



# Steve Spurrier

## Head Coach Fourth Year at South Carolina



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Steve Spurrier, who has coached a national championship team, won seven Southeastern Conference titles, and won nearly 75 percent of the college games in which he has coached, is in his fourth season as head coach at the University of South Carolina. Spurrier was introduced as USC's 32nd head coach on Nov. 23, 2004, before an overflow news conference crowd in the south end zone of Williams-Brice Stadium.

Now in his 19th collegiate season, Coach Spurrier has compiled a 163-56-2 (.742) won-loss record as a major college head coach, including a 21-16 mark at Carolina. He led the Duke Blue Devils to the 1989 Atlantic Coast Conference championship before returning to his alma mater, the University of Florida, as head coach in 1990. During his 12 seasons with the Gators, Spurrier's teams won seven Southeastern Conference championships, one national title and finished ranked in the nation's top 10 nine times. His record at Florida was an amazing 122-27-1 (.817). Spurrier, who won the 1966 Heisman Trophy as a quarterback for the Gators, most recently was head coach of the NFL's Washington Redskins (2002-03). He returned to the college ranks in 2005 after a one-year absence from the sidelines.

In his first season at South Carolina, Coach Spurrier led the Gamecocks to a 7-5 record and a second-place finish in the SEC Eastern Division. In doing so, he posted a five-game winning streak, the 15th consecutive year in which he has had a five-game winning streak, something no other coach in college history has accomplished. He was honored as the SEC Coach of the Year by the Associated Press after leading the Gamecocks to a school-record five straight SEC wins, their first win ever at Tennessee and their first win over Florida since the 1930s. It was the eighth time he has been honored as his league's Coach of the Year.

He came back with an 8-5 record in 2006, just the ninth time in school history that the Gamecocks posted eight or more wins in a season. The season was capped with a victory in the Liberty Bowl over Conference USA champion Houston. With that win, Coach Spurrier matched Joe Morrison for the most wins by a Carolina head coach in his first two seasons in Columbia.

In his third season with the Garnet & Black, Coach Spurrier's squad raced out to a 6-1 record and moved as high as No. 6 in the BCS rankings, before finishing the campaign with a 6-6 record. With 21 wins, he holds the Carolina record for coaching victories after three seasons at the helm. Carolina has finished with a .500 or better overall record in each of Coach Spurrier's three seasons, the first time it has accomplished that feat since 1988-90.

### The Spurrier File

**Full Name:** Stephen Orr Spurrier  
**Born:** April 20, 1945 in Miami Beach, Fla.  
**Hometown:** Johnson City, Tenn.  
**Wife:** Jerri  
**Children:** Lisa, Amy, Steve, Jr., Scotty

#### College Education

Florida

#### College Playing Experience

Florida (1964-66)

#### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Head Coach**  
2005-2008

#### Washington Head Coach (NFL)

2002-2003

#### Florida Head Coach

1990-2001

#### Duke Head Coach

1987-1989

#### Tampa Bay Head Coach (USFL)

1983-1985

#### Duke Assistant Coach

1980-1982

#### Georgia Tech Assistant Coach

1979

#### Florida Assistant Coach

1978

#### College Bowl Games

- 2006 Liberty Bowl
- 2005 Independence Bowl
- 2002 Orange Bowl
- 2001 Sugar Bowl
- 2000 Citrus Bowl
- 1999 Orange Bowl
- 1998 Citrus Bowl
- 1997 Sugar Bowl
- 1996 Fiesta Bowl
- 1995 Sugar Bowl
- 1994 Sugar Bowl
- 1992 Gator Bowl
- 1992 Sugar Bowl
- 1989 All-American Bowl

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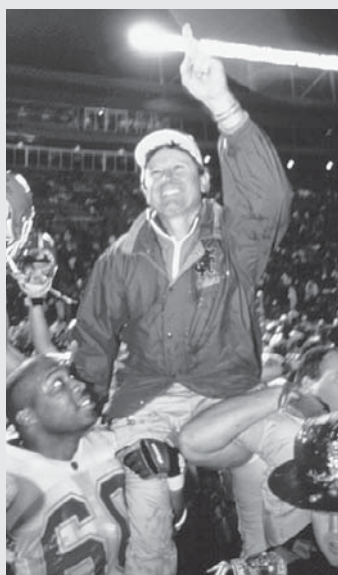
### Versus the SEC

Opponent	Record
Alabama	6-4
Arkansas	4-2
Auburn	10-5
Florida	1-2
Georgia	12-3
Kentucky	15-0
LSU	11-2
Mississippi State	6-2
Ole Miss	2-0
South Carolina	10-1
Tennessee	10-7
Vanderbilt	14-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101-29</b>

### Bowl Games

Bowl	Opponent	Result
1989 All-American	Texas Tech	L 21-49
1992 Sugar	Notre Dame	L 28-39
1992 Gator	N.C. State	W 27-10
1994 Sugar	West Virginia	W 41-7
1995 Sugar	Florida State	L 17-23
1996 Fiesta	Nebraska	L 24-62
1997 Sugar	Florida State	W 52-20
1998 Citrus	Penn State	W 21-6
1999 Orange	Syracuse	W 31-10
2000 Citrus	Michigan St.	L 34-37
2001 Sugar	Miami	L 27-37
2002 Orange	Maryland	W 56-23
2005 Independence	Missouri	L 31-38
2006 Liberty	Houston	W 44-36

**Record in Bowl Games 7-7**



Florida Head Coach Steve Spurrier gets a victory ride off the field following a 52-20 win over Florida State in the 1997 Sugar Bowl, giving the Gators the National Championship.

Year	School/Organization	Overall Record	League/Conference	Conference Record/Finish	Postseason/Bowl	Final AP Poll	Final Coaches' Poll
1983	Tampa Bay	11-7	USFL	Playoffs	n/a	n/a	
1984	Tampa Bay	14-4	USFL	Playoffs	n/a	n/a	
1985	Tampa Bay	10-8	USFL	---	n/a	n/a	
1987	Duke	5-6	ACC	2-5/7th	---	---	---
1988	Duke	7-3-1	ACC	3-3-1/6th	---	---	---
1989	Duke	8-4	ACC	6-1/1st	All-American	---	---
1990	Florida	9-2	SEC	6-1/1st	None	13th	13th
1991	Florida	10-2	SEC	7-0/1st	Sugar	7th	8th
1992	Florida	9-4	SEC	6-3/1st in East*	Gator	10th	11th
1993	Florida	11-2	SEC	8-1/1st*	Sugar	5th	4th
1994	Florida	10-2-1	SEC	8-1/1st*	Sugar	7th	7th
1995	Florida	12-1	SEC	9-0/1st*	Fiesta	2nd	3rd
1996	Florida	12-1	SEC	9-0/1st*	Sugar	1st	1st
1997	Florida	10-2	SEC	6-2/tied 2nd in East	Citrus	4th	6th
1998	Florida	10-2	SEC	7-1/2nd in East	Orange	5th	6th
1999	Florida	9-4	SEC	7-2/1st in East*	Citrus	12th	14th
2000	Florida	10-3	SEC	8-1/1st *	Sugar	10th	11th
2001	Florida	10-2	SEC	6-2/2nd in East	Orange	3rd	3rd
2002	Washington	7-9	NFL	---	n/a	n/a	
2003	Washington	5-11	NFL	---	n/a	n/a	
2005	South Carolina	7-5	SEC	5-3/tied 2nd in East	Independence	---	---
2006	South Carolina	8-5	SEC	3-5/5th in East	Liberty	---	---
2007	South Carolina	6-6	SEC	3-5/tied 4th in East	---	---	---

\*Appeared in SEC Championship Game

COACHING RECORDS	Overall Record (Pct.)	Conference Record (Pct.)	Years
Overall Record (Pro and College)	210-97-2 (.683)	---	23 years
College Record	163-56-2 (.742)	109-36-1 (.750)	18 years
Pro Record	47-41-0 (.534)	---	5 years
Florida Record	122-27-1 (.817)	87-14-0 (.861)	12 years
Duke Record	20-13-1 (.603)	11-9-1 (.548)	3 years
Carolina Record	21-16-0 (.568)	11-13-0 (.458)	3 years
USFL Record#	35-21-0 (.625)	---	3 years
NFL Record	12-20-0 (.375)	---	2 years

#Includes 2 playoff losses



- ◆ Recipient of the 1966 Heisman Trophy.
- ◆ Two-time All-American at the University of Florida.
- ◆ Inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame as a player in 1986.
- ◆ Became the first person to have both won a Heisman Trophy and to have coached a Heisman Trophy winner (Danny Wuerffel).
- ◆ In 2006, he was one of the first four inductees into the Gator Ring of Honor alongside Danny Wuerffel, Emmitt Smith and Jack Youngblood.
- ◆ Compiled a 122-27-1 record at Florida from 1990-2001, the most wins for a Gator coach in school history and a winning percentage (.817) that ranked among the top three in SEC history.
- ◆ His 122 victories at Florida from 1990-2001 rank as the best win total for a coach in his first 12 years at a school in major college history.
- ◆ Coached Florida to two National Championship Game appearances (1995 and 1996), claiming the 1996 national title.
- ◆ The only coach in SEC history and one of only two coaches in major college history to lead a squad to six straight seasons of 10 or more wins (1993-1998).
- ◆ His Gator teams appeared in the weekly polls 202 of a possible 203 weeks, including each of his last 202 consecutive weeks. From 1990-2001, the Gators were ranked number one in the polls 29 times, appeared in the top five for 117 weeks and among the nation's top 10 for 179 weeks.
- ◆ The only coach in SEC history and one of only three coaches in major college history to lead a school to 12 consecutive seasons (1990-2001) of nine or more wins.
- ◆ One of only five coaches in major college history to have his team ranked in the final Top 15 Poll in each of 12 consecutive seasons (1990-2001).
- ◆ His UF squads finished in the Top 10 of the polls nine times and six times in the final top five, totals that both ranked second best in the nation over his 12 seasons (1990-2001). UF's average poll ranking of 6.5 in the decade of the 1990s was second best in the nation.
- ◆ He achieved 100 career victories at Florida in a faster time period (10th season, eighth game) than any major college coach at a school in the 20th century.
- ◆ One of only five major college coaches in history and only the second in SEC history to lead a school to 100 wins during a decade (102-22-1 at UF from 1990-99).
- ◆ One of only three coaches in major college history and the only one in SEC history to lead a school to an appearance in the weekly polls for a period of 200 consecutive weeks.

