

## South Carolina

## GAMECOCKS MAKE THIRD CONSECUTIVE CWS TRIP

South Carolina opened the 2004 season with an 18 game win streak, struggled in the first half of the Southeastern Conference schedule, rallied to sweep its first SEC tournament championship, the NCAA regional and super regional and earned a third consecutive trip to the College World Series.

The Gamecocks took a 10 game win streak to Omaha but for the third year in a row had to battle through the loser's bracket. After being shut out 2-0 by eventual national champion Cal State Fullerton the Gamecocks pounded fellow SEC member Louisiana State 15-4, and Miami (Fla.) 15-11, and defeated Cal State Fullerton 5-3, the only team to claim a win over Fullerton in the World Series.

Fullerton won the third and rubber meeting 4-0 to end the Gamecock season with a 53-17 final record and third place in the CWS and all of the final national polls. Fullerton moved on to sweep Texas two games to none in the championship series.

The 18 game win streak to open the season was the second longest in school history, topped only by the 2000 team that won 22 straight, also to open the season. That team won Carolina's first regular season Southeastern Conference Championship and finished 56-10 but fell short of the World Series with a super regional loss to Louisiana Lafayette.

The 2002 Gamecocks also won the official SEC championship (regular season), finished second to Texas in the College World Series, and compiled a 57-18 final record, setting a school record for total wins.

## SEC Tournament Champs

However, neither of those teams won the SEC tournament played annually at Hoover, Ala. The 2004 Gamecocks swept through four games in suburban Birmingham, defeating Mississippi 7-6 in 10 innings with a miraculous ninth inning rally, Tennessee 5-1, Arkansas $3-2$, and Vanderbilt, also 3-2, in the title game.

The highlight of the season opening win streak was two victories over in-state rival Clemson. At Columbia on March 6 right-hander Billy Buckner, a Gamecock newcomer from junior college, struck out 16 Clemson batters in 7 2/3 innings and allowed just three hits in a 5-2 victory. Closer Chad Blackwell, another junior college newcomer, added two strikeouts in $11 / 3$ innings. The total of 18 tied a school record.

The following day at Clemson the Tigers took a $7-5$ lead with three seventh inning runs. Carolina tied it in the eighth and sophomore shortstop Steven Tolleson, playing despite a leg injury, homered in the 10th and the Gamecocks held on for an 8-7 win. Tolleson would miss 18 games before returning full time to the lineup.

South Carolina set or tied 13 individual or team records Feb. 14 when the Gamecocks defeated Charleston Southern 38-0 in the second game of the season. Individual records included two doubles in an inning by Trey McDaniel, two home runs in an inning by Kevin Melillo (tied), and six RBI in an inning by Melillo. Team records included 11 hits in an inning, 13 RBI in an inning (tied), 35 hits in a game, 11 two base hits, 71 total Bases, 37 RBI, 27 total bases in an inning, largest victory margin, 38 runs (tied) and four homers in an inning (tied). Steve Pearce had five hits, including two home runs, and seven RBI in the 38-0 rout. Melillo also had seven RBI. Hank Parks drove in five, Landon Powell four, and Davy Gregg three.

Pearce, another junior college newcomer, was hitless as a pinch hitter in the season opener, a 3-2 win over Charleston Southern, but in the next seven games he had 17 hits in 24 at bats, a .708 pace, hit five home runs and drove in 16.

Some health problems involving his wisdom teeth cooled Pearce off somewhat but he started the final 69 games of the 70 game season
and was a triple crown winner, leading the team in batting average (.346), home runs (21) and runs batted in (70). He also set a defensive record with no errors in 50 games at first base and appeared in 21 games at third base due to injuries to teammates.

Carolina started off slowly in the 30 game SEC race, losing 2 of 3 to LSU and Arkansas to begin 2-4. The Gamecocks won 2 of 3 over Vanderbilt and Florida but lost 2 of 3 at Kentucky to find themselves with a 7-8 mark midway through the conference race.

In the final half Carolina won 2 of 3 against Alabama, Mississippi and Auburn, and swept 3 from Tennessee before dropping 2 of 3 at regular season champion Georgia to finish 17-13 in conference games.

Matt Campbell pitched the first extra inning complete game shutout by a Gamecock in 39 years when he defeated Alabama 1-0 April 25. Steven Tolleson drove in the only run with a 10th inning single. Bobby Bryant beat Maryland 1-0 in 13 innings in 1965.

Freshman left-hander Arik Hempy shut out Mississippi 3-0 May 2 with a nine inning complete game. Hempy also claimed two wins in relief in the Florida series. Campbell pitched three complete games and the Gamecocks also got one complete game from Aaron Rawl.

The 17-13 record was good enough for second place in the SEC Eastern division. The Gamecocks had won the East four of the previous five years in addition to winning two overall SEC titles, but had never won the SEC tournament which carries with it the automatic conference bid to the NCAA tournament.

South Carolina has more wins over the past five seasons than any other NCAA Division I program. The Gamecocks have won 260 games to 259 by Florida State, 247 by Texas, 246 by Rice and 245 by Stanford. South Carolina is 99-50 against conference opponents over the same period to $94-53-1$ by LSU and $84-64-2$ by Florida.

