

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS



FOOTBALL - 2023



North Carolina
Sept. 2
7:30 pm ET
ABC
L, 17-31

Furman
Sept. 9
7:30 pm ET
ESPN+/SECN+
W, 47-21

at Georgia
Sept. 16
3:30 pm ET
CBS

Miss State
Sept. 23
7:30 pm ET
SECN

at Tennessee
Sept. 30

Florida
Oct. 14

at Missouri
Oct. 21

at Texas A&M
Oct. 28

Jacksonville St.
Nov. 4

Vanderbilt
Nov. 11

Kentucky
Nov. 18

Clemson
Nov. 25

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

Network.....CBS
Play-by-Play.....Brad Nessler
Analyst.....Gary Danielson
Sideline.....Jenny Dell

RADIO

National Radio.....Westwood One
Play-by-Play.....JP Shadrick
Analyst.....Derek Rackley
Gamecock Sports Network
Play-by-Play.....Todd Ellis
Analyst.....Tommy Suggs
Sideline.....Chet Tucker

Satellite Radio

Sirius/XM.....Channel 119 or 192

QUICK FACTS

Location.....Columbia, S.C.
Founded.....1801
Enrollment.....36,200

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Shane Beamer
Alma Mater.....Virginia Tech (1999)
Overall Record.....16-12 (3rd year)
Record at South Carolina.....16-12 (3rd year)
Defensive Backs.....Torrian Gray*
Running Backs.....Montario Hardesty
Assoc. HC/Special Teams Coord.....Pete Lembo
Offensive Coord./QBs.....Dowell Loggains*
Outside LBs/Defensive Ends.....Sterling Lucas
Defensive Line.....Travian Robertson
Wide Receivers.....Justin Stepp
Offensive Line.....Lonnie Teasley
Defensive Coord./Inside LBs.....Clayton White
Tight Ends.....Jody Wright
Director of Strength & Conditioning.....Luke Day
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-/RV South Carolina Gamecocks (1-1, 0-0 SEC)

vs

#1/1 Georgia Bulldogs (2-0, 0-0 SEC)

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 ♦ 3:30 pm ET
Sanford Stadium (92,746) ♦ Athens, Ga.

Openers and Storylines

♦ The South Carolina Gamecocks (1-1, 0-0 SEC) open the Southeastern Conference portion of their 2023 schedule when they travel to Athens, Ga. on Saturday, Sept. 16, to face the top-ranked and two-time defending national champion Georgia Bulldogs (2-0, 0-0 SEC). The contest on Vince Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium (92,746) is set for a 3:39 pm kick.

♦ This week's game will be televised nationally on CBS. Brad Nessler will handle the play-by play while Gary Danielson adds the color commentary. Jenny Dell will patrol the sidelines. Westwood One has the national radio broadcast with JP Shadrick and Derek Rackley describing all the action. The Gamecock Sports Radio Network features a pair of Gamecock Great quarterbacks in Todd Ellis (32nd season) and Tommy Suggs (51st season) in the booth. Chet Tucker is in his first season as the sideline reporter.

♦ 2023 marks the 130th season of intercollegiate football at the University of South Carolina, dating back to 1892. It is the 117th-consecutive year in which South Carolina has competed on the gridiron. The University did not field a team in either 1893 or 1906. Carolina owns an all-time record of 630-607-44, a .509 winning percentage. Since the start of the 21st century, the Gamecocks have posted a 164-125 record, a .567 winning clip.

♦ The Gamecocks are 1-1 after dropping a 31-17 decision to No. 21/20 North Carolina in the Duke's Mayo Classic, held in Charlotte, N.C. in the opening week, then bouncing back with a convincing 47-21 win over Furman, the sixth-ranked team in the FCS, last Saturday in Columbia. The Gamecocks have been led by quarterback **Spencer Rattler** and wide receiver **Xavier Legette**. Rattler leads the SEC and ranks third in the nation with 349.0 passing yards per game, trailing only Colorado's Shedeur Sanders and Washington's Michael Penix Jr. He has thrown for over 300 yards in four of his last five contests dating back to last season. Rattler also leads the SEC and ranks third in the country with an .833 completion percentage (55-of-66), behind only Michigan's J.J. McCarthy and UAB's Jacob Zeno. Legette leads the SEC and ranks second in the country in receiving yards per game at 148.0, trailing only Miami (O)'s Gage Lavadain.



Kirby Smart, Sam Pittman and Shane Beamer



#1/1 GEORGIA

2-0 Overall; 0-0 SEC

Head Coach.....Kirby Smart
 Alma Mater Georgia (1998)
 Georgia Record 83-15 (8th year)
 Career Record..... 83-15 (8th year)
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Bulldogs Schedule

Sept. 2 vs. UT Martin W, 48-7
 Sept. 9 vs. Ball State W, 45-3
Sept. 16 vs. South Carolina* 3:30 pm
 Sept. 23 vs. UAB 7:30 pm
 Sept. 30 at Auburn* TBA
 Oct. 7 vs. Kentucky* TBA
 Oct. 14 at Vanderbilt* TBA
 Oct. 21 OPEN
 Oct. 28 vs. Florida (Jacksonville)* 3:30 pm
 Nov. 4 vs. Missouri* TBA
 Nov. 11 vs. Ole Miss* TBA
 Nov. 18 at Tennessee* TBA
 Nov. 25 at Georgia Tech TBA
 *SEC game

Series Capsule

Series History..... UGA leads 54-19-2
 In Columbia..... UGA leads 23-10-2
 In Athens..... UGA leads 30-9-0
 At Neutral Site..... UGA leads 1-0-0
 First Meeting UGA 40, SC 0 (Nov. 3, 1894)
 Last Meeting..... UGA 48, SC 7 (Sept. 17, 2022)
 Last Meeting in Athens...UGA 40, SC 13 (Sept. 18, 2021)
 Last SC Win..... SC 20, UGA 17, 2OT (Oct. 12, 2019)
 Beamer vs. Georgia..... 0-2
 Smart vs. South Carolina..... 6-1

Series Superlatives

Most Points - SC..... 45 (2011)
 Most Points - UGA..... 52 twice (1970 & 2015)
 Most Points - Combined 87 (2011)
 SC 45, UGA 42
 Biggest Margin Victory - SC..... 28 (2012)
 SC 35, UGA 7
 Biggest Margin Victory - UGA..... 41 (2022)
 UGA 48, SC 7
 Longest Winning Streak - SC 3 (2010-12)
 Longest Winning Streak - UGA..... 10 (twice)
 (1908-1941 and 1966-1977)
 Current Streak..... UGA has won 3 in a row

CAROLINA VS. GEORGIA: This is the 76th meeting between these two bordering flagship state universities. Georgia leads the all-time series by a 54-19-2 margin, including a 30-9 mark in Athens and a 23-10-2 advantage in Columbia. Since becoming SEC Eastern Division rivals in 1992, the Bulldogs own a 21-10 lead in the series, including a 10-5 mark in Athens.

Most Games Played vs. South Carolina

No.	Opponent	Games
1.	Clemson	119
2.	Georgia	75
3.	North Carolina	60
4.	NC State	58
5.	Wake Forest	56

THE LAST TIME THEY MET: The No. 1/2 Georgia Bulldogs scored 24 points in both halves in a 48-7 victory over the Gamecocks in Columbia on Sept. 17, 2022. Stetson Bennett went 16-for-23 for 284 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score. The Gamecocks lone score came on a fourth quarter touchdown pass. The 41-point margin of victory was the greatest in the 75-game series.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET HERE: JT Daniels completed 21-of-31 passes for 303 yards and three touchdowns and Georgia's fearsome defense nearly made it three-straight games without allowing a TD as the No. 2 Bulldogs ran away with a 40-13 victory over South Carolina on Sept. 18, 2021 in Athens. **Josh Vann** logged a career-best 128 yards receiving for the Gamecocks, including a 36-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.

THE LAST GAMECOCK WIN: In the high point of the 2019 season, the Gamecocks went into Athens on Oct. 12 and knocked off the No. 3/3 Bulldogs by a 20-17 mark in double-overtime. **Israel Mukuamu** was the star of the game, intercepting three Jake Fromm passes, including a 53-yard pick-six in the upset win. **Parker White** connected on a 24-yard field in the second overtime, before Rodrigo Blankenship missed from 42, providing the winning margin. Georgia outgained Carolina 468-297 on the afternoon, but four turnovers proved costly for the Dawgs. The win matched the best road win for Carolina in school history and the Gamecocks were recognized as the National Team of the Week.

South Carolina vs Georgia since 2010

Year	Score	Year	Score
2010	SC 17, UGA 6	2017	UGA 24, SC 10
2011	SC 45, UGA 42	2018	UGA 41, SC 17
2012	SC 35, UGA 7	2019	SC 20, UGA 17
2013	UGA 41, SC 30	2020	UGA 45, SC 16
2014	SC 38, UGA 35	2021	UGA 40, SC 13
2015	UGA 52, SC 20	2022	UGA 48, SC 7
2016	UGA 28, SC 14		

BEEN HERE, DONE THAT: Georgia enters this week's game ranked atop the Associated Press poll. Four of South Carolina's top 10 wins in school history according to the A.P. have come against the Bulldogs.

BEST WINS IN SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY

No.	Date	Opponent	AP Rank	Score
1.	10/09/10	vs Alabama	1	35-21
2.	10/24/81	at North Carolina	3	31-13
	10/12/19	at Georgia	3	20-17
4.	09/24/09	vs Ole Miss	4	16-10
5.	10/06/12	vs Georgia	5	35-7
	10/26/13	at Missouri	5	27-24
	11/19/22	vs Tennessee	5	63-38
8.	09/24/88	vs Georgia	6	23-10
	11/30/13	vs Clemson	6	31-17
	09/13/14	vs Georgia	6	38-35

By the Numbers

	UGA	SC
Record	2-0	1-1
Points/Game	46.5	32.0
Opp. Points/Game	5.0	26.0
Rushing Attempts	58	70
Yards Rushing/Game	129.0	53.0
Yards Per Rush	4.4	1.5
Opp. Pushing Attempts	58	70
Opp. Yards Rush/Game	104.5	124.0
Opp. Yards/Rush	3.6	3.5
Passes Attempted	73	77
Passes Completed	50	62
Yards Passing/Game	343.5	408.0
Opp. Passes Attempted	70	66
Opp. Passes Completed	36	44
Opp. Yards Passing/Game	137.5	256.0
Total Plays	131	147
Total Offense	945	922
Avg. Yards/Game	472.5	461.0
Avg. Yards/Play	7.2	6.3
Opp. Total Plays	128	136
Opp. Total Offense	484	760
Opp. Total Yards/Game	242.0	380.0
Opp. Total Yards/Play	3.8	5.6
3rd Down Conv.	48%	45%
Opp. 3rd Down Conv.	21%	50%
4th Down Conv.	0-0	1-5
Opp. 4th Down Conv.	2-3	2-4
Avg. Poss. Time/Game	29:29	29:38

BEAMER SEES RED: First-year South Carolina head coach **Shane Beamer** served on Kirby Smart's staff at Georgia as the tight ends coach and special teams coordinator in 2016 and '17. This is the ninth time Coach Beamer has been on the sidelines for Carolina-Georgia. He has been on the winning sideline in four of the previous eight contests.

GEORGIA ON MY MIND: Gamecock analyst **Greg Adkins** served on the Georgia coaching staff from 1996-2000. DFO **George Wynn** started for three years at Georgia and served as a team captain as a senior, graduating in 1992.

OLD FRIEND ALERT: UGA's co-defensive coordinator **Will Muschamp** served as the Gamecocks' head coach from 2016-20, posting a 28-30 record. **Mike Bobo** and **Bryan McClendon**, who both worked on Muschamp's staff at South Carolina, now toil on Kirby Smart's staff at Georgia. Bobo is the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach while McClendon serves as the passing game coordinator. All three are UGA grads.

IT JUST MEANS MORE: The Gamecocks list 18 players from the state of Georgia. Those who hail from the Peach State include Trovon Baugh (Atlanta), Colten Gauthier (Bethlehem), Vicari Swain (Carrollton), Grayson Mains (Cumming), Jalon Kilgore (Eatonton), Donovan Westmoreland (Griffin), Felix Hixon (Jackson), Jordan Strachan (Kingsland), Juju McDowell (Leesburg), Jaron Willis (Leesburg), CJ Adams (Mableton), Emory Floyd (Marietta), B.J. Gibson (Marietta), Cason Henry (Marietta), DeAngelo Gibbs (Oxford), David Spaulding (Riceboro), Djay Braswell (Sandersville) and Jatavius Shivers (Villa Rica). Gibbs began his collegiate career at Georgia. In addition, Carolina student assistant Lovasea Carroll began his playing career at Georgia.

2023 SEC Standings

EASTERN DIVISION

	SEC	PCT	PF	PA	ALL	PCT	PF	PA
Georgia	0-0	.000	0	0	2-0	1.000	93	10
Kentucky	0-0	.000	0	0	2-0	1.000	72	31
Missouri	0-0	.000	0	0	2-0	1.000	58	29
Tennessee	0-0	.000	0	0	2-0	1.000	79	26
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	0	0	2-1	.667	102	77
S. Carolina	0-0	.000	0	0	1-1	.500	64	52
Florida	0-0	.000	0	0	1-1	.500	60	31

WESTERN DIVISION

	SEC	PCT	PF	PA	ALL	PCT	PF	PA
Arkansas	0-0	.000	0	0	2-0	1.000	84	19
Auburn	0-0	.000	0	0	2-0	1.000	73	24
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	0	0	2-0	1.000	110	27
Miss. State	0-0	.000	0	0	2-0	1.000	79	31
Alabama	0-0	.000	0	0	1-1	.500	80	41
LSU	0-0	.000	0	0	1-1	.500	96	55
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	0	0	1-1	.500	85	58

Last Week in the SEC

South Carolina 47, Furman 21

Wake Forest 36, Vanderbilt 20

Georgia 45, Ball State 3

Kentucky 28, Eastern Kentucky 17

Ole Miss 37, Tulane 20

Miami (Fla.) 48, Texas A&M 33

Arkansas 28, Kent State 6

Tennessee 30, Austin Peay 13

Texas 34, Alabama 24

Missouri 23, Middle Tennessee State 19

LSU 72, Grambling 10

Florida 49, McNeese 7

Mississippi State 31, Arizona 24 OT

Auburn 14, California 10

This Week in the SEC

***South Carolina at Georgia, 3:30 pm**

*LSU at Mississippi State, Noon

Kansas State at Missouri, Noon

Alabama at South Florida, 3:30 pm

UL Monroe at Texas A&M, 4 pm

*Tennessee at Florida, 7 pm

Samford at Auburn, 7 pm

Vanderbilt at UNLV, 7 pm

Georgia Tech at Ole Miss, 7:30 pm

BYU at Arkansas, 7:30 pm

Akron at Kentucky, 7:30 pm

Next Week in the SEC

***Miss State at South Carolina, 7:30 pm**

*Auburn at Texas A&M, Noon

*Kentucky at Vanderbilt, Noon

*Ole Miss at Alabama, 3:30 pm

UTSA at Tennessee, 4 pm

*Arkansas at LSU, 7 pm

Charlotte at Florida, 7 pm

UAB at Georgia, 7:30 pm

Missouri vs Memphis (St. Louis), 7:30 pm

All times Eastern

*-SEC Game



A South Carolina win over Georgia would...

- ◆ Match the Gamecocks' best win in school history, according to the AP poll. South Carolina defeated No. 1 Alabama in the 2010 season, 35-21, en route to a spot in the SEC Championship game.
- ◆ Get the Gamecocks off to a 1-0 start in SEC play. The Gamecocks have not won their conference opener since topping Missouri by a 31-13 score to open the 2017 season.
- ◆ Snap a three-game losing streak to the Bulldogs and be the Gamecocks' sixth win over their SEC Eastern Division rivals in the last 14 games.

THEY'RE NUMBER ONE: Georgia enters this week's game ranked No. 1 in the country in the Associated Press poll. It's the eighth time that Carolina will face the A.P.'s top-ranked team in school history. They are 1-6 when playing the No. 1 team previously, with the lone win coming against Alabama in 2010. This will mark's South Carolina's first opportunity to face the No. 1 ranked team in the country on the road since 1996 at Florida.

SOUTH CAROLINA VS. A.P. TOP-RANKED TEAMS

Date	Opponent	Score
Oct. 29, 1955	at Maryland	L, 0-27
Nov. 9, 1991	at Florida State	L, 10-38
Nov. 16, 1996	at Florida	L, 25-52
Nov. 14, 2009	vs Florida	L, 14-24
Oct. 9, 2010	vs Alabama	W, 35-21
Nov. 28, 2015	vs Clemson	L, 32-37
Sept. 17, 2022	vs Georgia	L, 7-48

ANOTHER RANKED OPPONENT: South Carolina is playing its fifth ranked opponent in its last six games. The Gamecocks finished the 2022 season with wins over No. 5 Tennessee and No. 7 Clemson before dropping the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl to No. 19 Notre Dame. They opened the 2023 season with a loss to No. 21 North Carolina. After next week's home game against Mississippi State, the gauntlet continues with a trip to No. 11 Tennessee.

ABOUT LAST WEEK: **Spencer Rattler** completed 25-of-27 passes for 345 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for another score as South Carolina rolled to a 47-21 win over Furman, the sixth-ranked team in the FCS, last Saturday night in Columbia. **Xavier Legette** was again Rattler's top target, catching six passes for 118 yards and a TD. The Gamecocks used five different quarterbacks in the game. They connected on 32-of-38 passes for 463 yards and five scores. The Gamecocks rolled up 571 yards of offense in the win. Rattler's performance earned him SEC Offensive Player of the Week accolades.

SPREAD THE WEALTH: Four different Carolina quarterbacks connected with a dozen different receivers in the Gamecocks' win over Furman. It was the first time four players have completed a pass in a game since Nov. 17, 2018 against Chattanooga. The 463 yards passing was the high mark at Carolina under Shane Beamer.

ABOUT THE OPENER: South Carolina opened the 2023 season with a 31-17 setback against No. 21/20 North Carolina in the Duke's Mayo Classic, held in Charlotte, N.C. on Sept. 2. The Gamecocks held a 14-10 lead late in the second period, but the Tar Heels responded with 21 consecutive points to secure the win. The Gamecocks got strong performances from **Spencer Rattler**, who completed 30-of-39 passes for 353 yards with no turnovers but was sacked nine times. **Xavier Legette** had a career-best performance, catching nine passes for 178 yards, the most by a receiver in Week 1 in the FBS. Drake Maye, the North Carolina Heisman candidate, completed 24-of-32 passes for 269 yards

and two scores, but was also intercepted twice by **O'Donnell Fortune** and **Kajuan Banks**.

START ME UP: Six players made their first career starts at South Carolina in the opener against the Tar Heels. Those making their initial starts as Gamecocks included offensive linemen **Sidney Fugar**, **Nick Gargiulo** and **Cason Henry**, tight end **Trey Knox**, defensive end **Bryan Thomas Jr.** and linebacker **Stone Blanton**. Fugar (Western Illinois), Gargiulo (Yale) and Knox (Arkansas) are transfers who made starts at their previous schools. **Joshua Simon** and **Jalon Kilgore** made their first Carolina starts against Furman. Simon is a grad transfer from Western Kentucky who got the nod when Carolina opened in a two-tight end set. Kilgore is a true freshman, the first of his class to gain a starting assignment.

ON-FIELD STAFF CHANGES: The Gamecocks have three new on-field assistant coaches in 2023. **Dowell Loggains** takes over as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Loggains most recently was the tight ends coach at Arkansas but has spent much of his career in the NFL, logging 16 years with six different organizations. He served primarily as a quarterbacks coach but also totaled seven seasons as an OC. **Lonnie Teasley** moved from an analyst role into an on-field position as the offensive line coach. Teasley, who is in his third year in Columbia, served as the O-line coach last season on an interim basis. **Greg Adkins**, who worked as Carolina's O-line coach in each of the past two seasons, remains on staff as an analyst, flip-flopping positions with Teasley. He remains heavily involved with the offensive line. Former Gamecock **Travian Robertson** is the newest member of the on-field staff, joining the team following spring ball as the defensive line coach. Robertson worked at Tulane in 2022, helping the Green Wave to a top-10 finish, after a three-year stint at Georgia State under former Gamecock assistant and interim head coach Shawn Elliott.

SUPER SENIORS: The Gamecocks list 10 players whose eligibility would have expired had not the NCAA allowed the 2020 COVID-19 season to be a "free" year. Those "super" seniors are WR **Ahmarean Brown**, OL **Nick Gargiulo**, DB **DeAngelo Gibbs**, WR **Dakereon Joyner**, TE **Trey Knox**, WR **Xavier Legette**, WR **Eddie Lewis**, OL **Jaylen Nichols**, EDGE **Jordan Strachan** and RB **D.J. Twitty**.

UTILIZING THE PORTAL: The Gamecocks' roster features 11 scholarship transfers, including nine who enrolled in January. The list includes RB **Mario Anderson** (Newberry), DT **Elijah Davis** (East Mississippi C.C.), TE **Nick Elksnis** (Florida), OL **Sidney Fugar** (Western Illinois), OL **Nick Gargiulo** (Yale), TE **Trey Knox** (Arkansas), WR **Eddie Lewis** (Memphis), TE **Joshua Simon** (Western Kentucky), and LB **Jaron Willis** (Ole Miss). **Jatius Geer** (Syracuse) joined the squad in the summer and **Drew Tuzama** (UAB) was added in August. In addition, DB **DeAngelo Gibbs** joined the team as a gradu-



National Polls

Associated Press

1.	Georgia (55)	2-0	1540
2.	Michigan (2)	2-0	1458
3.	Florida State (3)	2-0	1413
4.	Texas (2)	2-0	1338
5.	Southern California	3-0	1269
6.	Ohio State	2-0	1265
7.	Penn State	2-0	1204
8.	Washington	2-0	1102
9.	Notre Dame	3-0	1015
10.	Alabama	1-1	953
11.	Tennessee	2-0	929
12.	Utah	2-0	847
13.	Oregon	2-0	827
14.	LSU	1-1	667
15.	Kansas State	2-0	636
16.	Oregon State	2-0	605
17.	Ole Miss	2-0	505
18.	Colorado	2-0	481
19.	Oklahoma	2-0	453
20.	North Carolina	2-0	444
21.	Duke	2-0	421
22.	Miami (Fla.)	2-0	230
23.	Washington State	2-0	129
24.	UCLA	2-0	107
25.	Iowa	2-0	106

Coaches

1.	Georgia (64)	2-0	1624
2.	Michigan (1)	2-0	1533
3.	Florida State	2-0	1441
4.	Ohio State	2-0	1401
5.	Southern California	3-0	1319
6.	Texas	2-0	1318
7.	Penn State	2-0	1229
8.	Washington	2-0	1129
9.	Tennessee	2-0	1039
10.	Alabama	1-1	1016
11.	Notre Dame	3-0	1004
12.	Utah	2-0	893
13.	Oregon	2-0	870
14.	LSU	1-1	714
15.	Kansas State	2-0	675
16.	Oklahoma	2-0	584
17.	Oregon State	2-0	562
18.	North Carolina	2-0	506
19.	Ole Miss	2-0	503
20.	Duke	2-0	363
21.	Colorado	2-0	357
22.	Clemson	1-1	207
23.	Miami (Fla.)	2-0	195
24.	Iowa	2-0	166
25.	UCLA	2-0	101
RV	South Carolina	1-1	3

ate transfer walk-on from Tennessee, OL **Jaxon Hughes** joined the squad as a walk-on from Charlotte and OL **Ni Mansell** came from Mercer.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK: South Carolina added two players to its roster in August, well after the media guide was put to bed. The newest additions are graduate transfer **Drew Tuazama**, an EDGE rusher from UAB who began his career at Syracuse and **Will Helmadollar**, a walk-on freshman tight end from Ben Lippen School in Columbia. Tuazama wears No. 19, while Helmadollar dons No. 88.

TOUGH SLATE: The Gamecocks have the toughest schedule in FBS in 2023, according to *Sports Illustrated*. The publication said, "The Gamecocks look ahead to what could be college football's toughest schedule: opening against North Carolina and then going to Georgia just two weeks later, and then to Tennessee two weeks after that, with home dates against Kentucky and Clemson to close out." Carolina's 2023 opponents won 66 percent of its games in 2022. Five of the Gamecocks' 12 regular season opponents opened the season in the A.P. Top 25.

TOTING THE SHEEPSKIN: Twenty-two Gamecocks have their degrees in hand as the 2023 season begins. Sixteen have earned a diploma from the University of South Carolina, including **Ahmarean Brown, Terrell Dawkins, Marcellas Dial, B.J. Gibson, Alex Herrera, Tyreek Johnson, Trai Jones, Dakereon Joyner, Xavier Legette, Bam Martin-Scott, Jakai Moore, Jaylen Nichols, David Spaulding, Jordan Strachan, D.J. Twitty** and **Tyshawn Wannamaker. Nick Garguilo** (Yale), **DeAngelo Gibbs** (Tennessee), **Trey Knox** (Arkansas), **Eddie Lewis** (Memphis), **Joshua Simon** (Western Kentucky) and **Drew Tuazama** (UAB) have degrees from other four-year institutions.

