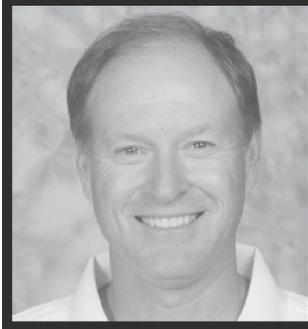


# MEET THE STAFF



THE GAMECOCK COACHING STAFF

(L TO R): RYAN SACKO, MARK BERSON,  
BERT MOLINARY, ALEX MASLOW.



# MARK BERSON

29TH SEASON OVERALL >>> 28TH SEASON AT USC  
379-141-43, OVERALL >>> 368-136-43, AT USC

Under the leadership of Coach Mark Berson, who ranks in the top five nationally among active Division I coaches with 379 wins, South Carolina has established itself as one of the nation's premier soccer programs. The Gamecocks have earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament in 17 of their 27 years of existence, including four appearances in the NCAA quarterfinals and two trips to the College Cup. In addition, Berson has coached 10 players to 12 All-America honors at South Carolina.

Besides making an impact in collegiate soccer, Coach Berson's presence is also being felt within the professional ranks. In January 2005 former Gamecock Brad Guzan made history when he was the No. 2 overall pick in the MLS SuperDraft, selected by expansion-club CD Chivas USA. Guzan became the highest goalkeeper ever drafted into the MLS. During the summer of 2002, two of Berson's former players, Clint Mathis and Josh Wolff, represented the United States in the 2002 World Cup. Mathis also graced the cover of *Sports Illustrated* in May prior to the World Cup, marking the third Gamecock athlete, in any sport, to be featured on the prestigious magazine. At the beginning of 2005, Mathis returned to the United States to play professionally after spending time in Germany. He joined Real Salt Lake, another MLS expansion team. Wolff continues to star for the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer (MLS). In 2004, goalkeeper Henry Ring enjoyed a breakout season representing the Garnet and Black in the MLS All-Star game and starting in goal for the East.

Coach Berson has made his mark on the college soccer world by taking the Gamecocks to 17 NCAA Tournaments, including six-

straight times from 1985-90 and in seven of the last 10 seasons. In the past 18 years, the Gamecocks have advanced to the second round 11 times and have four quarterfinal and two Final Four appearances. In 1993, the Gamecocks advanced to the NCAA Championship Game, losing to Virginia by a 2-0 count.

In 2000, one of Berson's former pupils represented the USA at the Sydney Olympics. Josh Wolff was a member of the U.S. Olympic team that fell to Chile in the Bronze medal game. Pairing up with former Gamecock Clint Mathis, Wolff represents the USA, playing for the U.S. National team.

Berson now has a 368-136-43 record at South Carolina. Before coming to South Carolina in 1978, Berson went 11-5-0 in one season at The Citadel, making his overall record 379-138-43, a winning percentage of 71 percent, which ranks 10th among active Division I coaches. His 379 all-time victories place him fifth among active coaches and 12th all-time in Division I. He led Carolina to a 113-39-12 mark (.726) in the 1990s which rated the Gamecocks as one of the winningest programs in NCAA Division I soccer. In 1998, Berson earned the inaugural Independent Coach of the Year award after leading Carolina to the best record of all the Independent schools. Berson has also been honored as the National Soccer Coaches Association/Metropolitan Life "Coach of the Year" in the South on four occasions (1984, 1985, 1988, 1995). Under his leadership, 14 Gamecocks have been selected to represent South Carolina in postseason play in either the MLS Combine Game, the ISAA Senior Bowl or the UMBRO Select All-Star Classic. Included in that group are Tim Glowienka (2003), Jordan Quinn (2003), Joey Worthen (2002), Chris Morman (1999), Clint Mathis (1997), Billy Clifford (1995), Andrew Coggins (1991), Tommy Loeber (1990), Charles Arndt (1988), Doug Allison (1987), Bill Hency (1986), Warren Lipka (1985) David Burr (1982) and Paul Turin (1979). Two of those players, Lipka and Arndt, were honored as "National Goalkeeper of the Year" in 1985 and 1988, respectively.



## THE MARK BERSON FILE

**Born:** March 16, 1953 in Hartford, Conn.

**High School Education:** Summit (N.J.) High School, 1971

**College Education:** Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from the University of North Carolina, 1975. Master's of Education in Sport Administration from Ohio University, 1977.

**High School:** All-state (1970) at Summit High. Earned letters in soccer and track.

**College Soccer:** Letterman at North Carolina, playing one year at midfielder and three years in goal. Received UNC Educational Foundation Award. Academic ACC Honor Roll, 1972-74.

**Coaching Career:** Assistant Coach, The Citadel, 1976; Head Coach, The Citadel, 1977; Head Coach, South Carolina, 1978-present.

**Wife:** Shauna (Hopkins) of Columbia.

**Children:** Erin Rhea (19), Luke William (15).

Berson's success has ranged far and beyond the college ranks as 41 South Carolina players have been drafted into or entered professional soccer in the last 27 years, while Gamecock players have represented the United States on the U.S. Olympic team, the U.S. National team, the National "B" team, the U.S. Under-20 and Under-23 teams, the World University Games squad, and the U.S. Olympic Festival teams. Berson has coached 10 NSCAA All-Americans (Doug Allison, Marty Baltzger, Charles Arndt, Clark Brisson, Tommy Loeber, Chris Faklaris, Rob Smith, Clint Mathis, Henry Ring and Brad Guzan), eight Academic All-Americans (Peter Duitsman, Greg King, Jeff Love twice, Pat Mihm, Phil Seidenberg, Loeber and Ruben Tufino), and Soccer America's "Freshman of the Year" (Tufino). Duitsman was also named the Boyd McWhorter SEC Male Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1994.

Berson has been involved in soccer development as a coach, teacher and administrator on many levels. He is a U.S. Soccer National Instructional Staff Coach with an "A" coaching license and formerly served as State Coach for the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA), working in player development and coaching certification. In 1992, he was inducted into the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association's Hall of Fame.

Berson also coached the U.S. National U-18 team in the Granatkin/Leningrad Tournament in January, 1989, in the Soviet Union. In July 1987, Berson directed the South team to the gold medal in the U.S. Olympic Festival in Durham, N.C., one year after serving as assistant coach for the South squad.

He has served on the NCAA South Region Advisory Committee for the NCAA Tournament and the Division I Coaches Subcommittee for the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA). He has also served as head scout for U.S. Soccer for the South Region. His Carolina Soccer Camp continues to be one of the country's finest soccer camps.

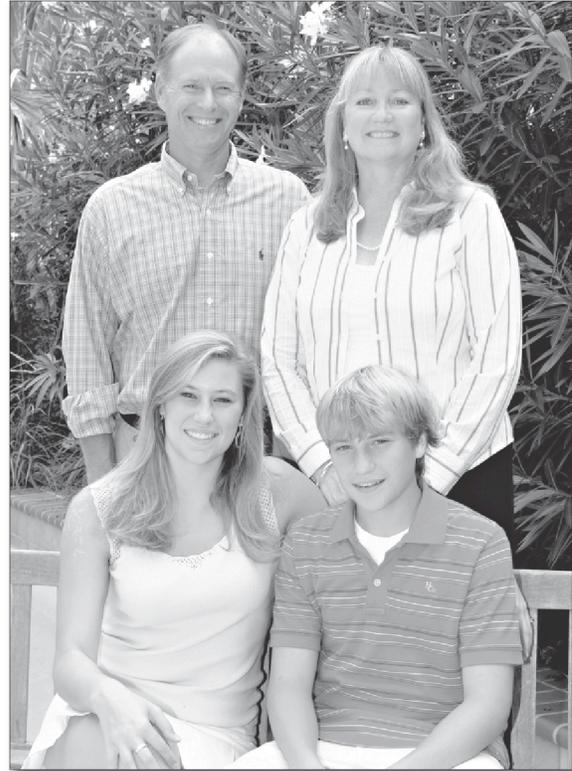
Berson began his coaching career when he joined the soccer staff at The Citadel in 1976 and served as an assistant coach under Eddie Teague. Berson took over the Bulldogs' head job the next season and led The Citadel to an 11-5-0 mark and a second-place finish in the Southern Conference.

Berson, who is the dean of the University of South Carolina coaches, came to Columbia to start the varsity program in 1978 and promptly posted a 13-3-1 mark in his inaugural season with the Gamecocks. A year later, South Carolina finished with a 14-5 record and reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time. South Carolina has gone on to achieve a winning record in 25 of 27 seasons.

A 1971 graduate of Summit (N.J.) High School, Berson attended the University of North Carolina and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism in 1975. Berson played on the Tar Heel soccer squad for four years, one as a midfielder and the other three in goal. As a senior, Berson received the UNC Educational Foundation Award, and was a member of the Academic ACC Honor Roll.

Berson received his master's of education degree in sport administration from Ohio University in 1977.

Born March 16, 1953 in Hartford, Conn., Berson is married to the former Shauna Hopkins of Columbia. They have two children, Erin Rhea, who is 19, and Luke William, who is 15. Erin is a sophomore pharmacy major at South Carolina.



THE BERSON FAMILY (Clockwise): Mark, Shauna, Luke and Erin.

HEAD COACH MARK BERSON

MARK BERSON'S COLLEGIATE COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	NCAA Finish
1977	The Citadel	11	5	0	.688	The Citadel's Best Record Ever
1978	South Carolina	13	3	1	.794	South Region Top 10
1979	South Carolina	14	5	0	.737	NCAA First Round
1980	South Carolina	12	5	2	.684	South Region Top 10
1981	South Carolina	16	4	1	.786	South Region Top 10
1982	South Carolina	12	5	2	.684	South Region Top 10
1983	South Carolina	8	11	2	.426	South Region Top 10
1984	South Carolina	14	4	2	.750	South Region Top 5
1985	South Carolina	20	3	1	.854	NCAA Quarterfinals
1986	South Carolina	17	5	0	.773	NCAA First Round
1987	South Carolina	16	2	3	.809	NCAA Second Round
1988	South Carolina	14	4	4	.727	NCAA Semifinals
1989	South Carolina	17	3	2	.818	NCAA Quarterfinals
1990	South Carolina	14	5	2	.714	NCAA Second Round
1991	South Carolina	14	5	0	.737	South Region Top 10
1992	South Carolina	13	5	3	.690	NCAA First Round
1993	South Carolina	16	4	4	.750	NCAA Finals
1994	South Carolina	16	4	0	.800	NCAA First Round
1995	South Carolina	16	4	0	.800	NCAA Second Round
1996	South Carolina	8	9	2	.474	
1997	South Carolina	16	3	1	.825	NCAA Second Round
1998	South Carolina	16	5	0	.762	NCAA Second Round
1999	South Carolina	10	7	2	.579	
2000	South Carolina	12	4	3	.658	NCAA First Round
2001	South Carolina	12	5	2	.684	NCAA Second Round
2002	South Carolina	11	8	1	.575	NCAA First Round
2003	South Carolina	9	7	2	.556	
2004	South Carolina	12	7	1	.635	NCAA First Round
<b>The Citadel (1 year)</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.688</b>	
<b>South Carolina (27 years)</b>		<b>368</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>.712</b>	<b>15-15 NCAA Tourn. Record</b>
<b>OVERALL (28 years)</b>		<b>379</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>.711</b>	<b>17 NCAA Appearances</b>



Bert Molinary begins his second season as an assistant coach for the South Carolina men's soccer program.