## All SEC

South Carolina landed 2 first team, 1 second spot on the AllSoutheastern Conference team, and 1 on the SEC all freshman team. Catcher Landon Powell and right-handed pitcher Chad Blackwell were first team selections and right fielder Brendan Winn was a second team choice. Reserve infielder David Cash made the all-freshman team.

Since joining the SEC in 1992 South Carolina has placed more players on the all conference team than any other member. The Gamecocks have had 26 first team players. LSU has had 22, Auburn and Tennessee 17, Alabama 13, Mississippi State 10, Georgia, Vanderbilt and Arkansas 9, Mississippi 8 and Kentucky 5.

In the opening round at Hoover, it didn't look good for the Gamecocks. Mississippi scored six runs in the eighth inning to take a 6-2 lead and brought ace left-hander Stephen Head in from the bullpen. On May 1 at Sarge Frye Field Head had pitched a four hit complete game to defeat Carolina 6-1

Kevin Melillo started the top of the ninth with a base hit but Steve Pearce struck out. Michael Campbell walked but Steven Reinhold struck out and the Gamecocks were one out away from the loser's bracket. Pinch hitter Hank Parks drove in a run with a single and was replaced by pinch runner Mark Stanley. Steven Tolleson hit a three-run home run off the left field foul pole to tie the score at 6-6.

The Gamecocks scored the go ahead and eventual winning run in the top of the 10th inning Brendan Winn and Melillo singled and Pearce drove in Winn with a double.

Carolina followed the dramatic come from behind win over Mississippi by downing Tennessee 5-1 and edged Arkansas 3-2 to advance to a showdown with Vanderbilt in the championship game. Vanderbilt was the home team and each team scored once in the first inning, Carolina on a RBI single by Melillo that drove in Landon

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Powell, who had walked. Vanderbilt took a 2-1 fifth inning lead on consecutive singles by the bottom three hitters in the Commodore batting order. The lead was short lived as the Gamecocks countered with two sixth inning runs to lead 3-2. Consecutive singles by Melillo, Pearce and Michael Campbell tied the score and a one out single by Davy Gregg scored Pearce with what proved to be the winning run. Zac McCamie allowed nine Vanderbilt hits in $71 / 3$ innings but only two runs to improve his season record to 6-0. In the first inning McCamie gave up base hits, including a leadoff double by Ryan Klosterman to the first five Vanderbilt batters but he picked Antoan Richardson off second base and allowed only one first inning run. He retired the side with the bases loaded. Chad Blackwell increased his saves total to 15 with $12 / 3$ shutout innings.

Brendan Winn was the only South Carolina player named to the SEC all tournament team but, in a strange quirk in the voting, Steven Tolleson and Kevin Melillo were voted co-most valuable players despite not making the all star team.

## Regional, Super Regional Host

The Gamecocks came home to Sarge Frye Field to host a NCAA regional for the first time in two years. In 2003 Carolina had traveled to Atlanta to win a regional. North Carolina from the Atlantic Coast Conference, Coastal Carolina from the Big South, and The Citadel from the Southern Conference were the others in the four-team tournament.

After North Carolina scored twice in the bottom of the ninth inning to edge Coastal, the Gamecocks used home runs by Steve Pearce, Ryan Mahoney and Mark Stanley, each of which had three RBI, to down The Citadel 12-4. Stanley was in the game because center fielder Davy Gregg was hit in the head by a sixth inning pitch from Citadel reliever Ryan Owens, and Stanley wound up on the all tournament team.

The Citadel eliminated Coastal Carolina 10-1 and South Carolina downed North Carolina 5-2 to advance to the championship round. The Tar Heels earned a rematch with the Gamecocks by eliminating the Bulldogs 6-3. That set up a Gamecock-Tar Heel showdown for the second year in a row. In 2003 South Carolina defeated North Carolina in the super regional to advance to the College World Series.

The Tar Heels needed to defeat the Gamecocks twice in the double elimination tournament but it didn't happen although North Carolina came close. A ninth inning rally fell short as Carolina won $7-6$ to avoid a second confrontation. Kevin Melillo homered and he and Steve Pearce had three hits and two RBI.

First baseman Pearce was most valuable player of the regional and headed a group of six Gamecocks named to the all tournament team. He was joined by second baseman Melillo, outfielder Mark Stanley, pressed into service when Davy Gregg was injured, left-handed pitcher Matt Campbell, outfielder Michael Campbell and third baseman Ryan Triplett.

South Carolina advanced to the super regional for the fifth consecutive year and hosted the final stop before Omaha for the fourth time. East Carolina was the final obstacle in the path of a third consecutive trip to the College World Series and eighth in school history.

East Carolina brought a gaudy 51-11 record to Columbia. The Pirates were Conference USA champions and had won their regional. As expected both games of the super regional were close fought affairs.

