

2018 SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCK FOOTBALL



## **BRYSON** ALLEN-WILLIAMS

LB | 6-1 | 230 | SR |

Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)

- Vice Chair SEC Football Leadership Council 2018
- 2017 Co-Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring
- 2016 **Tenacity Award - Special Teams**
- Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring 2016
- 2015 Spring Everyday Attitude Award - Defense
- First-Year SEC Honor Roll 14-15

Senior linebacker who was granted a fifth year of eligibility after a seasonending shoulder injury derailed his 2017 campaign... participated in noncontact drills during the spring while continuing to rehab from the injury... has the ability to be a speed rusher and also cover a receiver in space as a Buck or Sam linebacker, giving the coaches some flexibility... has appeared in 40 games making 13 starts over the past four seasons... owns 17.5 tackles for loss among 135 career stops... a leader both on and off the field, he was elected as the vice chair of the SEC Football Leadership Council.

2017: Started each of the first three games... logged 10 tackles, a pair of sacks and an interception... served as a team captain in the season opener vs. NC State and responded with five tackles including a sack, and recovered a third-quarter fumble to set up Carolina's last score of the game... intercepted a pass at Missouri... suffered a shoulder injury late in the Kentucky game... underwent season-ending surgery on September 27... shared Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring honors with D.J. Smith.

2016: Played in all 13 games, making seven starts... earned the special teams' Tenacity Award... finished second on the team with 75 tackles, including 46 solo stops, and was second with 8.5 tackles for loss... had eight games with six or more tackles, including a career-high 12 stops at Clemson... logged a pair of interceptions, picking off passes at Clemson and against USF in the season's final two games... set a then-career high with seven tackles at Mississippi State, including two tackles for loss... matched that with seven tackles, including a tackle for loss vs. East Carolina, and again against Texas A&M... set a career-high with nine solo tackles including a tackle for loss against Georgia... matched his career highs with nine tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss while recording his first career solo sack against UMass... logged a 13-yard sack in the Missouri win... forced and recovered a fumble against Florida... earned the Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring accolades.

2015: Saw action in every game with one start... credited with 23 tackles, including 14 solo stops... recorded six tackles including a half-tackle for loss at Georgia... logged five tackles, including four solos, at LSU... saw his most extensive duty against Vanderbilt after T.J. Holloman was ejected for targeting... logged three tackles and picked off his first pass against the Commodores... had four stops, including a pair of tackles for loss, against Florida... made his first start of the season against The Citadel and responded with three tackles, including a tackle for loss, and a quarterback hurry... recognized with the Everyday Attitude award for the defense in the spring.

2014: True freshman who started the season at linebacker in a 3-4 scheme but moved to defensive end late in the campaign... played in 12 games, making a pair of starts... logged 27 tackles... earned the start in the season opener against Texas A&M... joined Al Harris Jr. as first true freshmen to start a season opener since Jadeveon Clowney in 2011... recovered first career fumble at Vanderbilt... forced two quarterback hurries to go with three tackles versus Missouri... collected a season-high five tackles versus Tennessee... had his best game at Florida, collecting a half sack, 2.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble... started at defensive end and made three tackles against South Alabama... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Cedar Grove (Ellenwood, Ga.) High School in 2014.... coached by Jimmy Smith... the Saints went 7-5 in his senior season, reaching the second round of the state AAA playoffs... earned Class AAA second-team all-state honors by the Georgia Sportswriters... earned a spot on the AJC's Class AAA All-Metro squad... played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl following his senior season... collected 99 tackles with 22 tackles for loss including 16 sacks, three fumble recoveries and an interception, as a junior... was an AT&T Georgia Junior Bowl selection... recorded 64 tackles as a sophomore... Rivals considered him the sixth-best outside linebacker in the nation, No. 103 overall, and the 28th-best player in the state of Georgia... was Scout's 12th-best outside linebackers and rated No. 138 overall... 247Sports listed him as the nation's No. 6 outside linebacker, the seventh-best player in the state of Georgia and No. 96 on its Top247 list... ESPN considered him No. 162 on its ESPN300 list, the 10thbest outside linebacker in the nation and the 11th-best player in the state... ranked by PrepStar number 208 on the Top 300 All-American Team.

PERSONAL: Bryson Joshua Allen-Williams was born October 15, 1996... is a mass communications major... graduated in May of 2018.

	ALLEN-WILLIAMS' STATISTICS												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR		
2014	12/2	18	9	27	2.5-12	0.5-3	0	0	5	1	1		
2015	12/1	14	9	23	3.5-9	0.0-0	1	0	1	0	0		
2016	13/7	46	29	75	8.5-38	2.0-20	2	1	1	1	1		
2017	3/3	5	5	10	3.0-3	2.0-14	1	1	1	0	1_		
Total	40/13	83	52	135	17.5-62	4.5-37	4	2	8	2	3		

#### **ALLEN-WILLIAMS' HIGHS**

Tackles ......12, Clemson, 2016 Tackles for Loss .. 2.5, twice: Florida, 2014 & UMass, 2016 Sacks ... 1.0, 4 times: Last: Kentucky, 2017 INT ...... 1, 4 times; Last: Missouri, 2017





### **MICHAEL** ALMOND

K/P | 6-3 | 225 | JR I

North Augusta, S.C. (Westminster)

Walk-on who is in his fourth season... listed as the second-team punter behind incumbent Joseph Charlton... could also factor on kickoffs... provides quality depth at both positions... has appeared in two games at Carolina.

2017: Served as backup for kickoff and punting duties in his third season... saw action in the Texas A&M game, kicking off one time for 45 yards.

2016: Served as a reserve during the regular season... was pressed into duty in the Birmingham Bowl when regular punter Sean Kelly was not available due to injury... punted twice for a 44.0-yard average with a long of 48 yards.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Westminster School in Augusta, Ga., in 2015... as a senior, earned GISA Class AAA all-region and all-state honors in football, all-region honors in soccer, was Westminster's MVP in both football and soccer and was the school's Athlete of the Year... coached in football by Steve Ackley... as a senior for the Wildcats, converted 11-of-13 field goals, including one from 54 yards out, and all 31 extra-point attempts... averaged 42 yards on 42 punts and had 40 touchbacks on 57 kickoffs... also played wide receiver and defensive back... played in the GISA All-Star football game... successful on 11-of-14 field goals and all 26 PATs as a junior in 2013... averaged 39 yards per punt... helped the soccer team to the GISA state title in both 2014 and 2015.

PERSONAL: Michael Graham Almond was born August 12, 1996... is a public health major.



## BEN **ASBURY**

LS | 6-0 | 199 | SR | 1L

Atlanta, Ga. (Holy Innocents/Berry College)

#### 2017 SEC Fall Honor Roll

Redshirt senior who is the returning starter at the long snapper position... handled all of the short- and deep-snapping duties in 2017... missed the spring after undergoing off-season knee surgery.

**2017:** Redshirt junior who served as the long snapper throughout the season, earning his first letter... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2016: Served as a backup deep snapper... did not see any game action.

2015: Enrolled at South Carolina but did not participate in football.

**2014:** Played tight end at Berry College in Rome, Ga... appeared in three games as a true freshman...saw action versus Rhodes, Washington (Mo.) and at Birmingham Southern... the Vikings posted a 2-8 campaign.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta in 2014... coached by Ryan Livezey... was a four-year letterwinner... named team captain as a senior... helped the Golden Bears to four playoff appearances during his career and a playoff win as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Benjamin Douglas Asbury was born June 6, 1995... is an economics major who graduated in May of 2018.



## JACOB **AUGUST**

TE | 6-6 | 252 | SR | 3L

Columbia, S.C. (Cardinal Newman/Fork Union)

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2015 Most Improved Tight End of the Spring

2014 Co-Freshman Offensive Player of the Spring

Fifth-year senior tight end who came to Carolina as a walk-on, earned a scholarship and has developed into a regular contributor... used primarily as a blocker throughout his career, but has also shown excellent hands... has improved his strength and technique... has made seven starts among 31 career appearances over the past three seasons with 15 receptions.

**2017:** Junior tight end who played in all 13 games, making three starts... got the starting nod against NC State, Louisiana Tech and Tennessee... logged career bests with six catches and with 68 receiving yards on the season... matched his single-game high with two receptions at Tennessee... also had catches against Louisiana Tech, Arkansas, Wofford and Florida... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... placed on scholarship for the first time in the spring.

**2016:** Played in all 13 games... had five receptions for 52 yards... caught one pass for 10 yards in his lone start at Mississippi State... caught two passes in South Carolina's win over East Carolina... had a career-long 29-yard reception at Kentucky... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2015: Walk-on who worked his way into the tight end rotation early in the season... appeared in five games, making three starts... had four catches for 38 yards and a touchdown... made his debut against Kentucky and caught one pass for seven yards... added a 10-yard reception at Georgia... earned a

start in a two-tight end formation against UCF and responded with a pair of catches for 21 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown catch... also started at Missouri and LSU... did not play after the coaching change... named the Most Improved Tight End at the 2015 spring game.

**2014:** Enrolled at South Carolina in January... shared Freshman Offensive Player of the Spring honors with Connor Mitch... redshirted in his first year.

**2013:** Spent the fall at Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy, where he was listed as a tight end, wide receiver, punter and placekicker on the post-graduate roster... coached by John Shuman... caught over 20 passes and a pair of touchdowns... also considered walking-on at Penn State and had scholarship offers from Southern Miss and Temple before electing to join the Gamecocks.

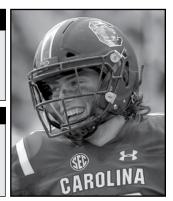
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia, S.C... coached by Brannon Tidwell.

**PERSONAL:** Jacob Joseph August was born July 4, 1995... graduated in May 2018 with a degree in marketing.

#### **AUGUST'S STATISTICS**

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2015	5/3	4	38	9.5	1	13
2016	13/1	5	52	10.4	0	29
	13/3		68			
Total	31/7	15	158	10.5	1	29

#### **AUGUST'S HIGHS**



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## ZACK BAILEY

OL | 6-6 | 314 | SR | 3L

Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2016 Co-Tenacity Award - Offense

2015 Coaches' SEC All-Freshman Team

Senior offensive lineman who is a candidate for All-SEC accolades in his final campaign... named to Athlon Sports' 2018 pre-season second-team All-SEC unit... returned to his more natural position of left guard in the spring after serving as the starting right tackle in 2017... versatile performer who began his career as a guard and has also played center... has played in 34 games over the past three seasons, making 26 starts (15 at left guard, eight at right tackle and three at center).

2017: Junior offensive lineman who was a preseason third-team All-SEC selection by the league's coaches... moved from left guard to right tackle in the spring... played in nine games making eight starts... started the first three games but suffered an ankle injury late in the contest against Kentucky... returned from a four-game absence to start at right tackle vs. Vanderbilt and remained in the starting lineup for the rest of the regular season... did not start in the Outback Bowl after suffering another ankle injury, but played in most of the contest... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Most consistent and highest performing offensive lineman... started all 13 games at left guard... served as team captain at Kentucky... made his 10th-career start against Texas A&M and served as a team captain against the Aggies... served as a team captain against Florida... shared the offense's Tenacity Award with Hayden Hurst, as selected by the players following the season.

2015: Gained valuable experience as a true freshman in which he earned SEC All-Freshman accolades by the league's coaches at offensive center... had never played center prior to his arrival at South Carolina... played in all 12 games, making five starts, three at center and two at left guard... saw time on special teams against North Carolina... moved into the backup role at center after the ankle injury to Cody Waldrop and played on special teams against Kentucky... pressed into regular service at Georgia after an ankle injury to Alan Knott... made his first career start against UCF and graded out at 80 percent... also made the start at center at Missouri and versus Vanderbilt... moved to left guard where he made the start against The Citadel due to an injury to Mike Matulis... also started at left guard against Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Highly regarded offensive lineman who graduated from Summerville (S.C.) High School in 2015... was one of five finalists for South Carolina's Mr. Football award... helped legendary coach John McKissick and the Green Wave to an 8-5 record and to the second round of the Class AAAA Division I playoffs as a senior... played left guard for the Sandlappers in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas where he was recognized as the strongest player at the game... considered the No. 2 player in the state, the fifth-best offensive guard in the country and No. 72 overall by Rivals... rated as the 29th-best offensive guard in the country by Scout... regarded as the fourth-best player in the state, the 12th-best offensive guard in the country and No. 247 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the fifth-best player in the state, the No. 15 offensive guard in the country and No. 220 overall by ESPN.

**PERSONAL:** Zackary Dalton Bailey was born November 8, 1995... a criminal justice major who is scheduled to graduate in December.



## KOREY **BANKS**

DB | 5-11 | 191 | SO | 1L

Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)

Third-year player who redshirted during the 2017 season as he transitioned from wide receiver to defensive back... spent the fall and the spring honing his skills at the cornerback position... looks to earn a spot in the rotation.

**2017:** True sophomore who was converted from wide receiver to defensive back at the beginning of fall camp to add depth to the unit... did not see any game action and took a redshirt year after playing as a true freshman in 2016.

2016: True freshman who played in six games... made his debut against Texas A&M... also played against Tennessee, Missouri, Western Carolina, Clemson and USF... caught his first pass, a five-yard reception, in the Birmingham Bowl versus USF.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Wide receiver who earned honorable mention Class AAAA all-state honors as a senior at Sandy Creek High School in Tyrone, Ga... graduated in 2016... coached by Chip Walker... helped the Patriots to a 9-3 record by hauling in 61 catches for 813 yards and six scores in his senior season... Rivals rated him as the 65th-best player in the state... considered the 59th-best player in the state of Georgia and the No. 112 wide receiver in the

#### BANKS' STATISTICS

 Year
 GP/GS
 Rec
 Yds
 Avg
 TD
 Long

 2016
 6/0
 1
 5
 5.0
 0
 5

BANKS' HIGHS
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Receptions	. 1, USF, 2016
Yards Receiving	
Long Reception	.5, USF, 2016

country by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as a the 50th-best player in the state and the No. 93 wide receiver in the country.

**PERSONAL:** Korey L. Banks Jr. was born October 11, 1997... is undecided on his major field of study.



## JAKE **BENTLEY**

QB | 6-4 | 224 | JR | 2L

Opelika, Ala. (Opelika)

17-18 SEC Sportsmanship Award

2018 Outback Bowl MVP

2017 Team Captain

2017 Leadership Award - Offense

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 Carolina Male New Student-Athlete of the Year

2017 Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring

2016 Steve Wadiak Co-Most Valuable Player

16-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Junior signal-caller who has started each of the last 20 games... owns a 13-7 record as a starter... ranks 10th in completions (370), second in completion percentage (63.3), 11th in passing yards (4,214) and 11th in passing touchdowns (27) in school history... needs seven victories to become the sixth quarterback to win 20 games at Carolina, joining Connor Shaw (27), Todd Ellis (24), Garry Harper (20), Stephen Garcia (20) and Steve Taneyhill (20)... named the 2017-18 winner of the SEC Sportsmanship Award for the compassion he showed following the Gamecocks' thrilling win over Tennessee.

2017: Sophomore quarterback who was selected as one of four permanent team captains... recognized by his teammates for the Leadership Award for the offense... took every meaningful snap during the season... completed 245-of-394 passes (62.2 percent) for 2,794 yards with 18 touchdowns and 12 interceptions... among SEC quarterbacks, ranked second in pass completions, second in pass attempts, sixth in passing yards per game (214.9), sixth in pass completion percentage, tied for fourth in touchdown passes and seventh in total offense (221.5)... his 2017 totals rank seventh in school history in single-season passing yards, fourth in pass attempts, fourth in pass completions, 10th in completion percentage and tied for seventh in passing touchdowns... tied for the team lead with six touchdowns scored... best game was a 24-for-36 performance for 304 yards against Kentucky, with a pair of touchdowns... the 304 yards passing was a career-best against an SEC opponent... had a career-best 16-consecutive completions in that contest... went 152 passes without an interception early in the season... threw three touchdown passes against both NC State and Arkansas... rushed the ball six times for a career-best 47 yards in the win over Vanderbilt... accounted for three touchdowns against both the Commodores and Wofford... became the 14th quarterback in Carolina history to surpass 3,000 career passing yards in the Tennessee game... named the MVP of the Outback Bowl after completing 19-of-32 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Michigan... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Joe Morrison Offensive Player in the Spring... worked as a counselor at the prestigious Manning Passing Academy in June.

**2016:** Started each of the final seven games after not playing in the first six contests of the season... was 4-3 as a starter... was 125-for-190 for 1,420 yards and nine touchdowns and just four interceptions... his 65.8 percent completion percentage ranks fourth in Carolina history for a single-season... shared Steve Wadiak MVP honors with Deebo Samuel... made his debut as the starting quarterback against UMass... went 17-for-26 for 201 yards and two touchdowns vs. the Minutemen... became the fifth Gamecock true freshman to start at quarterback in the SEC era... won his first career start against an SEC opponent as the Gamecocks upset Tennessee... completed 15-of-20 passes against the Vols for 167 yards and two TDs... connected K.C. Crosby for a 35-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter that proved to be the gamewinner against UT... improved to 3-0 as a starter and earned SEC Freshman of the Week accolades when he led the Gamecocks to a win over Missouri, going 22-for-28 for 254 yards and two touchdowns... became the first Caro-

lina true freshman quarterback to win his first three collegiate starts since Steve Taneyhill notched four-straight wins in 1992... went 18-for-33 for 213 yards in his first road start at Florida... set career highs with 32 completions, 43 pass attempts and three touchdowns in the Birmingham Bowl against USF... set the school record for bowl games and Birmingham Bowl records for passes completed (32), yards passing (390) and total offense (381) in the ovetime loss to the Bulls... passed on his senior year of high school to enroll at South Carolina in the summer of 2016... named the South Carolina Male New Student-Athlete of the Year... named to the 2016-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated following his junior year to enroll at South Carolina... threw for 2,834 yards and 28 touchdowns in 2015, leading the Bulldogs to a 12-1 record... coached by Brian Blackmon... grew up in Duncan S.C. and attended Byrnes High School as a freshman before his family moved to Alabama... ranked as the No. 5 pro style quarterback by 247Sports...Scout considered him the No. 9 passer in the class of 2017... was the second-ranked quarterback and the 33rd-ranked player overall in the ESPN Junior 300... selected to play in the Under Armour All-American Game.

#### **BENTLEY'S STATISTICS**

#### -PASSING-Year GP/GS C-A-I Pct. Yds TD Lg

Tear GP/GS C-A-1 Pert. 1ds 1D Lg 2016 7/7 125-190-4 65.8 1,420 9 47 2017 13/13 245-394-12 62.2 2,794 18 68 Total 20/20 370-584-16 63.4 4,214 27 68 -RUSHING-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long					
2016	7/7	50	-15	-0.3	0	16					
2017	13/13	73	85	1.2	6	24					
Total	20/20	123	70	0.6	6	24					
-RECEIVING-											

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	7/7	1	12	12.0	0	12
2017	13/13	0	0		0	
Total	20/20	1	12	12.0	0	12

PERSONAL: Jacob L. Bentley was born Nov. 23, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major... father, Bobby, is Carolina's running backs coach and previously was a highly-successful high school coach at Byrnes (S.C.) and at Presbyterian College... Jake's step-brother, Chas Dodd (Rutgers), and brother, Shuler Bentley (ODU/Murray State), both have started at quarterback in college... Chas is on Carolina's strength & conditioning staff.

#### **BENTLEY'S HIGHS**

Pass Attempts43, USF, 2016
Pass Completions32, USF, 2016
Passing Yards390, USF, 2016
Passing TDs
NC State, 2017 & Arkansas 2017
Longest Pass 68, Kentucky, 2017
Rushing Attempts10, twice:
Tennessee, 2016 & USF, 2016
Rushing Yards47, Vanderbilt, 2017
Rushing TDs2, 3 times: Vanderbilt, 2017
Florida, 2017 & Wofford, 2017
Longest Rush 24, Louisiana Tech, 2017
Receptions
Yards Receiving 12, W. Carolina, 2016
Long Reception 12, W. Carolina, 2016





## SHAMEIK BLACKSHEAR

DL | 6-5 | 270 | JR | 2L

Bluffton, S.C. (Bluffton)

Fourth-year junior defensive end... talented athlete who has made some strides after overcoming a rash of injuries that limited his activity early in his career... looks to be a regular contributor this fall for the first time.

**2017:** Third-year defensive end... saw action in eight games overall, including seven of the final eight contests... credited with six tackles including four solo stops... had three solo stops in the regular season finale against Clemson.

**2016:** Second-year defensive end who played in nine games... made one tackle for loss against Mississippi State and had one tackle against Clemson... did not participate in spring drills while recovering from injuries sustained in an off-season incident.

**2015:** Limited to two games while battling back from a knee injury suffered in his senior year of high school... saw action against UCF and Missouri... credited with one solo tackle and one assisted tackle, both coming against the Tigers... petitioned and received a medical redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Bluffton (S.C.) High School in 2015... played for coach Ken Cribb and the Bobcats... missed half of his senior season with a knee injury... selected to play in the Under Armour All-America Game... racked up 96 tackles, 18 for loss, five sacks and 15 hurries as a sophomore... considered the fifth-best player in the state and the 18th-best strongside defensive end in the country by Rivals... rated the 11th-best defensive end in the country and No. 120 overall by Scout... regarded as the second-best player in the state, the eighth-best weakside defensive end in the country and No. 119 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the fourth-best player in the state, the No. 18 defensive end and No. 203 overall by ESPN.

#### **BLACKSHEAR'S HIGHS**

 **PERSONAL:** Shameik Micheal Blackshear was born July 9, 1997... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

	BLACKSHEAR'S STATISTICS													
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR			
2015	2/0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0			
2016	9/0	2	0	2	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0			
2017	8/0	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total	19/0	7	3	10	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0			



## ZAY **BROWN**

DB | 5-11 | 200 | FR | RS

Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central)

Redshirt freshman defensive back who provides depth at the safety position.

**2017:** Redshirted as a true freshman... was a regular on the travel squad, but did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Clarke Central High School in Athens, Ga... helped the Gladiators to a 7-5 record and reached the second round of the 5A state playoffs in his senior season... coached by David Perno... credited with 80 tackles and three interceptions in 2016... earned first team all-state honors by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... logged 78 tackles with six interceptions as a junior... played in the RisingSeniors.com Georgia Junior Bowl following the 2015 season... Rivals rated him as the 97th-best player in the state of Georgia... considered the 180th-best player in the state and the 137th-best safety in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 109th-best player in Georgia and the 77th-best safety in the country by ESPN... Scout rated him as the 108th-best safety in the nation.

