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**Head Coach
Ray Tanner**



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**Ray
TANNER**

**Head Coach
15th Season at South Carolina
24th Season Overall**



Collegiate Baseball and *Baseball America's* National Coach of the Year, Ray Tanner is in his 15th year as head coach at the University of South Carolina. He continues to lead the Gamecock baseball program to unprecedented heights with his commitment to excellence. Over the last decade, Tanner has established one of the premier programs in all of college baseball with milestones and accomplishments piling up each season.

Atop the list is the 2010 national championship, as the Gamecocks became the first team ever to win six consecutive games in Omaha on the way to a national title, the first men's national championship at the University of South Carolina. This past season's trip was the fourth to the College World Series for Coach Tanner along with three consecutive trips from 2002-2004.

Under Tanner's leadership, South Carolina owns the longest current streak of NCAA Regional appearances among the 12 SEC schools with 11 straight trips to the tournament dating back to the 2000 season. In that span, Carolina has eight NCAA Super Regional appearances (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010). South Carolina is one of only six schools in the nation to make at least eight NCAA Super Regionals in the last 11 years and one of only eight schools in the country to have reached the NCAA Regionals every season from 2000 to the present. The program's 11-year total record of 522-217 is the fourth highest win total among NCAA Division I schools. South Carolina has 11 consecutive seasons of 40 or more wins.

The Gamecocks have also collected championships in the Southeastern Conference with regular season titles in 2000 and 2002 along with a SEC Tournament crown in 2004. Tanner's last 11 teams have featured 20 All-America performers including right-handed pitcher Blake Cooper this past season.

The 2010 Gamecocks finished with a 54-16 record, won a regional and super regional before heading to Omaha to win the school's first baseball national championship. The 2010 team featured All-America and All-SEC pitcher Blake Cooper along with Freshman All-America first baseman Christian Walker and Freshman All-America relief pitcher Matt Price. Price also earned second-team All-SEC honors with outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr., who was named College World Series Most Outstanding Player. Walker, Price and Evan Marzilli received SEC All-Freshman team honors as well. The Gamecocks finished SEC season play with an impressive 21-9 record also. Six players would go on to sign professional contracts after the season.

The upcoming 2011 season will be Tanner's 24th year as a collegiate head coach. At South Carolina, Tanner has a .692 winning percentage - the second highest in Southeastern Conference history. This past season, Tanner also reached a career milestone, recording his 1,000th career victory as he became the fourth fastest active coach to reach that total.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Three of Tanner's players; first baseman Yaron Peters, pitcher Blake Taylor and shortstop Drew Meyer earned All-American honors. Peters was the SEC Player of the

Year, and Taylor led the nation in saves with 21. Meyer was a first round pick, the 10th overall choice in 2002 and the third consecutive Gamecock shortstop to be drafted in the first round.

South Carolina returned to the College World Series in 2003 and notched one win, an 11-10 slugfest over fellow SEC member LSU wrapped around a pair of losses to CWS runner-up Stanford. The final record in 2003 was 45-22 and in the final national polls the Gamecocks were ranked 6th by *Collegiate Baseball*, seventh by *Baseball Weekly* and 10th by *Baseball America*.

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

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

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

USC had another successful season in 2005 that saw the Gamecocks earn a spot in the NCAA Atlanta Regional. Carolina finished 41-23 and reached the final game of the NCAA Regional. Senior first baseman Steve Pearce earned All-American honors and was named NCBWA District IV Player of the Year. Junior shortstop Steven

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Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.	POSTSEASON
1988	NC State	45	16	0	.738	NCAA East Regional
1989	NC State	35	21	2	.621	ACC Tournament
1990	NC State	48	20	0	.706	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1991	NC State	48	20	0	.706	NCAA East Regional
1992	NC State	46	18	0	.715	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1993	NC State	49	17	0	.742	NCAA Midwest Regional
1994	NC State	46	18	1	.715	NCAA Mideast Regional
1995	NC State	36	24	0	.600	ACC Tournament
1996	NC State	42	19	0	.689	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1997	South Carolina	33	24	0	.579	SEC Tournament
1998	South Carolina	44	18	0	.710	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1999	South Carolina	35	23	0	.603	SEC Tournament
2000	South Carolina	56	10	0	.848	NCAA Super Regional
2001	South Carolina	49	20	0	.710	NCAA Super Regional
2002	South Carolina	57	18	0	.760	NCAA College World Series
2003	South Carolina	45	22	0	.672	NCAA College World Series
2004	South Carolina	53	17	0	.757	NCAA College World Series
2005	South Carolina	41	23	0	.640	NCAA Regional
2006	South Carolina	41	25	0	.621	NCAA Super Regional
2007	South Carolina	46	20	0	.697	NCAA Super Regional
2008	South Carolina	40	23	0	.635	NCAA Regional
2009	South Carolina	40	23	0	.635	NCAA Regional
2010	South Carolina	54	16	0	.771	NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
TOTAL		1,029	455	3	.693	OVERALL (23 seasons)
		634	282	0	.692	SOUTH CAROLINA (14 years)



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Tolleson joined Pearce on the All-SEC team. Pearce, Davy Gregg, Aaron Rawl and Zac McCamie all signed professional baseball contracts at the end of the season. The Gamecocks finished the season ranked 21st by *Sports Weekly* and 25th by *Baseball America*.

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

South Carolina recorded its eight consecutive 40-plus win season in 2007 and achieved a ranking as high as No. 1 in the nation during the year. Carolina earned a trip to the postseason and won the NCAA Columbia (S.C.) Regional before falling one win shy of a trip to Omaha and the College World Series by winning one game in the NCAA Super Regional in Chapel Hill.

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

South Carolina recorded its ninth consecutive 40-plus win season in 2008 and earned a trip to the postseason and the NCAA Raleigh Regional, where the Gamecocks finished in second place. The 2008 squad featured Smoak and Havens, who along with All-America honors, were selected in the first round of the MLB Draft. Smoak was the 11th overall pick to the Texas Rangers with Havens drafted 22nd overall to the New York Mets. The Gamecocks finished with seven players drafted. Smoak and Havens also earned All-SEC accolades along with third baseman James Darnell and designated hitter Phil Disher. Smoak was a first-team choice with Darnell, Disher and Havens named to the second-team.

