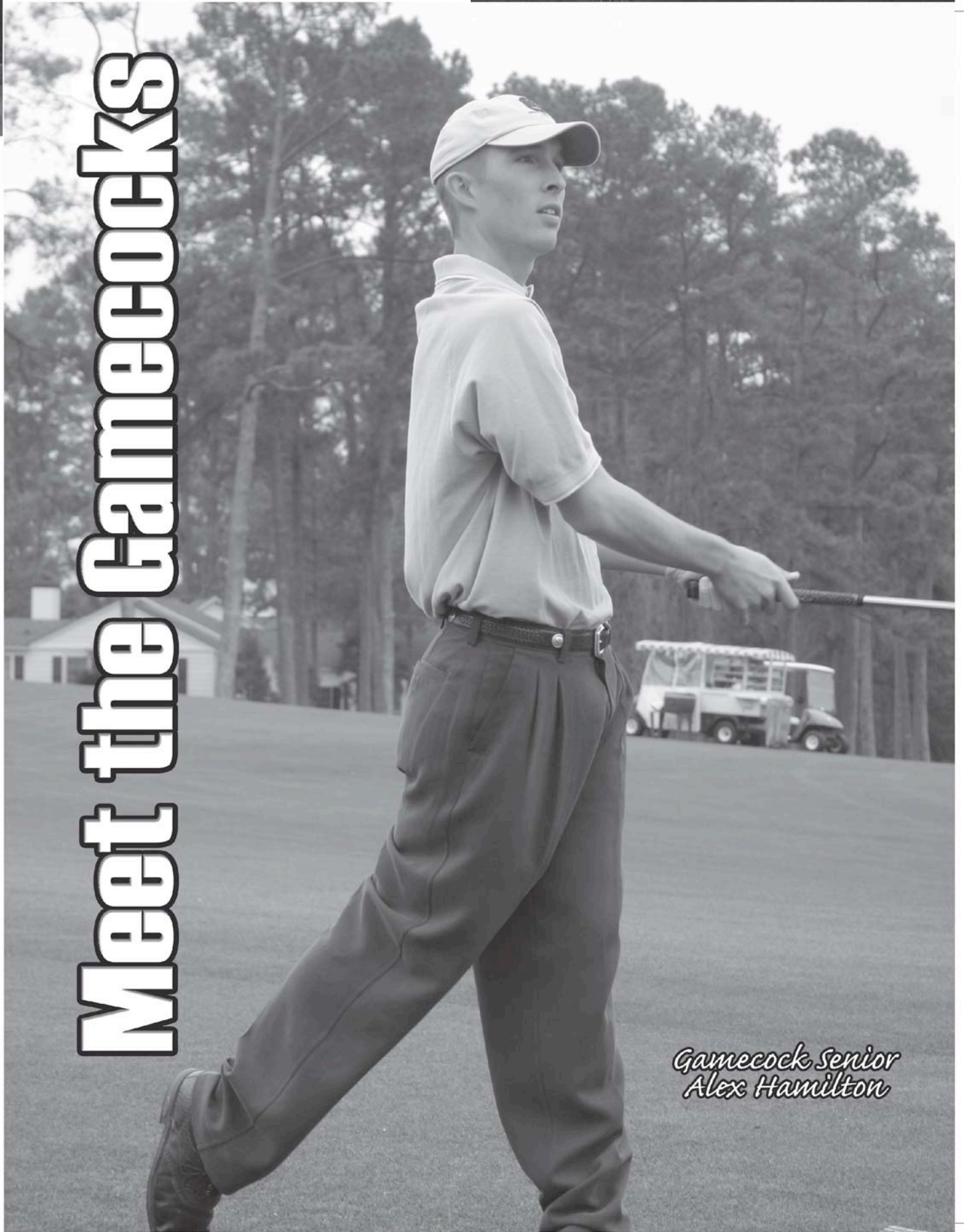


# Meet the Gamecocks

*Gamecock Senior  
Alex Hamilton*







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## ALEX HAMILTON

Senior • 5-11 • 145 • Righthanded • Aiken, S.C. • South Aiken



**Coach Blackmon on Alex Hamilton:**  
"Alex is a solid three-year letterman who had a great summer and fall after winning the South Carolina Amateur. He will be a key to our success in 2005, as should provide valuable leadership and experience. Alex was in contention to win two fall events and should have a break through victory this spring."