WORKING OVERTIME: The Gamecocks are 3-4 in games decided in overtime since the rule was added in 1996, including a double-overtime win over Georgia in Athens in 2019, a victory that earned them National Team of the Week honors.

WE MAY NEVER PASS THIS WAY AGAIN: The 2023 season will mark the final year that the Southeastern Conference will compete in the East and West divisional format with six intradivision games, one "permanent" cross over opponent and a rotating opponent from the opposite division. In 2024, Texas and Oklahoma will join the conference and the league will merge into one 16-team division.

UP NEXT: The Gamecocks return home next week to host the Mississippi State Bulldogs. South Carolina holds a 9-7 advantage in the all-time series with MSU including wins in seven of the last eight meetings. The Bulldogs won in Starkville by a 27-14 count in 2016, the last time the two teams got together on the gridiron. This will be the first meeting in Columbia since Carolina posted a 34-16 win during the 2013 season.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD: The Gamecocks will host LSU, Ole Miss, Missouri and Texas A&M at Williams-Brice Stadium in 2024, and will travel to Alabama, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Vanderbilt. Dates and kick times will be announced at a later date. The non-conference portion of the 2024 slate includes home games against Old Dominion (Aug. 31), Akron (Sept. 21) and Wofford (Nov. 23) and a road game at Clemson (Nov. 30).

Offense

NEW LOOK OFFENSE: **Dowell Loggains** is in his first season as the Gamecocks' offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach. Loggains spent the past two seasons as the tight end coach at Arkansas. Previously, he logged 16 years in the NFL with six different organizations, including seven seasons as an offensive coordinator.

QB1: **Spencer Rattler** is the unquestioned leader of the team. The senior QB completed 66.2 percent of his passes a year ago for 3,026 yards with 18 touchdowns and 12 interceptions. He got hot late in the season, completing 84-of-122 passes over the final three games (68.9 pct) for 1,044 yards (348.0 per game) with 10 TDs and three picks. He picked up right where he left off by completing 30-of-39 passes for 353 yards in the season opener against North Carolina. He followed that up with a 25-of-27 performance for 345 yards and three touchdowns against Furman. He is 24-8 in 32 career starts including a 9-6 mark in 15 starts at South Carolina.

NEARLY PERFECT: **Spencer Rattler** completed 25-of-27 passes against Furman, a 92.6 percent completion rate. That figures as one of the best single-game marks in school history. Connor Shaw completed 20-consecutive passes in going 20-for-21, 95.2 percent, against Missouri in 2012, while Gordon Beckham was 16-of-17, 94.1 percent, against North Carolina in 1981.

BEST OF THE BEST: **Spencer Rattler** has been as good as any quarterback in the country through the first two games of the season. He leads the SEC and ranks third in the country in both yards passing per game and completion percentage.

Player	School	Com	Att	Int	TD	Pct.	Yds/Gm
S. Sanders	Colorado	69	89	0	6	77.5	451.5
M. Penix	Washington	57	78	1	8	73.1	429.5
S. Rattler	S. Carolina	55	66	0	3	83.3	349.0

PLAYING HIS BEST BALL: **Spencer Rattler** has been on fire since the end of last season. He finished the 2022 season as hot as anyone and has picked up in 2023 right where he left off. He has now thrown for over 300 yards in four of his last five games. Here's a look at his last five contests:

Opponent	Com	Att	Int	TD	Yds	Pct.
#5 Tennessee	30	37	0	6	438	81.8
#7 Clemson	25	39	2	2	360	64.1
#21 Notre Dame	29	46	1	2	246	63.0
#21 North Carolina	30	39	0	0	353	76.9
Furman	25	27	0	3	345	92.6
TOTALS	139	188	3	13	1742	73.9
AVG FOR 5 GAMES	27.8	37.6	0.6	2.6	348.4	73.9

THE 300 MARK: **Spencer Rattler** has thrown for more than 300 yards in both games this season and in four of his last five contests. He has five 300-yard passing games in 15 starts as a Gamecock. The 353-yard performance against North Carolina was the third-highest season-opening game posted at South Carolina. His 345-yard effort against Furman was the 63rd 300-yard passing game in Carolina football history. With five career 300-yard passing games, he is tied with Jake Bentley, Blake Mitchell and Dylan Thompson for fourth on Carolina's all-time list, just one behind Stephen Garcia. The record is 10, held by Todd Ellis.

WHAT A PACE: It's very early, but extrapolating the numbers out, **Spencer Rattler** is on pace for the

Career Start Chart

Player	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	All
Xavier Legette	-	3	6	4	7	2	22
Jakai Moore	-	2	6	3	8	2	21
Marcellas Dial	-	JC	JC	7	10	2	19
Vershon Lee	-	-	1	9	7	2	19
Jaylen Nichols	-	4	0	7	7	0	18
Spencer Rattler	-	OK	OK	OK	13	2	15
Tonka Hemingway	-	-	3	0	9	2	14
Nick Emmanwori	-	-	-	-	12	1	13
DQ Smith	-	-	-	-	11	2	13
Dakereon Joyner	RS	0	2	7	1	2	12
T. Wannamaker	-	-	RS	7	4	1	12
Antwane Wells Jr.	-	-	JM	JM	6	2	8
David Spaulding	-	RS	GSO	5	2	0	7
Luke Doty	-	-	2	4	0	0	6
Alex Huntley	-	-	RS	0	3	2	5
Mohamed Kaba	-	RS	3	0	2	0	5
Ahmarean Brown	-	GT	GT	1	2	1	4
O'Donnell Fortune	-	-	RS	0	2	2	4
Juju McDowell	-	-	-	2	2	0	4
Jordan Strachan	GS	GS	GS	0	2	2	4
Debo Williams	-	-	D	0	2	2	4
Trai Jones	-	-	RS	0	3	0	3
Keenan Nelson Jr.	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Stone Blanton	-	-	-	-	0	2	2
Sidney Fugar	-	-	-	WI	WI	2	2
Nick Garguilo	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	2
Trey Knox	-	A	A	A	A	2	2
Bryan Thomas Jr	-	-	-	-	0	2	2
Cason Henry	-	-	-	-	RS	1	1
B.J. Gibson	-	N	N	0	1	0	1
Jalon Kilgore	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Joshua Simon	-	WK	WK	WK	WK	1	1

Note: South Carolina Starts Only
 RS-Redshirt GT-Georgia Tech
 JC-Junior College JM-James Madison
 A-Arkansas N-Navy
 D-Delaware OK-Oklahoma
 GSO-Georgia Southern WI-Western Illinois
 GS-Georgia State WK-Western Kentucky
 Y-Yale

greatest passing season in school history. Here's where he's at, what pace he's on for a 12-game season and what the record currently is:

	Rattler		Record Holder	Record
	Current	Projected		
Completions	55	330	D. Thompson	270
Attempts	66	396	D. Thompson	451
Touchdowns	3	18	S. Taneyhill	29
Passing Yards	698	4188	D. Thompson	3564
Comp. Pct.	83.3	83.3	C. Shaw	67.5

CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN: Spencer Rattler was named one of the Gamecocks' five permanent team captains for the 2022 season and is the only one who returned in 2023.

DOTY ON DUTY: Luke Doty, who is listed as the No. 2 QB on the depth chart, has been used as a wide receiver in each of the first two games. He responded with three catches for 41 yards, the first three receptions of his career, against North Carolina, then caught his first TD pass, a 36-yarder against Furman. Doty also completed 2-of-4 passes for 17 yards against the Paladins, his first pass attempts since Sept. 29, 2022 against SC State.

THE FUTURE: True freshman LaNorris Sellers gave Carolina fans a glimpse into the future when he saw action in his first collegiate game in the 47-21 win over Furman. The true freshman completed all four of his passes for 86 yards and two touchdowns, including an eye-popping 50-yard scoring missile late in the third quarter. He also connected on a 7-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter.

JOYNER JOINS THE RB ROOM: Versatile performer Dakereon Joyner moved to the running backs room for his final campaign and has earned the starting nod. Joyner began his career as a quarterback, then spent the bulk of his time at wide receiver before making the transition to running back in the spring. He carried a dozen times for 23 yards and added five catches for 13 yards in the opener against North Carolina. He rushed 11 times for 42 yards and caught four passes for 53 yards against Furman. He leads the team with 65 yards rushing and owns two of the four rushing TDs.

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES: Dakereon Joyner has pledged to donate money to a non-profit or a charity for every touchdown he scores this season. He hopes to use his platform to give back, inspire others and make a difference in people's lives. He has scored once in each game this season.

TRIPLE THREAT: Dakereon Joyner has thrown for 430 yards and two touchdowns, rushed for 390 yards and six scores and has caught 54 passes for 508 yards and three TDs in his career.

JOYNER DOESN'T MISS: Dakereon Joyner has completed his last 12 pass attempts for 261 yards and two scores over the 2021 and '22 seasons.

THE COMMITTEE: A trio of running backs are challenging for playing time behind Joyner. Juju McDowell has the most experience at this level with 125 career carries for 481 yards. McDowell has 11 totes and three receptions this season. Mario Anderson was a First-Team Division II All-American last season at Newberry where he rushed for over 1,500 yards with 19 touchdowns. Djay Braswell is a highly-regarded true freshman who has shown excellent speed. Both Anderson and Braswell had their first game experience in 2023 against Furman, with Anderson rushing six times for 32 yards and Braswell four times for 17.

JUST RUN THE BALL: The Gamecocks were a perfect 6-0 last season and are 13-1 under head coach Shane Beamer in games in which they rush for 100 or more yards.

WELLS RUNS DEEP: Senior wide receiver Antwane "Juice" Wells Jr. is back for his second season as a Gamecock. Last season he caught 68 passes for 928 yards and six touchdowns while earning first-team All-SEC honors. He turned in four 100-yard receiving games, going for 189 at Arkansas, 110 vs Vanderbilt, 117 against Tennessee on a season-high 11 receptions, and 131 and two scores at Clemson. He has been hampered this fall with a lower body injury which has limited his playing time in the season's first two games. He has just one catch for five yards thus far in 2023.

X MARKS THE SPOT: The light has come on for senior wide receiver Xavier Legette. Legette came up big in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl with a seven-catch, 78-yard, two-touchdown game and followed that up with a career-best nine-catch, 178-yard effort

against North Carolina and a six-catch, 118-yard, one touchdown performance against Furman. The 178 receiving yards vs. UNC was the top performance in the country in Week 1 and surpassed his 2022 season total. He had just 35 career receptions through his first 40 games but has 22 catches in his last three contests. Legette owns the most career starts on the team with 22. Legette is also a standout on special teams as both a kick returner and as a gunner on punt coverage.

BILETNIKOFF SHOULD TAKE NOTICE: Xavier Legette is ranked among the nation's top receivers in 2023. He ranks first in the SEC and second in the country in receiving yards per game (148.0), is second in the SEC and 12th in the country in receptions per game (7.5) and is first in the SEC and fourth in the country in all-purpose yards per game (180.0).

RECEIVING

Player	School	Rec	Yds	TD	Yds/Gm
G. Larvadain	Miami (O)	16	353	3	176.5
X. Legette	S. Carolina	15	296	1	148.0
X. Weaver	Colorado	16	288	1	144.0

ALL-PURPOSE

Player	School	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	Yds/Gm
G. Larvadain	Miami (O)	0	353	32	0	192.5
K. Vidal	Troy	331	54	0	0	192.5
A. Jeanty	Boise St.	159	206	0	0	182.5
X. Legette	S. Carolina	-3	296	0	67	180.0

THE X FACTOR: Xavier Legette had the best game of his Gamecock career against North Carolina, setting a school record for most receiving yards in a season opener with 178 on nine catches. The nine catches and 178 yards surpassed his previous highs of seven catches and 78 yards, set against Notre Dame in the 2022 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. The opening day performance against the Tar Heels was the 14th-highest single-game receiving yards total in school history.

THE FREAK: True freshman Nyck Harbor landed the No. 1 spot on Bruce Feldman's annual "Freaks List." Feldman wrote, "In two decades of doing this, I don't think I've ever had a true freshman No. 1, but this player is different. What makes Harbor 'different' is the combination of his large size and unadulterated speed. He stands at 6-foot-5, 241 pounds. Add onto that the five-star signee's 10.2-second 100m time and you get freakish." Harbor caught his first pass against Furman, a seven-yard touchdown reception.

RE-VAMPED TIGHT END ROOM: The Carolina tight end room has been completely turned over from last season. Gone are Nate Adkins, Jaheim Bell, Austin Stogner and Traevon Kenion. New are transfers Trey Knox (Arkansas), Joshua Simon (Western Kentucky) and Nick Elksnis (Florida). Knox, who played for Dowell Loggains with the Razorbacks, received the most preseason hype. Simon has six catches for 27 yards while Knox has three receptions for 29 yards.

ELI'S COMING: The Carolina offensive line has been bolstered by the addition of Yale graduate Nick Garguilo. Garguilo has shown why he was the lone captain of Team 149 at Yale, as his leadership and toughness quickly made him the leader of the Gamecocks' offensive line.

A WORK IN PROGRESS: The Gamecocks offensive line lost projected starting left tackle Jaylen Nichols, to a knee injury in the spring game, while starting right tackle Cason Henry was injured in the



season opener against North Carolina. Returnees who have made starts along the offensive line include **Jakai Moore** (21 career starts), **Vershon Lee** (19), **Tyshawn Wannamaker** (12) and **Trai Jones** (3). In addition to guard **Nick Gargiulo**, a transfer from Yale, the Gamecocks have added transfers **Sidney Fugar** (Western Illinois) and **Jaxon Hughes** (Charlotte) to the two-deep. Fugar has started both games at left tackle.

Defense

CLAYTON MOLDS THE DEFENSE: Third-year Gamecock defensive coordinator **Clayton White** had some key players to replace, most notably NFL draft picks cornerbacks Cam Smith and Darius Rush, along with defensive tackle Zacch Pickens, but his 4-2-Nickel base set could prove to be better than a year ago at all three levels. The strength of the defense should be up the middle, with more SEC-ready bodies available at defensive tackle, a young linebacker room that is more athletic and figures to get better as the season progresses and two of the best safeties in the land.

TONKA TRUCKS 'EM: One of the more athletically-gifted players on the team is defensive lineman **Tonka Hemingway**. Tonka can play in the middle of the line or on the edge and is a big factor in the Gamecocks' special teams. He logged 8.0 tackles for loss a season ago including 4.0 sacks. An All-SEC candidate, Hemingway is an outstanding student

2023 Carolina Rankings

Category	Avg./No.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	32.0	12	58
Rushing Offense	53.0	14	127
Passing Offense	408.0	1	3
Passing Efficiency	190.97	3	12
Total Offense	461.0	5	34
Scoring Defense	26.0	12	87
Rushing Defense	124.0	11	71
Passing Defense	256.0	13	101
Pass Eff. Defense	140.61	11	93
Total Defense	380.0	12	89
Kickoff Returns	19.8	9	67
Opp. Kickoff Returns	16.0	7	36
Punt Returns	4.5	13	79
Opp. Punt Returns	0.0	2	9
Net Punting	42.2	8	36
Fumbles Recovered	0	-	-
Fumbles Lost	1	6	52
Passes Intercepted	3	4	21
Passes Had Intercepted	0	1	1
Turnovers Gained	3	8	46
Turnovers Lost	1	2	10
Turnover Margin	1.0	5	20
Sacks	1.5	10	84
Sacks Allowed	5.0	14	129
Tackles for Loss	2.5	14	130
Tackles for Loss Allowed	11.5	14	132
3rd Down Percentage	.448	9	56
Opp. 3rd Down Pct.	.483	13	110
4th Down Percentage	.200	9	109
Opp. 4th Down Pct.	.500	5	59
Penalties/Game	7.0	11	93
Penalty Yards/Game	47.5	5	60
Time of Possession	29:38	4	71

in the classroom, represents football on SAAC and is arguably the best basketball player on the football roster.

STRETCH THE DEFENSE: **Jordan Strachan** returns at an EDGE rush position after missing most of last season with a torn ACL. Known as "Stretch," Strachan led the nation with 10.5 sacks in 2020 while playing at Georgia State. He recorded his first sack of the season against Furman.

SACK ATTACK: **Jordan Strachan** figures to be the Gamecocks' top pass rusher this season but should get help from **Tonka Hemingway** and newcomers **Drew Tuazama** and **Jatius Geer**. Last season, Carolina recorded 20 sacks in 13 games. They have three in two games in 2023. Here are the sack number for the 2023 Gamecocks:

SACKS	2023	CAREER
Jordan Strachan	1.0	15.5
Drew Tuazama	0.0	5.0
Terrell Dawkins	0.0	4.5
Tonka Hemingway	0.0	4.0
Jatius Geer	0.0	3.5
T.J. Sanders	1.0	2.0
DQ Smith	0.5	1.5
Debo Williams	0.0	1.5
Alex Huntley	0.0	1.0
Tyreek Johnson	0.5	0.5

DEBO IF YOU DO: If you have the name Debo and you're playing at South Carolina, you better be good. **Debo Williams** has been that this season. He is tied for the lead with 18 tackles through two games, including a career-best 14 stops against North Carolina in the opener. The 14 tackles were the most recorded in Week 1 in the SEC. His previous high for tackles in a game was nine against Missouri in 2022. The last Gamecock to record 14 or more tackles in a game was Nick Emmanwori, who also had 14 against Georgia last year.

NO KABA: For the second year in a row, linebacker **Mohamed Kaba's** season ended almost before it began with a knee injury. A year ago he suffered a season-ending knee injury in Game 2 at Arkansas. This year he sustained another season-ending knee injury in Game 1 versus North Carolina.

SODA CITY SECONDARY: The Gamecock secondary has a local feel to it as both starting safeties, **Nick Emmanwori** and **DQ Smith** are local products from Irmo and Spring Valley High Schools respectively. In addition, reserve safety **King-Demenian Ford** is from the metro area as well (Blythewood), while starting cornerback **O'Donnell Fortune** is from just down the road in Sumter.

DBU ON SPEED DIAL: Senior cornerback **Marcellas Dial** is next in line to follow in the footsteps of some great former Carolina and current NFL defensive backs that includes Stephon Gilmore, Jaycee Horn, Israel Mukuamu, Cam Smith and Darius Rush. Dial picked off three passes and recorded a dozen pass breakups a year ago. Considered the Gamecocks' top cover corner, Dial has a team-leading two breakups in 2023.

FORTUNATE SON: **O'Donnell Fortune** had one of the Gamecocks' two interceptions off UNC's Drake Maye in the season opener. For Fortune, it was his third career pick.

NICK AT NITE: Sophomore safety **Nick Emmanwori** had just about as good of a freshman campaign as you can have a year ago. He earned first-

team Freshman All-America honors from several media outlets and was the co-Joe Morrison Award winner as the MVP of the defense after leading the team with 85 tackles. He suffered a hamstring injury on his first play from scrimmage against North Carolina and did not play against Furman. He teams with fellow sophomore safety **DQ Smith** to form one of the best young safety tandems in the country.

NEXT MAN UP: True freshman **Jalon Kilgore** was pressed into early action when Nick Emmanwori went down early in Game 1 and has responded with a team-high 18 tackles through two contests, including a dozen stops against North Carolina.

YOUR MONEY'S NO GOOD HERE: Defensive back **King-Demenian Ford** become the third recipient of the Jake Panus Walk-On Scholarship. Ford was awarded the scholarship at practice on Aug. 25. Ford joins former long snapper Matthew Bailey who was the first recipient of the scholarship in 2021 and wide receiver **Payton Mangrum** who was the second recipient last season.

PICK THIS: The Gamecocks intercepted 15 passes in each of the past two seasons. They have three so far in 2023. Here are the interception numbers for the 2023 Gamecocks:

INTERCEPTIONS	2023	CAREER
Marcellas Dial	0	3
David Spaulding	0	3
O'Donnell Fortune	1	3
DQ Smith	0	2
Kajuan Banks	1	1
Nick Barrett	0	1
Bam Martin-Scott	0	1
Xzavier McLeod	1	1
Jordan Strachan	0	1

Special Teams

BEAMER BALL 2.0: When the head coach carries the surname "Beamer," you know an emphasis will be placed on special teams. Special teams savant **Pete Lembo** had the Gamecocks ranked first in all the statistical metrics among FBS schools in 2022. They were outstanding in every facet, ranking fourth in the country in punt returns, fifth in kickoff returns, seventh in net punting, 23rd in opponent kickoff returns and 27th in opponent punt returns. They also blocked six kicks including five punts and scored five special teams TDs.

LEMBO, EVERYBODY LEMBO: Following the 2022 campaign, special teams coordinator **Pete Lembo** was named a Broyles Award Assistant Coach of the Year Semifinalist, a FootballScoop Special Teams Coach of the Year Finalist and earned Phil Steele Special Teams Coach of the Year accolades.

BLOCK THAT KICK: The Gamecocks blocked a school-record five punts and one field goal in 2023. The six blocked kicks were the second-highest mark in school history, behind only the eight blocks in 1994. Carolina has blocked 10 kicks in the last three years after logging eight blocked kicks over the previous five years (2016-20) combined.

THE ALL-AMERICAN: **Kai Kroeger** earned 2022 First-Team All-America honors from *The Athletic* and was a second-team All-American according to Walter Camp and the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA). Kroeger was the first-team All-SEC choice by the AP, the Coaches and USA TODAY.

Preseason Accolades

Marcellas Dial

- 3rd Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)
- 3rd Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- 4th Team All-SEC (Athlon)

Nick Emmanwori

- 2nd Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Bronko Nagurski Award Watch List

Grayson Howard

- 1st Team True Freshman All-America (On3)

Tonka Hemingway

- 3rd Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)
- 3rd Team All-SEC (SEC Media)
- 3rd Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- 3rd Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Outland Trophy Watch List

Mitch Jeter

- 1st Team All-SEC (KOS) (SEC Coaches)
- 1st Team All-SEC (KOS) (SEC Media)
- 3rd Team All-SEC (PK) (Athlon)
- Lou Groza Award Watch List

Dakereon Joyner

- 3rd Team All-SEC (All-Purpose) (SEC Coaches)
- 3rd Team All-SEC (All-Purpose) (SEC Media)
- 4th Team All-SEC (All-Purpose) (Athlon)
- Wuerffel Award Watch List

Mohamed Kaba

- 4th Team All-SEC (Athlon)

Trey Knox

- HM All-America (CollegeFootballNews)
- 3rd Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)
- 3rd Team All-SEC (SEC Media)
- 4th Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- John Mackey Award Watch List

Kai Kroeger

- 1st Team All-America (ESPN)
- 1st Team All-America (Walter Camp)
- 2nd Team All-America (Associated Press)
- 2nd Team All-America (Phil Steele)
- 2nd Team All-America (Athlon)
- 2nd Team All-America (CollegeFootballNews)
- 2nd Team All-America (CollegeFootballNetwork)
- 1st Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)
- 1st Team All-SEC (SEC Media)
- 1st Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- 1st Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- 1st Team All-SEC (CollegeFootballNews)
- Ray Guy Award Watch List
- Campbell Trophy Nominee

Vershon Lee

- AACA Good Works Team Nominee

Xavier Legette

- 4th Team All-SEC (KR) (Phil Steele)
- 4th Team All-SEC (KR) (Athlon)

Spencer Rattler

- 4th Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Manning Award Watch List
- Johnny Unitas Watch List
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- 25 on Top-30 SEC Players (CollegeFootballNews)

Hunter Rogers

- 3rd Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Patrick Mannelly Award Watch List

Jordan Strachan

- 1st Team All-SEC (CollegeFootballNews)

Antwane Wells Jr.

- 3rd Team All-America (Phil Steele)
- 3rd Team All-America (CollegeFootballNetwork)
- 4th Team All-America (Athlon)
- HM All-America (CollegeFootballNews)
- 1st Team All-SEC (SEC Coaches)
- 1st Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- 1st Team All-SEC (CollegeFootballNews)
- 2nd Team All-SEC (SEC Media)
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- 1st Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- 23 on Top-30 SEC Players (CollegeFootballNews)

KAI CAN KICK: Junior **Kai Kroeger** averaged 46.1 yards per punt in 2022, the best mark in the SEC and fifth in the country. Eighteen of his 58 punts traveled 50 or more yards, including a season-long 79-yarder, the fourth-longest in FBS last season. Twenty-nine of his 58 punts (50 pct.) pinned opponents inside their own 20-yard line. This season he has punted nine times for a 46.7-yard average with a long of 60. Opponents have returned one punt for no yards.

SINGLE-SEASON PUNTING AVERAGE

1. Joseph Charlton (2019) 47.7 (68 for 3,244)
2. **Kai Kroeger (2022) 46.1 (58 for 2,675)**
3. Joseph Charlton (2018) 44.8 (48 for 2,152)

KAI CAN PASS: **Kai Kroeger** was 4-for-4 passing the ball in 2022, two on fake punts (vs. Georgia and at Florida) and two on fake field goals (vs. Vanderbilt and Notre Dame). In his career, Kroeger is a perfect 6-for-6 passing for 173 yards and three touchdowns and a gaudy 507.2 career QB rating.

