter Dash	6.31
60-Meter Dash	6.85
200-Meter Dash	21.73

### OUTDOOR

100-Meter Dash	10.75
200-Meter Dash	22.50



**JUSSI HEIKKILA**

**Sprints/Hurdles  
R-Sr./R-Sr.  
Virrat, Finland  
(Virtain Lukio)**

Heikkila has the versatility to compete in the hurdles and 400m with the ability to score at the conference and national levels ... could also be a factor in the 4x400m relay

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	49.36
OUTDOOR	
200-Meter Dash	22.74
400-Meter Dash	47.94
400-Meter Hurdles	50.28

**2007:** Outdoors, finished second in the 400m hurdles at the Weems Baskin Relays after recording a time of 52.37 ... placed third and qualified for the NCAA East Regional meet at the Florida Relays with a time of 51.28 ... won the 400m hurdles at the prestigious Penn Relays at 51.06 ... placed seventh in the 400m hurdles at the NC A&T Invite in 51.67 ... scored at the SEC Outdoor Championships with a fifth place finish in the 400m hurdles, crossing the tape at 50.35 ... improved his performance and recorded a new personal best with a fifth place finish in the NCAA Eastern Region championships with a time of 50.28, which also qualified as the second-fastest time on the season for Carolina.



**2006:** Concentrated on the 400m during the indoor season ... ran times of 49.36 at the Tyson Invitational and a 49.58 at the SEC Indoor Championships ... switched to his hurdle specialty during the outdoor season ... ran a 54.24 as a season-opener at the Weems Baskin Invitational ... began dropping times, eventually running a season-best 52.21 at the Orange & Purple Classic ... was an alternate on USC's 4x400m relay at the NCAA Championships.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Virtain Lukio High School in Virrat, Finland, in 2002 ... coached by his father, Matti ... also competed in ice hockey and volleyball in addition to running track.

**PERSONAL:** Jussi Sakari Heikkila was born March 21, 1983 ... parents are Matti and Tuula Heikkila ... cousin Valtteri Filppula plays for the Detroit Red Wings in the NHL ... pursuing a degree in finance.



**ERIK HEYMANN**

**Throws  
R-So./R-So.  
Westwood, N.J.  
(Westwood Regional)**

Team's top returning javelin thrower ... after recovering from injury freshman year, Heymann displayed his scoring form last season and will improve with a year of competition behind him ... capable of scoring on the conference and national levels.

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
OUTDOOR	
Shot Put	41-9 3/4
Javelin	223-7

**2007:** Outdoors, competed in the shot put at the Hurricane Invite, placing 12th with a mark of 41-9 3/4 ... placed second at the Penn Relays in the javelin with a mark of 212-1 that qualified him for the NCAA East Regionals ... scored and placed third at the SEC Outdoor Championships after landing a 223-7 javelin throw.

**2006:** Redshirted due to injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Westwood Regional High School in the Township of Westwood, N.J., in 2005 ... coached by George Glover ... lettered four times in outdoor track and field, and three times during the indoor season ... logged the top javelin throw (206-11) in the state and was a top-15 thrower nationally ... also completed in the discus (159-1) and was the school record-holder in the shot put indoors (52-9 1/4) ... was all-league, all-county and all-state ... led the team to league, county and state sectional championships in 2005 ... was the North Jersey Team of the Year by *The Bergen Record* and *The Star-Ledger*.

**PERSONAL:** Erik Paul Heymann was born Dec. 26, 1986, in Westwood, N.J. ... nickname is "Scrappy" ... parents are Marianne and Herbert Heymann ... working on a degree in philosophy ... also considered Miami (Ohio), North Carolina State and Duke before casting his lot with the Gamecocks ... favorite movie is "Pulp Fiction."



Men's Team





## DAVID JOHANNESMEYER

**Distances**  
**R-Jr./Sr.**  
**Summerville, S.C.**  
**(Summerville)**

Carolina's top representative in the 3,000m and the 5,000m runs.

**2007:** Competed twice during the outdoor season ... placed second in the 3,200m at the Weems Baskin Relays with a time of 10:16.07 ... took the gold at the State USATF meet in the 5,000m with a time of 16:10.65.