### 2003-04

Participated in 12 of Gamecocks' 13 Tournaments • Fired a low round score of 68 at the both the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational and the SEC Championship • Posted four top-10 finishes and five top-20 finishes • Finished with a stroke average of 73.34, third best on the team • Member of the five-man squads that competed at the SEC Championships and NCAA East Regional • Named second-team All-SEC • Placed fifth at the SEC Championship.

### 2002-03

Competed in all 13 South Carolina tournaments • Posted a low round score of 66 at Palmetto-Cleveland Golf Collegiate • Registered four top 20 finishes and one top ten finish • His top ten finish came at the Palmetto-Cleveland Golf Collegiate where he finished third • Recorded a stroke average of 74.37 • Posted the third lowest stroke average on the team • A member of the five-man squad that competed in both the SEC and NCAA Championships.

### 2001-02

A freshman that played in seven tournaments as a Gamecock • Registered a low round score of 67 at the Cleveland Golf-Augusta State • Recorded one top 20 finish • Posted teams' third best stroke average with 74.7 • Played a total of 21 rounds.

### High School

Lettered four years at South Aiken High School • Five top 15 finishes • Ranked No. 3 in the state in South Carolina Junior Rankings • Finished fifth at the State AAAA Tournament • Holds course record at Woodside Plantation Country Club with a round of 64 • Tied for first with current Gamecock teammate, Jonathan Jackson, at the Charles Tillman Junior Championship • Won the Southern Cross Invitational • MVP of high school team in 2000 and 2001 • All-region and all-state his junior and senior year.

### Hamilton's Career Statistics

Season	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Best Round (tournament)
2001-02	21	1569	74.70	67 (Cleveland Golf)
2002-03	38	2826	74.37	66 (Palmetto-Cleveland Golf)
2003-04	35	2567	73.34	68 (SEC Championship)
Totals	94	6962	74.17	66 (Palmetto-Cleveland Golf)



## Behind the Scenes

**Birthdate and place:** January 7, 1983, Aiken, S.C.

**Favorite Event/Sport in the Olympics:** Curling

**The best advice I have ever been given:** Try your best

**If I could change one thing about college golf, I would:**  
eliminate 36-hole days

**Growing up, I had these posters on my wall:**

R.E. Lee, Thomas J. Stonewall Jackson

**If I had to cook all my own food, I would live on:** Pasta

**People would be surprised to know this about me:**

That I am a Yankees fan

**Favorite Soda and favorite food:** Coke and Veal Marsala

**Prized possession:** My putter

**Tournament I'd like to add to our schedule:**

Hooters Match Play

**If USC could play on any course, I would like to see us play on:** Harbour Town

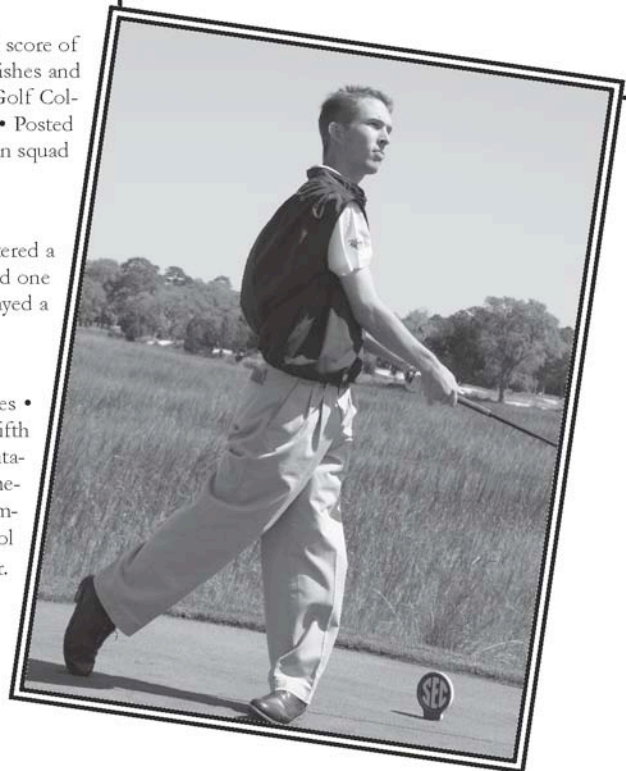
**Who will have a big year this season?** The Gamecocks

