

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS



FOOTBALL - 2023



#21 N. Carolina
Sept. 2
7:30 pm ET
ABC
L, 17-31



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



at #1 Georgia
Sept. 16
3:30 pm ET
CBS
L, 14-24



Miss State
Sept. 23
7:30 pm ET
SECN



at #23 Tennessee
Sept. 30
7:30 pm ET
SECN



#25 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..... SEC Network
Play-by-Play..... Tom Hart
Analyst..... Jordan Rodgers
Sideline..... Cole Cubelic

RADIO

Gamecock Sports Network

Play-by-Play..... Todd Ellis
Analyst..... Tommy Suggs
Sideline..... Chet Tucker

Satellite Radio

Sirius/XM..... Channel 109 or 190

QUICK FACTS

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

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Shane Beamer
Alma Mater..... Virginia Tech (1999)
Overall Record..... 16-13 (3rd year)
Record at South Carolina..... 16-13 (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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Mississippi State Bulldogs (2-1, 0-1 SEC)

at

South Carolina Gamecocks (1-2, 0-1 SEC)

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 ♦ 7:30 pm ET
Williams-Brice Stadium (77,559) ♦ Columbia, S.C.

Openers and Storylines

QUICKLY: It's Family Weekend on the University of South Carolina campus as the South Carolina Gamecocks (1-2, 0-1 SEC) open home portion of their 2023 Southeastern Conference schedule when they host the Mississippi State Bulldogs (2-1, 0-1 SEC) on Saturday, Sept. 23. The contest at Williams-Brice Stadium (77,559) in Columbia, S.C. is set for a 7:30 pm kick.

OVER THE AIRWAVES: This week's game will be televised by the SEC Network. Tom Hart will handle the play-by-play while Jordan Rodgers adds the color commentary. Cole Cubelic will patrol the sidelines. 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.

SPECIAL DAY FOR A SPECIAL PLAYER: All-America and All-SEC wide receiver **Alshon Jeffery** will have his jersey retired in ceremonies at halftime of this week's game.

The St. Matthews, S.C. native came to South Carolina as one of top wide receiver recruits in the nation in 2009 from Calhoun County High School and made his mark immediately for the Gamecocks.

Jeffery finished his three-year career with 183 catches for 3,042 yards and 23 touchdowns. In the Gamecock career record books he ranks third in receptions, second in receiving yards, tied for first in receiving touchdowns, first in 100-yard receiving games (12), sixth in yards per reception (16.6) and third in consecutive games with a reception (36).

As a true freshman in 2009, he was named consensus Freshman All-SEC and a first-team Freshman All-American. He had a team-high 46 catches for 763 yards and six touchdowns during his first year at Carolina. Against Kentucky in his freshman season, he had seven catches for 138 yards and three touchdowns and was named SEC Freshman of the Week. He followed that up later in the season with eight catches for a season-best 161 yards and a score against Vanderbilt, and five catches for 116 yards and a touchdown against Arkansas.

Jeffery's best statistical season for the Gamecocks was his sophomore campaign in 2010. He led the SEC with 88 catches for 1,517 yards and nine touchdowns enroute to earning All-America and unanimous All-SEC honors and helping the Gamecocks to their first SEC Eastern Division title. He was a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's top wide receiver. Against Auburn, during the regular season, Jeffery had eight catches for career-high 192 yards and two touchdowns. At the time, it was the fourth-highest receiving yardage game in school history and remains sixth on the all-time list. He earned the Ernest Brooks Offensive MVP Award with five catches for 141 yards in a win over Clemson and had nine catches for 130 yards against Florida State in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Prior to his junior season, ESPN ranked Jeffery as the best player in the SEC. He had 49 catches for 762 yards and eight touchdowns in his junior campaign. He was the Capital One Bowl MVP, catching four passes for 148 yards and had a 51-yard TD catch at the end of the first half to give Carolina a halftime lead that helped propel the Gamecocks to a win over Nebraska.

Jeffery was selected in the second round of the 2012 NFL Draft by Chicago and went on to a nine-year NFL career with the Bears and Philadelphia Eagles. He caught 475 career passes for 6,786 yards and 46 TDs. He made the Pro Bowl in his second NFL season. In his first season with the Eagles, Jeffery played in the Super Bowl, and helped Philadelphia defeat New England with three catches for 73 yards and a touchdown. In 2019, Jeffery made the Bears' list of the Top 100 players in franchise history.



MISSISSIPPI STATE

2-1 Overall; 0-1 SEC

Head Coach.....Zach Arnett
Alma Mater.....New Mexico (2009)
Miss State Record.....2-1 (1st year)
Career Record.....2-1 (1st year)
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Bulldogs Schedule

Sept. 2 vs. Southeastern Louisiana..... W, 48-7
Sept. 9 vs Arizona..... W, 31-24 OT
Sept. 16 vs LSU*..... L, 14-41
Sept. 23 at South Carolina*..... 7:30 pm
Sept. 30 vs Alabama*..... 9 pm
Oct. 7 vs Western Michigan..... TBA
Oct. 14 OPEN
Oct. 21 at Arkansas*..... TBA
Oct. 28 at Auburn*..... TBA
Nov. 4 vs Kentucky*..... TBA
Nov. 11 at Texas A&M*..... TBA
Nov. 18 vs Southern Miss..... Noon
Nov. 23 vs Ole Miss*..... 7:30 pm
*SEC game

Series Capsule

Series History.....SC leads 9-7
In Columbia.....SC leads 5-3
In Starkville.....Series tied 4-4
At Neutral Site.....Never Met
First Meeting.....SC 21, MSU 6
10/17/92 in Columbia
Last Meeting.....MSU 27, SC 14
09/10/16 in Starkville
Last Meeting in Cola.....SC 34, MSU 16, 11/02/13
Beamer vs. Mississippi State.....0-0
Arnett vs. South Carolina.....0-0

Series Superlatives

Most Points - SC.....65 (1995)
Most Points - MSU.....39 (1995)
Most Points - Combined.....104 (1995)
SC 65, MSU 39
Biggest Margin Victory - SC.....26 (1995, 65-39)
Biggest Margin Victory - MSU.....38 (1998, 38-0)
Longest Winning Streak - SC.....7 (2000-13)
Longest Winning Streak - MSU.....4 (1996-99)
Current Streak.....MSU has won 1 in a row

CAROLINA VS. STATE: This is the 17th meeting between South Carolina and Mississippi State, with the Gamecocks holding a 9-7 advantage in the all-time series, including a 5-3 record when the games have been played in Columbia. The schools never met before becoming SEC foes in 1992. The Bulldogs won six of the first eight meetings between the two teams, but the Gamecocks rallied to win the next seven in a row before MSU snapped that streak with a 27-14 win in 2016, the last time the teams met on the gridiron. State has not won in Columbia since 1998, losing the last four in a row.

LUCKY SEVEN: The Gamecocks have come out on the winning side in seven of the last eight meetings between the two schools, dating back to the turn of the century. Three of the wins in that stretch have been by four points or less, while the other four Gamecock wins came by at least a 15-point margin.

IT'S GOOD TO SCORE: The Gamecocks are 9-7 overall against Mississippi State but own a 9-4 record against the Bulldogs when putting points on the scoreboard. The Gamecocks have been blanked in the series three times, 23-0 in 1993, 38-0 in 1998 and 17-0 in 1999. They tried to make up for those three whitewashes with a 65-point effort in Starkville 1995.

GOOD HOME COOKIN': The Gamecock offense has had much more recent success at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia than at Davis-Wade Stadium in Starkville. Over the past seven games, South Carolina has scored 34, 38 and 34 points when playing at home against the Bulldogs, while tallying just 16, 15, 14 and 14 points in Starkville since 2001.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET: A 24-0 halftime deficit was too much for the Gamecocks to overcome as they dropped an SEC road contest at Mississippi State by a 27-14 count on Sept. 10, 2016. The Gamecocks had no answer for Bulldog quarterback Nick Fitzgerald, as he completed 19-of-29 passes for 178 yards and two scores and rushed 17 times for 195 yards. **Brandon McIlwain** gave Carolina a second-half spark, as the freshman completed 11-of-22 passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns and carried 11 times for 17 yards. Tight end **Hayden Hurst** contributed a then career-best performance with eight catches for 68 yards. **Ulric Jones** (9) and **Jasper Sasser** (8), a pair of reserves, each logged career highs in tackles. Punter **Sean Kelly** had a good night as well, averaging 49.1 yards per punt, including a long of 66 yards. The loss snapped a seven-game winning streak for South Carolina against Mississippi State.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET HERE: The Gamecock defense posted five turnovers to help South Carolina claim a 34-16 victory over Mississippi State in Columbia on Nov. 2, 2013. The five turnovers led to 17 of the Gamecocks' 34 points on the day. Sophomore tailback **Mike Davis** posted 154 all-purpose yards, including 128 yards on the ground in the win. Senior quarterback **Connor Shaw** tied a career high with four touchdown passes, throwing for 147 yards in a 10-for-20 outing. Sophomore wide receiver **Shaq Roland** hauled in two of those TD passes and led the team with 57 receiving yards.

IT JUST MEANS MORE: The Gamecocks went into the Magnolia State and signed **Stone Blanton**, who played at Madison-Ridgeland Academy in Jackson.

By the Numbers

	MSU	SC
Record	2-1	1-2
Points/Game	31.0	26.0
Opp. Points/Game	24.0	25.3
Rushing Attempts	99	86
Yards Rushing/Game	179.0	53.0
Yards Per Rush	5.4	1.8
Opp. Rushing Attempts	90	114
Opp. Yards Rush/Game	112.3	145.7
Opp. Yards/Rush	3.7	3.8
Passes Attempted	75	119
Passes Completed	45	84
Yards Passing/Game	165.3	357.3
Opp. Passes Attempted	112	102
Opp. Passes Completed	80	71
Opp. Yards Passing/Game	277.3	260.3
Total Plays	174	205
Total Offense	1033	1231
Avg. Yards/Game	344.3	410.3
Avg. Yards/Play	5.9	6.0
Opp. Total Plays	202	216
Opp. Total Offense	1169	1218
Opp. Total Yards/Game	389.7	406.0
Opp. Total Yards/Play	5.8	5.6
3rd Down Conv.	31%	43%
Opp. 3rd Down Conv.	41%	45%
4th Down Conv.	4-7	2-7
Opp. 4th Down Conv.	5-7	4-6
Avg. Poss. Time/Game	26:40	27:21

Carolina vs Miss. State

Year	Date	SC Result	Score	Site
1992	10/17	W	21-6	H
1993	10/16	L	0-23	A
1994	10/16	L	36-41	H
1995	10/14	W	65-39	A
1996	09/28	L	10-14	H
1997	09/27	L	17-37	A
1998	09/26	L	0-38	H
1999	09/25	L	0-17	A
2000	09/23	W	23-19	H
2001	09/20	W	16-14	A
2002	10/05	W	34-10	H
2006	08/31	W	15-0	A
2007	09/29	W	38-21	H
2011	10/15	W	14-12	A
2013	11/02	W	34-16	H
2016	09/10	L	14-27	A

HOW GOOD WAS THAT POPCORN?: South Carolina head coach **Shane Beamer** is very familiar with Starkville and the Bulldog program. He served on Sylvester Croom's staff at Mississippi State from 2004-2006, his first full-time coaching stop. He worked with the cornerbacks (2004-05) and running backs (2006) and served as the team's recruiting coordinator. Beamer did his best recruiting job by luring his now wife, Emily, to go out on a date, after initially laying eyes on her in the press box while she was working on the sports information staff at MSU. Emily's parents still make their home in Starkville.

