



CHARLESTON SOUTHERN



4 BIG SOUTH TITLES • 69 ALL-BIG SOUTH HONORS • 7 BIG SOUTH PLAYERS OF THE YEAR • 3 BIG SOUTH FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR

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>>2024-25 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

N 4	at Clemson	ACCNX	L, 64-91
N 7	at North Florida	ESPN+	L, 66-90
N 11	MORRIS COLLEGE	ESPN+	W, 108-50
N 15	UTRGV (N)	PassThaBall	L, 76-86
N 16	VMI (N)	PassThaBall	L, 69-80
N 19	at LSU	SECN+	L, 68-77
N 23	FURMAN	ESPN+	L, 46-67
N 27	at Georgia Tech	ACCNX	L, 67-91
N 30	at Miami	ACCNX	2:00 PM

DECEMBER

D 3	UT MARTIN	ESPN+	7:00 PM
D 6	at Davidson	ESPN+	7:00 PM
D 9	at South Carolina State		7:00 PM
D 19	at North Alabama		6:00 PM
D 22	at Georgia	SECN	3:30 PM
D 28	COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL	ESPN+	1:00 PM

JANUARY

J 2	*GARDNER-WEBB	ESPN+	1:00 PM
J 4	*at Longwood	ESPN+	7:00 PM
J 8	*HIGH POINT	ESPN+	7:00 PM
J 15	*at Winthrop	ESPN+	6:30 PM
J 18	*RADFORD	ESPN+	2:00 PM
J 22	*at Presbyterian	ESPN+	7:00 PM
J 25	*UNC ASHEVILLE	ESPN+	3:30 PM
J 29	*at USC Upstate	ESPN+	6:00 PM

FEBRUARY

F 1	*LONGWOOD	ESPN+	2:00 PM
F 5	*WINTHROP	ESPN+	7:00 PM
F 8	*at Gardner-Webb	ESPN+	2:00 PM
F 12	*PRESBYTERIAN	ESPN+	7:00 PM
F 15	*at UNC Asheville	ESPN+	4:30 PM
F 19	*at High Point	ESPN+	7:00 PM
F 22	*USC UPSTATE	ESPN+	2:00 PM

MARCH

M 1	*at Radford	ESPN+	2:00 PM
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BIG SOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP - High Point, N.C. (Quebin Center)

M 5-9 Big South Tournament ESPN+

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

All times eastern and subject to change

* Big South game |

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CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (1-6, 0-0 BIG SOUTH)

at Miami (FL)

Nov. 30, 2024 // 2:00 PM // Watsco Center // Coral Gables, FL



THE TEAMS

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN BUCCANEERS

2024-25 Record	1-7, 0-0 Big South
Last Game	L, 67-91 at Georgia Tech 11/27/2024
Head Coach	Saah Nimley (CSU, '15)
Career Record	9-22, 6-10 (1st Full Season)
Record at School	Same

MIAMI HURRICANES

2024-25 Record	3-3, 0-0 SEC
Last Game	L, 70-77 vs VCU 11/24/2024
Head Coach	Jim Larranaga
Career Record	743-503 (41st Season)
Record at School	273-169 (14th Season)

INSIDE THE SERIES

OVERALL	0-2
FIRST MEETING	01/23/1986, L 60-71
LAST MEETING	12/01/1989, L 67-77
IN CHARLESTON	0-0
IN MIAMI	0-2
NEUTRAL	0-0
STREAK	L2

The Georgia Tech Series (Last 2 Matchups)

12/01/1989	at Miami	L, 67-77
01/23/1986	at Miami	L, 60-71

>>OPENING TIP

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- Daylen Berry is also currently T-15th in the nation in total steals (19).
- This is Head Coach Saah Nimley's first full season as the head of the Buccaneers. He became the interim head coach midway through the '23-'24 season with the interim tag being removed later in the year.
- Associate Head Coach Mike Howland makes his return to Big South basketball after five years at William & Mary. Before coaching the Tribe, Howland served as an assistant coach at Winthrop University.