Matt Campbell and Jason Fletcher shut the Pirates out until the eighth inning when Fletcher allowed two runs and was rescued by Chad Blackwell who earned his 18th save. Carolina won $4-2$ by bunching single runs in the fourth and fifth innings and two in the sixth. Only one Gamecock had more than one hit. Michael Campbell had two. Steve Pearce hit a solo home run.

Zac McCamie was the winning pitcher in relief in the second and deciding game that sent the Gamecocks to Omaha. McCamie improved his record to 7-0 and Blackwell registered his 19th save. The clutch hit of the game was a two run eighth inning double by Steven Tolleson as Carolina came from behind with a three run inning to win 5-3.

The lineup at the College World Series almost looked like the Southeastern Conference tournament revisited. Four of the eight teams came from the premier college baseball conference in the nation. Louisiana State joined Carolina in its bracket, along with Miami and Cal State Fullerton. Georgia and Arkansas were in the other bracket with Arizona and Texas.

## CWS

The 3-2 record in 2004 boosted Carolina above the .500 mark in all-time College World Series competition. The Gamecocks, who made their first of eight Omaha appearances in 1975, have a 17-16 overall record in Omaha.

The third place 2004 finish was fourth best for a Gamecock team behind second place finishes in 1975, 1977 and 2002.

Chad Blackwell led the nation with 20 saves, the third time in four years that a Gamecock closer has had the most saves in NCAA Division I. In 2001 it was Lee Gronkiewicz with 19 and in 2002 Blake Taylor set a school record with 21 saves.

Blackwell, left-handed pitcher Matt Campbell, catcher Landon Powell and right-handed pitcher Aaron Rawl were named to All America teams. Powell was voted the team's most valuable player and Rawl - who returns for his senior season with 26 career wins - the most outstanding pitcher.

Powell, the iron man catcher, started all 70 games and compiled an 18 game hitting streak. His .330 batting average was second best on the team. He hit 19 home runs and drove in 66 .

Seven Gamecock regulars batted . 300 or higher and the pitching staff set a school record with 660 strikeouts in 627 innings. Aaron Rawl won 13 games, Matt Campbell 10, Zac McCamie and Billy Buckner 7 each, Jason Fletcher 6, Chad Blackwell 4 in addition to his 20 saves, and Freshman Arik Hempy chipped in with 3 wins. The offense hit 106 home runs.

Carolina won more than 50 games for the third time in the past five years despite a rash of injuries and illnesses that had Coach Ray Tanner scrambling to shore up his lineup. After a brilliant start right-handed pitcher Billy Buckner missed a month recovering from mononucleosis. He rallied to a $7-2$ record and 3.32 ERA in 84 innings.

The middle of the infield was weakened by shortstop Steven Tolleson's leg injury and a wrist injury suffered by second baseman Kevin Melillo. Freshman second baseman Tommy King was off to a .440 start with 11 hits in his first 25 at bats when he missed several weeks with a sprained ankle. Steve Pearce played every day despite wisdom tooth problems.

Tolleson was out of the lineup for 18 games and Melillo missed 15 games. Tanner switched Pearce from first to third base in 21 games and sent third baseman Bryan Triplett to shortstop. When he wasn't hurt King played second in Melillo's absence. Freshman David Cash filled in sometimes at shortstop, second base and first base. Designated hitter Hank Parks had a few starts at first base.

The outfield was intact all season except for the regional when Davy Gregg was hit in the head by a pitch and was replaced for a couple of games by Mark Stanley.

## Draft

For the first time ever Carolina had two players selected in the first round by major league baseball in the June free agent draft. Powell was the 24th overall pick by the Oakland Athletics and Campbell was the 29th pick by the Kansas City Royals.

Eight Gamecocks were drafted, seven in the first 12 rounds. Right-handed pitcher Billy Buckner was picked by the Royals in the second round. Second baseman Kevin Melillo went to the Athletics in the fifth round. The Royals drafted a third Gamecock when they picked right-handed pitcher Chad Blackwell in the sixth round. First baseman Steve Pearce went to the Boston Red Sox in the 10th round, third baseman Bryan Triplett to the Houston Astros in the 12th, and right fielder Brendan Winn to the Red Sox in the 31st round.

Pearce and Winn did not sign and returned to play baseball for the Gamecocks as seniors in 2005. Pearce is expected to move permanently from first to third base with perhaps some duty behind the plate while Winn remains a fixture in right field.
Since major league baseball adopted the present draft format South Carolina has had 10 players selected in the first round. Other first round picks include shortstop Brian Roberts in 1999 (Orioles), shortstop Adam Everett in 1998 (Red Sox), right-handed pitcher Brian Williams in 1990 (Astros), right-handed pitcher Mike Cook in 1986 (Angels), right-handed pitcher Joe Kucharski in 1982 (Orioles), right-handed pitcher Randy Martz in 1977 (Cubs), and shortstop Eddie Ford in 1974 (Red Sox).

All but Ford and Kucharski played in the major leagues and two were active in 2004, Everett was the starting shortstop with the Astros and Roberts started as second base for the Orioles.