**The best player I've ever faced on the course:** Bill Haas

**Coach Puggy Blackmon impresses me in this way:**

Calmness on the course

**Why did you choose USC:** I have always been a Carolina fan



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## JAKE THOMPSON

Senior • 5-11 • 165 • Righthanded • Greenville, S.C. • Greenville



**Coch Blackmon on Jake Thompson:**  
*"Jake is one of the best athletes on the team. He is a very good ball striker who brings maturity and experience to the lineup. When Jake's confident, he's hard to beat."*

### 2003-04

Finished tied for third at the Mercedes Benz Championship, his highest finish of the year  
 • Participated in nine of the 13 Gamecock tournaments • Fired a low round score of 69 at the SEC Championship • Recorded one

top-10 finish and two top-20 finishes • Competed in both the SEC Championship and NCAA Regional.

### 2002-03

Competed in the Cleveland Golf/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate • Participated in the Coker College Intercollegiate with the B-team • Low medalist at the Coker College Intercollegiate • Recorded a low stroke average of 76.6.

### 2001-02

Competed in three tournaments with the South Carolina B-team • Recorded one top 20 finish • Tied for 13th at the Coker College Intercollegiate • Shot a low round of 72.

### 2000-01

Redshirted his freshman year.

### High School

Played for coach Larry Frost at Greenville High • 72 stroke average • Three top 10 finishes • One medalist honor • Team finished fifth in the state finals • Won Furman Invitational • Named all-conference for three year • All-state in 1998 and 2000.



## Behind the Scenes

**Birth date and place:** November 18, 1981, Greenville, S.C.  
**Nickname:** Snake

**Favorite Event/Sport in the Olympics:** High Dive

**The best advice I have ever been given:** To believe in absolute truth

**If I could change one thing about college golf, I would:** Play more tournaments outside our region

**Growing up, I had these posters on my wall:** Michael Jordan

**If I had to cook all my own food, I would live on:** Steak  
**People would be surprised to know this about me:** I like to read

**Favorite Soda and favorite food:** Coke and pizza

**Prized possession:** House with a basement

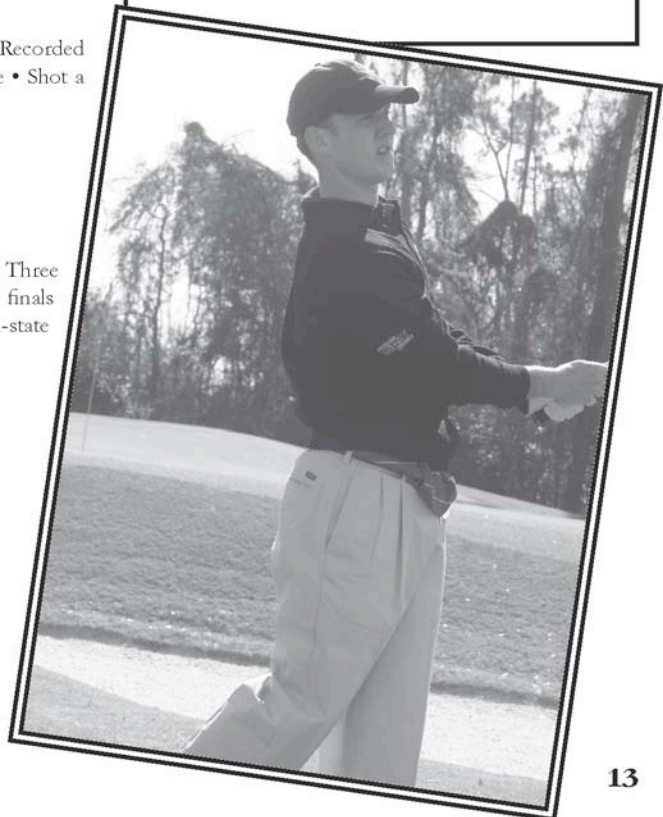
**Tournament I'd like to add to our schedule:** Something in Europe

**If USC could play on any course, I would like to see us play on:** Augusta National

**The best player I've ever faced on the course:** Bob Thompson

**Coch Puggy Blackmon impresses me in this way:** Well connected and positive attitude

**Why did you choose USC:** Because of the golf program



### Thompson's Career Statistics

Season	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Best Round (tournament)
2000-01				Redshirted
2001-02	6	451	75.20	72 (Coker College Intercollegiate)
2002-03	5	383	76.60	70 (Coker College Intercollegiate)
2003-04	27	2003	74.19	69 (SEC Championship)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2837</b>	<b>75.33</b>	<b>69 (SEC Championship)</b>