>>CHARLESTON SOUTHERN PROJECTED STARTERS



2	Tajale Kelly
F	6'7" / 155
MIN:	34.0
PPG:	14.9
REB:	7.1
AST:	2.0



7	Daylen Berry
G	6'4" / 185
MIN:	34.1
PPG:	12.1
REB:	4.5
AST:	3.9



22	RJ Johnson
G	6'1" / 175
MIN:	32.3
PPG:	10.1
REB:	1.7
AST:	4.6



23	Reis Jones
F	6'10" / 174
MIN:	17.4
PPG:	8.1
REB:	6.9
AST:	0.0



30	Thompson Camara
F	6'7" / 175
MIN:	15.6
PPG:	4.2
REB:	2.2
AST:	0.2



Media Information

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Interview Requests

All interview requests for Charleston Southern men's basketball players and coaches will run through the CSU sports information office. Contact Chase Beckham to set up an interview.

CSUSPORTS.COM

For unparalleled coverage of the entire intercollegiate athletics department at Charleston Southern, access csusports.com. The official site of Charleston Southern athletics features in-depth coverage of Buccaneer players, coaches and staff as well as game notes, player biographies, statistics and updates on the Charleston Southern men's basketball program.

Gameday Credentials

Credentials to CSU basketball home games are available upon request through the sports information department. Credentials are issued at the discretion of the CSU athletics department and may be revoked at any point due to inappropriate behavior, inappropriate use of the credential, non-sanctioned transfer of the credential or other reasons deemed worthy of credential revocation by the department.

Practice Availability

All CSU men's basketball practices are closed to the media and general public unless otherwise granted permission by head coach Saah Nimley or the Charleston Southern sports information office. To request access to a CSU basketball practice for the purpose of media coverage, contact the CSU sports information office.

'24-25 Statistics Comparison

	CSU	GT
Points	71.0	77.2
Opp. Points	77.3	77.4
Rebounds	39.4	39.8
Opp. Rebounds	34.9	36.6
Field Goal Pct.	.431	.416
Opp. Field Goal Pct	.476	.442
3-Point Pct.	.264	.311
Opp. 3-Point Pct.	.368	.330
3-Point FGs	6.7	8.4
Opp. 3-Point FGs	7.6	6.6
Free Throw Pct.	.550	.686
Opp. Free Throw Pct.	.608	.661
Free Throws Made	12.6	14.4
Opp. Free Throws Made	10.9	14.8
Personal Fouls	16.6	19.4
Opp. Personal Fouls	20.7	19.4
Assists	14.6	15.0
Turnovers	14.7	12.2
Opp. Turnovers	11.4	10.6
Blocked Shots	3.1	3.4
Steals	5.4	4.4

Program Quick Facts

University

Name Charleston Southern University
City/Zip..... Charleston, S.C. 29423-8087
Founded..... 1964
Enrollment (Undergraduate) 3,378
Nickname..... Buccaneers
Mascot..... 'Bucky'
Colors..... Blue (PMS 295) & Gold (PMS 7503)
Band..... "Sixth Man Pep Band"
Affiliation..... NCAA Division I
Conference Big South
President Dr. B. Keith Faulkner
Director of Athletics Jeff Barber
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Program History

Seasons of Men's Basketball.....57
First Season.....1965-66
Overall Record (Entering Season)642-972
Big South Record.....222-321
Last Big South Tournament Appearance.....2024
Last Postseason Result.....at Hampton, L, 73-67 (CIT)

Team Information

2023-24 Overall Record10-20
Big South Record/Finish6-10/T-5th
Home Record.....7-7
Away Record3-12
Neutral Record.....0-1
Starters Returning/Lost4/1
Letterwinners R/L4/9
Newcomers10

Series History

All-Time Record vs. MIAMI	0-2
Under Coach Nimley	0-0
Current Streak	L2
First Meeting	01/23/1986, L 60-71
Last Meeting	12/01/1989, L 67-77

Notes

- This marks the 3rd all-time matchup between CSU and the Hurricanes.
- This is Charleston Southern's third ACC match-up in November: Clemson (11/4), Georgia Tech (11/27), and Miami (11/30).