Molinary's responsibilities range in all areas of the program, including scheduling, budget, equipment, alumni relations and academics. He also coordinates recruiting.

Before joining the Gamecock staff, Molinary spent eight years as the head men's soccer coach at Hampden-Sydney College.

"Bert has experience in all areas as a former head coach," said head coach Mark Berson. "He is a tremendous recruiter and a tireless worker, who has been a proven winner at the collegiate level."

During his tenure at Hampden-Sydney, Molinary compiled an impressive list of credentials, including a 94-57-6 (.618) overall record, with his victory total and winning percentage rating as the best in school history. Along with his record number of coaching victories, he guided the Tigers to a national ranking of 22nd in 1997, marking the first-ever appearance by a Hampden-Sydney soccer team in the national poll. Molinary served six seasons as an assistant coach at Hampden-Sydney prior to taking over as the program's head coach.

At Hampden-Sydney, Molinary coached a pair of NSCAA/adidas All-Americans, 25 NSCAA/adidas All-South Region selections and 21 first-team All-ODAC selections.

In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Molinary served as the Chairman of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Soccer Coaches Committee, as the South Region Chairman of the NSCAA Men's All-America Selection Committee, and as a member of the NCAA South Region Advisory Committee.

Throughout his career, Molinary has coached five players that have either been drafted or entered professional soccer. Included in the group are Erik Ozimek, a fourth-round selection by San Jose of the MLS and Andy Kwon, a member of the U-20 National Pool and a third-round selection by Rochester of the A-League. Molinary was also responsible for the daily training of the Gamecock goalkeepers in Brad Guzan's final season at USC. Guzan went on to become the No. 2 pick of CD Chivas USA in the MLS SuperDraft in 2005.

He served as head coach of the Columbia Patriots Soccer Club from 1990-94, leading the team to five South Carolina State Cup Championships.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Molinary played two years for former Hampden-Sydney head coach Mike Reilly at Spartanburg Methodist College. In those two years, SMC compiled a 29-5 record and in 1985, reached the Southeast Region Finals of the NJCAA Championships, attaining a final national ranking of seventh.

Molinary is a 1984 graduate of Spring Valley High School, where he played for the highly respected coach John Boulware.

**THE BERT MOLINARY FILE**

**Born:** Jan. 10, 1966  
**High School Education:** Spring Valley High School (Columbia, S.C.), 1984  
**College Education:** Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies from Excelsior, 2003  
**College Soccer:** Spartanburg Methodist College, 1984-86  
**Coaching Career:** Head Coach, Columbia Patriots Soccer Club (1990-94); Assistant Coach, Hampden-Sydney College (1991-96); Head Coach, Hampden-Sydney College (1996-2003); Assistant Coach, University of South Carolina (2004-Present)



Alex Maslow, a former standout goalkeeper at Furman University, begins his first season as an assistant coach for the Gamecock men's soccer program in 2005.

Maslow is involved in all facets of the Gamecock program, including recruiting, scheduling, budget and academics with a particular emphasis on training the Carolina goalkeepers.

"I'm very pleased to announce the addition of Alex Maslow to our coaching staff," head coach Mark Berson said upon announcing Maslow's hiring. "He has been an outstanding goalkeeper and great competitor throughout his career, and he was a success both on the field and in the classroom."

Maslow was a four-year letterwinner from 2001-2004 for Furman coach Doug Allison, who played for and served as an assistant coach to Berson at South Carolina. He was a two-time All-Southern Conference selection and a two-time member of the league's Academic Honor Roll. Maslow started 42 matches and compiled an impressive 0.99 goals-against average in 4,147 minutes of play during his career. He also finished with 16 shutouts and 212 saves.

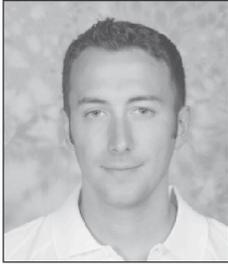
In 2002, Maslow was the goalkeeper for eight of the 11 matches in Furman's NCAA record shutout streak. He went 846 minutes from Oct. 2 to Dec. 1 without allowing a goal, which ranks as the fourth-longest streak in NCAA history. His 0.63 goals-against average that season ranked eighth nationally.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., Maslow was a National Soccer Coaches' Association of America High School All-American at Charlotte Catholic High School. During his prep years, he was a member of the United States Under-18 National Team pool.

Maslow graduated from Furman with a bachelor's degree in political science in June, 2005.

**THE ALEX MASLOW FILE**

**Born:** Jan. 7, 1983  
**High School Education:** Charlotte Catholic High School (Charlotte, N.C.), 2001  
**College Education:** Bachelor's degree in political science from Furman University, 2005  
**College Soccer:** Goalkeeper, Furman University, 2002-2005  
**Coaching Career:** Assistant Coach, University of South Carolina (2005-Present)



**RYAN SACKO**  
*Volunteer Assistant*

Ryan Sacko begins his first season as a Volunteer Assistant for the Gamecock men's soccer program. A certified athletic trainer, Sacko served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the men's soccer team 2003-2005.

Sacko played soccer collegiately at Charleston Southern and was a four-year letterwinner, 1999-2002. He served as team captain in 2002 and was named Sportsman of the Year in 1999 and 2001.

Sacko graduated from CSU in May 2003 with a degree in athletic training and a minor in kinesiology. He is currently pursuing a master's degree from USC in exercise science.

Sacko has experience coaching with the Columbia Soccer Club and at soccer camps all over the state.

A 1999 graduate of Ridge View High School, Sacko lives in Columbia.



**BRAINARD COOPER**  
*Athletic Trainer*

Brainard Cooper, promoted to Associate Athletics Trainer in 2000, joined the Carolina training staff as a graduate assistant in 1983 and became full-time in 1986. He is in his 20th season

working with the USC soccer program. He also works with the Gamecock baseball team and oversees the Spring Sports Center, which has a staff of 16 assistants.

Born Lemont Brainard Cooper May 24, 1958, he grew up in Dayton, Tenn., graduating from Rhea County High School. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga in 1983 and the Master of Arts in teaching from the University of South Carolina in 1986.

Cooper began his training career as a freshman at UT-Chattanooga. The men's soccer team has been to the NCAA Tournament 15 of the past 18 years, and played in the NCAA championship game in 1993. He also works with the Carolina baseball program. The Gamecock baseball team has participated in six NCAA tournaments, including the 2002, 2003 and 2004 College World Series, during Cooper's career as a trainer.



**KEVIN O'CONNELL**  
*Executive Associate Athletics Director*

Kevin O'Connell is in his first year as executive associate athletics director at the University of South Carolina.

O'Connell serves as the sport administrator for men's and women's soccer, men's basketball and men's and women's track and field. He also oversees the Gamecock athletics marketing and promotions, media relations and ticket operations, and is the athletic department's liaison with Gamecock Sports Properties (Learfield and ISP Sports) and Action Sports Media.

O'Connell came to South Carolina after spending six years at TCU as the Associate Athletics Director of External Operations. He was responsible for the Frogs' marketing and promotions, the TCU Sports Network, media relations, ticket operations, the community outreach program and served as the primary liaison with ESPN Regional Television. Additionally, he oversaw the TCU men's and women's golf, men's and women's swimming & diving and men's and women's track & field programs.

During O'Connell's tenure in Fort Worth, the Horned Frogs showed attendance growth in nearly every sport. Over the past five years, TCU posted three of the top six football season attendance totals in school history. The TCU women's basketball program boasted the top-ranked home season attendance figure in Conference USA in each of the past four years and was ranked 32nd nationally in 2004-2005 with an average attendance of 3,462. TCU baseball averaged its highest attendance in school history during the 2005 campaign.

O'Connell moved to TCU from Miami (Ohio) University, where he spent four years as an associate athletics director. Prior to his stint at Miami, O'Connell served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the ITG Travel Companies in Raleigh, N.C. Before assuming his duties with ITG in 1989, the Falls Church, Va., native served eight years at North Carolina State, the last three as associate athletics director. O'Connell began his professional career with the Washington (D.C.) Diplomats of the North American Soccer League in 1977, working in various positions.

A 1975 graduate of Virginia Tech, O'Connell earned a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University in 1977.

O'Connell and his wife, Becky, have three children: Shannon, a senior at Furman University, Brent, a freshman at South Carolina, and Becca, 13.





**DAN AUSTIN**  
*Strength Coach*

Dan Austin serves as the strength and conditioning coach for the South Carolina men's soccer team. Austin, who is in his third year at USC, also works with the Gamecock football team.

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

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

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

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

He has two daughters, Whitney and Briana.



**SHAWN BURKE**  
*Game Management*

Shawn Burke, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, is in his fourth year as assistant athletics director for operations and event management at Carolina. Prior to that, Burke was director of events at South Carolina from 1997-2000.

Burke began his career with the Gamecock athletics department as an intern with the Olympic Sports from 1985-87. During that time, he served as the tournament director for numerous Metro Conference Championships. Among them were the men's and women's swimming and diving championships, women's basketball championship, men's golf, and the men's and women's tennis championships. He then joined the University of Dayton as the events coordinator for the UD Arena from 1987-88. While at Dayton, Burke supervised the overall operation of the football stadium and basketball arena along with facility scheduling and payroll.

He rejoined USC as assistant ticket manager from 1988-92 and in 1992, Burke was promoted to assistant business manager. The following year, he was promoted to assistant business and ticket manager/game management director. Burke served in that capacity until 1997.

While in college at Ohio University, Burke lettered in tennis three years and was all-conference his final season. After his college playing days were over, Burke was a tennis professional for one year at Wickertree Tennis Club in Columbus, Ohio. He then went back to Ohio University to earn his Master's degree in Sports Administration and Facility Management in 1985. Burke also is a 1995 graduate of the Sports Management Institute.

