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QUICK FACTS

Location.....	Columbia, S.C.
Founded.....	1801
Enrollment	27,065
Nickname	Gamecocks
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Southeastern (Eastern Division)
Mascot.....	Cocky
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2006-2007 TEAM ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown/High School/Last School
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George Bryan IV	5-11	Fr.	Chapin, S.C./Dutch Fork
Patrick Cunning	5-10	R-So.	Aiken, S.C./South Aiken
Baker Elmore	6-0	So.	Cheraw, S.C./Cheraw
Florian Fritsch	6-2	So.	Munich, Germany/Johann-Phillip-Brunner
David Kite	5-8	RS-Jr.	Austin, Texas/Westlake
Allen Koon	5-10	So.	Bamberg, S.C./Bamberg-Ehrhardt
Bryan Miller	6-1	Fr.	Dalton, Ga./Dalton
Patrick Rada	5-9	Fr.	Anderson, S.C./T.L. Hanna
Mark Silvers	5-11	So.	Savannah, Ga./Savannah Country Day
Warren Thomas	6-2	Jr.	Columbia, S.C./Richland Northeast
Paul Woodbury	5-11	Fr.	Lake City, S.C./Lake City

Head Coach: Puggy Blackmon (12th season at South Carolina)
 Associate Head Coach: Bill McDonald (First season at South Carolina)
 Director of Golf Operations: Michael Burcin (Third season at South Carolina)

2006-2007 SCHEDULE

Sept. 15-17	Carpet Capital Collegiate	Rocky Face, Ga.
Oct. 14-15	The Ridges Intercollegiate	Jonesborough, Tenn.
Oct. 22-24	Isleworth Collegiate Invitational	Orlando, Fla.
Nov. 6-7	CordeValle Intercollegiate	San Martin, Calif.
Feb. 18-20	John Hayt Collegiate Championship	Ponte Vedra, Fla.
March 17-18	Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational	Statesboro, Ga.
March 25-27	Hootie at Bulls Bay	Awendaw, S.C.
March 30-1	Augusta State Invitational	Augusta, Ga.
April 14-15	Robert Kepler Intercollegiate	Columbus, Ohio
April 20-22	SEC Championship	Sea Island, Ga.
May 17-19	NCAA Regionals (Alpharetta, Ga., Grove, Ill. or Tempe, Ariz.)	
May 30-June 2	NCAA Championship	Williamsburg, Va.



2006-2007 SOUTH CAROLINA MEN'S GOLF TEAM

Front Row (Kneeling, From Left): George Bryan IV, Baker Elmore, Patrick Rada, David Kite, Paul Woodbury and Allen Koon. Back Row (Standing, From Left): Associate head coach Bill McDonald, head coach Puggy Blackmon, Patrick Cunning, Bryan Miller, Warren Thomas, Florian Fritsch, Mark Anderson, Mark Silvers and Director of Golf Operations Michael Burcin.

2006-07 QUICK FACTS

GOLF FACTS

Head Coach..... Puggy Blackmon
 Alma Mater, Year Carson Newman, 1973
 Year at South Carolina..... 12th
 Year Coaching Overall 24th

Associate Head Coach..... Bill McDonald
 Year at South Carolina..... First

Director of Golf Operations..... Michael Burcin
 Year at South Carolina..... Third

Home Course..... University Club
 2006 SEC Finish..... Eighth
 2006 NCAA East Regional Finish..... Ninth
 2006 NCAA Championship Finish..... T-22nd
 Best Finish in 2006..... First
 (Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate)

NCAA HISTORY

NCAA Regionals Appearances 18
 (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996,
 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004,
 2005, 2006)

NCAA Finals Appearances..... 14
 (1964, 1978, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1996,
 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006)

2006-07 INFORMATION

Letterwinners Returning 8
 (Florian Fritsch, Mark Anderson, Patrick Cunning,
 Allen Koon, Warren Thomas, Baker Elmore, Mark
 Silvers, David Kite)

Letterwinners Lost 2
 (Eirik Johansen, Honorable Mention All-
 American; Robert Svensson)

Newcomers..... 4
 (George Bryan IV, Bryan Miller, Patrick Rada,
 Paul Woodbury)

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CARPET CAPITAL COLLEGIATE

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 Course: The Farm Golf Club
 Course Information: 7,010 yards, Par 72
 Host Team: Georgia Tech
 SID Contact: John Grigsby
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 Field of Teams: Clemson, South Carolina, Duke, Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, NC State, Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Vanderbilt, Augusta State, Texas Tech, Texas, TCU, Georgia State, East Tennessee State