- ◆ He and the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant are the only coaches in SEC history to win as many as four straight league championships. (1993-96).
- ◆ His 98-27 record in SEC play ranks as the second-best winning percentage in conference history (.784) and his 73 league wins in the 1990s represent the most SEC wins during a decade in conference history.
- ◆ The only coach in SEC history to win eight conference games in a season four straight years (1993-96).
- ◆ The only coach in SEC history to lead a school to nine consecutive January bowl game appearances.
- ◆ His six outright SEC titles ('91, '93, '94, '95, '96, 2000) ranked as the second-best total in SEC history, trailing only "Bear" Bryant's 11.
- ◆ Under his leadership, the Gator offense became the only unit in modern collegiate history (since the NCAA started keeping stats in 1937) to score at least 500 points (including bowl games) for four straight years (1993-96). Yale also achieved that distinction from 1886-89 and Michigan from 1901-04.
- ◆ Led Florida to seven appearances in the SEC Championship Game (1992-96, 1999-2000), with five victories (1993-1996, 2000).
- ◆ Prior to his arrival in 1990, Florida had never won more than nine games in a season. In 12 seasons at the helm he led the Gators to nine seasons of 10 or more wins.
- ◆ He has been selected as a finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant National Coach of the Year Award four times (1990, 1991, 1995, 1996).
- ◆ In his 18 years as a collegiate head coach he led his squad to the best record in the conference standings eight times (Duke in 1989 and Florida in 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995 1996 and 2000).
- ◆ He won his 100th game at Florida in 1999 in just his 120th overall game (100-19-1 record), a total that ranks among the six fewest games to reach that level at a major college school in the 20th century.
- ◆ Has been named his conference's Coach of the Year eight times (1988 and 1989 in the ACC with Duke, in 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995 and 1996 in the SEC with Florida and in 2005 in his first year at South Carolina).
- ◆ He has led teams to 14 bowl games, including each of his last 11 years (1991-2001) at Florida and in 13 of his last 14 seasons overall. Of his 14 bowl teams, 10 played in January games.
- ◆ Named the 2007 Davey O'Brien Legends Award winner by the Fort Worth Club.

## Award Winners under Steve Spurrier

**Heisman Trophy Winners:** 1  
**Players in the Heisman Balloting:** 4  
**National Player of the Year:** 3  
**National Offensive Player of the Year Candidates:** 6  
**National Defensive Player of the Year Candidates:** 8  
**ACC/SEC Player of the Year:** 7  
**SEC Defensive Player of the Year:** 2  
**Biletnikoff Award Candidates:** 9  
**Lombardi Award Candidates:** 7  
**Jacobs Blocking Trophy Winners:** 6  
**O'Brien Award Candidates:** 6  
**Butkus Award Candidates:** 5  
**Unitas Award Candidates:** 4  
**Groza Award Candidates:** 4  
**Groza Award Winners:** 1  
**Thorpe Award Candidates:** 3  
**Outland Trophy Candidates:** 2  
**Academic All-Americans:** 10  
**All-Conference Selections:** 130  
**SEC All-Freshman Team:** 48  
**SEC Player of the Week:** 73

## Player Drafted under Steve Spurrier

**QB:** Rex Grossman, Jesse Palmer, Danny Wuerffel, Steve Slayden, Anthony Dilweg  
**RB:** Fred Taylor, Errict Rhett, Terry Jackson, Cory Boyd  
**WR:** Jabar Gaffney, Reidel Anthony, Travis Taylor, Darrell Jackson, Jacquez Green, Ike Hilliard, Clarkston Hines, Sidney Rice  
**TE:** Erron Kinney  
**OL:** Mike Pearson, Kenyatta Walker, Cooper Carlisle, Zach Piller, Mo Collins, Jason Odom, Reggie Green, Tony Rowell, Lomas Brown, Chris Port  
**DL:** Kevin Carter, Trace Armstrong, Reggie McGrew, Ellis Johnson  
**LB:** Jevon Kearse, Mike Peterson, Godfrey Myles  
**DB:** Lito Sheppard, Ko Simpson, Johnathan Joseph, Fred Bennett

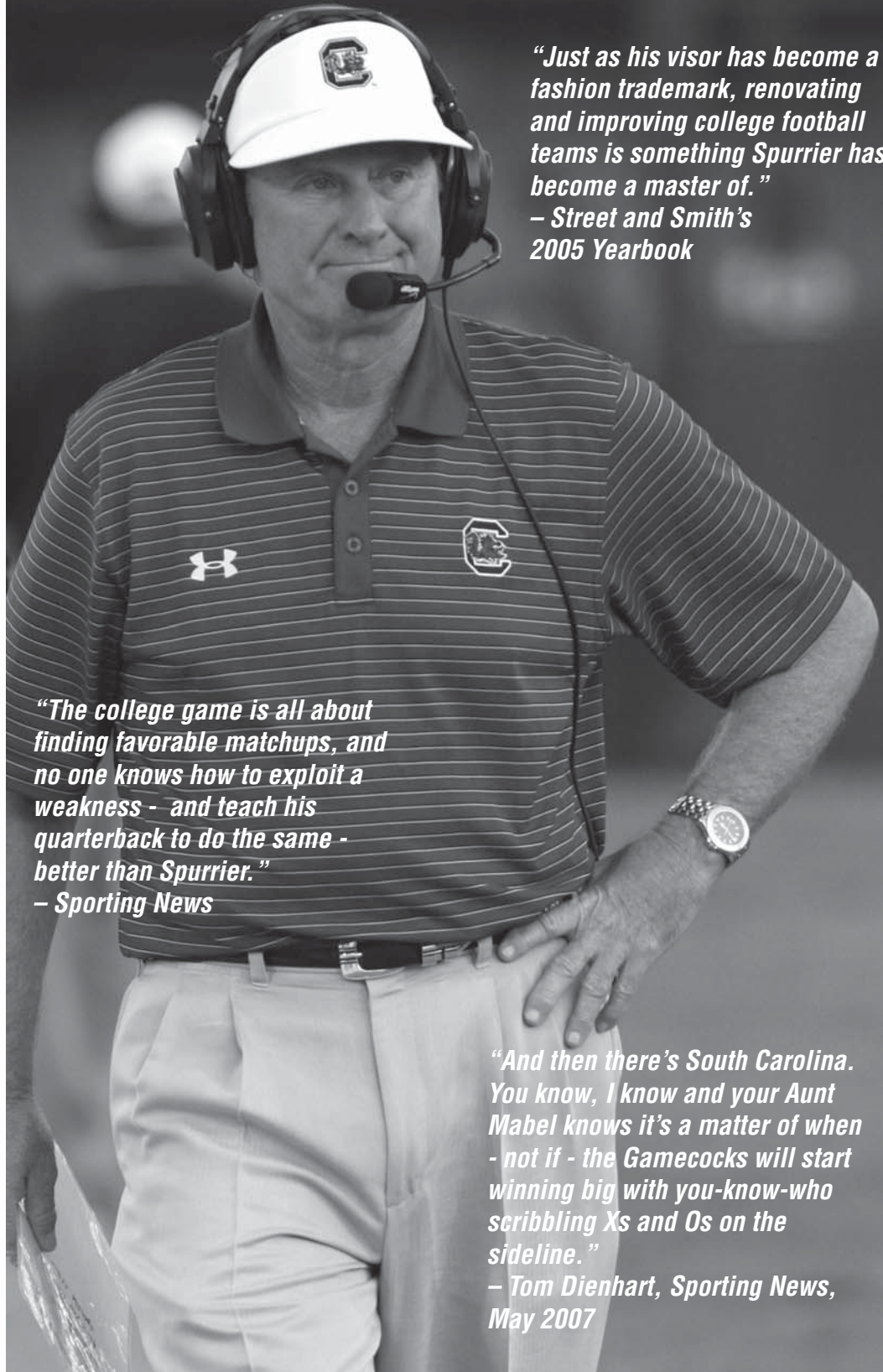
## Steve Spurrier By The Numbers At Florida