**PERSONAL:** Anzavion Brown was born October 29, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major.





## T.J. BRUNSON

LB | 6-1 | 240 JR

Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast)

2018 Rex Enright Co-Defensive Player of the Spring

2017 Associated Press' All-Bowl Team

2017 Strength & Conditioning Award

2017 Tenacity Award - Defense

Junior linebacker who figures to be a candidate for All-SEC accolades after a breakout sophomore season... named to Athlon Sports' 2018 pre-season second-team All-SEC unit... can play both the MIKE and the WILL positions... local product who shows great instincts and has all the intangibles... is the leader of the defense... does it right both on and off the field... a bluecollar football player... owns 100 career tackles in his first two seasons.

2017: True sophomore linebacker who started all 13 games... ranked second on the team with 88 tackles... credited with 4.5 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and a pair of quarterback hurries... tied for the SEC lead and tied for fourth nationally with three fumble recoveries... twice selected as a game captain (Missouri and Louisiana Tech)... posted a game- and career-high 16 tackles in the season-opening win over NC State... it was the most tackles by a Gamecock since Antonio Allen logged 16 stops against East Carolina on Sept. 3, 2011, a game that was also played in Charlotte, and the first of three games in double-figures in tackles... logged double-digits in tackles against Kentucky with a dozen... finished the Louisiana Tech win with eight tackles, including a tackle for loss... added seven stops against both Georgia and Tennessee... scored his first career touchdown in the win over Arkansas, recovering a Razorback fumble and racing 73 yards to paydirt... posted a game high 13 tackles with his first two career sacks in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan... earned a spot on the Associated Press' All-Bowl Team... presented with the Strength & Conditioning Award by the coaches and the Tenacity Award for the defense by the players following the season.

2016: True freshman who played in 11 games... used at linebacker and on special teams... logged a dozen tackles... made his collegiate debut in the win over Vanderbilt... made his first career tackle in the East Carolina win... singled out by Coach Muschamp for making a key block on A.J. Turner's game-opening 80-yard kick return vs. East Carolina... made four tackles, all solo, and was credited with a quarterback hurry against Texas A&M... tallied three tackles (two solo) in the UMass win... did not play against Missouri and Florida but returned against Western Carolina.

HIGH SCHOOL: Local product who played at Columbia's Richland Northeast High School, graduating in 2016... coached by Jay Frye... overcame a serious hip injury during his junior season to log 140 tackles as a senior, leading the Cavaliers to the Class 3A state playoffs... named the Defensive MVP of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas after leading the Sandlappers with 13 tackles and a sack... credited with 134 tackles as a junior... Rivals considered him the 14th-best player in the state and No. 56 in the country among outside linebackers... 247Sports ranked him as the 13th-best player in the state and the No. 30 inside linebacker in the nation... ESPN ranked him as the 22nd-best player in South Carolina and the No. 40 inside linebacker in the country... a PrepStar All-Atlantic Region pick.

PERSONAL: Tremari Jerelle Brunson was born December 3, 1997... is pursuing a degree in advertising.

			BR	UN	SON'S	STATI	STI	CS			
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	11/0	8	4	12	0-0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2017	13/13	53	35	88	4.5-23	2.0-16	0	0	2	0	3
Total	24/13	61	39	100	4.5-23	2.0-16	0	0	3	0	3

#### **BRUNSON'S HIGHS**

Tackles ...... 16, NC State, 2017 Sacks ......2.0, Michigan, 2017 Tackles for Loss ......2.0, Michigan, 2017 QB Hurries 1, 3 times: Texas A&M, 2016; Vanderbilt, 2017 & Wofford, 2017 Fumbles Recovered......2, Arkansas, 2017



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## WYATT CAMPBELL

OL | 6-6 | 305 FR HS

Elgin, S.C. (Lugoff-Elgin)

Local product who graduated from high school in December of 2017 and enrolled at Carolina in January... went through spring drills with the squad... listed as a reserve offensive guard in his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Lugoff-Elgin (S.C.) High School in December of 2017... helped the Demons win eight games and reach the second round of the Class 4A playoffs as a senior offensive lineman in 2017... earned first-team All-USA South Carolina football team accolades as selected by USA TODAY as a senior... coached by Matthew Campbell... selected to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas but did not participate due to a knee injury that required surgery... ranked as the 16th-best overall prospect in South Carolina and the No. 78 offensive tackle in the country, according to 247's national composite rankings... considered the Palmetto State's 22nd-best player by Rivals... named to the PrepStar All-Atlantic Region team.

PERSONAL: Wyatt Campbell pursuing a degree in environmental studies... brother, Elliott, is an offensive lineman at Wofford.



## **BLAKE** CAMPER

OL | 6-8 | 309 SR |

Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank W. Cox)

Veteran offensive lineman who came out of the spring listed atop the depth chart at the right tackle position... dedicated himself to the weight room and has changed his body in order to have a memorable senior campaign... has played in 31 games during his three-year career, making four starts, all at right tackle.

2017: Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams, but also made a pair of starts at right tackle... saw his first action of the season on the offensive line in the win over Arkansas... made his first start of the year at right tackle in the victory over Tennessee... also made the start at right tackle in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan... was one of four players to man the right tackle position during the season.

2016: True sophomore who played in six games with one start... did not start in the season opener at Vanderbilt but saw significant action on the offensive line at right tackle after an injury to Donell Stanley... started at Mississippi State but was sidelined with a high left ankle injury, which kept him out until the UMass contest... returned from a four-game injury absence and saw significant action at right tackle against the Minutemen.

2015: Saw action in all 12 games as a true freshman... earned his first career start against The Citadel when he got the nod at right tackle due to an injury to Mason Zandi.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach, Va. in 2015... coached by Bill Stachelski... helped the Falcons to a 9-3 record and to the second round of the 6A playoffs as a senior... considered the 26th-best player in the state and the 85th-best offensive tackle in the country by Rivals... the 88th-best offensive tackle in the country according to Scout... regarded as the 28th-best player in the state and the 75th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 32nd-best player in the state and the 90th-best offensive tackle in the country by ESPN.

**PERSONAL:** Blake Alan Camper was born December 17, 1996... is a management major... father, John, played for Steve Spurrier at Duke.



## SUMMIE Carlay

OL | 6-5 | 300 | FR | RS

Laurens, S.C. (Laurens)

2017 SEC Fall Honor Roll

Redshirt freshman offensive lineman who has gone through two springs with the Gamecock football team... listed as a reserve center on the depth chart.

**2017:** True freshman offensive lineman who graduated early and enrolled at South Carolina in January... went through spring drills... was redshirted in his first campaign... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Laurens (S.C.) District 55 High School in December 2016 and enrolled at South Carolina in January... earned a spot on the All-Region 2-5A team while playing for head coach Chris Liner... the Raiders went 7-6 and reached the second round of the playoffs in his senior season... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... formerly played tight end but moved to offensive tackle as a junior... Rivals ranked him as the sixth-best player in the Palmetto State and the 58th-best offensive tackle in the country... rated the 10th-best player in the state and the 65th-best offensive tackle in the Carolinas... ESPN ranked him as the 13th-best player in the Palmetto State and the 59th-best player at his position in the country... Scout rated him as No. 89 in the nation among offensive tackles.

**PERSONAL:** William Summie Carlay was born August 11, 1998... interested in a degree in sport and entertainment management.



## SLADE Carroll

RB | 5-9 | 210 | FR | RS

Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)

Walk-on running back who provides depth... got extensive work in the spring as injuries took a toll on the scholarship running backs.

**2017:** Walk-on who joined the team in the fall... worked with the scout team while redshirting in his first year on campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Lexington (S.C.) High School in 2017... helped the Wildcats to a 13-2 record as a senior... Lexington reached the Class AAAA Division II state championship game... rushed for over 2,000 yards as a senior and eclipsed 3,600 yards on the ground in his career.

**PERSONAL:** Slade Carroll was born January 18, 1998... is a public health major.



## JORDON CARTY

OL | 6-7 | 315 | FR | RS

Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. (South Broward)

Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... impressed the coaches while working with the scout team last fall... has all the tools to be a very good player, just needs to continue to familiarize himself with the offense to be able to play at a faster pace.

**2017:** True freshman who was not cleared to participate until just before school began in late August, so was not part of the 105-man roster as the beginning of fall camp... redshirted in his first season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played offensive tackle for South Broward High School in Hollywood, Fla... the Bulldogs posted a 6-3 mark in Class 7A during his senior season... Rivals ranked him as the 82nd-best player in the state of Florida and the 68th-best offensive tackle in the country... ranked as the 187th-best player in Florida and the 114th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... Scout rated him as the 59th-best offensive tackle in the nation.

**PERSONAL:** Jordon Carty is a criminal justice major... originally hails from Jamaica.



## JAVON CHARLESTON

DB | 6-1 | 187 | JR | 2L

Gurnee, III. (Warren)

2017 Unselfish Award - Special Teams

2017 Tenacity Award - Special Teams

2016 SEC Fall Honor Roll

Excellent special teams performer who also has seen action in the Carolina secondary at safety... came out of the spring listed atop the depth chart at safety, but will have to fight off several challengers to hold the starting position this fall... former walk-on who was placed on scholarship just prior to the start of the 2017 campaign... has earned a pair of letters.

2017: Outstanding special teams performer who also saw limited action at safety... recognized with both the Unselfish Award and the Tenacity Award for special teams... former wide receiver who was converted full-time to the secondary in the spring... former walk-on who was awarded a scholarship prior to the start of the season... led the team with six special teams tackles and logged a pair of fumble recoveries... also recovered a pair of Carolina fumbles... recovered a fourth-quarter fumble on punt coverage at Missouri to set up Carolina's final score... recovered a Carolina fumble on a punt return vs. Louisiana Tech, keeping the Gamecocks alive en route to the victory... saw the first defensive action of his career vs. Arkansas and was credited with a pass breakup... notched a two-tackle day in the win over Vanderbilt... recovered a fumble in punt coverage and also saw secondary snaps in the win over Florida... recovered a Gamecock fumble on a punt return vs. Clemson.

**2016:** Redshirt freshman who played in every game, primarily on special teams... recorded 10 tackles... moved from wide receiver to defensive back midway through fall preseason camp... made his collegiate debut in the win against Vanderbilt... returned to the wide receiver position prior to the Texas A&M game... saw his first action of the season at receiver against the Aggies and made one catch for 12 yards... notched a pair of special teams tackles in the Tennessee win... made two special teams tackles for the second-straight week in the Missouri win, when he was named Special Teams Player of the

Game... caught four passes for 54 yards in the 2016 Garnet & Black Spring game... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2015:** Joined the squad as a walk-on in his first semester in Columbia... redshirted as a true freshman wide receiver... impressed the coaches enough with his athletic ability to be added to the travel roster for a couple of games but did not see any action.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Warren Township High School in Gurnee, Ill., in 2014... helped the Blue Devils to a 7-4 mark as a senior in 2013... gained a spot on the NIKE regional all-combine team... earned all-conference honors and all-area honorable mention accolades... also played basketball and ran on the track & field team... earned all-state honors as a 23-foot long jumper.

**PERSONAL:** Javon Charleston was born March 3, 1996... is a sociology major who graduated in May 2018.

	CHARLESTON'S STATISTICS												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR		
2016	13/0	8	2	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
2017	13/0	5	1	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	2		
Total	26/0	13	3	16	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	2		

#### **CHARLESTON'S HIGHS**





## JOSEPH **Charlton**

P | 6-5 | 188 | JR | 1L

Columbia, S.C. (A.C. Flora)

2017 Jim Carlen Most Valuable Player - Special Teams

2017 Most Productive Player - Special Teams

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Returning starting punter who is an All-SEC candidate this fall... named to Athlon Sports' 2018 pre-season second-team All-SEC unit... put together a very solid campaign in his first year handling the duties in 2017... has a big leg, just needs to continue to gain consistency to be one of the nation's top punters.

**2017:** Redshirt sophomore who earned the punting duties during fall camp... earned the Jim Carlen Award as the MVP on special teams and the Most Productive Player award for special teams... ranked sixth in the SEC and 30th in the nation in punting, averaging 43.5 yards per punt... Gamecocks finished 19th in the nation in net punting at 40.5 yards per punt... had 15 punts inside the 20, 17 of 50-yards or longer and only four touchbacks... punted six times in his debut against NC State for an average of 46.7 yards, including a long of 64... booted a 73-yard punt against Mizzou, the longest by a Gamecock since Marty Simpson had a 79-yard effort in 1992... averaged 52.7 yards on seven punts against Clemson with five over 50 yards including a long of 64... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Redshirt freshman who served as a backup to senior punter Sean Kelly... did not see any game action.

**2015:** Scholarship kicker who was redshirted as a true freshman... missed some practice time due to a back ailment.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Local product who graduated from A.C. Flora High School in Columbia in 2015... handled the kickoff, punting and place-

kicking duties as a prep... helped the Falcons and coach Reggie Shaw to a 13-2 record and a spot in the state AAA semifinals as a senior... considered a three-star prospect by Rivals and Scout... regarded as the 20th-best player in the state and the second-best punter in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as the 21st-best player in the state and the 15th-best kicker in

#### **CHARLTON'S HIGHS**

 **PERSONAL:** Joseph Charlton was born April 7, 1997... graduated with a degree in retailing in Mav.

the country.

CHARLTON'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20			
2017	13	55	2,390	43.5	73	4	13	17			



## K.C. Crosby

TE | 6-1 | 229 | SR | 3L

Bamberg, S.C. (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)

2018 Joe Morrison Co-Offensive Player of the Spring

2015 Spring Outstanding Weight Room - Offense

14-15 First -Year SEC Honor Roll

Fifth-year senior tight end who figures to play a greater role in the offense following the departure of Hayden Hurst... also a special teams contributor... shared the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring Award with Sadarius Hutcherson... has displayed excellent hands and can stretch the field... owns four TDs among his 25 catches... has appeared in 31 games making 10 starts.

**2017:** Played in seven games, making one start... also a regular on special teams... returned three kickoffs vs. Kentucky for 13 yards... made his lone start of the season versus Arkansas and caught two passes for 11 yards... sufferd a broken leg in that contest and missed the rest of the regular season... returned for spot duty in the Outback Bowl win versus Michigan.

2016: Redshirt sophomore who played in every game with nine starts... logged 23 catches, fourth on the squad, for 217 yards... tied for the team lead with four touchdown receptions... made his first career catch in the win at Vanderbilt, a six-yard completion that picked up a first down on Carolina's lone touchdown drive... caught three balls including his first career TD at Mississippi State... was in the starting lineup for the first time in his career in the East Carolina win... caught a career-high four passes for 31 yards against the Pirates... had a career day in a starting assignment against Texas A&M, catching four passes for 51 yards... caught a 16-yard scoring strike against UMass... logged a game-winning 35-yard touchdown versus Tennessee... caught one pass for a six-yard TD against Missouri, which was his third-straight week of catching a single pass that went for a score.

**2015:** Backup tight end and H-back who was used extensively on special teams... played in the final 10 games after not seeing action in the first two contests... returned a kickoff for six yards at LSU... garnered Outstanding Weight Room accolades for the offense at the 2015 spring game.

**2014:** Missed the bulk of the season after undergoing surgery on his right foot... made a brief appearance in the Kentucky game... petitioned for a medical redshirt... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

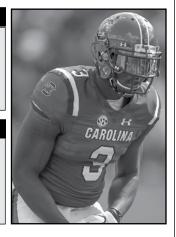
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Bamberg (S.C.)-Ehrhardt High School in 2014... caught 43 passes for 571 yards and 12 TDs for the Red Raiders as a senior... team finished with a 7-6 record and a spot in the semifinals of the AA-II playoffs... coached by his father, Kevin Crosby... earned a spot on the statewide all-state team as selected by the *High School Sports Report...* selected to the all-region team by the *Orangeburg Times and Democrat...* played in the

Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and in the Under Armour All-America Game... Rivals rated him as the sixth-best player in the state and the 11th-best tight end in the country... Scout ranked him as the 19th-best tight end in the country... considered the ninth-best player in the state and the eighth-best tight end in the nation, according to 247Sports... ESPN listed him as the No. 143 overall, the fourth-best tight end in the nation and the third-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* No. 116 on the Top 150 Dream Team.

**PERSONAL:** Kevin Devon Crosby Jr. was born May 23, 1996... is an interdisciplinary studies major who graduated in May of 2018... father, Kevin "Butch" Crosby was a very successful head coach at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School before taking over at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High in 2018... uncle, Corey Crosby, is the head coach at Blackville-Hilda High School.

C	ROSE	Y'S	STA	TIS	TIC	CS
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2014	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	
2015	10/0	0	0	0.0	0	
2016	13/9	23	217	9.4	4	35
2017	7/1	2	11	5.5	0	6
Total	31/10	25	228	9.1	4	35

### CROSBY'S HIGHS



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## DENNIS Daley

OL | 6-6 | 324 | SR | 1L

Columbia, S.C. (Ridge View/Georgia Military)

#### 2017 SEC Fall Honor Roll

Big offensive lineman who transferred in from Georgia Military College and quickly earned his way into a starting role at left tackle last fall... has made significant progress since his arrival on campus... poised to have an excellent senior season protecting the quarterback's back side.

**2017:** Junior college transfer in his first season in the Garnet & Black... played in 12 games, making 11 starts... did not play in the season-opening win over NC State... made his Gamecock debut in the Missouri win, seeing extensive time at left tackle in the second half... moved into the starting lineup at left tackle against Kentucky and remained in that position for the remainder of the season... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Second-year starter at Georgia Military College... played for Bert Williams... earned a spot on the junior college All-America first team following the season... helped the Bulldogs to a 9-2 mark while averaging 46.2 points per game, fourth in the country... the Bulldogs finished the year ranked 14th in the country... Rivals rated him as the 39th-best player in the JUCO ranks... considered the sixth-best offensive tackle in the junior college ranks and No. 39 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the third-best junior college offensive tackle in the country and No. 18 overall among JUCO players by ESPN.

2015: Was a starter along the offensive line at Georgia Military College.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Local product who played left tackle and defensive end for the Ridge View Blazers, graduating in 2015... coached by Perry Parks... will have three years to play two at South Carolina.

**PERSONAL:** Dennis Daley was born August 7, 1996... on schedule to gradute in December with a degree in interdisciplinary studies.



## RANDRECOUS DAVIS

WR | 5-10 | 189 | SO | 1L

Atlanta, Ga. (Mays)

Redshirt sophomore who could be a regular in the receiving corps if he is able to stay healthy... has been plagued by injuries since his arrival on campus... missed much of the spring drills with a groin injury... has appeared in 13 games over the past two seasons with three starts... owns 10 receptions for 100 yards... four of his 10 catches came in the 2018 Outback Bowl win over Michigan.

**2017:** Second-year wide receiver who appeared in 11 games, making a pair of starts... caught seven passes for 55 yards... missed much of preseason camp with a soft tissue injury and did not play in the season-opener against NC State... made his first catch of the season vs. Kentucky... caught two passes for 23 yards and added one yard rushing in the Louisiana Tech win... made his first start of the season versus Clemson and gained five yards on one rushing attempt... caught a career-high four passes for 23 yards against Michigan in the Outback Bowl win... sat out most of the spring after undergoing surgery for a sports hernia.

**2016:** True freshman who played in two games with one start... logged three catches for 45 yards... caught one pass in the Mississippi State game, going for 13 yards... made his first start in the East Carolina win... caught two passes for 32 yards and carried the ball one time for seven yards against the Pirates... suffered a hamstring injury in practice and did not play again... petitioned for a medical redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned first team Class AAAAA all-state honors as a wide receiver at Mays High School in Atlanta... graduated in 2016... caught 58 passes for 1,024 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior... also averaged 15.7 yards with two touchdowns as a punt returner... coached by Corey Jarvis... helped the Raiders to a 10-2 record in 2015... Rivals considered him the 17th-best player in the state of Georgia, the 44th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 206 overall... 247Sports rated him as the 43rd-best player in Georgia and the No. 77 wide receiver in the country... ESPN ranked him as the 44th-best player in Georgia and the 83rd-best wide receiver in the nation.

**PERSONAL:** Randrecous Davis was born September 27, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major.

### R. DAVIS' STATISTICS

-RECEIVING-								
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
2016	2/1	3	45	15.0	0	26		
2017	11/2	7	55	7.9	0	13		
Total	13/3	10	100	10.0	0	26		
-RUSHING-								
		-RUS	SHING-	-				
Year	GP/GS				TD	Long		
			Yds		<b>TD</b> 0	Long 7		
2016		Att 1	<b>Yds</b> 7	<b>Avg</b> 7.0	0	7		

### R. DAVIS' HIGHS





## CHAVIS DAWKINS

WR | 6-2 | 220 | JR | 2L

Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes)

Junior who figures to battle for a regular spot in the crowded wide receiver rotation again in 2018... also a regular contributor on special teams... has appeared in 24 games over the past two seasons with 10 catches for 87 yards... has made a pair of starts.

**2017:** Sophomore wide receiver who played in all 13 games primarily on special teams... caught two passes for 18 yards... had a nine-yard catch against both Florida and Wofford... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** True freshman wide receiver... played in 11 games, with two starts... logged eight catches for 69 yards... made his collegiate debut against East Carolina... caught his first career pass at Kentucky, going for 13 yards as part of a touchdown drive... earned his first career start vs. Texas A&M and caught five passes for 17 yards... reeled in a 34-yard catch in the Missouri win, the longest play of the game for Carolina... also started at Clemson.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for Brian Lane at Byrnes High School in Duncan, S.C., graduating in 2016... as a senior, he was among the leading receivers in the state with 73 catches for 1,319 yards and 17 touchdowns... the Rebels posted a 12-2 record in his final season... was also the Sandlappers' leading receiver in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas with six catches for 62 yards and two scores... considered the 16th-best player in the state by 247Sports... ESPN tabbed him as the state's 17th-best player and the 143rd-best wide receiver in the nation... was a *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region selection.