CSU's Record When ...

Overall Record.....1-7
At Buc Dome.....1-1
On the road0-4
At a neutral site.....0-2

Vs. Ranked opponents.....0-0
Vs. Unranked opponents.....1-7
Vs. teams .500 or better0-5
Vs. teams worse than .500.....1-2

Games decided by 3 points or less.....0-0
Games decided by 4-10 points.....0-2
Games decided by 11-19 points.....0-1
Games decided by 20+ points.....1-4
Leading at Half1-1
Tied at Half.....0-0
Trailing at Half.....0-6
In overtime.....0-0

CSU scores 49 points or less.....0-1
CSU scores 50-59 points.....0-0
CSU scores 60-69 points.....0-5
CSU scores 70-79 points.....0-1
CSU scores 80+ points.....1-0
Opponent scores 49 points or less0-0
Opponent scores 50-59 points.....1-0
Opponent scores 60-69 points0-1
Opponent scores 70-79 points.....0-1
Opponent scores 80+ points.....0-5

CSU shoots 40% or better.....1-4
CSU shoots less than 40%.....0-3
CSU shoots better than opponent.....1-0
Opponent shoots better than CSU.....0-6
Opponent shoots 40% or better0-7
Opponent shoots less than 40%.....1-0

CSU outrebounds opponent1-3
Opponent outrebounds CSU.....0-3
Rebounds are tied0-1

CSU commits 14 or fewer turnovers.....1-3
CSU commits 14+ turnovers.....0-4
CSU records 7+ steals1-1
CSU records less than 7 steals0-6

CSU wears white.....0-1
CSU wears blue0-5
CSU wears gold0-0
CSU wears gray1-1

CSU controls tip.....1-2
CSU loses tip0-5

CSU scores first.....0-2
Opponent scores first.....1-5

Day Games (Before 5 p.m.)0-3
Night Games1-4

CSU in November.....1-7
CSU in December.....0-0
CSU in January.....0-0
CSU in February.....0-0
CSU in March.....0-0

On Monday.....1-1
On Tuesday.....0-1
On Wednesday.....0-1
On Thursday.....0-1
On Friday.....0-1
On Saturday.....0-2
On Sunday.....0-0

Winning / Losing Streaks

Longest winning streak.....1
Longest losing streak.....5
Last 5 games.....0-5
Current Streak.....L5

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 - Transfer forward, Thompson Camara made his way into the Bucs' starting line up for the first time at LSU.
 - CSU added a pair of 6'10" bigs from the transfer portal in Jaylon Gibson and Reis Jones.
 - Associate Head Coach Mike Howland makes his return to Big South basketball after five years at William & Mary. Before coaching the Tribe, Howland served as an assistant coach at Winthrop University.
 - In a Big South Season Preview interview, Coach Nimley mentioned speeding up the Bucs' offensive tempo as a style change spectators can expect to see this '24-'25 season. The Bucs ranked 311th out of 351 division one programs last year in scoring offense.
 - Although they are young, a graduate transfer from Drexel University, Lamar Oden Jr., was recruited to this year's team and expects to see a heavy amount of minutes to provide some added experience to the Bucs' lineup.

- SERIES HISTORY**
- This will mark the 3rd official matchup between the two teams in program history.
 - Charleston Southern trails in the all-time series 0-2.
 - This will be the first matchup between CSU and Miami since 1989.