Tanner and South Carolina returned to the Top 25 in 2009 with a squad that

finished the year 40-23 with a 17-13 mark in the SEC for second place in the Eastern Division. The Gamecocks finished in second place in the NCAA Greenville (N.C.) Regional. Having to replace several top players from the year before, the Gamecocks showcased new talent that included Jackie Bradley Jr., a consensus Freshman All-America selection, as well as second-team All-SEC first baseman Nick Ebert, who was among the nation's leaders in home runs with 23. Carolina also had several players drafted including sixth round selection Justin Dalles to the Baltimore Orioles and 13th round pick DeAngelo Mack to the New York Yankees. Left-handed pitcher Alex Farotto also was drafted by the Chicago White Sox and signed a professional contract. Mack, Dalles, Ebert and junior shortstop Bobby Haney earned All-SEC accolades with Bradley and left-handed pitcher Nolan Belcher named to the SEC All-Freshman team.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TANNER MILESTONE VICTORIES AT SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Victories

Victory	Opponent	Result
No. 1	vs. College of Charleston (2/7/1997)	9-8
No. 50	vs. Tennessee (3/15/1998)	4-3
No. 100	vs. The Citadel (4/7/1999)	5-4 (10)
No. 150	vs. Clemson (4/19/2000)	9-8 (12)
No. 200	at Clemson (4/25/2001)	2-1
No. 250	at Kentucky (4/28/2002)	6-4
No. 300	vs. UNC Asheville (4/22/2003)	5-1
No. 350	vs. Ole Miss (4/30/2004)	7-3
No. 400	at LSU (4/10/2005)	7-5
No. 450	vs. Kentucky (5/24/2006)	4-2
No. 500	at North Carolina (6/10/2007)	8-6
No. 550	vs. Old Dominion (3/10/2009)	3-3
No. 600	vs. The Citadel (3/30/2010)	10-1

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Career Victories

Victory	Opponent	Result
No. 1	vs. Western Carolina (1988)	7-1
No. 50	vs. Rutgers (1989)	6-2
No. 100	vs. New York Tech (1990)	3-2
No. 150	vs. VCU (1991)	12-3
No. 200	vs. East Carolina (1992)	6-2
No. 250	at Duke (1993)	2-1
No. 300	vs. Georgia Tech (1994)	8-7
No. 350	at East Carolina (1995)	10-1
No. 400	vs. East Tennessee State (2/15/1997)	11-2
No. 450	vs. Georgia State (3/24/1998)	12-6
No. 500	vs. Furman (4/20/1999)	4-2
No. 550	vs. Georgia (4/28/2000)	9-5
No. 600	vs. Kentucky (5/4/2001)	11-0
No. 650	vs. Tennessee (5/10/2002)	10-6
No. 700	vs. Kentucky (5/3/2003)	7-2
No. 750	at The Citadel (5/12/2004)	6-1 (10)
No. 800	vs. Wofford (5/10/2005)	12-0
No. 850	vs. Oklahoma (2/9/2007)	13-2
No. 900	at Clemson (3/2/2008)	5-1
No. 950	at College of Charleston (3/25/2009)	14-2
No. 1000	at Vanderbilt (4/11/2010)	2-0

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



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

TANNER AT USC VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Record	Pct.
Alabama	19-17	.528
Appalachian State	3-0	1.000
Arizona State	1-0	1.000
Arkansas	16-23	.410
Auburn	29-11	.725
Brown	4-0	1.000
Bucknell	1-0	1.000
Butler	1-0	1.000
Cal State Fullerton	1-2	.333
Campbell	1-0	1.000
Charlotte	3-1	.750
College of Charleston	18-2	.900
Charleston Southern	19-3	.864
The Citadel	24-7	.774
Clemson	28-24	.538
Cleveland State	3-0	1.000
Coastal Carolina	4-0	1.000
Davidson	15-0	1.000
Delaware State	9-0	1.000
Duke	2-0	1.000
Duquesne	19-0	1.000
East Carolina	8-4	.667
East Tennessee State	4-0	1.000
Eastern Michigan	3-0	1.000
Elon	5-2	.714
Evansville	2-1	.667
Florida	25-21	.543
Florida International	1-0	1.000
Furman	16-5	.762
Gardner Webb	1-0	1.000
George Mason	6-0	1.000
George Washington	3-0	1.000
Georgia	29-18	.617
Georgia Southern	4-0	1.000
Georgia State	3-0	1.000
Georgia Tech	3-3	.500
James Madison	2-0	1.000
Kent State	2-1	.667
Kentucky	27-18	.600
Liberty	2-0	1.000
Long Beach State	2-1	.667
Longwood	3-0	1.000
Louisiana Lafayette	1-2	.333
LSU	20-20	.500
Marshall	3-0	1.000
Miami (Fla.)	3-2	.600
Michigan	2-0	1.000
Minnesota	1-0	1.000
Mississippi	24-15	.615
Mississippi State	22-21	.512
Nebraska	1-0	1.000
New Orleans	1-0	1.000
Niagara	3-0	1.000
North Carolina	8-4	.667
North Carolina Asheville	6-0	1.000
North Carolina State	0-2	.000
North Carolina Wilmington	4-0	1.000
Oklahoma	2-1	.667
Old Dominion	4-2	.667
Pepperdine	0-1	.000
Presbyterian	4-0	1.000
Princeton	1-0	1.000
Quinnipiac	3-0	1.000
Purdue	1-0	1.000
Radford	13-2	.867
Richmond	2-1	.667
Seton Hall	3-0	1.000
Stanford	1-4	.200
Stetson	2-0	1.000
Tennessee	26-19	.578
Texas	0-1	.000
Texas Tech	1-0	1.000
UCF	2-1	.667
UCLA	2-0	1.000
USC Upstate	5-0	1.000
Vanderbilt	33-14	.702
Virginia	1-0	1.000
Virginia Commonwealth	3-0	1.000
Virginia Military	4-0	1.000
Virginia Tech	1-0	1.000
Wake Forest	2-0	1.000
West Virginia	2-1	.667
Western Carolina	5-0	1.000
Western Kentucky	1-0	1.000
William & Mary	2-0	1.000
Winthrop	2-0	1.000
Wofford	27-2	.931
Yale	4-1	.800
TOTALS	634-282	.692
Vs. Southeastern Conference	270-199	.576
Vs. Non-Conference	364-83	.814

TANNER'S NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORD YEAR-BY-YEAR AT SOUTH CAROLINA

YEAR	RECORD	NCAA POSTSEASON FINISH
1997	N/A	
1998	2-2	NCAA Atlantic Regional
1999	N/A	
2000	4-2	NCAA Super Regional
2001	5-3	NCAA Super Regional
2002	9-4	NCAA College World Series
2003	6-2	NCAA College World Series
2004	8-2	NCAA College World Series
2005	3-2	NCAA Regional
2006	4-3	NCAA Super Regional
2007	4-2	NCAA Super Regional
2008	2-2	NCAA Regional
2009	2-2	NCAA Regional
2010	11-1	NCAA College World Series
TOTALS	60-27	(.690)