**PERSONAL:** Chavis T. Dawkins was born November 15, 1997... pursuing a degree in retailing.

#### **DAWKINS' STATISTICS**

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	11/2	8	69	8.6	0	34
2017	13/0	2	18	9.0	0	9
Total	24/2	10	87	8.7	0	34

#### **DAWKINS' HIGHS**



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## ALEX **DELOACH**

LB | 6-3 | 209 | FR | RS

Summerville, S.C. (Ashley Ridge)

Walk-on linebacker who provides depth.

**2017:** Walk-on who joined the team in the fall... worked with the scout team while redshirting in his first year on campus.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Ashley Ridge High School in Summerville, S.C. in 2017... the Swamp Foxes were defeated in the first round of the 5A state playoffs by eventual state champion Dutch Fork.

**PERSONAL:** Alex DeLoach was born February 21, 1999... is a criminal justice major.



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## MON DENSON

RB | 5-10 | 212 | JR | 1L

LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange)

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
15-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Junior running back who proved to be a valuable asset to the squad when he finally saw game action in his third year in the program... tough, hard-nosed, north-south runner who showed a quick burst... also used on special teams... will again battle for snaps in the backfield in 2018... did not participate in spring drills after undergoing knee surgery.

**2017:** Third-year performer who was healthy and had an opportunity to showcase his abilities when injuries mounted to the running back corps... played in all 13 games after not seeing any game action in his first two years on campus... after not getting a carry in the first five games of the season, finished the year with 41 rushes for 152 yards and a pair of touchdowns... rushed eight times for 25 yards in the Arkansas win, his first career carries... logged four carries for 25 yards in the Vanderbilt win, picking up a first down each time he touched the pigskin... turned in his best performance against Florida, rushing a career-high 13 times for a career-high 61 yards, with his first two scores... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Did not see any game action as a reserve running back... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2015:** Redshirted as a true freshman... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Running back who graduated from LaGrange (Ga.) High School in 2015... also played linebacker... earned all-state honors for coach Dialleo Burks... the Grangers posted a 5-6 record and lost in the first round of the Class AAAAA playoffs in his senior season... rushed for nearly 1,300 yards and 15 touchdowns... selected to play in the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game where he scored on a 26-yard run... also selected for the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl... considered the 47th-best player in the state and the 46th-best running back in the nation, according to Rivals... rated as the 83rd-best running back in the country by Scout... regarded as the 82nd-best player in the state and the 57th-best running back in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 56th-best player in the state and the No. 50 running back in the country by ESPN.

**PERSONAL:** DaQuarious D. Denson was born September 25, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major.

#### **DENSON'S STATISTICS**

#### **DENSON'S HIGHS**

Carries	13, Florida, 2017
Yards Rushing	61, Florida, 2017
Long Rush	24, Florida, 2017
Rushing Touchdowns	2, Florida, 2017
Receptions	1, Wofford, 2017
Receiving Yards	4, Wofford, 2017
Long Reception	4, Wofford, 2017







## JAYLIN 26 DICKERSON

DB | 6-1 | 191 | FR | RS

Southern Pines, N.C. (Pinecrest)

Redshirt freshman defensive back who did not participate in spring drills this year after undergoing shoulder surgery last August... expected to be a factor once he is given medical clearance... did go through spring practices in 2017 after graduating from high school early and impressed the coaching staff with his instincts and play-making abilities.

**2017:** True freshman who enrolled at South Carolina in January and went through spring drills... listed with the second-team unit entering the fall... suffered an injury to a nerve during spring ball that affected the strength in his arm throughout the summer and into the start of fall camp... underwent season-ending shoulder surgery to repair the nerve damage in August.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines, N.C. in December 2016... helped the Patriots to a 10-3 record in his senior season... the team reached the second round of the 4AA playoffs... earned the conference Defensive Player of the Year accolades... coached by Chris Metzger... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... a three-year starter and three-time all-conference performer... made 58 tackles and three interceptions as a sophomore, then earned first-team All-Southeastern 4-A Conference honors and All-Cape Fear region honors as a junior when he had 64 tackles, six tackles for loss and two INTs... rated the 27th-best player in the state and the 55th-best safety in the country by Rivals... ranked as the 37th-best player in North Carolina and the 93rd-best safety in the nation by 247Sports... ESPN considered him the 12th-best player in the state and the No. 42 "athlete" in the country... Scout listed him No. 120 among safeties in the country... standout in basketball as well.

**PERSONAL:** Jaylin M. Dickerson was born November 2, 1998... interested in a degree in public health.



## DARIUS DOUGLAS

QB | 6-0 | 199 | FR | RS

Moncks Corner, S.C. (Berkeley)

Walk-on quarterback who provides depth behind incumbent Jake Bentley.

**2017:** Walk-on who was part of the 105-man roster when fall camp opened... redshirted in his first season with the Gamecocks... worked with the scout team.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Berkeley High School in Moncks Corner, S.C. in 2017 where he was a dual-threat quarterback... led the Stags to a 9-3 record and the second round of the Class 4A state playoffs as a senior... threw for 2,112 yards and 28 touchdowns in 2016, adding 760 yards and 13 scores rushing... named the Class 4A Lower State Back of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... coached by Randy Robinson... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season.

**PERSONAL:** Darius Douglas was born November 3, 1998... is a physical education major.



## ERIC Douglas

OL | 6-4 | 298 | FR | RS

Charlotte, N.C. (Mallard Creek)

#### 2017 Offensive Scout Team Award

Redshirt freshman who figures to compete for regular playing time in the middle of the offensive line following the graduation of center Alan Knott and right guard Cory Helms... expected to be one of the first reserves off the bench to fill a gap at the guard position.

**2017:** True freshman who was redshirted in his first season at Carolina... selected by the coaches as the Offensive Scout Team Award recipient.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played offensive tackle at Mallard Creek High School in Charlotte... helped the Mavericks to a 9-3 record and reached the second round of the state playoffs in his senior season... coached by Michael Palmieri... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... helped the Mavericks to the North Carolina 4AA state championship in 2015... Rivals rated him as the 21st-best player in the state of North Carolina, and the 60th-best offensive tackle in the nation... considered the 10th-best player in the state, the 35th-best offensive tackle in the country and No. 293 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the 26th-best player in North Carolina and the 75th-best offensive tackle in the country by ESPN... ranked 61st among senior offensive tackles in the country by Scout.

**PERSONAL:** Eric Douglas II was born December 2, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major... father, Eric, was a two-time all-conference player at South Carolina State.



## RICO **DOWDLE**

RB | 6-0 | 215 | JR | 2L

Asheville, N.C. (A.C. Reynolds)

#### 2016 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team

Junior running back who should be back at full strength after suffering a broken leg midway through the 2017 season... missed much of the spring with a hamstring injury... became the 44th player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in his career while averaging over five yards per carry... has played in 17 games with 11 starts... owns three 100-yard rushing games, including a career-best 226-yard effort, the sixth-biggest single-game rushing day in school history.

**2017:** Ranked third on the team in rushing with 251 yards on 66 carries despite playing in just eight games with four starts... was the Gamecocks' starting running back in the season-opener against NC State and started the first three contests... scored twice against the Wolfpack on a 34-yard touchdown pass and a seven-yard run... broke his leg at Tennessee and missed the final five games of the regular season... returned for the Outback Bowl against Michigan and provided a spark with six carries for 45 yards and a touchdown and three receptions for 32 yards.

**2016:** Played in nine games, making seven starts... named to Athlon's SEC All-Freshman second team... led the team with 133 carries for 764 yards... his 764 rushing yards was ninth-best among FBS freshmen... second on the team with seven touchdowns... his six rushing TDs tied for 10th among FBS freshmen... had three 100-yard rushing games... had surgery for a sports hernia in the offseason and missed the first four games while recovering from

the surgery... made his debut against Texas A&M and rushed nine times for 47 yards... made his first career start vs. Georgia... scored his first rushing touchdown against the Bulldogs... had 16 carries for 87 yards and one score in the UMass win... logged his first 100-yard day when he carried 27 times for 127 yards and a touchdown in the win over Tennessee... paced the Gamecocks with 27 carries for 149 yards and a TD in the Missouri win... also caught three passes for 20 yards and a score... racked up a career-high 226 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries in the Western Carolina win, averaging 10.8 yards per carry... the 226 yards rushing was the sixth-highest single-game total in school history, the 11th 200-yard rushing game by a Carolina back and the most yards rushing since Marcus Lattimore logged 246 against Navy in 2011.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rushed for 2,545 yards and 51 touchdowns at A.C. Reynolds High, a Class 3AA school in Asheville, N.C... graduated in 2016... also passed for 1,434 yards with 11 scores and caught a 55-yard touchdown pass... earned first-team all-state accolades and was a PARADE All-American... the Rockets went 11-2 in 2015 under the direction of head coach Shane Laws... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, where he scored a pair of touchdowns... Rivals listed him as the 29th-best player in the state and the No. 17 all-purpose back in the country... 247Sports considered him the 11th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the 11th-best run-

DOWDLE'S STATISTICS

		-RU	SHING-	-		
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	9/7	133	764	5.7	6	44
2017	8/4	66	251	3.8	2	30
Total	<i>17/11</i>	199	1015	5.1	8	44
		-REC	EIVING	j-		
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	9/7	15	55	3.7	1	19
2017	8/4	11	128	11.6	1	34
Total	17/11	26	183	7.0	2	34

ning back in the nation... ESPN ranked him as the 39th-best player in North Carolina and the No. 72 running back in the country... an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

**PERSONAL:** Rico Sharod Dowdle Jr. was born June 14, 1998... pursuing a degree in retailing.

### **DOWDLE'S HIGHS**

Carries27, twice: Tennessee, 2016
& Missouri, 2016
Yards Rushing 226, W. Carolina, 2016
Long Rush 44, W. Carolina, 2016
Rushing TDs 2, W. Carolina, 2016
Receptions3, 4 times, latest:
Michigan, 2017
Yards Receiving51, NC State, 2017
Long Reception34, NC State, 2017
Receiving TDs 1, twice: Missouri, 2016
& NC State, 2017
100-yard Rushing Games3 times





# JAVION DUNCAN

DL | 5-11 | 273 | SR | 1L

Simpsonville, S.C. (Woodmont/The Citadel)

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll2016 Co-Defensive Scout Team Award

Senior walk-on defensive tackle who adds depth to the unit... has appeared in one game... began his career at The Citadel.

**2017:** Junior walk-on defensive lineman who made his Gamecock debut in the win over Wofford... did not record any statistics... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Transfer who was added to the Gamecocks' roster just prior to the start of spring drills... shared the Defensive Scout Team Award as selected by the coaches with Jajuan Blankenship.

2015: Enrolled at Carolina in the fall but did not participate in football.

**2014:** Was a member of The Citadel football team... worked along the offensive line... did not see any game action as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** A 2014 graduate of Woodmont High School in Piedmont, S.C... lettered six times in track & field and four times in football... started 44 consecutive varsity games... was an all-region 1-4A defensive end in 2012 and '13... named the Wildcats' defensive MVP in 2011, '12 and '13... posted 65 tackles, 20 tackles for loss, four pass breakups, four hurries and two fumble recoveries during his senior season... named the top shot put thrower of the year in both 2011 and 2012.

**PERSONAL:** Javion J. Duncan was born January 5, 1996... is a sport and entertainment management major... on pace to graduate in December... uncle, Monty, was a wide receiver and punt returner at Florida from 1989-93.

## SPENCER EASON-RIDDLE

LB | 6-0 | 225 | SO | SQ

Raleigh, N.C. (Leesville Road)

2018 Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete

2017 Special Teams Scout Team Award

2017 Co-Community Service Award

2017 SEC Community Service Team

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

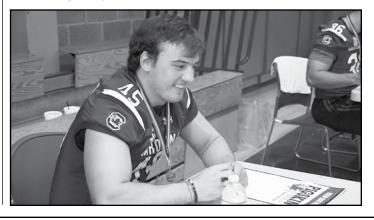
Redshirt sophomore who is going through his third spring in the program... adds depth at the linebacker position... recognized as the Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete during the 2018 Garnet & Black Spring Game.

**2017:** Did not see any game action as a redshirt freshman... recognized as the Special Teams Scout Team Award winner and shared the Community Service Award with Ulric Jones... named to the SEC Community Service team.... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** True freshman walk-on who joined the Gamecock football program in the spring of 2016 after enrolling in January... penciled in as a linebacker in his first season with the Garnet & Black.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Leesville Road High School in Raleigh, N.C. in 2015... played football for head coach Mike Hobgood... the Pride went 5-7 in his senior season... named the team MVP, was a two-time all-conference selection and earned the Heart of a Champion Award.

**PERSONAL:** Spencer J. Eason-Riddle was born January 12, 1997... interested in a degree in public health.





## BRYAN EDWARDS

WR | 6-3 | 220 | JR | 2L

Conway, S.C. (Conway)

2017 Steve Spurrier Most Valuable Player - Offense

2017 Harold White GPA Award - Offense

2016 Athlon's Freshman All-America Second Team

2016 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman First Team

2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

A rising star who should receive all-conference consideration... a big target who possesses excellent size and hands... owns 108 receptions for 1,383 yards in his 25-game career... his 108 catches ranks 13th in school history... has started and has caught a pass in all 25 games in which he has appeared for the Garnet & Black.

2017: Named the Steve Spurrier Award winner as the Most Valuable Player on offense... led the team with 64 receptions, 793 receiving yards and five touchdown catches... the 64 catches ranked eighth in school history for a single season... listed fifth in the SEC with 4.9 receptions per game and seventh in the league with 61.0 receiving yards per game... started every game, catching at least three passes in 11 of the 13 contests... led the team in receptions nine times... named a game captain and caught six passes for a careerbest 122 yards against Louisiana Tech... included was an acrobatic 41-yard in the game's final minute that catch that set up the game-winning field goal... it was his second-career 100-yard game... led Carolina with six catches for 63 yards in the Tennessee win... had seven receptions for 62 yards and a score at Georgia... matched a career high with eight catches for 90 yards and a touchdown in the Wofford win... logged six catches for 70 yards and a touchdown against Clemson... hauled in five passes for 88 yards and a touchdown in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan... named the Harold White GPA Award winner for the offense at the Garnet & Black spring game.

2016: True freshman who enrolled in January and went through spring drills... started all 12 games in which he appeared... earned Athlon's Freshman All-America second team honors and All-SEC Freshman first team accolades... turned in the second-best true freshman campaign for a wide receiver in school history behind only Alshon Jeffery... finished third on the team with 44 catches and with 590 receiving yards, and tied for first with four touchdown receptions... ranked eighth among FBS freshmen with 590 receiving yards and with 49.2 receiving yards per game... became the sixth true freshman to start in the season opener for Carolina since 2009, joining Stephon Gilmore (2009), Marcus Lattimore (2010), Jadeveon Clowney (2011), Bryson Allen-Williams (2014) and Al Harris Jr. (2014)... led all players in the Vandy win with eight receptions for 101 yards... his 100-yard receiving effort was the only one recorded by an FBS freshman in Week 1... caught six of his receptions for 89 yards after halftime, including a 33-yarder... became just the eighth Gamecock in history to accumulate over 100 receiving yards in a season opener... led the Gamecocks with five catches for 68 yards in the East Carolina win... hauled in a 42-yard reception, a personal best, to set up South Carolina's second touchdown vs. the Pirates... missed the Texas A&M game with an injury suffered late in the Kentucky contest... caught three passes for 42 yards in the UMass win, including his first career touchdown, a 24-yarder... reeled in four passes for 41 yards and a touchdown in the Tennessee victory... pulled in a 17-yard scoring toss against the Vols, giving him a touchdown for the second straight week... led the Gamecocks with four catches for 61 yards in the Western Carolina win, including a 40-yard reception... notched one reception against Clemson, a 33-yard touchdown catch on a trick play, with the pass coming from fellow wideout Deebo Samuel... caught six passes for 71 yards and a score in the Birmingham Bowl vs. USF... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Conway (S.C.) High School at the end of the 2015 fall semester... coached by Chuck Jordan... considered one of the state's top players as a senior in 2015 until suffering a season-ending knee injury in late October... was a finalist for South Carolina's "Mr. Football"... finished his senior campaign with 53 catches for 969 yards and nine scores... selected for the Shrine Bowl and the US Army All-American Game... finished his prep career with 188 catches for 2,562 yards and 32 touchdowns... Rivals ranked him as the fourth-best player in the state and the 64th-best wide receiver in the country... considered the third-best player in the state and the 12th-best wideout in the nation by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as the state's third-best player, the nation's 43rd-best wide receiver and No. 253 overall... an All-American and No. 223 overall by *PrepStar*.

**PERSONAL:** Bryan J. Edwards was born November 13, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major.

#### **EDWARDS' STATISTICS**

-RECEIVING-							
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2016	12/12	44	590	13.4	4	42	
2017	13/13	64	793	12.4	5	41	
Total	25/25	108	1,383	12.8	9	42	
		-RU	SHING	-			
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
2016	12/12	0	0	-	0	0	
2017	13/13	4	19	4.8	0	11	
Total	25/25	4	19	4.8	0	11	

#### **EDWARDS' HIGHS**

Receptions.......8, twice: Vanderbilt, 2016 & Wofford, 2017 Yards Receiving 122, Louisiana Tech, 2017 Long Reception.... 42, East Carolina, 2016 Receiving Touchdowns......1, 8 times, 2016 100-yard Receiving Games............2 times





## JABARI **ELLIS**

DL | 6-3 | 280 | JR | JC

Vance, S.C. (Lake Marion/Georgia Military)

Junior college player who the coaches hope can make an immediate contribution in the middle of the defensive line in his first season with the Gamecocks... has three years to play two.

**2017:** Finished up his sophomore season at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga... credited with 22 tackles, including 9.0 tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks... the Bulldogs posted an 8-2 record under head coach Bert Williams... considered the 13th best JUCO defensive tackle in the country and No. 47 overall... named to the *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region team.

**2016:** Logged 14 tackles including 4.0 tackles for loss and a sack for Georgia Military College.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Lake Marion High School in Santee, S.C. in 2016... coached by Chris Carter... was a Shrine Bowl participant following his senior season.



## KINGSLEY 52 ENAGBARE

DL | 6-4 | 285 | FR | HS

Atlanta, S.C. (Hapeville Charter)

Freshman who enrolled at South Carolina in January... went through spring drills... impressed the coaches enough that he is expected to see significant action this fall... naturally instinctive and athletic with an excellent skill set... needs to continue to get bigger and stronger.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Named the Class AA Defensive Player of the Year and first-team all-state while prepping at Hapeville Charter Academy in Atlanta... graduated in December and enrolled at South Carolina in January... guided the Hornets to a 14-1 record and a Georgia Class AA state championship as a senior... coached by Winston Gordon... ranked as the 10th-best strongside defensive end in the nation and the 29th-best player in the state of Georgia by 247's national composite rankings... Rivals ranked him as the 36th-best player in Georgia and the 24th-best strongside defensive end in the nation... named to the *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region team.

**PERSONAL:** Kingsley "J.J." Enagbare is undecided on his major field of study.



## CHANDLER FARRELL

OL | 6-3 | 290 | SO | 1L

60

Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)

2017 SEC Fall Honor Roll

Walk-on offensive lineman who has impressed the coaching staff with his blue-collar work ethic... provides solid depth at center following the departure of Alan Knott... has appeared in two games.

**2017:** Walk-on offensive lineman who saw late-game action in two contests, appearing against Arkansas and Wofford... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Walk-on offensive lineman... traveled with the squad as a backup offensive center throughout the season... did not see any game action.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Summerville (S.C.) High School in 2016... played along the offensive line for the Green Wave... earned three varsity letters in football... played for head coach Joe Call in his senior season and the legendary John McKissick prior to that... was a three-time all-region and two-time all-state selection... also earned All-Low Country honors... selected for the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

**PERSONAL:** Chandler Riley Farrell was born June 30, 1998... is an exercise science major... father, Kenny, played football at South Carolina, lettering three times from 1990-92.



## DANIEL FENNELL

DL | 6-2 | 246 | JR | 2L

Loganville, Ga. (Grayson)

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 Harold White GPA Award - Defense

2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

15-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Redshirt junior who has been used at the Buck and outside linebacker positions... continues to make progress and figures to gain more playing time... has appeared in 19 games over the past two seasons with a pair of starts... named to three SEC academic honor rolls.

2017: Appeared in all 13 games, making a pair of starts... logged 28 tackles including 20 solo stops... logged 5.5 tackles for loss including 3.0 sacks... had three tackles against Louisiana Tech and added his first career sack... logged three stops in the Tennessee win, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a key sack late in the first half to force a field goal... made his first career start against Georgia at linebacker... credited with a key fourth quarter sack in the win over Florida... led the Gamecocks and set a then-career high with five tackles vs. Wofford... had the best game in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan... credited with a career-high seven tackles inlcuding 2.0 tackles for loss against the Wolverines... named the Harold White GPA Award winner for the defense at the Garnet & Black spring game... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Redshirt freshman who played in six games... made his Gamecock debut in the win over Vanderbilt... made his first career tackle on kickoff coverage versus East Carolina... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2015:** Redshirted as a true freshman... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Linebacker who graduated from Grayson High School in Loganville, Ga. in 2015... helped the Rams and head coach Mickey Conn to a 10-2 record and the second round of the Class AAAAAA state playoffs in his senior season... rated the 46th-best player in the state and the 38th-best outside linebacker in the country by Rivals... regarded as the 71st-best player in the state and the 22nd-best inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the No. 40 outside linebacker by ESPN.

#### **FENNELL'S HIGHS**

29

21

Total 19/2

**PERSONAL:** Daniel Fennell was born October 18, 1996... is a management science major who is scheduled to graduate in December.

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Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR	
2016	6/0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2017	13/2	20	8	28	5.5-26	3.0-18	0	0	0	0	0	

3.0-18

5.5-26





### RASHAD FENTON

16

DB | 5-11 | 188 | SR | 3L

Miami, Fla. (Miami Carol City)

Solid cover corner who has appeared in 35 games over the past three seasons making 18 starts... named to Athlon Sports' 2018 pre-season fourth-team All-SEC unit... has recorded a pair of interceptions, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery... owns a 24.8-yard career kick return average, tops in school history, including one kickoff return for a touchdown.

**2017:** Played in all 13 games, making 11 starts... ranked sixth on the team with 48 tackles, including 42 solo stops... had an interception and a fumble recovery to go with eight pass breakups... also returned 10 kicks for 209 yards with a long of 31... registered six tackles and recovered a fumble in the season-opening win over NC State... set a career high with seven tackles at Texas A&M and added a pass breakup... credited with four tackles and four pass breakups in the Vanderbilt win... matched his career high with seven tackles at Georgia... led the team with six tackles versus Florida, including a tackle for loss... logged his second career interception against Wofford.