**2006:** Competed in the 3,000m during the indoor season with a clocking of 9:15:49, a third-place finish at the USC Invitational ... during the outdoor season, contested the 5,000m and ran 16:01.94 at the Weems Baskin Relays followed by a 15:46.21 run at the State of South Carolina Meet.

**2005:** Competed in the 3,000m and 5,000m during the indoor season ... best times were 9:23.49 at the Tyson Invitational and 15:55.09 at the Clemson Invitational ... ran three times in the 5K during the outdoor season ... placed second at both the Weems Baskin Relays and South Carolina State Championships when he turned in a season-best time of 16:09.32.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Lettered in cross country and track for four years at Summerville High School, graduating in 2004 ... coached by Bob Crowley ... best times were 4:37 in the 1,600m, 10:15 in the 3,200m and 16:37 for the 5K ... named to the 2004 All-Region 6-4A Team, was a regional champion in the 1,600 and was the track team 2004 MVP ... in cross country, was a member of the All-Region 6-4A Team from 2001 to 2003, selected for the 2003 Coaches' Award, and was a member of the 2003 All-Lowcountry Team ... was a member of Region 6-4A Championship track team from 2001 to 2003, member of the 2002 State 4A cross country runner-up team and on the 2003 Region 6-4A Cross Country Championship team, as well as the Lowcountry Team of the Year (2001 to 2003) ... 2004 valedictorian and a National Merit Finalist among a number of other academic accolades.

**PERSONAL:** David Charles Johannesmeyer was born April 5, 1986, in North Charleston, S.C. ... his parents are Dale and Carla Johannesmeyer ... is a biology major and also a Carolina Scholar, the highest academic scholarship award for residents of South Carolina ... will enroll in Medical School next year.



## KYLE LOGUE

**Pole Vault**  
**So./So.**  
**Greenwood, S.C.**  
**(Emerald)**

Local product will contribute in pole vault

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Attended Emerald High School in Greenwood, S.C. ... placed fourth in the 2005 Class AA state championships.

**PERSONAL:** Kyle Logue was born February 15, 1988 ... pursuing a degree in exercise science with hopes to enroll in medical school after graduation.



## JAY LUCAS, JR.

**Pole Vault**  
**So./R-Fr.**  
**Florence, S.C.**  
**(West Florence)**

A freshman who will specialize in the pole vault, but may participate in other events as well during the season.

**2007:** Competed in two events during indoors at pole vault ... placed 15th at the Virginia Tech Invitational at a height of 14-1 1/4 ... improved to 14-3 1/4 at the New Balance Invitational where he placed 21st ... redshirted outdoors.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from West Florence High School in 2006 ... coached by Richard Robbins ... lettered in track for four years ... an all-state selection in 2005 and 2006, a state champion in 2006 and voted team MVP in 2006 ... owned a GPA of 3.5 and received the Life Scholarship.

**PERSONAL:** Jay Luke Lucas, Jr., was born Feb. 27, 1988, in Florence, S.C. ... son of Jay and Beth Lucas and Roger and Gaye Jordan ... interested in a degree in exercise science ... enjoys hunting, camping and cooking.



## NICK LYTLE

**Sprints**  
**Sr./Sr.**  
**Spartanburg, S.C.**  
**(Spartanburg)**

Senior from Spartanburg will look to bolster the short sprints after leading the Gamecocks indoors and outdoors last season.

**2007:** Competed in the 55m, 60m and 200m indoors ... ran a 6.46 at the Virginia Tech Invitational before lowering his 55m season best to 6.42 at the Gamecock Invite ... placed fourth at the Millrose Games in the 60m ... placed 16th at the New Balance Invitational with a time of 6.86 ... clocked a 21.79 at the Rod McCravy Invitational to lead the Gamecocks in the 200m ... competed at the SEC Indoor Championships in both the 60m and 200m dashes ... took 19th in the 60m at 6.97 and claimed 22nd in the 200m at 22.03 ... Outdoors, held the season record for the 100- and 200-meter dashes ... recorded a season-best time of 10.70 in the 100m with a fifth place finish at the Jim Click Shootout ... placed third at the Weems Baskin Relays in the 100m with a mark of 10.85 ... also ran the 200m, placing second at a personal best 21.47 ... won the State USATF in the 100m at 10.76 ... took third at the Spec Towns National Invite at 10.83 in the 100m.