Burke and his wife, Dana, have three sons: Connor (9), Dylan (7) and Kyle (3).



**COLLIN CRICK**  
*Academic Advisor*

Collin Crick enters his fourth season as the NCAA Champs/Life Skills Coordinator and Athletics Academic Advisor for the Athletics Department and his ninth year at the University of South Carolina. His responsibilities include working with the men's and women's soccer and tennis teams.

Prior to working for the Athletics Department, Crick worked as an Academic Advisor for two years at USC's Moore School of Business and three years as an Admissions Counselor for USC Undergraduate Admissions.

The native of South Carolina is the coordinator for "Team Gamecocks," the community outreach program for the Athletics Department. Crick is also the advisor to SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) and a member of the Harvest Hope Food Bank PR Committee. He received a master's in education degree from USC in 2004 and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from USC in 1997.



**CHRISTY LANG**  
*Media Relations*

Christy Lang is in her first year as the publications coordinator in the University of South Carolina Media Relations Office. In addition to her work on athletics department publications, she serves as the primary sports information contact for the Game-

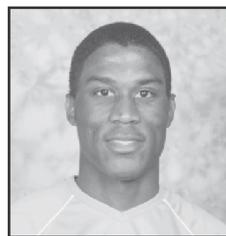
cock men's soccer and men's golf teams and the department's official athletic web site, [www.uscsports.com](http://www.uscsports.com).

Lang joined the South Carolina staff in September, 2004 after spending two years as an assistant media relations director at Indiana University. Prior to her stint at Indiana, she worked as a media relations assistant during the 2001-02 school year at the University of Kansas.

A native of Norman, Okla., Lang earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism with emphasis in public relations from the University of Oklahoma in May, 2001. While at OU, she worked as a student assistant for two years in the Sooner Media Relations Office.

Lang has handled publicity efforts for two national championship teams, the 2000 Oklahoma softball team and the 2003 Indiana men's soccer team, and served as media coordinator at numerous NCAA and conference championship events.

The former Christy Tolin married Gavin Lang on July 31, 2004. The couple resides in Columbia, S.C.



**BRYAN HAM**  
*Team Manager*



**CLINT BRIF**  
*Graduate Asst. Athletic Trainer*



**ERIC HYMAN**  
Director of Athletics

Eric Hyman, named Director of Athletics for the University of South Carolina on April 16, 2005, comes from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he served as the athletics director for over seven years. He officially began his duties at Carolina on July 1, 2005. At TCU, Hyman worked to solidify a national reputation as an

architect of championship programs, as an advocate for academic success and as a skilled administrator. For his success, Hyman was named the 2003-2004 *Street and Smith's Business Journal* National Athletics Director of the Year and was also chosen as the Division I-A West Regional Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). The 2004-05 school year produced three conference championships, seven second-place finishes and the C-USA Male and Female Athlete of the Year in All-American Lance Broadway and Sandora Irvin.

Under his leadership, TCU teams recorded 32 conference titles and consistently posted a graduation percentage rate higher than that of the overall TCU student body. Hyman was instrumental in orchestrating TCU's invitation to join Conference USA in July 2001 and spearheaded the effort for TCU to join the Mountain West Conference in July 2005, moving the program up from the Western Athletic Conference it was in when Hyman arrived.

In the 2000-2001 school year, TCU teams turned in the best athletics record in school history when the Horned Frogs registered a school record eight WAC championships and had seven teams nationally ranked. TCU was one of only four schools to record 10 victories in football and 20 wins in both men's and women's basketball, while setting a school record for football season tickets sold.

TCU turned in the most successful overall season of any Conference

USA member in 2001-02. The Horned Frogs' debut campaign in the league featured nine NCAA appearances, five tournament championships and one regular season title. In 2003-04, TCU captured four Conference USA crowns along with nine second-place finishes. The conference titles in women's swimming and women's indoor track & field were the first in school history for those programs, while the baseball team reached the NCAA Tournament for just the third time ever. In addition, the football team was ranked as high as sixth in the BCS polls during the season. The 2004-05 school year produced three conference championships and seven second-place finishes. During Hyman's tenure, the football team went to six bowl games in seven seasons, the women's basketball team went to five straight NCAA Tournaments and the baseball team earned back-to-back regional appearances for the first time in school history.

As TCU's Athletics Director, Hyman worked diligently to improve athletic facilities. The first phase of a building plan he put in place included the construction of a soccer stadium, a track complex and football practice fields. Phase two included renovations to TCU's coliseum and the construction of an athletics center housing the football offices and meeting rooms, an academic center, athletic administration offices and an athletics heritage area. The third phase of the building plan included the construction of a baseball stadium, basketball practice complex, tennis offices and locker room building, an all-weather football practice field and a volleyball gymnasium.

During the TCU years, Hyman negotiated an innovative marketing partnership for TCU Athletics with ESPN Regional, the most extensive agreement of its kind between ESPN and a university. Hyman also hired a number of coaches of national prominence, including football coach Dennis Franchione and former USC assistant basketball coach Neil Dougherty, bringing recognition and success to the school and placing TCU on the national scene in athletics.

No stranger to the Carolinas, Hyman coached football for nine years under Art Baker and Dick Sheridan, and was an associate athletics director for two years at Furman University, where he earned a master's degree in educational administration (1975). He and his wife, Pauline, coached the women's basketball team at North Greenville College in Tigerville, South Carolina, leading the team to national rankings.

Hyman played football at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was an all-ACC football player, on the Dean's list and selected for the Hula Bowl. He also served as the Executive Associate Athletics Director at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Before joining TCU, Hyman was the athletics director at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. During his tenure, Miami had the fifth highest student-athlete graduation rate among all NCAA Division I schools in the country. His last two years at Miami brought home 10 conference championships. Hyman also served as athletics director at VMI in Lexington, Virginia, in the 1980s.

His wife, Pauline, is a native of North Carolina and also graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her arrival at UNC, she played and later coached women's college basketball, taught sociology and psychology as well as serving as a college administrator. Pauline developed and taught the NCAA CHAMPS Life Skills course and various seminars for student-athletes at both Miami University and TCU.

The Hymans have two adult children: Ryan, who graduated from TCU in 2001 and Corrine, a 2004 graduate of TCU. Ryan works for L.T. Barton Insurance Company in Fort Worth and Corrine is a realtor with Williams Trew Real Estate in Fort Worth.



The Hyman Family (L to R): Ryan, Pauline, Eric and Corrine.  
(Photo courtesy of Smiley Irvin)



**DR. ANDREW SORENSEN**  
University President

The University of South Carolina has a proud tradition of service to the people and state of South Carolina.

**Scholarships and Research Productivity**

With every new class, USC's student body grows in academic excellence. This year's freshman class promises to be the most talented academically in the history of the university. And they're joining an impressive group of students. Last year, University students won 28 national awards, earning more than \$1.1 million for advanced academic study. Winners included a Mellon Scholar, a Udall Scholar, a US Department of Homeland Security Fellow, three Fulbright Fellows, four National Science Foundation Research Fellows, three Goldwater Scholars, two EPA GRO Fellows, two Knowles Science Teaching Fellows, two Gilman Scholars, three Rotary International Scholars, a National Security Education Program Scholar, a Tau Beta Pi Scholar, a Target Scholar, a USA Today All-USA Academic Team Member, an Alpha Lambda Delta Scholar, and a Soros Fellowship Finalist.

As Carolina builds its research campus, faculty are garnering prestigious grants to conduct research in areas that have real-world applications for our state and our nation. Most recently, USC signed agreements with two leading research institutes in Korea and in Germany to share research and faculty in an area of immense importance to the world – next energy, specifically hydrogen fuel cells and other alternative energy sources. USC researchers also are directing their efforts toward the environment, biomedical science, and nanotechnology.

**Selected Program Rankings**

The University of South Carolina's capstone program for seniors and the undergraduate international business program at the Moore School of Business are among the nation's best, according to the 2005 "America's Best Colleges Guide," published by U.S. News & World Report.

USC's Moore School of Business is ranked No. 1 for undergraduate international business education -- a ranking that USC has held

since 1995 -- and No. 8 for its undergraduate insurance program. USC's programs for first-year and senior students are cited among the nation's best by the magazine in its "Programs to Look For" section, which lists colleges and universities with outstanding programs that lead to student success.

USC's University 401 program was listed among 15 colleges and universities whose "Senior Capstone" programs enable students at the end of their college careers to make a smooth transition to the workplace or graduate school.

USC libraries rank in the top 50 for overall size of collections among more than 3,000 college and university libraries in the United States and Canada, according to the Association of Research Libraries' report.

**Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen**

Andrew A. Sorensen came to USC after serving as president of the University of Alabama (1996-2002) and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida (1990-1996). Dr. Sorensen also has been executive director of the AIDS Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and director of the School of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He was a faculty member at Lincoln University, the University of Rochester, and Cornell University, and has been a visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and at the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

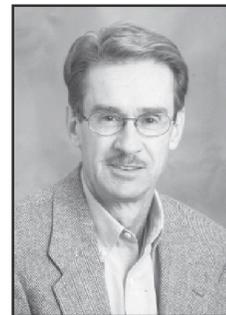
Author or editor of seven books and more than 100 articles, he is professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in USC's Arnold School of Public Health. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health degree from the University of Michigan.

Currently, he is vice president of the Southeastern Conference, past president of the Southern University Conference, past chair of the Southern Universities Research Association Council of Presidents, and a trustee of the Universities Research Association. He was a member of the Education Advisory Committee for President Bush's Transition Team during 2000-2001, and was appointed in 2005 to the NIH National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity. He is active in community affairs, serving as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

**Donna Sorensen**

Donna Ingemie Sorensen holds a baccalaureate degree in chemistry from Wheaton College (Massachusetts) and master's degrees in nutrition from Cornell University and in chemistry from Wesleyan University. Shortly after arriving at USC, Mrs. Sorensen was appointed by S. C. Department of Education Superintendent Inez

Tennenbaum to serve on the S. C. Department of Education Task Force on Nutrition and Health in Our Youth, an effort that examined the problem of childhood obesity. She is president of the board of the Girl Scout Council of the Congaree Area and serves on the boards of the S. C. Arts Foundation, the USC Board of Dance, McKissick Museum Advisory Council, and the Ex Libris Society Executive Committee. She also serves on the national board of Associated Marine Institutes.



**DR. RUSS PATE**  
Faculty Athletics Representative

In 2002, the University of South Carolina named Dr. Russ Pate as its faculty athletics representative to the Southeastern Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Pate, a professor and former chairman of the department of exercise science at the Arnold School of Public Health, is internationally recognized for his research on the link between physical activity and health. He is a former president of the American College of Sports Medicine.