**2016:** Appeared in 12 games with seven starts... logged 38 tackles, with five pass breakups and an interception... had a tackle, a pair of pass breakups and a forced fumble in a starting assignment at Vandy... got the start and made four solo stops at both Mississippi State and Kentucky... missed the Georgia game with an injury... returned a pair of kicks for 72 yards, including a 50-yard effort and broke up one pass in the UMass win... made four tackles and combined with Darius English for his first career half-sack vs. Tennessee... had five tackles, one TFL and an interception against Missouri... his pick came on the Carolina 2-yard line and stopped a likely Mizzou score, keeping the game tied at 21... logged a career-high six tackles at Clemson.

**2015:** Saw action in 10 games... averaged 26.1 yards on 14 kick returns, ranking fifth in the SEC... did not play in the opener vs. North Carolina... took the first kickoff return of his career 96 yards to paydirt at LSU... it was the first time he touched the ball in his collegiate career and was Carolina's first kick return for a score since 2002... did not travel to Tennessee... returned three kicks for 83 yards vs. The Citadel.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Miami Carol City High School in Miami Gardens, Fla. in 2015... coached by Aubrey Hill, who played for Steve Spurrier at Florida... played in the International Bowl in Arlington, Texas, following the season... started on the varsity squad at Norland High as a freshman... rated the 119th-best cornerback in the country according to Scout... considered the 58th-best player in the state of Florida and the 45th-best cornerback in the country by 247Sports... regarded as the 224th-best player in the state and the No. 97 cornerback in the country by ESPN.

**PERSONAL:** Rashad Khambrell Fenton was born February 17, 1997... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

	FENTON'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL		QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	10/0	2	0	2	0.0-0	(	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	12/7	26	12	38	1.5-7	(	).5-4	1	5	0	1	0
2017	13/11	42	6	48	1.0-1	(	0.0-0	1	8	1	0	1
Total	35/18	<i>70</i>	18	88	2.5-8	i	1.5-7	2	13	1	1	1
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Year	GP/GS	No	Y	/ds	Avg	TD	Lon	g				
2015	10/0	14	3	65	26.1	1	9	6				
2016	12/7	2		72	36.0	0	5	0				
2017	13/11	10	2	:09	20.9	0	3	1				
Total	35/18	26	6	46	24.8	1	9	6				
					-PUNT RE	ETURI	NS-					
Year	GP/GS	No	Y	ds	Avg	TD	Lon	g				
2016	12/7	2		8	4.0	0		5				

#### **FENTON'S HIGHS**



## DESHAUN FENWICK

**WIUN**6-1 | 220 | FR | HS

Bradenton, Fla. (Braden River)

Freshman running back who enrolled at Carolina in January and went through spring drills... still learning how to play the position... has a lot of natural ability to run with the football.

HIGH SCHOOL: All-purpose running back prospect who graduated in December 2017 and enrolled at South Carolina in January... rushed for 1,401 yards and scored 17 total touchdowns as a senior at Braden River High School in Bradenton, Fla... helped the Pirates go 10-2 in his final campaign, leading the squad to the Class 7A regional semifinals... was a third-team Class 7A all-state selection as a junior... coached by Curt Bradley... ranked as the No. 15 all-purpose back prospect and the 86th-best player from the state of Florida by 247's national composite rankings... Rivals ranked him as the 99th-best player in the Sunshine State and the 32nd-best running back in the nation... named to the *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region team.

**PERSONAL:** Deshaun Fenwick was raised in Louisville, Ky. before moving to Florida while in high school... undecided on his major field of study.



# JAYLAN **FOSTER**

DB | 5-10 | 184 | SO | SQ

Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes/Gardner-Webb)

Former standout cornerback from Gardner-Webb who is eligible in 2018 after sitting out a season per NCAA transfer rules... has three years to play three at South Carolina.

2017: Worked with the scout team while sitting out his transfer year.

2016: Played cornerback as a true freshman at Gardner-Webb for head coach Carroll McCray... named the Big South Conference Freshman of the Year... registered 45 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss... led the Runnin' Bulldogs with five pass interceptions and nine pass breakups... also recovered a pair of fumbles... earned Big South Freshman of the Week honors twice and was named to the 2016 Jerry Rice Award Watch List, annually given to the FCS Freshman Player of the Year... his five interceptions set a Big South freshman record... led the FCS with 185 defensive return yards, including 111 fumble return yards... scored on a 60-yard fumble return versus Benedict and on a 42-yard interception return at Liberty... also had a 51-yard fumble return against Coastal Carolina... posted a career-high 10 tackles and an interception at Ohio... sealed the win over No. 8 Charleston Southern with an interception in the end zone in the final seconds.

HIGH SCHOOL: A three-year starter for Byrnes (S.C.) High under head coach Brian Lane... standout all-around performer at defensive back, receiver and return specialist... helped the Rebels to a 12-2 mark in 2015 and to 48 wins over his four-year career... played in wins over nationally-ranked foes Apopka (Fla.) High, Concord (Calif.) De La Salle and Mallard Creek (N.C.) High over his final three seasons... named Division I Class 4A All-State by the S.C. High School Sports Report and earned first-team All-Area and All-Region honors following senior season at defensive back... had nearly 1,400 all-purpose yards and scored 13 touchdowns as a senior... caught 28 passes for 471 yards and seven touchdowns, averaged 28.3 yards on 20 kickoff returns with a touchdown and 15.3 yards on 15 punt returns with two scores... also rushed for three touchdowns... recorded 49 tackles, three interceptions and broke up six passes on defense... selected to play in the 2015 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... caught 16 passes for 311 yards and five touchdowns as a junior as part of a 12-2 finish for the Rebels in 2014... picked off five passes, broke up 10 passes and had two fumble recoveries in the secondary... started as a sophomore in the secondary for the Rebels in 2013... recorded 44 tackles and two interceptions... also caught seven passes for 101 yards and three touchdowns... earned All-Area honors in basketball as a junior after averaging 12.4 points, 5.5 assists and 6.4 rebounds per game.

PERSONAL: Jaylan W. Foster was born Jan. 20, 1998... is a retailing major.



## GRIFFIN GENTRY

**50** 

DL | 6-1 | 270 | SO | SQ

Birmingham, Ala. (Homewood)

Third-year defensive lineman who adds depth to the unit.

2017: Redshirt freshman who worked with the scout team.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Defensive end who earned a spot on the Alabama Class 6A first-team all-state squad as a senior in 2015 at Homewood High School in Birmingham... coached by Ben Berguson... the Patriots went 9-3 in his final campaign... logged 106 tackles and seven sacks as a junior... also played basketball... 247Sports considered him the 100th-best player in the state and the No. 110 strongside defensive end in the country... ESPN ranked him as the 34th-best player in the state and the No. 71 defensive tackle in the nation... a *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region pick.

**PERSONAL:** Full name is Kyle Griffin Gentry... born June 9, 1998... is in the broadcast journalism program.



## JESUS **GIBBS**

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DL | 6-3 | 280 | FR | HS

Dumfries, Va. (Potomac)

True freshman who is penciled in to compete on the interior of the defensive line in his first season with the Gamecocks.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played offensive and defensive tackle for the Potomac Panthers in Dumfries, Va... team went 3-7 in his senior campaign... earned first-team All-USA Virginia football team accolades as selected by USA TO-DAY as a senior... coached by Jerry Roadcap... listed as the No. 17 prospect from the state of Virginia in 247's national composite rankings... Rivals ranked him as the 21st-best player in the state of Virginia... named to the *PrepStar* All-Region team.



## JONATHAN GIPSON

36

DB | 6-1 | 186 | FR | HS

Hoschton, Ga. (Mill Creek)

Defensive back prospect who will be given an opportunity to work his way into the rotation at safety during the fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Mill Creek High School in Hoschton, Ga., graduating in 2018... coached by Brent Lol... finished his senior season with 58 tackles... led the Hawks with four interceptions, 11 pass breakups, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries... had a highlight-reel punt return of 97 yards for a touchdown in the opening game of his final campaign... recorded 54 tackles and three interceptions as a junior... ranks 37th among cornerbacks nationally for the class of 2018, and is listed as the No. 42 prospect from Georgia according to 247Sports... rated No. 238 on the ESPN300 list... Rivals rates him as the 42nd-best safety in the country and No. 59 in the state of Georgia... named to the *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region team.



### SHEMAR GLENN

80

WR | 6-0 | 165 | JR | SQ

Union, S.C. (Union/USC-Union)

Walk-on wide receiver who adds depth to the unit.

**2017:** Wide receiver who was not part of the 105 when fall camp opened, but was added back to the roster when school began in late August.

2016: Worked as a reserve wideout on the scout team.

2015: Attended USC-Union.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Union (S.C.) County High School in 2015... team captain for the Yellow Jackets... coached by former Gamecock standout Steve Taneyhill... also lettered three times in basketball... was a member of the BETA Club and on the honor roll... winner of the Upstate SC Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship... named Most Athletic in his class.

**PERSONAL:** Shemar Armonti Glenn was born May 13, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major... is the son of former South Carolina wide receiver Monty Means, who also wore number 80 with the Gamecocks.



## CORBETT GLICK

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QB | 6-1 | 203 | FR | HS

Columbia, S.C. (Hammond School)

Walk-on quarterback who joined the squad in the summer.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Hammond School in Columbia in 2018... coached by former South Carolina quarterback Erik Kimrey... threw for 3,303 yards and 38 touchdowns as a senior to lead the Skyhawks to the SCISA 3A state championship... named first-team all-state and Offensive Player of the Year by the coaches... played in the North-South All-Star game following his senior season... in two years as the starter, he completed 352-of-507 passes (69.4 percent) for 6,000 yards with 66 touchdowns, all school records... turned down a scholarship to play lacrosse at Johns Hopkins.



## DANNY **GORDON**

QB | 6-0 | 211 | SR | 1L

Worthington, Ohio. (Worthington/Miami (Ohio))

#### 2017 SEC Fall Honor Roll

Fifth-year senior walk-on who serves as a backup quarterback... is the incumbent to the holder role on placements.

**2017:** Played in every game as Carolina's holder on field goal and extra point attempts... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Was eligible for the first time at South Carolina after sitting out a year per NCAA transfer rules... served as a reserve quarterback on the scout team.

**2015:** Joined the squad when the roster expanded in August... was not eligible due to NCAA transfer rules... spent the fall working with the scout team.

**2014:** Attended Miami (Ohio) University, where he was a walk-on member of the football squad.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Thomas Worthington High School in Worthington, Ohio in 2014... played football for his father, Scott Gordon.

**PERSONAL:** Daniel S. Gordon was born June 28, 1996... is a finance major who is scheduled to graduate in December... sister, Kendall, played lacrosse at Louisville.



## SHERROD Greene

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LB | 6-1 | 228 | SO | 1L

Rocky Mount, N.C. (Rocky Mount)

Talented sophomore linebacker with a big upside... saw extensive action as a true freshman... expected to be part of the regular linebacker rotation this fall following the departure of Skai Moore... repped at both the MIKE and WILL positions in the spring.

2017: True freshman linebacker who played in 10 games, making a pair of starts... collected 22 tackles including 18 solo stops... made his collegiate debut in the victory over NC State, tallying two tackles... logged three tackles against both Kentucky and Texas A&M... made his first start against Arkansas and was credited with four stops... missed the Vanderbilt and Georgia games with an injury but returned to play against Florida... set a career high with five tackles in a start against Clemson... was injured and did not play in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Rocky Mount (N.C.) High School... helped the Gryphons to a 13-3 record in his senior season and a spot in the North Carolina Class 3A state championship game... logged 96 tackles and a pair of INTs... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... the Gryphons went 14-2 and were crowned state champions during his junior campaign in which he was credited with 154 tackles and five sacks... coached by Jason Battle... Rivals rated him as the 13th-best player in North Carolina, and the 16th-best inside linebacker in the country... considered the 14th-best player in the state, the 21st-best outside linebacker in the country and No. 363 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the 23rd-best player in North Carolina and the 24th-best inside linebacker in the country by ESPN... Scout rated him as the 23rd-best inside linebacker in the nation... also played basketball.

**PERSONAL:** Sherrod Greene was born June 4, 1998... is a criminal justice major.

#### **GREENE'S STATISTICS**

 Year
 GP/GS
 UT
 AT
 TT
 TFL
 QBS
 INT
 PBU
 QBH
 FF
 FR

 2017
 10/2
 18
 4
 22
 0.0-0
 0.0-0
 0
 0
 0
 0
 0



### JOVAUGHN **GWYN**

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OL | 6-2 | 296 | FR | HS

Charlotte, N.C. (Harding University)

True freshman prospect who figures to compete for playing time in the middle of the offensive line.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Harding University High School in Charlotte, N.C. in 2018... anchored an offensive line that guided the Rams to a 14-1 record, the 4A state championship and a No. 4 ranking overall in the Tar Heel state... named first-team all-state by the Associated Press... also named to the NC Preps All-Class and 4A All-State teams...earned first-team All-USA North Carolina football team accolades as selected by USA TODAY as a senior... selected to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, but did not participate in the game... also competed at The Opening Finals camp... coached by Sam Greiner... ranked as the 17th-best offensive guard prospect in the country, according to 247's national composite rankings... Rivals ranks him as the 15th-best player in the Tar Heel state and the 18th-best offensive guard in the country... named to the *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region team.



## BAILEY HART

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QB | 6-3 | 178 | SO | SQ

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)

2017 SEC Fall Honor Roll

Walk-on quarterback who will battle for the backup duties behind incumbent Jake Bentley.

**2017:** Redshirt freshman signal-caller who was able to get more snaps in the spring due to the limited number of quarterbacks on the roster... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman... worked with the scout team.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Wando High School in Mount Pleasant, S.C. in 2016... lettered three times for coach Jimmy Noonan... was a two-time all-region selection, a three-time All-East Cooper team member and the 4A Big 16 Lower State Back of the Year following his senior season... also lettered three times in track & field for the Warriors.

**PERSONAL:** Patrick Bailey Hart was born August 11, 1997... is a public health major.





## NICK **HARVEY**

DB | 5-10 | 190 | SR | TR

Lancaster, Texas (Richmond Travis/Texas A&M)

Senior defensive back who spent the past four years at Texas A&M... wore No. 1 for the Aggies... joined the Gamecocks as a graduate transfer and will be eligible to play his final season of college football in 2018... expected to make an immediate impact in the defensive secondary... has appeared in 38 games, including 13 starts at cornerback in his career, collecting 109 tackles and 14 pass break ups with one interception... also owns one punt return for a touchdown.

#### 2017: Redshirted.

**2016:** Started 12 games at cornerback, leading the Aggies with 10 pass breakup... ranked fourth on the team with 66 tackles, including 46 solo stops... returned one punt and took it 73 yards for a touchdown... recorded career high in tackles and tackles for loss with 11 and 1.5 against UCLA... had at least five tackles in eight of 12 games, including five vs. South Carolina... had multiple passes broken up in three games... recovered a fumble and recorded six tackles against Tennessee... hauled in his first career pick on the road against Mississippi State... missed the UTSA game due injury.

**2015:** Ranked as the Aggies' top pass defender off the bench with 29 tackles and four pass breakups while seeing extensive action in every game... also contributed two tackles for loss of yardage... had a season-high five tackles against LSU... also saw limited action as a returner.

**2014:** Solid first season with 14 tackles while seeing action in every game... made a start against SMU... had a season-high four tackles against Mississippi State... contributed three tackles and a tackle for loss against Alabama... returned four punts for 62 yards with a long of 30 against Lamar.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Coached by Randy Cunningham at Travis HS in Richmond, Texas... U.S. Army All-American... three-time all-district pick... as a senior, completed 38-of-72 passes for 531 yards and 6 touchdowns; had 64 carries for 364 yards and 10 touchdowns and made 26 receptions for 283 yards and six touchdowns... earned first-team all-state honors honors as a

#### **HARVEY'S HIGHS**

**PERSONAL:** Nick Harvey was born November 3, 1995... earned his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M in university studies with a concentration in agriculture and life sciences.

junior after making 50 tackles,

six interceptions and 15 PBUs.

	HARVEY'S STATISTICS												
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL		QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR	
2014	13/1	10	4	14	1.0-3	(	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2015	13/0	19	10	29	2.0-2	(	0.0-0	0	4	0	0	0	
2016	12/12	46	20	66	1.5-1	(	0.0-0	1	10	0	0	1	
Total	38/13	<i>75</i>	34	109	4.5-6	(	0.0-0	1	14	0	0	1	
					-PUNT R	ETUR	NS-						
Year	GP/GS	No	7	ds	Avg	TD	Lon	g					
2014	13/1	4		62	15.5	0	3	0					
2015	13/0	1		2	2.0	0		2					
2016	12/12	1		73	73.0	1	7	<u>3</u>					
Total	38/13	6	1	<i>37</i>	22.8	1	7.	3					
					-KICK RE	TUR	NS-						
Year	GP/GS	No	7	ds	Avg	TD	Lon	g					
2014	13/1	0		0	0.0	0		0					
2015	13/0	1		16	16.0	0	1	6					
2016	12/12	0		0	0.0	0		0					
Total	38/13	1		16	16.0	0	1	6					
Note-	Note- All stats while at Texas A&M												



## EVAN HINSON

TE | 6-4 | 230 | SO | 1L

Deltona, Fla. (Deltona)

Redshirt sophomore tight end who has gained most of his football experience on special teams... will compete with several others to fill the void of all-conference performer Hayden Hurst... a two-sport athlete who also has seen extensive playing time on Frank Martin's basketball team at Carolina... did not participate in much of spring ball due to his basketball commitment.

**2017:** Saw action in every game on special teams... also took snaps at tight end in the win over Wofford... was on the basketball squad after the football regular season ended until bowl camp commenced, then rejoined that team after the Outback Bowl... appeared in 23 games, making 17 starts, including 14 starts during SEC action, for the Carolina hoops team that finished 17-16... averaged 2.7 points and 1.3 rebounds per contest... logged a career-high eight points on three occasions, including wins over Georgia and Florida.

**2016:** Redshirted as a true freshman tight end... joined the basketball team in January and did not participate in spring football drills, as the cagers advanced to the Final Four... saw action in eight contests on the hardwood... scored nine points with five rebounds in limited action for a squad that advanced to the Final Four for the first time in school history.

HIGH SCHOOL: Versatile two-sport standout from Deltona (Fla.) High School... graduated in 2016... played all over the gridiron during his prep career... coached by Allen Johnson... helped the Wolves to a 6-4 record in 2015... earned honorable mention Class 6A all-state recognition... caught 24 passes for 465 yards and six touchdowns while making 35 tackles, including eight tackles for loss and five sacks, as a senior... logged 500 receiving yards, 11 touchdowns and 15 sacks as a junior... averaged 23.5 points, 6.8 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game as a junior basketball standout when he was the Daytona Beach *News-Journal's* Player of the Year... rated the 18th-best tight end in the nation by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as the No. 131 player in the state of Florida and the No. 19 tight end-H back in the country.

**PERSONAL:** Full name is Evan Reese Hinson... born April 6, 1997... is a sociology major... father, Denny Hinson, was his high school basketball coach.



## DAWSON HOFFMAN

DB | 5-11 | 197 | FR | HS

Spartanburg, S.C. (Dorman)

Walk-on freshman defensive back who joined the squad for summer workouts... expected to play safety at the collegiate level.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Dorman High School in Roebuck, S.C. in 2018... earned all-area and all-region honors... had 70 tackles, seven tackles for loss, nine pass break-ups and four interceptions in his senior season... the Cavaliers posted a 12-3 record and reached the state Class AAAAA state championship game under head coach David Gutshall in 2017... also played baseball.



## JAYCEE **Horn**

DB | 6-1 | 195 | FR | HS

Alpharetta, Ga. (Alpharetta)

Freshman defensive back who could make an early push for playing time.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Alpharetta (Ga.) High in 2018... cornerback who helped the Raiders win 11 games as a senior, making it to the third round of the Georgia AAAAAA playoffs... was a first-team all-state selection by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... earned second-team All-USA Georgia football team accolades as selected by USA TODAY... logged 44 tackles, including 38 solo stops, and led the Raiders with five interceptions and 12 pass breakups... was averaged 12.2 yards on 13 punt returns... selected as an Under Armour All-American and attended The Opening Finals camp... coached by Jacob Nichols... listed as the No. 22 cornerback prospect in the country, and 247's national composite rankings put him as the No. 206 overall recruit for the class of 2018... Rivals ranks him as the 23rd-best player in Georgia, the 20th-best cornerback in the country and No. 189 overall... rated No. 145 on the ESPN300 list and No. 334 on the *PrepStar* 350 list.

**PERSONAL:** Jaycee Horn is the son of former NFL wide receiver Joe Horn.



## SADARIUS HUTCHERSON

OL | 6-4 | 310 | SO | 1L

Huntingdon, Tenn. (Huntingdon)

2018 Joe Morrison Co-Offensive Player of the Spring

2016 Co-Offensive Scout Team Award

16-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Third-year player who is an all-conference candidate in 2018... expected to take over at the right guard position... coming off an impressive spring practice session in which he shared the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring Award with K.C. Crosby... one of the more athletic players on the line who gained some much-needed experience last fall... has made four starts.

**2017:** Played in 10 games making four starts... did not play in the season's first three games... made his collegiate debut against Louisiana Tech, playing the majority of the game at left guard after Cory Helms left with an injury in the first quarter... served as starting left guard against Texas A&M, Arkansas and Tennessee while Helms was sidelined... also saw extensive action in the Vanderbilt win after Helms suffered another injury... started in the Outback Bowl win after Donell Stanley was injured and unable to play.

**2016:** Redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman... shared the Offensive Scout Team Award with Ty'Son Williams as selected by the coaching staff following the season... named to the 2016-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played on both sides of the line at Class 1A Huntingdon (Tenn.) High School for head coach Eric Swenson... graduated in 2016... the Mustangs went 10-2 and reached the second round of the playoffs in his senior season... collected 45 tackles and six sacks as a defensive end in his final campaign... played tight end on the offensive side of the ball... logged 53 tackles, including 11 tackles for loss and six sacks as a junior... also played high school basketball... Rivals rated him as the 21st-best senior in Tennessee... 247Sports regarded him as the 21st-best player in the state and the 38th-best strongside defensive end in the nation... ESPN ranked him as the 22nd-best player in Tennessee and the No. 105 defensive end in the nation... an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

**PERSONAL:** Full name is Sadarius Martese Hutcherson... born April 22, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major.



