

2007 TRACK & FIELD CAROLINA



GAMECOCK MEN'S TEAM





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Introduction



JONATHAN FORTENBERRY

Sprints
R-Sr./R-Sr. • 6-1
Marietta, Ga.
(Marietta)

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6-Time All-American



Six-time All-American sprinter returns for his last season ... hindered significantly by injuries during the 2006 season, a strong fall bodes well for a rise back to his national scoring potential ... the 2003 USTCA Southeast Indoor Co-Athlete of the Year, a two-time SEC champion and an NCAA relay champion.

COLLEGIATE BESTS

INDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	46.19
OUTDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	45.67

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2006: Sped to a 48.83 in the 400m at the Tyson Invitational indoor meet ... won the State of South Carolina Track Meet during the outdoor season with a 48.64 effort ... showed consistency with a 48.77 clocking at the Orange & Purple Classic, a sixth-place showing.

2005: Was unable to compete as he worked his way back from a severe Achilles' injury.

2004: Redshirted due to an Achilles' heel injury.

2003: Named Co-Southeast Region Athlete of the Year (with teammate Otukile Lekote) for the indoor season by United States Track Coaches Association ... opened the indoor season with first-place finish in the 400m at the George Mason Early Invitational ... established a school record with time of 46.19 en route to first-place finish in the 400m at the SEC Four-Way Meet ... topped the 400m field at the Florida Invitational ... took second in the 400m at the Meet of Champions in New York ... finished second in the 400m at the SEC Indoor Championships with a mark of 46.38 after pacing the field during preliminaries ... made a late charge on the anchor leg to lead the 4x400m relay team with Kenneth Ferguson, Lekote and Otis Harris to the SEC championship ... placed fourth at the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 400 and helped lead the 4x400 team to a third-place finish and school-record time of 3:05.10 while collecting two All-America honors ... outdoor season was plagued with injuries ... won the 400m dash at the Weems Baskin Sprint Relays ... finished eighth in the 400m dash at the SEC Quad Meet ... finished second in his heat at the SEC Championships in the 400m dash quali-



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fying him for the finals, but did not run in finals due to injury ... ran the anchor leg of the 4x400m relay team that finished third at the NCAA East Regional with a time of 3:07.26 ... won his heat of the 400m dash at the NCAA East Regional, then went on to place fifth in the finals despite competing injured ... qualified for NCAA Outdoor Championships and competed in the 400m preliminaries, but did not advance due to injury ... qualifier for the U.S. Outdoor Championships.

2006 PROGRESSIONS

INDOOR			
400-METER DASH			
2/10	Tyson Invitational	31	48.83
OUTDOOR			
400-METER DASH			
4/5	South Carolina State Meet	F	48.64
4/22	North Carolina A&T Inv.	F	49.65
5/6	Orange & Purple Meet	F	48.77
5/14	SEC Championships		DNF
800-METER RUN			
3/25	Walt Disney World Inv.	F	2:06.67

2002: During the indoor season, finished second in the 400m dash at the UNC Early Invitational and was on the winning 4x400m relay team at the same meet ... finished second in the 400m dash at the Five Way SEC Meet ... finished eighth in the 400m dash at the SEC Championships and ran a leg on the bronze medal-winning 4x400m relay ... ran on USC's 4x400m relay that finished third at the NCAA Indoor Championships, clocking a 3:05.90 to break the school record to earn his first All-America certificate ... outdoors, finished third in the 400m dash at the Four Way SEC Meet and at the Georgia Tech Invitational ... finished second in the 400m dash at the Florida Relays and at the Spec Town Relays ... finished fifth in the 400m dash at the Sea Ray Relays ... was on the winning Sprint Medley Relay at Penn Relays, combining with Thomas Lewis, Otukile Lekote and James Law to win the race with a time of 3:06.25 ... placed sixth in the 400m dash at the SEC Championships ... ran the anchor leg of the 4x400m relay that won the SEC title, breaking a 9-year-old SEC record at 3:02.81 ... ran the anchor leg of the NCAA champion 4x400m relay, crushing the field with a 44.4 split where he wore his jersey backward for good luck ... team ran a 3:02.16 to shatter the school record they broke earlier in the season ... finished ninth in the 400m dash at the NCAA Championships and collected another All-America honor ... moved to No. 3 on USC's all-time 400m list, posting a career-best 45.67 at the NCAA meet ... finished second in the 400m dash at the USATF Outdoor Junior Championships ... qualified for the World Junior Championships in the 400m dash and as a member of the USA's 4x400m relay ... finished third in the 400m at the Canada versus USA dual meet ... won the silver medal in the 400 at the World Junior Championships in Jamaica ... ran the anchor leg of the USA's gold medal-winning 4x400m relay.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Marietta High in Marietta, Ga. ... was a two-time high school All-American ... named the Georgia Track Athlete of the Year in 2001 ... was the national champion at the Junior Olympics in the 4x400m relay with an anchor leg split of 45 flat with the team running a 3:09.1 ... was a four-year Cobb All-County Track member ... was the 1999 Golden South champion in the 800 and was a four-time Georgia state champion ... led his team to the state title in 2000 and 2001 ... named the *Marietta Daily Journal* Athlete of the Year and the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Athlete of the Year in 2001 ... was the Georgia Dome Indoor champ in the 400 and 800 in 2000 and 2001 ... 2001 Meet of Champions in Mobile, Ala., 400m champion and record holder in the 400 ... was the 1999 Junior Olympic national champion in the 800 ... high school team set the national record in the Swedish medley with a time of 1:25.