CSU vs. 2024-25 Opponents	
Nonconference	
Clemson	0-21
North Florida	2-4
Morris College	2-0
UTRGV	0-6
VMI	9-17
LSU	0-1
Furman	7-11
Georgia Tech	1-9
Miami	0-2
UT Martin	0-0
Davidson	3-4
South Carolina State	14-22
North Alabama	0-0
Georgia	0-8
Columbia International	5-0
Big South Conference	
Gardner-Webb	7-27
Longwood	8-12
High Point	22-26
Winthrop	24-55
Radford	29-55
Presbyterian	22-14
UNC Asheville	36-58
USC Upstate	13-6

- FIRST FULL YEAR FOR COACH NIMLEY**
- Charleston Southern officially named Saah Nimley as their full-time head coach on Monday, March 4th.
 - Nimley was elevated to the role of Interim Head Coach on November 29, 2023 after Head Coach Barclay Radebaugh stepped down. Radebaugh is the winningest coach in program history and was in the midst of his 19th season at the helm at CSU.
 - Nimley began his coaching career in 2019-2020, joining the CSU staff as an assistant coach after a stellar four-year playing career at CSU where he ranks 3rd in career scoring and 1st in career assists all-time.
 - Nimley was named Player of the Year for the Big South at the conclusion of the 2015 season.
- The full release on his hiring is available on csusports.com as well as the official press conference from Monday, 3/4/24.



NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	High School / Previous School
0	Ellis Graham	Forward	6'9"	200	Fr.	New Zion, SC	Gray Collegiate Academy
1	Lamar Oden Jr.	Guard	6'6"	220	Gr.	Douglasville, GA	Greenforest-McCalep Christian / Drexel
2	Taje' Kelly	Forward	6'7"	240	Sr.	Atlanta, GA	Grayson HS
4	DJ Patrick	Guard	6'6"	200	R-Sr.	Powder Springs, GA	Sprayberry HS / South Florida
5	Derrick Harris Jr.	Guard	6'3"	180	R-Jr.	Camilla, GA	Mitchell County HS / Georgia Southern
6	Anthony Gause	Guard	6'3"	175	Fr.	St. Louis, MO	Milton HS
7	Daylen Berry	Guard	6'4"	175	R-Jr.	Raleigh, NC	Panther Creek HS / Charlotte
8	Jaylon Gibson	Forward	6'10"	225	Gr.	Zebulon, NC	Grace Christian School / UNC Greensboro
10	Keenan Wilkins	Guard	5'10"	155	Fr.	Hendersonville, NC	Christ School
11	A'lahn Sumler	Guard	6'4"	185	Jr.	Waterbury, CT	Buford HS / Northern Kentucky
15	Cooper Kowalski	Forward	6'8"	200	Fr.	Charleston, SC	First Baptist
22	RJ Johnson	Guard	6'1"	185	R-Jr.	Matthews, NC	Charlotte Latin School / Holy Cross
23	Reis Jones	Forward	6'10"	235	Jr.	Fort Washington, MD	Flint Hill / Florida Southwestern
30	Thompson Camara	Forward	6'7"	200	Jr.	Otukpo Benue State, Nigeria	Odumu Ocheibi Memorial / Frank Phillips College
34	Lase Olalere	Forward	6'10"	230	R-Fr.	Charleston, SC	Charleston Charter Math & Science

COACHING STAFF

Name	Title	Year	Alma Mater
Saah Nimley	Head Coach	First-HC/Sixth Season	Charleston Southern, '15
Mike Howland	Associate Head Coach	First Season	DePauw, '02
Trey Johnson	Assistant Coach	First Season	Charleston Southern, '18
Nate Louis	Assistant Coach	Second Season	Charleston Southern, '20
Michael Ervin	Director of Basketball Operations	First Season	Appalachian State, '22

ROSTER BY CLASS

Graduates (2)	Seniors (2)	Juniors (6)	Sophomores (0)	Freshmen (5)
Jaylon Gibson Lamar Oden Jr.	Taje' Kelly DJ Patrick	Daylen Berry Thompson Camara Derrick Harris Jr. RJ Johnson Reis Jones A'lahn Sumler		Anthony Gause Ellis Graham Cooper Kowalski Lase Olalere Keenan Wilkins