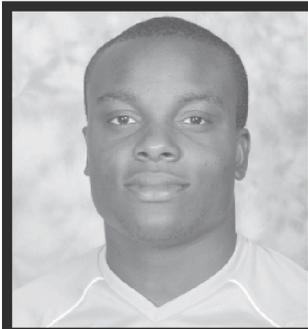
His duties include advising USC President Andrew Sorensen on matters related to the athletics program and working with Dr. Sorensen to determine the university's position on NCAA legislation. Pate also will review the eligibility, admission and progress of student-athletes. He also assists in evaluating compliance with NCAA regulations, attends SEC and NCAA meetings, serves as the university's voting delegate at the NCAA's annual meetings and participates in the organization's certification program.

Pate's research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Heart Association and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

# MEET THE GAMECOCKS



JUNIOR FORWARD  
AYO AKINSETE



# AYO AKINSETE <sup>9</sup>

JUNIOR >>> FORWARD >>> 6-0 >>> 165  
LONDON, ENGLAND (ST. COLUMBIA'S SCHOOL)

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**2004** >>> Appeared in 19 matches with 16 starting assignments ... Hampered by a hamstring injury in the early part of the season ... Finished tied for third on the team in scoring with 12 points (5 goals, 2 assists) ... Scored the game-winning goals in back-to-back games against Winthrop (Sept. 4) and No. 16 Portland (Sept. 10) ... Turned in one of his best performances of the season with a pair of goals against Portland in the adidas/Gamecock Classic ... Earned Offensive MVP honors in the adidas/Gamecock Classic ... Also hit the back of the net in a 2-2-tie with Princeton ... Scored a goal against College of Charleston in the NCAA Tournament (Nov. 19) ... A member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2003** >>> Turned in one of the top rookie campaigns in school history in 2003 ... Led South Carolina in scoring with 16 points and in goals with seven ... Made an immediate impact, scoring the first goal of the year for the Gamecocks in a 4-1 win over Boston University (Aug. 29) ... Continued on a torrid pace, scoring goals in each of the first six matches of the year ... Notched game-winning goals against both Stetson (Sept. 1) and Northwestern (Sept. 7) ... His 16 points ranked tied for 10th on South Carolina's freshman scoring list with Rob Smith's total in 1991 ... His seven goals are tied for the ninth-most by a rookie in school history.

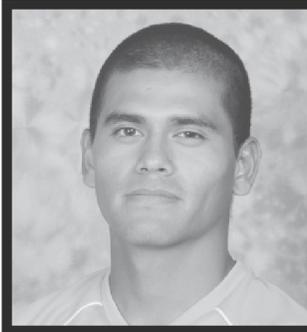
**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Attended St. Columbia's where he played soccer from 1996-2001 ... Averaged 15 goals and six assists a year ... Two-time Kent Cup Champion (1999, 2000) ... Was also a two-time finalist at the Kent Cup.

**PERSONAL** >>> Parents are Roseline and Sylvester Akinsete ... Born Sept. 26, 1984, in Nigeria ... Majoring in retailing.



## AKINSETE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2003	18/18	33	7	2	16	2
2004	19/16	33	5	2	12	2
TOTAL	37/34	66	12	4	28	4



**JOSH**  
**ALCALA** **10**  
 SENIOR >>> FORWARD >>> 5-10 >>> 150  
 BUDA, TEXAS (HAYS)

**2004 >>>** One of only four Gamecock players to start all 20 matches ... Ranked fifth on the team with 11 points on three goals and five assists ... Named to the all-tournament team at the adidas/Gamecock Classic ... Scored his first goal of the year at Davidson (Sept. 29) ... Led a furious USC comeback later that week against Gardner-Webb as he scored the game-tying goal at the 87:47 mark and then knocked home the game-winner 1:10 later at 88:57 ... For his performance that week, was selected to both the *Soccer America* and *College Soccer News* National teams of the Week ... Registered an assist against No. 13 Duke (Oct. 31) and Alabama A&M (Nov. 7).

**2003 >>>** Continued his development as a defensive performer for the Gamecocks ... Helped anchor a defensive unit that allowed just under a goal per game and posted eight shut-outs, with rookie netminder Brad Guzan finishing the year with a 0.96 goals against average ... Did not score but was active in the offensive zone, registering 20 shots, seven of which were on goal, tying for the sixth-most shots on goal on the team ... Played in all 18 matches for South Carolina.

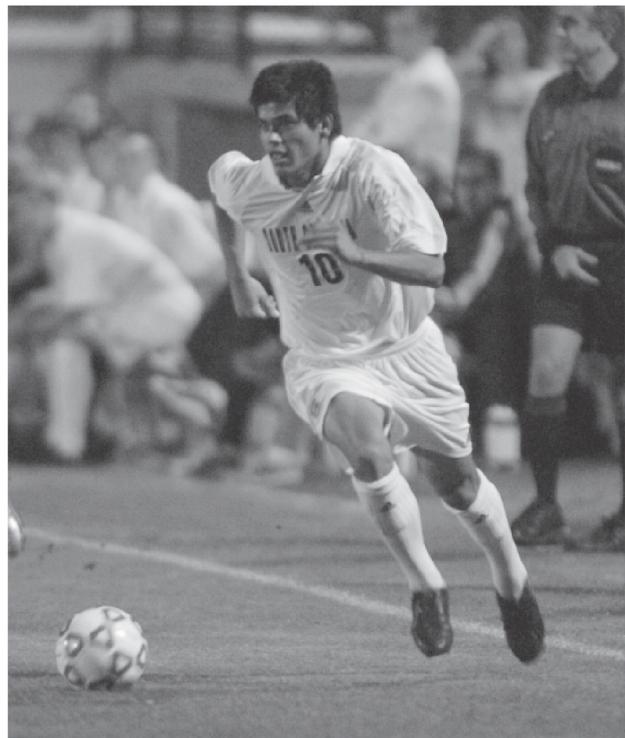
**2002 >>>** Scored one goal and one assist during his freshman campaign ... Played in 18 of South Carolina's 20 matches, including the First Round of NCAA Tournament ... A member of the stingy defense that allowed an average of one goal per match.

**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Attended Hays High School ... Played soccer for the Capital Soccer club team ... His club team won the state championships in 2001 ... Lettered in basketball for three years ... Played on Region 3 ODP team ... Named most valuable player of his basketball team his junior year ... Basketball team won the district championship his sophomore year.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Joshua Vincent Alcala ... Parents are Rene and Lillie Ann Alcala ... Favorite musical group is Our Lady Peace ... Favorite athlete is Gary Payton ... Favorite food is shrimp ... Born on Jan. 5, 1984, in Austin, Texas ... Majoring in media arts.

**ALCALA'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	18/13	14	1	1	3	0
2003	18/18	20	0	0	0	0
2004	20/20	25	3	5	11	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56/51</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>



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# RYAN DETER 13

SENIOR >>> FORWARD >>> 6-2 >>> 175  
RALEIGH, N.C. (LEESVILLE ROAD)

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**2004 >>>** Played in all 20 matches, making seven starts ... A spark off the bench, Deter finished tied for second on the team with 14 points (5 goals, 4 assists) ... Led the club with three game-winning goals ... Netted his first goal of the season against then-No. 16 Portland on Sept. 10 ... Scored a goal and added an assist at Davidson on Sept. 29 ... Put away the game-winner in USC's 1-0 victory over archrival Clemson (Oct. 10) ... Also had the game-winning goal and added an assist in the regular season finale, a 2-1 win over then No. 21 Florida International (Nov. 13) ... Scored a goal against College of Charleston in the NCAA Tournament (Nov. 19) ... A member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2003 >>>** Posted a second-straight strong campaign in 2003 ... Netted six goals on the year to rank second on the team and finish the year with 12 points ... Scored goals in five of South Carolina's first six matches of the year ... Notched the game-winner in the season finale on the road against Florida International on Nov. 15 in a 1-0 Gamecock victory ... Played in all 18 matches, starting 17 of those contests.

**2002 >>>** Turned in a solid freshman season, played in all 20 matches while starting eight ... Finished second on the team in goals scored with five ... Leading points returnee with 11 points from last year ... His lone game-winning goal came in the 2-1 win over Jacksonville on Sept. 2 ... Added one assist to his freshman campaign ... Second on the team in scoring with 11 points, first in scoring as a freshman.

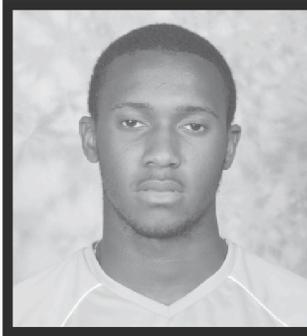
**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Attended Leesville Road High School ... Four-year letterman (1998-2002) ... Advanced to the playoffs his freshman year (1998-99) ... Named all-state his junior and senior year ... Played club soccer for CASL ... Most valuable player in 2002 ... Member of the East/West All-star game ... Team captain his senior year.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Ryan Rodney Deter ... Parents are Rod and Roxanne Deter ... Favorite athlete is Michael Owen ... Favorite actor is Vin Diesel ... Favorite food is pizza ... Member of the National Honor Society ... Born on Aug. 24, 1983, in North Platte, Neb. ... Majoring in mechanical engineering

## DETER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	20/8	25	5	1	11	1
2003	18/17	42	6	0	12	1
2004	20/7	39	5	4	14	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58/32</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>





# MAKAN HISLOP 18

JUNIOR >>> DEFENDER >>> 6-3 >>> 192  
TOBAGO, WEST INDIES (SIGNAL HILL SECONDARY)

**2004 >>>** Started in all 19 of the matches he played in ... A staple of the Gamecock defense that recorded five shutouts ... Honored for his performance in the adidas/Gamecock Classic as a member of the All-Tournament team ... Scored the second goal of his career against Alabama A&M (Nov. 7) when he headed in a corner kick by Sebastian Lindholm...Hislop's goal tied the match 2-2 and USC went on to win 3-2 ... Attempted 16 shots on the season ... A member of the Trinidad & Tobago Under-20 National Team.

**2003 >>>** Played in 14 of South Carolina's 18 matches as a rookie in 2003 ... Was a starter in eight of those contests ... Notched the first goal of his career on Nov. 4 against the College of Charleston, a game that ended in a 2-2 tie ... Took 10 shots on the year from his center defensive position ... Was part of a Gamecock defensive unit that allowed just under a goal per game and posted eight shutouts, giving up just two goals in the season's first seven matches.