PERSONAL: Jonathan Allen Fortenberry was born July 19, 1983, in St. Louis, Mo. ... is the son of Glen and Linda Fortenberry ... nickname is "Candyman" ... pursuing a degree in African American studies ... admires Michael Johnson.



JASON RICHARDSON

**Hurdles/Sprints
Jr./Jr. • 6-1
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.

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

200-Meter Dash.....	21.70
400-Meter Dash.....	47.80
55-Meter Hurdles.....	7.34
60-Meter Hurdles.....	7.70

OUTDOOR

110-Meter Hurdles.....	13.36w
400-Meter Hurdles.....	49.82

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).

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.



2006 PROGRESSIONS INDOOR

55-METER HURDLES			
2/18	Gamecock Invitational	P	7.65
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2/25	SEC Championships	P	7.49
2/26	SEC Championships	4	7.34
60-METER HURDLES			
2/10	Tyson Invitational	P	8.08
3/4	Last Chance Meet	P	7.98
3/4	Last Chance Meet	1	7.83
3/11	NCAA Championships	P	7.83

OUTDOOR

110-METER HURDLES			
3/25	Walt Disney World Inv.	P	13.80
3/25	Walt Disney World Inv.	2	13.67
4/1	Dr. Pepper Invitational	2	13.52
4/8	Spec Town Relays	2	13.79
4/15	Sea Ray Relays	2	13.68
4/22	North Carolina A&T Inv.	3	13.72
4/29	Penn Relays	1	13.73
5/14	SEC Championships	2	13.51
5/27	NCAA East Regional	1	13.36
6/7	NCAA Championships	P	13.61
6/9	NCAA Championships	3	13.54
400-METER HURDLES			
3/18	Weems Baskin Relays	2	51.70
3/25	Walt Disney World Inv.	7	52.60
4/22	North Carolina A&T Inv.	5	52.52
4/29	Penn Relays	6	51.15
5/14	SEC Championships	2	50.45
5/27	NCAA East Regional	2	49.90
6/8	NCAA Championships	P	49.82
6/9	NCAA Championships	12	50.82

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JOHNNY BAEZ

Distances
Sr./Sr. • 6-0
Nyack, N.Y.
(Nyack/SUNY Delhi)

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

800-Meter Run.....1:53.09

OUTDOOR

800-Meter Run.....1:50.03
1,500-Meter Run.....3:55.54

A five-time junior college All-American prior to South Carolina, expected to lead the middle distance corps ... will compete in the 800, mile and distance medley relay ... looks to score at the SEC meet and be an NCAA qualifier.

2006: Opened up the indoor season with a 1:53.13 in the 800m ... followed with a season PR of 1:53.09 at the Tiger Invitational, placing seventh ... at the SEC Indoor Championships, covered 800m in a time of 1:53.89 for an 11th-place finish ... began the outdoor season with a 3:56.56 effort in the 1,500m showing distance versatility ... picked up where he left off during the indoor season with a 1:53.46 showing at the Walt Disney World Invitational, setting himself up for a fine run of 1:50.39 at the Orange & Purple Classic ... with a regional mark established at Clemson, ran 1:50.03 at the NCAA East Regional Championships.