ALL THE WRIGHT STUFF: **Jody Wright** was part of the Mississippi State program from 2005-09, first as a volunteer coach, then as a G.A. and finally in an administrative role in football operations.



2023 SEC Standings

EASTERN DIVISION

	SEC	PCT	PF	PA	ALL	PCT	PF	PA
Georgia	1-0	1.000	24	14	3-0	1.000	117	24
Florida	1-0	1.000	29	16	2-1	.667	89	47
Kentucky	0-0	.000	0	0	3-0	1.000	107	34
Missouri	0-0	.000	0	0	3-0	1.000	88	56
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	0	0	2-2	.500	139	117
S. Carolina	0-1	.000	14	24	1-2	.333	78	76
Tennessee	0-1	.000	16	29	2-1	.667	95	55

WESTERN DIVISION

	SEC	PCT	PF	PA	ALL	PCT	PF	PA
LSU	1-0	1.000	41	14	2-1	.667	137	69
Auburn	0-0	.000	0	0	3-0	1.000	118	37
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	0	0	3-0	1.000	158	50
Alabama	0-0	.000	0	0	2-1	.667	97	44
Arkansas	0-0	.000	0	0	2-1	.667	115	57
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	0	0	2-1	.667	132	61
Miss. State	0-1	.000	14	41	2-1	.667	93	72

Last Week in the SEC

*Georgia 24, South Carolina 14

*LSU 41, Mississippi State 14

Missouri 30, Kansas State 27

Alabama 17, South Florida 3

Texas A&M 47, Louisiana-Monroe 3

*Florida 29, Tennessee 16

Auburn 45, Samford 13

UNLV 40, Vanderbilt 37

Ole Miss 48, Georgia Tech 23

BYU 38, Arkansas 31

Kentucky 35, Akron 3

This 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

Next Week in the SEC

*South Carolina at Tennessee, 7:30 pm

*Florida at Kentucky, Noon

*Texas A&M vs Arkansas (Arlington) Noon

*Georgia at Auburn, 3:30 pm

*Missouri at Vanderbilt, 4 pm

*LSU at Ole Miss, 6 pm

*Alabama at Mississippi State, 9 pm

All times Eastern

*-SEC Game



A South Carolina win over Mississippi State would...

- ◆ Be their eighth win over the Bulldogs in the last nine meetings, dating back to the 2000 season. Carolina comes into the contest as winners of seven of the last eight including four in a row at home.
- ◆ Get the Gamecocks to .500 in both the SEC (1-1) and overall (2-2) a third of the way through the season. The Gamecocks have started each of the last four seasons 0-2 in conference play.

A LITTLE HISTORY: 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 630-608-44, a .509 winning percentage. Since the start of the 21st century, the Gamecocks have posted a 164-126 record, a .566 winning clip.

ABOUT LAST WEEK: The Gamecocks went into Athens last week to face the two-time defending national champion and top-ranked Georgia Bulldogs as a four-touchdown underdog. The Gamecocks gave the Dawgs a scare, opening up a 14-3 halftime advantage before succumbing by a 24-14 score. **Spencer Rattler** completed 22-of-42 passes for 256 yards with a touchdown and a pair of late interceptions. **Debo Williams** (11) and **Nick Emaniwor** (10) each recorded double-digits in tackles while **T.J. Sanders** had his best game as a Gamecock with nine stops including a pair of tackles for loss and a sack. The Gamecocks fell to 1-7 all-time when facing the nation's top-ranked team. The loss snapped a two-game winning streak against teams ranked in the top-10 in the country.

IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES: Behind the strong first half performance from quarterback **Spencer Rattler**, the Gamecocks took a 14-3 lead into intermission at Georgia. Rattler completed 16-of-18 passes for 152 yards, as the Gamecocks outgained the Bulldogs, 180-168.

CALL HIM BUTTER: **Spencer Rattler** was on quite a roll going back to the end of the North Carolina game. He completed his final five passes against the Tar Heels, then went 25-for-27 against Furman before completing 16 of his first 18 passes at Georgia. During that six-plus quarter stretch, Rattler was 46-for-50 (92.0 pct) for 522 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions.

PLAYING THE BEST: South Carolina has played five ranked opponents 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 before falling at top-ranked Georgia last week. After this week's contest against Mississippi State, the gauntlet continues with a trip to No. 23/20 Tennessee.

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**.

POUNDING THE PALADINS: **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, on Sept. 9 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.

START ME UP: Ten players have made their first start as a Gamecock this season. Six made their first start at South Carolina in the opener against North Carolina, including 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. True freshman **Trey Babalade** made his first career start at left tackle at Georgia, while UAB transfer **Drew Tuazama** made his first Gamecock start at defensive end.

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 **Ahmare**



National Polls

Associated Press

1.	Georgia (57)	3-0	1566
2.	Michigan (2)	3-0	1481
3.	Texas (3)	3-0	1380
4.	Florida State (1)	3-0	1378
5.	Southern California	3-0	1296
6.	Ohio State	3-0	1291
7.	Penn State	3-0	1217
8.	Washington	3-0	1194
9.	Notre Dame	4-0	1066
10.	Oregon	3-0	942
11.	Utah	3-0	921
12.	LSU	2-1	805
13.	Alabama	2-1	796
14.	Oregon State	3-0	715
15.	Ole Miss	3-0	657
16.	Oklahoma	3-0	606
17.	North Carolina	3-0	567
18.	Duke	3-0	530
19.	Colorado	3-0	509
20.	Miami (Fla.)	3-0	359
21.	Washington State	3-0	278
22.	UCLA	3-0	204
23.	Tennessee	2-1	198
24.	Iowa	3-0	125
25.	Florida	2-1	103

Coaches

1.	Georgia (62)	3-0	1598
2.	Michigan (1)	3-0	1514
3.	Florida State	3-0	1396
4.	Ohio State (1)	3-0	1394
5.	Southern California	3-0	1325
6.	Texas	3-0	1312
7.	Penn State	3-0	1224
8.	Washington	3-0	1164
9.	Notre Dame	4-0	1044
10.	Utah	3-0	967
11.	Oregon	3-0	946
12.	Alabama	2-1	886
13.	LSU	2-1	808
14.	Oklahoma	3-0	683
15.	Oregon State	3-0	660
16.	Ole Miss	3-0	602
17.	North Carolina	3-0	592
18.	Duke	3-0	469
19.	Colorado	3-0	435
20.	Tennessee	2-1	362
21.	Miami (Fla.)	3-0	298
22.	Iowa	3-0	206
23.	Clemson	2-1	193
24.	Washington State	3-0	160
25.	UCLA	3-0	156

an 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 new 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 Tuazama** (UAB) was added in August. In addition, DB **DeAngelo Gibbs** joined the team as a graduate 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 Gargiulo** (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 are back on the road next week as they travel to Knoxville for a date

with No. 23/20 Tennessee. The Gamecocks surprised the fifth-ranked Vols last year in Columbia by a 63-38 margin, effectively knocking UT out of playoff contention. Tennessee leads the all-time series by a 28-11-2 mark including an 18-3 advantage when the game has been played in Knoxville. Tennessee has won three of the last four contests, but South Carolina has captured four of the last seven in the series.

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. Behind the outstanding performance of quarterback **Spencer Rattler**, the Gamecocks lead the SEC and rank eighth in the country in passing offense at 357.3 yards per game.

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 68.9 percent of his passes for 1,044 yards (348.0 per game) with 10 TDs and three picks. He has picked up right where he left off by completing 77-of-108 passes (71.3 pct.) for 954 yards and four touchdowns with two picks this season. He is 24-9 in 33 career starts including a 9-7 mark in 16 starts at South Carolina.

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.

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 just about any quarterback in the country through the first three games of the season. He ranks second in the SEC and sixth in the country in passing yards per game and is 21st in completion percentage at 71.3 percent.

Player	School	Com	Att	Int	TD	Pct.	Yds/Gm
M. Penix	Washington	84	113	1	12	74.3	444.0
S. Sanders	Colorado	107	136	1	10	78.7	417.0
C. Ward	Wash. State	77	107	0	9	72.0	330.0
J. Daniels	LSU	70	95	1	8	73.7	325.3
J. Zeno	UAB	98	122	3	6	80.3	318.7
S. Rattler	S. Carolina	77	108	2	4	71.3	318.0

PLAYING HIS BEST BALL: **Spencer Rattler** has been on fire since the end of last season. He finished the



Career Start Chart

Player	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	All
Xavier Legette	-	3	6	4	7	3	23
Jakai Moore	-	2	6	3	8	3	22
Marcellas Dial	-	JC	JC	7	10	3	20
Vershon Lee	-	-	1	9	7	3	20
Jaylen Nichols	-	4	0	7	7	0	18
Spencer Rattler	-	OK	OK	OK	13	3	16
Tonka Hemingway	-	-	3	0	9	3	15
Nick Emmanwori	-	-	-	-	12	2	14
DQ Smith	-	-	-	-	11	3	14
Dakereon Joyner	RS	0	2	7	1	3	13
T. Wannamaker	-	-	RS	7	4	1	12
Antwane Wells Jr.	-	-	JM	JM	6	3	9
Luke Doty	-	-	2	4	0	1	7
David Spaulding	-	RS	GSO	5	2	0	7
Alex Huntley	-	-	RS	0	3	3	6
O'Donnell Fortune	-	-	RS	0	2	3	5
Mohamed Kaba	-	RS	3	0	2	0	5
Jordan Strachan	GS	GS	GS	0	2	3	5
Debo Williams	-	-	D	0	2	3	5
Ahmarean Brown	-	GT	GT	1	2	1	4
Juju McDowell	-	-	-	2	2	0	4
Stone Blanton	-	-	-	-	0	3	3
Sidney Fugar	-	-	-	WI	WI	3	3
Nick Garguilo	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	3
Trai Jones	-	-	RS	0	3	0	3
Trey Knox	-	A	A	A	A	3	3
Keenan Nelson Jr.	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Jalon Kilgore	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Bryan Thomas Jr	-	-	-	-	0	2	2
Tree Babalade	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cason Henry	-	-	-	-	RS	1	1
B.J. Gibson	-	N	N	0	1	0	1
Joshua Simon	-	WK	WK	WK	WK	1	1
Drew Tuazama	-	UAB	UAB	UAB	UAB	1	1

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

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 six games. Here's a look at his last six 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
#1 Georgia	22	42	2	1	256	52.4
TOTALS	161	230	5	14	1998	70.0
AVERAGE	26.9	38.3	0.8	2.3	333.0	70.0

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

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 three 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. He also completed 2-of-4 passes for 17 yards against the Paladins, his first pass attempts since Sept. 29, 2022 against SC State. He hauled in three passes for 14 yards at Georgia and has seven receptions for 91 yards and a touchdown this season.