**2006:** Contested the 55m, 60m and the 200m during the indoor season ... ran a 6.48 season-opener at the Gator Invitational ... while at the USC Invitational, clocked a 6.39 for a season-best time ... at the SEC Indoor Championship, ran a 6.42 for a 20th-place finish ... at the Virginia Tech Last Chance meet, ran a 6.91 in the 60m to conclude the indoor season ... the outdoor season began with a fine run of 10.64 to finish second at the Weems Baskin Relays ... a fifth-place finish

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
3,000-Meter Run.....	9:15.49
5,000-Meter Run.....	15:55.09
OUTDOOR	
5,000-Meter Run.....	15:46.21

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
Pole Vault.....	14-3 1/4

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
55-Meter Dash.....	6.39
60-Meter Dash.....	6.86
200-Meter Dash.....	21.79
OUTDOOR	
100-Meter Dash.....	10.61
200-Meter Dash.....	21.47

at the Walt Disney World Invitational was produced in a time of 10.62 ... while competing at the Sea Ray Relays, broke the century tape in 10.61 for a PR ... at the SEC Outdoor Championships, ran 10.76 to finish 14th overall.

**2005:** Competed in the 60-meter dash during the indoor season ... best time was a 7.12 at the SEC Indoor Championships to place 20th overall ... ran the 100- and 200-meter dashes during the outdoor campaign ... ran a season-best 10.69 100-meters and a 22-flat 200-meters at the Georgia Tech Invitational ... placed 19th at the SEC Outdoor Championships in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.99.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Spartanburg High School, where he lettered in track and field five years and football three years ... was a three-time all-region performer for coach Glover Smiley ... named team MVP.

**PERSONAL:** Nicholas Darren Lytle was born Oct. 13, 1985, in Spartanburg, S.C. ... parents are Ronald and Lyla Lytle ... is a business major.



Men's Team



## LAMAR MARKETT

**Springs  
Fr./Fr.  
York, S.C.  
(York)**

South Carolina native will provide an immediate boost to the short sprints ... has the ability to score at the conference level his first year.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Lettered in track and football at York High School ... coached by Joey Moore ... state champion in the 400m and 4x400m relay ... placed third in the 100m ... nominated for Wendy's High School Heisman ... named *Spartanburg Herald* Track Athlete of the Year ... earned South Carolina all-state honors in the 400m dash ... played wide receiver for the football team that won the region title in its first year in AAAA.

**PERSONAL:** Lamar "Marty" Markett was born September 7, 1989 ... enrolled in the Darla Moore School of Business ... favorite television show is "The Jamie Foxx Show" ... enjoys playing football.



## CURT McGILL

**Multi  
Jr./Jr.  
Spartanburg, S.C.  
(Spartanburg)**

Junior multi-event athlete looks to score for the third year in the SEC Championships.

### COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

Heptathlon ..... 4,810

### OUTDOOR

Decathlon ..... 6,440

**2007:** Indoors, competed in the heptathlon as well as seeing action in the shot put and long jump ... scored a personal-best 4,810 in the heptathlon at the SEC Indoor Championships, placing fifth overall ... recorded an 8.77 in the 60mH, a 7.33 showing in the 60m dash, a 6-2 clearance in the high jump, a 12-11 1/2 showing in the pole vault, a long jump of 21-4 1/4 and a throw of 48-5 1/2 in the shot put while at the SECs ... Competed in over 10 different events for the Gamecocks during the outdoor season ... recorded a season-best time of 50.03 to finish 13th in the 400m at the Jim Click Shootout ... placed fourth in the 110m hurdles at the Weems Baskin Relays at 15.31 ... cleared 12-5 1/2 at Weems Baskin to finish third in the pole vault ... earned second place at the Spec Towns National Invite with a long jump of 21-6 3/4 ... scored and placed sixth in the decathlon with a personal-best score of 6.440 at the SEC Outdoor Championships.