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## ERIK JOHANSEN

Junior • 6-2 • 195 • Righthanded • Stavanger, Norway • St. Svithun



***Coach Blackmon on Eirik Johansen:***  
“Eirik is one of the most talented players I’ve coached during my career. He has evolved into a world-class player. Eirik is returning to All-America form following a mediocre fall. He has the ability to win multiple times this spring and could be a major catalyst for SEC and NCAA success.”

### 2003-04

Won the Palmetto Intercollegiate and was runner-up at both the Carpet Capital Collegiate and the Mercedes Benz Collegiate • Competed in all 13 of South Carolina’s tournaments • Shot a low round score for the team with a 65 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate • Registered six top-10 finishes and eight top-20 finishes • His 72.84 stroke average was second best on the team • Recorded the fourth-lowest 3-round score in Carolina history at the Palmetto Intercollegiate with a score of 204 • Member of the five-man squad that competed in both the SEC Championships and NCAA East Regional • First-team All-SEC for second straight year.

### 2002-03

Earned Honorable Mention All-American honors • Was a member of the First Team All-SEC squad • Named to the PING All-Region and Softspikes All-Freshman teams • Competed in all 13 of the Gamecocks’ tournaments while posting a stroke average of 72.53 to lead the team • Recorded seven top 10 finishes and 10 top 20 finishes • Fired a low round score of 69 at The Ridges Intercollegiate • Tied with teammate Nash Elliott for the low round score on the team with 65 • His highest finish of the year was fourth place at the Cleveland Golf-ASU Invitational • Posted the fifth lowest three-round score in Gamecock history at the Cleveland Golf-ASU Invitational with a score of 205 • A member of the five-man squad that competed in both the SEC and NCAA Championships.

### High School

Attended St. Svithun • Coached by Jan-Egil Naerland • Won three Norwegian National Boys Championships as an individual and as a team • Won the Norwegian National Men’s Championship • Took the individual title in the Swedish SAS Invitational in 2000 • In 1999 won the Junior Masters in Sweden.

### Johansen’s Career Statistics

Season	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Best Round (tournament)
2002-03	38	2756	72.52	65 (Seminole Intercollegiate)
2003-04	37	2695	72.84	65 (Carpet Capital Classic)
Totals	75	5451	72.68	65 (twice)



## Behind the Scenes

**Birthdate and place:** May 23, 1982, Ventura, California  
**Nicknames:** Gunde, Bengan

**Favorite Event/Sport in the Olympics:** Women’s beach volleyball

**If I could change one thing about college golf, I would:** I would make more tournaments into matchplay, both for team and for individuals. In the individual events the 1st prize should be a wildcard to a Nationwide tour, and the biggest college matchplay events should have wildcards for the PGA tour.

**If I had to cook all my own food, I would live on:** oatmeal and cereal

**Tournament I’d like to add to our schedule:** Hooters matchplay

**The best player I’ve ever faced on the course:** Barry Hume, when we played juniors

**Coach Puggy Blackmon impresses me in this way:** He can get lost where ever on the road

**Why I chose USC:** Coach Blackmon and the golf program



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## WEST STREIB

Junior • 6-2 • 190 • Righthanded • Atlanta, Ga. • Marist



**Coch Blackmon on West Streib:**  
*“Early spring qualifiers indicate that West could be a major contributor this spring. He shows great leadership qualities and is close to a major break through.”*

**2003-04**  
 Participated in five of South Carolina's tournaments • Registered a low round score of 70 in the SEC Championship • Posted a stroke average of 76.00 • Was a member of the five-man squad that competed at the SEC

Championships.

### 2002-03

Competed in 10 of the Gamecocks 13 tournaments • Led the team in the fall with a stroke average of 73.3 • Ended the season with a combined stroke average of 75.45 • Shot a low round score of 68 at the Southeastern Conference Championships • Recorded one top 10 and two top 20 finishes • Posted his highest finish of the year (eighth) at the SEC Championships • A member of the five-man squad that competed in both the SEC and NCAA Championships.

### 2001-02

Redshirted his freshman year at South Carolina.