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 has rushed 28 times for 75 yards this season, both team highs, and owns three of the five rushing TDs. He is also second on the squad with 10 receptions.

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 a touchdown in every game this season.

TRIPLE THREAT: Dakereon Joyner has thrown for 430 yards and two touchdowns, rushed for 400 yards and seven scores and has caught 55 passes for 507 yards and three TDs in his career. He has completed his last 12 pass attempts for 261 yards and two scores.

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 Division I experience against Furman, with Anderson rushing six times for 32 yards and Braswell four times for 17. Anderson added two carries for nine yards at Georgia.

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 in Columbia. Last season he caught 68 passes for 928 yards and six TDs while earning first-team All-SEC honors. He turned in four 100-yard receiving games, including a 189 effort at Arkansas. He has been hampered this fall with a foot injury which

has limited his playing time. He has just three catches for 37 yards in 2023 but opened the scoring at Georgia with a 17-yard reception before re-aggravating the foot injury.

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. He added 71 yards on seven receptions at Georgia. 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 29 catches in his last four contests. Legette owns the most career starts on the team with 23.

BILETNIKOFF SHOULD TAKE NOTICE: Xavier Legette ranks second in the SEC and sixth in the country in receiving yards per game (122.3), is tied for second in the SEC and tied for 10th in the country in receptions per game (7.3) and leads the SEC and ranks fifth in the country in all-purpose yards per game (148.3).

RECEIVING

Player	School	Rec	Yds	TD	Yds/Gm
G. Larvadain	Miami (O)	18	449	3	149.7
R. Odunze	Washington	22	419	2	139.7
M. Nabors	LSU	24	393	3	131.0
X. Weaver	Colorado	25	386	2	128.7
E. Brooks	Fresno State	28	369	3	123.0
X. Legette	S. Carolina	22	367	1	122.3

ALL-PURPOSE

Player	School	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	Yds/Gm
R. Lewis	Georgia St.	0	347	0	163	170.0
G. Larvadain	Miami (O)	13	449	32	0	164.7
J. De Jesus	UNLV	2	158	46	259	155.0
N. Noel	App. State	420	27	0	0	149.0
X. Legette	S. Carolina	-4	367	0	82	148.3

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. Knox has six receptions for 60 yards while Simon has six catches for 27 yards.



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

IF A TREE STARTS ON THE LINE: True freshman left tackle **Tree Babalade** made his first start at Georgia and more than held his own. He finished the afternoon with a 90 PFF pass-blocking grade in 61 snaps, which was the fourth-best grade among all college football offensive tackles in Week 3. Babalade did not allow a sack and only surrendered a single pressure. He was named 247Sports' True Freshman of the Week for Week 3.

A WORK IN PROGRESS: The 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 include **Jakai Moore** (22 career starts), **Vershon Lee** (20), **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 all three games, two at left tackle and one at right tackle. True freshman **Tree Babalade** made his first career start at Georgia at left tackle, while true freshman **Trovon Baugh** has seen increased playing time at right guard.

2023 Carolina Rankings

Category	Avg./No.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	26.0	14	81
Rushing Offense	53.0	14	128
Passing Offense	357.3	1	8
Passing Efficiency	159.54	5	35
Total Offense	410.3	8	54
Scoring Defense	25.3	13	80
Rushing Defense	145.7	13	85
Passing Defense	260.3	13	103
Pass Eff. Defense	140.98	12	99
Total Defense	406.0	14	104
Kickoff Returns	18.8	9	76
Opp. Kickoff Returns	15.5	4	27
Punt Returns	4.5	13	89
Opp. Punt Returns	0.0	1	8
Net Punting	40.64	8	44
Fumbles Recovered	0	-	-
Fumbles Lost	1	3	24
Passes Intercepted	3	6	44
Passes Had Intercepted	2	9	36
Turnovers Gained	3	9	83
Turnovers Lost	3	8	30
Turnover Margin	0.0	7	58
Sacks	1.67	11	91
Sacks Allowed	4.33	14	126
Tackles for Loss	3.33	14	128
Tackles for Loss Allowed	10.0	14	130
3rd Down Percentage	.429	9	62
Opp. 3rd Down Pct.	.452	12	103
4th Down Percentage	.286	12	110
Opp. 4th Down Pct.	.667	11	100
Penalties/Game	8.33	13	117
Penalty Yards/Game	56.0	11	86
Time of Possession	27:21	10	109

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

SANDERS IS FINGER-LICKIN' GOOD: Defensive tackle **T.J. Sanders** has been impressive early this season. He has 4.0 tackles for loss among his 15 stops and owns four of the 10 TFLs by the Gamecocks on the season. He also has 2.0 of the team's 5.0 sacks. He had a career-high nine stops at UGA with a pair of tackles for loss and a sack, earning co-SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week accolades.

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: Carolina recorded 20 sacks in 13 games. They have five in three games in 2023.

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	2.0	3.0
DQ Smith	0.5	1.5
Debo Williams	0.0	1.5
Stone Blanton	1.0	1.0
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 leads the team with 29 tackles, including a career-best 14 stops against North Carolina. 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. He added 11 stops at Georgia and is tied for third in the SEC at 9.67 tackles per game.

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 **Nick Emmanwori** and **DQ Smith** are Columbia products from Irmo and Spring Valley High Schools respectively. Reserve safety **King-Demenian Ford** is from the metro area as well (Blythewood), while cornerback **O'Donnell Fortune** is from nearby 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.

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 but came back with 10 stops at Georgia. He teams with fellow sophomore safety **DQ Smith** to form one of the best young safety tandems in the country. Smith recorded nine tackles at Georgia.

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 23 tackles through three 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. **Payton Mangrum** was last year's recipient.

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 the statistical metrics among all FBS schools in 2022. They ranked 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.



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

AFC 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)

BLOCK THAT KICK: The Gamecocks blocked a school-record five punts and one field goal in 2022. 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 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.

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 14 times for a 43.5-yard average with a long of 60. Opponents have returned one punt for no yards.

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.

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 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 170 punts for 7,508 yards, an average of 44.2-yards per punt. Of his 170 punts, 42 have traveled 50+ yards, while 64 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) 44.2 (170 for 7,508)
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 left 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 pre-season All-SEC selection in that role. He has kicked off 14 times this season with nine touchbacks and just two returned for 31 yards. He also perfectly executed onside 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 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)
Tree Babalade	247Sports True Freshman of the Week	at Georgia (Sept. 16)
T.J. Sanders	Co-SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week	at Georgia (Sept. 16)

Tracking the 2023 Opponents

Opponent (Date vs. SC)	2023	Last Week (Sept. 16)	This Week (Sept. 23)
vs North Carolina (9/2)	3-0	W, 31-13 vs Minnesota	at Pittsburgh
vs Furman (9/9)	2-1	W, 31-28 at Kennesaw State	vs Mercer
at Georgia (9/16)	3-0	W, 24-14 vs South Carolina	vs UAB
vs Mississippi State (9/23)	2-1	L, 41-14 vs LSU	at South Carolina
at Tennessee (9/30)	2-1	L, 29-16 at Florida	vs UTSA
vs Florida (10/14)	2-1	W, 29-16 vs Tennessee	vs Charlotte
at Missouri (10/21)	3-0	W, 30-27 vs Kansas State	vs Memphis (St. Louis)
at Texas A&M (10/28)	2-1	W, 47-3 vs Louisiana-Monroe	vs Auburn
vs Jacksonville State (11/4)	2-1	OPEN	vs Eastern Michigan
vs Vanderbilt (11/11)	2-2	L, 40-37 at UNLV	vs Kentucky
vs Kentucky (11/18)	3-0	W, 35-3 vs Akron	at Vanderbilt
vs Clemson (11/25)	2-1	W, 48-14 vs Florida Atlantic	vs Florida State



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 #-Reserve/Injured

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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	Jatavious 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	FR	HS	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

WR	3	Antwane Wells Jr.	6-1	208	SR-1L	Richmond, Va.
	8	Nyck Harbor	6-5	241	FR-HS	Washington, D.C.
WR	10	Ahmarean Brown	5-9	169	SSR-2L	Tampa, Fla.
	11	Eddie Lewis	6-0	188	GR-TR	Harlem, N.Y.
WR	17	Xavier Legette	6-3	227	SSR-4L	Mullins, S.C.
	89	O'Mega Blake	6-2	180	RSO-SQ	Rock Hill, S.C.
LT	51	Tree Babalade	6-5	338	FR-HS	Hyattsville, Md.
	79	Jaxon Hughes	6-6	297	RSR-TR	Greensboro, N.C.
LG	69	Nick Gargiulo	6-5	327	GR-TR	Yorktown Hgts. N.Y.
	72	Trai Jones	6-2	318	RJR-2L	Abbeville, S.C.
OC	53	Vershon Lee	6-4	319	RJR-2L	Woodbridge, Va.
	57	Grayson Mains	6-5	296	RFR-SQ	Cumming, Ga.
RG	55	Jakai Moore	6-6	318	RSR-3L	Nokesville, Va.
	-OR-					
	78	Trovon Baugh	6-4	337	FR-HS	Atlanta, Ga.
RT	77	Sidney Fugar	6-5	327	RSO-TR	Waldorf, Md.
	-OR-					
	62	Tyshawn Wannamaker	6-3	290	RJR-2L	St. Matthews, S.C.
TE	1	Trey Knox	6-5	240	GR-TR	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
	84	Nick Elksnis	6-6	251	RSO-TR	Jacksonville, Fla.
TE	6	Joshua Simon	6-4	240	GR-TR	Dalzell, S.C.
	18	Connor Cox	6-5	235	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla.
QB	7	Spencer Rattler	6-1	217	RSR-1L	Phoenix, Ariz.
	9	Luke Doty	6-1	209	RJR-2L	Myrtle Beach, S.C.
RB	5	Dakereon Joyner	6-1	229	SSR-4L	N. Charleston, S.C.
	0	Juju McDowell	5-9	180	JR-2L	Leesburg, Ga.
	-OR-					
	24	Mario Anderson	5-9	208	RSR-TR	Summerville, S.C.