AND KAI CAN HOLD: **Kai Kroeger** is elite when it comes to holding on placements, something he has done in all three seasons since coming on the South Carolina campus. In 2022, he was one of four finalists for the Mortell Award, which recognizes the nation's top holder.

CHICKS DIG THE LONG BALL: **Kai Kroeger** boomed the nation's fourth-longest punt in 2022, a career-long 79-yarder versus Georgia State. It was the longest punt for a Gamecock since Marty Simpson's 79-yarder against Vanderbilt in 1992. It was the third 70-plus yard punt for Kroeger in his career. Here are the 70-plus yard punts since 1979:

Year	Punter	Opponent	Yards
1979	Jay Feltz	Clemson	80
1983	Chris Norman	Miami (O)	80
1992	Marty Simpson	Vanderbilt	79
2022	Kai Kroeger	Georgia State	79
1981	Chris Norman	Virginia	75
2017	Joseph Charlton	Missouri	73
2021	Kai Kroger	Texas A&M	73
1982	Chris Norman	Navy	70
2001	Tyler Dean	Ohio State	70
2021	Kai Kroger	Vanderbilt	70

HE'S MADE A CAREER OF IT: **Kai Kroeger** has handled the punting duties since his arrival in Columbia. He has booted 165 punts for 7,319 yards, an

average of 44.4-yards per punt. Of his 165 punts, 42 have traveled 50+ yards, while 62 have been marked inside the 20 with just 11 touchbacks.

CAREER PUNTING AVERAGE (Min. 75 Punts)

1. Joseph Charlton (2015-19) ... 45.5 (171 for 7,786)
2. **Kai Kroeger (2020-23) 44.4 (165 for 7,319)**
3. Sean Kelly (2015-16) 43.3 (127 for 5,496)

RESPECT FOR JETER: **Mitch Jeter** came into 2022 following in the footsteps left by Parker White, the school's all-time leading scorer. Jeter responded with 53- and 51-yard field goals on his first two attempts. He is the only player in school history to boom a pair of 50-yard field goals in the same game. He finished the season a perfect 11-for-11 in field goal attempts. He is 1-for-2 this season, missing a 50-yard attempt that easily had the distance but boinked off the right upright against Furman, and is now 12-for-13 in his career.

ALMOST AUTOMATIC: **Mitch Jeter** is 12-for-13 in field goal attempts. Dating back to 2021 when Parker White handled the field goal duties, the Gamecocks have successfully converted 28 of their last 30 field goal attempts. The only misses in that stretch were a 38-yarder against Vanderbilt in 2021 and a 50-yarder against Furman. Included are three field goals of 50 or more yards.

DON'T RUN IT BACK: **Mitch Jeter** handles the kickoffs for South Carolina and is a first-team preseason All-SEC selection in that role. Of his 75 kickoffs in 2022, 50 were touchbacks with just one kick sailing out of bounds. Opponents averaged just 17.3 yards on 19 returns. He has kicked off 11 times this season with seven touchbacks and just one returned for 16 yards. He also perfectly executed outside kick that he recovered to open the second half against North Carolina.

LEGETTE LEGS IT OUT: **Xavier Legette** set the school record for the best kickoff return average with a minimum of 15 returns last season when he averaged 29.4 yards (441 yards on 15 returns), just a tick better than Boo Williams' mark of 29.3 yards per return in 1997. The highlight for Legette was returning the opening kick 100 yards against Texas A&M, which earned him SEC Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

2023 Award Winners

Xavier Legette	Senior Bowl Stock Up Player of the Week	vs North Carolina (Sept. 2)
Spencer Rattler	SEC Offensive Player of the Week	vs Furman (Sept. 9)

Tracking the 2023 Opponents

Opponent (Date vs. SC)	2023	Last Week	This Week
vs North Carolina (9/2)	2-0	W, 40-34 2OT vs App State	vs Minnesota
vs Furman (9/9)	1-1	L 47-21 at South Carolina	at Kennesaw State
at Georgia (9/16)	2-0	W, 45-3 vs Ball State	vs South Carolina
vs Mississippi State (9/23)	2-0	W, 31-24 OT vs Arizona	vs LSU
at Tennessee (9/30)	2-0	W, 30-13 vs Austin Peay	at Florida
vs Florida (10/14)	1-1	W, 49-7 vs McNeese State	vs Tennessee
at Missouri (10/21)	2-0	W, 23-19 vs Middle Tenn. St.	vs Kansas State
at Texas A&M (10/28)	1-1	L, 48-33 at Miami (Fla.)	vs Louisiana-Monroe
vs Jacksonville State (11/4)	2-1	L, 30-16 at Coastal Carolina	OPEN
vs Vanderbilt (11/11)	2-1	L, 36-20 at Wake Forest	at UNLV
vs Kentucky (11/18)	2-0	W, 28-17 vs E. Kentucky	vs Akron
vs Clemson (11/25)	1-1	W, 66-17 vs Charleston So.	vs Florida Atlantic



Media Services

Weekly Press Conference:

Head Coach Shane Beamer conducts a weekly press conference at 1:30 pm ET on Tuesdays. The University of South Carolina communications office will make Coach Beamer's weekly press conference available for the media via an FTP site.

Weekly Teleconference:

Head Coach Shane Beamer conducts a weekly teleconference at 6:15 pm ET on Sundays. Please contact Steve Fink at finksc@mailbox.sc.edu for the phone number and passcode to participate.

SEC Teleconference:

The Southeastern Conference will host a weekly press teleconference each Wednesday from Aug. 30 through Nov. 15. The teleconference, open to the media, will feature the head coach from each team every week. Coach Beamer's scheduled time is 12:10 pm ET. Contact the SEC Media Relations office for the number and passcode.

Carolina Calls:

Carolina Calls with Head Coach Shane Beamer is on the airwaves on most Thursdays throughout the season. Hosted by the voice of Carolina Football and Gamecock Hall of Famer, Todd Ellis, the show will originate from Backstreets Grill, located at 2400 Devine Street in Columbia. The show airs from 6-7 pm ET and is carried on the flagship station of the Gamecocks, WNKT-FM, across the Palmetto State on the Gamecock Radio Network and over the internet at GamecocksOnline.com.

Television Show:

The Gamecock Football with Shane Beamer show airs at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm on Sundays on Bally Sports SE and locally on WACH-FOX at 10:30 pm on Sundays.

Gamecocks in the NFL

Name	Team	Position
Nate Adkins	Denver Broncos	Tight End
Zach Bailey*	Los Angeles Chargers	Offensive Guard
Jalen Brooks	Dallas Cowboys	Wide Receiver
Jadeveon Clowney	Baltimore Ravens	Defensive End
Dennis Daley	Arizona Cardinals	Offensive Tackle
Rico Dowdle	Dallas Cowboys	Running Back
Kingsley Enagbare	Green Bay Packers	Edge
Rashad Fenton	Arizona Cardinals	Cornerback
Stephon Gilmore	Dallas Cowboys	Cornerback
Jovaughn Gwyn	Atlanta Falcons	Offensive Guard
Kevin Harris*	New England Patriots	Running Back
Jaycee Horn	Carolina Panthers	Cornerback
Hayden Hurst	Carolina Panthers	Tight End
Ernest Jones	Los Angeles Rams	Linebacker
Javon Kinlaw	San Francisco 49ers	Defensive Tackle
Chris Lammons	Indianapolis Colts	Cornerback
Israel Mukuamu	Dallas Cowboys	Defensive Back
Nick Muse	Minnesota Vikings	Tight End
Keisean Nixon	Green Bay Packers	Cornerback
Zacch Pickens	Chicago Bears	Defensive Tackle
Adam Prentice	New Orleans Saints	Fullback
Darius Rush	Kansas City Chiefs	Cornerback
Deebo Samuel	San Francisco 49ers	Wide Receiver
Cam Smith	Miami Dolphins	Cornerback
Taylor Stallworth*	Carolina Panthers	Defensive Tackle
D.J. Wonnum	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive End

*-Practice Squad

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Aiken/Augusta	WYBO-FM	92.9	Myrtle Beach	WSEA-FM	100.3
Allendale	WDOG-FM	93.5	Newberry	WKDK-AM	1240
Camden	WCAM-AM	1590	Rock Hill/		
Charleston	WTMZ-FM	98.9	Lancaster	WRHM-FM	107.1
Chesterfield	WVSZ-FM	107.3	Seneca	WSNW-AM	1150
Columbia	WNKT-FM	107.5	Seneca	WSNW-FM	94.1
Florence	WFRK-FM	95.3	Spartanburg	WSPG-AM	1400
Gaffney	WZZQ-AM	1500	Spartanburg	WSPG-FM	98.3
Gaffney	WZZQ-FM	104.3	Sumter	WIBZ-FM	95.5
Greenville	WROO-FM	104.9	Union	WBCU-AM	1460
Greenwood	WCZZ-AM	1090	Union	WBCU-FM	103.5
Lake City	WHYM-AM	1260			

Weekly South Carolina Football Media Availability

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Practice is scheduled for 6 pm. Head coach Shane Beamer holds a teleconference at 6:15 p.m. ET. No player availability. Deadline for Tuesday's player interview requests is 5 pm.	The team is scheduled for its NCAA-mandated off day. No media availability for coaches or players.	Practice is scheduled for 9:30 am. A limited number of requested and approved players will be available following practice. Coach Beamer holds a weekly 1:30 pm press conference.	Practice is scheduled for 9:30 am. Coach Beamer is on the SEC conference call at 12:10 p.m. ET. OC Dowell Loggains and DC Clayton White hold a weekly press conference beginning at 12:20 pm.	Practice is scheduled for 9:30 am. There is no post-practice availability. Coach Shane Beamer's weekly radio show is from 6-7 p.m. ET from Backstreets Grill on Devine Street.	Head coach Shane Beamer, OC Dowell Loggains, DC Clayton White and selected players are available for network television only.	Head coach Shane Beamer and selected players will be available in person following the game. The Gamecocks' locker room is closed.



No.	Name	POS.	HT	WT	CL	EXP	Hometown (High/Last School)
85	CJ Adams	WR	6-2	215	FR	HS	Mableton, Ga. (Pebblebrook)
24	Mario Anderson	RB	5-9	208	R-SR	TR	Summerville, S.C. (Stratford/Newberry)
58	Markee Anderson	OL	6-4	302	FR	HS	Roebuck, S.C. (Dorman)
48	Peyton Argent	PK/P	6-2	203	FR	HS	Hoover, Ala. (Hoover)
51	Tree Babalade	OL	6-5	338	FR	HS	Hyattsville, Md. (DeMatha Catholic)
15	Tanner Bailey	QB	6-1	215	R-FR	SQ	Gordo, Ala. (Gordo)
13	Kajuan Banks	DB	5-10	173	SO	1L	Tallahassee, Fla. (Godby)
93	Nick Barrett	DT	6-3	327	JR	2L	Goldsboro, N.C. (Eastern Wayne)
78	Trovon Baugh	OL	6-4	337	FR	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (Pace Academy)
30	Jace Blackshear	DB	5-8	168	R-FR	SQ	Hilton Head, S.C. (Hilton Head Christian Academy)
89	O'Mega Blake	WR	6-2	180	R-SO	SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
52	Stone Blanton	LB	6-2	232	SO	1L	Jackson, Miss. (Madison-Ridgeland Academy)
23	Djay Braswell	RB	5-11	204	FR	HS	Sandersville, Ga. (Washington County)
10	Ahmarean Brown	WR	5-9	169	S-SR	2L	Tampa, Fla. (Jefferson/Georgia Tech)
44	Maurice Brown II	TE	6-4	237	FR	HS	Upper Marlboro, Md. (C.H. Flowers)
73	Ryan Brubaker	OL	6-6	304	R-FR	SQ	Stevens, Pa. (Cocalico)
45	Colin Bryant	LB	6-3	225	R-SO	SQ	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando/Alabama)
43	Joseph Byrnes	DB	6-0	193	R-SO	SQ	Camden, S.C. (Camden)
14	Elijah Caldwell	WR	6-1	191	FR	HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
41	Andrew Colasurdo	LB	6-1	237	R-SO	SQ	Inman, S.C. (Chapman)
20	Judge Collier	DB	6-1	193	FR	HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (Legion Collegiate Academy)
18	Connor Cox	TE	6-5	235	FR	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
11	Elijah Davis	DT	6-3	289	JR	JC	Wagener, S.C. (Wagener-Salley/East Mississippi C.C.)
4	Terrell Dawkins	EDGE	6-4	251	R-SR	SQ	Concord, N.C. (Cox Mill/NC State)
6	Marcellas Dial	DB	6-0	195	R-SR	2L	Woodruff, S.C. (Woodruff/Georgia Military)
9	Luke Doty	QB	6-1	209	R-JR	2L	Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)
32	Bradley Dunn	RB	5-9	203	R-JR	SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Hammond School)
84	Nick Elksnis	TE	6-6	251	R-SO	TR	Jacksonville, Fla. (Episcopal/Florida)
21	Nick Emmanwori	DB	6-3	220	SO	1L	Irmo, S.C. (Irmo)
8	Emory Floyd	DB	6-1	181	R-FR	SQ	Marietta, Ga. (Hillgrove)
27	King-Demenian Ford	DB	6-2	209	R-JR	1L	Blythewood, S.C. (Blythewood)
3	O'Donnell Fortune	DB	6-1	185	R-JR	2L	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter)
49	Jordan Franke	LS	5-11	205	FR	HS	Verona, Wis. (Verona)
77	Sidney Fugar	OL	6-5	327	R-SO	TR	Waldorf, Md. (St. Thomas More Academy/Western Illinois)
69	Nick Gargiulo	OL	6-5	327	GR	TR	Yorktown Heights, N.Y. (Somers/Yale)
4	Colten Gauthier	QB	6-3	208	R-SO	SQ	Bethlehem, Ga. (Hebron Christian Academy)
12	Jatius Geer	EDGE	6-6	243	R-SO	TR	Anderson, S.C. (Belton-Honea Path/Syracuse)
17	DeAngelo Gibbs	DB	6-1	225	GR	TR	Oxford, Ga. (Grayson/Tennessee)
36	B.J. Gibson	DB	6-4	219	R-SR	1L	Marietta, Ga. (Walton/Navy)
26	Landon Grier	DB	5-9	161	R-JR	SQ	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
8	Nyck Harbor	WR	6-5	241	FR	HS	Washington, D.C. (Archbishop Carroll)
26	Nathan Harris-Waynick	RB	5-10	200	R-SO	SQ	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter)
88	Will Helmadollar	TE	6-3	225	FR	HS	Columbia, S.C. (Ben Lippen)
91	Tonka Hemingway	DT	6-3	285	SR	3L	Conway, S.C. (Conway)
83	Kelton Henderson	WR	6-0	165	FR	HS	Lehigh Acres, Fla. (Lehigh Senior)
75	Cason Henry	OL	6-6	300	R-FR	SQ	Marietta, Ga. (Walton)
40	Alex Herrera	PK/P	6-0	189	R-SR	2L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
50	Felix Hixon	WR	6-3	309	R-FR	SQ	Jackson, Ga. (Jackson)
20	Kylic Horton	DT	6-4	199	R-FR	SQ	Santee, S.C. (Clarendon Hall)
5	Grayson Howard	LB	6-4	241	FR	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Andrew Jackson)
79	Jaxon Hughes	OL	6-6	297	R-SR	TR	Greensboro, N.C. (Northern Guilford/Charlotte)
95	Alex Huntley	DT	6-4	298	R-JR	2L	Blythewood, S.C. (Hammond School)
98	Mitch Jeter	PK	5-10	194	SR	3L	Salisbury, N.C. (Cannon School)
10	Tyreek Johnson	EDGE	6-3	270	R-SR	2L	Sumter, S.C. (Lakewood)
72	Trai Jones	OL	6-2	318	R-JR	2L	Abbeville, S.C. (Abbeville)
45	William Joyce	P	6-3	223	R-SO	SQ	Spartanburg, S.C. (Spartanburg)
5	Dakereon Joyner	RB	6-1	229	S-SR	4L	N. Charleston, S.C. (Fort Dorchester)

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32	Mohamed Kaba	LB	6-2	242	R-JR	2L	Clinton, N.C. (Clinton)
24	Jalon Kilgore	DB	6-1	204	FR	HS	Eatonton, Ga. (Putnam County)
1	Trey Knox	TE	6-5	240	GR	TR	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Blackman/Arkansas)
39	Kai Kroeger	P	6-4	212	SR	3L	Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)
53	Vershon Lee	OL	6-4	319	R-JR	2L	Woodbridge, Va. (Freedom)
17	Xavier Legette	WR	6-3	227	S-SR	4L	Mullins, S.C. (Mullins)
42	Daniel Lester	PK	6-2	218	R-FR	SQ	Land O' Lakes, Fla. (Sunlake)
11	Eddie Lewis	WR	6-0	188	GR	TR	Harlem, N.Y. (Mater Dei/Memphis)
57	Grayson Mains	OL	6-5	296	R-FR	SQ	Cumming, Ga. (Lambert)
13	Payton Mangrum	WR	6-0	198	R-JR	2L	Greenville, S.C. (Eastside)
61	Ni Mansell	OL	6-3	306	R-JR	TR	Anderson, S.C. (Westside/Mercer)
99	D'Andre Martin	DT	6-4	306	R-FR	SQ	Durham, N.C. (Life Christian Academy)
22	Bam Martin-Scott	LB	6-2	226	R-SR	1L	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Snider/Dodge City C.C.)
35	Chase McCracken	RB	5-10	197	R-FR	SQ	Hilton Head, S.C. (Hilton Head Island)
0	Juju McDowell	RB	5-9	180	JR	2L	Bainbridge, Ga. (Lee County)
64	Xzavier McLeod	DT	6-5	284	FR	HS	Camden, S.C. (Camden)
86	Reid Mikeska	TE	6-6	225	FR	HS	Cypress, Texas (Bridgeland)
55	Jakai Moore	OL	6-6	318	R-SR	3L	Nokesville, Va. (Patriot)
64	JonDarius Morgan	OL	6-3	319	R-SO	SQ	Birmingham, Ala. (Huffman)
87	Joseph Morris	WR	6-0	189	R-SO	SQ	Camden, S.C. (Camden/N. Greenville)
81	Aaron Morton	WR	5-8	169	R-SO	SQ	Cincinnati, Ohio (Loveland)
18	Keenan Nelson Jr.	DB	6-1	195	R-FR	SQ	Philadelphia, Pa. (St. Joseph's Prep)
52	Jaylen Nichols	OL	6-5	318	S-SR	4L	Charlotte, N.C. (Myers Park)
23	Isaiah Norris	DB	5-11	183	R-SR	SQ	Anderson, S.C. (T.L. Hanna/Georgia Military)
40	Ronnie Porter	LB	6-1	241	R-SO	SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Heathwood Hall)
46	Cole Rasmussen	LS	5-11	225	R-JR	SQ	Fort Mill, S.C. (Fort Mill/Charleston So.)
7	Spencer Rattler	QB	6-1	217	R-SR	1L	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle/Oklahoma)
12	Eriq Rice	WR	6-1	197	R-SO	SQ	Columbia, S.C. (A.C. Flora)
34	Jamian Risher Jr.	LB	6-2	213	R-FR	HS	Varnville, S.C. (Wade Hampton)
36	Hunter Rogers	LS	6-1	202	R-JR	2L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
19	Ben Rollins	WR	5-9	162	R-JR	SQ	Inman, S.C. (Chapman)
21	Tyshawn Russell	WR	6-0	174	FR	HS	Harrisburg, Pa. (Bishop McDevitt)
82	Landon Samson	WR	6-0	191	R-FR	SQ	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll)
90	T.J. Sanders	DT	6-5	298	R-SO	1L	Marion, S.C. (Marion)
33	Kamron Sandlin	RB	6-3	214	FR	HS	Anniston, Ala. (Anniston)
25	Zahbari Sandy	DB	6-2	215	FR	HS	Washington, D.C. (St. John's College)
16	LaNorris Sellers	QB	6-3	245	FR	HS	Florence, S.C. (South Florence)
50	Jatavius Shivers	OL	6-6	315	FR	HS	Villa Rica, Ga. (Villa Rica)
22	Zavier Short	WR	6-2	212	R-FR	SQ	Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)
6	Joshua Simon	TE	6-4	240	GR	TR	Dalzell, S.C. (Crestwood/Western Kentucky)
1	DQ Smith	DB	6-1	214	SO	1L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
29	David Spaulding	DB	6-1	198	R-SR	2L	Riceboro, Ga. (Bradwell Institute/Georgia Southern)
7	Jordan Strachan	EDGE	6-5	243	S-SR	1L	Kingsland, Ga. (Camden County/Georgia State)
16	Vicari Swain	DB	6-1	183	FR	HS	Carrollton, Ga. (Central)
67	Chase Sweigart	OL	6-6	298	R-FR	SQ	Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)
46	Bryan Thomas Jr.	EDGE	6-3	235	SO	1L	Windermere, Fla. (Foundation Academy)
19	Drew Tuazama	EDGE	6-5	275	GR	TR	Raleigh, N.C. (Knightdale/UAB)
27	D.J. Twitty	RB	6-0	221	S-SR	SQ	Inman, S.C. (Chapman/E. Tenn. State)
9	Desmond Umeozulu	EDGE	6-6	246	FR	HS	Upper Marlboro, Md. (C.H. Flowers)
68	Campbell Vandiver	OL	6-7	267	FR	HS	Brentwood, Tenn. (Lipscomb Academy)
80	Lukas Vozeh	TE	6-4	256	FR	HS	Franklin Lakes, N.J. (IMG Academy)
66	Mac Walters	OL	6-6	290	R-FR	SQ	Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)
62	Tyshawn Wannamaker	OL	6-3	290	R-JR	2L	St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)
3	Antwane Wells Jr.	WR	6-1	208	SR	1L	Richmond, Va. (Highland Springs/James Madison)
15	Donovan Westmoreland	EDGE	6-1	234	SO	1L	Griffin, Ga. (Griffin)
54	Jamaal Whyce	DT	6-3	323	R-FR	SQ	Miami, Fla. (Florida Christian)
0	Debo Williams	LB	6-1	232	R-JR	2L	Smyrna, Del. (Smyrna/Delaware)
31	Peyton Williams	DB	6-0	198	R-FR	SQ	Heath, Texas (Rockwall-Heath)
14	Jaron Willis	LB	6-2	225	R-FR	TR	Leesburg, Ga. (Lee County/Ole Miss)