BANK OF TENNESSEE INTERCOLLEGIATE

Dates: Oct. 14-15, 2006
 Location: Jonesborough, Tenn.
 Course: The Ridges Golf and Country Club Course
 Information: 7,147 yards, Par 72
 Host Team: East Tennessee State
 SID Contact: Michael White
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 Field of Teams: Alabama, Auburn, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee North Carolina, NC State, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, ETSU, Kent State, Pepperdine, TCU, UAB

ISLEWORTH COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL

Dates: Oct. 22-24, 2006
 Location: Orlando, Fla.
 Course: Isleworth Country Club
 Course Information: 7,544 yards, Par 72
 Host Team: University of Central Florida
 SID Contact: Ryan Powell
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 SID Phone: (407) 823-0994
 Field of Teams: Arizona, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Texas, Oklahoma State, Tennessee, Kentucky, Duke, North Carolina, Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Georgia, Clemson, South Carolina, Florida State, Florida, UCF

CORDEVILLE INTERCOLLEGIATE

Dates: Nov. 6-7, 2006
 Location: San Martin, Calif.
 Course: Corde Valle
 Course Information: 7,169 yards, Par 72
 Host Team: UCLA
 SID Contact: O.D. Vincent
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 Field of Teams: Arizona, Arkansas, Augusta State, Cal, Coastal Carolina, Lamar, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Santa Clara, South Carolina, Stanford, TCU, UCLA, USC, Washington

JOHN HAYT COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL

Dates: Feb. 18-20, 2007
 Location: Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
 Course: Sawgrass Country Club
 Course Information: 6,910 yards, Par 72
 Host Team: North Florida
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 SID Phone: (904) 620-4027
 Field of Teams: Alabama, Augusta State, Charlotte, Coastal Carolina, Georgia State, LSU, Notre Dame, Pepperdine, Tennessee, UAB, UCLA, UCF, UNF, Vanderbilt, South Carolina

SCHENKEL E-Z-GO INVITATIONAL

Dates: March 17-18, 2007
 Location: Statesboro, Ga.
 Course: Forest Heights Country Club
 Course Information: 6,945 yards, Par 72
 Host Team: Georgia Southern
 SID Contact: David Headrick
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 Field of Teams: Georgia, North Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, Auburn, Alabama, Michigan State, Minnesota, NC State, Augusta State, Tennessee, South Carolina, LSU, Georgia Southern, Ohio State, Toledo

HOOTIE AT BULLS BAY INTERCOLLEGIATE

Dates: March 25-27, 2007
 Location: Awendaw, S.C.
 Course: Bulls Bay Golf Club
 Course Information: 7,014 yards, Par 72
 Host: Bulls Bay Golf Club
 Field of Teams: South Carolina, Wake Forest, UCF, Augusta State, North Carolina, LSU, NC State, Coastal Carolina, Florida State, Kentucky, College of Charleston, Vanderbilt, Baylor, Arkansas, Duke

ADMINISTAFF AUGUSTA STATE INVITATIONAL

Dates: March 30-April 1, 2007
 Location: Evans, Ga.
 Course: Champions Retreat Golf Club
 Course Information: 7,265 yards, Par 72
 Host School: Augusta State
 SID Contact: Joey Warren
 SID Email: jwarren3@aug.edu
 SID Phone: (706) 731-7925
 Field of Teams: Augusta State, Auburn, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, USC-Aiken, Tennessee, ETSU, North Florida, South Carolina, Virginia Tech, NC State, Georgia State, Georgia Southern, Houston, Notre Dame, Minnesota, Virginia, North Carolina

ROBERT KEPLER INTERCOLLEGIATE

Dates: April 14-15, 2007
 Location: Columbus, Ohio
 Course: The Scarlet Course at The Ohio State University Golf Club
 Course Information: 7,454 yards, Par 71
 Host School: Ohio State
 SID Contact: Don Middleton
 SID Phone: (614) 292-6861
 Field of Teams: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisville, Marshall, Michigan, Michigan State, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Ohio University, Penn State, Purdue, SMU, South Carolina and Wisconsin

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP

Dates: April 20-22, 2007
 Location: Sea Island, Ga.
 Course: Sea Island Golf Club-The Seaside Course
 Course Information: 7,005 yards, Par 70
 Host School: Southeastern Conference
 SID Contact: Antonee Boykin
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 Field of Teams: Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, LSU, Mississippi, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt

NCAA REGIONALS

Dates: May 17-19, 2007

East Regional Location: Alpharetta, Ga.
 Course: Golf Club of Georgia
 Host: Georgia Tech

Central Regional Location: Sugar Grove, Ill.
 Course: Rich Harvest Farms
 Host: Northern Illinois

West Regional Location: Tempe, Ariz.
 Course: ASU Karsten
 Host: Arizona State

Field of Teams: A total of 27 teams and six individuals not on those teams are assigned to each regional site.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Dates: May 30-June 2, 2007
 Location: Williamsburg, Va.
 Course: Golden Horsehoe
 Host: Virginia Commonwealth
 Field of Teams: Ten teams and two individuals not on advancing teams will move on from each regional to the championship; The field will be cut to 15 teams following three rounds of play.