### High School

Lettered four years at Marist High School in Atlanta, Ga. • Was a part of Georgia AAA State Championship teams in 1999 and 2000 • AAAA State Champions in 2001 • Won Georgia Region 6-AAA Championships in 1998, 1999, and 2000 • Won the individual Georgia Region 6-AAAA Championship • 1999 SJGT Matt Peterson Award recipient • Four-time all-county team selection • All-state selection his senior year (2001) • Qualified for the U. S. Junior Amateur in 1999 • Qualified for the 2001 Amateur at East Lake in Atlanta.

### Streib's Career Statistics

Season	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Best Round (tournament)
2001-02	Redshirted			
2002-03	10	2188	75.45	68 (SEC Championship)
2003-04	14	1064	76.00	70 (SEC Championship)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3552</b>	<b>75.73</b>	<b>68 (SEC Championship)</b>



## Behind the Scenes

**Birthdate:** April 8, 1983, Atlanta, Ga.

**Nicknames:** Tower of Power

**The best advice I have ever been given:** Read everything you can get your hands on

**Growing up, I had these posters on my wall:** Barry Sanders

**If I had to cook all my own food, I would live on:** Italian Herb Chicken, Green beans, Rice-a-roni, and Sweet tea

**People would be surprised to know this about me:** I want to be a United States Senator when I am older

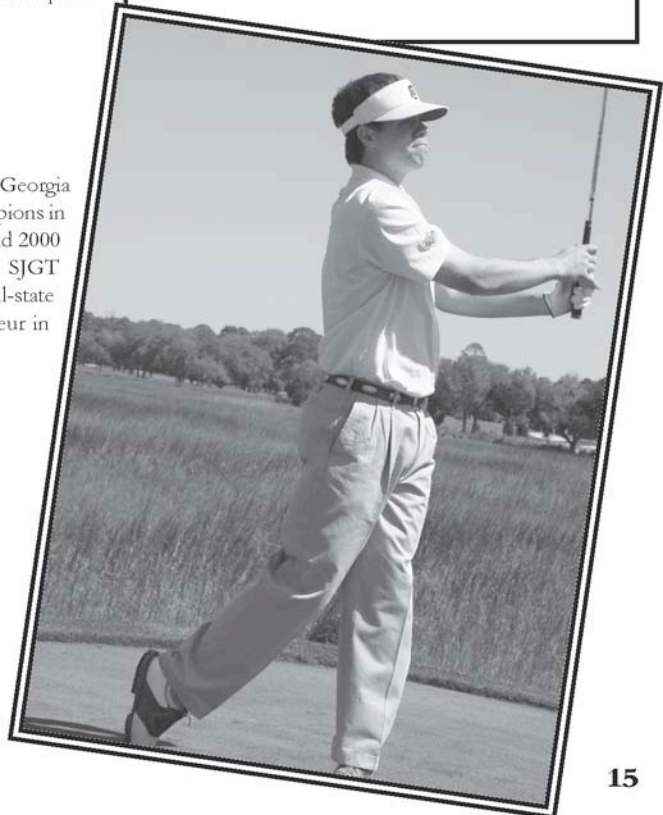
**Favorite Soda and favorite food:** I gave up soda in the 10th grade for lent, and haven't had one since. I like filet and shrimp.

**Prized possession:** Spending time with my family and friends

**The best player I've ever faced on the course:** My buddy Justin Bolli from my home course (PGA Tour Player)

**Coch Puggy Blackmon impresses me in this way:** He leads the team with Christian principles

**Why did you choose USC:** Growing up a Georgia Bulldog fan, it was tough to come to come to a rival school, but I was really impressed during my visit to USC. I wanted to come to an established program with a proven coach. I found that here, along with the plentiful resources and facilities that USC has to offer. Also the number one ranked International Business program was one of the greatest factors that persuaded me to enroll at USC. Plus you really can't beat the environment and competition that exists in the Southeastern Conference.







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## ROBERT SVENSSON

Junior • 5-9 • 190 • Righthanded • Mjolby, Sweden • Klippan • UAB



**Coach Blackmon on Robert Svensson:**  
"Robert is an extremely hard worker and an exceptional athlete. He is one of the longest hitters on the team. A kid who is always smiling, Robert is eager to excel and has strong leadership capabilities. He is very close to a breakthrough to the elite level."