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RAY TANNER BY THE NUMBERS -- ENTERING THE 2011 SEASON

- .692 **Winning Percentage at CAROLINA; second highest all-time among SEC coaches**
- 1 **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP; 2010**
- 1 **NATIONAL RUNNER-UP FINISH; 2002**
- 1 **SEC TOURNAMENT TITLE; 2004**
- 2 **SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS; 2000, 2002**
- 2 **NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS; 2000, 2010**
- 2 **SEC COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS; 1998, 2000**
- 4 **COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES; 2002, 2003, 2004, 2010**
- 4 **SEC EASTERN DIVISION TITLES; 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003**
- 5 **STINTS COACHING WITH USA BASEBALL; 1993, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2003**
- 7 **PLAYERS DRAFTED IN THE 1ST ROUND; Everett, Roberts, Meyer, Powell, Ma. Campbell, Smoak, Havens**
- 8 **NCAA SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCES; 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010**
- 11 **CONSECUTIVE NCAA REGIONAL BERTHS; longest current streak in the SEC**
- 12 **NCAA REGIONAL APPEARANCES; 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010**
- 14 **SEASONS COACHED AT SOUTH CAROLINA**
- 23 **SEASONS AS HEAD COACH IN COLLEGE BASEBALL**
- 26 **ALL-AMERICANS COACHED AT SOUTH CAROLINA**
- 44 **ALL-SEC PLAYERS COACHED AT SOUTH CAROLINA**
- 45.3 **WIN TOTAL HE HAS AVERAGED AT SOUTH CAROLINA**
- 57 **SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS IN A SEASON SET IN 2002**
- 75 **CAROLINA PLAYERS THAT HAVE SIGNED PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CONTRACTS**
- 200 **WINS OVER THE LAST 11 YEARS IN SEC GAMES; highest total among SEC schools**
- 522 **WINS OVER THE LAST 11 YEARS; Fourth highest total in the nation (2000-10)**
- 634 **WINS AT SOUTH CAROLINA**
- 1,029 **CAREER WIN TOTAL**





CAROLINA HONOR ROLL

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2000 Kip Bouknight

SEC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2000 Kip Bouknight
2002 Yaron Peters

SEC PITCHER OF THE YEAR

2003 David Marchbanks

SEC MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

2000 Kip Bouknight

SEC BOYD MCWHORTER MALE SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

2002 Trey Dyson

ALL-AMERICANS (26)

1997 Ryan Bordenick (DH)
1998 Ryan Bordenick (UT)
Kip Bouknight (SP)
Mike Curry (OF) Adam Everett (SS)
1999 Brian Roberts (SS)
2000 Scott Barber (RP) Peter Bauer (SP),
Kip Bouknight (SP)
2001 Lee Gronkiewicz (RP)
Tim Whittaker (C)
2002 Drew Meyer (SS) Yaron Peters (1B),
Blake Taylor (RP)
2003 Brian Buscher (3B)
David Marchbanks (SP)
2004 Chad Blackwell (RP) Matt Campbell (SP)
Landon Powell (C) Aaron Rawl (SP)
Steve Pearce (1B)
2007 Phil Disher (C)
Justin Smoak (1B)
2008 Reese Havens (SS)
Justin Smoak (1B)
2010 Blake Cooper (SP)

ALL-SEC (44)

1997 Ryan Bordenick (DH) Brett Jodie (SP)
1998 Kip Bouknight (SP) Mike Curry (OF)
Adam Everett (SS)
1999 Tim Angiolini (DH) Brian Roberts (SS)
2000 Scott Barber (RP) Peter Bauer (SP)
Kip Bouknight (SP)
2001 Garris Gonc (OF)
Lee Gronkiewicz (RP)
Marcus McBeth (OF)
2002 Trey Dyson (DH) Drew Meyer (SS)
Yaron Peters (1B) Blake Taylor (RP)
2003 Brian Buscher (3B)
David Marchbanks (SP)
Landon Powell (C)
2004 Chad Blackwell (RP) Landon Powell (C)
Brendan Winn (OF)
2005 Steve Pearce (1B) Steven Tolleson (SS)
2006 Michael Campbell (OF)
Robbie Grinestaff (DH)
Reese Havens (SS) Wynn Pelzer (RP)
2007 James Darnell (3B) Phil Disher (DH)
Travis Jones (2B) Justin Smoak (1B)
2008 James Darnell (3B), Phil Disher (DH),
Reese Havens (SS), Justin Smoak (1B)
2009 Justin Dalles (C), Nick Ebert (1B),
Bobby Haney (SS), DeAngelo Mack (OF)
2010 Jackie Bradley Jr. (OF) Blake Cooper (SP)
Matt Price (RP)

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICANS (9)

1998 Peter Bauer (SP) Kip Bouknight (SP)
2000 Drew Meyer (SS)
2006 Andrew Crisp (OF) Justin Smoak (1B)
2007 Blake Cooper (SP)
2008 Sam Dyson (SP)
2009 Jackie Bradley Jr. (OF)
2010 Matt Price (RP) Christian Walker (1B)

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL SIGNEES (Original Team)