**2006:** Competed in the heptathlon during the indoor season ... at the SEC Indoor Championships, scored 4,773 points in the heptathlon to finish seventh ... recorded a 6.84 in the 60mH, a 20-7 1/4 in the long jump, a 6-0 1/4 in the high jump, a 3:09.16 in the 1,000m and an 11-10 3/4 in the pole vault while at SECs ... outdoors, competed in a slew of events ... ran 15.78 for a 110mH season-opener at the Florida Relays, and contested the short hurdles three more times during the outdoor season ... ran the 400 at the Murray Neely Invitational, posting a 53.95 race time ... competed in field events as well ... recorded a 12-7 1/2 in the pole vault, 42-6 1/4 in the shot put, 114-0 in the discus and 136-11 in the javelin ... in his specialty, the decathlon, scored 6,385 points at the Sea Ray Relays for an eighth-place finish ... followed with a 5,515-point finish at the SEC Outdoor Championships for ninth place.



**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Spartanburg High School in 2005 ... competed in track and field and football for the Vikings ... coached by Glover Smiley ... named to the all-region, all-county and all-state teams ... was a six-time letterman and team MVP ... was the *Spartanburg Herald Journal* Athlete of the Year ... helped his team to the region and county titles ... top marks were 14.41 in the 110-meter hurdles, 6-6 in the high jump and 53-6 in the shot put ... was an honor roll student and a member of the Beta Club.

**PERSONAL:** Curt Seward McGill was born Dec. 2, 1986, in Washington, D.C. ... parents are Charles and Johnette McGill ... pursuing a degree in exercise science ... would like to become a physical therapist ... also considered Clemson and Tennessee before casting his lot with South Carolina ... enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends.



## SCOTT PIERCE

**Multi  
R-Fr./So.  
Columbia, S.C.  
(Irmo)**

Pierce will compete in the heptathlon indoors and decathlon outdoors with his versatility in numerous events.

### COLLEGIATE BESTS OUTDOOR

Decathlon.....	5,770
Triple Jump.....	47-9
Long Jump.....	20-6 1/4

**2007:** Competed in numerous events for South Carolina during the outdoor

season ... came in sixth in the triple jump at a distance of 43-10 at the Jim Click Shootout ... jumped 20-6 1/4 in the long jump at the same meet ... placed third in the triple jump at the Weems Baskin Relays at a personal-best 47-9 ... took first in triple jump at the Florida Relays with a jump of 46-0 3/4 ... took second at the Spec Towns National Invite at a distance of 47-5 ... recorded a 45-1 at the SEC Outdoor Championships to take 13th overall.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Attended Irmo High School, graduating in 2006 ... ran track under the direction of coach Mike Moore ... lettered in track all four years at Irmo while picking up two letters in football ... an all-state selection in the triple jump as a junior and senior ... all-state in the 800m in 2006 ... received all-area accolades for the triple jump his senior year ... as a senior, Pierce picked up all-region awards for the triple and high jumps as well as the 800m ... named team MVP as a junior and senior ... served as team captain those same years ... set the school record in the 800m his senior season ... personal record in high school for the triple jump was 47-11 1/2 ... was a member of National Honor Society ... graduated with honors from Irmo.

**PERSONAL:** Jonathan Scott Pierce was born Sept. 24, 1987, in Charleston, S.C. ... his parents are Jon and Jane Pierce ... is a Palmetto Fellows scholarship holder at South Carolina ... enrolled in South Carolina's Honors College ... plans to follow a pre-medical path at South Carolina and major in biology ... chose South Carolina because it was an opportunity to combine a quality education in the Honors College with a chance to compete with one of the best track and field programs in the country ... goals for the season are to qualify for the SEC Indoor and Outdoor Championships and score at both meets ... picked South Carolina over Wake Forest and Cornell.



## JEFF MERKT

**Throws  
R-So./R-So.  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
(Archbishop McNicholas/Cincinnati)**

Transfer from the University of Cincinnati looking to rebound from Tommy John surgery ... will compete in all throwing events indoors and outdoors.

**2006/2007:** Competed one year at Cincinnati where he competed his freshman year but was an unattached athlete in 2007 ... was named a Topcat Scholar for having a grade point average above 3.0 ... outdoor personal bests of 138-8 in discus, 121-7 in hammer throw, 119-1 in javelin and 41-10 1/2 in shot put.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Archbishop McNicholas High School in Cincinnati ... coached by Dan Rosenbaum ... junior year named first team Greater Catholic League all-conference ... senior year named first team Greater Catholic League all-conference ... Greater Catholic League Athlete of the Year ... three-time team MVP award winner.