### J.T. IBE

DB | 5-10 | 191 | SR | TI

Mansfield, Texas (Mansfield/Rice)

2017 Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
 2016 Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll

2015 Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll

Graduate transfer from Rice who figures to battle for a starting position in the Gamecock secondary in his final year of college football... earned three letters for the Owls... played in 32 games making 26 starts... a three-time member of the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

**2017:** Recorded 42 tackles in 10 games, all starts, for Rice... logged a careerhigh 13 tackles at Pitt and forced a fumble in that contest... presented with the Carl Isgren Iron Owl Award for his efforts in the weight room.

**2016:** Started each of the first seven games at free safety and played in 10 contests overall... fifth on the team with a career-high 42 tackles despite missing a pair of games... credited with six tackles at Southern Miss in addition to forcing one fumble and recovering a second... credited with six tackles and two pass breakups vs. Baylor... tied for the team lead with eight tackles in the opener at WKU... missed spring drills while recovering from surgery.

**2015:** Played in all 12 games, making nine starts at free safety as a redshirt freshman... ranked sixth on the team with 37 tackles and tied for the lead among DBs with 2.5 TFL... made his first career start vs. Wagner and was credited with three tackles and one pass breakup... led the team with a careerhigh nine tackles, including six unassisted, at North Texas... picked up his first career tackle for loss vs. Texas.

2014: Redshirted.

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**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Mansfield (Texas) High School in 2014... was a first-team All-District 7-5A selection as a senior, second team pick as a junior and co-district defensive sophomore of the year in 2011 for coach Jeff Hulme... ended his career with eight interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown... forced four fumbles and recovered three others, returning one for a score... Standout triple jumper as well... Academic All-District honoree.

PERSONAL: Full name is Jon-Timothy Chukwuka Ibe... born June 13...

## IBE'S HIGHS Tackles .......13, Pittsburgh, 2017

graduated from Rice in May with a degree in kinesiology and sport management.

	IBE'S STATISTICS										
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2015	12/9	28	9	37	2.5-9	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2016	10/7	32	10	42	1.5-3	0.0-0	0	4	0	1	1
2017	10/10	32	10	42	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	3	0	1	1
Total	32/26	92	29	121	5.0-13	0.0-0	0	8	0	2	2
Note-	Note- All stats while at Rice										





## MAXWELL IYAMA

OL | 6-5 | 310 | FR | HS

Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Siegel)

Offensive line prospect who enrolled at Carolina in January and went through spring drills.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Siegel High School in Murfreesboro, Tenn. in December 2017... the Stars went 4-6 in his senior campaign... earned first-team All-USA Tennessee football team accolades as selected by USA TODAY as a senior... selected to the Offense Defense All-American Bowl following his senior season... named to the "Dandy Dozen," as one of the top 12 recruits in the Nashville area by *The Tennessean...* named All-Region 2-6A as a junior... coached by Greg Wyant... ranked as the 15th-best prospect in the Volunteer state, and the 40th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247's national composite rankings... Rivals ranked him as the sixth-best player in Tennessee, the 12th-best offensive guard in the nation and No. 225 overall... named to the *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region team.

**PERSONAL:** Maxwell Iyama is a computer information systems major.



## TAVYN **JACKSON**

DB | 5-9 | 185 | FR | RS

Talahassee, Fla. (Rickards)

Redshirt freshman defensive back who figures to compete for a spot in the regular rotation this year after a hamstring injury derailed his 2017 campaign... experienced more hamstring issues in the spring, keeping him sidelined for much of the spring drills.

**2017:** True freshman who was expected to contribute early on but suffered a hamstring injury in the first scrimmage of the fall and was sidelined several weeks... dressed for the first time at Texas A&M... did not see any game action and was redshirted.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at James S. Rickards High School in Tallahassee, Fla... helped the Raiders to a 10-2 record and the third round of the Class 5A playoffs as a senior... logged 76 tackles and four interceptions... earned first-team all-state honors... coached by Quintin Lewis... collected 58 tackles and 15 pass breakups as a junior... Rivals rated him as the 70th-best cornerback in the nation... considered the 112th-best player in the state of Florida and the 88th-best cornerback in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 98th-best cornerback in the country by ESPN... rated as the 66th-best cornerback in the nation by Scout.

**PERSONAL:** Tavyn Jackson was born January 23, 1999... is an integrated information technology major.



## CALEB JENERETTE

TE | 6-2 | 221 | FR | RS

Aynor, S.C. (Aynor)

Walk-on who adds depth to the tight end corps.

2017: Redshirted as a true freshman... worked with the scout team.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Aynor (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2017... was an ABC-15 All-Zone selection following a productive senior season in which he played several positions including quarterback, accounting for more than 1,000 yards of total offense... rushed for more than 700 yards, and caught 12 passes for nearly 200 yards, scoring ten touchdowns for the Blue Jackets... added two interceptions on defense... coached by his uncle, Jody Jenerette.

**PERSONAL:** Caleb Jenerette was born October 24, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major... is the first Aynor High product on the Gamecocks' roster since T.J. Johnson, who is with the Cincinnati Bengals.



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### BRAD Johnson

DL | 6-2 | 250 | SO | 1L

Pendleton, S.C. (Pendleton)

Sophomore defensive end who gained valuable experience last fall as a true freshman... figures to have more of a regular role this season after a year in the weight room.

**2017:** True freshman who saw action in 11 games at the Buck position... credited with five tackles including a sack and a pair of quarterback hurries... did not play in the season's first two games... made his collegiate debut against Kentucky... notched his first tackle against Arkansas... logged a 12-yard sack against Wofford... registered two tackles against Wofford and Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played both defensive end and running back at Pendleton (S.C.) High School... coached by Paul Sutherland... named the Class 3A Upper State Lineman of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... Rivals ranked him as the fifth-best player in the state and the 28th-best weakside defensive end in the country... considered the third-best player in the Palmetto State, the 16th-best weakside defensive end in the country and No. 219 overall by 247Sports... ESPN rated him as the seventh-best player in the state and the 38th-best defensive end in the nation... Scout rated

## B. JOHNSON'S HIGHS Tackles ......2, twice:, Wofford, 2017 & Clemson, 2017

 him as the 14th-best inside line-backer in the country.

**PERSONAL:** Brad Johnson was born August 11, 1999... is undecided on his major.

### **B. JOHNSON'S STATISTICS**

 Year
 GP/GS
 UT
 AT
 TT
 TFL
 QBS
 INT PBU QBH
 FF
 FR

 2017
 11/0
 4
 1
 5
 1.0-12
 1.0-12
 0
 0
 2
 0
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# CAMERON JOHNSON

OL | 6-6 | 289 | SO | SQ

Bennettsville, S.C. (Marlboro County)

Offensive lineman who adds depth up front.

2017: Redshirt freshman who worked with the scout team.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman walk-on offensive lineman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Marlboro County High School in South Carolina in 2016... lettered three years in football for head coach Dr. Dean Boyd... named to the All-Region 6-3A squad and was a *High School Sports Report* All-State Top 100 selection... also a standout basketball player who

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received some Division II offers while earning four letters for the Bulldogs... also lettered once in track & field... excellent student in the classroom who was a member of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, a Merit Scholar and New Dimensions Scholar.

**PERSONAL:** Randall Cameron Johnson was born July 17, 1998... is an environmental science major... father, Randall, played basketball at Johnson C. Smith University.



## TYQUAN **Johnson**

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WR | 6-2 | 193 | FR | HS

Sylvania, Ga. (Screven County)

Wide receiver prospect who joins the squad for the 2018 season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Georgia's Screven County High in 2018... caught 32 passes for 661 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior, leading the Gamecocks to an 11-1 record and the quarterfinal round of the AA state playoffs... caught 32 passes for 822 yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior... coached by Ron Duncan... ranked as the 66th-best recruit out of Georgia and the No. 101 wide receiver prospect in the country in 247's national composite rankings... Rivals ranked him as the 61st-best player in the state of Georgia... named to the *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region team... also competed in the track & field.



## TYREEK **Johnson**

DL | 6-3 | 270 | FR | HS

Sumter, S.C. (Lakewood)

True freshman defensive lineman... graduated from high school in 2017, but did not enroll at Carolina until January 2018 while rehabbing an injury... worked at defensive tackle in his first spring after playing on the outside in high school... could figure into the rotation early in his career... naturally strong and a tough guy.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Lakewood High School in Sumter, S.C. in 2017... was injured towards the end of his senior season, leading him to sit out the 2017 season and take a grayshirt before enrolling at South Carolina in January of 2018... registered 72 tackles, including 22 for loss as senior... also blocked six kicks and had five sacks in his final season with the Gators... coached by Larry Cornelius... selected to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior campaign... ranked as the 14th-best prospect in South Carolina and the 41st-ranked strong-side defensive end in the country by 247's composite rankings.

**PERSONAL:** Tyreek Johnson is interested in the integrated information technology program at South Carolina.



# ERNEST **JONES**

LB | 6-2 |

HS

FR

Waycross, Ga. (Ware County)

Linebacker who was an early enrollee... did not participate in the spring while recovering from a fracture in his back.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Ware County High School in Georgia in December 2017 and enrolled at South Carolina in January... logged 112 total tackles, including 70 solo stops and 6.0 tackles for loss as a senior for the Gators... also accounted for two sacks, three forced fumbles and five QB hurries in his final campaign... was a first-team all-state Class AAAAA selection... the Gators posted a 5-6 record in his senior season... coached by Franklin Stephens... was the 59th-ranked outside linebacker prospect in the country and 84th-best overall prospect in Georgia, according to 247's national composite rankings... named to the *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region team.

**PERSONAL:** Ernest Jones is a public health major.



## DAKEREON JOYNER

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QB | 6-1 | 208 | FR | HS

North Charleston, S.C. (Fort Dorchester)

Highly-touted quarterback prospect who graduated from high school early and enrolled at South Carolina in January... went through spring drills with the squad... could have a role in some special packages as a true freshman to get his athleticism on the field.

HIGH SCHOOL: Highly-decorated prospect from Fort Dorchester High School in North Charleston, S.C... graduated in December 2017... named the state's "Mr. Football" after his 2017 season, a year that saw him lead the Patriots to a 13-1 record and a berth in the Class 5A Lower State Championship game... earned second-team All-USA South Carolina football team accolades as selected by USA TODAY as a senior... finished just shy of 10,000 yards passing for his career... accounted for over 3,400 yards of offense and 52 total touchdowns as a senior... had a career record of 40-3 as a starter for Fort Dorchester... selected to the Offense Defense All-American Bowl and the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... participated in the Elite 11 Finals camp... named the 2016 South Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year... as a junior, he passed for 3,642 yards with 44 touchdowns and rushed for 1,089 yards and 12 scores... Fort Dorchester won its first-ever state championship during his sophomore season in 2015... that season, he threw for 3,202 yards with 33 touchdowns, to go along with 1,058 yards rushing and 19 touchdowns... in eight games as a freshman, he passed for 532 yards and rushed for 231 yards... coached by Steve Laprad... ranked as the No. 9 dual-threat quarterback and the 202nd overall prospect in the country according to 247's national composite rankings... Rivals ranked him as the third-best player in the state, the 10th-best dual-threat quarterback in the country and No. 199 overall... rated No. 183 on the ESPN300 list and No. 176 on the PrepStar 300 list.

**PERSONAL:** Dakereon Joyner is a sport and entertainment management major.



## CALEB Kinlaw

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RB | 5-10 | 198 | SR | 1L

Goose Creek, S.C. (Goose Creek/Pearl River C.C.)

Fifth-year senior running back who adds depth to the position... also figures to be a regular contributor on special teams... began his career at Wisconsin... underwent multiple surgeries during his time with the Badgers.

**2017:** Transfer who joined the Gamecock football squad in January as a walk-on... appeared in 12 games, primarily on special teams... saw action at running back late in the game against Wofford... carried four times for 47 yards, including a 27-yard burst against the Terriers.

**2016:** Transferred from Wisconsin to Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Miss. in the summer of 2016... rushed 34 times for 150 yards and a touchdown in six games for the Wildcats while being hampered by a series of nagging injuries.

**2015:** Played in one game as a redshirt freshman for the Badgers, carrying seven times for 30 yards and caught a touchdown pass in a win over Miami (Ohio)... also spent practice time at cornerback.

**2014:** Originally signed with Wisconsin and head coach Gary Anderson out of high school in 2014... redshirted in his first year in Madison.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Rushed for 4,186 yards, averaging 8.9 yards per carry in his prep career at Goose Creek (S.C.) High School, including three 1,000-yard seasons... scored 52 touchdowns in 39 career games for the Gators... rushed for 1,154 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior en route to all-state, all-region and All-Lowcountry honors... selected to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

**PERSONAL:** Caleb D. Kinlaw was born October 17, 1995... is a sociology major who is scheduled to graduate in December.

### C. KINLAW'S STATISTICS

-RUSHING-								
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
2015*	1/0	7	30	4.3	0	10		
2017	12/0	4	47	11.8	0	27		
Total	13/0	11	77	7.0	0	27		
		-REC	EIVING	<b>i</b> -				
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
2015*	1/0	1	5	5.0	1	5		
2017	12/0	0	0	0.0	0			
Total	13/0	1	5	5.0	1	5		
*2015 at Wisconsin								

#### C. KINLAW'S HIGHS

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Yards Rushing47	, Wofford, 2017
Long Rush	, Wofford, 2017
Receptions1, N	fiami (O), 2015
Yards Receiving5, N	fiami (O), 2015
Long Reception5, N	fiami (O), 2015
Receiving TDs1, N	fiami (O), 2015





## KINLAW

DL | 6-6 | 305 | JR | 1L

Charleston, S.C. (Goose Creek/Jones C.C.)

#### 2017 Nutrition Award

Junior defensive lineman who is an all-conference and possible All-America candidate... named to Athlon Sports' 2018 pre-season third-team All-SEC unit... is a dominating and explosive player... can be as good as he wants to be... long and big with natural power and can run... showed tremendous progress during the 2017 campaign... expected to be a key component to the Carolina defensive line this year... worked extremely hard to get his weight under control which, in turn, kept him on the field longer as the 2017 season progressed.

2017: JUCO transfer in his first year at Carolina... dropped roughly 40 pounds after his arrival in Columbia... played in all 13 games making 10 starts... credited with 20 tackles including 2.0 tackles for loss... also broke up three passes, recovered two fumbles, forced one fumble and blocked a kick... made his presence felt in the win over Missouri with a tackle, two pass breakups and a blocked field goal... moved into the starting lineup against Louisiana Tech... logged three tackles including a tackle for loss against Arkansas... made three stops and had a fumble recovery against Georgia.. credited with a career-best four tackles, including one for loss, in the Florida win... also had four stops against Wofford... forced and recovered a key fumble in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan... earned the team's Nutrition Award.

2016: Defensive tackle who spent the 2016 season at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Miss... coached by Steve Buckley... the Bobcats posted a 6-3 ledger in 2016... named second-team All-America, first-team All-Region 23 and first-team All-MACJC... also named the MACJC South Division's Most Valuable Defensive Lineman after recording 26 tackles with 8.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks... Rivals considered him the 27th-best JUCO prospect in the country... 247Sports rated him as the No. 2 strong-side defensive end in JUCO ranks and the seventh-best JUCO recruit overall... Scout considered him the No. 16 JUCO prospect in the nation.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Goose Creek (S.C.) High School in 2016.

**PERSONAL:** Javon Kinlaw was born October 3, 1997... is an interdisciplinary studies major who is scheduled to graduate in December.

#### J. KINLAW'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2017	13/10	12	8	20	2.0-7	0.0-0	0	3	0	1	2

#### J. KINLAW'S HIGHS





## ROSENDO LOUIS JR.

LB | 6-2 | 240 | FR | HS

Deerfield Beach, Fla. (Deerfield Beach)

True freshman linebacker who graduated from high school early and enrolled at Carolina in January... figures to see action at MIKE linebacker this fall.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Deerfield Beach (Fla.) High School in December... helped the Bucks win eight games as a senior, earning the team a top-50 ranking for the state of Florida... was an Under Armour All-American... logged 98 tackles with five sacks and one interception and was first team All-County as a senior... coached by Jevon Glenn... made the *Sun Sentinel* first-team All-Broward team in 2016 after leading the Bucks in tackles as a junior... listed as the 22nd-ranked inside linebacker prospect in the nation by 247's composite rankings, and the No. 72 player from Florida for the class of 2018... rated as the No. 19 inside linebacker prospect by Rivals... ranked No. 239 on the ESPN300 list... named to the *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region team.

PERSONAL: Rosendo Louis Jr. is a criminal justice major.



## HANK MANOS

OL | 6-4 | 289 | FR | HS

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Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)

Local product who graduated from high school in December and enrolled at South Carolina in January... experimented some at guard in the spring before focusing on center... needs to work to get his weight up to compete for playing time in the SEC.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Chapin (S.C.) High School in December 2017... led the Eagles to a 7-5 mark in his senior season... earned first-team All-USA South Carolina football team accolades as selected by USA TODAY as a senior... coached by Justin Gentry... selected to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... also selected to play in the Under Armour All-American game... is an accomplished wrestler, earning the 285-pound title in Class 4A and finishing the season 40-0 as a junior... named *The State's* co-Wrestler of the Year in 2017... ranked as the No. 11 center prospect in the country and the eighth-best overall prospect in South Carolina, according to 247's national composite rankings... Rivals tabbed him as the Palmetto State's 17th-best player... named to the *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region team.

PERSONAL: Hank Manos is undecided on his major field of study.



## KYLE Markway

TE | 6-4 | 242 | JR | 1L

St. Louis, Mo. (St. John Vianney)

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

15-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Junior tight end who looks to stay healthy this season after injuries derailed each of his last two campaigns... will compete for playing time at tight end

and is also a candidate for special teams duty... stronger and may be in the best shape in his life after two years of injuries... has made one career start.

**2017:** Redshirt sophomore tight end who saw action in each of the first two contests on special teams... suffered a rib injury in the Missouri game that sidelined him for the remainder of the season, although he did dress for the final two games... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Redshirted in his second season at Carolina while battling a foot injury all year... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll following the season.

**2015:** True freshman who appeared in all 12 games with one start... a regular on special teams who also saw action at tight end... logged three receptions for 57 yards... caught his first pass in his home state of Missouri... had a season-long 27-yard completion at Texas A&M... also caught a pass against Florida... made his first start against The Citadel... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from St. John Vianney in Kirkwood, Mo. in 2015... coached by Paul Day... the Golden Griffins went 7-5 in his senior campaign... earned first-team Class 5 All-State honors as a tight end... as a junior, he caught 28 passes for 254 yards and a touchdown and recorded 64 tackles with seven sacks, helping his squad to a 7-4 record... logged 18 catches for 225 yard and two scores and earned all-conference honors at defensive end after collecting 43 tackles with four sacks as a sophomore... rated the 13th-best player in the state by Rivals... ranked the 31st-best tight end in the country by Scout... regarded as the 18th-best player in the state and the 45th-best tight end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 10th-best player in the state and the No. 17 tight end by ESPN.

**PERSONAL:** Kyle Matthew Markway was born March 4, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major... uncle, Matt Markway, played for Iowa in the '90s.

#### **MARKWAY'S STATISTICS**

l	Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
ı	2015	12/1	3	57			27
l	2016		- 1	Redshi	rted -		
ı	2017	2/0	0	0	0.0	0	
	Total	14/1	3	<i>57</i>	19.0	0	27

#### MARKWAY'S HIGHS



## SEAN MCGONIGAL

LB | 6-1 | 221 | FR | RS

Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)

Walk-on linebacker who adds depth.

2017: Redshirted as a true freshman walk-on linebacker.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Myrtle Beach (S.C.) High School in 2017... helped the Seahawks to a 9-2 record as a senior... collected 19.5 sacks, the second-highest total in the state... recorded 89 tackles including 30 tackles for loss... coached by Mickey Wilson... named first-team all-state by the High School Sports Report and the 4A region District 11 Defensive Line Player of the Year... was a WPDE All-Zone selection... invited to the Offense Defense All-American Bowl... also a four-year letterwinner on the Seahawks' swim team, helping the squad to a third-place finish at the Class 4A state meet while earning all-state honors... was an honor student in the classroom.

**PERSONAL:** Sean McGonigal was born November 30, 1998... is a criminal justice major.





## STEVEN MONTAC

DB | 5-10 | 186 | SR | 2L

Covington, Ga. (Newton/Coffeyville C.C.)

#### 2018 Jim Carlen Co-Special Teams Player of the Spring

Versatile defensive back who can play safety and nickel and could also see spot duty at cornerback... figures to be a regular in the secondary again in 2018 in his final campaign for the Garnet & Black... shared Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring honors with Keisean Nixon... has played in 21 contests over the past two seasons making eight starts with three picks.

2017: Hard-hitting defensive back who was credited with 19 tackles in 10 games including a pair of starts... also credited with three pass interceptions, tying for the team lead, two pass breakups and a forced fumble... limited in the season-opener against NC State while recovering from a foot injury... re-aggravated the injury and missed the next three games... logged his first career interception in the victory over Vanderbilt... made his first start of the season versus Georgia and came up with six tackles plus a forced fumble... also had a start against Florida... logged six tackles including a tackle for loss and an end zone interception against Clemson... notched his third pick in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan to seal the victory.

2016: Walk-on who joined the team just after fall camp got underway... despite his late arrival, made an early impact... played in 11 games, with six starts... notched 39 tackles... made his debut against East Carolina, starting at safety... made six tackles, including five solo stops against the Pirates... forced a fumble in the Missouri win... set a career-high with nine tackles and added a pass breakup against Florida... tallied four tackles in the Western Carolina win... recorded seven tackles against Clemson... had a strong performance in the Birmingham Bowl against USF with six tackles including a half-tackle for loss, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup.

**2015:** Spent one season at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College... played defensive back for head coach Aaron Flores... recorded 17 tackles with one interception and three pass breakups... helped the 14th-ranked Red Ravens to an 8-3 mark.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Newton High School in Covington, Ga. in 2015... helped his team to a 7-5 record in his senior season.