## POSITION PLAYERS

| Nick Gardiner | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | AVG | PO | A | E | AVG |
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| 2003 | 38 | 79 | 12 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 1 | . 253 | 20 | 1 | 2 | . 913 |
| 2004 | 22 | 45 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | . 244 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 |
| Totals | 60 | 124 | 18 | 31 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 1 | . 250 | 20 | 1 | 2 | . 913 |
| Kevin Melillo | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | AVG | PO | A | E | AVG |
| 2001 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | . 333 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 2002 | 58 | 157 | 36 | 44 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 4 | . 280 | 86 | 108 | 11 | . 946 |
| 2003 | 65 | 227 | 59 | 72 | 16 | 0 | 12 | 43 | 6 | . 317 | 166 | 164 | 11 | . 968 |
| 2004 | 55 | 180 | 45 | 54 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 36 | 4 | . 300 | 63 | 114 | 10 | . 947 |
| Totals | 187 | 570 | 143 | 172 | 36 | 1 | 24 | 94 | 15 | . 302 | 319 | 390 | 32 | . 957 |
| Hank Parks | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | AVG | PO | A | E | AVG |
| 2003 | 37 | 84 | 12 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 0 | . 226 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 |
| 2004 | 46 | 111 | 13 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 22 | 1 | . 225 | 56 | 4 | 1 | . 984 |
| Totals | 83 | 195 | 25 | 44 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 37 | 1 | . 226 | 56 | 4 | 1 | . 984 |
| Landon Powell | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | AVG | PO | A | E | AVG |
| 2001 | 39 | 77 | 15 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 0 | . 169 | 168 | 15 | 2 | . 989 |
| 2002 | 74 | 274 | 49 | 80 | 17 | 0 | 12 | 53 | 2 | . 292 | 552 | 30 | 2 | . 992 |
| 2003 | 67 | 245 | 46 | 83 | 23 | 0 | 10 | 61 | 2 | . 339 | 451 | 55 | 3 | . 994 |
| 2004 | 70 | 270 | 66 | 89 | 17 | 1 | 19 | 66 | 2 | . 330 | 615 | 68 | 2 | . 997 |
| Totals | 250 | 866 | 176 | 265 | 61 | 1 | 44 | 193 | 6 | . 306 | 1786 | 168 | 9 | . 995 |
| Bryan Triplett | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | AVG | PO | A | E | AVG |
| 2003 | 65 | 235 | 39 | 73 | 14 | 1 | 7 | 47 | 7 | . 311 | 407 | 58 | 5 | . 989 |
| 2004 | 70 | 283 | 59 | 79 | 22 | 0 | 8 | 39 | 7 | . 279 | 57 | 154 | 16 | . 930 |
| Totals | 135 | 518 | 98 | 152 | 36 | 1 | 15 | 86 | 14 | . 293 | 464 | 212 | 21 | . 970 |

PITCHERS

| Chad Blackwell | IP | H | R | ER | ERA | SO | BB | W | L | SV |
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| 2004 | 63.0 | 52 | 18 | 14 | 2.57 | 80 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 20 |
| Totals | 63.0 | 52 | 18 | 14 | 2.57 | 80 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 20 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Billy Buckner | IP | H | R | ER | ERA | SO | BB | W | L | SV |
| 2004 | 84.0 | 77 | 38 | 31 | 3.32 | 105 | 23 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 84.0 | 77 | 38 | 31 | 3.32 | 105 | 23 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Matt Campbell |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| IP | IP | H | R | ER | ERA | SO | BB | W | L | SV |
| 2003 | 37.0 | 26 | 18 | 10 | 2.43 | 44 | 31 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| 2004 | 82.2 | 68 | 38 | 32 | 3.48 | 82 | 47 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Totals | 124.0 | 99 | 52 | 42 | 3.05 | 145 | 38 | 10 | 6 | 0 |
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Overall Batting \& Fielding
Overall Record: 53-17; Home: 35-6; Away: 10-9; Neutral: 8-2