**National Championships:** 1  
**SEC Championships:** 7  
**Final Top 5 Ranking:** 6  
**Final Top 10 Ranking:** 9  
**First Team All-Americans:** 21  
**Total All-Americans:** 81  
**Academic All-Americans:** 7  
**National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award Winners:** 3  
**NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship Recipients:** 3





*“If there were such a thing as a Mount Rushmore of SEC coaches, Spurrier’s mug (complete with that familiar smirk and cock of the head) would have been chiseled in stone a long time ago.”*  
 – Chris Low, ESPN.com



*“Just as his visor has become a fashion trademark, renovating and improving college football teams is something Spurrier has become a master of.”*  
 – Street and Smith’s 2005 Yearbook

*“The college game is all about finding favorable matchups, and no one knows how to exploit a weakness - and teach his quarterback to do the same - better than Spurrier.”*  
 – Sporting News

*“And then there’s South Carolina. You know, I know and your Aunt Mabel knows it’s a matter of when - not if - the Gamecocks will start winning big with you-know-who scribbling Xs and Os on the sideline.”*  
 – Tom Dienhart, Sporting News, May 2007

## Steve Spurrier vs. All Opponents

Opponent	Record
Akron	1-0
Alabama	6-4
Arkansas	4-2
Arkansas State	1-0
Army	1-0
Auburn	10-5
Ball State	1-0
Central Florida	2-0
Central Michigan	1-0
Citadel	2-0
Clemson	2-4
Colgate	1-0
Florida	1-2
Florida Atlantic	1-0
Florida State	5-8-1
Furman	1-0
Georgia	12-3
Georgia Southern	1-0
Georgia Tech	3-0
Houston	2-0
Kentucky	15-0
Louisiana-Monroe	2-0
Louisville	1-0
Louisiana-Lafayette	3-0
LSU	11-2
Marshall	1-0
Maryland	2-2
Miami (Fla.)	0-1
Michigan State	0-1
Middle Tennessee	2-0
Mississippi State	6-2
Missouri	0-1
Nebraska	0-1
New Mexico State	1-0
North Carolina	4-0
North Carolina State	2-1-1
Northern Illinois	2-0
Northwestern	3-0
Notre Dame	0-1
Oklahoma State	1-0
Ole Miss	2-0
Penn State	1-0
Rutgers	0-1
San Jose State	1-0
South Carolina	10-1
South Carolina State	1-0
Southern Miss	3-0
Syracuse	1-1
Tennessee	10-7
Texas Tech	0-1
Troy	1-0
Vanderbilt	14-1
Virginia	1-2
Wake Forest	1-2
West Virginia	1-0
Western Michigan	1-0
Wofford	1-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>163-56-2</b>

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## Steve Spurrier's Playing Career

University of Florida  
Quarterback 1964-66

### 1966 Heisman Trophy Winner

• Steve Spurrier was an outstanding quarterback during his playing days at the University of Florida. He was the recipient of the 1966 Heisman Trophy.

• Spurrier was a two-time All-America selection and was tabbed as the 1966 SEC Player of the Year.

• During his three-year playing career, he broke every single-game, single-season and career record in passing and total offense and broke all league passing records.

• Became the first player in the history of the Sugar Bowl to earn MVP honors despite playing for the team that did not win the game after breaking six game records in the Gators' 20-18 loss to Missouri.

• First-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers. Spurrier played 10 years of pro football with the 49ers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He set a 49ers team record with five touchdown passes vs. the Chicago Bears.

• Inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame in 1986.

• Finished ninth in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1965.

### Spurrier's Career Passing Statistics

Year	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	Pct.	TD
1966	291	179	8	2,012	.615	16
1965	287	148	13	1,893	.516	14
1964	114	65	10	943	.570	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4,848</b>	<b>.566</b>	<b>36</b>



**1965** — Named first-team All-American at Florida.

**1966** — Named winner of Heisman Memorial Trophy and SEC Player of the Year; repeats as first-team All-American. Most Outstanding Player in 1966 Sugar Bowl.

**1967** — Selected in the first round, third overall, by San Francisco in the NFL draft. He played for San Francisco from 1967-75 and for Tampa Bay in 1976.

**1978** — Named quarterbacks coach at University of Florida.

**1979** — Named quarterbacks coach at Georgia Tech.

**1980** — Named assistant coach at Duke.

**Nov. 22, 1982** — Named coach of the Tampa Bay Bandits of the United States Football League. He compiles 35-19 record in three seasons.

**1987** — Named head coach at Duke.

**Nov. 18, 1989** — Shut out North Carolina to clinch the ACC Championship.

**Sept. 8, 1990** — Coach Spurrier won first game as coach at Florida, 50-7, against Oklahoma State.

**Dec. 5, 1992** — The Gators participated in the first SEC Championship game, losing 28-21 to Alabama.

**Dec. 31, 1992** — Florida won its first bowl game under Coach Spurrier, a 27-10 victory against North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl.

**Dec. 4, 1993** — Florida gained revenge against Alabama, beating the Crimson Tide 28-13 in the second SEC Championship game.

**Sept. 3, 1994** — Coach Spurrier's Gators took to the field for the first time as the nation's No. 1-ranked team. They beat New Mexico State, 70-21.

**Dec. 2, 1995** — Coach Spurrier capped his first undefeated regular season (12-0) at Florida with a 34-3 victory against Arkansas in the SEC Championship game.

**Jan. 2, 1997** — Florida routed Florida State 52-20 in the Sugar Bowl to win the national championship and complete the team's second-consecutive 12-1 season.

**Oct. 30, 1999** — Coach Spurrier won his 100th game at Florida, a 30-14 victory against Georgia. He is the only coach in the century to win 100 games in his first 10 years at a school.

**Oct. 8, 2001** — Florida gained the No. 1 ranking for one week — the last time a Spurrier-coached team was ranked No. 1.

**Jan. 2, 2002** — Coach Spurrier coached his final game at Florida — a 56-23 win over Maryland in the Orange Bowl.



**Jan. 4, 2002** — Coach Spurrier resigned as Florida coach.

**Jan. 14, 2002** — Coach Spurrier signed a five-year contract to coach the Washington Redskins.

**Aug. 3, 2002** — Coach Spurrier made his Redskins coaching debut in a 38-7 preseason victory against San Francisco in the 2002 American Bowl in Osaka, Japan.

**Sept. 8, 2002** — Coach Spurrier won his regular-season debut with Washington, defeating Arizona, 31-23.

**Dec. 29, 2002** — The Redskins defeated Dallas 20-14 in their season finale. The team finishes 7-9 in his first season.

**Sept. 28, 2003** — The Redskins beat New England 20-17 to improve to 3-1. They were the last team to beat the Patriots before New England's 21-game unbeaten streak, which spanned parts of two seasons and included a Super Bowl win.

**Nov. 23, 2004** — Coach Spurrier was introduced as the 32nd head coach of the South Carolina program.

**April 16, 2005** — Almost 40,000 fans attended the Garnet and Black Spring Game, ushering in Coach Spurrier at Carolina.

**Sept. 1, 2005** — ESPN GameDay was on hand for the first game of the Steve Spurrier Era at South Carolina. The Gamecocks defeat UCF by a 24-15 score.

**Oct. 29, 2005** — The Gamecocks invaded Knoxville and left Tennessee with a 16-15 win over the Volunteers, the first USC win ever in Knoxville.

**Nov. 12, 2005** — In his first contest ever against his alma mater, Steve Spurrier led Carolina to a 30-22 upset win over the 12th-ranked Florida Gators. It was USC's first victory over Florida since the 1930s.

**Dec. 29, 2006** — The Gamecocks defeated Houston 44-36 to win the 2006 Liberty Bowl and gave Coach Spurrier his first bowl victory as the Carolina head coach. He was the first coach in school history to take his team to a bowl game in each of his first two seasons at the University.





# Shane Beamer

## Cornerbacks

## Second Year at South Carolina



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Shane Beamer begins his second season on the Gamecocks' coaching staff. Beamer will work with the cornerbacks this season after handling the outside linebackers and serving as the co-coordinator of special teams in 2007. He joined Steve Spurrier's staff at the University of South Carolina on Feb. 14, 2007.

Beamer joined the Carolina staff after spending the previous three seasons at Mississippi State University. He was hired by Sylvester Croom in January 2004 to coach the Bulldog cornerbacks under defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson. In his first two seasons at MSU he guided three defensive backs to Freshman All-SEC accolades. He made the move to running backs coach in the spring of 2006. He also served as the program's recruiting coordinator.

Beamer came to MSU from the University of Tennessee where he spent three seasons as a graduate assistant football coach on the defensive side of the ball. In that capacity, he assisted with the development of the Volunteer defensive backs, was directly responsible for coaching the placekickers, punters and long snappers, and assisted in all special teams areas. He also oversaw game opponent scouting while at UT.

During his three seasons in Knoxville, the Volunteers played in one SEC Championship game (2001) and went to three straight bowl games. While at UT, Beamer earned a master's degree in sport science in December, 2003.