### 2003-04

As an individual competitor, won the Hawaii/Turtle Bay Intercollegiate • Competed in nine of the Gamecocks' 13 tournaments • Shot a low round score of 71 at the Hawaii/Turtle Bay Intercollegiate • Finished the season with a stroke average of 75.30 • Was a member of the five-man NCAA East Regional squad.

### 2002-03, at UAB

Played for the UAB Blazers men's golf team for one year • Played in three tournaments during the fall • Led his team at the Gator Invitational, as well as the Duke tournament in the fall of 2003 • Played in three tournaments during the fall • Averaged 76.9 per round played.

### High School

Graduated from the Swedish Golf School Klippan/Perstorp • Earned the Swedish Athletic Shield, an award given to the best athletes in Sweden • In 2001 he was first on the Swedish Ranking up to 21 years of age • Competed in the International Amateur where he finished sixth in 2002 and eighth in 2001 • Led team to the Gold in the European Championship for Boys in 2001.

### Svensson's Career Statistics

Season	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Best Round (tournament)
2003-04	23	1732	75.30	71 (Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational)
Totals	23	1732	75.30	71 (Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational)



## Behind the Scenes

**Birthdate and place:** August 15, 1983

**Nicknames:** Rob, Robban, Bagarn, Baker, pizza Bargan, Pizza baker, BD, Kungen, the King, any of these will get my attention

**Favorite Event/Sport in the Olympics:** Men's 100 M

**The best advice I have ever been given:** Everything is going to be all right

**Growing up, I had these posters on my wall:** Kurt Cobain of Nirvana

**If I had to cook all my own food, I would live on:** Filet Mignon and rice

**People would be surprised to know this about me:** Swedish State champion in five different sports

**Favorite Soda and favorite food:** Root beer and Kabob

**Prized possession:** My love to my family, friends, teammates, and golf

**Tournament I'd like to add to our schedule:** Hawaii,

Puerto Rico, Hooters Match Play, Maxwell, The Masters

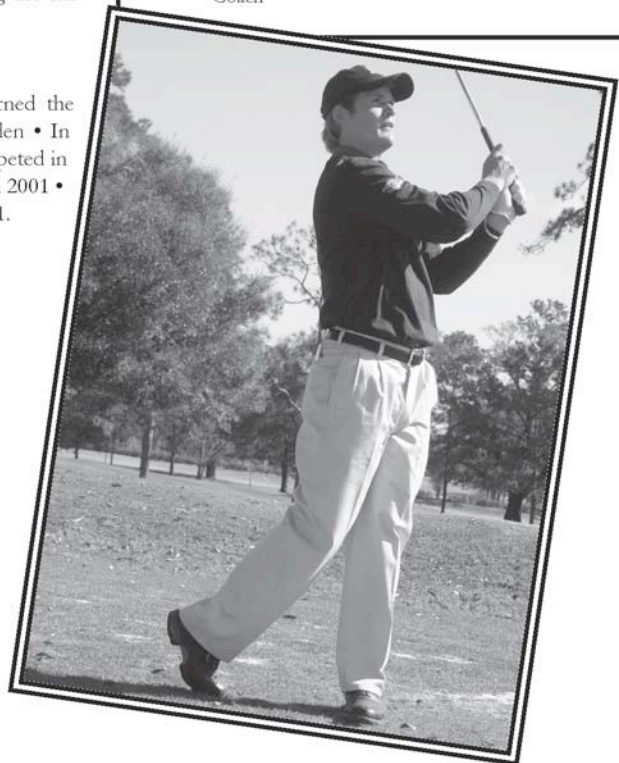
**If USC could play on any course, I would like to see us play on:** Augusta National

**Who will have a big year this season:** Gamecock Men's Golf Team

**The best player I've ever faced on the course:** Colin Montgomery

**Coach Puggy Blackmon impresses me in this way:** How stubborn he is about the short game

**Why did you choose USC:** The practice facilities, and the Coach



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## DAVID KITE

RS-Freshman • 5-8 • 155 • Righthanded • Austin, Texas • Westlake



**Coach Blackmon on David Kite:**

*“David returned this spring with a much-improved game and attitude. With competitive experience, he could play a major role in our future success. He is a great team player and has the right temperament for the game. With continued improvement, David could possibly see action this spring.”*

**2003-04**

Redshirted as a freshman at South Carolina.