|  | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SF-SH | BB | HP | SO | SB-SBA | BA | TB | SLG\% | PO | A | E | DP | FLD\% | OB |
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| Steve Pearce | 70 | 266 | 60 | 92 | 18 | 0 |  | 70 | 2-3 | 30 | 11 | 41 | 4-6 | . 346 |  | . 650 | 430 | 53 | 7 | 31 | . 986 | . 430 |
| Landon Powell | 70 | 270 | 66 | 89 | 17 | 1 | 19 | 66 | 3-0 | 47 | 1 | 42 | 2-2 | . 330 |  | . 611 | 615 | 68 | 2 | 7 | . 997 | . 427 |
| Davy Gregg | 69 | 228 | 33 | 74 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 1-14 | 14 | 1 | 36 | 14-19 | . 325 | 87 | . 382 | 139 | 3 | 3 | 1 | . 979 | . 365 |
| Steven Tolleson | 52 | 196 | 40 |  | 14 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 3-8 | 19 | 3 | 38 | 7-10 | . 316 | 90 | . 380 | 72 | 124 | 11 | 22 | . 947 | . 380 |
| Michael Campbell | 70 | 269 | 45 | 84 | 14 | 2 | 14 | 52 | 1-5 | 17 | 7 | 54 | 7-14 | . 312 | 144 | . 367 | 117 | 6 | 1 | 2 | . 992 | . 367 |
| Brendan Winn | 70 | 259 | 60 |  | 18 | 3 | 19 | 69 | 2-2 | 33 | 11 | 85 | 5-6 | . 305 | 160 | . 618 | 118 | 5 | 4 | 2 | . 969 | . 403 |
| Kevin Melillo | 55 | 180 | 45 | 54 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 36 | 4-10 | 13 | 2 | 40 | 4-4 | . 300 | 90 | . 500 | 63 | 114 | 10 | 20 | . 947 | . 347 |
| Bryan Triplett | 70 | 283 | 59 | 79 | 22 | 0 | 8 | 39 | 4-9 | 30 | 7 |  | 7-9 | . 279 |  | . 358 | 63 | 114 | 10 | 16 | . 930 | . 358 |
| (Fewer than 140 plate appearances) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ryan Mahoney | 46 | 105 | 16 | 27 | 7 | 0 | 2 |  | 0-0 | 24 | 1 | 18 | 0-1 | . 257 | 40 | . 381 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 400 |
| Nick Gardiner | 22 | 45 | 6 | 11 | 2 |  | 0 | 9 | 2-0 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 0-0 | . 244 | 13 | . 289 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | . 280 |
| Tommy King | $35$ | 98 | 13 | 23 | 5 |  | 2 | 8 | 0-5 | 5 | 0 |  | 1-1 | . 235 | 34 | . 347 | 36 | 52 | 1 | 8 | . 989 | . 272 |
| Hank Parks | 46 | 111 | 13 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 6 |  | 2-1 | 6 | 1 |  | 1-2 | . 225 | 45 | . 405 | 56 | 4 |  | 6 | . 984 | . 267 |
| David Cash | 19 | 46 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0-0 | 4 | 1 |  | 1-1 | . 217 | 11 | . 239 | 67 | 9 | 4 | 5 | . 950 | . 294 |
| Mark Stanley | 31 | 23 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0-1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 0-1 | . 217 | 9 | . 391 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | . 917 | . 400 |
| Trey McDaniel | 10 | 20 | 4 | 4 | 3 |  | 0 | 3 | 0-1 | 3 | 0 |  | 0-0 | . 200 | 9 | . 450 | 39 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1.000 | . 304 |
| John Adams | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 | . 200 | 1 | . 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | . 200 |
| Steven Reinhold | 29 | 21 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0-2 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 5-5 | . 190 | 8 | . 381 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | . 414 |
| Heath Rollins | 3 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 |  |  | 0-0 | . 000 | 0 | . 000 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | . 000 |
| D.J. Smith | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0-0 | . 000 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | . 000 |
| Totals | 70 | 2426 | 492 | 723 | 143 | 10 | 106 | 454 | 24-61 | 259 | 50 |  | 58-81 | . 298 | 1204 | . 496 | 1881 | 669 | 71 | 49 | . 973 | . 374 |
| Opponents | 70 | 2369 | 270 | 571 | 95 | 8 | 48 | 251 | 21-35 | 150 | 39 | 660 | 29-47 | . 241 | 826 | . 349 | 1805 | 691 | 90 | 46 | . 965 | . 295 |