Pronunciation Guide

Tree Babalade.....	bab-uh-LA-day	Jalon Kilgore.....	JAY-lun
Kajuan Banks.....	kuh-WAHN	Kai Kroeger.....	rhymes with sky
Ahmarean Brown.....	ah-MAR-e-un	Xavier Legette.....	ZAY-v-ur la-GET
Terrell Dawkins.....	turr-EL	Dowell Loggains.....	LOG-uns
Luke Doty.....	DOE-tee	Ni Mansell.....	NIGH man-SELL
Nick Elksnis.....	ELKS-nis	Xzavier McLeod.....	X-ZAY-v-ur
Nick Emmanwori.....	EE-man-WORE-ee	Reid Mikeska.....	muh-KESS-kuh
Jordan Franke.....	Frawn-kee	Jakai Moore.....	juh-KIGH
Sidney Fugar.....	FOO-garr	Jatavious Shivers.....	
Nick Gargiulo.....	garr-JEW-low		juh-TAY-vee-us SHIV-urs
Colten Gauthier.....	GOTH-e-air	Jordan Strachan.....	STRAHN
Jatius Geer.....	juh-TY-us GEAR	Desmond Umeozulu.....	you-MUH-zoo-loo
Trai Jones.....	TREY	Lukas Vozeh.....	vo-ZAY
Dakereon Joyner.....	duh-CARE-ee-on	Jamaal Whyce.....	WHYSS
Mohamed Kaba.....	KAH-buh	Jaron Willis.....	JARE-un

Defense

DE	10	Tyreek Johnson	6-3	270	RSR-2L	Sumter, S.C.
	-OR-					
	12	Jatius Geer	6-6	243	RSO-TR	Anderson, S.C.
	-OR-					
	19	Drew Tuazama	6-5	275	GR-TR	Raleigh, N.C.
DT	91	Tonka Hemingway	6-3	285	SR-3L	Conway, S.C.
	90	T.J. Sanders	6-5	298	RSO-1L	Marion, S.C.
DT	95	Alex Huntley	6-4	298	RJR-2L	Blythewood, S.C.
	93	Nick Barrett	6-3	327	JR-2L	Goldsboro, N.C.
OLB	7	Jordan Strachan	6-5	243	SSR-1L	Kingsland, Ga.
	-OR-					
	46	Bryan Thomas Jr.	6-3	235	SO-1L	Windemere, Fla.
	-OR-					
	9	Desmond Umeozulu	6-6	246	FR-HS	Upper Marlboro, Md.
MLB	52	Stone Blanton	6-2	232	SO-1L	Jackson, Miss.
	5	Grayson Howard	6-4	241	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla.
WLB	0	Debo Williams	6-1	232	RJR-2L	Smyrna, Del.
	22	Bam Martin-Scott	6-2	226	RSR-1L	Fort Wayne, Ind.
NICK	18	Keenan Nelson Jr.	6-1	195	RFR-SQ	Philadelphia, Pa.
	29	David Spaulding	6-1	198	RSR-2L	Riceboro, Ga.
	-OR-					
	13	Kajuan Banks	5-10	173	SO-1L	Tallahassee, Fla.
CB	3	O'Donnell Fortune	6-1	185	RJR-2L	Sumter, S.C.
	20	Judge Collier	6-1	193	FR-Hs	Rock Hill, S.C.
SS	21	Nick Emmanwori	6-3	220	SO-1L	Irmo, S.C.
	27	King-Demenian Ford	6-2	209	RJR-1L	Blythewood, S.C.
FS	1	DQ Smith	6-1	214	SO-1L	Columbia, S.C.
	24	Jalon Kilgore	6-1	204	FR-HS	Eatonton, Ga.
CB	6	Marcellas Dial	6-0	195	RSR-2L	Woodruff, S.C.
	8	Emory Floyd	6-1	181	RFR-SQ	Marietta, Ga.

Specialists

PK	98	Mitch Jeter	5-10	194	SR-3L	Salisbury, N.C.
	40	Alex Herrera	6-0	189	RSR-2L	Columbia, S.C.
P	39	Kai Kroeger	6-4	212	SR-3L	Lake Forest, Ill.
	40	Alex Herrera	6-0	189	RSR-2L	Columbia, S.C.
LSN	36	Hunter Rogers	6-1	202	RJR-2L	Columbia, S.C.
	46	Cole Rasmussen	5-11	225	RJR-SQ	Fort Mill, S.C.
H	39	Kai Kroeger	6-4	212	SR-3L	Lake Forest, Ill.
	45	William Joyce	6-3	223	RSO-SQ	Spartanburg, S.C.
KOR	17	Xavier Legette	6-3	227	SSR-4L	Mullins, S.C.
	5	Dakereon Joyner	6-1	229	SSR-4L	N. Charleston, S.C.
	-OR-					
	0	Juju McDowell	5-9	180	JR-2L	Leesburg, Ga.
PR	10	Ahmarean Brown	5-9	169	SSR-2L	Tampa, Fla.
	11	Eddie Lewis	6-0	188	GR-TR	Harlem, N.Y.



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	1-2	0-1	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	16-13	7-10		
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	16-13	7-10		
OVERALL			233-126	135-87		



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

Under Beamer

	2023	All
Overall	1-2	16-13
Home	1-0	11-4
Road	0-1	4-7
Neutral	0-1	1-2
August	0-0	0-0
September	1-2	6-6
October	0-0	4-3
November	0-0	5-3
December	0-0	1-1
January	0-0	0-0
Leading after 1st Quarter	0-1	10-3
Tied after 1st Quarter	1-1	2-1
Trailing after 1st Quarter	0-0	4-9
Leading at Halftime	1-1	12-2
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	0-2	2-12
When Scoring First	0-1	12-3
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	0-1	7-4
Rush for 100-plus Yards	1-0	13-1
Rush for 150-plus Yards	0-0	8-1
Pass for 200-plus Yards	1-2	11-7
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	0-1	3-8
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	0-2	6-11
Games with a Def. Score	0-0	4-1
Games with a Blocked Kick	0-0	5-2





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.....	0-3	Troy.....	1-0
Georgia State.....	1-0	Vanderbilt.....	2-0
Jacksonville State.....	0-0	TOTALS.....	16-13

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.....	0-3	Texas A&M.....	1-1
Kentucky.....	1-1	Vanderbilt.....	2-0
Louisiana State.....	0-0	TOTALS.....	7-10

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
4.	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
42		at Georgia.....	09/16/23
4.	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	78	76
Points Per Game	26.0	25.3
Points Off Turnovers	10	7
FIRST DOWNS	62	66
Rushing	12	29
Passing	45	35
Penalty	5	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	159	437
Yards gained rushing	274	482
Yards lost rushing	115	45
Rushing Attempts	86	114
Average Per Rush	1.8	3.8
Average Per Game	53.0	145.7
TDs Rushing	5	6
PASSING YARDAGE	1072	781
Comp-Att-Int	84-119-2	71-102-3
Average Per Pass	9.0	7.7
Average Per Catch	12.8	11.0
Average Per Game	357.3	260.3
TDs Passing	6	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	1231	1218
Total Plays	205	216
Average Per Play	6.0	5.6
Average Per Game	410.3	406.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	5-94	2-31
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-9	1-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-25	2-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.8	15.5
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.5	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	8.3	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-1	0-0
PENALTIES-Yards	25-168	19-147
Average Per Game	56.0	49.0
PUNTS-Yards	14-609	12-511
Average Per Punt	43.5	42.6
Net punt average	40.6	39.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	14-889	15-968
Average Per Kick	63.5	64.5
Net kick average	40.9	41.3
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:21	32:39
3RD-DOWN Conversions	18/42	19/42
3rd-Down Pct	43%	45%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/7	4/6
4th-Down Pct	29%	67%
SACKS BY-Yards	5-23	13-81
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	11	10
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	1-2	2-4
ON-SIDE KICKS	1-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(9-11) 82%	(11-13) 85%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(8-11) 73%	(9-13) 69%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(9-9) 100%	(10-10) 100%
ATTENDANCE	78281	92746
Games/Avg Per Game	1/78281	1/92746
Neutral Site Games		1/68723

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
South Carolina	21	34	13	10	-	78
Opponents	17	17	28	14	-	76

RUSHING	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Dakereon Joyner	3	28	82	7	75	2.7	3	16	25.0
Mario Anderson	3	8	42	1	41	5.1	0	9	13.7
Spencer Rattler	3	24	101	80	21	0.9	1	15	7.0
Djay Braswell	1	4	21	4	17	4.2	0	9	17.0
Juju McDowell	3	11	19	5	14	1.3	1	6	4.7
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	3	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Nathan Harris-Waynick	1	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-3.0
Xavier Legette	3	3	0	4	-4	-1.3	0	0	-1.3
Tanner Bailey	1	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	0	-7.0
Total.....	3	86	274	115	159	1.8	5	16	53.0
Opponents.....	3	114	482	45	437	3.8	6	29	145.7

PASSING	G	Effic	Comp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Spencer Rattler	3	154.01	77-108-2	71.3	954	4	53	318.0
Luke Doty	3	85.70	2-4-0	50.0	17	0	11	5.7
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	3	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	3	159.54	84-119-2	70.6	1072	6	53	357.3
Opponents.....	3	140.98	71-102-3	69.6	781	4	51	260.3