2004/2005: Competed at SUNY Delhi, an NJCAA Division III school in New York ... was a five-time All-American ... earned individual titles in cross country and in indoor track and field ... won the 2005 outdoor 800 and 1,500 with times of 1:55.05 and 4:16.74.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Nyack High School in New York in 2003 ... played football and basketball in addition to competing in track and field ... earned all-state accolades.

PERSONAL: Johnny Baez was born June 9, 1985, in Nyack, N.Y. ... mother's name is Alice Harris ... pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

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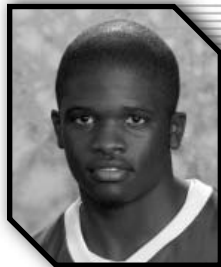
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MOE BROWN

Hurdles
Fr./Fr. • 6-0
Anderson, S.C.
(Westside)

True freshman played in all 13 games as a wide receiver for the Gamecock football team ... could make a contribution in the hurdles.

2006 FOOTBALL: True freshman wide receiver who is regarded as one of the fastest players on the team ... missed the season opener with an ankle injury, then played in the remaining 11 contests ... caught nine passes for 74 yards ... made his first collegiate start against Kentucky ... had a season high four receptions in that game against the Wildcats ... also had two carries on the season, both against Wofford, for 11 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Westside High School in Anderson, S.C., where he was coached by Ted Luckadoo ... two-time all-region selection at wide receiver and one-time honoree at cornerback ... competed for the South Carolina team in the 2005 Shrine Bowl, alongside fellow Carolina commits Garrett Anderson and Rodney Paulk ... three-star prospect according to Rivals.com ... the Web site also listed him as the No. 56 wide receiver in the nation and the No. 13 player at

any position in the state of South Carolina ... led Westside to an 11-2 record and a regional championship ... also competed for the Westside track & field team, earning all-region and all-state honors in the triple jump ... was part of the Westside shuttle hurdle relay squad that set new indoor and outdoor national records ... excellent student was a three-time member of the Westside Honor Roll.

PERSONAL: Moe Brown was born Feb. 27, 1988 ... active in his church ... brother, Martez, is a hurdler and high jumper at North Carolina ... chose South Carolina over scholarship offers from Tennessee and Maryland.



JASON COOK

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

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

Shot Put.....50-6
35-Pound Weight.....58-10

OUTDOOR

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

Developing into a strong and consistent thrower ... potential and drive will prove to be an asset to South Carolina's throws program.

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.





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.



ANTHONY FAULKNER

Throws
R-Sr./R-Sr. • 6-7
Piedmont, S.C.
(Wren)

Senior thrower whose consistent improvement is expected to impact the throwing events on the conference level.

COLLEGIATE BESTS

INDOOR	
35-Pound Weight	50-4
OUTDOOR	
Hammer	153-5

2006: Specializing in the weight throw during the indoor season, a 50-4 mark at the SEC Indoor Championship established a new PR good for 14th...switched to the hammer during the outdoor season ... increased his career PR mark by five feet at the State of South Carolina meet with a throw of 150-6 before increasing his personal record with a 153-5 effort at the Orange & Purple Classic.

2005: Focused primarily on the weight throw during the indoor season ... threw 45-11 for the first time at the USC Invitational ... posted a season-best in the



weight throw at the SEC Indoor Championships in the weight throw with a mark of 46-4 ... competed in the hammer and discus during the outdoor campaign ... best effort in the hammer was a 145-0 toss at the Tennessee Quad Meet ... competed at the SEC Outdoor Championships in the hammer throw ... was on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2004: Saw action at several meets, including the SEC Indoor Championships ... placed 10th in the discus at the South Carolina State Championships while finishing eighth in the hammer ... finished 12th in the discus at the Orange & Purple Classic.

2003: Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Wren High School in Piedmont, S.C., in 2002 ... coached by Chris Worrick ... lettered in track and football in 2001 and 2002 ... member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society.

PERSONAL: Anthony Scott Faulkner was born March 21, 1984, in Greenville, S.C. ... mother's name is Charlotte ... is an exercise science major ... favorite food is shrimp and grits ... favorite movie is "Star Wars."



DERRON FLOOD

Sprints
R-Jr./R-Jr. • 6-0
Chesapeake, Va.
(Deep Creek)

Sat out the past two seasons with the Gamecocks ... hopes to get back into the form he displayed as a freshman and make a contribution.

COLLEGIATE BESTS

INDOOR	
200-Meter Dash	21.41
400-Meter Dash	47.46

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.