Pitching

|  | ERA | W | L | SV | PCT | G-GS | CG | SHO/ | CBO IP | H | BF | R | ER | BB | HB | SO | WP | BK | HRA | B/AVG |
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| Chad Blackwell (R) | 2.57 | 4 | 3 | 20 | . 571 | 37-0 | 0 | 0/3 | 63.0 | 52 | 235 | 20 | 18 | 14 | 4 | 80 | 4 | 1 | 4 | . 221 |
| Matt Campbell (L) | 3.05 | 10 | 6 | 0 | . 625 | 22-19 | 3 | 1/3 | 124.0 | 99 | 462 | 52 | 42 | 38 | 10 | 145 | 8 | 0 | 6 | . 214 |
| Zac McCamie (R) | 3.10 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 21-5 | 0 | 0/3 | 58.0 | 48 | 210 | 21 | 20 | 10 | 1 | 49 | 2 | 1 | 4 | . 229 |
| Arik Hempy (L) | 3.27 | 3 | 1 | 1 | . 750 | 25-4 | 1 | 1/0 | 52.1 | 38 | 186 | 23 | 19 | 14 | 5 | 49 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . 204 |
| Cliff Donald (R) | 3.32 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1.000 | 22-2 | 0 | 0/4 | 40.2 | 48 | 163 | 17 | 15 | 8 | 2 | 37 | 4 | 1 | 4 | . 294 |
| Billy Buckner (R) | 3.32 | 7 | 2 | 0 | .xxx | 15-14 | 0 | 0/0 | 84.0 | 77 | 318 | 38 | 31 | 23 | 4 | 105 | 12 | 0 | 9 | . 242 |
| Jason Fletcher (R) | 3.40 | 6 | 1 | 1 | .xxx | 18-6 | 0 | 0/3 | 55.2 | 50 | 209 | 22 | 21 | 13 | 2 | 59 | 4 | 0 | 2 | . 239 |
| Aaron Rawl (R) | 4.28 | 13 | 4 | 0 | .xxx | 20-19 | 1 | 1/2 | 122.0 | 135 | 482 | 64 | 58 | 17 | 10 | 98 | 3 | 0 | 13 | . 280 |
| (Fewer Then 35 Innings) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heath Rollins (R) | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 5-0 | 0 | 0/0 | 3.2 | 4 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | . 286 |
| Dan Luczak (R) | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 1-0 | 0 | 0/1 | 1.0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 |
| Harris Honeycutt (R) | 4.15 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.000 | 10-1 | 0 | 0/2 | 17.1 | 13 | 62 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | . 210 |
| Zach Reeves (L) | 6.75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 3-0 | 0 | 0/1 | 1.1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | . 333 |
| John Gregory (L) | 6.75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0-2 | 0 | 0/1 | 1.1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | . 167 |
| Andrew Cruse (R) | 10.12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0-3 | 0 | 0/1 | 2.2 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 333 |
| South Carolina | 3.40 | 53 | 17 | 24 | . 757 | 70 | 5 | 10/7 | 627.0 | 571 | 2369 | 270 | 237 | 150 | 39 | 660 | 42 | 5 | 48 | . 241 |
| Opponents | 6.06 | 17 | 53 | 5 | . 243 | 70 | 9 | 2/1 | 601.2 | 723 | 2426 | 492 | 405 | 259 | 50 | 463 | 58 | 9 | 106 | . 298 |


| Cumulative Scoring By Innings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | EX | TOTAL |
| South Carolina | 67 | 61 | 41 | 55 | 61 | 66 | 54 | 60 | 17 | 10 | 492 |
| Opponents | 19 | 34 | 33 | 34 | 40 | 18 | 29 | 41 | 19 | 3 | 270 |

Won-Loss Breakdown

February Games

| $\mathbf{W}$ | $\mathbf{L}$ | $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{P C T}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 12 | 4 | 0 | .750 |
| 10 | 7 | 0 | .588 |
| 14 | 4 | 0 | .778 |
| 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 |
| 53 | 17 | 0 | .757 |
| 17 | 13 | 0 | .567 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 |
| 35 | 6 | 0 | .854 |
| 10 | 9 | 0 | .526 |
| 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 |

## The Last Time

## Back to Back Home Runs

South Carolina: 5/22/04 - Landon Powell and Brendan Winn hit consecutive home runs in the first inning of a 6-4 loss to Georgia at Athens.
Opponent: 4/24/04 - Mark Haske and Carlos Sosa hit consecutive home runs in the ninth inning of a 7-4 Alabama win over Sotuh Carolina at Columbia.

## Three Consecutive Home Runs

South Carolina: 3/28/04 - Michael Campbell, Steve Pearce and Landon Powell hit consecutive home runs in the fifth inning of a 10-2 South Carolina win over Arkansas at Fayetteville.
Opponent: N/A

## Four Consecutive Home Runs

South Carolina: 3/14/80 - Etienne Farquharson, Jim Curl, Mark Boatwright and Paul Hollins hit consecutive home runs in a 7-2 South Carolina win over East Carolina at Columbia.

Opponent: Never.

## Grand Slam Home Run

South Carolina: 5/12/04 - Steve Pearce hit a bases loaded home run in the 10th inning of a 6-1 South Carolina win over The Citadel at Charleston.

Opponent: 5/16/04 - Eli lorg hit a bases loaded home run in the eighth inning of a 12-8 Tennessee loss to South Carolina at Columbia.

## Two Home Run Inning

South Carolina: 2/14/04 - Kevin Melillo hit two home runs in the second inning as South Carolina defeated Charleston Southern 38-0 at Columbia.

Opponent: Never

## Two Home Run Game

South Carolina: 6/5/04 - Steve Pearce hit two home runs as South Carolina defeated North Carolina 5-2 in the NCAA Regional tournament at Columbia.
Opponent: 3/21/04 - Matt Liuzza and Jon Zeringue hit two home runs in a 12-7 LSU win over South Carolina at Columbia.

## Three Home Run Game

South Carolina: 5/23/04 - Landon Powell hit three home runs as South Carolina defeated Georgia 8-2 at Athens.

Opponent: 5/16/99 - Rodney Nye hit three home runs for Arkansas in a 13-5 win over South Carolina at Columbia.

## Pinch Hit Home Run

South Carolina: 3/12/03 - Jared Greenwood hit a three run pinch home run in the seventh inning of a 5-2 South Carolina win over Western Carolina at Columbia.
Opponent: 4/21/02 - J.C. Holt hit a pinch hit home run in the ninth inning of a 4-3 Louisiana State loss to South Carolina at Columbia.

## Inside The Park Home Run

South Carolina: 5/19/01 - Garris Gonce hit an inside park home run in the ninth inning of a 7-6 South Carolina win over Mississippi State in the Southeastern Conference Tournament at Hoover, Ala.