1997 Rob Streicher (Expos)
1998 Ryan Bordenick (Brewers)
Mike Curry (Royals)
ADAM EVERETT (Red Sox)
BRETT JODIE (Yankees)
Patrick Sexton (Mets)
Eric Stanton (Pirates)
Derick Urquhart (Expos)
Randy Hadden (Dodgers)
1999 Jason Pomar (A's)
Adam Poe (Rangers)
BRIAN ROBERTS (Orioles)
2000 Scott Barber (Diamondbacks)
Peter Bauer (Blue Jays)
Clint Collins (Reds)
Nate Janowicz (Indians)
Brandon Pack (Rangers)
2001 Kip Bouknight (Rockies)
Brennan Dees (Montgomery-IND)
Michael Floyd (Phillies)
LEE GRONKIEWICZ (INDIANS)
Bryon Jeffcoat (Braves)
Tripp Kelly (A's)
MARCUS MCBETH (A'S)
Brett Price (A's)
Tim Whittaker (Blue Jays)
2002 Gary Bell (Yankees)
Trey Dyson (Royals)
Garris Gonc (Cardinals)
DREW MEYER (RANGERS)
Yaron Peters (Braves)
Chris Spigner (Richmond-IND)
Blake Taylor (Indians)
John Wesley (Blue Jays)
Steven Whetstone (White Sox)
2003 Steven Bondurant (A's)
BRIAN BUSCHER (GIANTS)
JON COUTLANGUS (GIANTS)
Justin Harris (Pirates)
Chris Hernandez (Pirates)
David Marchbanks (Marlins)
2004 Chad Blackwell (Royals)
BILLY BUCKNER (ROYALS)
Matt Campbell (Royals)
KEVIN MELILLO (A'S)
LONDON POWELL (A'S)
2005 Bryan Triplett (Astros)
Davy Gregg (Cubs)
Zac McCamie (Marlins)
STEVE PEARCE (PIRATES)
Aaron Rawl (Phillies)
2006 **STEVEN TOLLESON (TWINS)**
Chris Brown (Joliet-IND)
Michael Campbell (Padres)
Andrew Cruse (Phillies)
Ian Paxton (Devil Rays)
2007 Arik Hempy (Cubs)
Harris Honeycutt (Reds)
JEFF JEFFORDS (REDS)
Travis Jones (Braves)
2008 Will Atwood (Nationals)
MIKE CISCO (PHILLIES)
JAMES DARNELL (PADRES)
Phil Disher (Astros)
REESE HAVENS (METS)
JUSTIN SMOAK (RANGERS)
Brandon Todd (Marlins)
2009 **JUSTIN DALLES (ORIOLES)**
Alex Farotto (White Sox)
DEANGELO MACK (YANKEES)
PARKER BANGS (ROYALS)
BLAKE COOPER (DIAMONDBACKS)
SAM DYSON (BLUE JAYS)
BOBBY HANEY (GIANTS)
WHIT MERRIFIELD (ROYALS)
JORDAN PROPST (ROYALS)
Bold = currently playing
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A Closer Look At South Carolina Under Head Coach Ray Tanner

SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS THE FOURTH HIGHEST WIN TOTAL IN THE LAST 11 YEARS

Win Totals The Last 11 Years (2000-2010)

1.	Florida State	504-174-1
2.	Rice	494-162
3.	Texas	479-189-1
4.	South Carolina	468-201
5.	Wichita State	459-217
	North Carolina	459-190-1
7.	Cal State Fullerton	442-195
8.	Arizona State	441-176-2
9.	LSU	440-210-4
	Oral Roberts	440-160

SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF ONLY EIGHT SCHOOLS TO APPEAR IN THE NCAA REGIONAL EVERY SEASON IN THE LAST 11 YEARS

NCAA Regional Appearances The Last 11 Years (2000-2010)

1.	South Carolina	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Arizona State	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Cal State Fullerton	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Florida State	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Miami (Fla.)	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Oral Roberts	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Rice	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Texas	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS REACHED THE NCAA SUPER REGIONAL EIGHT OF THE LAST 11 SEASONS, ONE OF SIX SCHOOLS TO ACCOMPLISH THE FEAT.

NCAA Super Regional Appearances The Last 11 Years (2000-2010)

1.	Cal State Fullerton	9	2001-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Florida State	9	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10
	Miami (Fla.)	9	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-08-10
4.	South Carolina	8	2000-01-02-03-04-06-07-10
	Rice	8	2001-02-03-05-06-07-08-09
	Clemson	8	2000-01-02-05-06-07-09-10
7.	LSU	7	2000-01-02-03-06-08-09
	Texas	7	2000-02-03-04-05-06-10
9.	Arizona State	6	2003-05-07-08-09-10
	Stanford	6	2000-01-02-03-06-08

SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF EIGHT SCHOOLS TO MAKE FOUR OR MORE TRIPS TO THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES IN THE LAST NINE YEARS

College World Series Appearances The Last Nine Years (2002-10)

1.	Cal State Fullerton	5	2003-04-06-07-09
	Rice	5	2002-03-06-07-08
	Texas	5	2002-03-04-05-09
4.	South Carolina	4	2002-03-04-10
	Arizona State	4	2005-07-09-10
	LSU	4	2003-04-08-09
	Miami (Fla.)	4	2003-04-06-08
	North Carolina	4	2006-07-08-09
9.	Stanford	3	2002-03-08
	Georgia	3	2004-06-08
	Clemson	3	2002-06-10
	Oregon State	3	2005-06-07

TANNER TIDBITS

A LOOK CLOSER AT SEC HISTORY

South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner is among the elite of all-time as the third winningest coach by percentage in Southeastern Conference history. Listed below are the top 10 coaches all-time by percentage. (minimum 5 years)

Coch (School-Yrs)	Pct. (Yrs)
Skip Bertman (LSU 1984-2001)	.725 (18)
Ray Tanner (SC 1997-present)	.692 (14)
W.P. White (GA 1921-33)	.687 (13)
Happy Campbell (1935-42,47-63)	.682 (25)
Frank Moffett (UT 1903-05, 07-10, 18-19)	.663 (9)
Jim Wells (ALA 1994-2009)	.662 (14)
Hal Baird (AUB 1985-2000)	.659 (16)
Jay Bergman (FLA 1976-81)	.656 (6)
Ron Polk (MSU 1976-97, 02-08)	.656 (31)
(GA 2000-01)	
Andy Lopez (FLA 1994-01)	.651 (7)

ATTENDANCE AT CAROLINA

The South Carolina fan base has increased to all-time highs and school records since Ray Tanner became head coach. Listed below are attendance figures for each season under Coach Tanner as well as National Rankings. South Carolina set a school record for total attendance in 2010 with a final total of 241,582.

Year	Total Attendance (Avg.)	Rank
1997	41,197 (1,153)	N/A
1998	54,416 (1,424)	N/A
1999	57,829 (1,652)	23rd
2000	134,207 (3,273)	7th
2001	145,616 (3,935)	5th
2002	151,521 (3,695)	7th
2003	105,220 (3,086)	14th
2004	159,142 (3,881)	7th
2005	112,984 (3,423)	14th
2006	133,652 (3,818)	12th
2007	159,545 (4,985)	4th
2008	161,761 (4,758)	6th
2009	231,360 (6,804)	4th
2010	241,582 (6,710)	4th

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SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS MORE OVERALL WINS THAN ANY SEC TEAM IN THE LAST 11 YEARS

Win Totals The Last 11 Years (2000-2010)

1.	South Carolina	522-217
2.	LSU	481-232-4
3.	Florida	435-256-2
4.	Ole Miss	434-252-1
5.	Alabama	420-256
6.	Arkansas	405-266
7.	Vanderbilt	391-268
8.	Georgia	384-293-1
9.	Mississippi State	379-274-2
10.	Tennessee	378-273
11.	Auburn	375-271
12.	Kentucky	335-285-2

SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE ONLY SEC SCHOOL TO REACH THE NCAA REGIONAL EVERY SEASON IN THE LAST 11 YEARS.