2006-2007 SEASON PREVIEW:

Youth, Talent & Depth Highlight 2006-07 Squad

South Carolina head men's golf coach Puggy Blackmon will have a young and talented group that will form what he calls "the deepest team he's ever had" in 2006-07.

Blackmon returns eight letterwinners from last season's team that competed in the NCAA Championship for the 14th time in school history, but there is not a single senior on the Gamecock roster.

Blackmon feels that leadership will be the key ingredient for success, and he is calling on junior Mark Anderson and sophomore Florian Fritsch to provide stability to a young Gamecock squad.

Anderson was an All-American performer as a freshman in 2004-05 and won two events, the Southern Highlands Collegiate Championship and the Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational. Fritsch earned All-SEC honors as a freshman last season and has an extensive resume from playing in international events. He is currently the top-ranked amateur in Germany and ranks eighth among European amateurs.

"Both Mark and Florian are very seasoned players," Blackmon said. "They have experienced winning and success – Mark in winning college tournaments and Florian with this experience in Europe. Mark and Florian must realize that they are the catalysts that our young players are looking to for leadership."

Junior Warren Thomas and redshirt junior David Kite both have experience as well. Thomas has played in 11 tournaments in his first two seasons, including the 2006 NCAA Championship, while Kite has spent three years in the program, the longest tenure of any current Gamecock.

Sophomores Allen Koon, Mark Silvers, Patrick Cuning and Baker Elmore all saw action during their freshman season.



Koon competed in 10 events last season, and played some of his best golf in the NCAA Regionals.

"Thus far, Allen Koon has stepped up his game and looks to be a mainstay in the program," Blackmon said. "Silvers, Cuning and Elmore have the ability and can be integral parts of the program this year."

Blackmon also welcomes four new freshmen and a new assistant coach into the fold for the 2006-07 season. Freshmen George Bryan IV, Patrick Rada and Paul Woodbury were the top three players in the state of South Carolina.

Bill McDonald, a former college All-American and professional player, has joined the staff as associate head coach.

"I'm very excited to have Bill join us," Blackmon said. "He brings a wealth of experience, and I can't imagine anyone more qualified to help us reach our goals at USC."

"I'm excited about the upcoming year," Blackmon noted. "We've seen dramatic improvement in our intra-squad qualifying. The overwhelming consensus among the returning players is that the level of play has been significantly elevated. We will probably take our knocks early, but I feel this team will continue to improve and should be competitive by mid-spring."

Blackmon sees the pieces of the puzzle coming together.

"We know the talent is here, but we have to establish an identity and attitude of a champion. The overall characteristic of this team is a strong commitment and a big heart – those are mainstays of a great program. Expectations are high. I think we're on the verge of something very special."

2006-07 SOUTH CAROLINA PHOTO ROSTER



 **Mark Anderson**
Jr. • Beaufort, S.C.



 **George Bryan IV**
Fr. • Chapin, S.C.



 **Patrick Cunning**
R-So. • Aiken, S.C.



 **Baker Elmore**
So. • Cheraw, S.C.



 **Florian Fritsch**
So. • Munich, Germany



 **David Kite**
R-Jr. • Austin, Texas



 **Allen Koon**
So. • Bamberg, S.C.



 **Bryan Miller**
Fr. • Dalton, Ga.



 **Patrick Rada**
Fr. • Anderson, S.C.




 **Mark Silvers**
Jr. • Savannah, Ga.



 **Warren Thomas**
Jr. • Columbia, S.C.



 **Paul Woodbury**
Fr. • Lake City, S.C.



 **Puggy Blackmon**
Head Coach



 **Bill McDonald**
Associate Head Coach



 **Michael Burcin**
Dir. of Golf Operations

THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

The Standard of Excellence

The Southeastern Conference, with its storied 74-year history of athletic achievements and academic excellence, has built perhaps the greatest tradition of intercollegiate competition of any league in the country since its inception in 1933.

The 2005-06 academic year was another season to remember for the SEC as conference teams captured six national titles and six national runner-up finishes. Since 1990, the SEC has won 113 national team championships for an average of more than six per year.

Arkansas won the conference's first NCAA title of the year in men's indoor track & field. Auburn won both the men and women's swimming & diving titles and Florida won the NCAA men's basketball championship. Georgia won the NCAA title in women's gymnastics and Auburn earned the women's outdoor track and field championship. Florida finished first among Southeastern Conference schools and fourth overall in the Sears Trophy final standings.