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JOHNATHAN HANCOCK

Sprints
So./So. • 6-2
Charlotte, N.C.
(West Charlotte)

With his freshman year of transition completed, Hancock is expected to make huge strides during his sophomore campaign.

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.

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

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.

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ERIK HEYMANN

Throws
R-Fr./R-Fr. • 5-11
Westwood, N.J.
(Westwood Regional)

One of the top prep javelin throwers, battled injury freshman year but expected to bounce back into scoring form.

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."



THOMAS HILLIARD, IV

Hurdles/Sprints
R-Sr./R-Sr. • 6-1
Raleigh, N.C.
(Southeast Raleigh)

With an impressive breakout hurdle campaign completed, expected to contribute points on the national level.

2006: Competed in the 55mH and the 400m indoors ... in the hurdles, recorded a season-best opener of 7.55 at the Gator Invitational ... ran the 400m at the Tiger Invitational, crossing the line in 49.42 for a season best...outdoor season saw the contesting of the 110m and 400mH ... opened the short hurdle season with a 14.34 at the Weems Baskin Relays followed by a 14.28 hurdle race at the Walt Disney World Invitational ... as the season progressed, slowly dropped his times, an example being a 14.16 clocking at the Sea Ray Relays ... the SEC Outdoor Championships proved to be his fastest meet with his recording of a 13.90 in the 110 hurdles, a season-best and a seventh-place overall finish ... with a regional mark logged, ran a 13.93 in the preliminary of the East Regional Championships for a ninth-place finish and a fine conclusion to a breakout short-hurdle season ... the intermediates saw dramatic improvement as well ... after an opener of 53.53 at the Weems Baskin Relays, immediately hit the ground running with clockings of 52.46 and 52.17 at the Walt Disney World Invitational and Florida Relays ... at the Murray Neely Invitational, produced a time of 52.88 for a sixth-place finish ... began to drop significant time with a 51.53 hurdle run at the Orange & Purple Classic ... ran a 50.94 at the SEC Outdoor Championships for a fourth-place finish, followed by a time of 50.55 for fourth place at the East

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

55-Meter Hurdles	7.55
60-Meter Hurdles	8.04
400-Meter Dash	49.42

OUTDOOR

110-Meter Hurdles	13.90
400-Meter Hurdles	50.55

JUSSI HEIKKILA

Sprints/Hurdles
R-Jr./R-Jr. • 5-11
Virrat, Finland
(Virtain Lukio)



Adds depth to the intermediate hurdles corps and expected to also contribute to the 4x400m relay.

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.

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

400-Meter Dash	49.36
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OUTDOOR

200-Meter Dash	22.74
400-Meter Hurdles	52.21

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 ... pursuing a degree in finance.

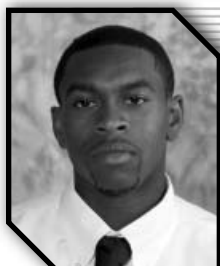


Regional Meet ... also ran the third leg of the East Regional Championship 4x400m relay team.

2005: Competed just once individually during the indoor season, turning in a 49.75 clocking in the 400 meters at the SEC Indoor Championships to place 32nd ... focused on the 400m hurdles during the outdoor season ... won the South Carolina State Championships with a time of 54.53 ... placed 14th at the SEC Outdoor Championships in the 400m hurdles with a then-personal-best time of 52.51 ... was 23rd in the event at the NCAA East Regional with a time of 52.97.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Southeast Raleigh High School in 2002 ... lettered in golf (1998), soccer (2001-02) and track and field (2002) ... was on the National Honor Society and was an Army Scholar Academic Athlete.

PERSONAL: Thomas Augustus Hilliard was born July 16, 1984, in Raleigh, N.C. ... parents are Thomas and Phyllis Hilliard ... is an accounting major ... owns one of the team's best GPAs.



KEITH HINNANT

Sprints
Jr./Jr. • 5-10
Bay Shore, N.Y.
(Bay Shore)

Quarter-mile specialist with unwavering work ethic and the endurance of a half miler ... 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.