NCAA Regional Appearances The Last 11 Years (2000-10)

1.	South Carolina	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
2.	Arkansas	9	2002-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
	Florida	9	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10
	LSU	9	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10
	Ole Miss	9	2001-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
6.	Alabama	8	2000-02-03-05-06-08-09-10
7.	Mississippi State	7	2000-01-03-04-05-06-07
8.	Auburn	6	2000-01-02-03-05-10
	Georgia	6	2001-02-04-06-08-09
	Vanderbilt	6	2004-06-07-08-09-10
11.	Tennessee	3	2001-04-05
12.	Kentucky	2	2006-08

SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS MORE CONFERENCE WINS THAN ANY SEC TEAM IN THE LAST 11 YEARS

Win Totals The Last 11 Years (2000-2010)

1.	South Carolina	200-129
2.	LSU	189-136-3
3.	Florida	187-141-2
4.	Ole Miss	180-149
5.	Alabama	176-154
6.	Arkansas	160-163
7.	Georgia	159-166-1
8.	Auburn	150-180
9.	Vanderbilt	145-178
10.	Tennessee	144-180
11.	Mississippi State	142-178
12.	Kentucky	122-203-2

note - only conference games, does not include SEC or NCAA postseason games.

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS THE MOST NCAA SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCES OF THE 12 SEC SCHOOLS IN THE LAST 11 YEARS.

NCAA Super Regional Appearances The Last 11 Years (2000-10)

1.	South Carolina	8	2000-01-02-03-04-06-07-10
	LSU	7	2000-01-02-03-04-08-09
3.	Arkansas	4	2002-04-09-10
	Florida	4	2004-05-09-10
	Georgia	4	2001-04-06-08
	Ole Miss	4	2005-06-07-09
7.	Mississippi State	3	2000-01-07
8.	Alabama	2	2006-10
	Tennessee	2	2001-05
	Vanderbilt	2	2004-10
11.	Auburn	0	N/A
	Kentucky	0	N/A

SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE ONLY SEC SCHOOL TO RECORD 40 OR MORE WINS EACH SEASON FROM 2000-PRESENT.

40-Plus Win Seasons The Last 11 Years (2000-10)

1.	South Carolina	11	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
2.	LSU	9	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10
3.	Florida	6	2000-02-04-05-09-10
4.	Alabama	5	2000-02-05-06-10
5.	Arkansas	4	2004-07-09-10
	Ole Miss	4	2005-06-07-09
	Vanderbilt	4	2004-07-08-10
8.	Auburn	3	2000-03-10
	Georgia	3	2004-06-08
	Mississippi State	3	2000-03-05
	Tennessee	3	2000-01-05
12.	Kentucky	2	2006-08

SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS FOUR APPEARANCES IN THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES IN THE LAST 9 YEARS.

College World Series Appearances The Last 9 Years (2002-10)

1.	South Carolina	4	2002-03-04-10
	LSU	4	2003-04-08-09
3.	Georgia	3	2004-06-08
4.	Arkansas	2	2004-09
	Florida	2	2005-10
6.	Mississippi State	1	2007
	Tennessee	1	2005
8.	Alabama	0	N/A
	Auburn	0	N/A
	Kentucky	0	N/A
	Ole Miss	0	N/A
	Vanderbilt	0	N/A



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Chad HOLBROOK

Associate Head Coach
3rd Season at South Carolina
18th Season Overall



Chad Holbrook is entering his third season as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator for the baseball program. Holbrook, serves as hitting instructor, oversees the Gamecock offense, including base running and the short game and is the third base coach. He also works with the outfielders. Holbrook came to the Gamecock program in July of 2008 after serving 15 seasons as a member of the University of North Carolina coaching staff.

Recently, a panel of three dozen experts compiled by *ESPNU & ESPN The Magazine* rated Holbrook the No. 10 best recruiter in all of college sports.

Holbrook's offensive prowess has made an immediate impact on the South Carolina baseball program in his first two seasons. His guidance was instrumental in helping the Gamecocks to the 2010 national championship and helping in the development of 2010 All-SEC selection and College World Series Most Outstanding Player, Jackie Bradley Jr., as well as Freshman All-America Christian Walker and SEC All-Freshman Evan Marzilli. Holbrook helped to oversee an offense that peaked in the postseason with a .309 batting average in 12 postseason contests. Marzilli, was the team's top postseason hitter with a .419 average (18-for-43) with Walker right behind him at .389 (21-for-54) and Bradley hitting .348 with four HR and 17 RBI. Carolina finished the season with a .300 team batting average as well as a .392 on-base percentage. The squad's 734 hits was second highest in the conference with the team also tallying 298 walks, 14th highest in the country. In 2009, Holbrook's first season, the Gamecocks finished with a team batting average of .310 on the year, the highest average in the last eight seasons, along with an improved on-base percentage of .394 and a .528 slugging percentage. Carolina was fifth in the nation with 109 home runs. Among the players he tutored that first year was Freshman All-America Jackie Bradley Jr. and 2009 All-SEC selections, Justin Dalles, Nick Ebert, Bobby Haney and DeAngelo Mack.

"We are fortunate to have Coach Holbrook as an integral part of our program," said head coach Ray Tanner. "He is an exceptional coach, recruiter and mentor for our players. The job he has done and continues to do is exemplary. He is one of the top coaches in the country and he is an outstanding ambassador for the University of South Carolina."

Prior to joining the Gamecock program, Holbrook worked for 15 seasons on the North Carolina coaching staff. While at UNC, the Tar Heels made 11 NCAA Tournament appearances including four NCAA Super Regionals and three trips to the College World Series. The 2007 squad also captured an ACC championship, the first in Chapel Hill since 1990 when Holbrook was a freshman player.

At UNC, Holbrook mentored several top players including 2008 second-team All-America outfielder Tim Fedroff, third-team All-America first baseman Dustin Ackley and third-team All-America second baseman Kyle Seager. Ackley also earned third-team All-America honors in 2007 and was both *Baseball America & Collegiate Baseball's* Freshman of the Year. Ackley was recently drafted No. 2 overall in the 2009 MLB Draft by the Seattle Mariners.

In addition, Holbrook was instrumental in recruiting current Major League Baseball players Daniel Bard, Chris Iannetta, Andrew Miller and Kyle Snyder to UNC.