Prior to joining the staff at Tennessee, Beamer worked one season as an offensive graduate assistant at Georgia Tech. He assisted with the Yellow Jacket quarterbacks and wide receivers in his one season at the Atlantic Coast Conference school. That squad finished the season with a 9-3 mark and a berth in the 2000 Peach Bowl.

Beamer earned his bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech in 1999 and was the Hokies' starting long snapper for three seasons. He also contributed in the wide receiver corps. He played on four bowl teams and three Big East Conference championship squads. He concluded his college playing career by helping the '99 Hokies to a No. 2 final regular season ranking and a berth in the Sugar Bowl.

Born March 31, 1977 in Charleston, S.C., Beamer is the son of longtime Virginia Tech head football coach Frank Beamer. He is married to the former Emily Gladney, a Starkville, Miss., native.



### The Beamer File

**Born:** March 31, 1977 in Charleston, S.C.

**Hometown:** Blacksburg, Va.

**Wife:** Emily

#### College Education

Bachelor's – Virginia Tech (1999)

Master's – Tennessee (2003)

#### College Playing Experience

Virginia Tech (1995-99)

#### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Assistant Coach**  
2007-2008

**Mississippi State Assistant Coach**  
2004-2006

**Tennessee Graduate Assistant**  
2001-2003

**Georgia Tech Graduate Assistant**  
2000

#### College Bowl Games

2003 Peach Bowl

2002 Peach Bowl

2002 Citrus Bowl

2000 Peach Bowl

2000 Sugar Bowl

1998 Music City Bowl

1998 Gator Bowl

1996 Orange Bowl

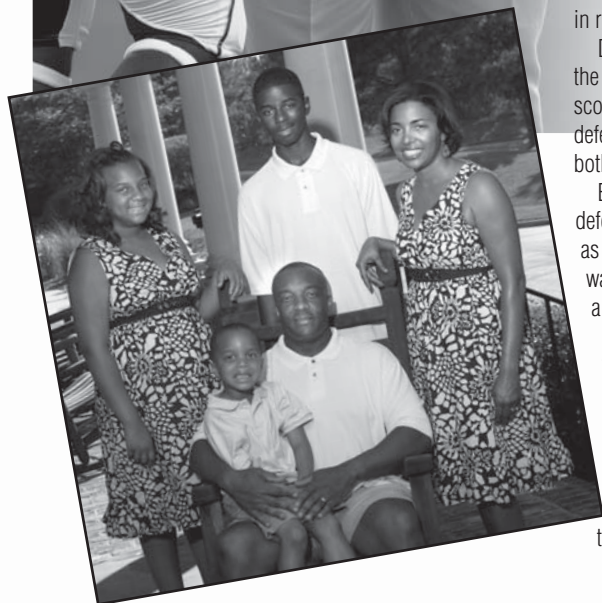
1995 Sugar Bowl



# Ron Cooper

Safeties

Fifth Year at South Carolina



Ron Cooper, who has nine years of head coaching experience, is in his fifth season at South Carolina. He will oversee the safeties in 2008.

Cooper has had several responsibilities in his time at Carolina. He coached the defensive backs in 2004. He handled the outside linebackers and was the special teams coordinator in 2005, then worked with the secondary and served as the Assistant Head Coach in both 2006 and 2007.

In 2007, the Gamecocks were ranked among the top five in the country in pass defense for most of the season, including several weeks at No. 1. He coached cornerback Captain Munnerlyn and safety Emanuel Cook to All-SEC recognition by the league's coaches in 2007.

Cooper did a solid job guiding the USC secondary in 2006 after losing a pair of standouts in safety Ko Simpson and cornerback Johnathan Joseph in the first four rounds of the NFL draft. Despite playing a pair of true freshmen extensively, the Gamecocks ranked 43rd in the country in pass defense.

Cooper served as the head coach at three schools – Eastern Michigan (1993-94), Louisville (1995-97) and Alabama A&M (1998-01).

Prior to joining the Gamecock staff, he worked as the secondary coach at Wisconsin in 2002 and was the defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Mississippi State in 2003.

While on the staff at Notre Dame for the 1991 and 1992 seasons, Cooper helped lead the Fighting Irish to victories in the 1992 Sugar Bowl against third-ranked Florida and in the 1993 Cotton Bowl against fourth-ranked Texas A&M.

As the head coach at Alabama A&M, Cooper helped lead the Bulldogs to the 2000 championship game of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, with that team leading the nation in rushing defense and finishing eighth in total defense.

During his stint at Louisville, his 1995 Cardinal team led the nation in turnovers forced, finished ninth nationally in scoring defense, 18th in total defense and 20th in rushing defense. His 1996 UL squad ranked fourth in the NCAA in both total and rushing defense.

Born Feb. 11, 1962 in Huntsville, Ala., Cooper was also the defensive coordinator at UNLV and Murray State. He worked as an assistant coach at East Carolina and Austin Peay and was a graduate assistant at Minnesota under Lou Holtz and also at Appalachian State.

Cooper played college football at Jacksonville State, where he helped lead his team to the NCAA Division II playoffs on three occasions.

He earned his bachelor's degree from JSU in 1983 and later received a master's degree from Appalachian State in 1986.

He and his wife, Djuna, have a daughter, Tyler, and two sons, Tristan and Ronald Jr.



## The Cooper File

**Born:** Feb. 11, 1962 in Huntsville, Ala.  
**Hometown:** Huntsville, Ala.  
**Wife:** Djuna  
**Children:** Tristan, Tyler and Ronald Jr.

### College Education

Bachelor's – Jacksonville State (1983)  
 Master's – Appalachian State (1986)

### College Playing Experience

Jacksonville State (1979-82)

### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Assistant Coach**  
 2004-2008

**Mississippi State Defensive Coord.**  
 2003

**Wisconsin Assistant Coach**  
 2002

**Alabama A&M Head Coach**  
 1998-2001

**Louisville Head Coach**  
 1995-1997

**Eastern Michigan Head Coach**  
 1993-1994

**Notre Dame Assistant Coach**  
 1991-1992

**UNLV Defensive Coordinator**  
 1990

**East Carolina Assistant Coach**  
 1989

**Murray State Defensive Coordinator**  
 1987-1988

**Austin Peay Assistant Coach**  
 1985-1986

**Minnesota Graduate Assistant**  
 1984

**Appalachian State Graduate Assistant**  
 1983

### College Bowl Games

2006 Liberty Bowl  
 2005 Independence Bowl  
 2002 Alamo Bowl  
 1993 Cotton Bowl  
 1992 Sugar Bowl

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# Robert Gillespie

## Running Backs

### Fourth Year at South Carolina



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Robert Gillespie is in his third season as a full-time college football coach. He was promoted to the Gamecocks' running backs coach on Dec. 16, 2005, after spending the 2005 campaign as a graduate assistant for video at South Carolina.

In his first season as running backs coach, he saw two of his backs – Cory Boyd (three times) and Taylor Rank (once) – rush for more than 100 yards in a game, and two others, Mike Davis and Bobby Wallace, have games with more than 90 yards on the ground.

Under Gillespie's watch, the South Carolina backs combined to rush for 1,876 yards in 2006, marking a 61 percent increase from the year prior to his appointment as running backs coach for the Gamecocks. South Carolina averaged 144.31 rushing yards per game in 2006, ranking 49th nationally just one year after ranking 108th among Division I-A teams with a 95.17 yards per game average. The increased productivity of the Gamecocks running backs catapulted Carolina's third-down conversion percentage from 34 percent the year prior to Gillespie (95th nationally) to 48 percent his first year (12th nationally).

In 2007, tailback Cory Boyd rushed for 903 yards, the most yards for a Gamecock back since Derek Watson logged 1,066 yards rushing in 2000. Boyd also was selected in the NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Bucs.

A former running back and team captain at the University of Florida, Gillespie played for Steve Spurrier from 1998-2001, earning a spot on the SEC All-Freshman Team and SEC Player of the Week recognition during his time with the Gators. Gillespie finished his college career ranking second all-time at Florida in receiving yards by a back. A two-time selection to the SEC Fall Sports Academic Honor Roll in 2000 and 2001, Gillespie returned to Gainesville to earn a degree in sports management from Florida in 2005.

Gillespie played for the NFL's Washington Redskins in 2002 and 2003 and played for the Frankfurt Galaxy of NFL Europe in 2003 before taking a teaching job at his alma mater, Hattiesburg HS in Hattiesburg, Miss., in 2004. He stayed on at Hattiesburg HS for an internship in the athletic department in 2005 before making his way to South Carolina.