Overall, the SEC finished in the top two in 10 of its 20 sponsored sports and in the top five in 16 of the 20 sports. Six SEC teams participated in football postseason bowls with Alabama, Florida and LSU winning the Cotton, Outback and Peach Bowls, respectively. Six men's basketball teams were invited to the



NCAA Tournament with Florida winning its first NCAA Men's Basketball Championship and LSU advancing to the Men's Final Four. Six women's basketball teams were also invited to the NCAA Tournament with LSU advancing to the Women's Final Four. An NCAA-high eight teams advanced to postseason play in baseball with Georgia advancing to the College World Series. With 159 teams advancing to NCAA postseason competition, the SEC

continued to solidify its place as the nation's premier conference.

In addition to the six team championships, 71 SEC student-athletes garnered individual national championships, while 460 individuals were awarded with first-team All-America honors. Student-athletes around the league continued to excel in the classroom as well with 2,120 earning recognition on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

On the national all-sport level, the SEC placed nine teams in the top 50 of the Sears/NACDA Director's Cup rankings. Florida led the league with a fifth place finish. Georgia placed ninth, while Tennessee was 14th, LSU finished 20th, Alabama 21st, Auburn 25th, Arkansas 28th, Kentucky 33rd and South Carolina finished 43rd to round out the league's top 50 finishes. Vanderbilt (64) and Ole Miss (75) also finished in the top 100 of the Sears Cup Standings.

SEC GOLFERS ARE LEADERS ON THE LINKS

- 10 NCAA Team titles and six NCAA Individual Champions
- 26 first-team All-Americans since 1990
- 39 top-10 finishes in the NCAA Championship since 1985
- 36 individuals have placed in the top 10 at the NCAA Championships since 1985

SEC Quick Facts

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..... Mississippi State, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt
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FORMER GAMECOCKS IN THE PROS



BRETT QUIGLEY

Brett Quigley

Has played on the Nationwide Tour and PGA TOUR since graduating from USC in 1991 ... Completed his 10th full season on the PGA TOUR in 2006 ... Produced 10 top-10 showings and finished in the top 20 on the money list in 2006 ... Made 22 cuts and placed in nearly half of his starts in 2006 ... Has finished in the top 100 on the money list in five of the last six seasons ... Earned honorable mention All-America honors for the Gamecocks as a senior in 1991 ... Was a three-time all-Metro Conference selection and also earned GCAA Golf All-America Scholar honors twice during his Carolina career ... Helped the Gamecocks to the 1991 Metro Conference Championship.

Martin Rominger

Has has been playing on the Asian Tour for the last two years ... Represented his home country of Switzerland in the World Cup of Golf in Barbados in 2006, finishing 12th with his partner against the world's best golfers ... Finished second in the Asian Tour Qualifying school in 2007 ... While at South Carolina, Rominger was an all-SEC selection twice (2002 & 2004) and earned Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar status in 2004 ... Played three seasons for the Gamecocks, 2002-2004.

Kyle Thompson

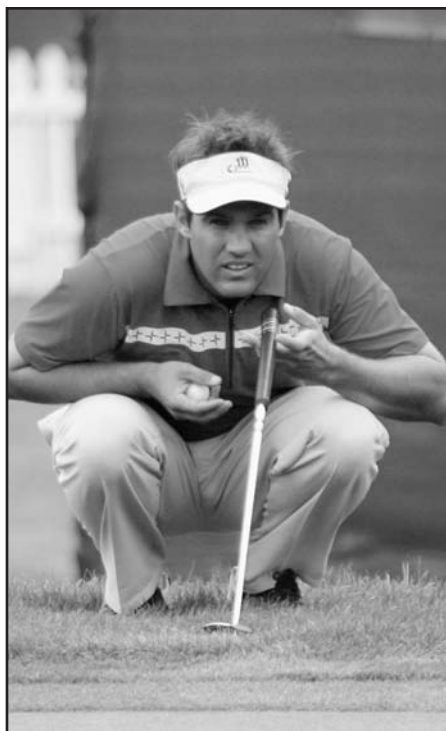
Has played on the Nationwide Tour from 2003-2006 ... In 2006, made the cut in 15 of 25 starts and posted three top-10 finishes ... Finished in the top 20 on the money list in 2003 ... Was a three-time All-American (1999, 2000, 2001) for Coach Puggy Blackmon at South Carolina ... Won two NCAA Regionals during his collegiate career (1999 East Regional; 2001 West Regional) ... Earned all-SEC honors all four years of his Carolina career ... Earned a degree from USC in 2001.

Eirik Johansen

Exhausted his eligibility in the spring of 2006 and promptly earned his European Tour Card in the fall ... Placed 13th in the final stage of Tour qualifying after spending time in the lead during the six-round event ... Was a two-time honorable mention All-American and three-time all-SEC selection for the Gamecocks ... Played in every event (50) that Carolina competed in from 2003-2006.



KYLE THOMPSON



MARTIN ROMINGER



EIRIK JOHANSEN