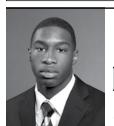
#### **MONTAC'S HIGHS**

Tackles	9, Florida, 2016
Tackles for Loss	1.0, Clemson, 2017
Interceptions 1, 3 tim	es: Vanderbilt, 2017
	<sup>7</sup> & Michigan, 2017

**PERSONAL:** Steven A. Montac was born September 26, 1997... is an interdisciplinary studies major who is scheduled to graduate in December.

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MONTAC'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	11/6	23	16	39	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	3	0	2	1
2017	10/2	14	5	19	1.0-8	0.0-0	3	2	1	1	0
Total	21/8	37	21	58	1.5-9	0.0-0	3	5	1	3	1



## ISRAEL Mukuamu

DB | 6-4 | 200 | FR | HS

Bossier City, La. (Parkway)

Defensive back who graduated from high school early and enrolled at Carolina in January... expected to compete for playing time at the cornerback position... possesses rare height and wingspan for a corner.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Parkway High School in Bossier City, La., in December 2017... the Panthers posted a 5-6 mark in his senior season... selected to the Offense Defense All-American Bowl... coached by Neil May... originally from Moncks Corner, S.C. but moved to Louisiana prior to his senior year of high school... logged 69 tackles in help the Berkeley Stags go 9-3 in 2016, after they finished 3-7 in 2015... Rivals ranked him as the 19th-best player in the state of Louisiana and the 35th-best safety in the country... named to the *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region team.

PERSONAL: Israel Mukaumu is a public health major.



### KEISEAN NIXON

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DB | 5-10 | 193 | SR | 1L

Compton, Calif. (Salesian/Arizona Western)

#### 2018 Jim Carlen Co-Special Teams Player of the Spring

Senior defensive back... former JUCO player who has spent one season with the Gamecocks... figures to see an increased role in 2018 at either the corner-back or nickel position... has a better understanding of the defensive system and his assignments... shared Jim Carlen Special Teams Player of the Spring honors with Steven Montac... played for rapper Snoop Dogg in the Snoop Youth Football League, a Pop Warner-age conference in California... owns two career interceptions.

**2017:** Junior college transfer who played in 12 games, primarily on special teams... credited with eight tackles... showed a nose for the football as he was in on three turnovers... logged his first stats at Texas A&M, making one tackle and recovering an Aggie fumble... notched two tackles against Arkansas and recorded his first interception as a Gamecock, racing 45 yards for the game-sealing touchdown...collected his second interception of the season against Clemson... made his first start at cornerback in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan and responded with a season-best four tackles.

2016: Spent his second season at Arizona Western College in Yuma... played cornerback and was used as a kick returner by head coach Tom Minnick... the Matadors finished the season with an 11-1 record and ranked third in the NJCAA rankings... their only loss came in the national championship game to Garden City (Kan.)... earned second-team All-America honors after recording 30 tackles with six interceptions, returning two for scores, and five pass breakups... averaged 42.0 yards on nine kickoff returns, with two touchdowns... was named the NJCAA Special Teams Player of the Week after logging 316 return yards, including back-to-back kickoff returns for touchdowns, against Mesa... considered the 25th-best junior college prospect in the nation by Rivals... ranked at the nation's No. 34 overall junior college prospect and the No. 3 JUCO cornerback by 247Sports... rated as the third-best JUCO cornerback and the 10th-best junior college player overall by ESPN... considered the fifth-best cornerback and the 23rd-best JC player overall by Scout.

**2015:** Collected 36 tackles with five INTs and four pass breakups as a freshman at Arizona Western College.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Salesian High School in California in 2015.

#### **NIXON'S HIGHS**

 **PERSONAL:** Keisean Nixon was born June 22, 1997... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

#### **NIXON'S STATISTICS**

 Year
 GP/GS
 UT
 AT
 TT
 TFL
 QBS
 INT
 PBU
 QBH
 FF
 FR

 2017
 12/1
 7
 1
 8
 0.0-0
 0.0-0
 2
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### JAZUUN **OUTLAW**

DL | 6-2 | 238 | SO | SQ

Dillon, S.C. (Dillon)

Walk-on defensive end who adds depth to the position.

2017: Walk-on who joined the squad after school began in August.

**2016:** Attended South Carolina but did not participate in football.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Dillon (S.C.) High School in 2016... helped the Wildcats to the Class AA Division I state championship and a perfect 14-0 record as a senior... coached by Jackie Hayes.

**PERSONAL:** Jazuun "Jay" Outlaw was born July 10, 1998... is a mechanical engineering major.



## CHRISTIAN PELLAGE

OL | 6-7 | 305 | JR | 1L

Brooksville, Fla. (Nature Coast Tech)

#### 15-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Redshirt junior offensive lineman who adds depth up front... played and lettered as a true freshman in 2015.

**2017:** Reserved offensive lineman who did not see any game action... was not able to participate in spring drills due to a calf strain.

2016: Redshirted during his true sophomore season.

**2015:** Played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams... named to the 2015-16 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Nature Coast Tech in Brooksville, Fla. in 2015... coached by Justin Worden... helped the Sharks to a 7-4 mark as a senior... earned a spot on the Florida Class 5A first-team all-state squad... invited to the Under Armour All-America Game in St. Petersburg Fla... considered the 75th-best player in the state and the 51st-best offensive tackle by Rivals... rated as the 63rd-best offensive tackle in the country by Scout... regarded as the 62nd-best player in the state and the 47th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 28th-best player in Florida, the No. 14 offensive tackle in the nation and No. 138 overall by ESPN.

**PERSONAL:** Christian Leigh Pellage was born January 22, 1997... is a marketing major who is scheduled to graduate in December.





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## RIEL Pollard

TE | 6-1 | 235 | JR | 2L

Moultrie, Ga. (Colquitt County)

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll 16-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Junior tight end who figures to be in the mix for playing time at tight end and also a factor on special teams... competed at a high level in the spring... has appeared in 25 games over the past two seasons with a pair of receptions.

**2017:** Sophomore tight end who was a special teams performer and also saw limited time at tight end... played in all 13 games... caught his only pass of the year, a four-yard completion, against Tennessee... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Played in 12 games... caught one pass for 18 yards... saw his first action against Mississippi State... made a key block on A.J. Turner's game-opening 80-yard kick return vs. East Carolina... logged his first catch against Georgia, an 18-yard reception... named to the 2016-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Named to the all-state team and was the 6A Offensive Player of the Year after helping lead Colquitt County to a 15-0 record and the Georgia state championship... graduated in 2016... logged 76 catches for 1,163 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior... the Packers won two straight state titles and were ranked No. 2 in the USA Today poll in 2015... coached by Rush Propst... Rivals ranks him as the No. 23 player in the state of Georgia, the 15th-best "athlete" in the country and No. 249 overall... 247Sports considers him No. 86 in Georgia... ESPN also ranks him the 84th-best player in the state and the 148th-best wide receiver in the country.

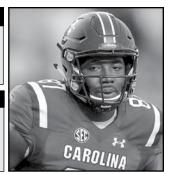
**PERSONAL:** Full name is Kiel Tyrell Pollard... born February 3, 1997... is a middle level education major.

#### POLLARD'S STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2016	12/0	1	18	18.0	0	18
2017	13/0	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	25/0	2	22	11.0	0	18

#### POLLARD'S HIGHS

Receptions1, twice: Georgia, 2016
& Tennessee, 2017
Yards Receiving18, Georgia, 2016
Long Reception18, Georgia, 2016





# WILL PUTNAM

OL | 6-5 | 297 | SO | SQ

Harrisburg, N.C. (Hickory Ridge)

Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman who adds depth up front.

**2017:** Redshirt freshman who worked at as a reserve center... did not see any game action.

2016: Redshirted in his true freshman campaign.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played left tackle and defensive end for Hickory Ridge High in Harrisburg, N.C., graduating in 2016... the Class 3AA Ragin' Bulls went 7-5 under head coach Marty Paxton in his senior season... considered

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the 50th-best player in North Carolina by Rivals... rated the 50th-best player in the state of North Carolina and the nation's No. 112 offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... ESPN ranked him as the 64th-best player in the state and the No. 132 offensive tackle in the nation... an All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar*.

**PERSONAL:** William J. Putnam was born January 18, 1998... is in the criminal justice program at South Carolina.



## PATRICK REEDY

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TE | 6-7 | 240 | FR | HS

Columbia, S.C. (Cardinal Newman)

Walk-on freshman tight end who joined the squad in the summer.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Local product from Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia... graduated in 2018... did not play football until his junior season of high school... led the Cardinals with 57 catches for 1,068 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior... was a finalist for Mr. Richland County Football Player of the Year.



## WILL REGISTER

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TE | 6-4 | 251 | FR | RS

Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)

Redshirt freshman who will compete for playing time at a deep tight end position... worked to get stronger in the weight room, especially in his upper body, during the offseason... has the ability to play both attached or out wide... still learning the position, but has the tools necessary to compete.

2017: Redshirted in his true freshman campaign.

HIGH SCHOOL: The first player to commit to the Gamecocks in the 2017 signing class... local product who played at Chapin (S.C.) High School, graduating in 2017... the Eagles went 11-3 and reached the Class AAAA state semifinal game in his senior season... coached by Justin Gentry... caught 24 passes for 251 yards... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... named the Class 4A Lower State Lineman of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... named to *The State's* All-Midlands team... Rivals rated him as the third-best player in the Palmetto State and the 14th-best tight end in the country... considered the seventh-best player in the state and the 25th-best tight end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the third-best player in the Palmetto State, the sixth-best Y-tight end in the country and No. 242 overall by ESPN... Scout considered him the 41st-best tight end in the nation.

**PERSONAL:** Will Register was born November 2, 1998... is in the prebusiness program.





## JORDAN RHODES

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OL | 6-4 | 325 | FR | RS

Fairburn, Ga. (Creekside)

Redshirt freshman offensive lineman... impressed the coaches while working with the scout team last fall.

2017: True freshman who was redshirted in his first season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Creekside High School in Fairburn, Ga. in 2017... coached by Will Rogers... did not play football until his junior year of high school and only had one season of game experience... was a unanimous selection by the coaches to the all-region team as a left tackle following his senior season... the Seminoles posted a 5-5 mark in 2016... grew up playing basketball... considered the 133rd-best player in Georgia and the 113th-best offensive tackle in the country by 247Sports... rated the 85th-best offensive tackle in the nation by Scout.

**PERSONAL:** Jordan Rhodes was born May 22, 1998... is a criminal justice major.



## R.J. **RODERICK**

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DB | 6-0 | 207 | FR | HS

Summerville, S.C. (Cane Bay)

True freshman who had never played safety prior to his arrival on campus in the spring... impressed the coaches with his athleticism and has a big upside.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Cane Bay High School in Summerville, S.C. in December... was a triple-option quarterback who helped the Cobras win nine of 12 games and reach the second round of the 4A playoffs, despite missing six games mid-season due to injury... ran for 354 yards, passed for 188 and totaled 10 touchdowns over six games...selected to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... rushed for 1,778 yards and 23 touchdowns as a junior... coached by Russell Zehr... ranked No. 21 among the Palmetto state's recruits for 2018, and is the 95th-ranked safety in the nation according to 247's composite rankings... Rivals ranked him as the 18th-best player in the state of South Carolina... named to the *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region team.

**PERSONAL:** Ronald "R.J." Roderick is a sport and entertainment management major.



## DARIUS **RUSH**

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WR | 6-2 | 184 | FR | HS

Greeleyville, S.C. (C.E. Murray)

Wide receiver who enrolled at South Carolina in January and went through spring drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at C.E. Murray High School in Greeleyville, S.C., graduating in December 2017... led the War Eagles to an 11-2 record and the Class A Lower State finals... named the Region 5-A co-Player of Year... caught 47 passes for 863 yards and 17 touchdowns, rushed for 125 yards and a TD and returned a kickoff for a score as a senior... selected to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... had 1,243

all-purpose yards and 18 total touchdowns as a junior... rushed for 612 yards and 12 scores and caught 14 passes for 228 yards and three scores... added 36 tackles and two interceptions on defense... coached by Chad Wilkes... ranked 19th overall in the state and is the 151st best wide receiver prospect in the country according to 247's national composite rankings... Rivals ranked him as the 23rd-best player in the state of South Carolina... named to the *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region team.

**PERSONAL:** Darius Rush is a sport and entertainment management major.



## DEEBO SAMUEL

WR | 6-0 | 210 | SR | 3L

Inman, S.C. (Chapman)

- 2016 Steve Wadiak Co-Most Valuable Player
- 2016 Steve Spurrier Most Valuable Player Offense
- 2016 Most Explosive Player Offense
- 2016 Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring
- 2015 Spring Big Plays Award Offense

One of the most electrifying players in college football, the talented wide receiver and kick returner is an all-conference and All-America candidate in his final campaign... named to Athlon Sports' 2018 pre-season first-team All-SEC unit as both a wide receiver and kick returner and second-team All-America at both positions... owns 86 career receptions for 1,194 yards... has scored 15 career touchdowns - seven on the ground, five receiving and three via kickoff return... has also thrown one touchdown pass... is the school's record-holder in kick returns for touchdowns... has played in 18 games over the past three seasons with 16 career starts... was limited in the spring due to injuries.

2017: Was on his way to an outstanding campaign when he left the Kentucky game in the third quarter with a broken leg... despite playing in just three games, still tied for the team lead with six touchdowns... accounted for three receiving, two kick return and one rushing TD... averaged 158.0 yards of total offense per game... received two kickoffs and returned them both 97 yards for scores... logged 15 receptions for 250 yards, an average of 16.7 yards per catch, and rushed twice for 30 yards... caught five passes for 83 yards and two TDs in the season opener against NC State... also returned the game's opening kick 97 yards for a score, earning a spot on the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll and SEC Special Teams Player of the Week recognition... scored a pair of touchdowns in the win over Missouri, racing to a 97-yard kick return for Carolina's first points of the game and later taking it in on a 25-yard rush... earned the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll and SEC Special Teams Player of the Week accolades for the second-straight week... became the first Gamecock to log three career kick return touchdowns and the third to return two kicks for TDs in a season... caught five balls for 122 yards and a touchdown vs. Kentucky, including a 68-yard scoring strike on the first play from scrimmage... named a game captain against Missouri and Kentucky.

2016: Sophomore who shared the Steve Wadiak MVP Award with Jake Bentley, was the Steve Spurrier Award winner as the Offense's MVP and was selected as the Most Explosive Player on offense by his teammates... led the squad with 59 catches for 783 yards despite playing in just 10 games... also rushed 15 times for 98 yards and six TDs, returned 16 kickoffs for a 26.9-yard average with one score, returned two punts for eight yards and threw a 33-yard touchdown pass... ranked third in the SEC in receptions per game (5.9), fourth in receiving yards per game (78.3), third in kickoff return average and second in all-purpose yardage per game (132.0)... caught two passes for 36 yards at Vandy and scored on an eight-yard run for Carolina's lone TD... battled hamstring issues throughout the Mississippi State game... did not play against East Carolina, Kentucky or Texas A&M due to the balky

hamstring... had four catches for 90 yards against Georgia... tallied eight catches for 106 yards vs. UMass... collected eight catches for 83 yards in the Tennessee win... set then-career highs with nine catches for 125 yards and had a rushing TD against Missouri... scored three times against Western Carolina, two rushing and one on a 100-yard kick return... threw a 33-yard TD pass and returned six kicks for 124 yards against Clemson... had his best game against USF when he tied the school record with 14 receptions and set Birmingham Bowl records with 14 receptions and 190 receiving yards... also scored a rushing touchdown in that contest... garnered the Joe Morrison Offensive Player of the Spring honors.

**2015:** Played in five games, making three starts while battling injuries... fourth on the team with 12 receptions for 161 yards and a touchdown... started but suffered a hamstring injury in the season opener against North Carolina... made his first catch for 10 yards against Kentucky... started and caught two passes for 20 yards against Georgia... continued to have issues with the hamstring and sat out the next seven contests... returned to action against The Citadel... moved back into the starting lineup for the season finale against Clemson and responded with a then-career-best performance, logging five catches for 104 yards and a his first career TD, a seven-yard catch... also had a career-long 48-yard reception in that contest... recognized with the Big Plays award for the offense in the spring.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman... worked with the scout team.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for Mark Hodge at Chapman High School in Inman, S.C., graduating in 2014... led the Panthers to an 11-4 record and a semifinal berth in the AAA playoffs as a senior... logged 166 catches for 2,751 yards and 36 touchdowns during his career... also rushed 133 times for 898 yards and scored 13 times on the ground... collected a school-record 53 career TDs... added 94 tackles and 12 interceptions... as a senior, logged 61 receptions for 1,184 yards and 15 scores... added 837 yards on the ground

#### **SAMUEL'S STATISTICS**

		-REC	EIVING	3-							
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long					
2015	5/3	12	161	13.4	1	48					
2016	10/10	59	783	13.3	1	47					
2017	3/3	15	250	16.7	3	68					
Total	18/16	86	1194	13.9	5	68					
	-RUSHING-										
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long					
2015	5/3	0	0	-	0	0					
2016	10/10	15	98	6.5	6	23					
2017	3/3	2	30	15.0	1	25					
Total	18/16	17	128	7.5	7	25					
	-	KICK	RETUR	NS-							
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long					
2015	5/3	1	24	24.0	0	23					
2016	10/10	16	431	26.9	1	100					
2017	3/3	2	194	97.0	2	97					
Total	18/16	19	649	34.2	3	100					

#### **SAMUEL'S HIGHS**

SAPICEE S IIIOIIS
Receptions14, USF, 2016
Yards Receiving190, USF, 2016
Long Reception 68, Kentucky, 2017
TD Receptions2, NC State, 2017
100-yard Receiving Games
Carries5, Western Carolina, 2016
Yards Rushing 31, UMass, 2016
Long Rush
Rushing TDs 2, Western Carolina, 2016
Kick Returns 6, Clemson, 2016
Kick Return Yards 194, W. Carolina, 2016
Long Kick Return 100, W. Carolina, 2016
Pass Attempts
Pass Completions 1, Clemson, 2016
Passing Yards33, Clemson, 2016
Passing Touchdowns 1, Clemson, 2016
Longest Pass 33, Clemson, 2016
Touchdowns Scored
W. Carolina, 2016 & NC State, 2017

with 13 TDs... also scored twice on INTs... named the High School Sports Report Class AAA Offensive Player of the Year... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... caught 78 passes for 1,246 yards and 18 scores as a junior... also had a kick return and a punt return for a touchdown... played defensive back and running back as a sophomore... Rivals considered him the No. 53 wide receiver in the nation and the 17th-best player in the state... was the fifth-best player in the state, the 35th-best wide receiver in the nation, and was No. 238 overall according to 247Sports... ESPN rated him the 192nd-best wide receiver in the nation and the 32nd-best player in the state... a PrepStar All-Atlantic Region pick.

**PERSONAL:** Tyshun Samuel was born January 15, 1996... is a retail management major... scheduled to graduate in December... the nickname "Deebo" comes from the neighborhood bully character played by actor Tiny Lister in the movie "Friday."



## RICK Sandidge

DL | 6-5 | 285 | FR | HS

90

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Concord, N.C. (Concord)

One of the highest-rated recruits for the Gamecocks in the 2018 class... expected to make an immediate contribution as a true freshman along the defensive line.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Concord (N.C.) High School in 2018... recorded 83 tackles and seven sacks as a defensive lineman during his senior season... coached by Glen Padgett... the Spiders went 5-7 in 2017... named to the NC Preps All-Class and 3A All-State teams... earned first-team All-USA North Carolina football team accolades as selected by USA TODAY as a senior... participated in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas... Rivals ranks him as the second-best defensive tackle in the country, the third-best player in the state and No. 45 nationally... considered the sixth-best player in North Carolina, the 14th-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 141 overall by 247Sports composite ranking... ranked No. 136 overall and was considered the 11th-best defensive tackle in the country as part of *PrepStar's* Dream Team.



## MICHAEL SCARNECCHIA

QB | 6-3 | 216 | SR | 1L

Fleming Island, Fla. (Fleming Island)

- 2018 Harold White GPA Award Offense
- 2017 Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete
- 2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2015 Most Improved Freshman of the Spring Offense
- 14-15 First -Year SEC Honor Roll

Fifth-year senior quarterback... established himself in the spring as the solid No. 2 signal-caller behind incumbent starter Jake Bentley... has appeared in three games in his career, completing his only pass attempt for nine yards... has been recognized on the SEC honor roll four times during his career... named the Harold White GPA Award winner for the offense at the 2018 Garnet & Black spring game.

2017: Junior who served as the No. 2 quaterback behind Jake Bentley... saw action late in Carolina's victories over Arkansas and Wofford... selected by the coaches as the Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete Award winner following the season... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Missed the entire season after undergoing labrum surgery in the summer on his left (non-throwing) shoulder... suffered the injury working out at his home in May... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2015:** Backup quarterback who saw action late in the LSU contest... completed his only pass for nine yards... also ran once for no yards... a member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... named the Most Improved Freshman on offense in the spring by the coaches.

2014: Redshirted... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for coach Frank Hall at Fleming Island (Fla.) High School, graduating in 2014... led the Golden Eagles to a 10-1 record as a senior while throwing 28 TDs with only two picks... earned a spot on the A.P.

all-state team... as a junior, completed 101-of-156 passes for 1,553 yards and 18 TDs in his first year as a starter, earning honorable mention all-state honors... team logged a 7-3 record... rated the 277th-best player in the state and the 84th-best pro-style quarterback in the nation, according to 247Sports. com... ESPN considered him the 66th-best pocket-passing quarterback in the nation and the 239th-best player in the state... an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*... was a member of the National Honor Society.

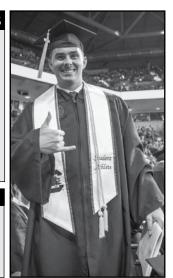
**PERSONAL:** Michael Anthony Scarnecchia was born July 25, 1995... uncle, Sam Scarnecchia, played football at Miami (Fla.)... graduated in May with a degree in finance.