### The Gillespie File

**Born:** Nov. 2, 1979 in Hattiesburg, Miss.  
**Hometown:** Hattiesburg, Miss.

**College Education**  
Bachelor's – Florida (2005)

**College Playing Experience**  
Florida (1998-2001)

**Coaching Experience**  
*South Carolina Assistant Coach*  
2006-2008

**South Carolina Graduate Assistant**  
2005

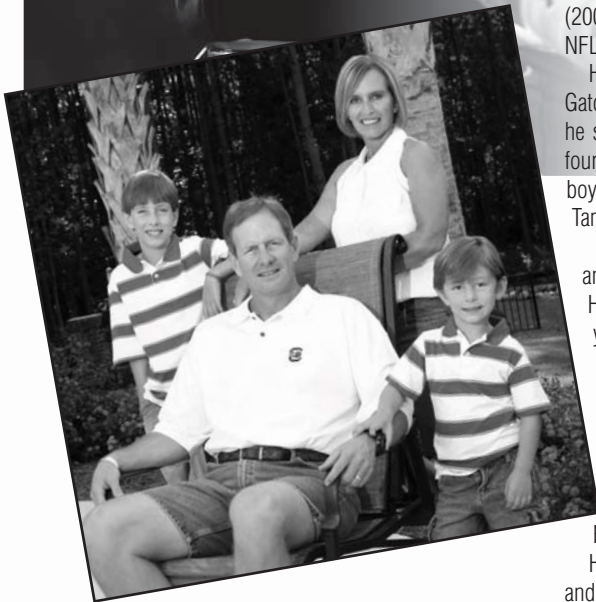
**College Bowl Games**  
2006 Liberty Bowl  
2005 Independence Bowl  
2002 Orange Bowl  
2001 Sugar Bowl  
2000 Citrus Bowl  
1999 Orange Bowl



# John Hunt

Offensive Line

Fourth Year at South Carolina



John Hunt, who has extensive experience in Coach Steve Spurrier's offensive system and who played a prominent role in the success of the Florida Gators from 1999-2001, is in his fourth season as the Gamecocks' offensive line coach.

For the second-straight season, the 2007 Gamecock offensive line used nine different starting players. Despite that challenge, the Gamecock offense rolled up 501 yards of offense against Tennessee, 489 yards against Arkansas and 402 yards versus Mississippi State, all teams that played in bowl games.

Hunt's offensive line showed tremendous growth throughout the 2006 campaign. The Gamecocks started two true freshmen and two others who came to USC as walk-ons. Despite having no first-team all-conference performers, the offense chalked up 410 yards against national champion Florida, a 492-yard effort against Clemson, a team that entered that game with the nation's fifth-best defense statistically, and capped the year with a season-best 512 yards against Houston.

Hunt helped coach the offensive line at Florida from 1999-2001, specifically working with the tackles under Coach Spurrier. During that three-year span, Hunt tutored three first-team All-Southeastern Conference linemen – tackles Cooper Carlisle, Mike Pearson and Kenyatta Walker. Pearson was a first-team All-America pick in 2001 and was a second-round NFL draft pick in 2002. Walker was a first-round draft pick in 2001 and was chosen the Jacobs' Blocking Trophy winner in 2000, an honor that goes to the SEC's top offensive lineman. Carlisle was a fourth-round draft pick in 2000. Hunt coached in the 1999 and 2000 SEC Championship games.

Hunt followed Coach Spurrier to the Washington Redskins, where he worked with the offensive line for two years (2002-03). During that stretch, he worked with two of the NFL's top tackles in Chris Samuels and Jon Jansen.

Hunt was a four-year letterman at offensive guard for the Gators. He was named second-team All-SEC in 1983 and he started the final 23 games of his career. He appeared in four bowl games and was drafted in 1984 by the Dallas Cowboys. Hunt played in two seasons in the NFL, with Dallas and Tampa Bay.

A native of Orlando, Fla., Hunt holds bachelor's (1985) and master's degrees (1991) from the University of Florida. He worked as a graduate assistant at his alma mater for two years (1989-90) and was a volunteer assistant for the Gators in 1991. Two of those seasons (1990-91) he worked under Coach Spurrier. The 1991 Gators went 10-2 and won the SEC Championship.

Hunt coached in the prep ranks in Florida from 1992-98, including stints at Buchholz High School and Dr. Phillips High School. He was the head coach at Buchholz in 1995 and 1996.

Hunt and his wife, Rene', have two children, Christopher and Cameron.

## The Hunt File

**Born:** Nov. 6, 1962 in Orlando, Fla.

**Hometown:** Orlando, Fla.

**Wife:** Rene'

**Children:** Christopher and Cameron

### College Education

Bachelor's – Florida (1985)

Master's – Florida (1991)

### College Playing Experience

Florida (1980-83)

### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Assistant Coach**  
2005-2008

**Washington Assistant Coach (NFL)**

2002-2003

**Florida Assistant Coach**

1999-2001

**Florida Volunteer Coach**

1991

**Florida Graduate Assistant**

1989-1990

**Dr. Phillips (Fla.) High School**

1997-1998

**Buchholz (Fla.) High School**

1992-1996

### College Bowl Games

2006 Liberty Bowl

2005 Independence Bowl

2002 Orange Bowl

2001 Sugar Bowl

2000 Florida Citrus Bowl

1992 Sugar Bowl

1989 Freedom Bowl

1983 Gator Bowl

1982 Bluebonnet Bowl

1981 Peach Bowl

1980 Tangerine Bowl

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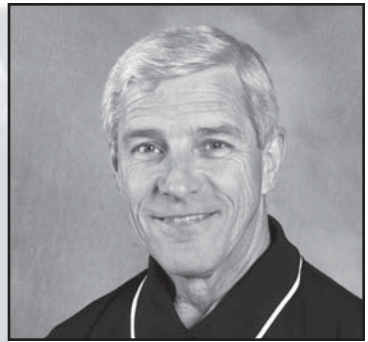
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# Ellis Johnson

## Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers First Year at South Carolina



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Ellis Johnson, joined the Gamecocks on Jan. 24, 2008, after logging a brief stint on Bobby Petrino's staff at the University of Arkansas. He serves as the defensive coordinator and also handles the linebackers. In addition, he holds the title of Assistant Head Coach.

Johnson spent the past four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Mississippi State under Sylvester Croom. He also coached the Bulldog safeties in 2004 and '05 and the inside linebackers from 2006-07. In Johnson's final game with the Bulldogs, the Mississippi State defense yielded only 231 yards of total offense to Central Florida in the Liberty Bowl, holding the nation's leading rusher, Kevin Smith, to nearly 70 yards below his season average.

Johnson's 27 years as a collegiate coach include four as a head coach and 13 as a defensive coordinator. His resume includes head coaching experience at his alma mater, The Citadel (2001-03), and at Gardner Webb College (1983). He has logged stints as the defensive coordinator at Appalachian State (1984), Southern Miss (1988-89), Clemson (1995-96), Alabama (1997-2000) and Mississippi State (2004-07). He has coached in three SEC Championship games, has been part of one national title and has had more than 25 players make NFL rosters.

Johnson has logged two stints at the University of Alabama. He was the defensive coordinator and outside linebackers coach at Alabama from 1997-2000, helping the Crimson Tide go 10-3 in 1999 with an SEC title and a spot in the Orange Bowl. His 1999 defense was No. 2 in the nation against the rush and No. 9 in total defense. Johnson also helped Alabama earn a spot in the 1998 Music City Bowl. He served as the outside linebackers coach at Alabama from 1990-93, helping head coach Gene Stallings' teams go a combined 41-9, including an undefeated national championship season in 1992. Alabama's defense ranked No. 1 that season against the run and in total defense. The Crimson Tide ran off a 31-game winning streak and a 34-game unbeaten streak from 1991-93. The 1991 squad went 11-1. All four of those teams played in bowl games, including the 1991 Fiesta, 1991 Blockbuster, '93 Sugar and '93 Gator.

In Johnson's three seasons at Clemson (1994-96), the Tigers played in the 1996 Gator Bowl and the '96 Peach Bowl. A 1975 graduate of The Citadel, Johnson played defensive end for the Bulldogs. He began his career as the defensive ends coach at The Citadel under Bobby Ross in 1975 before working as an assistant coach at Gaffney (S.C.) High School from 1976-78 and as both an assistant and head coach at Spartanburg (S.C.) High School from 1979-81.

The Winnsboro, S.C., native is married to the former Caroline Courie, a Columbia native. They have two sons, Eli and Charlie, and a daughter, Sandra Elliott.

### The Johnson File

**Born:** Dec. 23, 1951 in Winnsboro, S.C.

**Hometown:** Winnsboro, S.C.

**Wife:** Caroline

**Children:** Eli, Sandra Elliott and Charlie

#### College Education

Bachelor's – The Citadel (1975)

#### College Playing Experience

The Citadel (1972-1974)

West Point (1971)

#### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Assistant Head Coach/  
Defensive Coordinator**

2008

**Mississippi St Defensive Coordinator**  
2004-2007

**The Citadel Head Coach**  
2001-2003

**Alabama Defensive Coordinator**  
1997-2000

**Clemson Defensive Coordinator**  
1995-1996

**Clemson Assistant Coach**  
1994

**Alabama Assistant Coach**  
1990-1993

**Southern Miss Defensive Coordinator**  
1988-1989

**East Carolina Assistant Coach**  
1985-87

**Appalachian State Defensive Coord.**  
1984

**Gardner Webb Head Coach**  
1983

**Spartanburg (S.C.) High School**  
1979-81

**Gaffney (S.C.) High School**  
1976-78

**The Citadel Assistant Coach**  
1975

#### College Bowl Games

2007 Liberty Bowl

2000 Orange Bowl

1998 Music City Bowl

1996 Peach Bowl

1996 Gator Bowl

1993 Gator Bowl

1993 Sugar Bowl

1991 Blockbuster Bowl

1991 Fiesta Bowl



# Brad Lawing

Defensive Line

13th Year at South Carolina



Brad Lawing is in the third year of his second stint and his 13th year overall in Columbia. Lawing was handed the role of defensive line coach for the Gamecocks prior to spring ball in 2006.