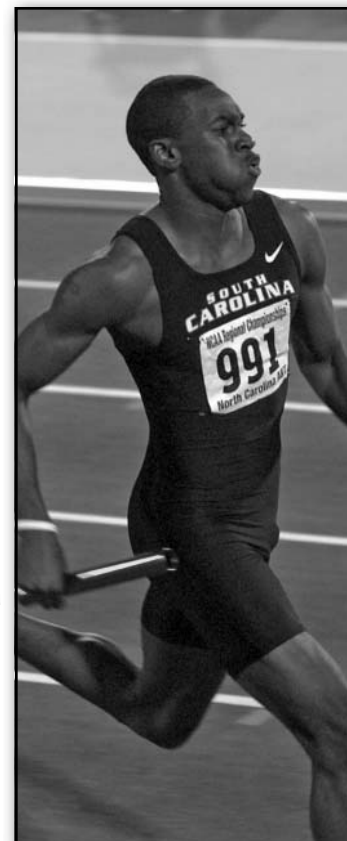
COLLEGIATE BESTS	
INDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	46.76
OUTDOOR	
400-Meter Dash	46.60

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.



JAMIL JAMES

Sprints
Jr./Jr. • 6-0
Marabella, Trinidad & Tobago
(Presentation College)

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	47.47
OUTDOOR	
200-Meter Dash	21.52
400-Meter Dash	47.07

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.

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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.

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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.

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DAVID JOHANNESMEYER

Distances
Jr./Jr. • 6-0
Summerville, S.C.
(Summerville)

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

Hard-working junior who will compete in the 5,000 and 10,000.

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.

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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.



SEAN LEYH

Distances
R-Jr./R-Jr. • 6-1
Stafford, Va.
(Colonial Forge)

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

800-Meter Run.....1:53.24

OUTDOOR

800-Meter Run.....1:51.35

Will specialize in the 800 for indoors and outdoors and be a member of the distance medley relay ... very talented runner who has a chance to score at the SEC Championships.

2006: Competed at three meets during the indoor season ... ran the 400m in 51.52 to place 29th at the Virginia Tech Invitational ... also ran the 500m at the event in a time of 1:06.64 for 13th place ... took 12th at the Gator Invitational in the 800-meter run with a 1:57.67 clocking ... improved that time by nearly one second at the Armory Invitational two weeks later ... did not run in any events during the outdoor season.

2005: Did not compete.

2004: Ran the 1,200-meter leg on the distance medley relay team during the indoor season ... best time of the indoor season in the 800m was 1:53.24 at the Last Chance Meet in Florida ... competed four times during the outdoor season ... ran a career-best 1:51.35 at Florida.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Colonial Forge High School where he lettered four times in outdoor track, three times in indoor track and cross country ... an All-American in the 4x800m relay, state runner-up in the 4x800m relay and many times was district and regional champion.

PERSONAL: Sean Patrick Leyh was born Nov. 15, 1985, in San Francisco, Calif. ... his parents are Paul and Maureen Leyh ... says his greatest thrill is setting a regional record in high school ... is a history major.



JAY LUCAS, JR.

Pole Vault
Fr./Fr. • 5-10
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.

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
Jr./Jr. • 5-11
Spartanburg, S.C.
(Spartanburg)

Junior sprinter whose experience will become valuable to South Carolina's short sprints program.

COLLEGIATE BESTS

INDOOR

55-Meter Dash.....	6.39
60-Meter Dash.....	6.91
200-Meter Dash.....	22.02

OUTDOOR

100-Meter Dash.....	10.61
200-Meter Dash.....	22.00

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 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.



CURT MCGILL

Multi
So./So. • 6-0
Spartanburg, S.C.
(Spartanburg)

A sophomore multi-event athlete who shows promise with his competitive drive and versatility.

COLLEGIATE BESTS

INDOOR

Heptathlon.....4,773

OUTDOOR

Decathlon.....6,385

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.



DAN MCKENZIE

Pole Vault
Sr./Sr. • 5-11
Salisbury, Md.
(James M. Bennett)

Senior pole vaulter whose mix of experience and consistency has vaulted him to one of the top spots in the Southeastern Conference.

COLLEGIATE BESTS

INDOOR

Pole Vault.....16-5 1/4

OUTDOOR

Pole Vault.....17-0 3/4

2006: During the indoor season, opened up competition with a 16-0 3/4 vault for a third-place finish at the Gator Invitational ... at the SEC Indoor Championships, cleared 16-4 3/4 and placed 10th ... competed well during the outdoor season, hitting 17-0 3/4 to finish as the runner-up at the Sea Ray Relays ... became just the fourth Gamecock to clear 17 feet.