#### **SCARNECCHIA'S STATISTICS**

-PASSING-									
Year (	GP/GS	C-A-I	Pct	. Yd	s TD	Lg			
2015	1/0	1-1-0	100.0	) 9	0	9			
2016	2016 - DNP -								
2017	2/0	0-0-0		- (	0	0			
Total	3/0	1-1-0	100.0	9	0	9			
		-RUS	HING-						
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD L	ong			
2015	1/0	1	0	0.0	0	0			
2016		-	DNP	-					
2017	2/0	0	0	-	0	0			
Total	3/0	1	0	0.0	0	0			

### **SCARNECCHIA'S HIGHS**

Pass Attempts
Pass Completions
Passing Yards
Longest Pass
Rushing Attempts



## JASON **SENN**

DB | 5-8 | 186 | JR | SQ

Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll2016 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Walk-on safety who is in his third season with the football program... a twotime member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2017: Reserve defensive back... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2016:** Redshirt freshman walk-on who spent time on the scout team... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

**2015:** Walk-on who worked with the scout team in his true freshman campaign for the Garnet & Black... added to the squad when the roster expanded.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Beaufort (S.C.) High School in 2015... played for head coach Mark Clifford... earned all-area honors.

**PERSONAL:** Jason D. Senn was born July 15, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major... interned with the Gamecocks' marketing department over the summer.





## KOBE SMITH

DL | 6-2 | 295 | JR | 2L

Lawrenceville, Ga. (Archer)

2018 Harold White GPA Award - Defense2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Junior defensive tackle who figures to be a regular contributor in the middle of the Carolina defensive line again this season... considered a "glue guy" by the coaches... credited with 17 tackles in 24 career contests, including 1.5 tackles for loss... named the Harold White GPA Award winner for the defense at the 2018 Garnet & Black spring game.

**2017:** True sophomore defensive tackle who played in all 13 games... credited with 1.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry... made two stops, including one for loss, at Texas A&M... also credited with two tackles versus Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Clemson... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2016: True freshman who graduated from high school after the fall semester and enrolled at Carolina in January... went through spring but was limited following shoulder surgery... defensive tackle who played in 11 games... credited with four tackles... made his Gamecock debut in the Vanderbilt win... posted his first collegiate tackle at Mississippi State... made one tackle in the Missouri win, playing his most significant action of the season against the Tigers... logged the first two-tackle performance of his career at Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Archer High School in Lawrenceville, Ga. at mid-semester and enrolled at South Carolina in January... played for head coach Andy Dyer... helped the Tigers to an 11-2 record and a spot in the Georgia AAAAAA state quarterfinals as a senior... invited to play in the Semper Fidelis All-American Game following his senior season... Rivals considered him the 31st-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 48th-best player in Georgia... rated the 63rd-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 83rd-best player in the state of Georgia by 247Sports... was the 40th-best defensive tackle in the nation and the 43rd-best player in Georgia according to ESPN... an All-Southeast Region pick by *PrepStar*.

#### K. SMITH'S HIGHS

Tackles ...... 2.0, Five times Tackles for loss ..... 1.0, Texas A&M, 2017

**PERSONAL:** Kobe A. Smith was born June 23, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major at Carolina.

K. SMITH'S STATISTICS											
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT I	PBU (	QBH	FF	FR
2016	11/0	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	13/0	6	7	13	1.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	24/0	8	9	17	1.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	0



# MATTHEW **SMITH**

LS | 6-0 | 209 | FR | RS

Roswell, Ga. (Roswell)

Walk-on long snapper who looks to challenge incumbent Ben Asbury for the starting role.

2017: Walk-on long snapper who was part of the 105-man fall roster.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Roswell (Ga.) High School in 2017... helped the Hornets to a 14-1 record as a senior, with their only loss coming

in overtime in the state Class AAAAAAA championship game... coached by John Ford... also played baseball where he was a standout pitcher... an AP Scholar and a member of the Principal's Honor Roll.

**PERSONAL:** Matthew Smith was born May 17, 1999... is a sport and entertainment management major at Carolina.



## ORTRE **SMITH**

WR | 6-4 | 222 | SO | 1L

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)

Sophomore wide receiver who made great strides last season as the injury to Deebo Samuel forced him into more significant playing time... has excellent size for a wideout, providing a big target.

2017: True freshman who enrolled at South Carolina in January... was limited in some contact drills throughout much of the spring while continuing to rehab from an ankle injury suffered in high school... appeared in all 13 games making 10 starts... ranked third on the team with 30 catches... averaged 10.9 yards per catch with three touchdowns... caught at least three passes in eight of the last nine games... ranked fourth among freshmen in the SEC with 2.3 catches per game and sixth with 25.1 receiving yards per game... caught his first career pass against Kentucky, a nine-yard touchdown... made his first career start vs. Louisiana Tech and caught two passes for 36 yards, including a 28-yard scoring strike in the fourth quarter... hauled in three passes for 28 yards at Texas A&M, including a touchdown reception for the third-consecutive game... posted identical lines of three catches for 40 yards in the Arkansas and Tennessee wins... led Carolina with five catches for 60 yards in the win over Florida.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Wando High School in Mount Pleasant, S.C., in December 2016 and enrolled at South Carolina in January... caught 37 passes for 448 yards and two touchdowns at wide receiver while totaling 29 tackles and an interception as the starting safety before missing the remainder of the 2016 season with an ankle injury, which required surgery... played for coach Jimmy Noonan... the Warriors posted an 8-4 record in his senior season... named the Class 5A Lower State Back of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... was a finalist for the Mr. Football award... selected to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... traveled to the U.S. Army All-American Game in San Antonio but did not participate due to the injury... logged 84 catches for 1,364 yards and 18 touchdowns as a junior and 28 receptions for 441 yards and four scores as a sophomore... Rivals rated him as the top player in the Palmetto State, the 15th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 104 overall... ranked by 247Sports as the top player in the Palmetto State, the 15th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 86 overall... ESPN considered him as the second-best player in the state, the 36th-best wide receiver in the nation and No. 234 on the ESPN300 list... Scout considered him the 25th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 185 overall.

**PERSONAL:** OrTre A. Smith was born September 11, 1998... interested in a degree in experiemental psychology... mother, Tashia Greene, played volleyball at Clemson from 1989-90.

#### O. SMITH'S STATISTICS

 Year
 GP/GS
 Rec
 Yds
 Avg
 TD
 Long

 2017
 13/10
 30
 326
 10.9
 3
 28

#### O. SMITH'S HIGHS





## SHI **SMITH**

WR | 5-10 | 187 | SO | 1L

Union, S.C. (Union County)

Sophomore wideout who turned in an excellent freshman campaign... has big-play capabilites... possesses outstanding hands... did not have a "drop" during the 2017 season.

2017: True freshman receiver who played in 12 contests, making seven starts... hauled in 29 passes for 409 yards, a 14.1-yard average, with three scores and without a drop... ranked third on the team in receiving yards, fourth in catches and second in yards per catch... ranked third among freshmen in the SEC with 2.4 catches per game and third with 34.1 receiving yards per game... also returned five kickoffs for 76 yards... made his first career start at Missouri and caught four passes for 22 yards... hauled in three catches for a career-best 86 yards and his first collegiate touchdown at Texas A&M... led the Gamecocks with five receptions for 76 yards in the win over Vanderbilt, including a 36-yard touchdown grab... logged three catches for 30 yards in the Wofford win before leaving win an injury which forced him to miss the Clemson game... returned for the Outback Bowl game versus Michigan and responded with three catches for 59 yards, including a 53-yard touchdown reception, the longest of his career.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Union (S.C.) County High School... helped the Yellowjackets post a 9-5 mark and reach the second round of the Class AAAA playoffs in his senior season... caught 47 passes for 609 yards and 10 touchdowns... named the 4A Upper State Back of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association... coached by Bradley Adams... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... caught 54 passes for 1,337 yards and 17 touchdowns as a junior in 2015... Rivals rated him as the second-best player in the state of South Carolina, the 34th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 205 overall... considered the second-best player in the state, the fourth-best "athlete" in the country and No. 159 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the best player in the state, the 16th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 107 overall by ESPN... rated as the 67th-best wide receiver in the nation by Scout.

**PERSONAL:** Shi Smith was born October 26, 1998... is a film and media studies major.

#### S. SMITH'S STATISTICS

 Year
 GP/GS
 Rec
 Yds
 Avg
 TD
 Long

 2017
 12/7
 29
 406
 14.1
 3
 53

#### S. SMITH'S HIGHS





### DAMANI **STALEY**

LB | 6-0 | 225 | SO | 1L

Columbia, S.C. (Ridge View)

Sophomore linebacker who saw limited action as a true freshman, but will be counted on to be a regular in the rotation this fall... local product who could also contribute on special teams.

**2017:** True freshman linebacker who saw action in six games on special teams... did not record any statistics.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Columbia's Ridge View High School in 2017... coached by Perry Parks... set the school record with 29 sacks as a senior defensive end, breaking his own mark of 21, set as a junior in 2015... recorded at least two sacks in 12 of 13 games as a senior... registered 120 tackles overall... helped the Blazers to a 10-win season and a trip to the third round of the Class 4A state playoffs... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... named *The State*'s Defensive Player of the Year for the second-consecutive season and selected to the All-Midlands team... Rivals rated him as the 14th-best player in the state... considered the 20th-best player in the state and the 81st-best tight end in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 18th-best player in South Carolina and the 78th-best outside linebacker in the country by ESPN... ranked as the 60th-best outside linebacker in the country by Scout.

**PERSONAL:** Damani Staley was born Feb 6, 1999... is a sport and entertainment management major... father, Duce, played for the Gamecocks and in the NFL for the Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers and was a coach on the 2018 Super Bowl Champion Eagles squad.



## DONELL STANLEY

OL | 6-3 | 315 | JR | 2L

Floydale, S.C. (Latta)

2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2015 Spring Everyday Effort Award - Offense

14-15 First -Year SEC Honor Roll

Fifth-year player who is the returning starter at left guard... transitioned to center in the spring and is penciled in as the starter entering the fall... enters the season having never taken a rep at center in a game at any level... nominated for the Rimington Award, given to the nation's top center... has appeared in 25 games making 13 starts... appealed and granted a sixth-year of eligibility for 2019 after injuries derailed two seasons (2014 and 2016).

**2017:** Started 12 games along the offensive line in his fourth season with the Gamecocks... made nine starts at left guard and three starts at right guard... graded by Pro Football Focus as the second-most effective guard in the nation during Week 4, as the Gamecocks defeated Louisiana Tech... named a game captain against Texas A&M... sidelined for the Outback Bowl win over Michigan due to an ankle injury.

**2016:** Sophomore season was abbreviated by an early injury... earned the starting right guard position for the season opener at Vanderbilt... suffered a high ankle sprain in the first series of the game, causing him to miss the remainder of the season... applied for a medical redshirt that would get him a sixth year of eligibility.

**2015:** Played in all 12 games as a redshirt freshman, primarily on special teams... also saw a limited number of reps at offensive guard... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll... took a vast number of reps in the spring as the numbers were thin on the offensive line... earned one of four Everyday Effort awards presented in the spring at the Garnet & Black game.

**2014:** Redshirted as a true freshman... did not practice for much of the fall while rehabbing from surgery on his left wrist... named to the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Offensive lineman who prepped at Latta (S.C.) High School... the Vikings went 7-4 in 2013 under head coach Kelly Williamson... was a finalist for the South Carolina "Mr. Football" award... earned a spot on the all-state team as selected by the *High School Sports Report...* played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas following his senior season... also played basket-

ball and baseball... played for the baseball state title as a junior... Rivals.com considered him the 10th-best player in the state and the 16th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout.com ranked him as the sixth-best offensive guard in the country and No. 105 overall... considered the fourth-best player in the state, the fifth-best offensive guard in the nation and the 121st-best player overall according to 247Sports.com... ESPN considered him the 14th-best offensive guard in the nation, No. 214 on the ESPN300 list and the seventh-best player in the state... ranked by *PrepStar* as No. 213 on the Top 300 All-American Team... was a member of the National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** Donell Lavon Stanley Jr. was born June 27, 1995... scheduled to graduate in December 2018 with a degree in sport and entertainment management.



## AARON STERLING

DL | 6-1 | 245 | SO | 1L

Atlanta, Ga. (Tucker)

True sophomore defensive end... had a productive first year for the Garnet & Black and will be counted on to become more of factor in his second campaign... added a great deal of strength this offseason to go along with his quick first step.

**2017:** True freshman defensive end... played in all 13 games making 23 stops with 3.0 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks... also credited with two quarterback hurries... had his first three-tackle day at Texas A&M game... set his career high with four tackles at Georgia... logged his first career sack in the victory over Florida... tallied three tackles and a sack vs. Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Defensive tackle who prepped at Tucker High School in Georgia... the Tigers posted a 13-2 record and reached the state AAAAAA Championship game in his senior season... earned first team all-state honors by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... coached by Bryan Lamar... participated in the Under Armour All-America Game in Orlando following his senior season... Rivals considered him the 23rd-best player in the Peach State and the 14th-best defensive tackle in the country... ranked as the 93rd-best player in the state of Georgia and the 45th-best strongside defensive end in the country by 247Sports... ESPN considered him the 26th-best player in the state, the 15th-best defensive tackle in the nation and No. 210 overall...

#### STERLING'S HIGHS

Scout ranked him as the 47thbest defensive end in the nation.

**PERSONAL:** Aaron Sterling was born February 21, 1999... is a sport and entertainment management major.

#### STERLING'S STATISTICS

 Year
 GP/GS
 UT
 AT
 TT
 TFL
 QBS
 INT PBU QBH
 FF
 FR

 2017
 13/0
 12
 11
 23
 3.0-18
 2.0-16
 0
 0
 2
 0
 0



## CHAD TERRELL

WR | 6-3 | 219 | SO | 1L

Bogue Chitto, Miss. (North Paulding)

Sophomore wide receiver who saw limited action as a true freshman... Suffered a torn ACL in his left knee during spring camp on March 3 and underwent surgery... hopes to return to the field during the fall.

**2017:** True freshman wide receiver who played in 10 contests... caught three passes for 20 yards... had one reception each against Kentucky, Louisiana Tech and Tennessee... missed the Vanderbilt and Georgia games with injury... also did not play against Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at North Paulding High School in Dallas, Ga... helped the Wolfpack to a 7-4 mark and a spot in the 7A state playoffs in his senior season... registered 64 receptions for 1,236 yards and 17 TDs... earned honorable mention all-state honors from the Georgia Sports Writers Association... coached by Scott Jones... collected 115 receptions for 2,062 yards and 27 touchdowns during his prep career... Rivals ranked him as the 18th-best player in the state of Georgia, the 32nd-best wide receiver in the country and No. 194 overall... considered the 31st-best player in the state, the 42nd-best wide receiver in the country and No. 331 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the 58th-best player in Georgia and the 85th-best wide receiver in the country by ESPN... considered the 60th-best wide receiver in the nation by Scout.

**PERSONAL:** Chad Terrell was born September 15, 1998... is in the advertising program at South Carolina.

#### **TERRELL'S STATISTICS**

 Year
 GP/GS
 Rec
 Yds
 Avg
 TD
 Long

 2017
 10/0
 3
 20
 6.7
 0
 9

#### **TERRELL'S HIGHS**





## KEIR Thomas

DL | 6-2 | 276 | JR | 2L

Miami, Fla. (Miami Central)

Junior defensive lineman who has been used at both the tackle and end positions... figures to be a starter in the middle of the line again in 2018... has appeared in all 26 games over the past two seasons, making 13 starts.

**2017:** True sophomore defensive lineman who played in all 13 games making 11 starts... primarily used at defensive end, but also slid into the interior of the line... credited with 38 tackles including 4.5 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks... had three quarterback hurries and forced one fumble... turned in a big game in the season-opener against NC State, with five tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and a sack... notched five tackles vs. Kentucky... tallied a sack on the final drive of the Tennessee win, forcing a fumble and costing the Vols crucial seconds as Carolina held on for the win... set a career high with seven tackles and added 1.5 tackles for loss at Georgia.

2016: Graduated from high school mid-year and enrolled at Carolina in January... played in all 13 games with two starts... credited with 24 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks... made three tackles in his collegiate debut, a victory over Vanderbilt... had two tackles and made his first career sack in the East Carolina win... made his first career start against Texas A&M and had a strong effort with five tackles (three solo)... made his second straight start at defensive tackle against Georgia and was in on one tackle... made two tackles, including one stop for loss, added a quarterback hurry and a fumble forced in the UMass win... made two tackles in the Missouri victory, including a crucial sack in the fourth quarter... tallied three tackles at Florida... made two tackles, including one tackle for loss, in the Western Carolina win.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Miami (Fla.) Central High School at mid-year and enrolled at South Carolina in January 2016... coached by Roland Smith... played multiple positions, including nose guard, defensive tackle, defensive end and linebacker... earned first-team Class 6A all-state



honors... recognized as the 8A-6A Defensive Player of the Year as part of the Miami Herald's All-Dade Awards event... racked up 22 sacks among his 83 tackles as a senior... recorded 71 tackles and 18 sacks as a junior... regarded as the 23rd-best strongside defensive end in the country and the 49th-best player in Florida, according to Rivals... 247Sports ranked him as the 26thbest strongside defensive end in the nation and the 64th-best player in the Sunshine State... ESPN rated him as the 26th-best defensive end, the 37thbest player in the state and No. 192 overall on the ESPN 300... was a Prep-Star All-American and ranked No. 288 overall.

#### THOMAS' HIGHS

Tackles	7, Georgia, 2017
Tackles for Loss	
Sacks	1.0, Four times

PERSONAL: Keir S. Thomas was born January 25, 1998... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

INOMAS STATISTICS										
AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF			
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Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	13/2	15	9	24	4.0-15	2.0-7	0	0	1	1	0
2017	13/11	17	21	38	4.5-11	2.0-3	0	0	3	1	0
Total	26/13	32	30	62	8.5-26	4.0-10	0	0	4	2	0



## **ELDRIDGE** THOMPSON

LB | 6-1 | 229 | SR | 1L

Houston, Texas (White Station/Coffeyville C.C.)

Former JUCO linebacker who is playing in his second and final season with the Gamecocks... should make more of an impact this season with a year of Division I football under his belt and following the departure of Skai Moore... repped at the WILL position in the spring where he is expected ot battle Sherrod Greene for the starting role.

2017: Former junior college linebacker who was in his first season with the Gamecocks... played in 12 games making 10 tackles including eight solo stops... recorded two-tackle days in wins over Arkansas and Wofford... saw significant action in the win over Florida... ended the regular season with two tackles against Clemson... did not play in the Outback Bowl win.

2016: Played at Coffeyville (Kan.) C.C... hampered with a shoulder injury which kept him sidelined... coached by Aaron Flores... Rivals rated him as the 89th-best junior college player in the country... considered the third-best JUCO outside linebacker and the 97th-ranked JUCO overall by 247Sports... ranked as the seventh-best JUCO outside linebacker by ESPN.

2015: Led the Red Ravens in tackles and ranked fourth in the conference in 2015 with 102, averaging over nine per game, including six games of doubledigit tackles... added three sacks, an interception and returned a fumble for a touchdown while earning honorable mention all-conference accolades.

2014: Redshirted due to an ankle injury.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from White Station High School in Memphis, Tenn., in 2014... played for Joe Rocconi... played wide receiver and safety... helped his team reach the state semifinals in Class 6A as a senior.

PERSONAL: Eldridge Thompson was born July 8, 1996.... is an interdis-

#### THOMPSON'S HIGHS

ciplinary studies major who scheduled to graduate in December 2018.

THOMPSON'S STATISTICS
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Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2017	12/0	8	2	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0



## WILL TOMMIE

PK | 5-10 | 167 JR

Greenwood, S.C. (Emerald/Tusculum)

Redshirt junior placekicker who is eligible this season after transferring from Tusculum... went through spring drills with the Gamecocks... connected on 18-of-29 field goal attempts and 52-of-59 PATs during his two seasons with the Pioneers, a Division II school in Tennessee.

2017: Attended South Carolina but did not participate in football.

2016: Named to the preseason All-South Atlantic Conference first team... connected on 7-of-15 field goal attempts and 19-of-21 extra points in his sophomore season at Tusculum.

2015: Earned All-South Atlantic Conference first-team honors, becoming the first freshman placekicker at Tusculum to earn that distinction... made 11-of-14 field goals... hit his first four field goal tries and his final seven, including a season-long 46-yarder vs. Catawba... led the team with 66 points... connected on 33-of-38 PATs... recorded 31 touchbacks on 62 kickoffs.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Emerald High School in Greenwood, S.C. in 2015... coached by Tim McMahon... logged 65 touchbacks on 75 kickoffs... connected on 9-of-12 field goals and aveaged 36.7 yards per punt... was a 2014 all-region selection, eanred all-state honors from the High School Sports Report and was an All-Lakelands kicker... named the team MVP and was Emerald's Wendy's Heisman recipient... also earned all-region and All-Lakelands honors in soccer while being named his team's MVP in that sport as well... was a member of the 20112 soccer regional championship squad.

PERSONAL: William Ryan Tommie was born January 24, 1996... is an interdisciplinary studies major... brother Christopher, was a kicker/punter at Wofford from 2005-09... brother, Jeremy, played football at Presbyterian from 2010-12.



## A.J. TURNER

RB | 5-10 | 195 JR

Clifton, Va. (Centreville)

2017 Most Explosive Player - Offense

2015 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team

Hard-nosed runner who can run between the tackles but also has the speed to get to the edge... became the 43rd player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in his career... has played in 25 games making 10 starts... has scored seven touchdowns and owns three 100-yard rushing games.

2017: Redshirt sophomore running back who began the campaign as the third-team back and finished the regular season as the team's top rusher... logged 531 yards on 98 carries, an average of 5.4 yards per rush, with three touchdowns... also caught 18 passes for 117 yards and returned a team-high 11 kicks for a 17.1-yard average... paced the team with 836 all-purpose yards, an average of 64.3 per game... recognized as the Most Explosive Player on offense... also credited with a team-high six tackles on special teams... had just 20 carries for 60 yards (3.0 per carry) through the first six games before rushing 78 times for 471 yards (6.0 per carry) over the final seven contests after Rico Dowdle was injured... rushed 14 times for 86 yards and the only touchdown of the game in the win over Tennessee... surpassed that with a 15-carry, 121-yard, one-score performance against Vanderbilt... set career highs in the win over Florida when he gained 136 yards on 22 carries and added 36

yards on three receptions... also made a key play after a Carolina interception against the Gators, recovering a Florida fumble in the end zone... became the 43rd player in Carolina history to reach 1,000 career rushing yards in the Wofford win, when he led the team with 69 yards on the ground... left the Clemson game early in the first half with a high ankle sprain.