As recruiting coordinator for the North Carolina program, Holbrook put together consecutive top 10 recruiting classes seasons that helped the Tar Heels in making three consecutive College World Series appearances. From 2006-2008, North Carolina led the nation in wins with 54 in 2006, 57 in 2007 and 54 in 2008. *PG CrossChecker* ranked his last UNC recruiting class No. 3 in the nation. Holbrook's 2007 class ranked fourth in the nation by *Baseball America* with his 2006 class selected eighth in the country. *Baseball America* also ranked his 2004 class 11th in the nation with the publication naming the Tar Heels recruiting class of 2003 as the No. 1 group in the country. That 2003 class also tied for first in *Collegiate Baseball's* recruiting rankings with South Carolina.

Under Holbrook's eye, UNC batted .324 as a team in the 2008 season and posted six of the top seven hitting seasons in Tar Heel history. The Tar Heels led the nation in hits in 2007 as well with 820 to finish the year.

The school record for batting average in Chapel Hill was also set under Holbrook's direction in 2002 when the Tar Heels finished with a .325 mark.

Holbrook served as undergraduate assistant coach in 1994 and was promoted to full-time assistant in the fall of 1994. Holbrook served as assistant coach up to 2007 when he earned a promotion to associate head coach. Holbrook also worked one summer in the Cape Cod League as head coach of the Harwich Mariners in 1997 where he led them to the league's Eastern Division championship.

Before joining the North Carolina staff, Holbrook played for the Tar Heels from 1990-93. He was a second-team All-ACC selection as a senior when he .353 at the plate. He also earned all-tournament team honors in 1993 at the NCAA Central I Regional in College Station, Texas, where he hit .565 (13-for-23) with three doubles and two triples in five games. Holbrook sits second all-time on the UNC list for triples with 14 in his career as well as 40 stolen bases. His stolen bases record was broke by Brian Roberts, who played for UNC from 97-98 before transferring to South Carolina.

Holbrook is a 1994 graduate of North Carolina with a degree in physical education. He is the son of Eddie Holbrook, former head men's basketball coach for Gardner-Webb and Furman.

Holbrook and his wife, the former Jennifer Hilliard, were married in August of 2000. They have two sons, Reece, who was born on May 4, 2002, and Cooper, who was born on June 14, 2004.



THE HOLBROOK FAMILY
Chad, Cooper, Reece, Jennifer



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Jerry MEYERS

Assistant Head Coach
1st/9th Season at South Carolina
23rd Season Overall



Jerry Meyers has returned to Columbia to serve on the coaching staff as assistant head coach of the baseball team. Meyers, who served as an assistant at South Carolina from the 1997-2004 seasons, returns to Carolina to coach the pitchers following six years as head coach at Old Dominion.

"It is great to welcome back Coach Meyers to the Gamecock baseball program," said South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner. "Coach Meyers was with me at the beginning of my tenure at South Carolina, through the first eight years that included three College World Series appearances. I'm excited to have him returning to lead our pitching staff. His wife, Chris, and daughters, Audrey and Riley, are very much a part of our family and we are ecstatic to have them back."

Meyers helped turn around the Old Dominion baseball program in his previous six seasons (2005-10) leading the Monarchs to the top of the Colonial Athletic Association including a co-regular season championship in 2007 and the top seed at the CAA Tournament. That 2007 squad featured the top pitching staff in the CAA with a 3.97 ERA and 471 strikeouts. In his second year at ODU in 2006, the school enjoyed one of the nation's biggest improvements with the squad compiling a 39-17 overall record and finishing second in the CAA. That season ODU climbed back into the national top 15 for the first time since the mid 1980s. Meyers earned CAA Coach of the Year honors with four of his players selected in the MLB draft and the team breaking or tying eight school and individual records. He compiled a 167-158 record during his tenure with the Monarchs.

Meyers also served one summer on the staff of the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team that won a gold medal in the 2008 FISU World Championships in Europe and finished the summer with a 24-0 record and an impressive 0.88 earned run average. Among the pitchers he worked with that summer included current MLB pitchers Stephen Strasburg (Washington Nationals), Mike Leake (Cincinnati Reds) and Mike Minor (Atlanta Braves). Along with an earned run average under one, his staff also struck out 268 batters to just 72 walks in 224 innings pitched with opponents batting just .154 as well.

Meyers joined Ray Tanner in Columbia in the summer of 1996 after Tanner was announced as the school's new head coach. In eight seasons with the Gamecocks, Meyers built one of the top pitching staffs in the country and coached 10 All-American pitchers along the way. The Gamecocks reached the NCAA Tournament in six of eight seasons while Meyers was here along with a national runner-up finish (2002) three College World Series appearances (2002, 2003, 2004), two Southeastern Conference championships (2000, 2002), four SEC Eastern Division titles (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003) and one SEC Tournament title (2004).

Among the stars that learned under the helm of Meyers was Kip Bouknight (1998-01), who garnered National Player of the Year honors in 2000 along with the Golden Spikes Award, presented by USA Baseball to the top amateur player in the country. Bouknight put together one of the greatest single-season years in college history in 2000 posting a 17-1 record to help lead the Gamecocks to a 56-10 record and an SEC Championship. His 17 single-season wins is a school record and is tied for the most wins in a season by an SEC pitcher. Bouknight joined with Peter Bauer and Scott Barber to form the "Killer Bs," a dominant trio that saw all three pitchers earn All-America recognition. The 2000 pitching staff posted a 3.51 team ERA.

In 2001, the Gamecocks again had one of the top pitching staffs in the country with the group finishing with a 3.41 team ERA. The squad featured All-America closer Lee Gronkiewicz, as well as a pair of 10-game winners in Bouknight and left-hander Gary Bell. That year, Bouknight rewrote the record book at South Carolina as the winningest pitcher in school history, compiling a career record of 45-12 in a four-year span, also setting a school records for strikeouts (457) and decisions (57).

When the Gamecocks returned to Omaha in 2002 to play for a national title, the pitchers were right at the forefront - chief among them was right-hander Blake Taylor, who set a school record and led the nation in saves with 21 on the year on his way to All-America honors. The 2003 staff was another star-studded group that reached the College World Series and led the SEC with a 3.57 ERA. The staff featured David Marchbanks, who tallied a 15-3 record and was named Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Year in addition to All-America honors. Marchbanks was one of three USC pitchers drafted and signed by professional baseball in 2003. Steven Bondurant signed with Oakland and Chris Hernandez with Pittsburgh. In Meyers final season at Carolina in 2004, the Gamecocks made a third straight trip to Omaha with the pitchers putting together a 3.40 team ERA, the school's best earned run average in the last 28 seasons. Left-hander Matt Campbell was a first round MLB draft selection by the Royals with right-hander Billy Buckner selected in the second round by the Royals and right-hander Chad Blackwell also a sixth round choice by Kansas City. Blackwell became the Gamecocks' fourth reliever in five seasons to pick up All-America honors as he led the nation in saves with 20 with right-hander Aaron Rawl also picking up All-America accolades with a 13-4 overall record.