In 2007, Lawing coached defensive end Eric Norwood to first-team All-SEC honors as selected by the league's coaches. Norwood finished the season with a school-record 19.5 tackles for loss. True freshman Ladi Ajiboye was a second-team Freshman All-America selection by the *Sporting News*.

In 2006, Lawing pieced together a D-line that had no seniors in the rotation and lost its best interior lineman (Marque Hall) to a season-ending injury early in the campaign. True freshman Eric Norwood shared the team lead in sacks (7.0) while earning first-team Freshman All-America honors by the *Sporting News*.

In his previous 10-year stint at South Carolina (1989-98), Lawing tutored the defensive line and served as recruiting coordinator under Sparky Woods and Brad Scott. During his time with the Gamecocks he helped produce three NFL players in Corey Miller, Gerald Dixon and Henry Taylor. He also coached three All-SEC players, including Taylor, nose tackle Eric Sullivan and end Stacy Evans. He also recruited defensive end John Abraham, a 2003 NFL Pro Bowl selection.

Between his stops at Carolina, Lawing spent four seasons at Michigan State where he served as defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator. During his tenure, the Spartans led the Big Ten in total defense during the 1999 and 2000 regular seasons. In his first season at MSU, the Spartans led the Big Ten and ranked fifth nationally in rushing defense. Lawing also played an integral part in helping MSU assemble one of the nation's top 20 recruiting classes for three straight years. He was instrumental in the development of four NFL players, including All-America and first-round draft pick Julian Peterson, Robaire Smith, Jace Sayler and Josh Shaw.

More recently, Lawing spent three seasons as North Carolina's defensive ends coach and recruiting coordinator. His three recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top 25 by the scouting services.

Lawing began his college coaching career at Appalachian State. He coached the defensive line for five years and the tight ends and offensive tackles for one season. Eight of his players earned all-conference honors, including Southern Conference Player of the Year Anthony Downs in 1987 and future NFL players Tommy Dawkins and Mike Frier. Over his final four seasons, the Mountaineers compiled a record of 34-12-2, including back-to-back league championships (1986-1987) and consecutive trips to the I-AA playoffs.

A four-year letterwinner in football and a 1979 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne, Lawing earned a master's degree in athletics administration from Appalachian State in 1985. A native of Hickory, N.C., Lawing and his wife, Laura, have two children.

## The Lawing File

**Born:** Aug. 10, 1957 in Frankfurt, Germany  
**Hometown:** Hickory, N.C.  
**Wife:** Laura  
**Children:** Susie and Will

### College Education

Bachelor's – Lenoir-Rhyne (1979)  
 Master's – Appalachian State (1985)

### College Playing Experience

Lenoir-Rhyne (1975-79)

### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Assistant Coach**  
 2006-2008

**North Carolina Assistant Coach**  
 2003-2005

**Michigan State Assistant Coach**  
 1999-2002

**South Carolina Assistant Coach**  
 1989-1998

**Appalachian State Assistant Coach**  
 1983-1988

**Havelock (N.C.) High School**  
 1980-1982

### College Bowl Games

2006 Liberty Bowl  
 2004 Continental Tire Bowl  
 2001 Silicon Valley Bowl  
 2000 Citrus Bowl  
 1995 Carquest Bowl

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# David Reaves

## Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coordinator Seventh Year at South Carolina



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David Reaves is in his fifth season as a full-time member of the South Carolina coaching staff after spending two seasons as a graduate assistant. After two seasons assisting Head Coach Steve Spurrier in coaching the Gamecock quarterbacks he was handed the full-time quarterback coaching duties in the spring of 2007.

In addition, Reaves was given the duties of recruiting coordinator in February 2006. He solidified his reputation as one of the top young recruiters in college football when the 2007 Gamecock signees formed a consensus top-10 class and were regarded as the most highly touted recruiting class in school history. Following the February signing day, he was selected as one of the top 25 recruiters in the country by *Rivals.com*.

In 2007, the Gamecocks threw for over 3,000 yards and averaged 258.2 yards per game through the air with senior Blake Mitchell and redshirt freshman Chris Smelley sharing time under center.

In 2006, the USC quarterbacks, primarily Blake Mitchell and Syvelle Newton, combined to throw for 3,259 yards, an average of 250.7 yards per game.

In 2005, Reaves assisted with the development of quarterback Blake Mitchell, who threw for 2,370 yards, the seventh-highest single season total in school history.

Reaves spent the 2004 season as Carolina's defensive backs assistant, working with the safeties.

Reaves served as an assistant head coach at Tampa (Fla.) Catholic High School for one season prior to coming to Carolina. He was team captain and a three-year starter at quarterback for Appalachian State University, where he helped lead the Mountaineers to three straight national playoff berths. Reaves was a standout quarterback at Columbia's Spring Valley High School, graduating in 1997.

Reaves comes from a football family. His father, John, was an All-America quarterback at the University of Florida and later played in the NFL. John Reaves served as an assistant coach under Steve Spurrier at Florida from 1990-92 and in 1994 and was on the coaching staff at South Carolina from 1996-97. His brother-in-law, Lane Kiffin, was recently tabbed as the head coach of the Oakland Raiders in the NFL.

### The Reaves File

**Born:** Dec. 12, 1978 in Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Hometown:** Columbia, S.C.

#### College Education

Bachelor's – Appalachian State (2001)

#### College Playing Experience

Appalachian State (1997-2000)

#### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Assistant Coach**  
2004-2008

**South Carolina Graduate Assistant**  
2002-2003

#### College Bowl Games

2006 Liberty Bowl  
2005 Independence Bowl



# Ray Rychleski

**Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator**

**First Year at South Carolina**



Ray Rychleski joined the Gamecock coaching staff on Dec. 18, 2007. He will serve as the Gamecocks' special teams coordinator and tight ends coach in 2008.

Rychleski has spent the past seven years as the special teams coordinator and tight ends/H-backs coach at the University of Maryland. Over that seven-year period Maryland had zero punts blocked, the longest current streak in Division I-A football. His special team units blocked 22 kicks and had eight returns for touchdowns in that seven-year span. In addition, Maryland led the country in kickoff return yardage defense, allowing just 16.56 yards per kickoff return in 2007. Rychleski coached an All-Atlantic Coast Conference punter for six straight years (2001-06), had one specialist selected in the NFL draft and five others sign as free agents.

During his seven-year run at Maryland, Rychleski had three tight ends selected in the NFL Draft, including Vernon Davis, the sixth pick overall in the 2006 draft, and four others who signed free agent contracts.

Rychleski helped the Terrapins to a record of 56-31 with five bowl appearances during his tenure, including the 2001 ACC Championship, the 2002 Peach Bowl Championship, the 2004 Gator Bowl Championship and the 2006 CHAMPS Sports Bowl Championship. The Terps were ranked in the Top 25 three times (2001, 2002 and 2003) and appeared in their first-ever Bowl Championship Series bowl game in 2001 (Orange Bowl).

Prior to his arrival in College Park, Rychleski spent eight seasons (1993-2000) at Wake Forest University. For the 1999 and 2000 seasons, Rychleski was the Demon Deacons' tight ends coach while also serving as the team's special teams coach. For the three years prior to that, he worked with WFU's outside linebackers. During his first three seasons at Wake (1993-95), Rychleski coached the defensive line.

A veteran of 28 years of coaching, including 26 seasons at the collegiate level, Rychleski began his coaching career on the prep level in Pennsylvania in 1979 before heading to Temple University, where he took a position as a graduate assistant. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to his first full-time collegiate coaching post. He spent eight years at Temple (1981-88) before joining the Northeastern staff as a defensive coordinator/inside linebacker coach. After two years at Northeastern (1989-90), he spent a year as a G.A. at Penn State and one summer with the Toronto Argonauts as a volunteer assistant.

In 1992, Rychleski was hired as a special teams coordinator and defensive backs coach at East Stroudsburg University where he helped the Warriors to their best record in 13 years. After his brief stint there, he left for Wake Forest in 1993.

A native of Old Forge, Pa., Rychleski earned his degree in social studies from Millersville (Pa.) State College (now known as Millersville University) in 1979.

## The Rychleski File

**Born:** Sept. 27, 1957 in Taylor, Pa.  
**Hometown:** Old Forge, Pa.

### College Education

Bachelor's – Millersville (Pa.) State (1979)

### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Assistant Coach**  
2008

**Maryland Assistant Coach**  
2001-2007

**Wake Forest Assistant Coach**  
1993-2000

**East Stroudsburg Assistant Coach**  
1992

**Penn State Graduate Assistant**  
1991

**Northeastern Assistant Coach**  
1989-1990

**Temple Assistant Coach**  
1981-1988

### College Bowl Games

- 2007 Emerald
- 2006 CHAMPS Sports Bowl
- 2004 Gator Bowl
- 2002 Peach Bowl
- 2001 Orange Bowl
- 1999 Aloha Bowl
- 1992 Fiesta Bowl

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# Steve Spurrier Jr.