Opponent: 5/16/01 - Michael Brown hit an inside the park home run in the first inning of a 2-1 Mississippi State win over South Carolina in the Southeastern Conference Tournament at Hoover, Ala.

## Triple Play

South Carolina: 4/9/99 - South Carolina recorded a triple play in an 8-1 loss to Georgia at Athens (3B Bryon Jeffcoat to C Marcos Rios to 2B Jay Lambert).

Opponent: 5/27/82 - West Virginia recorded a triple play in a 7-0 loss to South Carolina in the NCAA Regional Tournament at Columbia.

## Ninth Inning Complete Game Shutout

South Carolina: 5/2/04 - Arik Hempy pitched a nine inning complete game, allowing four hits, as South Carolin defeated Mississippi 3-0 at Columbia

Opponent: 4/27/03 - Stephen Head pitched a shutout, allowing two hits, as Mississippi defeated South Carolina 2-0 at Oxford.

## Extra Inning Complete Game Shutout

South Carolina: 4/25/04 - Matt Campbell pitched a10 inning complete game shutout, allowing three hits, as South Carolina defeated Alabama 1-0 at Columbia.

Opponent: N/A

## No Hit Game

South Carolina: 3/26/75 - Ray Lavigne pitched a no hit game, defeating George Mason 8-0 at Columbia. (Note: The previous day, 3/25/75, Tim Lewis pitched a no hit game, defeating Old Dominion 10-0 at Columbia).

Opponent: 2/24/90 - Brad Meyers pitched a no hit game as Northwestern defeated South Carolina 4-0 at Columbia.

## Hit For the Cycle

South Carolina: 2/14/04 - Brendan Winn had a single, double, triple and a home run as South Carolina defeated Charleston Southern 38-0 at Columbia.

Opponent: 4/5/03 - Aaron Hill had two singles, a double, triple and a home run as Louisiana State lost to South Carolina 8-5 at Baton Rouge.

## Facts \& Figures

Longest Win Streak: 18 games.
Longest Loss Streak: 3 games.
Longest Hitting Streaks: Powell 18, Gregg 14, Triplett 13, Melillo 9, Pearce 9, Winn 9, King 6, Tolleson 6, Campbell 5, Parks 4, Cash 3, Stanley 3, Gardiner 2, Adams 1, McDaniel 1, Reinhold 1.
Picked Off Base: Tolleson 2, Campbell 2, Triplett 2, Stanley 1.
Opponent Base Runners Picked Off: Powell 4, Rawl 1, McCamie 1, Campbell, Ma. 1.
Grounded Into Double Play: Pearce 6, Powell 5, Triplett 5, King 3, Parks 3, Campbell 2, Gregg 2, Mahoney 2, Winn 2, Cash 1, Gardiner 1, Melillo 1, Tolleson 1; Opponents 36.
Two Hit Games: Powell 21, Campbell 18, Gregg 17, Triplett 16, Pearce 14, Tolleson 12, Winn 12, Melillo 8, Parks 4, King 3, Mahoney 3, Gardiner 1.
Three Hit Games: Pearce 8, Gregg 7, Winn 7, Melillo 6, Powell 6, Campbell 5, Tolleson 4, Triplett 2, Gardiner 1, Mahoney 1, McDaniel 1.
Four Hit + Games: Pearce 3, Campbell 2, Triplett 2, Winn 2, Melillo 1, Powell 1, Tolleson 1.
Two RBI Games: Winn 11, Campbell 7, Melillo 7, Pearce 7, Triplett 6, Powell 4, Tolleson 4, Gregg 2, Mahoney 2, Parks 2, Cash 1, Gardiner 1, McDaniel 1, Stanley 1.
Three RBI Games: Powell 6, Winn 6, Pearce 4, Campbell 3, Melillo 2, Triplett 2, Gardiner 1, Gregg 1, Mahoney 1, Parks 1, Stanley 1, Tolleson 1.
Four + RBI Games: Pearce 5, Powell 5, Campbell 3, Winn 3, Gregg 1, Melillo 1, Parks 1, Triplett 1.
Two Home Run Games: Melillo (Charleston Southern 2/14); Pearce (Charleston Southern 2/14); Campbell (Davidson 3/16); Winn (at Auburn 5/9); Pearce (North Carolina 6/5).
Three Home Run Games: Campbell (at Wofford 3/23); Powell (at Georgia 5/22).
Grand Slam Home Runs: Pearce (Charleston Southern 2/14); Powell (Alabama 4/23); Pearce (at The Citadel 5/12).