Meyers came to Carolina after one year at Old Dominion as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. Prior to his first stint at ODU, Meyers spent four years as the pitching coach and

recruiting coordinator at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington where he worked with pitchers and catchers. The 1995 Seahawk staff ranked 11th nationally in earned run average at 3.37 with two pitchers ranked among the nation's top 15 in strikeouts per nine innings.

Meyers also coached at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla., 1989-91 (ranked 4th nationally in 1989) where several pitchers went on to sign professionally or with Division I schools including Tim Davis (Seattle Mariners) and former Gamecock pitcher Scott Pace. Meyers managed the 1994 Winchester, Va., team in the Shenandoah Valley league to a second place finish. He is also a popular clinician and has worked camps at a number of institutions.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of South Alabama from 1988-89. Born Jerald Ray Meyers March 8, 1965 in Harvey, Ill., Meyers grew up in Chesterton, Ind., where he attended Chesterton High School, earning four letters in baseball and basketball. He was a second team all-state selection in basketball.

Meyers was a four-year starting pitcher at Iowa State University where he was named to the All-Big Eight Conference team as a senior. He was the team captain as a junior and senior and was named the team's Most Valuable pitcher his senior year.

Meyers received a bachelor of business administration degree in management from Iowa State and the master of education in physical education from South Alabama in 1989 with an emphasis in exercise and movement technology. Meyers and his wife, Chris, have two daughters, Jaye Riley born July 31, 1999, and Audrey Reese, born December 31, 2001.



THE MEYERS FAMILY
Jerry, Riley, Audrey, Chris



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Sammy ESPOSITO

Assistant Coach
4th Season at South Carolina
6th Season Overall



Sammy Esposito is in his fourth season as assistant coach with the South Carolina baseball program. Esposito works with the hitters and catchers, coaches first base and is the coordinator for the Ray Tanner Baseball Camp.

In 2010, Esposito helped lead a catching staff that included senior co-captain Kyle Enders, Brady Thomas and Richard Royal. The trio helped to catch a pitching staff that finished with a 3.45 ERA along with 625 strikeouts to 220 walks. The group also allowed just 43 stolen bases in 70 games. In addition, Enders finished his career with a .993 fielding percentage, the best career mark in school history. Enders was also an NCAA Regional All-Tournament team selection with Thomas earning CWS All-Tournament team honors in Omaha.

In 2009, Esposito worked with junior catcher Justin Dalles, who earned All-SEC honors and was a sixth round MLB draft selection by the Baltimore Orioles. Dalles, Kyle Enders and Brady Thomas were among the most efficient defensive catchers in the nation as well with just four errors behind the plate in 553 chances and only 27 stolen bases allowed in 63 games.

In 2008, Esposito also oversaw a strong catching trio in Enders, Phil Disher and Richard Royal that finished with just four errors as well. Disher was a 2008 MLB Draft selection by the Houston Astros.

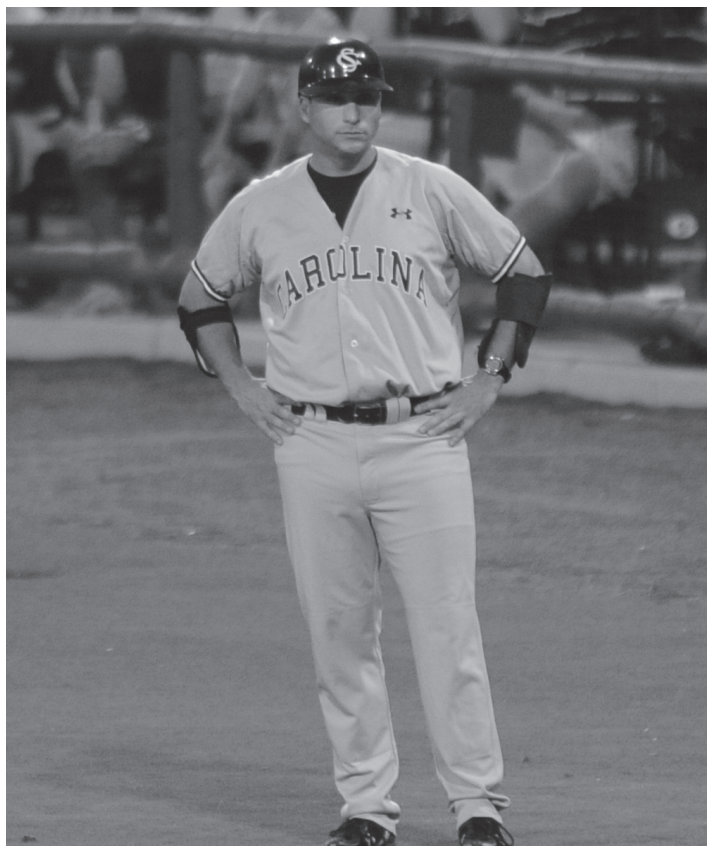
Esposito came to Columbia in the fall of 2007 after two seasons on the Georgia Southern staff. A four-year letterwinner at NC State, Esposito is the son of former NC State head coach Sam Esposito, who coached South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner during his playing days. Tanner also served on Esposito's staff from 1981-87 before becoming his successor with the Wolfpack.

"I'm thrilled to have Sammy on our coaching staff," said Coach Tanner. "He is a great young coach, who brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to our program."

In addition to his two seasons with Georgia Southern, Esposito has also been involved with several baseball camps in the Southeast Region including South Carolina, NC State and Richmond. Esposito also served as an assistant coach in the Cape Cod League for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox. Y-D won the Cape Cod Championship in 2007 following a league-best record of 31-12-1 in the regular season.

Esposito lettered as a catcher at NC State from 1999-2002. He graduated from NC State with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. He attended Broughton High School in Raleigh, N.C., where he was a two-time all-conference selection in baseball.

Esposito and his wife, the former Neal Webb, were married January 1, 2011.