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0	Debo Williams	LB	6-1	232	R-JR	2L	Smyrna, Del. (Smyrna/Delaware)
0	Juju McDowell	RB	5-9	180	JR	2L	Bainbridge, Ga. (Lee County)
1	Trey Knox	TE	6-5	240	GR	TR	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Blackman/Arkansas)
1	DQ Smith	DB	6-1	214	SO	1L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
3	Antwane Wells Jr.	WR	6-1	208	SR	1L	Richmond, Va. (Highland Springs/James Madison)
3	O'Donnell Fortune	DB	6-1	185	R-JR	2L	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter)
4	Terrell Dawkins	EDGE	6-4	251	R-SR	SQ	Concord, N.C. (Cox Mill/NC State)
4	Colten Gauthier	QB	6-3	208	R-SO	SQ	Bethlehem, Ga. (Hebron Christian Academy)
5	Dakereon Joyner	RB	6-1	229	S-SR	4L	N. Charleston, S.C. (Fort Dorchester)
5	Grayson Howard	LB	6-4	241	FR	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Andrew Jackson)
6	Joshua Simon	TE	6-4	240	GR	TR	Dalzell, S.C. (Crestwood/Western Kentucky)
6	Marcellas Dial	DB	6-0	195	R-SR	2L	Woodruff, S.C. (Woodruff/Georgia Military)
7	Jordan Strachan	EDGE	6-5	243	S-SR	1L	Kingsland, Ga. (Camden County/Georgia State)
7	Spencer Rattler	QB	6-1	217	R-SR	1L	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle/Oklahoma)
8	Emory Floyd	DB	6-1	181	R-FR	SQ	Marietta, Ga. (Hillgrove)
8	Nyck Harbor	WR	6-5	241	FR	HS	Washington, D.C. (Archbishop Carroll)
9	Luke Doty	QB	6-1	209	R-JR	2L	Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)
9	Desmond Umeozulu	EDGE	6-6	246	FR	HS	Upper Marlboro, Md. (C.H. Flowers)
10	Ahmarean Brown	WR	5-9	169	S-SR	2L	Tampa, Fla. (Jefferson/Georgia Tech)
10	Tyreek Johnson	EDGE	6-3	270	R-SR	2L	Sumter, S.C. (Lakewood)
11	Eddie Lewis	WR	6-0	188	GR	TR	Harlem, N.Y. (Mater Dei/Memphis)
11	Elijah Davis	DT	6-3	289	JR	JC	Wagener, S.C. (Wagener-Salley/East Mississippi C.C.)
12	Jatius Geer	EDGE	6-6	243	R-SO	TR	Anderson, S.C. (Belton-Honea Path/Syracuse)
12	Eriq Rice	WR	6-1	197	R-SO	SQ	Columbia, S.C. (A.C. Flora)
13	Payton Mangrum	WR	6-0	198	R-JR	2L	Greenville, S.C. (Eastside)
13	Kajuan Banks	DB	5-10	173	SO	1L	Tallahassee, Fla. (Godby)
14	Jaron Willis	LB	6-2	225	R-FR	TR	Leesburg, Ga. (Lee County/Ole Miss)
14	Elijah Caldwell	WR	6-1	191	FR	HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwestern)
15	Donovan Westmoreland	EDGE	6-1	234	SO	1L	Griffin, Ga. (Griffin)
15	Tanner Bailey	QB	6-1	215	R-FR	SQ	Gordo, Ala. (Gordo)
16	LaNorris Sellers	QB	6-3	245	FR	HS	Florence, S.C. (South Florence)
16	Vicari Swain	DB	6-1	183	FR	HS	Carrollton, Ga. (Central)
17	Xavier Legette	WR	6-3	227	S-SR	4L	Mullins, S.C. (Mullins)
17	DeAngelo Gibbs	DB	6-1	225	GR	TR	Oxford, Ga. (Grayson/Tennessee)
18	Keenan Nelson Jr.	DB	6-1	195	R-FR	SQ	Philadelphia, Pa. (St. Joseph's Prep)
18	Connor Cox	TE	6-5	235	FR	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
19	Drew Tuazama	EDGE	6-5	275	GR	TR	Raleigh, N.C. (Knightdale/UAB)
19	Ben Rollins	WR	5-9	162	R-JR	SQ	Inman, S.C. (Chapman)
20	Kylic Horton	WR	6-4	199	R-FR	SQ	Santee, S.C. (Clarendon Hall)
20	Judge Collier	DB	6-1	193	FR	HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (Legion Collegiate Academy)
21	Nick Emmanwori	DB	6-3	220	SO	1L	Irmo, S.C. (Irmo)
21	Tyshawn Russell	WR	6-0	174	FR	HS	Harrisburg, Pa. (Bishop McDevitt)
22	Bam Martin-Scott	LB	6-2	226	R-SR	1L	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Snider/Dodge City C.C.)
22	Zavier Short	WR	6-2	212	R-FR	SQ	Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)
23	Isaiah Norris	DB	5-11	183	R-SR	SQ	Anderson, S.C. (T.L. Hanna/Georgia Military)
23	Djay Braswell	RB	5-11	204	FR	HS	Sandersville, Ga. (Washington County)
24	Mario Anderson	RB	5-9	208	R-SR	TR	Summerville, S.C. (Stratford/Newberry)
24	Jalon Kilgore	DB	6-1	204	FR	HS	Eatonton, Ga. (Putnam County)
25	Zahbari Sandy	DB	6-2	215	FR	HS	Washington, D.C. (St. John's College)
26	Landon Grier	DB	5-9	161	R-JR	SQ	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
26	Nathan Harris-Waynick	RB	5-10	200	R-SO	SQ	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter)
27	D.J. Twitty	RB	6-0	221	S-SR	SQ	Inman, S.C. (Chapman/E. Tenn. State)
27	King-Demenian Ford	DB	6-2	209	R-JR	1L	Blythewood, S.C. (Blythewood)
29	David Spaulding	DB	6-1	198	R-SR	2L	Riceboro, Ga. (Bradwell Institute/Georgia Southern)

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30	Jace Blackshear	DB	5-8	168	R-FR	SQ	Hilton Head, S.C. (Hilton Head Christian Academy)
31	Peyton Williams	DB	6-0	198	R-FR	SQ	Heath, Texas (Rockwall-Heath)
32	Mohamed Kaba	LB	6-2	242	R-JR	2L	Clinton, N.C. (Clinton)
32	Bradley Dunn	RB	5-9	203	R-JR	SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Hammond School)
33	Kamron Sandlin	RB	6-3	214	FR	HS	Anniston, Ala. (Anniston)
34	Jamian Risher Jr.	LB	6-2	213	R-FR	HS	Varnville, S.C. (Wade Hampton)
35	Chase McCracken	RB	5-10	197	R-FR	SQ	Hilton Head, S.C. (Hilton Head Island)
36	B.J. Gibson	DB	6-4	219	R-SR	1L	Marietta, Ga. (Walton/Navy)
36	Hunter Rogers	LS	6-1	202	R-JR	2L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
39	Kai Kroeger	P	6-4	212	SR	3L	Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)
40	Alex Herrera	PK/P	6-0	189	R-SR	2L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
40	Ronnie Porter	LB	6-1	241	R-SO	SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Heathwood Hall)
41	Andrew Colasurdo	LB	6-1	237	R-SO	SQ	Inman, S.C. (Chapman)
42	Daniel Lester	PK	6-2	218	R-FR	SQ	Land O' Lakes, Fla. (Sunlake)
43	Joseph Byrnes	DB	6-0	193	R-SO	SQ	Camden, S.C. (Camden)
44	Maurice Brown II	TE	6-4	237	FR	HS	Upper Marlboro, Md. (C.H. Flowers)
45	Colin Bryant	LB	6-3	225	R-SO	SQ	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando/Alabama)
45	William Joyce	P	6-3	223	R-SO	SQ	Spartanburg, S.C. (Spartanburg)
46	Cole Rasmussen	LS	5-11	225	R-JR	SQ	Fort Mill, S.C. (Fort Mill/Charleston So.)
46	Bryan Thomas Jr.	EDGE	6-3	235	SO	1L	Windermere, Fla. (Foundation Academy)
48	Peyton Argent	PK/P	6-2	203	FR	HS	Hoover, Ala. (Hoover)
49	Jordan Franke	LS	5-11	205	FR	HS	Verona, Wis. (Verona)
50	Felix Hixon	DT	6-3	309	R-FR	SQ	Jackson, Ga. (Jackson)
50	Jatavius Shivers	OL	6-6	315	FR	HS	Villa Rica, Ga. (Villa Rice)
51	Tree Babalade	OL	6-5	338	FR	HS	Hyattsville, Md. (DeMatha Catholic)
52	Jaylen Nichols	OL	6-5	318	S-SR	4L	Charlotte, N.C. (Myers Park)
52	Stone Blanton	LB	6-2	232	SO	1L	Jackson, Miss. (Madison-Ridgeland Academy)
53	Vershon Lee	OL	6-4	319	R-JR	2L	Woodbridge, Va. (Freedom)
54	Jamaal Whyce	DT	6-3	323	R-FR	SQ	Miami, Fla. (Florida Christian)
55	Jakai Moore	OL	6-6	318	R-SR	3L	Nokesville, Va. (Patriot)
57	Grayson Mains	OL	6-5	296	R-FR	SQ	Cumming, Ga. (Lambert)
58	Markee Anderson	OL	6-4	302	R-FR	SQ	Roebuck, S.C. (Dorman)
61	Ni Mansell	OL	6-3	306	R-JR	TR	Anderson, S.C. (Westside/Mercer)
62	Tyshawn Wannamaker	OL	6-3	290	R-JR	2L	St. Matthews, S.C. (Calhoun County)
64	JonDarius Morgan	OL	6-3	319	R-SO	SQ	Birmingham, Ala. (Huffman)
64	Xzavier McLeod	DT	6-5	284	FR	HS	Camden, S.C. (Camden)
66	Mac Walters	OL	6-6	290	R-FR	SQ	Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)
67	Chase Sweigart	OL	6-6	298	R-FR	SQ	Chapin, S.C. (Chapin)
68	Campbell Vandiver	OL	6-7	267	FR	HS	Brentwood, Tenn. (Lipscomb Academy)
69	Nick Gargiulo	OL	6-5	327	GR	TR	Yorktown Heights, N.Y. (Somers/Yale)
72	Trai Jones	OL	6-2	318	R-JR	2L	Abbeville, S.C. (Abbeville)
73	Ryan Brubaker	OL	6-6	304	R-FR	SQ	Stevens, Pa. (Cocalico)
75	Cason Henry	OL	6-6	300	R-FR	SQ	Marietta, Ga. (Walton)
77	Sidney Fugar	OL	6-5	327	R-SO	TR	Waldorf, Md. (St. Thomas More Academy/Western Illinois)
78	Trovon Baugh	OL	6-4	337	FR	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (Pace Academy)
79	Jaxon Hughes	OL	6-6	297	R-SR	TR	Greensboro, N.C. (Northern Guilford/Charlotte)
80	Lukas Vozeh	TE	6-4	256	FR	HS	Franklin Lakes, N.J. (IMG Academy)
81	Aaron Morton	WR	5-8	169	R-SO	SQ	Cincinnati, Ohio (Loveland)
82	Landon Samson	WR	6-0	191	R-FR	SQ	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll)
83	Kelton Henderson	WR	6-0	165	FR	HS	Lehigh Acres, Fla. (Lehigh Senior)
84	Nick Elksnis	TE	6-6	251	R-SO	TR	Jacksonville, Fla. (Episcopal/Florida)
85	CJ Adams	WR	6-2	215	FR	HS	Mableton, Ga. (Pebblebrook)
86	Reid Mikeska	TE	6-6	225	FR	HS	Cypress, Texas (Bridgeland)
87	Joseph Morris	WR	6-0	189	R-SO	SQ	Camden, S.C. (Camden/N. Greenville)
88	Will Helmadollar	TE	6-3	225	FR	HS	Columbia, S.C. (Ben Lippen)
89	O'Mega Blake	WR	6-2	180	R-SO	SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (South Pointe)
90	T.J. Sanders	DT	6-5	298	R-SO	1L	Marion, S.C. (Marion)
91	Tonka Hemingway	DT	6-3	285	SR	3L	Conway, S.C. (Conway)
93	Nick Barrett	DT	6-3	327	JR	2L	Goldsboro, N.C. (Eastern Wayne)
95	Alex Huntley	DT	6-4	298	R-JR	2L	Blythewood, S.C. (Hammond School)
98	Mitch Jeter	PK	5-10	194	SR	3L	Salisbury, N.C. (Cannon School)
99	D'Andre Martin	DT	6-4	306	R-FR	SQ	Durham, N.C. (Life Christian Academy)



Offense

Table of offensive players including WR, LT, LG, OC, RG, RT, TE, QB, and RB with their jersey numbers, names, heights, weights, positions, and hometowns.

Defense

Table of defensive players including DE, DT, OLB, MLB, WLB, NICK, CB, SS, FS, and CB with their jersey numbers, names, heights, weights, positions, and hometowns.

Pronunciation Guide

Pronunciation guide table listing player names and their corresponding pronunciations.

Specialists

Table of specialist players including PK, P, LSN, H, KOR, and PR with their jersey numbers, names, heights, weights, positions, and hometowns.




**SHANE
BEAMER**

HEAD COACH

(VIRGINIA TECH, 1999)

THIRD YEAR AT SOUTH CAROLINA



A rising star in the head coaching ranks, Shane Beamer begins his third season leading the South Carolina program. He was named the Gamecocks' 36th head football coach on Dec. 6, 2020. In his first two seasons he has defeated three coaches who have won national championships - Jimbo Fisher, Dabo Swinney and Mack Brown.

Beamer had a successful first season in Columbia, improving the Gamecocks by 3.5 games, from a 2-8 mark in 2020 to a 7-6 campaign in 2021, including a convincing win over North Carolina in the Duke's Mayo Bowl. He tied the school record for wins by a first-year head coach, doubled the preseason's expected win total and surpassed the win total of the two previous seasons combined, earning him a share of the Steve Spurrier First-Year Coach of the Year Award, presented by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA). Safety Jaylan Foster earned All-America honors and three players were selected in the NFL Draft following his inaugural season.

In 2022, the team again exceeded expectations by recording eight wins, including three wins over ranked opponents. The Gamecocks won eight games for just the 15th time in 129 seasons and for the first time since 2017. The Gamecocks were ranked 23rd in the country in the final AP and USA Today Coaches' polls. It marked the first time since 2013 that the Gamecocks finished the season ranked in the top-25 and the 10th time Carolina has finished the season ranked in the final AP poll. The Gamecocks defeated No. 5 Tennessee and No. 7 Clemson in the final two games of the regular season, the first time Carolina has posted back-to-back wins over top-10 teams and just the seventh time in history that a school has defeated AP Top-10 opponents in consecutive weeks as an unranked team, the first since 2003. Punter Kai Kroeger earned All-America honors, leading a special teams unit ranked No. 1 in the country.

With a 15-11 mark, Beamer matched Joe Morrison, Steve Spurrier and Will Muschamp for the most wins by a head football coach in his first two seasons at Carolina.

Prior to his first head coaching stint, Beamer had been an assistant coach at seven Football Bowl Subdivision schools for 21 seasons. During his career as an assistant, he coached in 17 bowl games, including a College Football Playoff National Championship Game, posted 18 non-losing seasons, six of those with double-digit victories, and his teams won 63 percent of its games. He has coached all three phases of the game - offense, defense and special teams.

Beamer is not new to Carolina. The Charleston, S.C. native, served as an assistant coach with the Gamecocks for four seasons from 2007-10 under head coach Steve Spurrier. In 2007, he served as the outside linebackers coach and co-special teams coordinator. He mentored the cornerbacks in 2008, then coached the Spurs and strong safeties and was the special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator in 2009 and 2010, setting the foundation for the most successful run in school history.

In 2009 at South Carolina, Beamer was nominated for the Frank Broyles Award. His special teams' units recorded five blocked kicks, tying for the SEC lead and for the eighth-highest total in the nation. He also helped coach a defensive unit that ranked third in the SEC and 15th in the country in total defense, and second in the league and eighth in the country in passing defense.

As the Gamecocks' recruiting coordinator, his 2009 class was ranked 12th-best in the country, and the 2010 and 2011 classes were ranked in the Top 25.

The Beamer File

Born:	March 31, 1977
Hometown:	Blacksburg, Va.
Wife:	Emily
Children:	Sutton, Olivia and Hunter

During his tenure as recruiting coordinator, nine Gamecocks were selected in the NFL Draft, including first round selection Stephen Gilmore (Buffalo) and second round picks Alshon Jeffery (Chicago) and D.J. Swearinger (Houston).

The Gamecocks all-time winningest quarterback, Connor Shaw, and rushing touchdown leader, Marcus Lattimore, were also in the 2010 class.

Beamer has been a part of building programs throughout his career. He has been on three coaching staffs where the head coach was in his first or second season at the school. He joined Sylvester Croom's staff at Mississippi State in his first season, Kirby Smart's program at Georgia in his first season, and Lincoln Riley's unit at Oklahoma in his second season.

Beamer came to Carolina from Oklahoma, where he served as the assistant head coach for offense and mentored the tight ends and H-backs for three highly-successful seasons. In 2020, Oklahoma ranked sixth in the country in scoring (43.0), 11th in total offense (494.7) and 14th in passing offense (315.0). In 2019, the Sooners led the nation in yards per play (8.0) and ranked third in total offense (537.6) and fourth in passing efficiency rating (187.0). Oklahoma led the nation in total offense (570.3), scoring offense (48.4) and yards per play (FBS-record 8.6), and ranked second in passing efficiency rating (194.9) in 2018.

Prior to his arrival in Norman, Beamer spent two seasons on the staff at Georgia as tight ends coach and special teams coordinator under Kirby Smart. The Bulldogs posted a 21-7 combined record with Beamer on staff. In 2017, the Bulldogs won the SEC Championship and finished second in the nation, falling in the CFP title game to Alabama in overtime. His special teams ranked eighth nationally in net punting (41.7), and 20th in kickoff returns (23.5) while blocking four kicks.

The son of Hall of Fame coach, Frank Beamer, he worked with his father as the associate head coach and running backs coach at Virginia Tech from 2011-15. In his first year, he coached David Wilson, who broke the Tech single-season rushing record and was named All-American and ACC Player of the Year and went on to become a first-round NFL draft selection by the New York Giants. Shane served as the Hokies' acting head coach in the 2014 Military Bowl win while his father watched from the press box following throat surgery.

Beamer's first full-time coaching position was at Mississippi State, joining the Bulldogs in 2004 as cornerbacks coach and recruiting coordinator. In his first two seasons at State, he guided three defensive backs to SEC All-Freshman Team accolades. He maintained the recruiting coordinator title but made the move to running backs coach in the spring of 2006 where he tutored running back Anthony Dixon to SEC All-Freshman honors.

Beamer spent three seasons (2001-03) as a graduate assistant at Tennessee, helping with the cornerbacks and assisting in all special teams areas. He also oversaw game opponent scouting while earning a master's degree in sport management in December 2003.

Before joining the staff at UT, he worked one season (2000) as a graduate assistant at Georgia Tech, helping with the Yellow Jacket quarterbacks and wide receivers.

A December 1999 graduate of Virginia Tech, Beamer was a member of five bowl teams (1995-99 seasons) and three Big East Conference championship squads on the Hokie football team as a long snapper and wide receiver. He was a long snapper on the 1999 Virginia Tech team that played for the BCS National Championship.

Beamer and his wife, Emily, are the parents of three children - two daughters, Sutton and Olivia, both born in Columbia, and a son, Hunter, born in Blacksburg, Va.



Beamer Through the Years

Year	School	Position	Record	Conf.	Head Coach	Bowl Game
1995	Virginia Tech	WR/Long Snapper	10-2	6-1	Frank Beamer	Sugar
1996	Virginia Tech	WR/Long Snapper	10-2	6-1	Frank Beamer	Orange
1997	Virginia Tech	WR/Long Snapper	7-5	5-2	Frank Beamer	Gator
1998	Virginia Tech	WR/Long Snapper	9-3	5-2	Frank Beamer	Music City
1999	Virginia Tech	WR/Long Snapper	11-1	7-0	Frank Beamer	Sugar
2000	Georgia Tech	Graduate Assistant	9-3	6-2	George O'Leary	Peach
2001	Tennessee	Graduate Assistant	11-2	7-1	Phillip Fulmer	Citrus
2002	Tennessee	Graduate Assistant	8-5	5-3	Phillip Fulmer	Peach
2003	Tennessee	Graduate Assistant	10-3	6-2	Phillip Fulmer	Peach
2004	Mississippi State	Cornerbacks/RC	3-8	2-6	Sylvester Croom	-
2005	Mississippi State	Cornerbacks/RC	3-8	1-7	Sylvester Croom	-
2006	Mississippi State	Running Backs/RC	3-9	1-7	Sylvester Croom	-
2007	South Carolina	OLB/Co-ST Coord.	6-6	3-5	Steve Spurrier	-
2008	South Carolina	Cornerbacks	7-6	4-4	Steve Spurrier	Outback
2009	South Carolina	Spurs/SS/STC/RC	7-6	3-5	Steve Spurrier	Papajohns.com
2010	South Carolina	Spurs/SS/STC/RC	9-5	5-3	Steve Spurrier	Chick-fil-A
2011	Virginia Tech	AHC/Running Backs	11-3	7-1	Frank Beamer	Sugar
2012	Virginia Tech	AHC/Running Backs	7-6	4-4	Frank Beamer	Russell Athletic
2013	Virginia Tech	AHC/Running Backs	8-5	5-3	Frank Beamer	Sun
2014	Virginia Tech	AHC/Running Backs	7-6	3-5	Frank Beamer	Military
2015	Virginia Tech	AHC/Running Backs	7-6	4-4	Frank Beamer	Independence
2016	Georgia	Tight Ends/STC	8-5	4-4	Kirby Smart	Liberty
2017	Georgia	Tight Ends/STC	13-2	7-1	Kirby Smart	Rose (CFP)/ CFP Championship
2018	Oklahoma	AHC/TE/H-Backs	12-2	8-1	Lincoln Riley	Orange (CFP)
2019	Oklahoma	AHC/TE/H-Backs	12-2	8-1	Lincoln Riley	Peach (CFP)
2020	Oklahoma	AHC/TE/H-Backs	9-2	6-2	Lincoln Riley	Cotton
2021	South Carolina	Head Coach	7-6	3-5	Shane Beamer	Duke's Mayo
2022	South Carolina	Head Coach	8-5	4-4	Shane Beamer	TaxSlayer Gator
2023	South Carolina	Head Coach	1-1	0-0	Shane Beamer	
TOTALS						
1995-99	Virginia Tech	Player	47-13	29-6		
2000	Georgia Tech	Graduate Assistant	9-3	6-2		
2001-03	Tennessee	Graduate Assistant	29-10	18-6		
2004-06	Mississippi State	Assistant Coach	9-25	4-20		
2007-10	South Carolina	Assistant Coach	29-23	15-17		
2011-15	Virginia Tech	Assistant Coach	40-26	23-17		
2016-17	Georgia	Assistant Coach	21-7	11-5		
2018-20	Oklahoma	Assistant Coach	33-6	22-4		
2021-23	South Carolina	Head Coach	16-12	7-9		
1995-99 TOTAL	Player		47-13	29-6		
2000-03 TOTAL	Graduate Assistant		38-13	24-8		
2004-20 TOTAL	Assistant Coach		132-87	75-63		
2021-23 TOTAL	Head Coach		16-12	7-9		
OVERALL			233-125	135-86		



Under Beamer

	2023	All
Overall	1-1	16-12
Home	1-0	11-4
Road	0-0	4-6
Neutral	0-1	1-2
August	0-0	0-0
September	1-1	6-5
October	0-0	4-3
November	0-0	5-3
December	0-0	1-1
January	0-0	0-0
Leading after 1st Quarter	0-0	10-2
Tied after 1st Quarter	1-1	2-1
Trailing after 1st Quarter	0-0	4-9
Leading at Halftime	1-0	12-1
Tied at Halftime	0-0	2-0
Trailing at Halftime	0-1	2-11
Leading after 3rd Quarter	1-0	13-0
Tied after 3rd Quarter	0-0	1-1
Trailing after 3rd Quarter	0-1	2-11
When Scoring First	0-0	12-2
When Opp. Scores First	1-1	4-10
Largest Halftime Lead	13	29
Largest Halftime Deficit	3	31
Come From Behind Win	7	14
Score 20-plus Points	1-0	16-4
Score 30-plus Points	1-0	11-2
Opponents Score 20 or less	0-0	10-1
Decided by 3 or less	0-0	3-1
Decided by 7 or less	0-0	5-3
Decided by 8 or less	0-0	5-3
Decided by 10 or less	0-0	7-3
Rush for 100-plus Yards	1-0	13-1
Rush for 150-plus Yards	0-0	8-1
Pass for 200-plus Yards	1-1	11-6
Pass for 300-plus Yards	1-1	4-2
Total 400-plus Yards	1-0	10-1
Opp. Rush 100 yards or less	1-0	4-0
Opp. Pass 200 yards or less	0-0	8-5
Opp. Total 300 yards or less	0-0	4-0
Commit More Turnovers	0-0	3-7
Commit Fewer Turnovers	0-1	7-4
Commit Equal Turnovers	1-0	6-1
Lead in Time of Possession	1-0	10-2
Trail in Time of Possession	0-1	6-10
Games with a Def. Score	0-0	4-1
Games with a Blocked Kick	0-0	5-2

Beamer in Bowl Games

Year	School	Opponent	Bowl Game	Result
1995	Virginia Tech	Texas	Sugar	W, 28-10
1996	Virginia Tech	Nebraska	Orange	L, 21-41
1997	Virginia Tech	North Carolina	Gator	L, 3-42
1998	Virginia Tech	Alabama	Music City	W, 38-7
1999	Virginia Tech	Florida State	Sugar	L, 29-46
2000	Georgia Tech	LSU	Peach	L, 14-28
2001	Tennessee	Michigan	Citrus	W, 45-17
2002	Tennessee	Maryland	Peach	L, 3-30
2003	Tennessee	Clemson	Peach	L, 14-27
2008	South Carolina	Iowa	Outback	L, 10-31
2009	South Carolina	UConn	Papajohns.com	L, 7-20
2010	South Carolina	Florida State	Chick-fil-A	L, 17-26
2011	Virginia Tech	Michigan	Sugar	L, 20-23
2012	Virginia Tech	Rutgers	Russell Athletic	W, 13-10
2013	Virginia Tech	UCLA	Sun	L, 12-42
2014	Virginia Tech	Cincinnati	Military	W, 33-17
2015	Virginia Tech	Tulsa	Independence	W, 55-52
2016	Georgia	TCU	Liberty	W, 31-23
2017	Georgia	Oklahoma	Rose (CFP)	W, 54-48
		Alabama	CFP Championship	L, 23-26
2018	Oklahoma	Alabama	Orange (CFP)	L, 34-45
2019	Oklahoma	LSU	Peach (CFP)	L, 28-63
2021	South Carolina	North Carolina	Duke's Mayo	W, 38-21
2022	South Carolina	Notre Dame	TaxSlayer Gator	L, 38-45