**PERSONAL:** Jeffrey Michael Merkt was born January 1, 1987 in Cincinnati ... parents are Steve and Joan Merkt ... pursuing a degree in sport and entertainment management ... hobbies include boxing, lifting weights, swimming, eating and cooking.



**JAMES  
NEBO**  
**Throws  
Fr./Fr.  
Spartanburg, S.C.  
(Dorman)**

Local thrower will have the chance to compete in discus and hammer throw.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Dorman High School in Spartanburg ... coached by Jeff Buys ... lettered in track and football ... earned Top 10 Highest GPA honors for track team.

**PERSONAL:** James Leo Nebo, Jr., was born September 22, 1988 in Spartanburg ... parents are James and Lisa Nebo ... pursuing a degree in computer science ... interests include creating basic PC games, lifting weights and watching movies.

Men's Team



**DEREK PRESSLEY**

**Jumps**  
**Sr./Sr.**  
**Easley, S.C.**  
**(Wren)**

One of the top prep jumpers in South Carolina continues his team point contributions as he enters his senior season ... expected to be a threat in the triple jump, Pressley has national qualifying potential.

COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
Long Jump .....	22-7 1/4
Triple Jump .....	49-10
OUTDOOR	
Long Jump .....	22-6
Triple Jump .....	51-10 1/2

**2007:** Competed in long and triple jump indoors ... opened the season in the long jump at 21-11 1/2 at the Virginia Tech Invitational ... jumped a season-best 49-7 1/4 in the triple jump at the Rod McCravy Invitational where he took second place ... placed fifth at the Tyson Invitational with a triple jump of 48-6 3/4 ... scored at the SEC Indoor Championships with a fifth place showing in the triple jump, hitting a distance of 49-2 1/4 ... came in ninth in the long jump at a season-best 22-10 at the SEC Indoor Championships ... outdoors, qualified for the NCAA East Regional Championships where he placed 12th with a jump of 49-9 ... took the silver medal at the SEC Outdoor Championships in the triple jump at a personal-best 51-10 1/2 ... took third in the long jump at the Weems Baskin Relays at a season-best 21-9 ... at the same event, took second in the triple jump with a mark of 47-9 ... won the triple jump at the Spec Towns National Invite at a mark of 48-5 1/4.

**2006:** During the indoor season, competed in both the long and triple jumps ... in the long jump, opened the season with a 22-4 1/4 at the Virginia Tech Invitational, followed by a 22-7 1/4 jump at the SEC Indoor Championships ... in the triple jump, landed in the pit with a mark of 48-3 1/2 at Virginia Tech ... would continue to progress all the way to a mark of 49-10 established at the New Balance Armory Collegiate Invitational ... at the SEC Indoor Championships, jumped 48-1 3/4 ... during the outdoor season, his primary focus was the triple jump ... at the SEC Outdoor Championships, scored valuable points with a 49-5 3/4 effort to earn a seventh-place finish.

**2005:** Competed in both horizontal jumps ... consistently over 47-7 in the triple jump in every competition ... won the triple jump at the Meet of Champions with a leap of 48-8 3/4 ... posted his best indoor marks in both the long and triple jumps at the SEC Championships, going 22-5 3/4 in the long jump to finish 11th and 48-10 1/4 in the triple jump to place seventh ... won the triple jump competition at the Weems Baskin Re-

lays to open the outdoor season ... placed sixth in the triple jump with a season-best mark of 48-10 3/4 at the Sea Ray Relays ... turned in his best long jump effort at the SEC Outdoor Championships with a leap of 22-5 3/4 to finish 15th ... went 48-6 1/4 in the triple jump to place eighth at the same meet.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Wren High School in Piedmont, S.C., in 2004 ... lettered in football, basketball and track ... coached by Rick Taylor ... was the 2004



**KEITH ROMERO**

**Distances**  
**R-Jr./R-Jr.**  
**Albany, N.Y.**  
**(Colonie Central/SUNY Delhi)**

Enjoyed a successful junior college career and should improve the middle distances for South Carolina after not running in 2007.