## Wide Receivers

## Fourth Year at South Carolina



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Steve Spurrier Jr., who has served on the coaching staffs of two national championship teams and tutored a bevy of outstanding receivers at both the collegiate and professional levels, is in his fourth season as the coach of the Gamecock wide receivers.

In 2007, junior wide receiver Kenny McKinley earned first-team all-league recognition after setting a school record with 77 receptions for 968 yards and nine touchdowns.

In 2006, his top two receivers, Sidney Rice and Kenny McKinley, combined for 123 catches and 1,970 yards receiving, the top tandem marks in school history. Rice owns two of the top three receiving seasons in Carolina history and set numerous records in just two campaigns in the Garnet and Black.

In his first season with the Gamecocks, Spurrier mentored Rice, who broke nearly every receiving record at the school en route to freshman All-America honors. Rice ended the campaign as the school's single-season receiving yards leader after catching 70 passes for 1,143 yards.

Spurrier brought 11 years of coaching experience to Carolina, with his most recent stop being at the University of Arizona under head coach Mike Stoops.

He spent two seasons as wide receivers coach with the NFL's Washington Redskins. While with the Redskins, Spurrier, Jr., coached Laveraneus Coles, whose 2003 receiving totals of 82 receptions for 1,204 yards earned him his only Pro Bowl appearance. He also coached Rod Gardner, who was Washington's leading receiver in 2002 with 1,007 yards.

Spurrier was part of Bob Stoops' rebuilding project at Oklahoma, which culminated with a perfect 13-0 record and national championship in 2000. He spent three seasons as the Sooners' wide receivers coach, working with such standouts as Mark Clayton and Josh Norman.

Prior to his stay at OU, he worked at Florida for five seasons and was part of the Gators' 1996 national championship club.

During his collegiate coaching career, he has been involved with nine postseason bowl teams, four conference championships (three SEC and one Big 12) and two national championships (Florida, 1996 and Oklahoma, 2000).

Born Sept. 26, 1971 in Palo Alto, Calif., Spurrier played college football at Duke University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1994. He later earned a master's degree at Florida in 1996.

Spurrier and his wife, the former Melissa Beauchamp, are the parents of triplets: Luke, Gavin and Emmaline; and another son, Nolan.

### The Spurrier Jr. File

**Born:** Sept. 26, 1971 in Palo Alto, Calif.

**Hometown:** Durham, N.C.

**Wife:** Melissa

**Children:** Luke, Gavin, Emmaline, Nolan

#### College Education

Bachelor's – Duke (1994)

Master's – Florida (1996)

#### College Playing Experience

Duke (1990-93)

#### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Assistant Coach**  
2005-2008

#### Arizona Assistant Coach

2004

#### Washington Assistant Coach (NFL)

2002-2003

#### Oklahoma Assistant Coach

1999-2001

#### Florida Assistant Coach

1994-1998

#### College Bowl Games

2006 Liberty Bowl

2005 Independence Bowl

2002 Cotton Bowl

2001 Orange Bowl

1999 Independence Bowl

1999 Orange Bowl

1998 Florida Citrus Bowl

1997 Sugar Bowl

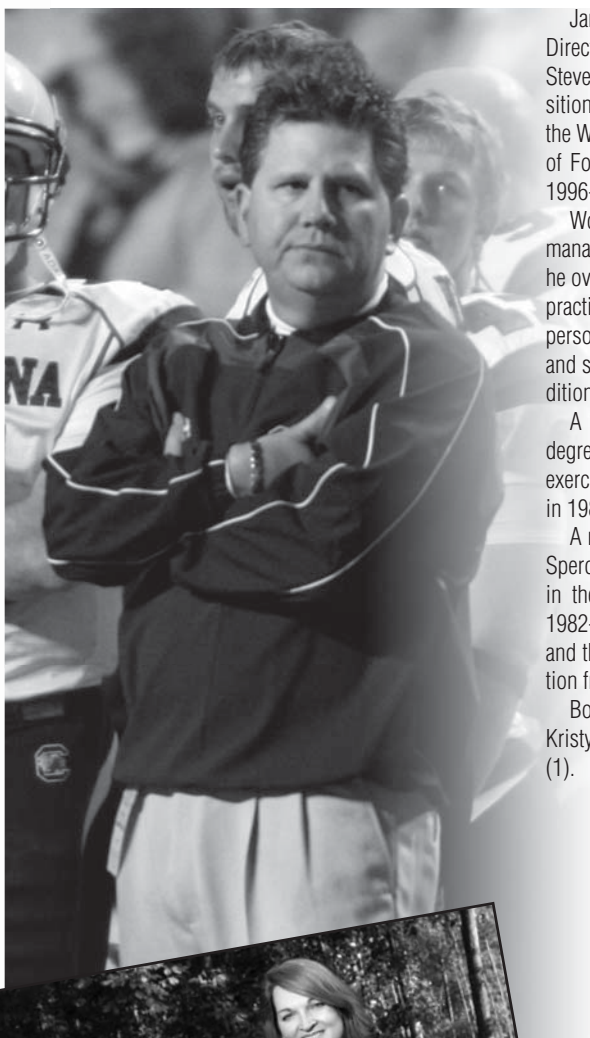
1996 Fiesta Bowl

1995 Sugar Bowl



# Jamie Speronis

**Director — Football Operations**  
**Fourth Year at South Carolina**



Jamie Speronis is in his fourth year as South Carolina's Director of Football Operations and his 18th with Head Coach Steve Spurrier. Speronis has significant experience in the position, as he served as the Director of Football Operations for the Washington Redskins from 2002-04 and was the Director of Football Administration at the University of Florida from 1996-2002.

Working closely with Head Coach Steve Spurrier, Speronis manages the day-to-day football operations. In this capacity, he oversees the logistics relating to the spring and preseason practices. He directs the walk-on program, works with NFL personnel and serves as a liaison to the compliance office and several other athletics and university departments. In addition, Speronis coordinates team travel arrangements.

A 1985 graduate from Florida with a bachelor of science degree in physical education, Speronis earned a master of exercise and sports sciences in sport administration from UF in 1989.

A member of the American Football Coaches Association, Speronis started his career in football as a student assistant in the strength and conditioning program at Florida from 1982-88. He served as a graduate assistant from 1988-92 and then moved on to a senior administrative assistant position from 1992-95.

Born March 21, 1962, Speronis is married to the former Kristy Fry. The couple has two sons, Conner (6) and Bryson (1).

## The Speronis File

**Born:** Mar. 21, 1962 in Lowell, Mass.  
**Hometown:** Lowell, Mass.  
**Wife:** Kristy  
**Children:** Conner and Bryson

**College Education**  
 Bachelor's — Florida (1985)  
 Master's — Florida (1989)

**Coaching Experience**  
*South Carolina Director — Football Operations*  
 2005-2008

*Washington Director — Football Operations (NFL)*  
 2002-2004

*Florida Director — Football Administration*  
 1996-2002

*Florida Senior Administrative Assistant*  
 1992-1995

*Florida Graduate Assistant*  
 1988-1992

**College Bowl Games**  
 2006 Liberty Bowl  
 2005 Independence Bowl  
 2002 Orange Bowl  
 2001 Sugar Bowl  
 2000 Citrus Bowl  
 1999 Orange Bowl  
 1998 Citrus Bowl  
 1997 Sugar Bowl  
 1996 Fiesta Bowl  
 1995 Sugar Bowl  
 1994 Sugar Bowl  
 1992 Gator Bowl  
 1992 Sugar Bowl  
 1989 Freedom Bowl  
 1988 All American Bowl

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# Mark Smith

## Director — Football Strength & Conditioning Fourth Year at South Carolina



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Mark Smith is in his fourth year as Director of Football Strength and Conditioning after a two-year stay in the National Football League. Smith served as Head Conditioning Coach for Head Coach Steve Spurrier's Washington Redskins in 2003 before moving on to an Assistant Strength and Conditioning spot with the New Orleans Saints in 2004.

A two-year starter at linebacker for North Carolina State, Smith was a member of the Wolfpack football team from 1983-87 and was team captain in 1987. Smith signed a free agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys. Smith earned a bachelor's degree in communications from N.C. State in 1989.

Smith's first football strength job came at his alma mater, where he was the Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach from 1993-97. He then joined Coach Spurrier at Florida as the Gators' Football Strength and Conditioning Coordinator from 1998-2001, before taking the Director of Strength and Conditioning job at Kansas in 2002.

"Mark is a very intense individual who does a great job of getting the athletes to focus and perform to a very high level," said four-time Pro Bowl selection Joe Horn. "I believe he will do some great things with the athletes at South Carolina to help them improve both from a physical and mental standpoint."

Born Oct. 16, 1964, Smith and his wife, Frances, have two children, Mark Jr. (9) and Dylan (6).