**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Attended Signal Hill Secondary in Tobago ... A member of the Trinidad & Tobago U-17 National Team ... Team advanced to the U-17 World Championships.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Makan Kayode Hislop ... Parents are William Hislop and Denise Lindsay ... Born Sept. 3, 1985, in Tobago ... Majoring in business administration.

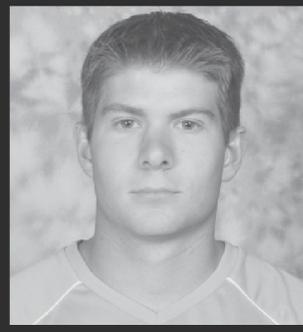
**HISLOP'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2003	14/8	10	1	0	2	0
2004	19/19	16	1	0	2	0
TOTAL	33/27	20	2	0	4	0



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**MATT** **14**  
**KING**

SOPHOMORE >>> MIDFIELD >>> 5-7 >>> 148  
SANDY, UTAH (BRIGHTON)

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**2004** >>> Saw action in two matches as a true freshman.

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Lettered for four years in soccer and one year in football at Brighton High School ... Played soccer for coach Russell Boyer and was the kicker for the football team ... Named team captain as a senior ... Started every game in each of his final three years at Brighton, playing every minute of every game as a senior ... Team won three region championships and advanced to the state finals twice ... Garnered all-state and all-region honors as a senior ... Tallied 17 points as a junior with five goals and seven assists, along with 11 points as a sophomore ... Received Brighton's academic letter award all four years ... Won a pair of state championships while playing for his club team ... Also had the opportunity to play overseas against Ajax in France.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Mathew David King ... Parents are Michael and Alicyn King ... Born Sept. 9, 1985 ... Has two brothers, Jeremy and Nick ... Favorite athlete is Roberto Carlos ... Hobbies include wakeboarding, snowboarding and water skiing ... Majoring in business administration.





**RYAN LEETON** **11**

JUNIOR >>> MIDFIELD >>> 5-11 >>> 180  
MIDLAND, TEXAS (MIDLAND)

**2004** >>> Played in six matches, making five starts ... Battled numerous recurring injuries that kept him out of the lineup for the majority of the season ... A member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2003** >>> Played in 17 matches as a rookie in 2003, earning a start in 15 of those contests ... Was part of a South Carolina defensive unit that allowed just under a goal per match and recorded eight clean slates on the year, including allowing just two goals in the year's first seven matches.

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Attended Midland High School ... A member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society ... 2003 Region III Olympic Development Team ... A Texas scholar.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is James Ryan Leeton ... Parents are Jim and Barbara Leeton... Favorite actor is Al Pacino ... Favorite singer is Eminem ... Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan ... Born Feb. 19, 1985, in Midland, Texas ... Majoring in accounting.

**LEETON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2003	17/15	1	0	0	0	0
2004	6/5	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	23/20	1	0	0	0	0



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# SEBASTIAN LINDHOLM 7

SOPHOMORE >>> FORWARD >>> 6-2 >>> 164  
TABY, SWEDEN (DE GEER)

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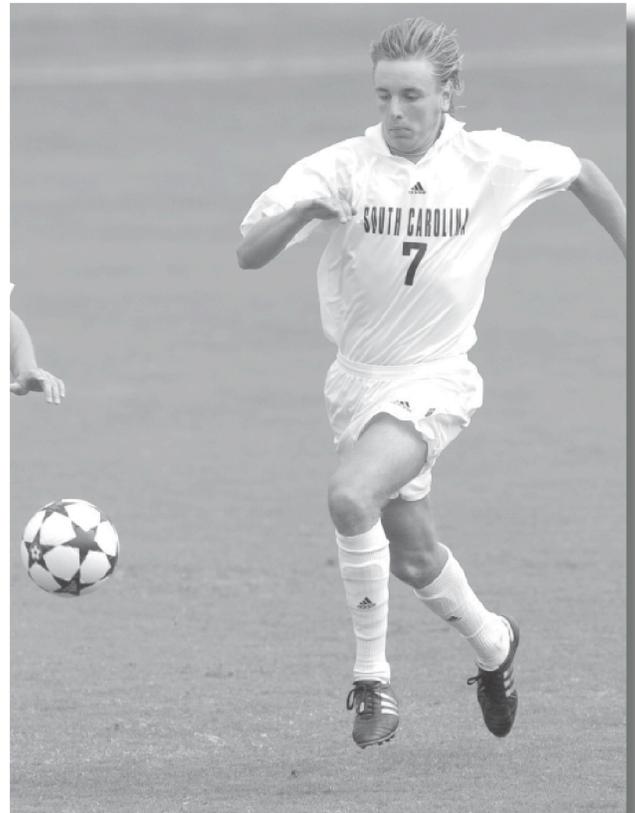
**2004 >>>** Suffered a second torn ACL over the summer and will miss the 2005 season ... Led South Carolina in scoring as a true freshman with 16 points, which ranks tied for 10th all-time on USC's freshman scoring list ... His six goals were also a team high ... Registered four assists ... Scored the game-winning goal in his first collegiate match against William and Mary on Sept. 1 ... Put away the game-winning goal in South Carolina's 1-0 victory over No. 13 Duke (Oct. 31) ... Played in 19 games and made 17 starts ... Tore his anterior cruciate ligament in practice during the week leading up to the NCAA Tournament match against College of Charleston ... Spent the offseason rehabilitating his knee before re-injuring it.

**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Attended De Geer High School in Norrkoping, Sweden, for three years ... Participated Sweden's national youth team program.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Sebastian Johan Olof Lindholm ... Parents are Goran Lindholm and Elisabet Leijon ... Born Oct. 26, 1985 ... Majoring in broadcast journalism ... Enjoys playing the guitar in his spare time.

### LINDHOLM'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2004	19/17	33	6	4	16	2





**J.D. MOON** **19**

SOPHOMORE >>> MIDFIELD >>> 5-10 >>> 150  
 CONYERS, GA. (HERITAGE)

**2004 >>>** Played in all 20 matches and started six times ... Attempted 16 shots ... Scored one goal and it was a big one – the only goal of USC’s 1-0 victory at No. 13 Wake Forest (Sept. 24) ... Earned *Soccer America* Team of the Week honors for his performance against the Demon Deacons.

**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Was a three-year letterwinner at Heritage High School ... Team captain as a senior for coach John Melcher ... Helped lead Heritage to the 4A state titles in both 2002 and 2003 and a state runner-up finish in 2001 ... An all-area selection as a sophomore and junior, earning honorable mention accolades in 2002 and first-team honors in 2003 ... Member of the Georgia ‘85 and ‘86 Olympic Development Program for four years ... Played in France and Spain in 2001 with the ODP team ... Team captain of the AFC ‘86 Lightning Club Team from 1999-2004 ... Member of the Beta Club and a Governor’s Honors Award Nominee ... Earned Heritage’s French Award and was listed in *Who’s Who* among American High School Students.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is John David Moon ... Parents are Johnny and Vickie Moon ... Born May 16, 1986 ... Has a sister named Libby ... Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan ... Hopes to attend law school after college ... Majoring in mechanical engineering.

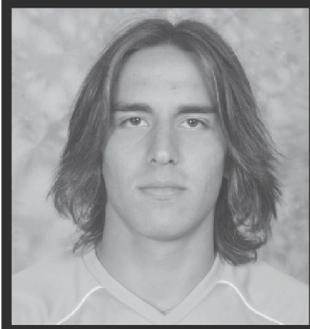


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**MOON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2004	20/6	16	1	0	2	1





# RAMON PARACAT 4

SOPHOMORE >>> DEFENDER >>> 5-9 >>> 175  
 FARMINGVILLE, N.Y. (ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST)

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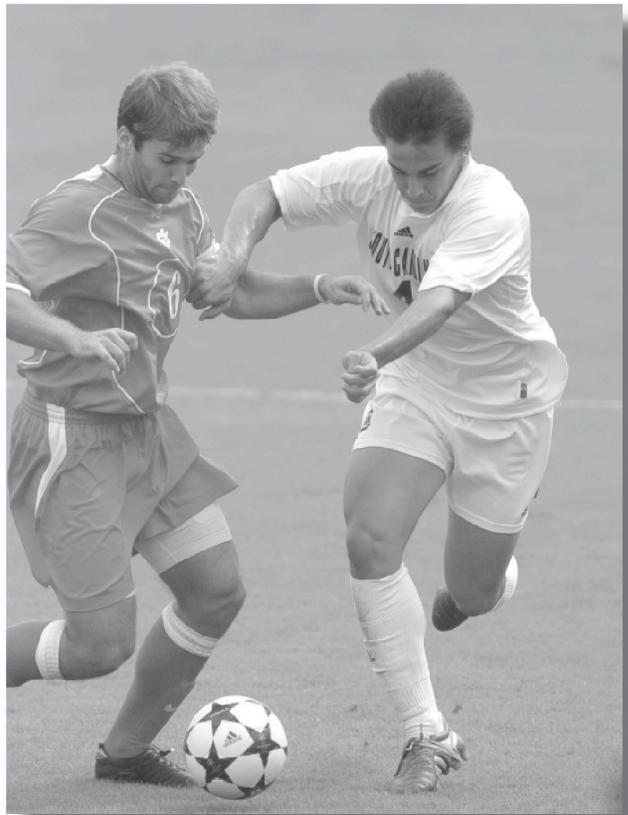
**2004** >>> Played in 15 matches and made 10 starts ... Suffered a leg injury against Clemson and missed the next four matches ... Played the majority of his minutes in the back and helped the team post five shutouts.

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Earned three letters during his high school career at St. John the Baptist ... Led the Cougars in assists and was team MVP as a senior ... Started all three years ... Helped lead St. John the Baptist to the nation's number one ranking in 2002 and a league championship in 2001.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Ramon Charles Paracat ... Parents are Ramon and Carol Paracat ... Born Oct. 26, 1986 ... Has a sister named Gabriella ... Is the nephew of South Carolina associate head baseball coach Jim Toman ... Uncle Tom Toman played professional baseball for nine years in the Chicago White Sox organization ... Favorite athlete is Diego Maradona ... Favorite foods include steak, chorizo and empanadas ... Chose South Carolina because it was "a great school, has great soccer, great weather, and I have relatives nearby." ... Majoring in business administration.