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Xavier Legette	3	22	367	16.7	1	53	122.3
Dakereon Joyner	3	10	65	6.5	0	27	21.7
Ahmarean Brown	2	9	86	9.6	0	20	43.0
Eddie Lewis	3	7	112	16.0	0	46	37.3
Luke Doty	3	7	91	13.0	1	36	30.3
O'Mega Blake	3	6	93	15.5	1	41	31.0
Trey Knox	3	6	60	10.0	0	18	20.0
Joshua Simon	3	6	27	4.5	0	9	9.0
Antwane Wells	3	3	37	12.3	1	17	12.3
Juju McDowell	3	3	31	10.3	0	22	10.3
Tyshawn Russell	1	2	65	32.5	1	50	65.0
Payton Mangrum	3	2	31	15.5	0	19	10.3
Nyck Harbor	3	1	7	7.0	1	7	2.3
Total.....	3	84	1072	12.8	6	53	357.3
Opponents.....	3	71	781	11.0	4	51	260.3

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ahmarean Brown	1	3	0.0	0	3
Eddie Lewis	1	6	0.0	0	6
Total.....	2	9	0.0	0	6
Opponents.....	1	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
Opponents.....	2	0	0.0	0	0



KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Xavier Legette	4	82	20.5	0	28
Tyshawn Russell	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total.....	5	94	18.8	0	28
Opponents.....	2	31	15.5	0	16

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

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SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Dakereon Joyner	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Mitch Jeter	0	1-2	8-8	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	11
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
Antwane Wells	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
Kai Kroeger	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	0
Total.....	11	1-2	9-9	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	78
Opponents.....	10	2-4	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	76

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	
Georgia	-	(31),28,43

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
Kai Kroeger	14	609	43.5	60	2	6	4	3	0
Total.....	14	609	43.5	60	2	6	4	3	0
Opponents.....	12	511	42.6	54	0	4	5	1	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Mitch Jeter	14	889	63.5	9	0			
Total.....	14	889	63.5	9	0	2	40.9	24
Opponents.....	15	968	64.5	9	1	5	41.3	23

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Spencer Rattler	3	132	21	954	975	325.0
LaNorris Sellers	1	6	6	86	92	92.0
Dakereon Joyner	3	28	75	0	75	25.0
Mario Anderson	3	8	41	0	41	13.7
Djay Braswell	1	4	17	0	17	17.0
Luke Doty	3	5	-1	17	16	5.3
Colten Gauthier	1	2	0	15	15	15.0
Juju McDowell	3	11	14	0	14	4.7
Nathan Harris-Waynick	1	1	-3	0	-3	-3.0
Xavier Legette	3	3	-4	0	-4	-1.3
Tanner Bailey	1	1	-7	0	-7	-7.0
Total.....	3	205	159	1072	1231	410.3
Opponents.....	3	216	437	781	1218	406.0

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Xavier Legette	3	-4	367	0	82	0	445	148.3
Dakereon Joyner	3	75	65	0	0	0	140	46.7
Eddie Lewis	3	0	112	6	0	0	118	39.3
O'Mega Blake	3	0	93	0	0	0	93	31.0
Luke Doty	3	-1	91	0	0	0	90	30.0
Ahmarean Brown	2	0	86	3	0	0	89	44.5
Tyshawn Russell	1	0	65	0	12	0	77	77.0
Trey Knox	3	0	60	0	0	0	60	20.0
Juju McDowell	3	14	31	0	0	0	45	15.0
Mario Anderson	3	41	0	0	0	0	41	13.7
Antwane Wells	3	0	37	0	0	0	37	12.3
Payton Mangrum	3	0	31	0	0	0	31	10.3
Joshua Simon	3	0	27	0	0	0	27	9.0
Spencer Rattler	3	21	0	0	0	0	21	7.0
Djay Braswell	1	17	0	0	0	0	17	17.0
Kajuan Banks	3	0	0	0	0	17	17	5.7
Nyck Harbor	3	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.3
LaNorris Sellers	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0
O'Donnell Fortune	3	0	0	0	0	5	5	1.7
Xzavier McCloud	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	1.5
Nathan Harris-Waynick	1	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-3.0
Tanner Bailey	1	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-7.0
Total.....	3	159	1072	9	94	25	1384	461.3
Opponents.....	3	437	781	0	31	0	1249	416.3



		-----Tackles-----			-Sacks-		---Pass Def---				--Fumbles--		Blkd	
No.	PLAYER	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
0	Debo Williams	3	19	10	29	2.5-9	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
24	Jalon Kilgore	3	13	10	23	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	DQ Smith	3	9	13	22	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52	Stone Blanton	3	9	7	16	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	TJ Sanders	3	11	4	15	4.0-17	2.0-11	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3	O'Donnell Fortune	3	9	5	14	.	.	1-5	1	.	.	.	.	.
21	Nick Emmanwori	2	5	6	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Marcellas Dial	3	5	5	10	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
46	Bryan Thomas Jr	3	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Tonka Hemingway	3	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
95	Alex Huntley	3	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Jordan Strachan	3	3	2	5	1.0-2	1.0-2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
29	David Spaulding	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Grayson Howard	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Kajuan Banks	3	4	.	4	.	.	1-17	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Keenan Nelson	3	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Tyreek Johnson	2	.	3	3	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Joseph Byrnes	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Desmond Umeozulu	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Landon Grier	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Vicari Swain	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	B.J. Gibson	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Judge Collier	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Xavier Legette	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Nick Barrett	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Emory Floyd	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	Bam Martin-Scott	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Andrew Colasurdo	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64	Xzavier McCloud	2	.	1	1	.	.	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Drew Tuazama	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Elijah Davis	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Ronnie Porter	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Total.....		3	125	82	207	10-39	5-23	3-25	8	5	.	.	.	.
Opponents.....		3	129	46	175	30-117	13-81	2-0	8	3	1-0	1	.	.



TOTAL TACKLES	UA-A	TOT	UNC	FUR	UGA	MSU	TENN	FLA	MIZZ	TAMU	JSU	VANDY	UK	CU
Debo Williams	19-10	29	8-6	4-0	7-4									
Jalon Kilgore	13-10	23	5-7	5-1	3-2									
DQ Smith	9-13	22	3-8	1-1	5-4									
Stone Blanton	9-7	16	4-6	2-0	3-1									
TJ Sanders	11-4	15	0-3	3-0	8-1									
O'Donnell Fortune	9-5	14	4-2	3-2	2-1									
Nick Emmanwori	5-6	11	1-0	DNP	4-6									
Marcellas Dial	5-5	10	-	1-1	4-4									
Bryan Thomas Jr	4-4	8	1-3	-	3-1									
Tonka Hemingway	5-1	6	0-1	2-0	3-0									
Alex Huntley	4-2	6	0-1	1-0	3-1									
Jordan Strachan	3-2	5	0-2	2-0	1-0									
Kajuan Banks	4-0	4	2-0	2-0	-									
Grayson Howard	3-1	4	DNP	3-1	-									
Keenan Nelson	2-2	4	2-2	-	-									
David Spaulding	3-1	4	1-0	DNP	2-1									
Landon Grier	3-0	3	-	3-0	DNP									
Desmond Umeozulu	1-2	3	-	1-2	-									
Joseph Byrnes	2-1	3	DNP	2-1	DNP									
Tyreek Johnson	0-3	3	0-2	0-1	DNP									
B.J. Gibson	2-0	2	1-0	1-0	DNP									
Judge Collier	2-0	2	-	1-0	1-0									
Vicari Swain	2-0	2	-	2-0	-									
Nick Barrett	0-1	1	0-1	-	-									
Andrew Colasurdo	1-0	1	-	-	1-0									
Xzavier McCloud	0-1	1	DNP	0-1	-									
Xavier Legette	1-0	1	-	1-0	-									
Emory Floyd	1-0	1	DNP	1-0	DNP									
Bam Martin-Scott	0-1	1	DNP	0-1	DNP									
Elijah Davis	1-0	1	-	-	1-0									
Drew Tuazama	1-0	1	-	-	1-0									



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	14	17	16-53-1	22-42-2-256-1	58-309-2	5-37.8	0-0	11-73	1-15	0-0	0-0	5-13	22:47
Georgia	24	29	44-189-3	27-35-0-269-0	79-458-3	3-37.0	0-0	6-45	1-15	0-0	2-0	5-13	37:13
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	Legette									
WR	Wells Jr.	Wells Jr.	Wells Jr.									
WR	A. Brown	-	Doty									
TE	-	Simon	-									
TE	Knox	Knox	Knox									
LT	Fugar	Fugar	Babalade									
LG	Gargiulo	Gargiulo	Gargiulo									
C	Lee	Lee	Lee									
RG	Moore	Moore	Moore									
RT	Henry	Wannamaker	Fugar									
QB	Rattler	Rattler	Rattler									
TB	Joyner	Joyner	Joyner									

Defense

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

South Carolina Game-by-Game Captains

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



Individual Rushing (Att-Yds/TD)

PLAYER	TOTAL	UNC	FUR	UGA	MSU	TENN	FLA	MIZ	TAMU	JSU	VANDY	UK	CLEM
Dakereon Joyner	28-75/3	12-23/1	11-42/1	5-10/1									
Mario Anderson	8-41/0	-	6-32/0	2-9/0									
Spencer Rattler	24-21/1	13--22/0	3-8/1	8-35/0									
Djay Braswell	4-17/0	DNP	4-17/0	DNP									
Juju McDowell	11-14/1	5--1/1	6-15/0	-									
LaNorris Sellers	2-6/0	DNP	2-6/0	DNP									
DJ Twitty	3-0/0	DNP	3-0/0	DNP									
Luke Doty	1--1/0	-	1--1/0	-									
Nathan Harris-Waynick	1--3/0	DNP	1--3/0	DNP									
Xavier Legette	3--4/0	1--2/0	1--1/0	1--1/0									
Tanner Bailey	1--7/0	DNP	1--7/0	DNP									

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	22-42-2-256-1	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
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	22-367/1	9-178/0	6-118/1	7-71/0									
Eddie Lewis	7-112/0	-	6-89/0	1-23/0									
O'Mega Blake	6-93/1	-	1-7/1	5-86/0									
Luke Doty	7-91/1	3-41/0	1-36/1	3-14/0									
Ahmarean Brown	9-86/0	3-44/0	6-42/0	DNP									
Tyshawn Russell	2-65/1	DNP	2-65/1	DNP									
Dakereon Joyner	10-65/0	5-13/0	4-53/0	1--1/0									
Trey Knox	6-60/0	2-14/0	1-15/0	3-31/0									
Antwane Wells	3-37/1	-	1-5/0	2-32/1									
Payton Mangrum	2-31/0	1-12/0	1-19/0	-									
Juju McDowell	3-31/0	3-31/0	-	-									
Joshua Simon	6-27/0	4-20/0	2-7/0	-									
Nyck Harbor	1-7/1	-	1-7/1	-									