ROSTER BY STATES/COUNTRY

Connecticut (1)	Maryland (1)	Nigeria (1)	South Carolina (3)
A'lahn Sumler	Reis Jones	Thompson Camara	Ellis Graham Cooper Kowalski Lase Olalere
Georgia (4)	Missouri	North Carolina (4)	
Derrick Harris Jr. Taje' Kelly Lamar Oden Jr. DJ Patrick	Anthony Gause	Daylen Berry Jaylon Gibson RJ Johnson Keenan Wilkins	



Date

			Opponent	Location	
		Venue			Result/Time
Nov. 4	at Clemson	Clemson, SC	Littlejohn Coliseum		L, 64-91
Nov. 7	at North Florida	Jacksonville, FL	UNF Arena		L, 66-90
Nov. 11	Morris College	Charleston, SC	Buccaneer Fieldhouse		W, 108-50
Nov. 15	UTRGV	White Sulfer Springs, WV	Greenbrier Resort		L, 76-86
Nov. 16	Greenbrier Round Two	White Sulfer Springs, WV	Greenbrier Resort		L, 69-80
Nov. 19	at LSU	Baton Rouge, LA	Pete Maravich Assembly Center		L, 68-77
Nov. 23	Furman	Charleston, SC	Buccaneer Fieldhouse		L, 46-67
Nov. 27	at Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	McCamish Pavilion		L, 67-91
Nov. 30	at Miami	Miami, FL	Watsco Center		2:00 PM
Dec. 3	UT Martin	Charleston, SC	Buccaneer Fieldhouse		7:00 PM
Dec. 6	at Davidson	Davidson, NC	John M. Belk Arena		7:00 PM
Dec. 9	at South Carolina State	Orangeburg, SC	Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center		7:00 PM
Dec. 19	at North Alabama	Florence, AL	CB&S Arena at Flowers Hall		6:00 PM
Dec. 22	at Georgia	Athens, GA	Stegeman Coliseum		3:30 PM
Dec. 28	Columbia International	Charleston, SC	Buccaneer Fieldhouse		1:00 PM
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BIG SOUTH TOURNAMENT

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Home games in **Bold** at CSU Field House (881)

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All home and Big South contests will air on ESPN+

• - Big South Game

% - Big South Championships



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Freshman • Forward • 6-6 • 200
New Zion, SC / Gray Collegiate Academy



#1 • Lamar Oden Jr.
Graduate • Guard • 6-6 • 220
Douglasville, GA / Greenforest-McCaleb Christian / Drexel



#2 • Taje' (TAH-jay) Kelly
Senior • Forward • 6-7 • 240
Atlanta, GA / Grayson HS



#4 • DJ Patrick
Redshirt-Senior • Guard • 6-6 • 200
Powder Springs, GA / Sprayberry HS / South Florida



#5 • Derrick Harris Jr.
Redshirt Junior • Guard • 6-3 • 180
Camilla, GA / Mitchell County HS / Georgia Southern



#6 • Anthony Gause
Freshman • Guard • 6-3 • 175
St. Louis, MO / Milton HS



#7 • Daylen Berry
Redshirt-Junior • Guard • 6-4 • 175
Raleigh, NC / Panther Creek HS / Charlotte



#8 • Jaylon Gibson
Graduate • Forward • 6-10 • 225
Zebulon, NC / Grace Christian School / UNC Greensboro



#10 • Keenan Wilkins
Freshman • Guard • 5-10 • 155
Hendersonville, NC / Christ School



#11 • A'lahn (Ah-lon) Sumler
Junior • Guard • 6-4 • 185
Waterbury, CT / Buford HS / Northern Kentucky



#15 • Cooper Kowalski (Koe-wall-ski)
Freshman • Forward • 6-8 • 200
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Junior • Forward • 6-10 • 235
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