2005: Cleared a personal indoor best 16-5 1/4 at the SEC Indoor Championships to earn the bronze medal ... matched that height at the Last Chance Meet ...

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went 16-6 3/4 to win the Orange & Purple Classic to open the outdoor season ... cleared 15-11 3/4 at the SEC Outdoor Championships to finish ninth ... was an eighth-place finisher at the NCAA East Regional meet with a height of 16-0 3/4.

2004: Vaulted 15 feet at the Weems Baskin Relays to finish in sixth place ... placed third at the South Carolina State Meet with a height of 15 feet ... placed ninth in the vault at the Orange & Purple Classic with a season-best of 15-5.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered in wrestling, indoor and outdoor track at James M. Bennett High in Salisbury, Md., graduating in 2003 ... won the Maryland state championship both indoors and outdoors in the pole vault ... owns the state indoor pole vault record with a mark of 13 feet ... member of National Honor Society.

PERSONAL: Daniel Woodward McKenzie was born Aug. 16, 1985, in Salisbury, Md. ... parents are Frank and JoAnn McKenzie ... pursuing a chemical engineering degree ... is a McKissick Scholar ... enjoys reading and playing music.

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RAY MILEY

**Sprints
Jr./Jr. • 6-0
Brooklyn, N.Y.
(Canarsie/Kingsborough CC)**

National junior college champion in the 600m had an outstanding fall and is expected to be a member of the 4x400m relay team and run the 400m.

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.

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 Delores Williams and Ray Miley, Sr. ... is a psychology major and loves to cook ... favorite foods are macaroni and cheese, corn bread and soul food.



JIM MITCHELL

**Throws
R-Sr./R-Sr. • 6-2
Londonderry, N.H.
(Londonderry)**

After a year of absence, came back strong with a productive junior campaign ... now as a senior, is expected to produce major marks for South Carolina's throws program ... a sound technician and very intense competitor.

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

Shot Put.....52-10

OUTDOOR

Shot Put.....57-7

Discus.....168-0

2006: Specialized in the shot put during the indoor season ... a seventh-place finish at the Virginia Tech Invitational proved to be a strong opener with a distance of 50-7 1/2 ... at the USC Invitational, a throw of 52-3 3/4 moved him to second-place in the competition ... the SEC Indoor Championships saw a PR throw of 52-10, logging him 13th place ... during the outdoor season, the discus was added ... in the shot put, a 52-8 3/4 season-opener was established at the Weems Baskin Relays ... progressively throwing farther, a 54-1 3/4 toss was thrown at the Florida Relays that may have foreshadowed the 57-7 bomb that was thrown at the SEC Outdoor Championships, worthy of a fifth-place finish ... a 56-3 throw at NCAA Regionals gave him ninth ... in the discus, a season PR was thrown at the Weems Baskin Relays with a 151-5 mark.

2005: Was not enrolled in school.

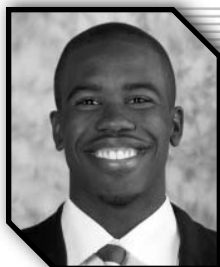
2004: Redshirted ... competed in several meets unattached.



2003: Finished third in the shot put and placed eighth in the weight throw in his USC debut at the George Mason Early Invitational ... recorded a shot put mark of 50-9 1/4 to finish ninth at the USC Invitational ... finished ninth in the shot put with a mark of 49-5 at the SEC Indoor Championships ... placed third in the shot, 10th in the hammer and seventh in the discus with a season-best mark of 140-3 at the Weems Baskin Relays ... posted a shot put mark of 52-6 3/4 to finish seventh at the Orange & Purple Classic ... finished 11th in the shot put at the SEC Outdoor Championships.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Londonderry High School in 2002 ... coached by Ed Daniels ... prep team won the state indoor and outdoor titles during all four of his years ... received the New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association Scholar Athlete Award his senior year.

PERSONAL: James Patrick Mitchell was born Dec. 12, 1983, in Boston, Mass. ... parents are Paul and Sarah Mitchell ... is a media arts major.



QUENTIN MOORE

Sprints
Fr./Fr. • 5-10
Chesapeake, Va.
(Deep Creek)

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

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 ... 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.



SCOTT PIERCE

Multi
Fr./Fr. • 6-2
Columbia, S.C.
(Irmo)

Local product who attended Irmo High School was a standout in the 800m and triple jump and will compete in the decathlon.

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.