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	Rattler 8-35-0	Rattler 22-42-2-256-1	Legette 7-71-0	Blake 5-86-0	D. Williams 7-4-11
MSU					
TENN					
FLA					
MIZ					
TAMU					
JSU					
VANDY					
UK					
CLEM					



South Carolina

North Carolina	Qtr	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
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	Qtr	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
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
Georgia	Qtr	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
Wells Jr. 17-yard pass from Rattler	1	10	65	5:04	TD
Joyner 2-yard run	2	5	80	2:27	TD

Opponents

North Carolina	Qtr	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
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	Qtr	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
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
Georgia	Qtr	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result
Woodring 31-yard field goal	1	15	62	6:20	FG
Edwards 7-yard run	3	6	75	2:40	TD
Bell 3-yard run	3	9	49	3:20	TD
Jones 13-yard run	4	8	61	3:49	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
4.	13	Rattler	Georgia	4	First Down	Downs

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
17.	35	Rattler-Legette	Georgia	2	First Down	TD
18.	18	Rattler-Knox	Georgia	2	First Down	TD
19.	23	Rattler-Lewis	Georgia	3	First Down	Punt
20.	41	Rattler-Blake	Georgia	4	First Down	INT
21.	22	Rattler-Simon	Georgia	4	First Down	INT

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	10	2	0	0	5	1	0	2	0	0	2
MSU											
TENN											
FLA											
MIZZ											
TAMU											
JSU											
VANDY											
KENT											
CLEM											
TOT	35	11	1	1	14	5	1	2	0	0	9

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	11	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	1
MSU											
TENN											
FLA											
MIZZ											
TAMU											
JSU											
VANDY											
KENT											
CLEM											
TOT	37	10	2	2	12	2	0	3	0	6	7



Carolina Team Game Highs

Rushes	39	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Yards Rushing	108	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Yards Per Rush	3.3	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
TD Rushes	2	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Pass attempts	42	at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	11	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Penalty Yards	85	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Turnovers	2	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Interceptions By	2	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
Punts	5	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) at Georgia (Sep 16, 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) at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	5 with 1
Long Rush	16	Dakereon Joyner vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023)
Pass attempts	42	Spencer Rattler at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	6 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) Kai Kroeger at Georgia (Sep 16, 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) Kai Kroeger at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Long Punt Return	6	Eddie Lewis 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) Stone Blanton at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023) TJ Sanders at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Tackles For Loss	2.0	TJ Sanders vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023) TJ Sanders at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	44	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Yards Rushing	189	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Yards Per Rush	4.3	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023)
TD Rushes	3	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Pass attempts	35	vs Furman (Sep 09, 2023) at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Pass completions	27	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Yards Passing	269	vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	79	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Total Offense	458	at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	28	at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	2	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
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	3	at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Long Punt Return	0	
Rushes	20	Edwards,Daijun, at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)

Opponent Individual Game Highs

Yards Rushing	118	Daijun Edwards, at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	35	Carson Beck, at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Pass completions	27	Carson Beck, at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)
Yards Passing	269	Drake Maye, vs North Carolina (Sep 02, 2023) Carson Beck, at Georgia (Sep 16, 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) Brock Bowers, at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023) Dominic Lovett, at Georgia (Sep 16, 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) Peyton Woodring, at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	3	Brett Thorson, at Georgia (Sep 16, 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	1	Dan Jackson, at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023) Tykee Smith, at Georgia (Sep 16, 2023)



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:

Ahmarean 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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21/20 North Carolina 31 South Carolina 17



September 2, 2023
Bank of America Stadium
Charlotte, N.C.
68,723



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; Nes-bit 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; Mangrumn 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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Furman 21September 9, 2023
Williams-Brice Stadium
Columbia, S.C.
78,281

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.



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1/1 Georgia 24 South Carolina 14



September 16, 2023
Sanford Stadium
Athens, Ga.
92,746



ATHENS, GA. (AP) — Carson Beck passed for 269 yards, Daijun Edwards, Dillon Bell and Cash Jones ran for second-half touchdowns, and No. 1 Georgia rallied from 11 points down to beat South Carolina 24-14 on Saturday.

The two-time reigning national champion Bulldogs won their 20th consecutive game in uncharacteristic fashion, trotting off to a smattering of boos from their home fans and facing their biggest halftime deficit in nearly three years.

But Georgia (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) played like a champ after the teams returned to the field on a soggy, gloomy day between the hedges.

The defense totally shut down Spencer Rattler and the Gamecocks (1-2, 0-1), who couldn't build on their 14-3 lead at the break. They managed just 129 yards over the final two quarters, with Rattler held to 6 of 24 passing for 104 yards with two interceptions. The Beck-led offense came out from the break nearly perfect, scoring touchdowns on three of its first four possessions — the only blip being a drive that ended with a missed field goal. Beck finished 27 of 35 passing.

Edwards, who missed the first two games with a lingering knee injury, rushed for 118 yards on 20 carries.

Georgia took the second-half kickoff and quickly drove 75 yards in six plays, scoring its first TD of the day on Edwards' 7-yard touchdown.

After South Carolina went three-and-out, the Bulldogs ripped off a 49-yard drive that ended with Bell, a receiver who has been getting extended time at running back, taking it in from the 3 to give Georgia its first lead of the game before the third quarter was halfway done.

Finally, Georgia finished off the Gamecocks when Cash sauntered in from 13 yards out with just over 9 minutes remaining.

The first half was a stunner, as Rattler carved up the Bulldogs by completing 16 of 18 for 152 yards, including a 17-yard touchdown to Antwane Wells Jr. on a third-and-16 screen.

It was the first time Georgia has trailed since last year's playoff semifinal victory over Ohio State in the Peach Bowl.

The Bulldogs answered with Peyton Woodring's 31-yard field goal, but the Gamecocks tacked on another TD with just a minute left in the half after Woodring missed a chip shot from 28 yards.

Rattler guided South Carolina on a five-play, 80-yard drive that was capped by Dakereon Joyner powering in from the 2 off a direct snap to push the margin to double-digits.

Rattler completed two passes for 53 yards and scrambled twice for 20 yards on the lightning-quick possession, which was helped along by a 15-yard facemask penalty on Georgia's Warren Brinson.

The final play of the half summed it up for the Bulldogs: Beck was sacked near midfield as the clock ran out with Georgia facing its largest halftime deficit since the Bulldogs trailed Florida 38-21 in the Cocktail Party rivalry on Nov. 7, 2020.

THE TAKEAWAY

South Carolina: The Gamecocks have shown a lot of promise under coach Shane Beamer, and their performance over the first two quarters against the nation's top-ranked team was certainly impressive. But the second-half meltdown demonstrated they're not quite ready for prime time in the SEC.

Georgia: The Bulldogs' running game got a big boost from the return of Edwards, who provided the sort of explosiveness they'd been missing. But Georgia appears to have a problem in its kicking game, which has traditionally been one of its strongest areas. Woodring is just 3 of 6 on the year, including two misses from inside of 30 yards. He also was wide right on a 43-yarder against the Gamecocks.

South Carolina	7	7	0	0	14
Georgia	3	0	14	7	24

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	9:56	SC	Wells Jr. 17-yard pass from Rattler (Jeter kick) (10-65-5:04)	7-0
1st	2:02	UGA	Woodring 31-yard field goal (15-62-6:20)	7-3
2nd	1:00	SC	Joyner 2-yard run (Jeter kick) (5-80-2:27)	14-3
3rd	12:20	UGA	Edwards 7-yard run (Woodring kick) (6-75-2:40)	14-10
3rd	7:40	UGA	Bell 3-yard run (Woodring kick) (9-49-3:20)	14-17
4th	9:10	UGA	Jones 13-yard run (Woodring kick) (8-61-3:49)	14-24

TEAM STATISTICS

	SC	UGA
First Downs	17	29
Rushing	4	14
Passing	12	13
Penalty	1	2
Net Yards Rushing	53	189
Rushing Attempts	16	44
Net Yards Passing	256	269
Cmp.-Att.-Int.	22-42-2	27-35-0
Total Offense Yards	309	458
Total Offense Plays	58	79
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yards	11-73	6-45
Punts-Yards	5-189	3-111
Avg. Yards Per Punt	37.8	37.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yards	1-15	1-15
Interceptions: No.-Yards	0-0	2-0
Possession Time	22:47	37:13
Third Down Conversions	5-13	5-13
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2	2-2
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	4-6
Sacks By: No.-Yards	2-12	3-15
PAT Kicks	2-2	3-3
Field Goals	0-0	1-3

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: SC: Rattler 8-35; Joyner 5-10; Anderson 2-9; Legette 1-(-1). **UGA:** Edwards 20-118; Milton 7-25; Bell 7-23; Jones 2-20; Beck 5-2; Robinson II 1-1; Bowers 1-1; Team 1-(-1)..

PASSING: SC: Rattler 22-42-2-256. **UGA:** Beck 27-35-0-269..

RECEIVING: SC: Legette 7-71; Blake 5-86; Knox 3-31; Doty 3-14; Wells Jr. 2-32; Lewis 1-23; Joyner 1-(-1).. **UGA:** Lovett 7-56; Bowers 7-54; Rosemy-Jacksaint 6-71; Thomas 2-42; Bell 1-16; Jones 1-11; C.J. Smith 1-7; Delp 1-7; A. Smith 1-5.

PUNT RETURNS: SC: None. **UGA:** None.

KICKOFF RETURNS: SC: Legette 1-15. **UGA:** Bell 1-15.

INTERCEPTION RETURNS: SC: None. **UGA:** Jackson 1-0; T. Smith 1-0.

**0 - JUJU McDOWELL (RB)****5-9, 180, Jr., 2L (Bainbridge, Ga.)**

- ◆ Appeared in the game against Georgia, primarily used on the special teams.
- ◆ Best game on the ground came in the win over Furman with 15 rushing yards on six carries.
- ◆ Has one rushing touchdown on the season, a one-yard punch against North Carolina for his fifth career rushing touchdown.
- ◆ Has now played in 28 career games with four starts.