Beamer vs. All Opponents

Arkansas.....0-1	Kentucky.....1-1
Auburn.....1-0	Mississippi State.....0-0
Charlotte.....1-0	Missouri.....0-2
Clemson.....1-1	North Carolina.....1-1
East Carolina.....1-0	Notre Dame.....0-1
Eastern Illinois.....1-0	South Carolina State.....1-0
Florida.....1-1	Tennessee.....1-1
Furman.....1-0	Texas A&M.....1-1
Georgia.....0-2	Troy.....1-0
Georgia State.....1-0	Vanderbilt.....2-0
Jacksonville State.....0-0	TOTALS.....16-12

Beamer vs. the SEC

Alabama.....0-0	Mississippi.....0-0
Arkansas.....0-1	Mississippi State.....0-0
Auburn.....1-0	Missouri.....0-2
Florida.....1-1	Tennessee.....1-1
Georgia.....0-2	Texas A&M.....1-1
Kentucky.....1-1	Vanderbilt.....2-0
Louisiana State.....0-0	TOTALS.....7-9

Gamecock Single-Game Superlatives Under Beamer

Most Points Scored

1. 63	Tennessee.....	11/19/22
2. 56	vs Charlotte.....	09/24/22
3. 50	vs South Carolina State.....	09/29/22
4. 47	vs Furman.....	09/09/23
5. 46	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21

Fewest Points Allowed

1. 0	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
2. 10	vs South Carolina State.....	09/29/22
3. 14	vs Georgia State.....	09/03/22
14	at Kentucky.....	10/08/22
5. 16	vs Kentucky.....	09/25/21

Most First Downs

1. 35	vs Tennessee.....	11/19/22
2. 28	vs Charlotte.....	09/24/22
3. 27	vs North Carolina.....	12/30/21
4. 25	vs Furman.....	09/09/23
5. 23	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
23	at Arkansas.....	09/10/22

Fewest First Downs Allowed

1. 9	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
2. 12	at East Carolina.....	09/11/21
3. 13	vs Florida.....	11/06/21
13	vs South Carolina State.....	09/29/22
5. 14	vs North Carolina.....	12/30/21
14	vs Georgia State.....	09/03/22

Most Rushing Attempts

1. 51	vs North Carolina.....	12/30/21
2. 47	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
3. 42	vs Florida.....	11/06/21
42	at Kentucky.....	10/08/22
5. 41	at Tennessee.....	10/09/21
41	vs Auburn.....	11/20/21

Opp. Fewest Rushing Attempts

1. 22	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
2. 26	vs Florida.....	11/06/21
3. 28	vs Texas A&M.....	10/22/22
28	vs Tennessee.....	11/19/22
5. 29	vs North Carolina.....	12/30/21
29	vs Charlotte.....	09/24/22

Most Rushing Yards

1. 301	vs North Carolina.....	12/30/21
2. 295	vs Charlotte.....	09/24/22
3. 284	vs Florida.....	11/06/21
4. 254	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
5. 208	at Vanderbilt.....	11/05/22

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed

1. 31	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
2. 79	vs Charlotte.....	09/24/22
3. 80	vs Furman.....	09/09/23
4. 82	vs Florida.....	11/06/21
5. 106	vs Vanderbilt.....	10/16/21

Most Passes Attempted

1. 49	vs Notre Dame.....	12/30/22
2. 42	vs Clemson.....	11/27/21
3. 39	at Arkansas.....	09/10/22
39	at Clemson.....	11/26/22
39	vs North Carolina.....	09/02/23

Opponents Fewest Pass Attempts

1. 18	vs South Carolina State.....	09/29/22
2. 19	vs Clemson.....	11/27/21
3. 21	vs Vanderbilt.....	10/16/21
21	vs North Carolina.....	12/30/21
21	at Arkansas.....	09/10/22

Most Passes Completed

1. 32	vs Furman.....	09/09/23
2. 31	vs Tennessee.....	11/19/22
31	vs Notre Dame.....	12/30/22
4. 30	vs North Carolina.....	09/02/23
5. 25	at Clemson.....	11/26/22

Opponents Fewest Passes Completed

1. 7	vs Georgia State.....	09/03/22
7	vs South Carolina State.....	09/29/22
3. 8	at Clemson.....	11/26/22
4. 9	vs Clemson.....	11/27/21
5. 11	vs Vanderbilt.....	10/16/21

Most Passing Yards

1. 463	vs Furman.....	09/09/23
2. 453	vs Tennessee.....	11/19/22
3. 377	at Arkansas.....	09/10/22
4. 360	at Clemson.....	11/26/22
5. 353	vs North Carolina.....	09/02/23

Opponents Fewest Passing Yards

1. 75	vs South Carolina State.....	09/29/22
2. 78	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
3. 99	vs Clemson.....	11/27/21
99	at Clemson.....	11/26/22
5. 102	vs Kentucky.....	09/25/21

Most Yards Total Offense

1. 606	vs Tennessee.....	11/19/22
2. 571	vs Furman.....	09/09/23
3. 545	vs Charlotte.....	09/24/22
4. 543	vs North Carolina.....	12/30/21
5. 492	at Vanderbilt.....	11/05/22

Opponents Fewest Yards Total Offense

1. 109	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
2. 220	vs South Carolina State.....	09/29/22
3. 268	at East Carolina.....	09/11/21
4. 292	vs Charlotte.....	09/24/22
5. 299	at Kentucky.....	10/08/22

Best Punting Average (Min. 3 Punts)

1. 56.8	vs Vanderbilt.....	10/16/21
2. 53.7	at Clemson.....	11/26/22
3. 53.6	at Vanderbilt.....	11/05/22
4. 49.1	vs Georgia State.....	09/03/22
5. 49.0	vs Texas A&M.....	10/22/22

Most Time of Possession

1. 39:02	vs North Carolina.....	12/30/21
2. 38:58	vs Tennessee.....	11/19/22
3. 36:18	vs Florida.....	11/06/21
4. 35:16	vs Georgia State.....	09/03/22
5. 34:40	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21

Longest Scoring Drive: By Yards

1. 95	vs South Carolina State.....	09/29/22
2. 93	vs North Carolina.....	12/30/21
3. 90	vs Furman.....	09/09/23
4. 88	at Arkansas.....	09/10/22
5. 86	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21

Longest Scoring Drive: By Time

1. 7:50	at Missouri.....	11/13/21
7:03	at Tennessee.....	10/09/21
7:02	vs Florida.....	11/06/21
7:01	at Kentucky.....	10/08/22
2. 6:21	at Clemson.....	11/26/22

Longest Scoring Drive: By Plays

1. 15	vs Troy.....	10/02/21
15	at Tennessee.....	10/09/21
3. 14	vs Eastern Illinois.....	09/04/21
14	at Kentucky.....	10/08/22
5. 13	vs Florida.....	11/06/21



DOWELL LOGGAINS
**Offensive Coordinator/
Quarterback Coach**

- ◆ First year at South Carolina.
- ◆ Spent the past two seasons as the tight ends coach at Arkansas.
- ◆ Logged 16 years in the NFL (2005-2020) with six different organizations, primarily as a quarterbacks coach, including seven seasons as an OC.
- ◆ Walked-on at Arkansas where he became a four-year letterwinner.



CLAYTON WHITE
**Defensive Coordinator/
Inside Linebackers Coach**

- ◆ Third year at South Carolina.
- ◆ A four-time nominee for the Broyles Award including 2021.
- ◆ Mentored three defensive players who were NFL Draft picks in 2023.
- ◆ Most recently served as the DC at Western Kentucky.
- ◆ An NC State grad who logged three seasons in the NFL.



MONTARIO HARDESTY
Running Backs Coach

- ◆ Third year at South Carolina.
- ◆ Had two players invited to the NFL Combine in 2022.
- ◆ Previously served as the wide receivers coach at Charlotte.
- ◆ Running back who played his collegiate ball at Tennessee.
- ◆ Was a second-round pick by the Cleveland Browns in the 2010 NFL Draft.
- ◆ A native of New Bern, N.C.



TORRIAN GRAY
Defensive Backs Coach

- ◆ Third year at South Carolina.
- ◆ Mentored safety Nick Emmanwori to Freshman All-America honors in 2022.
- ◆ Most recently worked as the cornerbacks coach at Florida.
- ◆ Boasts NFL coaching experience with Washington and Chicago.
- ◆ Coached at Virginia Tech, his alma mater, for 10 years following his NFL career.



JUSTIN STEPP
Wide Receivers Coach

- ◆ Third year at South Carolina.
- ◆ Previously served as the wide receivers coach at Arkansas.
- ◆ Was a finalist for the 2017 FootballScoop Wide Receivers Coach of the Year award.
- ◆ Local product who was raised in the Columbia area and attended Pelion High School.
- ◆ Twin brother, Josh, is an assistant coach at Cincinnati.



STERLING LUCAS
**Outside Linebackers/
Defensive Ends Coach**

- ◆ Second year at South Carolina.
- ◆ Orangeburg, S.C. native who joined the staff in January of '22.
- ◆ Spent 2021 as an assistant defensive line coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars.
- ◆ Logged five seasons (2016-20) with the Baltimore Ravens.
- ◆ Began his coaching career at his alma mater, NC State.



LONNIE TEASLEY
Offensive Line Coach

- ◆ Third year at South Carolina.
- ◆ First year as the full-time offensive line coach.
- ◆ Served as the O-line coach in 2022 on an interim basis.
- ◆ Previously worked as a Gamecock offensive analyst.
- ◆ Served as the offensive line coach at Tennessee Tech (2017), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (2018) and North Carolina Central (2019-20).



TRAVIAN ROBERTSON
Defensive Line Coach

- ◆ First year at South Carolina.
- ◆ Most recently was at Tulane where he helped the Green Wave to a Cotton Bowl victory over Southern California.
- ◆ Previously logged three years at Georgia State.
- ◆ 2011 graduate of South Carolina.
- ◆ Named a team captain as a senior.
- ◆ Played for three teams over four seasons in the NFL.



JODY WRIGHT
Tight Ends Coach

- ◆ Second year at South Carolina.
- ◆ Spent the prior two seasons with the New York Football Giants.
- ◆ Also worked in the NFL for the Cleveland Browns.
- ◆ Last worked at the collegiate level in 2018 at UAB.
- ◆ Owns four national championship rings in two stints at Alabama under Nick Saban.
- ◆ Played at Jacksonville State.



PETE LEMBO
**Associate Head Coach/
Special Teams Coordinator**

- ◆ Third year at South Carolina.
- ◆ Semifinalist for the Broyles Award, a finalist for Football Scoop's Special Teams Coach of the Year, and Phil Steele's Special Teams Coach of the Year in 2022.
- ◆ Led by All-America punter Kai Kroeger, his special teams units ranked No. 1 in the nation in 2022.
- ◆ Head coach at three stops.



	SC	OPP
SCORING	64	52
Points Per Game	32.0	26.0
Points Off Turnovers	10	7
FIRST DOWNS	45	37
Rushing	8	15
Passing	33	22
Penalty	4	0
RUSHING YARDAGE	106	248
Yards gained rushing	205	272
Yards lost rushing	99	24
Rushing Attempts	70	70
Average Per Rush	1.5	3.5
Average Per Game	53.0	124.0
TDs Rushing	4	3
PASSING YARDAGE	816	512
Comp-Att-Int	62-77-0	44-67-3
Average Per Pass	10.6	7.6
Average Per Catch	13.2	11.6
Average Per Game	408.0	256.0
TDs Passing	5	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	922	760
Total Plays	147	137
Average Per Play	6.3	5.5
Average Per Game	461.0	380.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	4-79	1-16
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-9	1-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-25	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.8	16.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.5	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	8.3	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-1	0-0
PENALTIES-Yards	14-95	13-102
Average Per Game	47.5	51.0
PUNTS-Yards	9-420	9-400
Average Per Punt	46.7	44.4
Net punt average	42.2	44.6
KICKOFFS-Yards	11-694	10-649
Average Per Kick	63.1	64.9
Net kick average	40.2	42.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:38	30:22
3RD-DOWN Conversions	13/29	14/29
3rd-Down Pct	45%	48%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/5	2/4
4th-Down Pct	20%	50%
SACKS BY-Yards	3-16	10-66
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	9	7
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	1-2	1-1
ON-SIDE KICKS	1-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(7-9) 78%	(7-7) 100%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(6-9) 67%	(6-7) 86%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(7-7) 100%	(7-7) 100%
ATTENDANCE	78281	0
Games/Avg Per Game	1/78281	0/0
Neutral Site Games		1/68723

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
South Carolina	14	27	13	10	-	64
Opponents	14	17	14	7	-	52

RUSHING	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Dakereon Joyner	2	23	72	7	65	2.8	2	16	32.5
Mario Anderson	2	6	33	1	32	5.3	0	9	16.0
Djay Braswell	1	4	21	4	17	4.2	0	9	17.0
Juju McDowell	2	11	19	5	14	1.3	1	6	7.0
LaNorris Sellers	1	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	4	6.0
DJ Twitty	1	3	3	3	0	0.0	0	2	0.0
Luke Doty	2	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Xavier Legette	2	2	0	3	-3	-1.5	0	0	-1.5
Nathan Harris-Waynick	1	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-3.0
Tanner Bailey	1	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	0	-7.0
Spencer Rattler	2	16	51	65	-14	-0.9	1	15	-7.0
Total.....	2	70	205	99	106	1.5	4	16	53.0
Opponents.....	2	70	272	24	248	3.5	3	29	124.0

PASSING	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Spencer Rattler	2	187.17	55-66-0	83.3	698	3	53	349.0
Luke Doty	2	85.70	2-4-0	50.0	17	0	11	8.5
LaNorris Sellers	1	445.60	4-4-0	100.0	86	2	50	86.0
Colten Gauthier	1	113.00	1-2-0	50.0	15	0	15	15.0
TEAM	2	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	2	190.97	62-77-0	80.5	816	5	53	408.0
Opponents.....	2	140.61	44-67-3	65.7	512	4	51	256.0

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Xavier Legette	2	15	296	19.7	1	53	148.0
Ahmarean Brown	2	9	86	9.6	0	20	43.0
Dakereon Joyner	2	9	66	7.3	0	27	33.0
Eddie Lewis	2	6	89	14.8	0	46	44.5
Joshua Simon	2	6	27	4.5	0	9	13.5
Luke Doty	2	4	77	19.2	1	36	38.5
Juju McDowell	2	3	31	10.3	0	22	15.5
Trey Knox	2	3	29	9.7	0	15	14.5
Tyshawn Russell	1	2	65	32.5	1	50	65.0
Payton Mangrum	2	2	31	15.5	0	19	15.5
Nyck Harbor	2	1	7	7.0	1	7	3.5
O'Mega Blake	2	1	7	7.0	1	7	3.5
Antwane Wells	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Total.....	2	62	816	13.2	5	53	408.0
Opponents.....	2	44	512	11.6	4	51	256.0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ahmarean Brown	0	3	0.0	0	3
Eddie Lewis	0	6	0.0	0	6
Total.....	0	9	0.0	0	6
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Xzavier McCloud	1	3	3.0	0	3
Kajuan Banks	1	17	17.0	0	17
O'Donnell Fortune	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	3	25	8.3	0	17



KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Xavier Legette	3	67	22.3	0	28
Tyshawn Russell	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total.....	4	79	19.8	0	28
Opponents.....	1	16	16.0	0	16

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	1	0	0.0	0	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
Dakereon Joyner	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Mitch Jeter	0	1-2	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	9
Xavier Legette	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Luke Doty	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Spencer Rattler	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Juju McDowell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
O'Mega Blake	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Nyck Harbor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Tyshawn Russell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Alex Herrera	0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	1
Total.....	2	1-2	7-7	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	64
Opponents.....	4	1-1	7-7	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	52

FIELD GOALS	M-A	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
Mitch Jeter	1-2	50.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	26	0

FG SEQUENCE	South Carolina	Opponents
North Carolina	(26)	(37)
Furman	50	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
Kai Kroeger	9	420	46.7	60	2	4	2	3	0
Total.....	9	420	46.7	60	2	4	2	3	0
Opponents.....	9	400	44.4	54	0	3	2	1	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Mitch Jeter	11	694	63.1	7	0			
Total.....	11	694	63.1	7	0	1	40.2	24
Opponents.....	10	634	63.4	6	0	4	42	23

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Spencer Rattler	2	82	-14	698	684	342.0
LaNorris Sellers	1	6	6	86	92	92.0
Dakereon Joyner	2	23	65	0	65	32.5
Mario Anderson	2	6	32	0	32	16.0
Djay Braswell	1	4	17	0	17	17.0
Luke Doty	2	5	-1	17	16	8.0
Colten Gauthier	1	2	0	15	15	15.0
Juju McDowell	2	11	14	0	14	7.0
Nathan Harris-Waynick	1	1	-3	0	-3	-3.0
Xavier Legette	2	2	-3	0	-3	-1.5
Tanner Bailey	1	1	-7	0	-7	-7.0
Total.....	2	147	106	816	922	461.0
Opponents.....	2	137	248	512	760	380.0

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Xavier Legette	2	-3	296	0	67	0	360	180.0
Dakereon Joyner	2	65	66	0	0	0	131	65.5
Eddie Lewis	2	0	89	6	0	0	95	47.5
Ahmarean Brown	2	0	86	3	0	0	89	44.5
Tyshawn Russell	1	0	65	0	12	0	77	77.0
Luke Doty	2	-1	77	0	0	0	76	38.0
Juju McDowell	2	14	31	0	0	0	45	22.5
Mario Anderson	2	32	0	0	0	0	32	16.0
Payton Mangrum	2	0	31	0	0	0	31	15.5
Trey Knox	2	0	29	0	0	0	29	14.5
Joshua Simon	2	0	27	0	0	0	27	13.5
Djay Braswell	1	17	0	0	0	0	17	17.0
Kajuan Banks	2	0	0	0	0	17	17	8.5
O'Mega Blake	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	3.5
Nyck Harbor	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	3.5
LaNorris Sellers	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0
O'Donnell Fortune	2	0	0	0	0	5	5	2.5
Antwane Wells	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
Xzavier McCloud	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	3.0
Nathan Harris-Waynick	1	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-3.0
Tanner Bailey	1	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-7.0
Spencer Rattler	2	-14	0	0	0	0	-14	-7.0
Total.....	2	106	816	9	79	25	1035	517.5
Opponents.....	2	248	512	0	16	0	776	388.0



No. PLAYER	GP	Tackles			TFL/Yds	Sacks No-Yards	Pass Def		QBH	Fumbles		Blkd		Saf
		Solo	Ast	Total			Int-Yds	BrUp		Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick		
0 Debo Williams	2	12	6	18	1.0-5	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
24 Jalon Kilgore	2	10	8	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 DQ Smith	2	4	9	13	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52 Stone Blanton	2	6	6	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3 O'Donnell Fortune	2	7	4	11	.	.	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 TJ Sanders	2	3	3	6	2-8	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Kajuan Banks	2	4	.	4	.	.	1-17	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Keenan Nelson	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 Grayson Howard	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 Jordan Strachan	2	2	2	4	1-7	1-7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
46 Bryan Thomas Jr	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Desmond Umeozulu	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 Tonka Hemingway	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
43 Joseph Byrnes	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 Tyreek Johnson	2	.	3	3	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Landon Grier	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Vicari Swain	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36 B.J. Gibson	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Marcellas Dial	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
95 Alex Huntley	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 Nick Barrett	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64 Xzavier McCloud	1	.	1	1	.	.	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 Xavier Legette	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Bam Martin-Scott	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 Emory Floyd	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20 Judge Collier	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Nick Emmanwori	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 David Spaulding	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 Ronnie Porter	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Total.....	2	73	56	129	5-24	3-16	3-25	6	5	.	.	.	.
Opponents.....	2	103	40	143	23-96	10-66	.	1	3	1-0	1	.	.	



TOTAL TACKLES	UA-A	TOT	UNC	FUR	UGA	MSU	TENN	FLA	MIZZ	TAMU	JSU	VANDY	UK	CU
Jalon Kilgore	10-8	18	5-7	5-1										
Debo Williams	12-6	18	8-6	4-0										
DQ Smith	4-9	13	3-8	1-1										
Stone Blanton	6-6	12	4-6	2-0										
O'Donnell Fortune	7-4	11	4-2	3-2										
TJ Sanders	3-3	6	0-3	3-0										
Grayson Howard	3-1	4	DNP	3-1										
Jordan Strachan	2-2	4	0-2	2-0										
Keenan Nelson	2-2	4	2-2	0-0										
Kajuan Banks	4-0	4	2-0	2-0										
Bryan Thomas Jr	1-3	4	1-3	-										
Desmond Umeozulu	1-2	3	-	1-2										
Tonka Hemingway	2-1	3	0-1	2-0										
Joseph Byrnes	2-1	3	DNP	2-1										
Tyreek Johnson	0-3	3	0-2	0-1										
Landon Grier	3-0	3	-	3-0										
B.J. Gibson	2-0	2	1-0	1-0										
Vicari Swain	2-0	2	-	2-0										
Marcellas Dial	1-1	2	-	1-1										
Alex Huntley	1-1	2	0-1	1-0										
Bam Martin-Scott	0-1	1	DNP	0-1										
Judge Collier	1-0	1	-	1-0										
Xavier Legette	1-0	1	-	1-0										
Nick Emmanwori	1-0	1	1-0	DNP										
Xzavier McCloud	0-1	1	DNP	0-1										
Emory Floyd	1-0	1	DNP	1-0										
David Spaulding	1-0	1	1-0	DNP										
Nick Barrett	0-1	1	0-1	-										



Team	Score	1st Downs	Rushing No-Yds-TD	Passing C-A-I-Yds-TD	Total Offense Play-Yds-TD	Punts No-Avg	Fumbles No-Lost	Penalties No-Yds	KO Ret. No-Yds	Punt Ret. No-Yds	Int. Ret. No-Yds	3rd Dns	Time of Poss
N. Carolina	31	21	39-168-2	24-32-2-269-2	71-437-4	2-42.5	0-0	7-49	1-16	0-0	0-0	8-13	32:37
S. Carolina	17	20	31-(-2)-2	30-39-0-353-0	70-351-2	5-48.4	0-0	6-35	2-43	0-0	2-22	4-14	27:23
Furman	21	16	31-80-1	20-34-1-243-2	65-323-3	7-45.0	0-0	6-53	0-0	1-0	0-0	6-16	28:07
S. Carolina	47	25	39-108-2	32-38-0-463-5	77-571-7	4-44.5	2-1	8-60	2-36	2-9	1-3	9-15	31:53
S. Carolina													
Georgia													
Miss. State													
S. Carolina													
S. Carolina													
Tennessee													
Florida													
S. Carolina													
S. Carolina													
Missouri													
S. Carolina													
Texas A&M													
Jack. State													
S. Carolina													
Vanderbilt													
S. Carolina													
Kentucky													
S. Carolina													
Clemson													
S. Carolina													

South Carolina Game-by-Game Starters

Offense

POS.	UNC	FURMAN	GEORGIA	MSU	TENN	FLORIDA	MIZZOU	TAMU	JSU	VANDY	KENT	CLEMSON
WR	Legette	Legette										
WR	Wells	Wells										
WR	A. Brown	-										
TE	-	Simon										
TE	Knox	Knox										
LT	Fugar	Fugar										
LG	Gargiulo	Gargiulo										
C	Lee	Lee										
RG	Moore	Moore										
RT	Henry	Wannamaker										
QB	Rattler	Rattler										
TB	Joyner	Joyner										

Defense

POS.	UNC	FURMAN	GEORGIA	MSU	TENN	FLORIDA	MIZZOU	TAMU	JSU	VANDY	KENT	CLEMSON
DE	Strachan	Strachan										
DT	Huntley	Huntley										
DT	Hemingway	Hemingway										
DE	Thomas Jr.	Thomas Jr.										
LB	Blanton	Blanton										
LB	Williams	Williams										
NIK	Nelson	Nelson										
CB	Dial	Dial										
S	D. Smith	D. Smith										
S	Emmanwori	Kilgore										
CB	Fortune	Fortune										

South Carolina Game-by-Game Captains

UNC	FURMAN	GEORGIA	MSU	TENN	FLORIDA	MIZZOU	TAMU	JSU	VANDY	KENT	CLEMSON
Hemingway	Dial										
Huntley	Legette										
Joyner	Rattler										
Rattler	Williams										



Individual Rushing (Att-Yds/TD)

PLAYER	TOTAL	UNC	FUR	UGA	MSU	TENN	FLA	MIZ	TAMU	JSU	VANDY	UK	CLEM
Dakereon Joyner	23-65/2	12-23/1	11-42/1										
Mario Anderson	6-32/0	-	6-32/0										
Djay Braswell	4-17/0	DNP	4-17/0										
Juju McDowell	11-14/1	5--1/1	6-15/0										
LaNorris Sellers	2-6/0	DNP	2-6/0										
DJ Twitty	3-0/0	DNP	3-0/0										
Luke Doty	1--1/0	-	1--1/0										
Xavier Legette	2--3/0	1--2/0	1--1/0										
Nathan Harris-Waynick	1--3/0	DNP	1--3/0										
Tanner Bailey	1--7/0	DNP	1--7/0										
Spencer Rattler	16--14/1	13--22/0	3-8/1										