**2007:** Did not run.

**2005/2006:** Competed at SUNY Delhi, an NJCAA Division III school in Delhi, N.Y. ... was an All-American, two-time all-conference runner and Region III champion and NJCAA national champion ... finished fourth in the 400m hurdles at the 2006 NJCAA Outdoor Championships with a time of 55.68 ... scored a point in the high jump as well with a 5-11 1/4 leap for eighth place ... top time in the 200m during the indoor season in 2006 was 25.54 ... clocked in at 2:02.32 in the 800m for his top time as a sophomore indoors ... ran the 1,000m in a career-best time of 2:49.30 ... best time in the 400m at outdoor meets was 52.80 ... set a personal record for the 800m with a time 2:00.90 in his final year.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Colonie Central High School in Albany, N.Y., in 2004 ... lettered four years under coach Michael Palmer.

**PERSONAL:** Keith Anthony Romero was born Oct. 11, 1986, in Bronx, N.Y. ... mother's name is Madelyn Rodriguez-Benitez ... is an exercise science major who likes to run, lift weights and go dancing ... chose South Carolina because of its reputation as one of the best schools in the country.



Men's Team





## ANTONIO SALES

**Sprints**  
Fr./Fr.  
Chapel Hill, N.C.  
(East Chapel Hill)

Expected to contribute in all the sprint areas and relays and score points at the SEC and NCAA regional levels.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from East Chapel Hill High School ... coached by Steve Marquis ... two-time All-American ... 2007 North Carolina state champion in 200m dash at 21.34... state silver medalist in 100m dash ... PAC6 Player of the Year ... posted the sixth-fastest high school time in the 200m dash ... also lettered in football ... twice competed in 100m dash at Nike Outdoor Nationals ... took fourth in 200m at Nike Outdoor Nationals ... two-time national champion in 200m after rebounding from serious car accident.

**PERSONAL:** Antonio Sales was born January 26, 1989 ... pursuing a degree in psychology ... favorite movie is "Bad Boys 2".



## AARON SEARLES

**Jumps**  
So./So.  
Charlotte, N.C.  
(Harding University High)

Has the chance to score at the conference level in the long jump and triple jump

**2007:** Competed in long and triple jumps indoors ... took tenth in first competition of the season in long jump, hitting a mark of 21-0 3/4 ... improved to 21-4 3/4 at the On Track Open for a seventh place finish ... hit a season best 22-1 1/2 at the Tiger Classic ... also posted a season best at the Tiger Classic in the triple jump, placing fourth with a mark of 43-4 1/4 ... took 16th at the SEC Indoor Championships in the triple jump at a distance of 42-4 3/4 ... during outdoor season, recorded a second place finish at the Weems Baskin Relays in the long jump with a mark of 22-7 1/4, registering as personal and team season bests ... placed sixth in triple jump at Florida Relays with a mark of 44-6 3/4 ... won State USATF meet at a distance of 21-5 1/4 in the long jump ... went on to claim a first place finish in the long jump two days later at the Spec Towns National Invite at a mark of 22-1 3/4 ... placed 14th at the SEC Outdoor Championships with a mark of 21-5 1/4.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Coached by Rudolph Brown at Harding University High in Charlotte, N.C. ... lettered in football and track and field ... named Defensive MVP for football in 2005 ... received all-conference honors in 2005 and 2006 in the long jump ... placed third in the long jump at the AAU Nationals in 2002; fourth in 2003 and 2004 ... all-conference in football in 2005 ... was a North Carolina High School Scholar-Athlete ... best in the long jump was a 23-1 leap.

**PERSONAL:** Aaron Darrell Searles was born March 12, 1988, in Washington, D.C., to Anthony and Phyllis Searles ... grew up in Charlotte, N.C. ... is the youngest of five children ... pursuing a degree in exercise science.

### COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

Long Jump .....	22-1 1/2
Triple Jump .....	43-4 1/4

### OUTDOOR

Long Jump .....	22-7 1/4
Triple Jump .....	44-6 3/4



## MATT SHULER

**Pole Vault**  
Fr./Fr.  
West Columbia, S.C.  
(White Knoll)

Local product will be looked at in pole vault with the graduation of Dan McKenzie ... has the ability to crack 16" and score at the conference level.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from White Knoll High School ... coached by Larry Bost ... lettered in track and wrestling ... 2007 Junior Olympic All-American ... seventh place Junior Olympic Nationals ... seventh place in both Nike Indoor (2007) and Nike Outdoor (2007) ... 2007 South Carolina state champion in pole vault ... 2007 Taco Bell Champion ... named White Knoll track MVP ... graduated with honors.

**PERSONAL:** Matthew Owen Shuler was born March 25, 1989 ... pursuing a degree in civil engineering ... parents are Stacy and Linda Shuler ... chose USC because "everyone in my family is a Gamecock" ... hobbies include sleeping.



## EDDIE STOUDEMIRE

**Multi**  
So./So.  
Wellington, Fla.  
(Glades Central)

Very well-rounded athlete with many strengths in running, sprinting and hurdling ... figures to be a factor in the decathlon.

**2007:** Competed in multiple events indoors ... placed third at Gamecock Invitational in 55mH at 7.73 ... competed in heptathlon at SEC Indoor Championships ... recorded a 7.19 in the 60m dash, an 8.31 in 60mH, a 5-10 1/2 clearance in high jump, a 23-0 3/4 mark in the long jump and a 34-2 1/4 distance in shot put at SECs in heptathlon ... outdoors, recorded a seventh place finish in long jump at the Jim Click Shootout with a mark of 21-9 ... placed 12th at Weems Baskin Relays in 200m at 22.90 ... also ran 100mH where he recorded a personal best time of 15.63 to place fifth ... won javelin at State USATF meet with a mark of 143-2 1/4.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Glades Central High in Belle Glade, Fla., in 2006 ... received three letters in track and two for football ... named to the All-Palm Beach County Athletic Conference Team for the 110m hurdles as a senior ... also made the All-PBCAC Team for the 300m hurdles and the long jump that same year ... as a junior, finished seventh in the 400m at the state meet with a time of 50.55 ... ran the second leg of Glades Central's 4x400m team that clocked in at 3:18.24 to win gold at the state meet in 2005 ... his personal record for the 100 in high school was 10.86 set his senior year ... for the 110m hurdles, his best time was 14.85 ... in the 300m hurdles, StouDEMIRE's PR was 38.66 ... top mark in the 400m was 50.15 ... for the long jump, had a PR of 23-1 1/2 ... competed in the decathlon at the 2003 USA Track and Field National Junior Olympic Championships ... placed 15th at the event in the 400m with a 50.52 time and was fourth in the decathlon with 5,618 points.

### COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

Long Jump .....	23-0 3/4
High Jump .....	5-10 1/2

### OUTDOOR

Long Jump .....	21-9
Javelin .....	143-2 1/4

**PERSONAL:** Born Eddie Lewis Stoudemire on July 16, 1987, in Belle Glade, Fla. ... hopes to open a business upon graduating ... a business major ... lists Michael Johnson as his favorite athlete ... related to NBA star Amare Stoudemire.



**MICHAEL  
VARNER**

**Sprints**  
**So./So.**  
**Columbia, S.C.**  
**(Ridge View)**

Will run the 400m and 400m hurdles and could be a candidate for 4x400m relay.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Ridge View High School ... coached by Jeff Buys ... Indoor All-American in 4x400m ... earned All-Region honors in 400m hurdles ... South Carolina All-State selection in 4x400m relay ... team most valuable hurdler ... National Merit Scholar ... named a Who's Who Among High School students.

**PERSONAL:** Michael Eric-Karl Varner was born April 26, 1988 in Stuttgart, Germany ... pursuing a degree in accounting ... parents are General and Robin Varner ... Chose USC over Clemson and UAB.



**ANDREW  
VAUGHAN**

**Throws**  
**Fr./Fr.**  
**Lexington, S.C.**  
**(Lexington)**

Will compete in throwing events.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Lexington High School ... coached by Lynette Washington ... lettered in football and track ... South Carolina all-region selection ... men's throws team MVP ... earned Allan Whitacre Award for team high GPA.

**PERSONAL:** Andrew Douglas Vaughan was born November 29, 1988 in Atlanta, Ga. ... pursuing a degree in biology ... parents are Scott and Vicki Vaughan ... chose USC because of pre-med program .