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	5	-1	1	2
FURMAN	6	15	0	6
GEORGIA	0	0	0	0
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
GEORGIA	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
GEORGIA	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 times
last, 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.)**

- ◆ Has started in each of the first three games to begin the season, coming off a season-best performance with three catches for 31 yards.
- ◆ Hauled in two receptions for 14 yards against the Tar Heels in his Gamecock debut.
- ◆ Has six receptions in his first three games, three of which have resulted in scoring drives for the Gamecocks.
- ◆ Has now played in 48 career games and has 32 starts to his credit.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	2	14	0	14
FURMAN	1	15	0	15
GEORGIA	3	31	0	18
2023 TOTALS	6	60	0	18
SC TOTALS	6	60	0	18
ARK TOTALS	81	892	9	49
CAREER TOTALS	87	952	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.)**

- ◆ Played just one drive against Georgia, hauling in two catches for 32 yards and his first touchdown of the season.
- ◆ Scored on a 17-yard connection from Rattler on a third-and-16 play.
- ◆ Has 12 career games with over 100-yards receiving, including four as a Gamecock.
- ◆ Has now appeared in 38 career games with 27 starts to his credit.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	5	0	5
GEORGIA	2	32	1	17
2023 TOTALS	3	37	1	17
SC TOTALS	71	965	7	72
JMU TOTALS	116	1853	21	73
CAREER TOTALS	187	2818	28	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 running back who has scored a rushing touchdown in each of the first three games for Carolina - tied for the third most rushing touchdowns in the SEC.
- ◆ Rushed five times for 10 yards against the Bulldogs on Saturday.
- ◆ Best game of the season came in the win over Furman, recording a season high in both rushing yards (42) and receiving yards (53).
- ◆ Has appeared in 48 career games with 13 starts.

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	12	23	1	6
FURMAN	11	42	1	16
GEORGIA	5	10	1	7
2023 TOTALS	28	75	3	16
CAREER TOTALS	92	400	7	47

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	5	13	0	9
FURMAN	4	53	0	27
GEORGIA	1	-1	0	0
2023 TOTALS	10	65	0	27
CAREER TOTALS	55	507	3	48

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0-0-0	0	0	0
FURMAN	0-0-0	0	0	0
GEORGIA	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 times
last: Florida, 2022
 Pass Attempts 12, Georgia, 2019
 Pass Completions 9, North Carolina, 2021
 Passing Yards 160, North Carolina, 2021
 Passing TDs 1, twice
North 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.)**

- ◆ Came off the bench in Saturday's loss in Athens, failing to bring in either one of his two targets.
- ◆ Had a season best game in the opener against North Carolina with four receptions for 20 yards.
- ◆ Has 92 career receptions for 1,173 yards and 17 scores.
- ◆ Has played in 43 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
GEORGIA	0	0	0	0
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.)**

- ◆ Totaled 256 passing yards and one touchdown against Georgia, finishing the game 22-of-42.
- ◆ Also led the Gamecocks in rushing yards with 35 yards on eight carries.
- ◆ Has one rushing touchdown on the season, a one-yard punch up the middle against Furman.
- ◆ Through the first three games, Rattler is responsible for the 24th-most passing yards in a game (353 vs. UNC) and the 27th most with 345 yards against Furman.
- ◆ Tied a career high in completions in the season opener against North Carolina, completing 30 passes on the night.
- ◆ Has completed 77-of-108 (.713) pass attempts for 954 yards and four touchdowns through the first three games.
- ◆ Ranks third in the SEC in total passing yards (954).
- ◆ Has five 300-yard passing games in a Gamecock uniform, including a pair of 300-yard performances this season.
- ◆ Has played in 39 career games with 33 starts and is 24-9 all-time as a starter, including 9-7 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	
GEORGIA 22-42-2	256	1	41	
2023 TOTALS	77-108-0	954	4	53
SC TOTALS	341-507-14	3980	22	72
OU TOTALS	361-515-12	4595	40	61
CAREER TOTALS	722-1022-26	8575	62	72

RUSHING	RUSH	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	13	-22	0	15
FURMAN	3	8	1	4
GEORGIA	8	35	0	13
2023 TOTALS	24	21	1	15
SC TOTALS	97	77	4	17
OU TOTALS	127	260	9	25
CAREER TOTALS	224	327	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 all three games so far this season, primarily on special teams.
- ◆ Did not record a stat against Georgia.
- ◆ Hauled in his first collegiate reception in the win over Furman, a seven-yard touchdown strike for his first collegiate score.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	7	1	7
GEORGIA	0	0	0	0
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 started Saturday in Athens at the wideout position and hauled in three catches for 14 yards against Georgia, tying a career-high in receptions.
- ◆ Recorded his first collegiate receiving touchdown in the win over Furman, a 36-yard connection from fellow quarterback 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.
- ◆ Currently sits fourth on the team in receiving yards with 91 yards on seven receptions.
- ◆ Redshirt-junior that has played in 21 career games with six starts.

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA 0-0-0	0	0	0	0
FURMAN 2-4-0	17	0	11	
GEORGIA 0-0-0	0	0	0	0
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
GEORGIA	0	0	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
GEORGIA	3	14	0	9
2023 TOTALS	7	91	1	36
CAREER TOTALS	7	91	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.....	5, twice.....North Carolina, 2023 & Georgia, 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.)

- ◆ Did not make the trip to Athens with the team following an injury sustained against Furman.
- ◆ Hauled in a career-high six catches for 42 yards in the win over Furman.
- ◆ Earned the start against North Carolina in week one, finishing the game with three catches for 44 yards.
- ◆ Currently fifth on the team in receiving yards with 86 yards through two games of play.
- ◆ Has appeared in 47 career games with 21 starts to his credit.

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 played in all three games this season, having emerged as a key receiver in the last two outings.
- ◆ Coming off a game against Georgia where he hauled in one catch for 23 yards, while being targeted four times.
- ◆ His one catch against the Bulldogs was his 100th career reception at the collegiate level.
- ◆ Tied a career high six catches in the win over Furman, racking up 89 yards in the process.
- ◆ Has appeared in 44 career games with 20 starts to his credit.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	6	89	0	46
GEORGIA	1	23	0	23
2023 TOTALS	7	112	0	46
SC TOTALS	7	112	0	46
MEM TOTALS	63	952	11	75
RU TOTALS	30	209	1	26
CAREER TOTALS	100	1273	12	75

PUNT RETURNS	PR	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	6	0	6
GEORGIA	0	0	0	0
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.)

- ◆ Did not appear in the game against Georgia.
- ◆ 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.)

- ◆ Has been the heavy favorite for Rattler in the first three games, leading the team in receptions against Georgia with seven catches for 71 yards.
- ◆ Shined 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.
- ◆ His 367 receiving yards rank second in the SEC.
- ◆ Has four kickoff returns for 82 yards through the first three outings.
- ◆ Has appeared in 44 collegiate games with 23 starts to his credit.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	9	178	0	37
FURMAN	6	118	1	53
GEORGIA	7	71	0	35
2023 TOTALS	22	367	1	53
CAREER TOTALS	64	790	6	53

KICK RETURNS	KR	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	2	43	0	28
FURMAN	1	24	0	24
GEORGIA	1	15	0	15
2023 TOTALS	4	82	0	28
CAREER TOTALS	23	636	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.)

- ◆ Did not make an appearance against Georgia.
- ◆ True freshman tailback who made his collegiate debut in the 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.)

- ◆ Has appeared in all three games for the Gamecocks, coming off a two-carry, nine-yard performance on Saturday against Georgia.
- ◆ Jumped into the stat column 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
GEORGIA	2	9	0	7
2023 TOTALS	8	41	0	9
SC TOTALS	8	41	0	9
NC TOTALS	513	3301	35	75
CAREER TOTALS	521	3342	35	75

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0
GEORGIA	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

51 - TREE BABALADE (OL)

6-5, 338, Fr., HS (Hyattsville, Md.)

- ◆ Garnered his first collegiate start on Saturday in Athens, starting at left tackle.
- ◆ Made his collegiate debut in the win over Furman on Sept. 9.
- ◆ True freshman lineman who expects to compete at the tackle position each Saturday.

53 - VERSHON LEE (OL)

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

- ◆ Has started each game at center for the Gamecocks in 2023.
- ◆ Has appeared in 31 career games, including 20 starts to his name following Saturday's outing in Athens.
- ◆ 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.

- ◆ Has garnered the start in each of the first three games, starting Saturday's game at right guard.
- ◆ Has appeared in 36 career games with 22 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 three 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.
- ◆ Appeared in a reserve role against Georgia on Saturday in Athens.
- ◆ Started in place of the injured Cason Henry in the win over Furman.
- ◆ Has seen action in each of the first three games for the Gamecocks.
- ◆ Has appeared in 23 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 three outings with the Gamecocks.
- ◆ Has now played in 28 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 three games to begin this season.
- ◆ Played in 24 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.
- ◆ Has missed back-to-back games with the lingering injury sustained against the Tar Heels.
- ◆ 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 all three games this season, including two at the left tackle spot and then starting at right tackle against Georgia.
- ◆ Has now played in 13 career games and has 12 career starts to his name.

78 - TROVON BAUGH (OL)

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

- ◆ True freshman offensive lineman that has seen significant playing time in back-to-back games for the Gamecocks.

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.



- ◆ Has not appeared in back-to-back games now.
- ◆ Primarily competes for a spot on the line at tackle.
- ◆ Has 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 the win over Furman.
- ◆ Finished the outing against the Paladins with one target.
- ◆ Has appeared in 10 collegiate games following the win over the Paladins.

89 - O'MEGA BLAKE (WR)

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

- ◆ Coming off a career game following the outing in Athens, hauling in a career high five catches for a career best 86 yards.
- ◆ Is now third in the Gamecocks receiving core with 93 yards on the season following the 86-yard outburst on Saturday.
- ◆ Finished the win over the Paladins with one reception, a seven-yard touchdown catch for his first collegiate touchdown.
- ◆ Has appeared in seven career games, including a pair of bowl games.

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	TD	LG
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	7	1	7
GEORGIA	5	86	0	41
2023 TOTALS	6	93	1	41
CAREER TOTALS	7	94	1	41

BLAKE'S HIGHS

Receptions.....	5, Georgia, 2023
Yards Receiving.....	86, Georgia, 2023
Long Reception.....	41, Georgia, 2023
Receiving Touchdowns.....	1, Furman, 2023
Carries	1, North Carolina, 2021



0 - DEBO WILLIAMS (LB)

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

◆ Led the Gamecocks in total tackles against Georgia with 11, including tying a career high in tackles for loss with 1.5.

◆ Currently tied for fourth in the SEC in total tackles with 29.

◆ 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 29 career games for the Gamecocks with five career starts - starting each game this season.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	14	1.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	4	0.0	0.0	1
GEORGIA	11	1.5	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	29	2.5	0.0	1
CAREER TOTALS	78	7.0	1.5	2

D. WILLIAMS' HIGHS

Tackles.....14, North Carolina, 2023
Sacks.....1.5, Florida, 2022
Tackles for Loss.....1.5, twice:
.....Florida, 2022 & Georgia, 2023
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.)