DEREK PRESSLEY

Jumps
Jr./Jr. • 5-8
Easley, S.C.
(Wren)

One of the top prep jumpers in South Carolina continues his team point contributions as he enters his junior 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 49-5 3/4

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 Relays 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 state triple jump champion and a member of the all-state team ... helped his team to the state track and field title in 2004.

PERSONAL: Derek Tyler Pressley was born July 31, 1986, in Greenville, S.C. ... parents are Eddie and Beverly Pressley ... is an exercise science major ... says his most exciting moment was helping his team win the state championship.

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KEITH ROMERO

Distances
Jr./Jr. • 5-8
Albany, N.Y.
(Colonie Central/SUNY Delhi)

Enjoyed a successful junior college career and should improve the middle distances for South Carolina.

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.

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JOE SCHROEDER

Throws
R-Jr./R-Jr. • 6-4
Simpsonville, S.C.
(Mauldin)

Walk-on who has developed and been a two-time SEC scorer ... South Carolina's top returner in the discus and javelin ... expected to be the leader of the throws program ... looks to be a scorer on both the conference and national level.

COLLEGIATE BESTS OUTDOOR

Discus.....	166-5
Javelin.....	205-0

2006: Competed only during the outdoor season ... in the discus, threw 165-8 for second place at the Weems Baskin Relays ... at the Florida Relays, a 166-5 effort was thrown in the air for a seventh-place finish ... at the SEC Outdoor Championships, a 162-5 mark placed 15th ... in the javelin, a PR of 205-0 secured a first-placing at the Walt Disney Invitational ... at the SEC Outdoor Championships, a 192-9 picked up a conference point with an eighth-place finish and a 187-0 throw at NCAA East Regionals was good for 19th.

2005: Did not compete during the indoor season ... tossed the discus and javelin outdoors ... won the javelin at the Weems Baskin Relays ... captured the gold medal in both events at the South Carolina State Championships ... won the javelin with a then-career-best throw of 198-0 at the Sea Ray Relays ... posted his best discus effort of 160-0 at Georgia ... placed sixth in the javelin at 196-11 at the SEC Outdoor Championships.

2004: Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Mauldin High School in 2003 ... lettered three times in track and field and in football ... was the track team MVP for three consecutive seasons ... posted a personal best discus throw of 164-7 and a javelin best of 179-4.

PERSONAL: Joseph Ryan Schroeder was born July 3, 1984 ... parents are Dan and Marcia Schroeder ... working toward a management science degree ... enjoys watching football.



AARON SEARLES

Sprints/Jumps
Fr./Fr. • 5-11
Charlotte, N.C.
(Harding University High)

Promising freshman who looks to assist Derek Pressley in scoring points at the SEC meets in the jumps.

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.



EDDIE STOUEMIRE

Multi
Fr./Fr. • 6-3
Wellington, Fla.
(Glades Central)

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

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.

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.



TYLER TROUT

Throws
R-Sr./R-Sr. • 6-5
Goose Creek, S.C.
(Stratford)

Walk-on who has flourished and been a two-time SEC scorer ... a team captain and tremendous asset in leading the team and throwers ... showed tremendous improvement in the hammer last year and should score points at SECs and possibly NCAA regionals.

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

35-Pound Weight57-0

OUTDOOR

Discus160-5

Hammer186-9

2006: Competed exclusively in the weight throw during the indoor season ... threw 55-2 3/4 at Virginia Tech to open the season and finish in ninth place ... the following week in Gainesville, Fla., Trout ended in 11th place ... threw a personal record 57-0 at the prestigious Armory Collegiate Invitational ... at the Gamecock Invitational, posted a 56-0 mark to snag fourth, his highest finish of the season ... wrapped up the indoor campaign with a 53-9 heave at the SEC Indoor Championships to secure the No. 11 position ... focused on the hammer and discus throws during the outdoor season ... placed fifth at the Gamecocks' Weems Baskin Relays with a hammer throw of 163-10 ... grabbed fourth in the discus with a 155-0 mark ... was sixth in the discus at the Walt Disney Invitational thanks to a 157-6 throw in the final ... at the State of South Carolina Track Meet, Trout was the first-place finisher in the hammer with a 163-3 showing ... showed significant improvement in the hammer over the remainder of the season ... threw 168-6, 176-8 and 184-0 in the next three meets ... his 176-8 throw earned third place at the North Carolina A&T Invitational ... took eighth place at the SEC Outdoor Championships

in the hammer with a personal record 186-9 in the final ... was runner-up at the state meet in the discus throw with a 156-7 figure ... gave a strong performance in the discus at the Penn Relays with a PR 160-5 to finish fourth ... was the fifth-place finisher at the Orange & Purple Meet at 157-8 ... took 14th at the SEC Outdoor Championships in the discus with a 156-1 3/4 throw.