## South Carolina

## 2004 SEC Standings <br> EASTERN DIVISION

| Team | SEC | PCT | Overall | PCT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Georgia\%* | $19-11$ | .633 | $45-23$ | .662 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA\#17-13 | .567 | $\mathbf{5 3 - 1 7}$ | .757 |  |
| Florida | $17-13$ | .567 | $43-22$ | .662 |
| Vanderbilt | $16-14$ | .533 | $45-19$ | .703 |
| Tennessee | $14-16$ | .467 | $38-24$ | .613 |
| Kentucky | $7-23$ | .233 | $24-30$ | .444 |

## WESTERN DIVISION

| Team | SEC | PCT | Overall | PCT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arkansas\%@ | $19-11$ | .633 | $45-24$ | .652 |
| LSU | $18-12$ | .600 | $46-19$ | .708 |
| Ole Miss | $18-12$ | .600 | $39-21$ | .650 |
| Mississippi State | $13-17$ | .433 | $35-24$ | .593 |
| Auburn | $12-18$ | .400 | $32-24$ | .571 |
| Alabama | $10-20$ | .333 | $29-26$ | .527 |
| * - SEC Eastern Division Champion |  |  |  |  |
| @ - SEC Western Division Champion |  |  |  |  |
| \% - SEC Co-Champion |  |  |  |  |
| \# - SEC Tournament Champion |  |  |  |  |

## 2004 All-SEC Team

## FIRST TEAM

1B C.J. Smith, Florida
2B Warner Jones, Vanderbilt
3B Josh Smith, Georgia
SS Ryan Klosterman, Vanderbilt
C Landon Powell, South Carolina
OF J.C. Holt, LSU
OF Jon Zeringue, LSU
OF Brad Corley, Mississippi State
DH Stephen Head, Ole Miss
P Justin Hoyman, Florida
P Mark Holliman, Ole Miss
RP Chad Blackwell, South Carolina
RP Will Startup, Georgia

## SECOND TEAM

1B Josh Morris, Georgia
2B Marshall Szabo, Georgia
3B Clay Harris, LSU
SS Scott Hode, Arkansas
SS Justin Holmes, Georgia
C Craig Tatum, Mississippi State
OF Ryan Patterson, LSU
OF Brendan Winn, South Carolina
OF Seth Smith, Ole Miss
OF Ben Harrison, Florida
DH Alex Suarez, Tennessee
P Jeremy Sowers, Vanderbilt
P Nate Bumstead, LSU
RP Stephen Head, Ole Miss
SEC Co-Players of the Year - Jon Zeringue, LSU; Stephen Head, Ole Miss
SEC Pitcher of the Year - Justin Hoyman, Florida
SEC Freshman of the Year - Wade LeBlanc, Alabama
SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year - Brady Toops, Arkansas
SEC Coach of the Year - Dave Van Horn, Arkansas; David Perno, Georgia

## The SEC In Omaha

- The SEC has sent 30 teams to the College World Series since 1990. That was accomplished despite no SEC teams making the field in 1992. LSU has been to Omaha 10 times, while South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi State have been three times each and Auburn, and Tennessee twice each. Arkansas has also been to Omaha once.
- SEC teams have won six of the last 15 national championships, with LSU winning five $(1991,1993,1996,1997,2000)$ and Georgia claiming the 1990 title. The SEC has finished runner up twice in that time, 1997 and 2002.
- SEC teams were $56-50$ since 1990 in Omaha, a 52.8 winning percentage. Not counting games against each other, the SEC has a 44-37 record in the CWS since 1990, a 54.3 winning percentage.
- The SEC has played 21 games in the "Final Four" of the College World Series since 1990, an average of 1.4 per year. Only three times, 1992,1994 and 2003, has the SEC failed to get a team to the "Final Four" of the CWS.
- The SEC has averaged averaged 7 games played per year in the College World Series since 1990. In 2004, 12 of the 15 games played in Omaha involved a SEC team. In 1997, the SEC had a team in 13 of the 14 games played in the CWS. Since 1990, an SEC team played in 93 of the 208 games played in the College World Series, an amazing 45 percent of games.
- The SEC has sent nine of its 12 schools to the College World Series since 1990 - Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee.
- Since 1990, 91 SEC squads have been invited to the NCAA Tournament, an average over six per season. In 1998, an NCAArecord seven teams were invited to play in post-season play. The SEC sent an NCAA-high six teams to post-season play in 1999 and 2000, and set a new NCAA mark in 2001 with eight teams being selected to postseason play. An NCAA-high seven teams were in 2002 and the SEC tied it's own NCAA record again in 2003 with eight teams. The SEC set yeat another record in 2004 with nine teams earning postseason berths. The SEC also had a NCAA-record five teams earn regional host sites in 2004.
- The SEC has had an NCAA-high 10 different teams compete in the 55-year history of the College World Series. In those appearances, the conference has registered a 80-91 record, a 47.1 winning percentage.
- Since 1990, 22 SEC squads have posted $50+$ win seasons, while 70 have won $40+$ games in a season.
- The SEC posted a 278-75 record against non-conference foes in 2004, a 78.8 winning percentage. Since 1990, the SEC has accumulated a 3538-1367-4 record against non-conference teams, a 72.1 winning percentage.
- SEC teams have also been strong in the polls. Since 1990, 68 conference teams have appeared in the final Baseball America poll, 73 in the final Collegiate Baseball poll and, since 1992, 64 in the final Baseball Weekly poll.