SAMMY & NEAL ESPOSITO

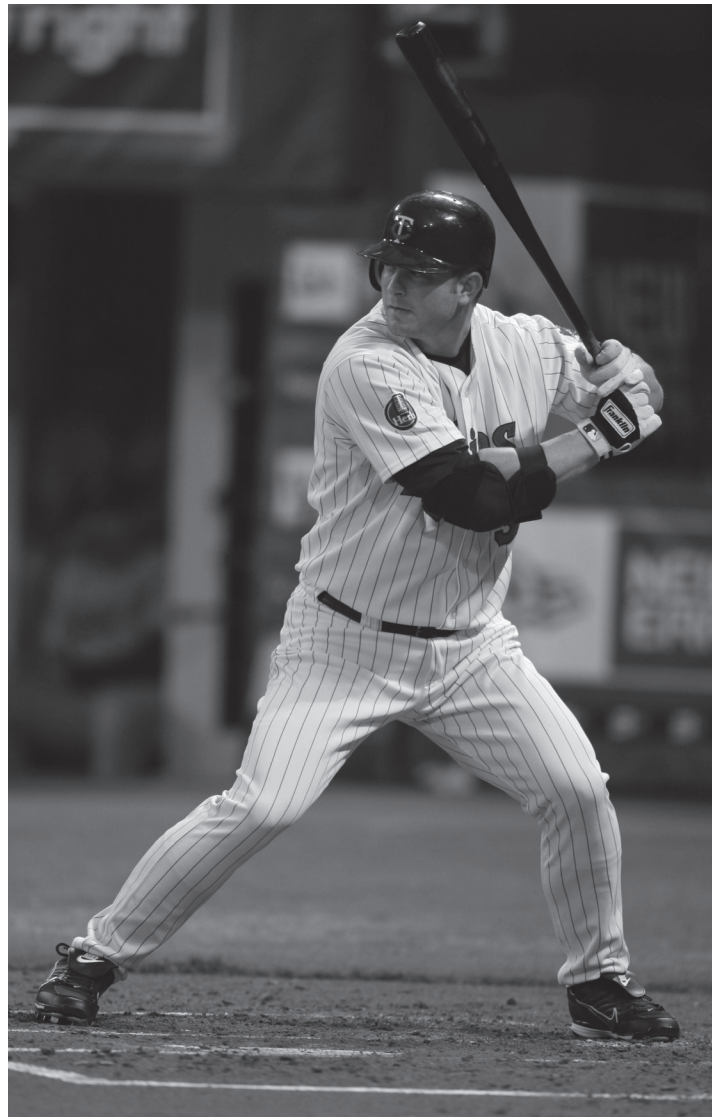


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Brian BUSCHER

Undergraduate Assistant Coach
3rd Season at South Carolina
1st Season as Coach



THE BUSCHER FAMILY
Sarah, Finley, Brian

Brian Buscher, a 2003 All-American at South Carolina and former major leaguer with the Minnesota Twins, has returned to Columbia and will serve as an undergraduate assistant coach for the 2011 season on the South Carolina baseball team. Buscher played on consecutive College World Series teams in 2002 and 2003 before beginning a seven-year stint in professional baseball highlighted by three years in Major League Baseball with the Twins. He will serve as the bench coach and work with the corner infielders.

"We are very happy to have Brian as a part of our coaching staff," said head coach Ray Tanner. "He had a tremendous career here and sustained that success in professional baseball. He will be a great influence for our student-athletes."

Buscher came to Carolina after two seasons at Central Florida CC. Buscher never missed a game in two seasons at Carolina starting 140 of 142 games played at third base. He was a staple in the lineup as a junior on the 2002 SEC championship team that reached the national championship game at the College World Series and he followed that up with an even more successful year in 2003 that saw him earn All-America honors as the Gamecocks made a second straight trip to the CWS. Buscher's .393 batting average (106-for-270) his senior season is the best batting average by a Gamecock player over the last 12 years and his 106 hits is tied for the second highest single-season total in school history. He totaled 201 career hits, one of 23 players at Carolina to record 200 or more hits.

His success at Carolina led him to being selected in the third round of the '03 MLB Draft by the San Francisco Giants. He would spend three seasons in the Giants minor league system before being selected by the Twins in the Rule Five Draft. Buscher made his MLB debut on July 27, 2007 and spent two and a half seasons with the Twins culminating in a first place finish in the American League Central division in 2009.

Buscher is completing his work towards a bachelor's degree in psychology. Buscher and his wife, the former Sarah Simmons, have one daughter, Finley Amelia.



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Billy ANDERSON

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
18th Season at South Carolina
9th Season with Baseball



“The South Carolina strength and conditioning program is used to help develop stronger, more competitive baseball players. It ensures that each athlete gets the maximum benefit from resistance training, speed development, injury prevention, and sports specific conditioning. Players train year round using various methods of strength training and conditioning to challenge them not only physically but mentally.”



THE ANDERSON FAMILY
Tish, Ashlyn, Kaden, Billy

Billy Anderson is the head strength and conditioning coach for Olympic Sports at the University of South Carolina. This is Anderson's ninth season as strength coach to the baseball program and his 18th year at Carolina.

Anderson also works with the softball team along with men's and women's golf. Anderson began working in 1992 at South Carolina as a graduate assistant and has been a full-time member for the strength staff since 1994.

Anderson is certified by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) and most recently in May of 2010 was awarded the prestigious title of Master Strength and Conditioning Coach. This honor is given to strength coaches who have been in the field for a minimum of 12 years and represents professionalism, experience, expertise as well as longevity in the field.

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

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

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

Anderson and his wife, the former Tish Fellers, were married July 22, 2000. They have a son, Kaden Ellis, born on Sept. 11, 2005 and a daughter, Ashlyn Paige, born on May 5, 2008.

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Steven BONDURANT

Academic Advisor
8th Season at South Carolina
4th Season as Academic Advisor



Kyle LIPSEY

Director of Operations
8th Season at South Carolina



Steven Bondurant is in his fourth year as academic advisor for the baseball program. In addition to his duties as primary advisor for the baseball team in academic manners, Bondurant also oversees the academic progress for men's soccer and women's volleyball and coordinates the Class Check Program for all student-athletes at the University of South Carolina. Last spring, the Gamecocks also finished with a cumulative GPA of 3.118, the highest GPA of all eight schools at the College World Series.

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

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

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

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

Kyle Lipsey is in his fourth year as director of baseball operations and his eighth season as a member of the South Carolina baseball program. Lipsey previously served as a team manager for the squad and has been with the Gamecocks since the 2004 season.

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

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

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

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



STEVEN & EMILY BONDURANT



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Grounds Crew - Left to right: Randall Boland, Matt Rhodes, Donnie Lindler, Donald Robbins, Eddie Dunning, Travis Reed.