### High School

Attended West Lake High School in Austin, Texas • Lettered in golf for three years • Was a four-time district winner • Member of the team that finished first in the state in 2001 and third in the state in 2002 and 2003 • Two-time contestant at the Western Junior • Finished 15th at the 2002 Hudson Junior • Member of the National Honor Society • Son of former PGA great and current Champion Tour standout Tom Kite.



## Behind the Scenes

**Birthdate and place:** September 1, 1984, Austin, Texas

**Favorite Event/Sport in the Olympics:** Table Tennis

**The best advice I have ever been given:** Love what you do

**If I could change one thing about college golf, I would:** no more 36 hole days

**Growing up, I had these posters on my wall:** Ryder Cup, Laddyshack

**If I had to cook all my own food, I would live on:** Peanut butter and Jelly

**People would be surprised to know this about me:** That I am a Longhorn fan

**Favorite Soda and favorite food:** Dr. Pepper and Tamales

**Prized possession:** My dog

**Tournament I'd like to add to our schedule:** Morris Williams

**If USC could play on any course, I would like to see us play on:** Augusta National

**Who will have a big year this season:** USC

**The best player I've ever faced on the course:** Tom Kite

**Coach Puggy Blackmon impresses me in this way:**

Knowledge of the game

**Why did you choose USC:** The good academic program with a strong golf team.







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## MARK ANDERSON

Freshman • 5-11 • 175 • Righthanded • Beaufort, S.C. • Beaufort Academy



**Coach Blackmon on Mark Anderson:** *“Mark is very talented and athletic player who has great instincts and strong All-American potential. He has the soft hands necessary for an exceptional short game. Mark is making an immediate impact on the lineup. With his ability to shoot low numbers, Mark could rewrite some of the record book for USC.”*

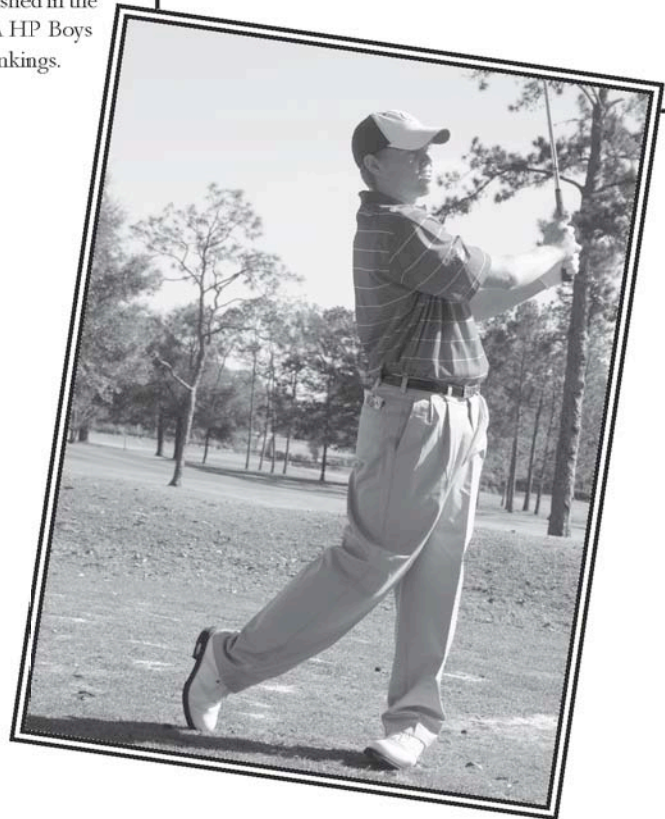
### High School

A six-year letterman at Beaufort Academy in Beaufort, S.C. • Earned All-Conference and All-State honors his freshman through seniors years • Captured the SCISA Individual State Championship in both 2003 and 2004 • Also won the 2003 South Carolina Junior Amateur title • Helped Beaufort Academy to SCISA Region Championships in 2002 and 2003 and to SCISA State Championships in 1999, 2000 and 2003 • Finished in the top five at the 2003 AJGA Hargray Classic and the 2003 AJGA HP Boys Championship • Ranked fourth in the South Carolina junior rankings.