**PARACAT'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2004	15/10	8	0	0	0	0





# GREG REECE 17

SENIOR >>> DEFENDER >>> 6-1 >>> 194  
CLEMMONS, N.C. (WEST FORSYTH)

**2004 >>>** A team captain ... Started all 20 matches on defense ... Scored three goals and added one assist for a total of seven points ... Put away the game-winning goal in the Gamecocks' 3-1 win at UNC-Wilmington (Oct. 23) ... Scored his first goal of the season in a 2-2 tie against Princeton (Sept. 19) ... Also scored against Coastal Carolina (Nov. 5) ... Assisted on Ryan Deter's goal in the NCAA First Round match with College of Charleston (Nov. 19) ... Helped anchor a defense that posted five shutouts ... A member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2003 >>>** Saw his playing time increase greatly in 2003, as he played in all 18 matches, starting all of those ... Contributed to a Gamecock defensive unit that allowed just under a goal per match and posted eight shutouts on the year ... Netted the first goal of his career in the season-opening 4-1 victory over Boston University (Aug. 29) ... The goal was a memorable one, as it proved to be the game winner ... Led the team with a .600 shot on goal percentage, as six of his 10 shots on the year were on net.

**2002 >>>** Played in seven matches, starting two ... A member of the defense that was ranked in the top 25 for most of the season ... Part of a Gamecock defense that held its opponents to an average of one goal per match.

**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Attended West Forsyth High School ... Advanced to the playoffs his senior year (2001-2002) ... Named all-region and all conference his senior year ... Team was conference champions 1999-2002 ... Male athlete of the year for 2002 ... Team captain his senior year ... Also a four-year letterman in swimming (1998-2002) ... Named all-conference and all-region in swimming all four years.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Gregory Stuart Reece ... Parents are Wayne and Jo Reece ... Favorite musical group is Phish ... Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan ... Favorite actor is Ed Norton ... Born on Aug. 31, 1984, in Elkin, N.C. ... Majoring in chemistry.

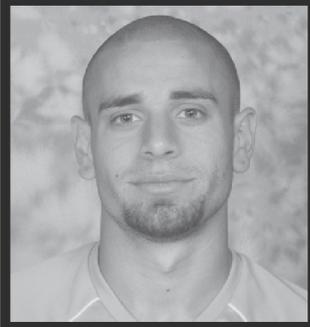
## REECE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	7/2	3	0	0	0	0
2003	18/18	10	1	0	2	1
2004	20/20	18	3	1	7	1
TOTAL	45/40	31	4	1	9	2



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# MIKE SAMBURSKY <sup>6</sup>

JUNIOR >>> FORWARD >>> 5-10 >>> 181  
KATY, TEXAS (CYPRESS SPRINGS)

MEET THE GAMECOCKS

**2004** >>> Started all 20 matches ... Led the Gamecocks with 66 shot attempts ... Finished with 12 points, tying for third on the team ... Registered three goals and a team-best six assists ... Scored the game-winning goal against Bucknell on Sept. 12, lifting the USC to the adidas/Gamecock Classic title ... Selected to the all-tournament team at the adidas/Gamecock Classic ... Assisted on Ryan Deter's game-winning goal against archrival Clemson (Oct. 10).

**2003** >>> Played in 10 matches as rookie ... Made an impact up front for the Gamecocks, netting a pair of goals on the year to tie for sixth on the team with four points ... Scored the first goal of his career in the 4-1 season-opening victory over Boston University (Aug. 29) ... Struck again two games later with the game-winning goal in South Carolina's 3-0 win over Richmond (Sept. 5).

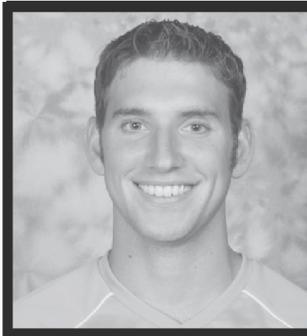
**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Lettered in soccer for four years at Cypress Springs High School ... Region III ODP member from 1999-2001 ... Competed in the 2002 ESP event ... District 16-5A Most Valuable Player ... Gatorade Will to Win Athlete ... Named to the adidas All-American Team ... Dallas Cup Most Valuable Player ... Named Cypress Springs Team MVP for three years ... Club team won the state championships from 2000-2002 ... Member of the Southwest Tasco National Team and all-region team for Tasco 16-5A ... Member of the honor roll.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Michael James Sambursky ... Parents are Kenneth and Jeanie Sambursky ... Favorite actor is Jim Carrey ... Favorite music group is Pantera ... Favorite food is spaghetti ... Favorite athlete is Roberto Carlos ... Born Jan. 1, 1985, in Katy, Texas ... Majoring in criminal justice.



## SAMBURSKY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2003	10/0	12	2	0	4	1
2004	20/20	66	3	6	12	1
TOTAL	30/20	78	5	6	16	2



# STEPHEN SPRAGUE 15

JUNIOR >>> DEFENDER >>> 5-10 >>> 152  
DALLAS, TEXAS (LAKE HIGHLANDS/LOYOLA-CHICAGO)

**2004 >>>** Played in 18 matches and started nine times after transferring from Loyola-Chicago ... Attempted two shots ... Helped the USC defense register five shutouts.

**2003 (AT LOYOLA, CHICAGO) >>>** Started and played every minute of every game as a rookie at Loyola ... Named to the Horizon League All-Newcomer Team ... Finished the year tied for fifth on the team in scoring with six points, including a goal and a team-high four assists from his defensive position ... Helped the Ramblers post six shutouts on the year.

**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Garnered adidas National Soccer Coaches Association of America High School All-America honors ... A two-time all-state, all-city, all-district and all-region honoree while at Lake Highlands High School ... Named one of *College Soccer News*' Top High School Recruits ... Helped the Wildcats to the state 5A championship match ... Was team captain as a senior ... Was the Dallas 5A champion in the mile as a freshman ... Played club soccer for SOLAR 85 ... Helped lead SOLAR 85 to the State Cup Final in 2003.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Stephen Matthew Sprague ... Parents are Keith and Pam Sprague ... Born Sept. 17, 1984 ... Has a sister named Sydney ... Favorite musical artist is Jack Johnson ... First soccer high school All-American from Lake Highlands High School, which has produced 13 NFL players ... Majoring in civil engineering.



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**SPRAGUE'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2004	18/9	2	0	0	0	0





# ERIC SZESZYCKI <sup>3</sup>

SENIOR >>> MIDFIELDER >>> 5-9 >>> 162  
 ROUND ROCK, TEXAS (ROUND ROCK)

MEET THE GAMECOCKS

**2004 >>>** Served as a team captain ... Started all 20 matches ... Ranked tied for second on the team with 14 points ... Tallied five goals, all on penalty kicks ... Was a perfect 5-for-5 on PK attempts ... Also had four assists to his credit ... Netted the game-winning goal against Alabama A&M in the Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic (Nov. 7) ... Named to the Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic All-Tournament team ... Finished second on the team with 39 shot attempts ... Scored a goal and added an assist in USC's win over Gardner-Webb (Oct. 3) ... Also had a goal and an assist at UNC-Wilmington (Oct. 23) ... A member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2003 >>>** Saw action in all 18 matches for the Gamecocks in 2003, starting each of those contests ... Was an anchor of the defensive unit that allowed just under a goal per game and posted eight shutouts on the year ... Got into the act on the offensive side of the field, scoring the first goal of his career on a penalty kick against Northwestern on Sept. 7 ... Also set up a pair of goals on the year, one against Stetson on Sept. 1 and the game-winner against Northwestern ... Took 15 shots from his defensive position, with seven of those being on goal.

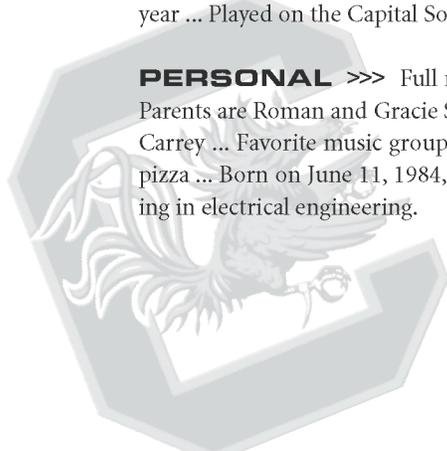
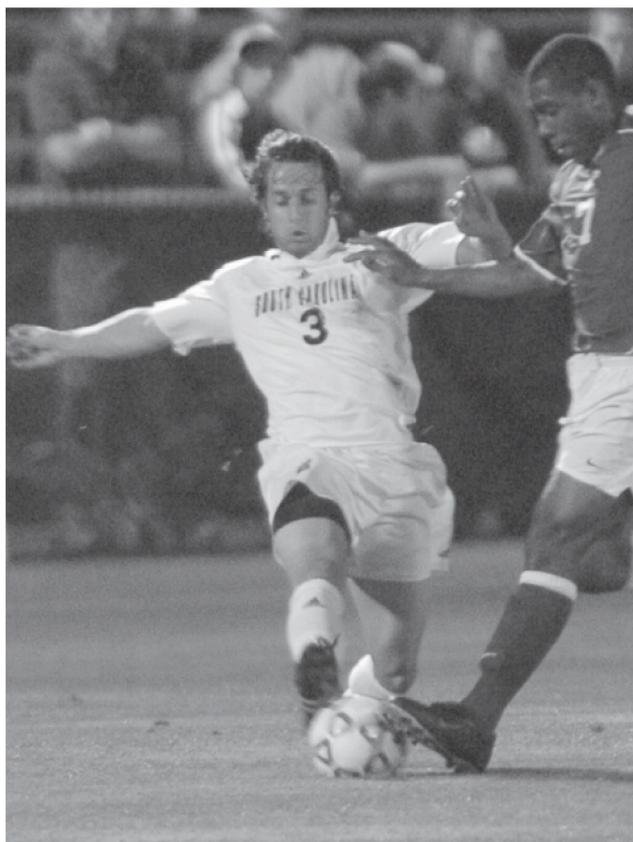
**2002 >>>** Played in 16 matches, while starting seven ... Contributed to the USC squad as a key defender.

**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Attended Round Rock High School ... Lettered for three years (1999-2002) ... Was the team MVP his senior year (2002) ... Was first team all-district his senior year ... Played on the ODP Region III team ... Team captain his senior year ... Played on the Capital Soccer Club team.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Eric Roman Szeszycki ... Parents are Roman and Gracie Szeszycki ... Favorite actor is Jim Carrey ... Favorite music group is Blink 182 ... Favorite food is pizza ... Born on June 11, 1984, in San Antonio, Texas ... Majoring in electrical engineering.