2005: Focused primarily on the weight throw during the indoor season ... placed third at the USC Invitational with a toss of 51-8 ... finished 11th at the SEC Indoor Championships in the weight throw with a mark of 52-11 ... threw the hammer and the discus during the outdoor season ... won the hammer and placed second in the discus at the South Carolina State Championships ... competed in both the hammer and discus at the SEC outdoor meet ... placed eighth in the hammer with a then-career-best throw of 173-2.

2004: Was the runner-up in the discus and finished third in the hammer at the Weems Baskin Relays to open the outdoor season ... finished third in both the discus and hammer and placed fifth in the javelin at the South Carolina State Championships.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Stratford High School in Goose Creek, S.C., in 2002 ... lettered in track and field four times ... coached by Todd Griffin ... named the track and field MVP in 2002 ... earned all-state and all-region honors in 2002 ... also named all-region in 2001.

PERSONAL: Kenneth Tyler Trout was born Feb. 23, 1984, in Fayetteville, N.C. ... parents are Bob and Beth Trout ... pursuing a degree in art studio ... is an SEC Academic Honor Roll member and on the Dean's List.



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MEET THE GAMECOCKS

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DANIEL WILLIAMS

Distances
R-So./Jr. • 6-2
Mechanicsville, Va.
(Atlee)

One of South Carolina's prestigious McNair Scholars will participate in most of the distance events including the 1,500m, 3,000m and 5,000m.

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

3,000-Meter Run.....	8:52.37
5,000-Meter Run.....	15:44.31

OUTDOOR

1,500-Meter Run.....	4:04.71
5,000-Meter Run.....	15:56.50
3,000-Meter Steeplechase.....	9:59.00

2006: Did not compete during the indoor season ... Contested the 3,000-meter steeplechase three times during the outdoor season ... ran 10:18.44 the first time at the Weems Baskin Relays to finish fourth ... crossed the tape in 10:17.56 at the Spec Town Relays in Athens, Ga., for another fourth-place finish ... the final meet in which Williams competed was where he registered his best time ... clocked at 9:59.00 at the North Carolina A&T Invitational, good for first-place honors.

2005: Competed in the 3,000m and 5,000m during the indoor season ... best times were run at Clemson when he clocked an 8:52.37 and a 15:44.31 ... finished 15th at the SEC Indoor Championships in the 3,000-meter run ... ran the 1,500, 3K and 5K during the outdoor season ... logged top times of 4:04.71 in the 1,500 at the Georgia Tech Invitational and 15:56.50 in the 5K at the Florida Relays.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Atlee High School in Mechanicsville, Va., in 2004 ... lettered three times each in cross country and indoor and outdoor track ... coached by Jim Triemplar ... named the 2002 Most Valuable Runner at the Lynchburg Invitational ... was the Capital District champion in the 1,600m in 2002 and 2003 ... member of the 2002 and 2003 Central Region Championship teams ... class valedictorian.

PERSONAL: Daniel Owen Williams was born Dec. 18, 1985, in Newport News, Va., ... parents are Todd and Amy Williams ... is an international business major ... would like to be an international marketing consultant ... has traveled to Japan ... enjoys playing ultimate frisbee ... is one of South Carolina's prestigious McNair Scholars ... enrolled in the Honors College at Carolina ... also considered North Carolina, Virginia and Richmond before choosing South Carolina.

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MICHAEL ZAJAC

Throws
Fr./Fr. • 6-3
Lynchburg, Va.
(E.C. Glass)

Enjoyed a great deal of success in high school ... will likely redshirt indoors and hopes to make his first USA National Junior Team.

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
Jr./R-So. • 6-1
Manasquan, N.J.
(Wall)

Highly competitive ... strongest athlete on the team with a 600-pound squat ... is expected to score on the conference, regional and national levels this upcoming season for the Gamecocks.

COLLEGIATE BESTS INDOOR

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

OUTDOOR

Shot Put.....	55-2
Discus.....	164-11
Hammer.....	167-5

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.