**MICHAEL  
ZAJAC**

**Throws**  
**R-Fr./R-Fr.**  
**Lynchburg, Va.**  
**(E.C. Glass)**

Redshirt freshman will be counted on as a scorer indoors and outdoors after strong prep career.

**2007:** Redshirted.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Attended E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Va. ... was a four-year letterman in track and field as well as football ... was an All-American in the hammer, discus and weight throw ... named his team's MVP as a sophomore, junior and senior ... personal record for the discus was 185-2, 208-0 for the hammer and 58-9 in the shot put ... high school coach was Kevin Latham ... won the

state title in the shot put in 2006 during the indoor season for his first career championship ... helped E.C. Glass win the Group AAA state title in the process.

**PERSONAL:** Michael Gregory Zajac was born Feb. 15, 1988, in Birmingham, Ala. ... his parents are Bert and Susan Zajac ... pursuing a degree in business ... has a younger sister, Sarah, and a younger brother, Matthew ... once won an eating contest ... lists cooking, hunting and dancing as his top hobbies ... favorite foods are rice, roast and greenbean casserole ... favorite athlete is Brett Favre ... greatest athletic thrill was winning three state titles in one year.



**DAVID  
ZAYCEK**

**Throws**  
**R-Jr./R-Jr.**  
**Manasquan, N.J.**  
**(Wall)**

Highly competitive ... strongest athlete on the team ... is expected to score on the conference, regional and national levels this upcoming season.

**2007:** Opened outdoor season at Hurricane Invite with a fourth place finish in shot put at 52-10 3/4 ... recorded a team-high 157-11 in discus at same meet ... hit personal-best 53-5 1/2 at Jim Click Shootout ... won shot put at Weems Baskin Relays with a amark of 50-10 1/4.

**2006:** The weight throw and shot put were contested during the indoor season ... in the weight throw, a 48-11 1/2 throw was good for a 12th-place finish at the Virginia Tech Invitational ... an improvement of 55-5 at the SEC Indoor Championships became a personal record and placed ninth ... in the shot put, opened up the indoor season with a PR throw of 51-5 3/4 at Virginia Tech ... at the SEC Indoor Championships, a 48-10 1/4 effort secured a 14th-place finish ... the hammer, shot put and discus were his events during the outdoor season ... had a personal record in the hammer with a 167-5 throw at the SEC Outdoor Championships, good for 14th place ... in the shot put, had a 51-3 mark at the Florida Relays ... set a PR at the SEC outdoor meet with a 55-2 toss to finish in ninth place ... in the discus, a throw of 162-0 placed eighth at the Florida Relays ... subsequent marks of 164-11 at the Orange & Purple Meet and 160-7 at the SEC Outdoor Championships rounded out the year.

**2005:** Was a regular entry in the shot put and weight throw competitions during the indoor season ... best effort in the shot was a 50-9 1/2 effort, over a foot longer than his previous best mark, to finish second at the USC Invitational ... top weight throw was 46-0 at the Meet of Champions ... competed once each in the shot and discus events during the outdoor season before taking a redshirt season ... won the Weems Baskin Relays shot put event with a mark of 49-3 1/2 ... also placed fifth in the same meet in the discus with a toss of 135-6.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Wall High School in 2004 ... lettered six times in track and field and three times in football ... coached by Doug Richardson, Warren Campbell and Rob Paneque ... state champion in the shot put (58-9) and discus (171-0) ... earned all-state honors and was the county MVP in the shot and discus ... named the New Jersey High School Athlete of the Year ... earned all-county honors in football, helping his team to the state title.

**PERSONAL:** David Eric Zaycek was born Oct. 1, 1985 ... parents are Wayne and Gail Zaycek ... currently pursuing a degree in retailing ... enjoys fishing and hunting ... also considered North Carolina, Penn State and Connecticut before selecting South Carolina.

**COLLEGIATE BESTS**  
**INDOOR**

Shot Put.....51-5 3/4  
35-Pound Weight.....55-5

**OUTDOOR**

Shot Put.....53-5 1/2  
Discus.....164-11  
Hammer.....167-5

Men's Team