## SZESZYCKI'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	16/7	1	0	0	0	0
2003	18/18	15	1	2	4	0
2004	20/20	39	5	4	14	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54/45</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>





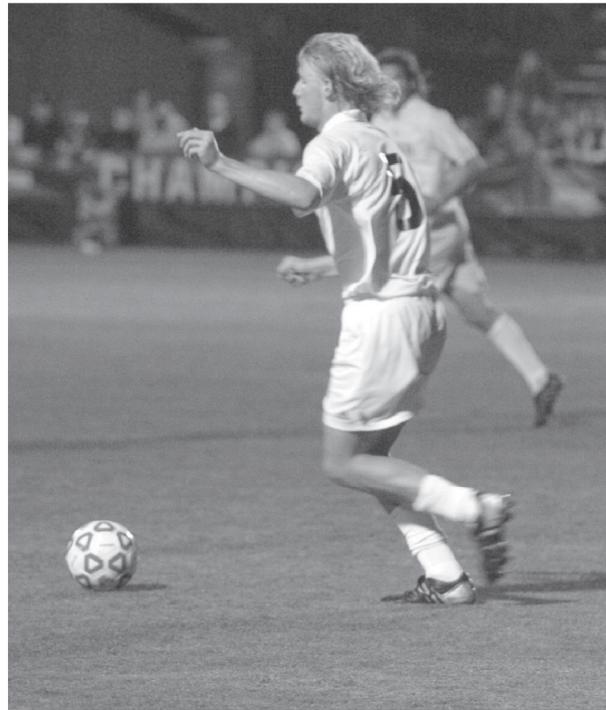
# DANIEL UPCHURCH 5

SOPHOMORE >>> DEFENDER >>> 6-0 >>> 180  
DALLAS, TEXAS (GREENHILL)

**2004** >>> Played in 15 matches with 14 starting assignments as a true freshman ... Attempted one shot ... Helped the USC defense post five shutouts.

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Competed in three sports at Greenhill High School, including soccer, lacrosse and track and field ... Lettered all four years in soccer for coach Dick Hall ... Earned letters for two years in lacrosse and one year in track ... A three-time All-Southwest Preparatory Conference (SPC) selection in soccer, earning the honor as a sophomore, junior and senior ... Named team MVP as a senior ... Received the Coach's Award as a sophomore and was team Newcomer of the Year in 2000 ... Helped lead the Hornets to three SPC Division I Championships in 2001-03 ... Was a member of the honor roll and the math honor society.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Daniel Philip Upchurch ... Parents are Dale and Donna Turner ... Born Nov. 27, 1985 ... Favorite athlete is Zinedine Zidane ... Enjoys listening to all kinds of music ... Favorite foods include steak, pizza and cheeseburgers ... Lists going to Brazil to train to play in a soccer tournament as his greatest athletic thrill ... Favorite musical group is Linkin Park ... Majoring in civil engineering.



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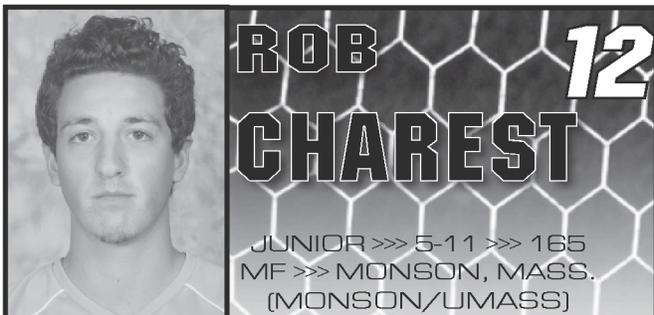
## UPCHURCH'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2004	15/14	1	0	0	0	0



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Joined the Gamecock program after playing at UMass for two seasons ... Enrolled at USC for the 2005 spring semester and participated in the team's spring workouts.

**AT UMASS >>>** Played two seasons at UMass in 2003 and 2004 ... In 2004, finished as UMass' second-leading scorer with 18 points on seven goals and four assists ... Started in all 15 games he played in ... Following his freshman season in 2003, shared the team's 12th man award after appearing in 17 games with two starting assignments ... Scored three points on one goal and one assist as a freshman

**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** As a senior at Monson High School, compiled 58 points on 24 goals and 10 assists ... Closed his prep career with 95 goals ... Was also a highly-decorated basketball and baseball player in high school.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Robert Charest ... Parents are Robert and Diane Charest ... Born Dec. 5, 1984 ... Majoring in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.



**AT PIEDMONT COLLEGE >>>** Played a total of 25 matches during the 2005 season as a true freshman ... Registered a 1.52 goals-against average in 1,834 minutes in goal ... Collected 80 saves and notched two shutouts.

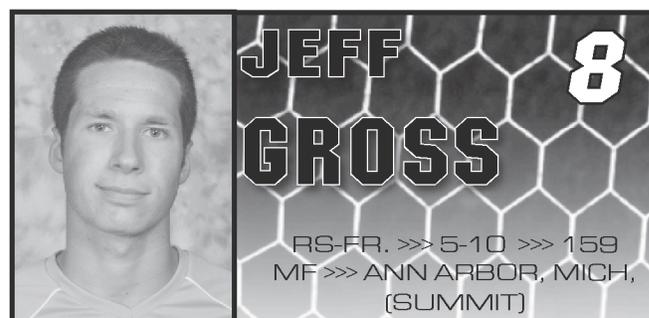
**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Named to the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America All-South Region team in high school

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Geoffrey del Forn ... Parents are George and Daleen del Forn ... Born Nov. 11, 1985 ... Majoring in sport management.



**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** A four-year letterman for head coach John Kerr at Maryville High School ... Earned All-District honors as a freshman, sophomore and junior ... Named to the All-Region team as a sophomore and junior ... Garnered All-State and District Forward of the Year honors as a junior ... Played club soccer for the Knoxville ('87) Fire ... A member of both the Tennessee State Olympic Development Team and the Region III ODP Team 2004-05 ... A high school teammate of fellow Gamecock freshman Ryan Jenkins.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Steven "Kyle" Franklin ... Born Feb. 18, 1987 ... Majoring in engineering ... Parents are Kelly and Kumiko Franklin.



**2004 >>>** Redshirted at South Carolina.

**PRE-COLLEGE >>>** Lettered for three years at Pioneer High School for coach Chris Morgan ... Helped lead the Pioneers to 55 victories in three seasons ... Named team MVP in 2003 ... Led team in scoring in both 2002 and 2003 ... Earned Div. I All-State, All-Conference and All-District honors as a senior ... Finished high school career with 52 goals and 57 assists ... Tallied 75 points as a senior with 26 goals and 23 assists ... Had 61 points as a junior and 21 points as a sophomore ... Earned Pioneer High School's Scholar-Athlete Award ... Played club soccer with the Michigan Wolves ... As team captain (2002-current), he led the Wolves to back-to-back state titles for 2003 and 2004 and a No. 4 ranking in the nation by nationalsoccerranking.com ... In 2003 was named to the Super Y League Regional Pool Team.

**PERSONAL >>>** Full name is Jeffrey Dale Gross ... Parents are Richard and Linda Gross ... Born Sept. 5, 1986 ... Credits his dad as the biggest influence on his soccer career ... Majoring in business administration.



**MIKE** **1**  
**GUSTAVSON**

FRESHMAN >>> 6-3 >>> 180  
GK >>> AIKEN, S.C.  
(SOUTH AIKEN)

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Played soccer at South Aiken High School for Paul Waters ... Helped the team to the 2005 4A State Championship ... Named a high school All-American by StudentSportsSoccer.com ... Earned All-Region honors as a freshman, sophomore and junior ... Named All-State as a junior in 2004 ... His South Aiken team captured the Region IV 4A Boys Soccer Championship in 2003 ... Selected Team MVP in 2003 ... Competed in club soccer for the Aiken Fire and helped the team win four state championships ... Helped the Fire to the Region III semifinals three times and to the finals on two occasions ... Team also won the U-15 Region III championship and went on to the national club finals in 2002 ... Served as team captain for the Fire in 2003.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Michael Victor Gustavson ... Parents are Bill and Susan Gustavson ... Born March 13, 1987 ... Majoring in sport and entertainment management.



**RYAN** **0**  
**JENKINS**

FRESHMAN >>> 6-3 >>> 203  
GK >>> MARYVILLE, TENN.  
(MARYVILLE)

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Four-year letterwinner for coach John Kerr at Maryville High School ... Collected District Goalkeeper of the Year honors as a sophomore in 2003 and as a junior in 2004 ... Named All-Region in 2003 and 2004 ... A member of the Tennessee Writer's Association All-State team in 2004 ... Earned All-Prep Xtra honors in 2004 ... Posted a 1.27 goals-against average to go with seven shutouts in 2004 ... Helped Maryville High to the district semifinals in 2003 and 2004 ... High school teammate of fellow Gamecock freshman Kyle Franklin.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Ryan Douglas Jenkins ... Parents are Joan and Doug Jenkins ... Majoring in exercise science ... Born Jan. 21, 1987.



**KEVAN** **21**  
**HAWKINS**

FRESHMAN >>> 5-9 >>> 160  
MF/F >>> ARLINGTON, TEXAS  
(PIONEER)

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Lettered four years at Ryan High School for head coach David Rogers ... Collected District Most Valuable Player honors in 2004 ... Also named first-team All-District ... Scored 37 goals and 41 assists during his prep career ... Competes in club soccer for the Dallas Comets ... The Comets finished as North Texas State Cup runner-up, 2002-2004 ... Helped team to the semifinals of the 2005 Dallas Cup.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Kevan Brady Hawkins ... Parents are Brad and Lisa Hawkins ... Born Dec. 11, 1986.



**SPENCER** **23**  
**LEWIS**

FRESHMAN >>> 5-6 >>> 136  
MF >>> IRMO, S.C.  
(IRMO)

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Lettered two seasons in soccer at Irmo High School after attending Beaufort Academy in Beaufort, S.C., as a sophomore ... Played for head coach Phil Savitz at Irmo High ... Helped lead Irmo to the 2004 4A State Championship and a No. 6 national ranking in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) final poll ... Scored 43 goals and registered 39 assists in his first three seasons ... Named to the NSCAA All-South Region team ... Also a member of the NSCAA's Scholar All-South Region team ... Earned team MVP honors at Beaufort Academy ... Irmo's Most Outstanding Midfielder as a junior ... Played club soccer for the Columbia Soccer Club Navy and serves as a captain of the U-18 team ... Garnered Columbia Soccer Club Player of the Year honors ... Team finished as state runner-up ... Competed for South Carolina's Olympic Development Program 2000-2004.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Payne "Spencer" Lewis ... Parents are Wayne and Kay Lewis ... Majoring in accounting ... Born Feb. 12, 1987.