## Behind the Scenes

**Birthdate and place:** February 14, 1986, Annapolis, Md.  
**Ways you prefer to spend your free time:** Sleeping, playing any sport, x-box, fishing  
**Hobbies:** Live to fish, hunt, go out on the boat, play poker  
**Favorite Foods:** Chinese food, any seafood, collard greens  
**Biggest Influence:** Mike Harmon/Jeff Pinckney  
**Favorite Athlete:** Ernie Els  
**Career Goals:** play on the PGA Tour, win a major championship, and be number one in the world  
**Person you admire the most:** My grandpa  
**Greatest athletic thrill:** Winning the South Carolina Junior Amateurs Championship  
**Goals for the Upcoming Season:** Play in every tournament, win a tournament, improve All-SEC  
**Why did you choose USC:** The great golf team and the coaches as well as the great academics  
**Who is the toughest player you have ever faced on the course:** Eric Kennedy





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## PATRICK CUNNING

Freshman • 5-10 • 155 • Righthanded • Aiken, S.C. • South Aiken



**Coach Blackmon on Patrick Cunning:**  
*“Patrick could very well be the sleeper of the 2004 recruiting class. He has a great work ethic and is a perfect team player. He needs to improve strength-wise, but has a great mental approach to the game. Patrick has consistently pushed for a spot on the travel squad this year. He should become a vital part of future Gamecock golf success.”*

### High School

Lettered four years in golf at South Aiken High School in Aiken, S.C. • Earned Medalist honors at the 2004 State Championship • Helped lead South Aiken to 4A State Championships in 2000 and 2004 • Named both All-Region and All-State in 2003 and 2004 • Recipient of the Life Scholarship • Posted a 74.0 stroke average as a senior in 2004 and a 75.0 average as a junior in 2003



### Behind the Scenes

**Birthdate and place:** Sept. 4, 1985, Aiken, S.C.

**Nicknames:** Packo

**Favorite Event/Sport in the Olympics:** Men's soccer

**The best advice I have ever been given:** The man who wins is the man who thinks he can

**If I could change one thing about college golf, I would:** Allow more scholarships

**Growing up, I had these posters on my wall:** Augusta National No. 13 and No. 16, Gamecock poster, Payne Stewart

**If I had to cook all my own food, I would live on:**

Spaghetti

**People would be surprised to know this about me:** I take pride in my work ethic

**Who will have a big year this season:** West Strieb

**The best player I've ever faced on the course:** Kevin Kisner

**Coach Puggy Blackmon impresses me in this way:** His knowledge of the game and diligence towards improving of short game

**Why did you choose South Carolina:** Being called a Gamecock is something I had dreamed about for quite some time. The team is a great group of guys that are easy to get along with. Coach Blackmon and Coach Sanders made the decision easy for me because they had to offer something I wanted – a chance to become a Gamecock.





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## WARREN THOMAS

Freshman • 6-1 • 200 • Righthanded • Columbia, S.C. • Richland Northeast



**Coach Blackmon on Warren Thomas:** *“Warren is a big, strong long hitter. He also has good imagination around the greens, which is unusual for a big guy. He is very bright, but tends to be over-analytical at times. Warren has no fear and can shoot low numbers. He is a solid putter and is learning rapidly.”*

### High School

Six-year letterman at Richland Northeast High  
• 2004 AJGA All-American • Listed among the Top 50 on the National Junior Golf Scoreboard, Class of 2004 • Posted 10 first-place finished and 23 top-10 finished in his final two years of junior golf • Won the 2003 AJGA Dunlop Junior Championship • Qualified and played in the 2002 and 2003 Westfield (Ohio) PGA Junior Championship, finishing fourth in 2002 • Placed first in the Carolinas USGA Jr. Amateur Qualifier and played in the US Jr. Amateur in Maryland in 2003 • Member of Team USA at the World Junior Golf Cup Grand Finals in August of 2001 • Won two of three matches in the event as the U.S. team beat Canada in St. Andrews, Scotland.



### Behind the Scenes

**Birthdate and place:** February 3, 1986, Columbia, S.C.  
**Ways you prefer to spend your free time:** With friends, going to beach, play cards  
**Hobbies:** Playing poker  
**Favorite Foods:** Chicken fingers  
**Biggest Influence:** My Dad  
**Favorite Athlete:** Ernie Els  
**Greatest athletic thrill:** Winning World Jamaican Golf Club  
**Goals for the upcoming season:** Win two tournaments individually  
**Why did you choose USC:** The talent on the team, facilities, and coaches