◆ Registered nine tackles in Saturday's loss in Athens.

◆ Has started each of the first three games at defensive back, kicking off the season with a career high 11 tackles against North Carolina.

◆ Has now appeared in 16 career games with 14 starts to his credit.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	11	0.0	0	1
FURMAN	2	0.5	0	0
GEORGIA	9	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	22	0.5	0	1
CAREER TOTALS	76	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.)

◆ Recorded three tackles against Georgia and also posted his first collegiate pass breakup.

◆ Earned the start at cornerback against North Carolina, finishing the game with a career-high six tackles.

◆ Recorded Carolina's first take away of the season with an interception against Heisman hopeful Drake Maye in week one in Charlotte.

◆ Has played in 23 career games with four career starts for the Gamecocks - having started each game this season.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	6	0.0	1	0
FURMAN	5	0.0	0	0
GEORGIA	3	0.0	0	1
2023 TOTALS	14	0.0	1	1
CAREER TOTALS	36	0.0	3	1

FORTUNE'S HIGHS

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

4 - TERRELL DAWKINS (EDGE)

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

◆ Has seen action in each of the first three games but has yet to 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 32 career games with six career starts, including six appearances for the Gamecocks.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	0	0.0	0.0	0
GEORGIA	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.)

◆ Appeared in the outing against Georgia but did not record any tackles.

◆ 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
GEORGIA	0	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

6 - MARCELLAS DIAL (DB)

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

◆ Posted a season high eight tackles against Georgia, just one tackle shy of his career high.

◆ Has started in each of the first three games on the season.

◆ Has appeared in 29 games with 20 career starts for the Gamecocks, accounting for 88 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
GEORGIA	8	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	10	0.0	0	2
CAREER TOTALS	88	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.)

◆ Wrapped up one tackle in Athens in his third start of the season.

◆ His best performance of the season came against Furman with two tackles, one sack and one pass breakup.

◆ Has now played in 41 career games with 20 starts, including 18 games and five starts with the Gamecocks.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	2	0.0	0.0	1
FURMAN	2	1.0	1.0	0
GEORGIA	1	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	5	1.0	1.0	1
SC TOTALS	37	10.0	5.0	6
GSU TOTALS	78	15.5	10.5	5
CAREER TOTALS	115	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 the win over Furman.

◆ Finished the outing with three tackles.

◆ Saw action against Georgia, but did not record a stat.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
FURMAN	3	0.0	0.0	0
GEORGIA	0	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

10 - TYREEK JOHNSON (EDGE)

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

◆ Appeared in the first two games before sitting out against Georgia on Saturday.

◆ Finished the Furman win 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 three 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
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 three games.
- ◆ Tied his career high in tackles with two in the first two games before failing to record a tackle against Georgia.
- ◆ Recorded his first career interception against the Tar Heels, returning the interception 17 yards.
- ◆ Has now appeared in 16 consecutive games for the Gamecocks.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	2	0.0	1	0
FURMAN	2	0.0	0	0
GEORGIA	0	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.
- ◆ After starting the first two games, he appeared in a reserve role on Saturday in Athens, failing to jump into the box score.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	4	0.0	0	0
FURMAN	0	0.0	0	0
GEORGIA	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.)

- ◆ Started on Saturday against Georgia and recorded his first tackle in a Gamecock uniform.
- ◆ Has now seen action in each of the first three games with one start to his credit.
- ◆ Has competed in 33 career games at the collegiate level, accumulating 75 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
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	0	0.0	0.0	0
GEORGIA	1	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	1	0.0	0.0	0
SC TOTALS	1	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	75	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.
- ◆ Missed the Furman game but returned to action against Georgia and posted a season best 10 tackles.
- ◆ Has appeared in 15 games for the Gamecocks and has started in 14 outings.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	1	0.0	0	0
GEORGIA	10	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	11	0.0	0	0
CAREER TOTALS	96	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.
- ◆ Did not appear in Saturday's game in Athens.
- ◆ 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
FURMAN	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.
- ◆ Since that game, he has started each of the next two games and led the team in tackles against Furman with six.
- ◆ Recorded five tackles against Georgia and his first career tackle for a loss.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	12	0.0	0	0
FURMAN	6	0.0	0	0
GEORGIA	5	0.5	0	0
2023 TOTALS	23	0.5	0	0
CAREER TOTALS	23	0.5	0	0

KILGORE'S HIGHS

Tackles.....	12, North Carolina, 2023
Tackles for Loss.....	0.5, Georgia, 2023

29 - DAVID SPAULDING (DB)

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

- ◆ Has appeared in two of the three games for Carolina and is coming off a three-tackle performance against Georgia on Saturday.
- ◆ Was unable to suit up against the Paladins in the home opener.
- ◆ Appeared in 27 career games with seven starts, including 19 games in a Gamecock uniform.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	1	0.0	0	0
GEORGIA	3	0.0	0	0
2023 TOTALS	4	0.0	0	0
SC TOTALS	32	2.0	2	6
GS TOTALS	7	0.0	1	1
CAREER TOTALS	39	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.)

- ◆ Appeared in the first two games of the season before being sidelined against Georgia.
- ◆ Has one tackle in each of his appearances this season.
- ◆ Appeared in 15 career games over the last five seasons with one start.



DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	INT	PBU
NORTH CAROLINA	1	0.0	0	0
FURMAN	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.)**

- ◆ Came off the bench against Georgia and tied a career high in tackles with four.
- ◆ Started each of the first two games on the edge before coming off the bench in Athens.
- ◆ Set his career high in tackles in the season opener with four against the Tar Heels.
- ◆ Has now competed in 13 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
GEORGIA	4	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	8	0.0	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	14	0.0	0.0	2

THOMAS, JR'S HIGHSTackles..... 4, North Carolina, 2023
QB Hurries..... 2, Charlotte, 2022**52 - STONE BLANTON (LB)****6-2, 232, So., 1L (Jackson, Miss.)**

- ◆ Coming off his third consecutive start, finishing Saturday's game with four tackles and his first career sack - also tying his career high in tackles for loss (1.0).
- ◆ Logged a career high 10 tackles in the season opener against North Carolina.
- ◆ Has now played in 15 games for Carolina, with three consecutive starts.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	10	0.0	0.0	0
FURMAN	2	0.0	0.0	0
GEORGIA	4	1.0	1.0	0
2023 TOTALS	16	1.5	1.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	23	2.5	1.0	0

BLANTON'S HIGHSTackles..... 10, North Carolina, 2023
Tackles for Loss..... 1.0, twice:
..... S.C. State, 2022 & Georgia, 2023
Sacks..... 1.0, Georgia, 2023
Pass Breakups..... 1, S.C. State, 2022**90 - T.J. SANDERS (DL)****6-5, 298, R-So., 1L (Marion, S.C.)**

- ◆ Came off the bench against Georgia and was a force to be reckoned with, posting a career high nine tackles and recorded 2.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sack for the second consecutive outing.
- ◆ Leads the Gamecocks with 4.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks.
- ◆ Appeared in 17 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
GEORGIA	9	2.0	1.0	0
2023 TOTALS	15	4.0	2.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	31	5.0	3.0	3

SANDERS' HIGHSTackles..... 9, Georgia, 2023
Tackles for Loss..... 2.0, twice:
..... Furman, 2023 & Georgia, 2023
Sacks..... 1.0, three times:
..... last, Georgia, 2023
QB Hurries..... 1, three times:
..... last: Vanderbilt, 2022
Pass Breakups..... 1, twice:
..... Georgia, 2022 & Georgia, 2023**91 - TONKA HEMINGWAY (DL)****6-3, 285, Sr., 3L (Conway, S.C.)**

- ◆ Coming off his best game of the season against Georgia, recording three tackles in his third consecutive start.
- ◆ Recorded at least one tackle and one quarterback hurry in each of the first two games.
- ◆ Has appeared in all 39 games over the last four seasons with 15 starts.

DEFENSE	TKL	TFL	SACKS	QBH
NORTH CAROLINA	1	0.0	0.0	1
FURMAN	2	0.0	0.0	1
GEORGIA	3	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	6	0.0	0.0	2
CAREER TOTALS	61	9.0	4.0	9

HEMINGWAY'S HIGHSTackles..... 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 three games, recording one tackle in the season opener against North Carolina.

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

BARRETT'S HIGHSTackles..... 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.)**

- ◆ Coming off a season-best, four-tackle performance against Georgia - tying a career high in tackles.
- ◆ Earned his sixth career start in 28 career games.
- ◆ Has 39 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
GEORGIA	4	0.0	0.0	0
2023 TOTALS	6	0.0	0.0	0
CAREER TOTALS	39	2.0	1.0	0

HUNTLEY'S HIGHSTackles..... 4, four times:
..... last, Georgia, 2023
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 game during the 2023 campaign.
- ◆ Local product who has appeared in 21 career games in a Gamecock uniform.

ROGERS' HIGHS

Carries	1, 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.)

- ◆ Punted the ball five times for 189 yards (37.8 avg.) in the outing against Georgia on Saturday.
- ◆ Best game of the season came in the season opener, 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 39 career games and is averaging 44.2 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
GEORGIA	5	189	37.8	45
2023 TOTALS	14	609	43.5	60
CAREER TOTALS	170	7508	44.2	79

KROEGER'S HIGHS

Punts	8, East Carolina, 2021
Punting Average	56.8, Vanderbilt, 2021
Longest Punt	79, Georgia State, 2022
Most Punt Yards	376, Clemson, 2022
Pass Completions	1, six times: .....last; Notre Dame, 2022
Pass Attempts	1, six times: .....last; Notre Dame, 2022
Passing TDs	1, three times: .....last; Notre Dame, 2022
Longest Pass	48, Florida, 2021

98 - MITCH JETER (PK)

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

- ◆ Knocked in both of his PAT attempts against Georgia and had three kickoffs for 195 yards and two touchbacks against the Bulldogs.
- ◆ Is 1-for-2 in field goals this season, knocking in a 26 yarder against North Carolina - while sitting 8-of-8 in PATs.
- ◆ Has handled 14 kickoffs for 889 yards and nine touchbacks in the first three games.
- ◆ Is a perfect 1-for-1 in inside 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
GEORGIA	0	0	2-2	0
2023 TOTALS	1	2	8-8	26
CAREER TOTALS	12	13	52-54	53

KICKOFFS	No.	YDS	AVG	TB
NORTH CAROLINA	3	175	58.3	1
FURMAN	8	519	64.9	6
GEORGIA	3	195	65.0	2
2023 TOTALS	14	889	63.5	9
CAREER TOTALS	183	11275	61.6	110

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