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**MATT** **25**  
**MIERLEY**

FRESHMAN >>> 5-10 >>> 173  
GK >>> WESTON, FLA.  
(ST. THOMAS AQUINAS)

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Lettered four seasons for head coach John Walsch at St. Thomas Aquinas ... A 2004 Elite 300 All-Star ... Compiled an 0.74 goals-against average and 83 shut-outs in his first three seasons ... Helped St. Thomas Aquinas to the 2005 Florida state championship ... Competes for the Weston Fury club team, which advanced to the U-17 club national championship match in 2004 ... Fury won the 2004 Southern Region II title ... Also a member of the Florida State Olympic Development Pool, 2000-04 ... Also won the 2004 South Florida District Golf Championship.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Matthew Guerin Mierley ... Parents are Linda and John Mierley ... Majoring in business ... Born Oct. 6, 1987.



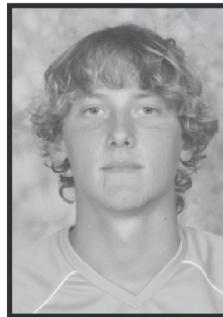
**B.J.** **27**  
**NIELSEN**

RS-FR. >>> 6-1 >>> 181  
D >>> DESTRAHAN, LA.  
(JESUIT)

**2004** >>> Redshirted at South Carolina.

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Was a three-year letterwinner in soccer at Jesuit High School for coach Hubie Collins ... Helped lead the Blue Jays to state championships in both 2002 and 2003 and a combined record of 82-11-4 during his career ... Earned All-State honors as a senior after scoring three goals from his defender position ... Was also an All-District and All-Region selection at Jesuit ... Named the MVP of the Brother Martin Invitational in 2003 ... Received the Gold Medal on the National Latin Exam.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is William James Ericson-Nielsen ... Parents are William Nielsen and Del Ericson ... Born Jan. 6, 1986 ... Has two sisters, Elaina and Taren ... Hobbies include wake boarding and water skiing ... Lists his favorite musical group as Brooks and Dunn ... Favorite food is tiramisu ... Planning to major in biology



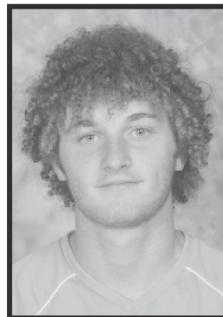
**RALPH** **2**  
**PACE**

JUNIOR >>> 6-1 >>> 175  
MF >>> BOSTON, VA.  
(RAPPANHANNOCK/UMASS)

Joined the Gamecock program after playing at UMass for two seasons ... Enrolled at USC for the 2005 spring semester and participated in the team's spring workouts.

**AT UMASS** >>> As a sophomore in 2004, finished as UMass' third-leading scorer with 10 points on three goals and four assists ... As a freshman in 2003, he ranked fifth on the team in scoring with six points (1 g, 4 a), while playing 17 games and making five starts... Ranked tied for second on the squad with four assists ... Lettered four years at Rappahannock High School in Boston, Va., before graduating in 2003 ... Was a member of the Region I Olympic Development Program and served as a team captain for his final three seasons ... Also lettered three years in golf as a prep.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Ralph Pace ... Parents are Mark and Sherry Pace ... Majoring in exercise science ... Born March 28, 1985.



**DAVID** **24**  
**ROSS**

JUNIOR >>> 5-11 >>> 168  
MF >>> BRANDON, MISS.  
(JACKSON PREP/ASU)

Joined the Gamecock program after playing at Appalachian State for two seasons ... Enrolled at USC for the 2005 spring semester and participated in the team's spring workouts.

**AT APPALACHIAN STATE** >>> Competed in all 20 matches for Appalachian State, starting 13 times, in 2004 ... Named Academic All-Conference ... In 2003 as a freshman, saw action in 13 contests, two of those as a starting player.

**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Earned MPSA All-South honors for three years ... Coached by Jon Marcus Duncan at Jackson Prep ... Member of Jackson FC Club Team.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is David Alan Ross ... Parents are Charlie and Sharon Ross ... Majoring in economics ... Born July 23, 1985.



**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Attended Summit High School and played varsity soccer for coach David McDonald ... Served as a team captain for three seasons ... Earned district and team MVP honors as a senior ... A member of the All-Area Super Team as a senior ... Finished his prep career with 53 goals and 46 assists, including 27 goals and 29 assists as a senior ... First-team all-district in 2003 as a sophomore ... Also selected the team's Newcomer of the Year ... Played club soccer for the Dallas Comets ... A member of the Olympic Development State Team 2000-2002 ... A teammate of fellow USC teammate Kevan Hawkins on the Comets ... Who's Who Among American High School Student/Sports Edition.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Amos David Smith ... Parents are Stephen and Gena Smith ... Majoring in business ... Born July 30, 1987.



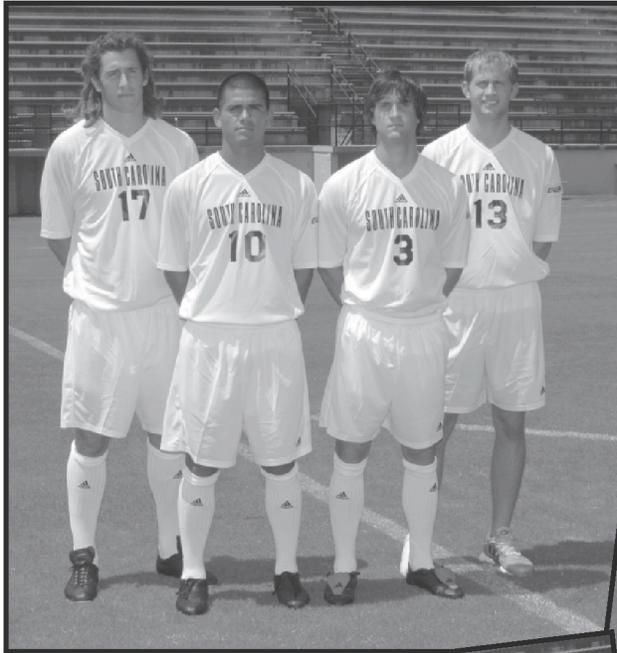
**PRE-COLLEGE** >>> Lettered five years in soccer at Cardinal Newman ... Named to *The State* newspaper's all-area team the last four years ... Led his team in scoring in each of the last four years as well, amassing 50 goals and 67 assists ... Helped Cardinal Newman to a SCISA runner-up finish in 2001 ... Cardinal Newman advanced to the State semifinals 2002-05 ... Named to the SCISA All-Region team ... Played club soccer for the Northeast Columbia Soccer Association where he participated on two state championship teams ... Finished his club career in the Premier League with the St. Giles United U-18 team ... Also played for the '86 South Carolina Olympic Development team and the Greenville Lions Super Y Team ... Nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award ... Active in National Honor Society and many other high school clubs ... An Honor Roll student.

**PERSONAL** >>> Full name is Brennan Thomas Williams ... Parents are Mark and Carole Williams ... Majoring in journalism ... Born April 3, 1986.

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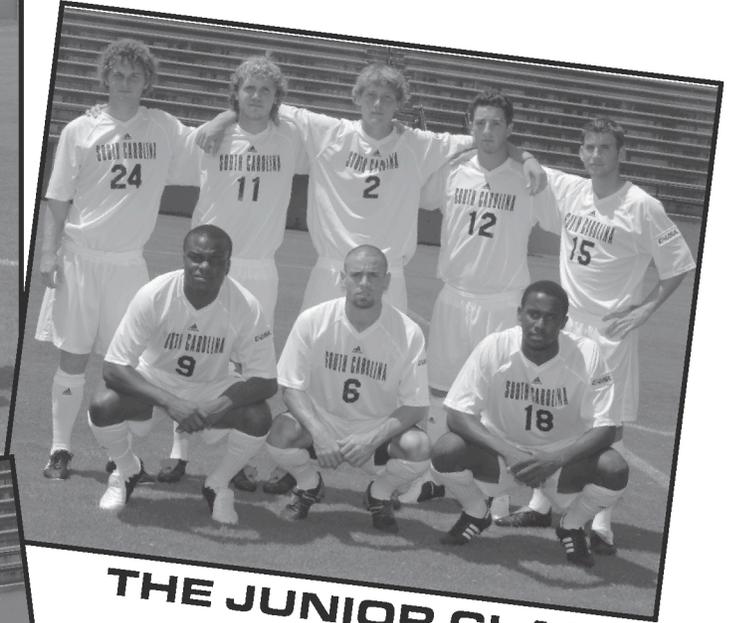


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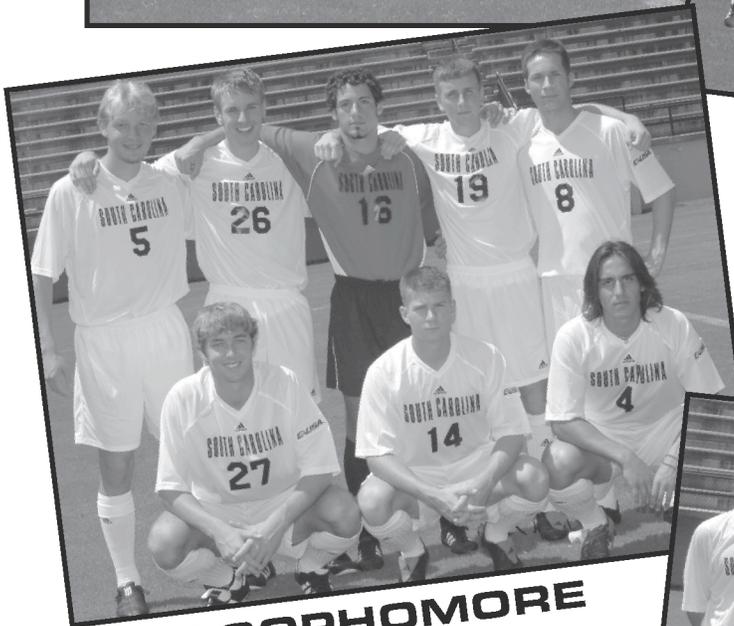
## «« THE SENIOR CLASS

Greg Reece, Josh Alcala,  
Eric Szeszycki and Ryan Deter.



## THE JUNIOR CLASS

**Front:** Ayo Akinsete, Mike Sambursky, Makan Hislop. **Back:** David Ross, Ralph Pace, Rob Charest and Stephen Sprague.



## THE SOPHOMORE CLASS

**Front:** B.J. Neilsen, Matt King, Ramon Paracat. **Back:** Daniel Upchurch, Sebastian Lindholm, Geoff del Forn, J.D. Moon and Jeff Gross.

## THE FRESHMAN CLASS »»

**Front:** Spencer Lewis, Kevan Hawkins, Brennan Williams.  
**Back:** Kyle Franklin, Matt Mierley, Mike Gustavson, Ryan Jenkins and David Smith.