Individual Passing (Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)

	RATTLER	DOTY	SELLERS	BAILEY	GAUTHIER
UNC	30-39-0-353-0	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
FUR	25-27-0-345-3	2-4-0-17-0	4-4-0-86-2	0-0-0-0-0	1-2-0-15-0
UGA					
MSU					
TENN					
FLA					
MIZ					
TAMU					
JSU					
VANDY					
UK					
CLEM					

Individual Receiving (Rec-Yds/TD)

PLAYER	TOTAL	UNC	FUR	UGA	MSU	TENN	FLA	MIZ	TAMU	JSU	VANDY	UK	CLEM
Xavier Legette	15-296/1	9-178/0	6-118/1										
Eddie Lewis	6-89/0	-	6-89/0										
Ahmarean Brown	9-86/0	3-44/0	6-42/0										
Luke Doty	4-77/1	3-41/0	1-36/1										
Dakereon Joyner	9-66/0	5-13/0	4-53/0										
Tyshawn Russell	2-65/1	DNP	2-65/1										
Juju McDowell	3-31/0	3-31/0	-										
Payton Mangrum	2-31/0	1-12/0	1-19/0										
Trey Knox	3-29/0	2-14/0	1-15/0										
Joshua Simon	6-27/0	4-20/0	2-7/0										
O'Mega Blake	1-7/1	-	1-7/1										
Nyck Harbor	1-7/1	-	1-7/1										
Antwane Wells	1-5/0	-	1-5/0										

Game-by-Game Leaders

Opponent	Rushing	Passing	Receiving (No.)	Receiving (Yds.)	Tackles
UNC	Joyner 12-23-1	Rattler 30-39-0-353-0	Legette 9-178-0	Legette 9-178-0	D. Williams 8-6-14
FUR	Joyner 11-42-1	Rattler 25-27-0-345-3	Three with 6	Legette 6-118-1	Kilgore 5-1-6
UGA					
MSU					
TENN					
FLA					
MIZ					
TAMU					
JSU					
VANDY					
UK					
CLEM					



South Carolina

	Qtr	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
North Carolina					
Joyner 4-yard run	1	8	75	3:21	TD
McDowell 1-yard run	2	5	72	1:42	TD
Jeter 26-yard field goal	4	12	62	4:55	FG
Furman					
Joyner 3-yard run	1	7	72	2:21	TD
Rattler 1-yard run	2	10	75	3:31	TD
Doty 36-yard pass from Rattler	2	10	74	3:48	TD
Blake 7-yard from Rattler	2	3	75	0:20	TD
Legette 42-yard pass from Rattler	3	4	90	1:30	TD
Russell 50-yard pass from Sellers	3	5	67	2:01	TD
Harbor 7-yard pass from Sellers	4	6	38	2:24	TD

Opponents

	Qtr	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
North Carolina					
Huzzie 1-yard run	1	9	70	3:55	TD
Coe 37-yard field goal	2	13	42	6:20	FG
Paysour 34-yard pass from Maye	2	5	75	2:26	TD
Hampton 1-yard run	3	6	53	2:43	TD
Copenhaver 18-yard pass from Maye	3	8	55	3:25	TD
Furman					
Roberto 1-yard run	1	6	68	2:49	TD
Shiflett 4-yard pass from Huff	2	11	66	5:04	TD
Chappell 16-yard pass from Jones	4	1	16	0:08	TD



Running Plays (12+ Yards)

No.	Yds	Rusher	Opponent	Qtr	Play Result	Drive Result
1.	15	Rattler	North Carolina	3	First Down	Punt
2.	12	Rattler	North Carolina	3	First Down	FG
3.	16	Joyner	Furman	1	First Down	Missed FG

Passing Plays (18+ Yards)

No.	Yds	Connection	Opponent	Qtr	Play Result	Drive Result
1.	37	Rattler-Legette	N. Carolina	1	First Down	TD
2.	29	Rattler-Legette	N. Carolina	2	First Down	TD
3.	20	Rattler-Brown	N. Carolina	2	First Down	TD
4.	22	Rattler-McDowell	N. Carolina	2	First Down	TD
5.	19	Rattler-Brown	N. Carolina	2	First Down	Punt
6.	33	Rattler-Legette	N. Carolina	4	First Down	FG
7.	24	Rattler-Legette	N. Carolina	4	First Down	Downs
8.	24	Rattler-Doty	N. Carolina	4	First Down	Downs
9.	20	Rattler-A. Brown	Furman	1	First Down	TD
10.	27	Rattler-Joyner	Furman	1	First Down	TD
11.	36	Rattler-Doty	Furman	2	TD	TD
12.	53	Rattler-Legette	Furman	2	First Down	TD
13.	46	Rattler-Lewis	Furman	3	First Down	TD
14.	42	Rattler-Legette	Furman	3	TD	TD
15.	50	Sellers-Russell	Furman	3	TD	TD

INT/Fumble Returns (20+ yards)

No.	Yds	Returner	Opponent	Qtr	Play	Drive Result
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Kick Returns (30+ yards)

No.	Yds	Returner	Opponent	Qtr	Drive Result
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Special Teams/Defensive Scores

No.	Yds	Player	Opponent	Qtr	Play
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Punt Returns (20+ yards)

No.	Yds	Returner	Opponent	Qtr	Drive Result
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2023 Drive Chart Summary

South Carolina

Opp.	Drives	TD	FG	MissFG	Punt	Downs	Fum	INT	SAF	Half	3-Out
UNC	12	2	1	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	4
FUR	13	7	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	3
UGA											
MSU											
TENN											
FLA											
MIZZ											
TAMU											
JSU											
VANDY											
KENT											
CLEM											
TOT	25	9	1	1	9	4	1	0	0	0	7

Opponents

Opp.	Drives	TD	FG	MissFG	Punt	Downs	Fum	INT	SAF	Half	3-Out
UNC	12	4	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	2	1
FUR	14	3	0	0	7	1	0	1	0	2	5
UGA											
MSU											
TENN											
FLA											
MIZZ											
TAMU											
JSU											
VANDY											
KENT											
CLEM											
TOT	26	7	1	0	9	2	0	3	0	4	6



Carolina Team Game Highs

Rushes	39	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Yards Rushing	108	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Yards Per Rush	2.8	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
TD Rushes	2	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Pass attempts	39	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Pass completions	32	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Yards Passing	463	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Yards Per Pass	12.2	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
TD Passes	5	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Total Plays	77	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Total Offense	571	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Yards Per Play	7.4	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Points	47	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Sacks By	3	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
First Downs	25	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Penalties	8	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Penalty Yards	85	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Turnovers	1	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Interceptions By	2	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Punts	5	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Punting Avg	48.4	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Long Punt	60	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Punts inside 20	2	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Long Punt Return	25	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)

Carolina Individual Game Highs

Rushes	13	Spencer Rattler vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Rushing	42	Dakereon Joyner vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
TD Rushes	1	Four with 1
Long Rush	16	Dakereon Joyner vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Pass attempts	39	Spencer Rattler vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Pass completions	30	Spencer Rattler vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Passing	353	Spencer Rattler vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
TD Passes	3	Spencer Rattler vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Long Pass	53	Spencer Rattler vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Receptions	9	Xavier Legette vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Receiving	178	Xavier Legette vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
TD Receptions	1	Five with 1
Long Reception	53	Xavier Legette vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Field Goals	1	Mitch Jeter vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Long Field Goal	26	Mitch Jeter vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Punts	5	Kai Kroeger vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Punting Avg	48.4	Kai Kroeger vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Long Punt	60	Kai Kroeger vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Punts inside 20	2	Kai Kroeger vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Long Punt Return	25	Ahmarean Brown vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Long Kickoff Return	28	Xavier Legette vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Tackles	14	Debo Williams vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Sacks	1.0	Jordan Strachan vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023) TJ Sanders vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Tackles For Loss	2.0	TJ Sanders vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Interceptions	1	O'Donnell Fortune vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) Kajuan Banks vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) Xzavier McCloud vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)

Opponent Team Game Highs

Rushes	39	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Rushing	168	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Per Rush	4.3	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
TD Rushes	2	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Pass attempts	35	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Pass completions	24	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Passing	269	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Per Pass	8.4	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
TD Passes	2	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Total Plays	71	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Total Offense	437	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Per Play	6.2	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Points	31	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Sacks By	9	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
First Downs	21	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Penalties	7	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Penalty Yards	56	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Turnovers	2	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Interceptions By	0	
Punts	7	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Punting Avg	45.0	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Long Punt	54	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Punts inside 20	1	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Long Punt Return	0	

Opponent Individual Game Highs

Rushes	16	Omarion Hampton, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Rushing	103	British Brooks, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
TD Rushes	2	Omarion Hampton, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Long Rush	29	British Brooks, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Pass attempts	32	Drake Maye, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Pass completions	24	Drake Maye, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Passing	269	Drake Maye, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
TD Passes	2	Drake Maye, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Long Pass	51	Joshua Harris, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Receptions	7	Kobe Paysour, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Yards Receiving	73	Joshua Harris, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
TD Receptions	1	Kobe Paysour, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) John Copenhaver, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) Luke Shiflett, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023) Brock Chappell, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Long Reception	51	Kyndel Dean, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Field Goals	1	Ryan Coe, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Long Field Goal	37	Ryan Coe, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Punts	7	Ryan Leavy, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Punting Avg	45.0	Ryan Leavy, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Long Punt	54	Ryan Leavy, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Punts inside 20	1	Ben Kiernan, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) Ryan Leavy, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Long Punt Return	0	
Long Kickoff Return	16	George Pettaway, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Tackles	10	Hugh Ryan, vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Sacks	2.0	Amari Gainer, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) Kaimon Rucker, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Tackles For Loss	5.5	Kaimon Rucker, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Interceptions	0	



The Last Time South Carolina...

SHUT OUT AN OPPONENT:

46-0, vs Eastern Illinois (9/4/21)

WAS SHUT OUT:

30-0, vs. Clemson (11/27/21)

SCORED ON A SAFETY:

vs UCF (9/26/15)

ALLOWED A SAFETY:

at Clemson (11/26/22)

FORCED 4+ TURNOVERS:

4, vs. Vanderbilt (11/5/22)

FORCED 5+ TURNOVERS:

5, vs. Michigan (1/1/18)

FORCED 6+ TURNOVERS:

6, vs. Clemson (11/30/13)

RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TD:

Xavier Legette, 100 yards vs. Texas A&M (10/22/22)

ALLOWED KICK RET. FOR A TD:

Trey Palmer, 93 yards vs. LSU (10/24/20)

ALLOWED 2 KICK RET. FOR TDs:

Darrius Sims at Vanderbilt, 91 and 100 yards (9/20/14)

RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TD:

Ace Sanders, 63 yards vs. Michigan (1/1/13)

ALLOWED A PUNT RET. FOR A TD:

Ainias Smith, 95 yards at Texas A&M (10/23/21)

RETURNED AN INT FOR A TD:

O'Donnell Forune, 100 yards vs. Notre Dame (12/30/22)

ALLOWED AN INT FOR A TD:

Jeremiah Trotter, Clemson, 35 yards (11/26/22)

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TD:

Jabari Ellis, Florida, 18 yards (11/6/21)

ALLOWED FUMBLE RET. FOR A TD:

Trajan Jeffcoat, Missouri, 0 yards (11/13/21)

HAD A DEFENSIVE PLAYER SCORE TWO TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME:

Melvin Ingram at Georgia, 68-yard fake punt & 5-yard fumble recovery (9/10/11)

SCORED THREE DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME:

vs. Arkansas (10/7/17)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH, PASS AND RECEIVE A TD IN A GAME:

Pharoh Cooper, vs. Tennessee (11/1/14)

HAD A FAKE PUNT FOR A TD:

Kai Kroeger to Dakereon Joyner, 48 yards, at Florida (11/12/22)

HAD A PLAYER PASS FOR 300+ YDS:

345, Spencer Rattler vs. Furman (9/9/23)

HAD A PLAYER PASS FOR 350+ YDS:

353, Spencer Rattler vs. North Carolina (9/2/23)

HAD A PLAYER PASS FOR 400+ YDS:

438, Spencer Rattler vs. Tennessee (11/19/22)

HAD A PLAYER PASS FOR 450+ YDS:

510, Jake Bentley, at Clemson (11/24/18)

HAD A PLAYER PASS FOR 500+ YDS:

510, Jake Bentley, at Clemson (11/24/18)

HAD A PLAYER COMP. 30+ PASSES:

30, Spencer Rattler vs. North Carolina (9/2/23)

HAD A PLAYER ATT. 40+ PASSES:

57, Ryan Hilinski, vs. Appalachian State (11/9/19)

HAD A PLAYER ATT. 50+ PASSES:

57, Ryan Hilinski, vs. Appalachian State (11/9/19)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 150+ YDS:

169, MarShawn Lloyd vs. Charlotte (9/24/22)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 200+ YDS:

210, Kevin Harris vs. Kentucky (12/5/20)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 250+ YDS:

278, Brandon Bennett, vs. East Tennessee State (10/5/91)

HAD TWO PLAYERS RUSH FOR 100+ YARDS:

Kevin Harris (128) and ZaQuandre White (111) vs. Florida (11/26/21)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 150+ YARDS RECEIVING:

179, Xavier Legette vs. North Carolina (9/2/23)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 200+ YARDS RECEIVING:

210, Deebo Samuel, at Clemson (11/24/18)

HAD TWO PLAYERS WITH 100 YARDS RECEIVING:

Deebo Samuel (210) and Shi Smith (109) at Clemson (11/24/18)

HAD TWO PLAYERS WITH 10+ RECEPTIONS:

Bruce Ellington (10) and Mike Davis (10), at Missouri (10/26/13)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 500+ YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE:

512, Steve Taneyhill vs. Mississippi State (10/14/95)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH AND PASS FOR 100 YARDS EACH:

Lorenzo Nuñez, vs. UCF, 123 rush, 184 pass (09/26/15)

HAD A PLAYER SCORE 4+ TDs:

5, Kevin Harris, at Ole Miss (11/14/20)

HAD A PLAYER PASS FOR 4 TDs:

4, Zeb Noland, vs. E. Illinois (9/4/21)

HAD A PLAYER PASS FOR 5 TDs:

5, Jake Bentley, at Clemson (11/24/18)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 3 TDs:

3, MarShawn Lloyd, vs Charlotte (9/24/22)

HAD A PLAYER CATCH 3+ TDs:

3, Deebo Samuel at Clemson (11/24/18)

HAD A PLAYER CATCH 4+ TDs:

5, Sidney Rice vs. Fla. Atlantic (9/23/06)

HAD A PLAYER CATCH 5+ TDs:

5, Sidney Rice vs. Fla. Atlantic (9/23/06)

HAD A PLAYER ACCOUNT FOR 4+ TDs:

5, 243, Kevin Harris, at Ole Miss (11/14/20)

HAD A PLAYER KICK 4 FGs:

4, Parker White vs. Florida (11/6/21)

HAD A PLAYER KICK 5+ FGs:

5, Spencer Lanning at Georgia (9/12/09)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 2 INTs:

2, Jaylan Foster at Georgia (9/18/21)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 3 INTs:

3, Israel Mukuamu at Georgia (10/12/19)

BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL ATT.:

Cam Smith at Florida (11/12/22)

RETURNED A BLOCKED FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT FOR A TD:

Captain Munnerlyn at Kentucky, 81 yards, (10/11/08)

BLOCKED A PAT:

Kingsley Enagbare vs. Chattanooga (11/17/18)

RETURNED AN EXTRA POINT FOR A DEFENSIVE PAT:

Victor Hampton at Florida (10/20/12)

BLOCKED A PUNT:

King-Demenian Ford vs Kentucky (10/8/22)

BLOCKED TWO PUNTS IN A GAME:

Debo Williams vs. E. Illinois (9/4/21)

RETURNED A BLOCKED PUNT FOR A TD:

Ahmrean Brown vs Georgia St (9/3/22)

BLOCKED A PUNT AND FIELD GOAL IN THE SAME GAME:

at Florida (11/15/14)

HAD A PUNT BLOCKED:

at Tennessee (10/26/19)

HAD A FIELD GOAL BLOCKED:

vs. Michigan (1/1/13)

HAD A PAT BLOCKED:

vs. Texas A&M (10/22/22)

ALLOWED PAT TO BE RETURNED FOR 2 POINTS:

Denzil Ware, vs. Kentucky (9/12/15)

MISSED A PAT:

vs. Furman (9/9/23)

FAILED A PAT ATTEMPT:

vs Furman (9/9/22)

MADE A 2-PT CONVERSION:

Hemingway rush, vs S.C. State (9/29/22)

MADE A PAIR OF 2-PT CONVERSIONS:

vs. Georgia State (9/3/22)

ATTEMPTED A 2-PT CONVERSION:

vs. Furman (9/9/23)

RECOVERED OWN ONSIDE KICK:

vs. North Carolina (9/2/23)

HAD LESS THAN 50 YDS RUSHING:

-2, vs. North Carolina (9/2/23)

HAD 300+ YARDS RUSHING:

301, vs. North Carolina (12/30/21)

HAD 600+ TOTAL NET YARDS:

606, vs Tennessee (11/19/22)

HAD A 50+ YARD RUN:

52, Christian Beal-Smith vs. Vanderbilt (11/5/22)

HAD A 50+ YARD RECEPTION:

50, LaNorris Sellers to Tyshawn Russell, vs Furman (9/9/23)

The Last an Opponent Had...

TEAM...**LESS THAN 50 YARDS RUSHING:**

31, vs Eastern Illinois (9/4/21)

300+ YARDS RUSHING:

374, at Florida (11/12/22)

LESS THAN 100 YARDS PASSING:

99, at Clemson (11/26/22)

400+ YARDS PASSING:

513, at Ole Miss (11/14/20)

LESS THAN 200 TOTAL NET YARDS:

109, vs. Eastern Illinois (9/4/21)

500+ TOTAL NET YARDS:

558, vs. Notre Dame (12/30/22)

600+ TOTAL NET YARDS:

708, at Ole Miss (11/14/20)

INDIVIDUAL...**350+ YARDS PASSING:**

513, Matt Corral, Ole Miss (11/14/20)

400+ YARDS PASSING:

513, Matt Corral, Ole Miss (11/14/20)

150+ YARDS RUSHING:

161, Montrell Johnson, Florida (11/12/22)

200+ YARDS RUSHING:

209, Tyler Badie, at Missouri (11/13/21)

250+ YARDS RUSHING:

321, Darren McFadden, Ark. (11/3/07)

300+ YARDS RUSHING:

321, Darren McFadden, Ark. (11/3/07)

200+ YARDS RECEIVING:

225, Elijah Moore, Ole Miss (11/14/20)

50+ YARD RUN:

85, Trevor Etienne, Florida (11/12/22)

50+ YARD RECEPTION:

51, Joshua Harris to Kyndel Dean, Furman (9/9/23)

MADE 4+ FIELD GOALS:

4, Seth Small, Texas A&M (11/16/19)

RUSHED FOR 4+ TOUCHDOWNS:

4, Chad Jasmin, Clemson (11/21/03)

PASSED FOR 4+ TOUCHDOWNS:

4, Matt Corral, Ole Miss (11/14/20)

TWO PLAYERS WITH...**100+ YARDS RUSHING:**

at Florida, Montrell Johnson (161) and Trevor Etienne (100), (11/12/22)

100+ YARDS RECEIVING:

Ole Miss, Elijah Moore (225) & Braylon Sanders (141), (11/14/20)



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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Heisman Trophy hopeful Drake Maye threw for 269 yards and two touchdowns, North Carolina's upstart defense had nine sacks and the 21st-ranked Tar Heels beat border rival South Carolina 31-17 on Saturday night in a neutral-site game.

British Brooks ran for 103 yards and Omarion Hampton added two short TD runs for the Tar Heels.

Maye, who grew up in the Charlotte suburb of Huntersville, led scoring drives on five of North Carolina's first six possessions, excluding a kneel down at the end of the first half.

The redshirt sophomore made NFL-type throws — back-shoulder fades, deep outs and sidearm tosses under pressure — while repeatedly keeping alive plays with this feet. He wasn't perfect, with two interceptions in the game's final 18 minutes as the Tar Heels were trying to put the game away.

But Maye didn't need to be perfect on this day.

The Tar Heels got an unexpected lift from Gene Chizik's defense, which struggled most of last season. The Tar Heels had just 17 sacks all of 2022 and surrendered 30.8 points and 436.5 yards per game.

North Carolina moved the ball at will in the first half.

Maye hit Kobe Paysour in stride with a 34-yard touchdown strike along the right sideline to give the Tar Heels a 17-14 lead just before at halftime. North Carolina could have scored more had it not been for two drive-killing drops by wide receiver Gavin Blackwell in South Carolina territory, including one on fourth down.

Blackwell was pressed into a bigger role with starting wideouts Devontez Walker (ineligible) and Nate McCollum (lower body injury).

The Gamecocks appeared to gain momentum when they pulled one out of the Sean Payton playbook and recovered an onside kick to start the second half. But UNC smothered the drive before it began, forcing the Gamecocks to turn the ball over on downs.

The Tar Heels capitalized with Blackwell redeeming himself with a sliding 37-yard catch at the South Carolina 1 to set up Hampton's second touchdown. Maye then connected on an 18-yard completion with tight end John Copenhaver, who made a one-handed grab in the end zone to put the Tar Heels up 31-14.

THE TAKEAWAY

North Carolina: It was expected that Maye would play well, but UNC's defensive pressure turned some heads with Amari Gainer recording two sacks and Cedric Gray and Beau Atkinson combining for three. The Tar Heels made quality stops at key times, particularly in the second half.

South Carolina: The offensive line is going to need some big time help if the Gamecocks are to make some noise in the SEC. They gave up nine sacks to a defense that wasn't very good season and didn't give QB Spencer Rattler enough of a chance to make plays. Rattler threw for 353 yards on 30-of-39 passing.

North Carolina	7	10	14	0	31
South Carolina	7	7	0	3	17

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	9:50	UNC	Huzzie 1-yard run (Coe kick) (9-70-3:55)	0-7
1st	6:29	SC	Joyner 4-yard run (Jeter kick) (8-75-3:21)	7-7
2nd	7:05	UNC	Coe 37-yard field goal (13-42-6:20)	7-10
2nd	5:16	SC	McDowell 1-yard run (Jeter kick) (5-72-1:42)	14-10
2nd	2:50	UNC	Paysour 34-yard pass from Maye (Coe kick) (5-75-2:26)	14-17
3rd	11:35	UNC	Hampton 1-yard run (Coe kick) (6-53-2:43)	14-24
3rd	6:29	UNC	Copenhaver 18-yard pass from Maye (Coe kick) (8-55-3:25)	14-31
4th	12:19	SC	Jeter 26-yard field goal (12-62-4:55)	17-31

TEAM STATISTICS

	UNC	SC
First Downs	21	20
Rushing	9	4
Passing	12	14
Penalty	0	2
Net Yards Rushing	168	-2
Rushing Attempts	39	31
Net Yards Passing	269	353
Cmp.-Att.-Int.	24-32-2	30-39-0
Total Offense Yards	437	351
Total Offense Plays	71	70
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yards	7-49	6-35
Punts-Yards	2-85	5-242
Avg. Yards Per Punt	42.5	48.4
Punt Returns: No.-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yards	1-16	2-43
Interceptions: No.-Yards	0-0	2-22
Possession Time	32:37	27:23
Third Down Conversions	8-13	4-14
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2	0-4
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	3-5
Sacks By: No.-Yards	9-65	0-0
PAT Kicks	4-4	2-2
Field Goals	1-1	1-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: UNC: Brooks 15-103; Hampton 16-37; Maye 4-25; Chapman 1-7; Team 3-(-4). **SC:** Joyner 12-23; McDowell 5-(-1); Legette 1-(-2); Rattler 13-(-22).

PASSING: UNC: Maye 24-32-2-269. **SC:** Rattler 39-39-0-353.

RECEIVING: UNC: Paysour 7-66; Copenhaver 3-52; Morales 3-46; Nesbit 3-22; Brooks 3-18; Jones 2-24; Blackwell 1-37; Chapman 1-4; Pettaway 1-0. **SC:** Legette 9-178; Joyner 5-13; Simon 4-20; A. Brown 3-44; Doty 3-41; McDowell 3-31; Knox 2-14; Mangrum 1-12.

PUNT RETURNS: UNC: None. **SC:** None.

KICKOFF RETURNS: UNC: Pettaway 1-16. **SC:** Legette 2-43.

INTERCEPTION RETURNS: UNC: None. **SC:** Fortune 1-5; Banks 1-17.

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South Carolina 47

Furman 21

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina quarterback Spencer Ratter completed 25 of 27 passes for 345 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another TD to lead the Gamecocks to a 47-21 win over Furman on Saturday night.

Ratter, who returned to South Carolina (1-1) after an up-and-down 2022, is reminding people why he was a Heisman contender at Oklahoma before imploding, being benched and transferring.