2016: Redshirt freshman running back who played in 12 games with four starts.... named to Athlon's All-SEC Freshman second team as a kick returner... ranked second on the team with 116 carries for 497 yards... led the team with 13 carries for 70 yards at Vanderbilt... had an 18-yard touchdown reception at Mississippi State for his first career TD... burst 80 yards on the opening kick to set up South Carolina's first touchdown against East Carolina... was back in the starting lineup at Kentucky, when he carried the ball 12 times for 42 yards and a score... had his best rushing game against Texas A&M with 10 carries for 116 yards and a TD while also catching four passes for 22 yards... broke loose on the A&M game's first play from scrimmage, racing 75 yards to paydirt just 17 seconds into the game, the fastest score for Carolina since 2010... carried the ball 11 times for 30 yards, caught four passes for 17 yards and returned three kicks for 69 yards against Georgia... left the Missouri game with an injury and missed the Florida game... returned to carry the ball 17 times for 97 yards against Western Carolina... had 10 carries for 49 yards and a touchdown in the Birmingham Bowl versus USF.

2015: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Running back who graduated from Centreville High School in Clifton, Va., in 2015... played both sides of the ball for head coach Chris Haddock... missed much of his senior season with a wrist injury when the Wildcats went 12-3 and reached the state 6A title game before losing in overtime... played in the International Bowl in Arlington, Texas, following the season... helped guide his team to an undefeated season and a state title as a junior when he rushed for 1,287 yards, scored 32 touchdowns and logged eight interceptions... rated the 18th-best player in the state and the 44th-best running back in the nation by Rivals... rated the 41st-best running back in the country by Scout... regarded as the 17th-best player in the state and the 34th-best running back in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 31st-best player in Virginia and the No. 80 running back in the country by ESPN.

**PERSONAL:** Antonio Turner was born May 12, 1997... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

#### **TURNER'S STATISTICS**

		-RU	-RUSHING-											
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long								
2016	12/4	116	497	4.3	3	75								
2017	13/6	98	531	5.4	3	30								
Total	25/10	214	1,028	4.8	6	75								
-RECEIVING-														
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long								
2016	12/4	21	143	6.8	1	18								
2017	13/6	18	117	6.5	0	15								
Total	25/10	39	260	6.7	1	18								
	-	кіск	RETUR	NS-										
Year	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long								
2016	12/4	13	321	24.7	0	80								
2017	13/6	11	188	17.1	0	28								
Total	25/10	24	509	21.2	0	80								

#### **TURNER'S HIGHS**

Carries22, Florida, 2017
Yards Rushing136, Florida, 2017
Long Rush
Rushing TDs
100-yard Rushing Games Three times
Receptions4, Three times
Yards Receiving36, Florida, 2017
Long Reception18, twice:
Vanderbilt, 2016 and Miss. St., 2016
Touchdown Receptions 1, Miss. St., 2016
Long Kick Return 80, E. Carolina, 2016





## JAY **Urich**

QB | 6-5 | 210 | FR | RS

Greenville, S.C. (Wren)

Redshirt freshman quarterback who will compete with Michael Scarnecchia and Dakeron Joyner for the number 2 signal-caller duties behind incumbent Jake Bentley... rangy athlete who has the ability to run as well as pass.

2017: Freshman quarterback who was redshirted in his first season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for the Wren Hurricanes in Piedmont, S.C... completed 58.1 percent of his passes during his senior season, going 183-for-315 for 2,055 yards... tossed 20 TDs while averaging 186.8 yards passing... rushed 183 times for 1,036 yards and 15 scores... coached by Jeff Tate... selected to play in the North-South All-Star Game following his senior season... threw for 2,758 yards with 21 touchdowns in 12 games as a junior in 2015... Rivals ranked him as the fourth-best player in the state, and the 14th-best dual-threat quarterback in the country... considered the 17th-best player in the state and the 19th-best dual-threat in the country by 247Sports... ranked as the 10th-best player in South Carolina and the 26th-pocket passer in the country by ESPN... considered the 54th-best QB in the nation by Scout.

**PERSONAL:** Jay Urich was born December 17, 1998... is undecided on his major field of study.



## LAVONTE **VALENTINE**

RB | 6-0 | 190 | FR | HS

Melbourne, Fla. (Melbourne Central Catholic)

Speedy running back who enrolled at Carolina in January... missed the spring while recovering from knee surgery from an injury he sustained in high school... could help on special teams as a returner.

HIGH SCHOOL: Speedy running back who prepped at Melbourne (Fla.) Central Catholic High School... graduated in December 2017... the Hustlers, under the direction of head coach Stacy Sizemore, posted an 8-4 record in 2017... missed much of his senior season after undergoing knee surgery, but ran for 884 yards (9.6 yards per carry) and accounted for 14 total touchdowns in 2016... won the Florida 4A 100-meter title with a time of 10.61 in the spring of 2017... ranked as the No. 18 all-purpose back prospect and the 95th-best player from the state of Florida in 247's national composite rankings... Rivals ranked him as the 85th-best player in Florida and the 26th-best running back in the nation... named to the *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region team.

**PERSONAL:** Lavonte Valentine was born September 20, 1999... is a public health major.



## JOSH VANN

WR | 5-10 | 185 | FR | HS

Tucker, Ga. (Tucker)

True freshman who enrolled during the summer... highly-recruited receiver who could see early playing time.



HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Tucker (Ga.) High School in 2018... was a first-team all-state selection... coached by Bryan Lamar... the Tigers finished the 2017 season with a 12-2 record and a No. 24 ranking in the state while reaching the Class AAAAAA state Final Four... caught 46 passes for 867 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior, and added 141 yards and a touchdown rushing... a U.S. Army All-American Bowl participant who also competed at The Opening Finals camp... scored 13 touchdowns on 63 catches for 1,300 yards as a junior... ranked as the No. 25 wide receiver prospect in the country in 247's national composite rankings, and 146th-best prospect nationally... Rivals ranks him as the 24th-best player in Georgia, the 37th-best wide receiver in the country and No. 191 overall... rated No. 233 on the ESPN300 list and No. 280 on the *PrepStar* 300 list.



## M.J. **WEBB**

94

DL | 6-3 | 288 | FR | RS

Rutledge, Ga. (Morgan County)

2017 Defensive Scout Team Award2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Redshirt freshman defensive lineman... went through his second spring drills with the squad after enrolling early a year ago.

**2017:** True freshman defensive lineman... graduated from high school early and joined the Gamecocks in time to go through bowl practices in Columbia in 2016 and through spring ball in 2017... redshirted... earned the Defensive Scout Team Award... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Morgan County (Madison, Ga.) High School in December 2016... named the Georgia 3A Region 8 Player of the Year in 2016... helped the Bulldogs and head coach Bill Malone post an 8-3 record and earn a spot in the state playoffs in his senior season... recorded 77 tackles, including a dozen tackles for loss and 7.0 sacks as a junior in 2015... played in the RisingSeniors.com Georgia Junior Bowl following the 2015 season... considered the 21st-best player in the state, the 12th-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 200 overall by Rivals... rated as the 26th-best player in the state of Georgia, the 13th-best strongside defensive end in the country and No. 295 nationally overall by 247Sports... ESPN considered him the 28th-best player in the state of Georgia, the 16th-best defensive tackle in the country and No. 220 on the ESPN300 list... Scout rated him No. 52 among the nation's defensive tackles.

**PERSONAL:** Marcellus "M.J." Webb was born October 10, 1998... interested in studying criminal justice.



## PARKER WHITE

43

PK | 6-5 | 200 | SO | 1L

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)

#### 2018 Harold White GPA Award - Special Teams

Returning starting placekicker who will have to fend off challenges from several others to hold that spot again in 2018... also is the leading candidate to handle the kickoff chores again this season.

**2017:** Was added to the roster as a walk-on in January... handled the kickof duties... logged 44 touchbacks among his 65 kickoffs (68 pct.)... took over as the full-time starter on placements in game 4 against Louisiana Tech...

led the team in scoring with 68 points... connected on 14-of-25 field goal attempts overall, but was 10-for-11 inside 40 yards... converted all 26 extra point attempts... missed his first four field goal attempts before connecting from 31-yards out with just four seconds remaining in the contest to lift the Gamecocks to a 17-16 win over Louisiana Tech... had his best day as a Gamecock in the win at Tennessee, connecting on field goals of 47, 21 and 36 yards in a 15-9 victory... went 2-for-3 in the win over Vanderbilt, with makes of 44 and 39... also made 2-of-3 field goal attempts in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan, including a 44-yarder... connected on 11 of his final 15 field goal attempts on the season, with the four misses coming from beyond 45 yards.

2016: Was enrolled at South Carolina but did not participate in football.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Wando High School in Mount Pleasant,

#### WHITE'S HIGHS

 S.C. in 2016... was a two-time Special Teams Player of the Year for the Warriors.

**PERSONAL:** Parker H. White was born July 24, 1998... is a sport and entertainment management major.

WHITE'S STATISTICS										
-PLACEKICKING-										
Year	GP	FG	i-A	Pct	Pct Long		PAT-A		Pts.	
2017	13	14-	-25	56.0	47	, _	26-26		68	
				-FIELD	GOALS-					
Year	M-A	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk	
2017	14-25	56.0	0-0	6-6	4-5	4-12	0-2	47	0	
				-KICH	OFFS-					
Year	No.	Yds	Av	g. '	тв с	)B				
2017	65	4172	64	.2	44	2				



## JAMYEST **Williams**

21

DB | 5-8 | 182 | SO | 1L

Dacula, Ga. (Grayson)

#### 2017 SEC All-Freshman Team

Sophomore defensive back who earned a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team in 2017... did not participate in spring drills after suffering a late season shoulder injury that required surgery... can play corner, safety or nickel.

2017: Earned a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team... played in 11 contests, primarily at nickel, totaling 38 tackles, including 32 solo stops... had a pair of interceptions... was a game-changer in the Missouri win with six tackles and his first INT in his first start... his pick against the Tigers set up Carolina's goahead TD one play later... tallied four tackles against Kentucky and recovered his first fumble... had another four-tackle outing versus Louisiana Tech... led the team and set a career high with 10 tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss, against Texas A&M... had three stops including 1.0 TFL against Georgia... made five tackles, including one for loss against Florida, and sealed the game with an interception on the Gators' final drive... missed the Wofford game due to injury... played against Clemson, but missed the Outback Bowl after undergoing shoulder surgery.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Grayson High School in Loganville, Ga., in 2017... played for head coach Jeff Herron... the Rams posted a 14-1 record while earning the Class 7A state title in 2016 after reaching the semifinals in 2015... named first-team all-state... played in the Under Armour All-American Game following his senior season... played in the RisingSeniors. com Georgia Junior Bowl in 2015... Rivals rated him the 13th-best player in the state, the 12th-best "athlete" in the country and No. 159 overall...

considered the ninth-best player in the state, the 12th-best cornerback in the country and No. 87 overall by 247Sports... ranked as the fourth-best player in Georgia, the third-best cornerback in the country and the No. 39 player

#### J. WILLIAMS' HIGHS

Tackles 10, Texas A&M, 2017
Tackles for Loss 2.0, Texas A&M, 2017
Interceptions 1, twice: Missouri, 2017
& Florida, 2017

overall by ESPN... rated as the fifth-best "athlete" in the country and No. 86 overall by Scout.

**PERSONAL:** Jamyest Williams was born June 22, 1999... is a broadcast journalism major.

#### J. WILLIAMS' STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2017	11/6	32	6	38	4.0-6	0.0 - 0	2	1	1	0	1



## TY'SON WILLIAMS

**27** 

#### RB | 6-0 | 219 | JR | 1L

Sumter, S.C. (Crestwood/North Carolina)

#### 2016 Co-Offensive Scout Team Award

One of four junior running backs on the roster who will compete for snaps again this season... transfer from North Carolina who was eligible for the Gamecocks for the first time in 2017... has a good combo of size and speed.

**2017:** Redshirt sophomore who ranked second on the team with 95 carries and with 471 rushing yards... also caught 12 passes for 32 yards... had both a rushing and a receiving TD... made his Gamecock debut in the season-opening win over NC State... paced the team with 14 carries for 78 yards at Missouri... exploded for 95 yards on 13 carries plus two catches for 14 yards in his first start against Louisiana Tech... raced to a 35-yard score against the Bulldogs, giving Carolina a fourth-quarter lead... picked up a team-best 73 yards on 14 carries at Texas A&M... caught a three-yard scoring pass and added eight carries for 35 yards vs. Arkansas... rushed 11 times for 47 yards in the win at Tennessee... did not play against Florida... logged 58 yards on eight carries against Wofford... led the team with 53 rushing yards on 13 carries vs. Clemson... earned the start in the Outback Bowl.

**2016:** Took a redshirt season per NCAA transfer rules... earned the coaches' Offensive Scout Team Award.

**2015:** Rushed 19 times for 57 yards and caught one pass as a true freshman at North Carolina... appeared in six games with highs of 10 carries for 31 yards in the win over Duke... logged four carries for 19 yards vs. NC A&T.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Crestwood High School in Sumter, S.C., in 2015... played for Keith Crolley and Roosevelt Nelson... ran for 1,058 yards and 14 touchdowns on 194 carries as a senior... named all-region and selected to play in the 2014 Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl, a South Carolina all-star game... rushed 181 times for 1,608 yards and 16 touchdowns as a junior in 2013... also gained 1,008 yards on the ground

#### T. WILLIAMS' STATISTICS

-RUSHING-										
Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
2015*	* 6/0	19	57	3.0	0	8				
2016		-	Redshii	rted-						
2017	12/3	95	471	5.0	1	35				
Total	18/3	114	528	4.6	1	35				
		-REC	EIVING	i-						
Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
2015*	6/0	1	0	0.0	0	0				
2016		-	Redshii	rted -						
2017	12/3	12	32	2.7	1	13				
Total	18/3	13	32	2.5	1	13				
*2015	at North	Caro	lina							

and scored 17 touchdowns as a sophomore... helped lead the Knights to a 9-4 record and a AAA playoff victory in 2013... member of the ESPN300 as the No. 135 player in the country... considered the top player in South Carolina by ESPN as well as the No. 11 running back nationally.

**PERSONAL:** Ty'Son Williams was born Sept. 4, 1996... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

#### T. WILLIAMS' HIGHS

Carries14, twice: Missouri, 2017
& Texas A&M, 2017
Yards Rushing 95, Louisiana Tech, 2017
Long Rush35, Louisiana Tech, 2017
Rushing TDs1, Louisiana Tech, 2017
Receptions
Yards Receiving 14, Louisiana Tech, 2017
Long Reception 13, Clemson, 2017
TD Receptions



## **WONNUM**

DL | 6-5 | 258 | JR | 2L

Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)

2018 Rex Enright Co-Defensive Player of the Spring

2017 Team Captain

2017 Most Productive Player - Defense

2017 Strength & Conditioning Award

2017 Rex Enright Defensive Player of the Spring

2016 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team

16-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll

Junior defensive lineman who is a candidate for All-SEC recognition after a breakout season in 2017... named to Athlon Sports' 2018 pre-season third-team All-SEC unit... a two-time SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week selection... one of just three sophomores who have been named a permanent team captain in school history... has played in all 26 games over the past two seasons making 13 starts... owns 16.5 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks.

2017: Sophomore who was named a permanent team captain... also honored as a Strength & Conditioning Award winner and the Most Productive Player for the defense... started all 13 games... collected 57 tackles, while leading the team with 13.0 tackles for loss and 6.0 sacks... ranked eighth in the SEC in tackles for loss... earned his first career start versus NC State and responded with eight tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss and a sack... tallied three tackles and a sack in the Missouri win... made seven tackles against Kentucky along with 1.5 tackles for loss... collected four tackles, a tackle for loss, two pass breakups and a quarterback hurry in the win over Arkansas, earning his first SEC weekly honor... earned SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors for the second-straight game after recording six tackles and two sacks in the win over Tennessee... blocked a PAT in the win over Vanderbilt... set a career high with nine tackles against Georgia, which included 1.5 tackles for loss and a sack... recorded a sack on Florida's final drive of the game to help seal the victory... had 2.0 tackles for loss against Wofford... posted four tackles and two pass breakups against Clemson... had five stops in the Outback Bowl win over Michigan... named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2016: True freshman defensive lineman who played in every game... named to Athlon's All-SEC Freshman second team... logged 32 tackles, tops among all Gamecock freshmen... also had 3.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks and a pair of quarterback hurries... came up with three tackles at Mississippi State... had his best game in the East Carolina win, with four solo tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and a sack... notched two tackles and was credited with two quarterback hurries against Texas A&M... recorded two tackles and combined for a sack in the Missouri win... made two tackles, including 1.0 TFL, at Florida... matched his season high with four tackles at Clemson... named to the 2016-17 First-Year SEC Honor Roll.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Dennis "D.J." Wonnum Jr. was named to the All-Region team for Class 6 – AAAAA Division A as a senior at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga... graduated in 2016... collected 38 tackles with 11 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks... the Jaguars posted a 9-2 record and earned a

spot in the state playoffs in 2015 under head coach Ron Gartrell... earned all-state honors at tight end during his junior season... 247Sports rated him the 126th-best player in the state of Georgia and the 87th-best weakside defensive end in the country... ESPN considered him the 113th-best player in Georgia and the No. 121 defensive end in the country.

**PERSONAL:** Full name is Dennis O. Wonnum Jr... born October 31, 1997... is a sport and entertainment management major... brother, Dylan, is a freshman offensive lineman for the Gamecocks.

	WONNUM'S STATISTICS										
Year	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QBS	INT	PBU	QBH	FF	FR
2016	13/0	16	16	32	3.5-14	1.5-12	0	0	2	0	0
2017	13/13	32	25	57	13.0-50	6.0-37	0	5	2	0	0
Total	26/13	48	41	89	16.5-64	7.5-49	0	5	4	0	0

#### **WONNUM'S HIGHS**

Tackles	9, Georgia, 2017
Tackles for Loss	3.0, NC State, 2017
Sacks	2.0, Tennessee, 2017
QB Hurries	2, Texas A&M, 2016
Pass Breakups	2, twice: Arkansas, 2017
	& Clemson, 2017





## DYLAN **Wonnum**

OL | 6-5 | 310 | FR | HS

Tucker, Ga. (Tucker)

Highly-touted offensive line prospect who enrolled in June.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Tucker (Ga.) High School in 2018... helped the Tigers go 12-2 and earn a No. 24 ranking in the state... Tucker reached the Class AAAAAA state Final Four in his senior season... was a first-team all-state selection... earned first-team All-USA Georgia football team accolades as selected by USA TODAY as a senior... credited with 24 pancake blocks as a senior... anchored an offensive line that pounded out 258.7 yards per game and 7.9 yards per carry... named an Under Armour All-American... coached by Bryan Lamar... ranks 13th in national composite rankings of offensive tackle prospects, and is listed as the 178th-best overall prospect in the country... ranked No. 117 on the ESPN300 list... listed No. 36 overall and the fourth-best offensive tackle in the country as part of *PrepStar's* Dream Team.

**PERSONAL:** Dylan Wonnum is interested in the criminal justice program... is the brother of current Gamecock standout D.J. Wonnum.



# ALEXANDER WOZNICK

PK | 5-11 | 166 | SO | 1L

Greenville, S.C. (Eastside)

2017 Harold White GPA Award - Special Teams

Redshirt sophomore placekicker who will again challenge for starting duties.

**2017:** Began the season as the team's starting placekicker... tallied 13 points on 1-of-3 field goals and 10-of-11 extra point attempts... connected on all five of his PATs in the season-opener against NC State... his first career made

field goal came from 32-yards out at Missouri... had one kickoff, a 65-yarder against Arkansas, in which he was credited with the tackle... named as the Harold White GPA Award winner for special teams in the spring.

2016: Redshirted as a true freshman placekicker.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Graduated from Eastside High School in Greenville, S.C., in 2016... played football for head coach Steve Wilson... was a three-year letterwinner for the Eagles... named the Eastside Football Special Teams Player of the Year as a senior after tying for the team lead with 60 points... received a five-star ranking by Chris Sailer Kicking... also lettered twice in soccer... helped his team to the 2014 soccer AAA state title... earned the SCHSL

#### **WOZNICK'S HIGHS**

 Scholar-Athlete Award... member of the BETA Club.

**PERSONAL:** Alexander Dymitre Woznick was born March 9, 1998... is a media arts major.

WOZNICK'S HIGHS										
-PLACEKICKING-										
Year	GP	FC	G-A	Pct	Lon	ıg	PAT-A		Pts.	
2017	4	1	-3	33.3 32		10-11		13		
-FIELD GOALS-										
Year	M-A	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk	
2017	1-3	33.3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-0	32	0	



## MALIK YOUNG

OL | 6-3 | 287 | SR | 2L

Pelzer, S.C. (Woodmont)

Senior offensive lineman who provides experience and quality depth up front... has played both left and right tackle... moved to the defensive side of the ball prior to the beginning of spring drills... suffered an ankle injury early in spring camp and missed much of the camp... returned to the offensive side of the ball late in the spring... owns 13 career starts.

**2017:** Offensive lineman who moved from right tackle to left tackle in the spring... started the first two games at left tackle... was the starter in games 4 and 5 against Louisiana Tech and Texas A&M at the right tackle spot... left the A&M game with a first-quarter injury and did not return to the lineup.

**2016:** Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman... played in every game, with nine starts, all at right tackle... made his first career start against Texas A&M and did not leave the starting lineup for the remainder of the year.

**2015:** Offensive lineman who saw limited duty in three contests... played on special teams against Kentucky, Georgia and UCF... also took some snaps on offense late in the game against the Bulldogs.

2014: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Offensive lineman who prepped for the Woodmont Wildcats in Piedmont, S.C... coached by Jason Farmer... team went 4-7 in his final year... earned a spot on the Division II-AAAA all-state team by the High School Sports Report... an all-region and two-time all-county selection... played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and the Offense-Defense All-American Game... also lettered in track & field... Rivals.com considered the 20th-best offensive guard in the nation... Scout ranked him as the 98th-best offensive tackle in the country... considered the 23rd-best player in the state, and the 47th-best offensive guard in the nation, according to 247Sports. com... ESPN considered him the 36th-best offensive guard in the nation and the 19th-best player in the state... a PrepStar All-Atlantic Region pick.

**PERSONAL:** Malik Shaqid Young was born January 18, 1996... is a retail management major with an August graduation date.