### The Smith File

**Born:** Oct. 16, 1964 in Kannapolis, N.C.  
**Hometown:** Kannapolis, N.C.  
**Wife:** Frances  
**Children:** Mark Jr. and Dylan

#### College Education

Bachelor's – North Carolina State (1989)

#### College Playing Experience

North Carolina State (1983-87)

#### Coaching Experience

**South Carolina Director – Football Strength & Conditioning**  
2005-2008

**New Orleans (NFL) Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach**  
2004

**Washington (NFL) Head Conditioning Coach**  
2003

**Kansas Director – Strength & Conditioning**  
2002

**Florida Football Strength & Conditioning Coordinator**  
1998-2001

**North Carolina State Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach**  
1993-1997

#### College Bowl Games

2006 Liberty Bowl  
2005 Independence Bowl  
2002 Orange Bowl  
2001 Sugar Bowl  
2000 Citrus Bowl  
1999 Orange Bowl  
1998 Citrus Bowl  
1995 Peach Bowl  
1994 Hall of Fame Bowl

### Pro Bowlers Coached by Smith

Lavar Arrington	LB	New York Giants
LeCharles Bentley	C	Cleveland Browns
Laveranues Coles	WR	New York Jets
Torry Holt	WR	St. Louis Rams
Joe Horn	WR	New Orleans Saints
Jevon Kearse	DE	Philadelphia Eagles
Deuce McAllister	RB	New Orleans Saints
Chris Samuels	OT	Washington Redskins
Lito Sheppard	CB	Philadelphia Eagles
Jeremiah Trotter	LB	Philadelphia Eagles



## Robbie Liles

**Director — High School Relations ❖**  
**Eighth Year At South Carolina**



Robbie Liles is in his eighth year with the USC football program and in his fourth year as the Director of High School Relations. He previously served as the recruiting graduate assistant.

In his role, Liles' responsibilities include serving as the staff's liaison to high school coaches, coordinating official and unofficial visits, assisting with camps and clinics, as well as assisting with team travel.

Liles came to Carolina after spending five years coaching high school football, including three seasons at Columbia's Hammond School. Liles began his coaching career at his alma mater, Thomas Heyward Academy in Ridgeland, S.C.

Liles earned a bachelor's degree in sport & entertainment management 2001 from USC. He later earned a master's degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management from USC in 2004.

A native of Ridgeland, S.C., Liles, 30, is single.

## Joe Lisle

**Video Coordinator ❖**  
**Twelfth Year At South Carolina**



Joe Lisle, who has more than 17 years of video production experience, is in his 12th year as the Gamecocks' Football Video Coordinator. The Collegiate Sports Video Association named him the Outstanding Southeastern Conference Video Coordinator in 2002.

Lisle came to South Carolina from the University of Memphis, where he was video coordinator for two years. While at Memphis he coordinated all sports' game-day and practice filming and production, and managed all video equipment maintenance and purchasing for the athletics department.

Lisle received his Bachelor of Science degree in mass communications with an emphasis in broadcast production, from Middle Tennessee State in 1990. He assumed the role of video coordinator at his alma mater while in his last year of undergraduate study. Lisle also coached kickers at MTSU, including four who earned all-conference honors and one All-American.

Lisle was a placekicker for four years. He led the nation in field goal percentage during his senior season of 1989.

Born March 7, 1967, Lisle and his wife, Anne, have two sons, Mark (15) and Gordon (11) and a daughter, Maggie Grace (6).

## Chris Matlock

**Equipment Manager ❖**  
**Ninth Year At South Carolina**



Chris Matlock is in his ninth season with the USC football program and serves as the team's Head Equipment Manager. Matlock joined the Gamecock staff in the spring of 2000 after working as Notre Dame's athletic equipment manager for over eight years.

Prior to joining the Notre Dame staff in 1991, Matlock worked as the assistant equipment manager for the NFL's Indianapolis Colts for five years. He was the assistant equipment manager at his alma mater, UT-Chattanooga, for one year and worked as a student assistant for the Moccasin program as an undergraduate.

Matlock has been an active certified member of the Athletic Equipment Manager Association for 16 years. He has been an active member of the American Football Coaches Association. He is the secretary of the SEC Equipment Managers Association. Since his arrival in Columbia, he has been involved with the Palmetto Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, serving on the Board of Directors.

While in South Bend, he was a chairperson for the Dream Course Foundation golf outing also raising money for JDRF. Matlock earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the UT-Chattanooga in 1986. He is a 2002 graduate of The Sports Management Institute.

## Patrick Shine

**Administrative Coordinator for Recruiting ❖**  
**Seventh Year At South Carolina**



Patrick Shine is in his seventh year with the USC football program. He begins his second season as the Administrative Coordinator for Recruiting.

Shine served as a recruiting intern in 2002 and a recruiting assistant in 2003 and 2004. He worked from 2005-06 as a graduate assistant in the recruiting office.

Shine is a 2004 graduate of South Carolina with a bachelor's degree in sport & entertainment management. Currently, he is pursuing a master's degree in HRTM from USC.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Shine, 29, is a 1997 graduate of Ben Lippen High School where he was a four-year letterwinner in tennis and a three-year letterwinner in football and basketball. He was the MVP, team captain and earned all-conference honors in his last year of football.

Shine and his wife, Beth, have a daughter, Charlotte (1).



**Rita Ricard**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Head Coach**



**Kim Fields**  
**Football Office**



**Vickie Simpkins**  
**Football Office**



**Orus Lambert**  
**Graduate Assistant**



**Scott Morgan**  
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**Mike Rathe**  
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## Bill Martin

Head Football Athletic Trainer ❖  
Seventh Year At South Carolina



Bill Martin is in his seventh year with the Gamecocks and is in his third season as the Head Athletic Trainer for Football. Martin

provides sports medicine and rehabilitation to student-athletes and coordinates physician clinical visits. He is also responsible for purchasing, inventory, and budget analysis for all varsity programs.

Originally from Alaska, Martin studied at the University of Alaska-Anchorage before earning his bachelor's degree from Washington State University with a major emphasis in athletic training and a minor in health and wellness. Martin went on to earn his Master of Science degree in sports medicine from Boise State while serving as Assistant Athletic Trainer from 1993-1995.

Bringing a wide array of football experience to USC, Martin served as the Medical Coordinator for the XFL in 2001. He was Assistant Athletic Trainer for the London Monarchs in 1996, and Head Athletic Trainer for the Amsterdam Admirals, 1997-2000, of the NFL Europe League. Martin also served as Sports Medicine Coordinator for HEALTH-SOUTH in Birmingham, Ala.

Martin is affiliated with the National Athletic Trainers Association, through which he is certified as an approved Clinical Instructor, and the National Strength and Conditioning Association, through which he is certified as a Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

He and his wife, Robyn, have two children, Benjamin (4) and Bryanna, born April 16, 2008.

## Dan Austin

Assistant Strength Coach ❖  
Sixth Year At South Carolina



Dan Austin serves as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the South Carolina football team. Austin, who is in his sixth year

at USC, also works with the Gamecock men's golf and men's soccer teams.

Prior to joining the South Carolina staff, Austin held the position of head strength coach at Austin Peay State University, Tennessee State, UNLV, Mississippi State and Oklahoma State University. While at OSU, he was voted the Big 12 Conference's Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year in 2000.

A native of Greenville, S.C., Austin earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Newberry College where he played both football and soccer. Austin obtained a master's degree in Health, Physical Education and Education Administration from Austin Peay.

Austin is certified by United States American WeightLifting, the International Sports Sciences Association, and the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association. He also holds Level II Specialist in Sports Conditioning certification and the Master Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association, which is the highest certification a strength coach can achieve.

Austin is also a nine-time world power lifting champion and 14-time national power lifting champion.

He has one daughter, Briana.

## Steve Gortmaker

Assistant Strength Coach ❖  
Fourth Year At South Carolina



Steve Gortmaker is in his fourth year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for football. Gortmaker came to South

Carolina from the University of Kansas, where he served as the assistant director of football strength and conditioning from 2002-04.

Gortmaker is a 1998 graduate of the University of Oklahoma where he earned a degree in health and sport science. He played defensive back for the Sooners from 1995-98 and earned Academic All-Big 12 recognition. Gortmaker volunteered on the Sooners' staff in 1999 before being named assistant football strength and conditioning coach during Oklahoma's Big 12 and national championship year of 2000. He moved on to take the head football strength and conditioning job at Western Kentucky, where he served during the 2001 season. During that season, the Hilltoppers advanced to the Division IAA playoffs.

Born August 21, 1976, Gortmaker is originally from White Deer, Texas. He owns certifications with USA Weightlifting, the International Sports Sciences Association and with the National Association of Speed and Explosion.

## Orlando Smith

Assistant Strength Coach ❖  
Fourth Year At South Carolina



Orlando Smith joined the South Carolina athletic department as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for foot-

ball. in the summer of 2005 after serving in a similar role at the University of Kansas for two years.

A former running back at the University of Cincinnati from 1995-99, Smith was a member of the Bearcats' squad that won the 1997 Humanitarian Bowl. He earned second-team All-Conference USA honors in 1995 and was a pre-season all-conference selection in 1996. Smith graduated from Cincinnati with a degree in criminal justice/psychology in June of 1999.

After college, Smith took a job as the running backs coach and assistant strength coach at Thomas Moore College in Kentucky before moving on to his first Division I-A job as the graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach for football at the University of Minnesota. During his time with the Golden Gophers, Smith earned a Master's degree in sport management in December of 2002.

## Strength & Conditioning Graduate Assistants



Andy Boyd



Anthony Hibbert

## University of South Carolina Team Physicians



Jeff Guy, MD  
Medical Director



Christopher G. Mazoue, MD



Jason Stacy, MD



Brian Keisler, MD