Rattler hit long bombs, short slants and throws where he had to patiently find a third or fourth choice. He's averaging 348 yards passing in his past five games after throwing for just 198 yards a game in his first 10 outings for the Gamecocks.

Perhaps most important, Ratter was not sacked Saturday a week after North Carolina sacked him nine times.

There were still some concerns for South Carolina against the Football Championship Subdivision Paladins (1-1). The Gamecocks ran for just less than 3 yards a play behind an inexperienced and banged up offensive line. Both their two-point attempts failed.

Furman, ranked sixth in FCS, had a couple of long touchdown drives. Tyler Huff was 14-of-25 passing for 129 yards, while Joshua Harris caught six passes for 73 yards.

When South Carolina needed something, Rattler and Xavier Legette delivered. The game turned late in the second quarter when Furman punted with 23 seconds left and the Gamecocks up 20-14.

Rattler only needed 20 seconds to drive the Gamecocks 75 yards for a touchdown, the big play a 53-yard strike to Legette, who caught six passes for 118 yards.

The backups got some work too. LaNorris Sellers completed all four of his passes for 86 yards and two touchdowns for the Gamecocks, including a 50-yard pin-point TD to Tyshawn Russell.

THE TAKEAWAY

Furman: The Paladins take \$500,000 back to Greenville. The Huff-to-Harris passing combination proved it can work even against the likely best team on Furman's schedule.

South Carolina: Just getting a win was critical for a South Carolina team who lost its opener to North Carolina and still has No. 1 Georgia and No. 9 Tennessee later in September with Mississippi State in between.

Furman	7	7	0	7	21
South Carolina	7	20	13	7	47

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	7:27	FUR	Roberto 1-yard run (Lepvreau kick) (6-68-2:49)	0-7
1st	4:59	SC	Joyner 3-yard run (Jeter kick) (7-72-2:21)	7-7
2nd	11:57	FUR	Shiflett 4-yard pass from Huff (Williams kick) (11-66-5:04)	7-14
2nd	8:26	SC	Rattler 1-yard run (Jeter kick) (10-75-3:31)	14-14
2nd	0:43	SC	Doty 36-yard pass from Rattler (pass failed) (10-74-3:48)	20-14
2nd	0:03	SC	Blake 7-yard pass from Rattler (Jeter kick) (3-75-0:20)	27-14
3rd	8:36	SC	Legette 42-yard pass from Rattler (Jeter kick) (4-90-1:30)	34-14
3rd	0:09	SC	Russell 50-yard pass from Sellers (pass failed) (5-67-2:01)	40-14
4th	10:40	SC	Harbor 7-yard pass from Sellers (Herrera kick) (6-38-2:24)	47-14
4th	4:41	FUR	Chappell 16-yard pass from Jones (Lepvreau kick) (1-16-0:08)	47-21

TEAM STATISTICS

	FUR	SC
First Downs	16	25
Rushing	6	4
Passing	10	19
Penalty	0	2
Net Yards Rushing	80	108
Rushing Attempts	31	39
Net Yards Passing	243	463
Cmp.-Att.-Int.	20-35-1	32-38-0
Total Offense Yards	323	571
Total Offense Plays	66	77
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties: No.-Yards	6-53	8-60
Punts-Yards	7-315	4-178
Avg. Yards Per Punt	45.0	44.5
Punt Returns: No.-Yards	1-0	2-9
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yards	0-0	2-36
Interceptions: No.-Yards	0-0	1-3
Possession Time	28:07	31:53
Third Down Conversions	6-16	9-15
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2	1-1
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	4-4
Sacks By: No.-Yards	1-1	3-11
PAT Kicks	3-3	5-5
Field Goals	0-0	0-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FUR: Smith 8-30; Roberto 9-20; Huff 8-15; Anderson Jr. 1-11; Robinson 4-5; Team 1-(-1). **SC:** Joyner 11-42; Anderson 6-32; Braswell 4-17; McDowell 6-15; Rattler 3-8; Sellers 2-6; Twitty 3-0; Legette 1-(-1); Doty 1-(-1); Harris-Waynick 1-(-3); Bailey 1-(-7).

PASSING: FUR: Huff 14-25-1-129; Jones 5-9-0-63; Harris 1-1-0-51. **SC:** Rattler 25-27-0-345; Sellers 4-4-0-86; Doty 2-4-0-17; Gauthier 1-2-0-15; Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: FUR: Harris 6-73; Hinton 3-53; Shiflett 2-9; Hughes 2-7; Dean 1-51; Ferguson 1-17; Chappell 1-16; Roberto 1-6; Bell 1-5; Pine 1-3; Anderson Jr. 1-3. **SC:** Legette 6-118; Lewis 6-89; A. Brown 6-42; Joyner 4-53; Russell 2-65; Simon 2-7; Doty 1-36; Mangrum 1-19; Knox 1-15; Blake 1-7; Harbor 1-7; Wells Jr. 1-5.

PUNT RETURNS: FUR: Harris 1-0. **SC:** Lewis 1-6; A. Brown 1-3.

KICKOFF RETURNS: FUR: None. **SC:** Legette 1-24; Russell 1-12.

INTERCEPTION RETURNS: FUR: None. **SC:** McLeod 1-3.



0 - JUJU McDOWELL (RB)

5-9, 180, Jr., 2L (Bainbridge, Ga.)

- ◆ Produced 15 rushing yards on six carries in the home-opening win over the Paladins on Saturday.
- ◆ Has one rushing touchdown on the season, a one-yard punch against North Carolina for his fifth career rushing touchdown.
- ◆ Has now played in 27 career games with four starts.
- ◆ All-purpose back who has accounted for 481 rushing yards, 289 receiving yards and 474 kick return yards, to go along with six career touchdowns.

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	5	-1	1	2
FURMAN	6	15	0	6
2023 TOTALS	11	14	1	6
CAREER TOTALS	125	481	5	35

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	3	31	0	22
FURMAN	0	0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	3	31	0	22
CAREER TOTALS	36	289	1	65

KICK RETURNS	KR	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	0	0	0	0
CAREER TOTALS	20	474	0	63

MCDOWELL'S HIGHS

- Carries.....12, Eastern Illinois, 2021
- Yards Rushing.....71, East Carolina, 2021
- Long Rush.....35, North Carolina, 2021
- Rushing TDs.....1, five times:last; North Carolina, 2023
- Receptions.....4, Charlotte, 2022
- Yards Receiving.....65, Clemson, 2022
- Long Reception.....65, Clemson, 2022
- Receiving TDs.....1, Tennessee, 2022
- Kickoff Returns.....3, 4 timeslast, S.C. State, 2022
- Kickoff Return Yards.....81, Tennessee, 2021
- Long Kickoff Return.....63, East Carolina, 2021

1 - TREY KNOX (TE)

6-5, 240, Gr., TR (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

- ◆ Coming off his second consecutive start for the Gamecocks, finishing with one reception for a season-long 15 yards in the win over Furman.
- ◆ Earned a start in his first game with Carolina, finishing the outing with two receptions for 14 yards against the Tar Heels.
- ◆ Has three receptions in his first two games, two of which have resulted in scoring drives for the Gamecocks.
- ◆ Has now played in 47 career games and has 31 starts to his credit.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	2	14	0	14
FURMAN	1	15	0	15
2023 TOTALS	3	29	0	15
SC TOTALS	3	29	0	15
ARK TOTALS	81	892	9	49
CAREER TOTALS	84	921	9	49

KNOX'S HIGHS

- Receptions.....8, San Jose State, 2019
- Yards Receiving.....90, Colorado State, 2019
- Long Reception.....49, Ole Miss, 2019
- Receiving TDs.....2, Liberty, 2022
- Carries.....1, Missouri, 2022

3 - ANTWANE WELLS, JR. (WR)

6-1, 208, Sr., 1L (Richmond, Va.)

- ◆ Started in each of the first two games this season, hauling in his first reception of the year in the win over Furman on Saturday.
- ◆ Finished the game against the Paladins with one catch for five yards on two targets.
- ◆ Has 12 career games with over 100-yards receiving, including four as a Gamecock.
- ◆ Has now appeared in 37 career games with 26 starts to his credit.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	5	0	5
2023 TOTALS	1	5	0	5
SC TOTALS	69	933	6	72
JMU TOTALS	116	1853	21	73
CAREER TOTALS	185	2786	27	73

WELLS' HIGHS

- Receptions.....11, Tennessee, 2022
- Yards Receiving.....189, Arkansas, 2022
- Long Reception.....73, Maine, 2021
- Receiving TDs.....3, twice:Towson, 2021 & SE Louisiana, 2021
- 100-Yard Receiving Games.....12
- Carries.....1, Tennessee, 2022
- Yards Rushing.....3, Tennessee, 2022
- Longest Rush.....3, Tennessee, 2022
- Rushing TDs.....1, Tennessee, 2022

5 - DAKEREON JOYNER (RB)

6-1, 229, S-Sr., 4L (North Charleston, S.C.)

- ◆ Veteran do-it-all running back who finished Saturday's win over Furman with 95 all-purpose yards, including a season-high 42 yards on the ground.
- ◆ Averaged 3.8 yards per clip in the win over the Paladins, finding the end zone for the second consecutive outing.
- ◆ Also corralled four receptions for 53 yards against the Paladins.
- ◆ Has appeared in 47 career games with 12 starts.

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	12	23	1	6
FURMAN	11	42	1	16
2023 TOTALS	23	65	2	16
CAREER TOTALS	87	390	6	47

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	5	13	0	9
FURMAN	4	53	0	27
2023 TOTALS	9	66	0	27
CAREER TOTALS	54	508	3	48

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0-0-0	0	0	0
FURMAN	0-0-0	0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	0-0-0	0	0	0
CAREER TOTALS	29-42-0	430	2	69

JOYNER'S HIGHS

- Carries.....12, North Carolina, 2023
- Yards Rushing.....64, North Carolina, 2021
- Long Rush.....47, Vanderbilt, 2020
- Rushing TDs.....2, Tennessee, 2022
- Receptions.....5, twice:East Carolina, 2021 & North Carolina, 2023
- Yards Receiving.....73, Florida, 2022
- Long Reception.....48, Florida, 2022
- Receiving TDs.....1, three timeslast: Florida, 2022
- Pass Attempts.....12, Georgia, 2019
- Pass Completions.....9, North Carolina, 2021
- Passing Yards.....160, North Carolina, 2021
- Passing TDs.....1, twiceNorth Carolina, 2021 & Vanderbilt, 2022
- Long Pass.....69, North Carolina, 2021 Kickoff
- Returns.....2, four times:last: East Carolina, 2021
- Kickoff Return Yards.....75, Kentucky, 2020
- Long Kickoff Return.....52, Kentucky, 2020

6 - JOSHUA SIMON (TE)

6-4, 240, Gr., TR (Dalzell, S.C.)

- ◆ Earned the start in the win over Furman, finishing the game with two receptions for seven yards.
- ◆ Hauled in all four of his targets for 20 yards against North Carolina.
- ◆ Now has 92 career receptions for 1,173 yards and 17 scores - totaling six catches for 27 yards through his first two Gamecock appearances.
- ◆ Has played in 42 career games with 27 career starts under his belt.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	4	20	0	9
FURMAN	2	7	0	9
2023 TOTALS	6	27	0	9
SC TOTALS	6	27	0	9
WKU TOTALS	86	1146	17	77
CAREER TOTALS	92	1173	17	77

SIMON'S HIGHS

- Receptions.....6, twice:Western Michigan, 2019 & UAB, 2020
- Yards Receiving.....105, Western Michigan, 2019
- Long Reception.....77, Louisville, 2019
- Receiving TDs.....2, twice:UT Martin, 2021 & Auburn, 2022

7 - SPENCER RATTLER (QB)

6-1, 217, R-Sr., 1L (Phoenix, Ariz.)

- ◆ Turned in one of the more consistent performances in the win over Furman, finishing the outing with 25-of-27 completions (.925) for 345 yards and three scores earning SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors.
- ◆ Also added three carries for eight yards and a one-yard touchdown rush on Saturday.
- ◆ Opened the season with a strong showing against North Carolina, connecting for 76.9 percent (30-of-39) of his throws for 353 yards.
- ◆ His 353 passing yards against the Tar Heels were the 24th-most in a single game in Gamecock history, while his 30 completions tied a career high.
- ◆ Is off to a hot start to open the 2023 campaign, currently sitting at 55-of-66 completions (.833) for 698 yards and three scores - ranking second in the SEC in passing yards.
- ◆ Recorded his fifth 300-yard passing game in a Gamecock uniform on Saturday, after finishing with three during the 2022 campaign.
- ◆ Has played in 38 career games with 32 starts and is 24-8 all-time as a starter, including 9-6 in a Gamecock uniform.

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	30-39-0	353	0	37
FURMAN	25-27-0	345	3	53
2023 TOTALS	55-66-0	698	3	53
SC TOTALS	319-465-12	3724	21	72
OU TOTALS	361-515-12	4595	40	61
CAREER TOTALS	680-980-24	8319	61	72

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	13	-22	0	15
FURMAN	3	8	1	4
2023 TOTALS	16	-14	1	15
SC TOTALS	89	42	4	17
OU TOTALS	127	260	9	25
CAREER TOTALS	216	292	13	25

RATTLER'S HIGHS

Pass Attempts.....46, Notre Dame, 2022
 Pass Completions.....30, four times:
last, North Carolina, 2023
 Passing Yards.....438, Tennessee, 2022
 Passing TDs.....6, Tennessee, 2022
 Long Pass.....72, Clemson, 2022
 Rushing Attempts.....14, Texas, 2020
 Rushing Yards.....51, Texas, 2020
 Long Rush.....23, Texas, 2020
 Rushing TDs.....1, 13 times
last, Furman, 2023
 Receptions.....1, Tennessee, 2022
 Yards Receiving.....15, Tennessee, 2022
 Long Reception.....15, Tennessee, 2022

8 - NYCK HARBOR (WR)

6-5, 241, Fr., HS (Washington, D.C.)

- ◆ Has appeared in both games so far this season in a reserve role and on special teams.
- ◆ Jumped into the stat sheet in the win over Furman, hauling in a seven-yard touchdown reception for his first collegiate catch and score.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	7	1	7
2023 TOTALS	1	7	1	7
CAREER TOTALS	1	7	1	7

HARBOR'S HIGHS

Receptions.....1, Furman, 2023
 Yards Receiving.....7, Furman, 2023
 Long Reception.....7, Furman, 2023
 Receiving Touchdowns.....1, Furman, 2023

9 - LUKE DOTY (QB)

6-1, 209, R-Jr., 2L (Myrtle Beach, S.C.)

- ◆ Dual-threat athlete that has appeared as a quarterback and wide receiver through the first two games this season.
- ◆ Coming off a performance against Furman that resulted in his first collegiate touchdown reception, a 36-yard strike from fellow QB Spencer Rattler.
- ◆ Also threw four passes against the Paladins, completing two for a total of 17 yards.
- ◆ In week one against North Carolina, he turned in a career performance in the receiving game with three catches for 41 yards.
- ◆ Redshirt-junior that has played in 20 career games with six starts.

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0-0-0	0	0	0
FURMAN	2-4-0	17	0	11
2023 TOTALS	2-4-0	17	0	11
CAREER TOTALS	141-232-8	1543	9	82

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	-1	0	0
2023 TOTALS	1	-1	0	0
CAREER TOTALS	81	172	1	23

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	3	41	0	24
FURMAN	1	36	1	36
2023 TOTALS	4	77	1	36
CAREER TOTALS	4	77	1	36

DOTY'S HIGHS

Pass Attempts.....34, Troy, 2021
 Pass Completions.....20, Troy, 2021
 Passing Yards.....255, Troy, 2021
 Passing TDs.....2, Vanderbilt, 2021
 Long Pass.....82, Vanderbilt, 2021
 Rushing Attempts.....15, Georgia, 2020
 Rushing Yards.....59, Missouri, 2020
 Long Rush.....23, Tennessee, 2021
 Rushing TDs.....1, S.C. State, 2022
 Receptions.....3, North Carolina, 2023
 Yards Receiving.....41, North Carolina, 2023
 Long Reception.....36, Furman, 2023
 Receiving TDs.....1, Furman, 2023

10 - AHMAREAN BROWN (WR)

5-9, 169, S-Sr., 2L (Tampa, Fla.)

- ◆ Super senior that hauled in a career-high six catches for 42 yards in Saturday's win over Furman.
- ◆ Earned the start against North Carolina in week one, finishing the game with three catches for 44 yards.
- ◆ Currently third on the team in receiving yards with 86 yards through the first two games.
- ◆ Has appeared in 47 career games with 21 starts to his credit.
- ◆ Now has 75 career receptions for 957 yards, including 43 catches for 378 yards in a Gamecock uniform.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	3	44	0	20
FURMAN	6	42	0	20
2023 TOTALS	9	86	0	20
SC TOTALS	43	378	0	26
GT TOTALS	32	579	8	59
CAREER TOTALS	75	957	8	59

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	0	0	0	0
SC TOTALS	6	50	0	34
GT TOTALS	3	1	1	2
CAREER TOTALS	9	51	1	34

PUNT RETURNS	PR	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	3	0	3
2023 TOTALS	1	3	0	3
SC TOTALS	7	62	1	37
GT TOTALS	11	38	0	23
CAREER TOTALS	18	100	1	37

BROWN'S HIGHS

Receptions.....6, Furman, 2023
 Yards Receiving.....75, Boston College, 2020
 Long Reception.....59, Virginia, 2019
 Receiving TDs.....2, NC State, 2019
 Carries.....3, Tennessee, 2022
 Rushing Yards.....39, Tennessee, 2022
 Long Rush.....34, Tennessee, 2022
 Pass Attempts.....1, Louisville, 2020
 Pass Completions.....1, Louisville, 2020
 Passing Yards.....9, Louisville, 2020
 Passing Touchdowns.....1, Louisville, 2020
 Kick Returns.....2, Clemson, 2019
 Kick Return Yards.....33, NC State, 2019
 Long Kick Return.....33, NC State, 2019
 Punt Returns.....5, USF, 2019
 Punt Return Yards.....33, Clemson, 2022
 Long Punt Return.....37, Clemson, 2022
 Punt Return TDs.....1, Georgia State, 2022

11 - EDDIE LEWIS (WR)

6-0, 188, Gr., TR (Harlem, N.Y.)

- ◆ Has appeared in both games this season, coming off a career-high tying six receptions in the win over Furman, resulting in 89 receiving yards.
- ◆ Added one punt return for six yards against the Paladins, finishing second on the team in all-purpose yards with 95.
- ◆ Has appeared in 43 career games with 20 starts to his credit.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	6	89	0	46
2023 TOTALS	6	89	0	46
SC TOTALS	6	89	0	46
MEM TOTALS	63	952	11	75
RU TOTALS	30	209	1	26
CAREER TOTALS	99	1250	12	75

PUNT RETURNS	PR	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	6	0	6
2023 TOTALS	1	6	0	6
SC TOTALS	1	6	0	6
MEM TOTALS	27	255	1	60
CAREER TOTALS	28	261	1	60

LEWIS' HIGHS

Receptions.....6, four times:
last, Furman, 2023
 Yards Receiving.....94, Tulane, 2022
 Long Reception.....75, East Carolina, 2021
 Receiving Touchdowns.....2, Utah State, 2022
 Carries.....1, twice:
UCF, 2022 & North Alabama, 2022
 Rushing Yards.....11, North Alabama, 2022
 Long Rush.....11, North Alabama, 2022
 Punt Returns.....7, Tulsa, 2022
 Punt Return Yards.....80, Tulsa, 2022
 Long Punt Return.....60, North Alabama, 2022

16 - LANORRIS SELLERS (QB)

6-3, 245, Fr., HS (Florence, S.C.)

- ◆ True freshman quarterback that ignited the home crowd in his first collegiate appearance in the win over Furman.
- ◆ Was a perfect 4-for-4 for 86 yards and two touchdowns, including a 50-yard bomb to fellow freshman Tyshawn Russell.
- ◆ Also carried the ball twice for six yards against the Paladins.

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	LG
FURMAN	4-4-0	86	2	50
2023 TOTALS	4-4-0	86	2	50
CAREER TOTALS	4-4-0	86	2	50



RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
FURMAN	2	6	0	4
2023 TOTALS	2	6	0	4
CAREER TOTALS	2	6	0	4

SELLERS' HIGHS

Pass Attempts.....	4, Furman, 2023
Pass Completions.....	4, Furman, 2023
Passing Yards.....	86, Furman, 2023
Passing TDs.....	2, Furman, 2023
Long Pass.....	50, Furman, 2023
Rushing Attempts.....	2, Furman, 2023
Rushing Yards.....	6, Furman, 2023
Long Rush.....	4, Furman, 2023

17 - XAVIER LEGETTE (WR)

6-3, 227, S-Sr., 4L (Mullins, S.C.)

◆ Continued to shine for the Gamecocks in the start against Furman with a team-high six receptions for a team-best 118 yards, including his first touchdown reception of the season.

◆ Turned in a career game in the season opener against the Tar Heels with nine receptions for 178 yards in his first start of the season.

◆ His 178 receiving yards rank 14th-most in a single game in program history.

◆ Leads the SEC and all Power-5 schools in receiving yards through the first two games with 296 yards.

◆ Added one kick return for 24 yards against Furman, finishing the game with 141 all-purpose yards.

◆ Has appeared in 43 collegiate games with 22 starts to his credit.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	9	178	0	37
FURMAN	6	118	1	53
2023 TOTALS	15	296	1	53
CAREER TOTALS	57	719	6	53

KICK RETURNS	KR	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	2	43	0	28
FURMAN	1	24	0	24
2023 TOTALS	3	67	0	28
CAREER TOTALS	22	621	1	100

LEGETTE'S HIGHS

Receptions.....	9, North Carolina, 2023
Yards Receiving.....	178, North Carolina, 2023
Long Reception.....	53, Furman, 2023
Receiving TDs.....	2, Notre Dame, 2022
Carries.....	2, three times: last, Notre Dame, 2022
Rushing Yards.....	28, Vanderbilt, 2022
Long Rush.....	19, Vanderbilt, 2022
Kickoff Return Yards.....	100, Texas A&M, 2022
Long Kickoff Return.....	100, Texas A&M, 2022
Kickoff Return TDs.....	1, Texas A&M, 2022

23 - DJAY BRASWELL (RB)

5-11, 204, Fr., HS (Sandersville, Ga.)

◆ True freshman tailback who made his collegiate debut in Saturday's win over Furman, finishing the game with four carries for 17 yards.

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
FURMAN	4	17	0	9
2023 TOTALS	4	17	0	9
CAREER TOTALS	4	17	0	9

BRASWELL'S HIGHS

Carries.....	4, Furman, 2023
Yards Rushing.....	17, Furman, 2023
Long Rush.....	9, Furman, 2023

24 - MARIO ANDERSON (RB)

5-9, 208, R-Sr., TR (Summerville, S.C.)

◆ Transfer running back that made his second consecutive appearance in as many games for the Gamecocks.

◆ Jumped into the box score in the win over Furman with six rushes for 32 yards.

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	6	32	0	9
2023 TOTALS	6	32	0	9
SC TOTALS	6	32	0	9
NC TOTALS	513	3301	35	75
CAREER TOTALS	519	3333	35	75

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	0	0	0	0
SC TOTALS	0	0	0	0
NC TOTALS	21	135	0	16
CAREER TOTALS	21	135	0	16

ANDERSON'S HIGHS

Carries.....	33, Mars Hill, 2022
Yards Rushing.....	246, Catawba College, 2022
Rushing TDs.....	4, Catawba College, 2022
Receptions.....	3, North Greenville, 2021
Yards Receiving.....	17, North Greenville, 2021
Long Reception.....	16, Carson-Newman, 2021

53 - VERSHON LEE (OL)

6-4, 319, R-Jr., 2L (Woodbridge, Va.)

◆ Has garnered back-to-back starts at center to begin the 2023 campaign.

◆ Has appeared in 30 career games, including 19 starts to his name following Saturday's win over Furman.

◆ Also has extensive experience competing at the guard position.

55 - JAKAI MOORE (OL)

6-6, 318, R-Sr., 3L (Nokesville, Va.)

◆ Versatile lineman who has seen time at both guard and tackle over the course of his career.

◆ Started each of the first two games of the season, including the home-opening win over Furman on Saturday.

◆ Has appeared in 35 career games with 21 starts to his credit.

58 - MARKEE ANDERSON (OL)

6-4, 302, Fr., HS (Roebuck, S.C.)

◆ True freshman interior lineman who has been sidelined through the first two games of the 2023 campaign.

62 - TYSHAWN WANNAMAKER (OL)

6-3, 290, R-Jr., 2L (St. Matthews, S.C.)

◆ Fourth-year offensive lineman who can play both tackle or guard.

◆ Started in place of the injured Cason Henry in Saturday's win over Furman.

◆ Has seen action in each of the first two games for the Gamecocks.

◆ Has appeared in 22 career games, making 12 career starts all at right tackle.

69 - NICK GARGIULO (OL)

6-5, 327, Gr., TR (Yorktown Heights, N.Y.)

◆ Graduate transfer from Yale who has started at the left guard position in each of his first two outings with the Gamecocks.

◆ Has now played in 27 career games, including 25 when he was with Yale.

72 - TRAI JONES (OL)

6-2, 318, R-Jr., 2L (Abbeville, S.C.)

◆ Fourth-year offensive lineman who has come off the bench in each of the first two games to begin this season.

◆ Played in 23 career games with three starts to his credit.

75 - CASON HENRY (OL)

6-6, 300, R-Fr., SQ (Marietta, Ga.)

◆ Started the game against North Carolina at the right tackle position, later leaving with an injury.

◆ Missed Saturday's action against Furman due to the lingering injury sustained against North Carolina.

◆ Has competed in three career games and was a regular member of the 2022 travel roster.

77 - SIDNEY FUGAR (OL)

6-5, 327, R-So., TR (Waldorf, Md.)

◆ Western Illinois transfer who has started in both games this season, doing so at the left tackle position.

◆ Has now played in 12 career games and has 11 career starts to his name.

78 - TROVON BAUGH (OL)

6-4, 337, Fr., HS (Atlanta, Ga.)

◆ True freshman offensive lineman that saw significant playing time in his collegiate debut in Saturday's win over Furman.

79 - JAXON HUGHES (OL)

6-6, 297, R-Sr., TR (Greensboro, N.C.)

◆ Transfer offensive lineman from Charlotte who played significant snaps against North Carolina following the injury to Cason Henry.

◆ Did not appear in Saturday's win over Furman.

◆ Primarily competes for a spot on the line at tackle.

◆ Has now played in 22 career games with 18 career starts.

84 - NICK ELKSNIS (TE)

6-6, 251, R-So., TR (Jacksonville, Fla.)

◆ Transfer tight end from Florida who made his collegiate debut in Saturday's win over Furman.

◆ Finished the outing against the Paladins with one target.

◆ Has appeared in 10 collegiate games following Saturday's win.



89 - O'MEGA BLAKE (WR)

6-2, 180, R-So., SQ (Rock Hill, S.C.)

- ◆ Has appeared in both games this season and jumped into the stat column in the win over Furman.
- ◆ Finished the win over the Paladins with one reception, a seven-yard touchdown catch for his first collegiate touchdown.
- ◆ Has appeared in six career games, including a pair of bowl games.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>FURMAN</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>
2023 TOTALS	1	7	1	7
CAREER TOTALS	2	8	1	8

BLAKE'S HIGHS

Receptions.....	1, twice
.....Notre Dame, 2022 & Furman, 2023	
Yards Receiving.....	7, Furman, 2023
Long Reception.....	7, Furman, 2023
Receiving Touchdowns.....	1, Furman, 2023
Carries	1, North Carolina, 2021



0 - DEBO WILLIAMS (LB)

6-1, 232, R-Jr., 2L (Smyrna, Del.)

- ◆ Carried his performance from week one over to the win against Furman, finishing the game with four tackles and one pass breakup.
- ◆ Tallied a career-high and a game-high 14 tackles in the season opener against North Carolina, including recording one tackle for loss.
- ◆ His 14-tackle performance was the first double-digit tackling performance of his career.
- ◆ Has now played in 28 career games for the Gamecocks with four career starts - starting each of the first two games this season.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	14	1.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	4	0.0	0.0	1
2023 TOTALS	18	1.0	0.0	1
CAREER TOTALS	67	5.5	1.5	2

D. WILLIAMS' HIGHS

Tackles.....	14, North Carolina, 2023
Sacks.....	1.5, Florida, 2022
Tackles for Loss.....	1.5, Florida, 2022
QB Hurries.....	1, twice: Missouri & Clemson, 2022
Forced Fumbles.....	1, Vanderbilt, 2022
Blocked Punts.....	2, Eastern Illinois, 2021

1 - DQ SMITH (DB)

6-1, 214, So., 1L (Columbia, S.C.)

- ◆ Coming off a two-tackle performance in the win over Furman, including a half tackle for loss.
- ◆ Started at defensive back against North Carolina and came away with a career-high 11 tackles in the process.
- ◆ Was one of four Gamecocks with double-digit tackles in the season opener, while also posting one pass breakup.
- ◆ Has now appeared in 15 career games with 13 starts to his credit.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	11	0.0	0	1
FURMAN	2	0.5	0	0
2023 TOTALS	13	0.5	0	1
CAREER TOTALS	67	1.5	2	6

SMITH'S HIGHS

Tackles.....	11, North Carolina, 2023
Tackles for Loss.....	1.0, Vanderbilt, 2022
Sacks.....	1.0, Vanderbilt, 2022
Interception.....	1, twice: Charlotte, 2022 & Notre Dame, 2022
Pass Breakups.....	2, Texas A&M, 2022
Forced Fumbles.....	1, Vanderbilt, 2022
QB Hurries.....	1, twice: Texas A&M & Florida, 2022

3 - O'DONNELL FORTUNE (DB)

6-1, 185, R-Jr., 2L (Sumter, S.C.)

- ◆ Earned the start at cornerback against North Carolina, finishing the game with a career-high six tackles.
- ◆ Followed that up with a five-tackle performance in the triumph over Furman on Saturday.
- ◆ Recorded Carolina's first take away of the season with an interception against Heisman hopeful Drake Maye.
- ◆ Has played in 22 career games with three career starts for the Gamecocks - two of which have come this season.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	6	0.0	1	0
FURMAN	5	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	11	0.0	1	0
CAREER TOTALS	33	0.0	3	0

FORTUNE'S HIGHS

Tackles.....	6, North Carolina, 2023
Interceptions.....	1, three times: last: North Carolina, 2023
Forced Fumbles.....	1, Vanderbilt, 2022
Fumble Recoveries.....	1, Georgia, 2021

4 - TERRELL DAWKINS (EDGE)

6-4, 251, R-Sr., SQ (Concord, N.C.)

- ◆ Appeared in the season opener against North Carolina but did not record any stats.
- ◆ Came off the bench in reserve for the second consecutive game and did not jump into the box score.
- ◆ He was able to tip a ball at the line of scrimmage that resulted in a Gamecock interception.
- ◆ Has appeared in 31 career games with six career starts, including five appearances for the Gamecocks.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	0	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	0	0.0	0.0	0
SC TOTALS	2	0.0	0.0	0
NCSU TOTALS	42	9.0	4.5	2
CAREER TOTALS	44	9.0	4.5	2

DAWKINS' HIGHS

Tackles.....	9, Duke, 2020
Sacks.....	1.0, 4 times last: Florida State, 2020
Tackles for Loss.....	2.0, twice: North Carolina, 2020 & Florida State, 2020

5 - GRAYSON "PUP" HOWARD (LB)

6-4, 241, Fr., HS (Jacksonville, Fla.)

- ◆ True freshman linebacker who made his collegiate debut in the home opener against Furman, finishing the game with four tackles.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	PBU
FURMAN	4	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	4	0.0	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	4	0.0	0.0	0

HOWARD'S HIGHS

Tackles.....	4, Furman, 2023
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6 - MARCELLAS DIAL (DB)

6-0, 195, R-Sr., 2L (Woodruff, S.C.)

- ◆ Started in the season opener against North Carolina at the other cornerback position opposite of O'Donnell Fortune.
- ◆ Recorded his first tackle of the season in the win over Furman on Saturday, finishing the game with two tackles and two pass breakups.
- ◆ Has appeared in 28 games with 19 career starts for the Gamecocks, accounting for 80 tackles, three interceptions and 20 pass breakups.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0.0	0	0
FURMAN	2	0.0	0	2
2023 TOTALS	2	0.0	0	2
CAREER TOTALS	80	1.0	3	20

DIAL'S HIGHS

Tackles.....	9, Tennessee, 2022
Tackles for Loss.....	1.0, S.C. State, 2022
Interceptions.....	1, three times last: Clemson, 2022
Pass Breakups.....	3, twice: Georgia State & Clemson, 2022

7 - JORDAN STRACHAN (EDGE)

6-5, 245, 5th, 1L (Kingsland, Ga.)

- ◆ Returned to the starting lineup in Saturday's season opener against North Carolina, his first game back since his knee injury in 2022.
- ◆ Finished the outing with two tackles and one quarterback hurry.
- ◆ Added two more tackles in the win over Furman, including recording one sack in the contest - also added one pass breakup.
- ◆ Has now played in 40 career games with 19 starts, including 17 games and four starts with the Gamecocks.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	2	0.0	0.0	1
FURMAN	2	1.0	1.0	0
2023 TOTALS	4	1.0	1.0	1
SC TOTALS	36	10.0	5.0	6
GSU TOTALS	78	15.5	10.5	5
CAREER TOTALS	114	25.5	15.5	11

STRACHAN'S HIGHS

Tackles.....	6, twice: Appalachian State, 2020; Arkansas, 2022
Sacks.....	2.5, Troy, 2020
Tackles for Loss.....	3.0, twice: Troy, 2020; South Alabama, 2020
Interceptions.....	1, Vanderbilt, 2021
Fumble Recoveries.....	2, Troy, 2020

9 - DESMOND UMEOZULU (EDGE)

6-6, 246, Fr., HS (Upper Marlboro, Md.)

- ◆ True freshman edge rusher that made his collegiate debut in Saturday's win over Furman.
- ◆ Finished the outing with three tackles.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
FURMAN	3	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	3	0.0	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	3	0.0	0.0	0

UMEOZULU'S HIGHS

Tackles.....	6, Furman, 2023
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10 - TYREK JOHNSON (EDGE)

6-3, 270, R-Sr., 2L (Sumter, S.C.)

- ◆ Made his second consecutive appearance in a reserve role following the win over the Paladins on Saturday.
- ◆ Finished the game with one tackle and his first collegiate sack - a half sack.
- ◆ Has now seen playing time in 17 career games for the Garnet & Black.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	2	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	1	0.5	0.5	0
2023 TOTALS	3	0.5	0.5	0
CAREER TOTALS	16	2.5	0.5	0

JOHNSON'S HIGHS

Tackles.....	3, Arkansas, 2022
Tackles for Loss.....	1.0, twice: S.C. State & Florida, 2022
Sacks.....	0.5, Furman, 2023
Fumble Recovery.....	1, Florida, 2022

12 - JATIUS GEER (EDGE)

6-6, 243, R-So., TR (Anderson, S.C.)

- ◆ Transfer EDGE rusher from Syracuse who joined the team this summer.
- ◆ Has missed the first two games due to a lingering injury.
- ◆ Has appeared in 14 career games with 12 starts, owning 34 career tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>	0	0.0	0.0	0
<i>FURMAN</i>	0	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	0	0.0	0.0	0
SU TOTALS	34	6.5	3.5	6
CAREER TOTALS	34	6.5	3.5	6

GEER'S HIGHS

Tackles.....5, N.C. State, 2022
 Sacks.....1.5, N.C. State, 2022
 Tackles for Loss.....1.5, N.C. State, 2022
 QB Hurries.....3, Virginia, 2022

13 - KAJUAN BANKS (DB)

5-10, 173, So., 1L (Anderson, S.C.)

- ◆ Defensive back who has appeared in a reserve role and on the special teams squad through the first two games.
- ◆ Tied his career high in tackles with two for the second consecutive outing.
- ◆ Tied his career high with two tackles and corralled his first career interception against the Tar Heels, returning the interception 17 yards.
- ◆ Has now appeared in 15 consecutive games for the Gamecocks.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>	2	0.0	1	0
<i>FURMAN</i>	2	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	4	0.0	1	0
CAREER TOTALS	10	0.0	1	1

BANKS' HIGHS

Tackles.....2, four times:
last: Furman, 2023
 Interceptions.....1, North Carolina, 2023
 Pass Breakups.....1, Georgia State, 2022

18 - KEENAN NELSON, JR. (DB)

6-1, 195, R-Fr., SQ (Philadelphia, Pa.)

- ◆ Defensive back who earned the start in the season opener against North Carolina, his second career start.
- ◆ Tied his career high with four tackles against the Tar Heels.
- ◆ Started again in the win over Furman but did not record any stats.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>	4	0.0	0	0
<i>FURMAN</i>	0	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	4	0.0	0	0
CAREER TOTALS	8	0.0	0	1

NELSON, JR.'S HIGHS

Tackles.....4, twice:
Notre Dame, 2022 & North Carolina, 2023
 Pass Breakups.....1, Notre Dame, 2022

19 - DREW TUAZAMA (EDGE)

6-5, 275, Gr., TR (Raleigh, N.C.)

- ◆ Edge rusher who transferred to the Gamecocks during the fall camp from UAB.
- ◆ Has appeared in the first two games of the season, having yet to crack the box score.
- ◆ Has competed in 32 career games at the collegiate level, accumulating 74 career tackles.

- ◆ Has also accounted for 14.0 tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks, four pass breakups, three quarterback hurries and one forced fumble, fumble recovery and blocked punt.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>	0	0.0	0.0	0
<i>FURMAN</i>	0	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	0	0.0	0.0	0
SC TOTALS	0	0.0	0.0	0
UAB TOTALS	33	6.0	5.0	3
EMCC TOTALS	32	6.0	0.0	0
SU TOTALS	9	2.0	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	74	14.0	5.0	3

TUAZAMA'S HIGHS

Tackles.....5, Georgia Southern, 2022
 Sacks.....1.0, four times:
last: Louisiana Tech, 2022
 Tackles for Loss.....2.0, twice:
North Carolina, 2020 & LA Tech, 2022
 Forced Fumbles.....1, Louisiana Tech, 2022
 Fumble Recovery.....1
 QB Hurries.....1, three times:
last: Miami (Ohio), 2022
 Pass Breakups.....1, four times:
last: Miami (Ohio), 2022
 Blocked Punt.....1, Clemson, 2020

21 - NICK EMMANWORI (DB)

6-3, 220, So., 1L (Irmo, S.C.)

- ◆ Started in the season opener against North Carolina and recorded one tackle before being sidelined with a muscle strain.
- ◆ Was unable to play in the home opener against Furman, recovering from the injury sustained against North Carolina.
- ◆ Has appeared in 14 games for the Gamecocks and has started in 13 outings.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>	1	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	1	0.0	0	0
CAREER TOTALS	86	1.0	0	1

EMMANWORI'S HIGHS

Tackles.....14, Georgia, 2022
 Tackles for Loss.....1.0, Missouri, 2022
 Fumble Recovery.....1, Clemson, 2022
 QB Hurries.....1, twice:
Arkansas & Florida, 2022
 Pass Breakups.....1, Georgia State, 2022

22 - BAM MARTIN-SCOTT (LB)

6-2, 226, R-Sr., 1L (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

- ◆ Made his season debut in the win over Furman, recording one tackle in the process.
- ◆ Has appeared in 18 career games for the Garnet & Black, recording 17 career tackles with three pass breakups, one interception, one quarterback hurry and one forced fumble.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
<i>FURMAN</i>	1	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	1	0.0	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	17	1.0	0.0	1

MARTIN-SCOTT'S HIGHS

Tackles.....4, Florida, 2022
 Tackles for Loss.....1.0, Georgia, 2022
 Interception.....1, S.C. State, 2022
 Forced Fumbles.....1, Florida, 2022
 QB Hurries.....1, Charlotte, 2022
 Pass Breakups.....1, twice:
Texas A&M & Vanderbilt, 2022

24 - JALON KILGORE (DB)

6-1, 204, Fr., HS (Eatonton, Ga.)

- ◆ Freshman defensive back who came off the bench against North Carolina and finished the game with 12 tackles, the second most tackles on the squad.
- ◆ Earned the start against Furman and finished with a team-high six tackles.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>	12	0.0	0	0
<i>FURMAN</i>	6	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	18	0.0	0	0
CAREER TOTALS	18	0.0	0	0

KILGORE'S HIGHS

Tackles.....12, North Carolina, 2023

29 - DAVID SPAULDING (DB)

6-1, 198, R-Sr., 2L (Riceboro, Ga.)

- ◆ Came in as a reserve player against North Carolina in the season opener, finishing the game with one tackle.
- ◆ Was unable to suit up against the Paladins on Saturday.
- ◆ Appeared in 26 career games with seven starts, including 18 games in a Gamecock uniform.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>	1	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	1	0.0	0	0
SC TOTALS	29	2.0	2	6
GS TOTALS	7	0.0	1	1
CAREER TOTALS	36	2.0	3	7

SPAULDING'S HIGHS

Tackles.....5, twice:
Troy, 2021; Kentucky, 2022
 Interceptions.....1, three times:
last: Kentucky, 2022
 Pass Breakups.....2, Texas A&M, 2022
 Forced Fumbles.....1, twice:
Kentucky, 2021; Kentucky, 2022

36 - B.J. GIBSON (DB)

6-4, 219, R-Sr., 1L (Marietta, Ga.)

- ◆ Has made back-to-back appearances in a reserve role for the Gamecocks through the first two games.
- ◆ Finished with one tackle against the Tar Heels as well as one solo wrap up against the Paladins.
- ◆ Appeared in 15 career games over the last five seasons with one start.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>	1	0.0	0	0
<i>FURMAN</i>	1	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	2	0.0	0	0
CAREER TOTALS	10	0.0	0	0

GIBSON'S HIGHS

Tackles.....7, Vanderbilt, 2022

46 - BRYAN THOMAS, JR. (EDGE)

6-2, 232, So., 1L (Windermere, Fla.)

- ◆ Started as an edge rusher in the first two games of the season, posting a career game in the outing against North Carolina.
- ◆ Credited with four tackles to begin the season, setting a new career high.
- ◆ Has now competed in 12 games for Carolina with two starts.



DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	4	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	0	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	4	0.0	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	10	0.0	0.0	2

THOMAS, JR'S HIGHS

Tackles.....4, North Carolina, 2023
 QB Hurries.....2, Charlotte, 2022

52 - STONE BLANTON (LB)

6-2, 232, So., 1L (Jackson, Miss.)

- ◆ Second-year linebacker who has started in each of the first two games.
- ◆ Matched his 2022 season total in tackles and then some against the Tar Heels, logging a career-high 10 tackles in the season opener.
- ◆ Followed that up with two more tackles and a punishing hit to the Furman quarterback in the home-opening win.
- ◆ Has now played in 14 games for Carolina, with a pair of starts.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	10	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	2	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	12	0.5	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	19	1.5	0.0	0

BLANTON'S HIGHS

Tackles.....10, North Carolina, 2023
 Tackles for Loss.....1, S.C. State, 2022
 Pass Breakups.....1, S.C. State, 2022

90 - T.J. SANDERS (DL)

6-5, 298, R-So., 1L (Marion, S.C.)

- ◆ Has recorded three tackles in each of the first two games, appearing in a reserve role.
- ◆ Added a career high 2.0 tackles for loss and tying a career best 1.0 sack in Saturday's win over the Paladins.
- ◆ Appeared in 16 career games over three seasons in a Gamecock uniform.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	3	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	3	2.0	1.0	0
2023 TOTALS	6	2.0	1.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	22	3.0	2.0	3

SANDERS' HIGHS

Tackles.....4, Notre Dame, 2022
 Tackles for Loss.....2.0, Furman, 2023
 Sacks.....1.0, twice:
Florida, 2022 & Furman, 2023
 QB Hurries.....1, three times
last: Vanderbilt, 2022
 Pass Breakups.....1, Georgia, 2022

91 - TONKA HEMINGWAY (DL)

6-3, 285, Sr., 3L (Conway, S.C.)

- ◆ Has earned the nod as a starter on the defensive line in each of the first two games this season.
- ◆ Posted two tackles and one quarterback hurry in the win over the Paladins on Saturday.
- ◆ Has at least one tackle and one quarterback hurry in each of the first two games.
- ◆ Has appeared in all 38 games over the last four seasons with 14 starts.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	1	0.0	0.0	1
FURMAN	2	0.0	0.0	1
2023 TOTALS	3	0.0	0.0	2
CAREER TOTALS	58	9.0	4.0	9

HEMINGWAY'S HIGHS

Tackles.....5, Missouri, 2022
 Tackles for Loss.....2.0, Missouri, 2022
 Sacks.....1.5, Kentucky, 2022
 QB Hurries.....1, nine times:
last: Furman, 2023
 Pass Breakups.....1, Texas A&M, 2022
 Fumbles Recovered.....1, twice:
Kentucky & Texas A&M, 2022

93 - NICK BARRETT (DL)

6-3, 327, Jr., 2L (Goldsboro, N.C.)

- ◆ Defensive lineman who has come off of the bench in each of the first two games, recording one tackle against North Carolina.
- ◆ Did not record a stat in the home opening win over Furman.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	1	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	0	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	1	0.0	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	15	0.0	0.0	1

BARRETT'S HIGHS

Tackles.....3, Notre Dame, 2022
 QB Hurries.....1, Notre Dame, 2022
 Interceptions.....1, Notre Dame, 2022

95 - ALEX HUNTLEY (DL)

6-4, 298, R-Jr., 2L (Blythewood, S.C.)

- ◆ Started in the home opener against Furman on Saturday, earning his fifth career start in 27 career games.
- ◆ Logged one tackle against the Paladins, marking his second consecutive game with one tackle.
- ◆ Has 35 career tackles with 2.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack, two pass breakups and one fumble recovery.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	1	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	1	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	2	0.0	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	35	2.0	1.0	0

HUNTLEY'S HIGHS

Tackles.....4, three times:
last, Notre Dame, 2022
 Tackles for Loss.....1.0, twice:
North Carolina, 2021 & Notre Dame, 2022
 Sacks.....1.0, Notre Dame, 2022
 Pass Breakups.....1, Georgia State, 2022
 Fumble Recovery.....1, Vanderbilt, 2022

36 - HUNTER ROGERS (LS)

6-1, 202, R-Jr., 2L (Columbia, S.C.)

- ◆ Has handled the long snapping duties in each of the first two games this season.
- ◆ Local product who has appeared in 20 career games in a Gamecock uniform.

ROGERS' HIGHS

Carries1, Georgia State, 2022
 Yards Rushing.....5, Georgia State, 2022
 Longest Rush.....5, Georgia State, 2022

39 - KAI KROEGER (P)

6-4, 212, Sr., 3L (Lake Forest, Ill.)

- ◆ Recorded four punts for 178 yards, averaging 44.5 yards in the win over the Paladins.
- ◆ Sailed a game-long 57 yarder against Furman and was able to pin the 'Dins inside their own 20-yard line twice.
- ◆ Began the season punting the ball five times for 242 yards, averaging 48.4 yards per punt against North Carolina.
- ◆ Booted a season-long punt of 60 yards against the Tar Heels.
- ◆ Is a perfect 6-for-6 in career passes with three touchdowns to his credit.
- ◆ Has appeared in 38 career games and is averaging 44.4 yards per punt, the second-best mark in program history behind Joseph Charlton (45.5).

PUNTING	No.	YDS	AVG	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	5	242	48.4	60
FURMAN	4	178	44.5	57
2023 TOTALS	9	420	46.7	60
CAREER TOTALS	165	7319	44.4	79

KROEGER'S HIGHS

Punts.....8, East Carolina, 2021
 Punting Average56.8, Vanderbilt, 2021
 Longest Punt79, Georgia State, 2022
 Most Punt Yards376, Clemson, 2022
 Pass Completions.....1, six times:
last; Notre Dame, 2022
 Pass Attempts.....1, six times:
last; Notre Dame, 2022
 Passing TDs1, three times:
last; Notre Dame, 2022
 Longest Pass.....48, Florida, 2021

98 - MITCH JETER (PK)

5-10, 194, Sr., 3L (Salisbury, N.C.)

- ◆ Missed his first career field goal, knocking a 50-yard attempt off the uprights in the win over the Paladins.
- ◆ Was successful in all four of his PAT attempts against Furman.
- ◆ Is 1-for-2 in field goals this season, knocking in a 26 yarder against North Carolina - while sitting 6-of-6 in PATs.
- ◆ Handled eight kickoff attempts against Furman, totaling 519 yards for an average of 64.9 yards.
- ◆ Sent six of the eight kickoffs through the back of the endzone for a touchback.
- ◆ Is a perfect 1-for-1 in onside kick attempts this season, recovering his own kick against North Carolina to begin the second half.

KICKING	FGM	FGA	PAT	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	1	1	2-2	26
FURMAN	0	1	4-4	0
2023 TOTALS	1	2	6-6	26
CAREER TOTALS	12	13	50-52	53

KICKOFFS	No.	YDS	AVG	TB
NORTH CAROLINA	3	175	58.3	1
FURMAN	8	519	64.9	6
2023 TOTALS	11	694	63.1	7
CAREER TOTALS	180	11080	61.6	108

JETER'S HIGHS

Field Goals.....2, twice
Georgia State, 2022; Charlotte, 2022
 FGA.....2, twice
Georgia State, 2022; Charlotte, 2022
 Long Field Goal.....53, Georgia State, 2022
 PAT.....9, Tennessee, 2022
 PAT Attempts.....9, Tennessee, 2022
 Kickoffs.....10, Tennessee, 2022
 Kickoff Yards.....632, Tennessee, 2022
 Kickoff Average.....65.7, Clemson, 2021
 Touchbacks.....7, North Carolina, 2021