



SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

Game 2: SOUTH CAROLINA (1-0, 0-0) AT VANDERBILT (1-0, 0-0)
September 4, 2008 ♦ Nashville, Tenn. ♦ 8:30 p.m. ET ♦ ESPN

GAMEDAY

Stadium: Dudley Field/Vanderbilt Stadium (39,773)

TV: ESPN

Play-by-Play: Chris Fowler

Analyst: Craig James, Jesse Palmer

Sidelines: Erin Andrews

Gamecocks Radio Flagship: WNKT (107.5 FM)

Play-by-Play: Todd Ellis

Analyst: Tommy Suggs

Sidelines: Duce Staley

Satellite Radio: XM

Series Information:

Series Record: South Carolina leads 14-3-0

In Columbia: South Carolina leads 6-2-0

In Nashville: South Carolina leads 8-1-0

Last Meeting: Vandy 17, USC 6, 10/20/07 in Columbia

Last Meeting in Nashville: South Carolina 31, Vandy 13,
10/21/06

Last Vanderbilt Win in Nashville: 17-14, 10/24/98

Current Streak: Vanderbilt won last year snapping South
Carolina's 7-game winning streak.

SETTING THE STAGE

The South Carolina Gamecocks begin their 17th season of Southeastern Conference league action when they open the 2008 conference slate on the road at Vanderbilt on Thursday, Sept. 4. The ESPN cameras will be on hand to televise the game to a national audience. The Gamecocks and Commodores both opened their '08 campaigns with wins last Thursday night. The Gamecocks blanked NC State by a 34-0 score, while Vanderbilt had little trouble disposing of Miami (O) by a 34-13 margin. Carolina looks to get even on the all-time ledger, as the Gamecocks hold a 522-523-44 record while playing in their 115th season of intercollegiate football. The school's only conference championship came in the 1969 season when it posted a 6-0 record to win the Atlantic Coast Conference title in Paul Dietzel's fourth year.



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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TV
Aug. 28	NC State	W, 34-0	ESPN
Sept. 4	at Vanderbilt	8:30 pm	ESPN
Sept. 13	Georgia	3:30 pm	CBS
Sept. 20	Wofford	7 pm	PPV
Sept. 27	UAB	7 pm	PPV
Oct. 4	at Ole Miss	TBA	TBA
Oct. 11	at Kentucky	TBA	TBA
Oct. 17	LSU	TBA	TBA
Nov. 1	Tennessee	TBA	TBA
Nov. 8	Arkansas	TBA	TBA
Nov. 15	at Florida	TBA	TBA
Nov. 29	at Clemson	TBA	TBA

Head Coach: Steve Spurrier (Florida)
 Record at South Carolina: 22-16 (4th year)
 Overall: 164-56-2 (18th year)
 vs. Vanderbilt: 14-1
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VANDERBILT COMMODORES (1-0, 0-0 SEC)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 28	at Miami (O)	W, 34-13
Sept. 4	South Carolina	8:30
Sept. 13	Rice	TBA
Sept. 20	at Ole Miss	TBA
Oct. 4	Auburn	TBA
Oct. 11	at Mississippi State	TBA
Oct. 18	at Georgia	TBA
Oct. 25	Duke	TBA
Nov. 8	Florida	TBA
Nov. 15	at Kentucky	TBA
Nov. 22	Tennessee	TBA
Nov. 29	at Wake Forest	TBA

Head Coach: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
 Record at Vanderbilt: 21-50 (7th year)
 Overall: 81-86-0 (15th year)
 vs. South Carolina: 1-5
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2008 SEC STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION

	SEC	PCT.	PF	PA	ALL	PCT.	PF	PA
USC	0-0	.000	0	0	1-0	1.000	34	0
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	0	0	1-0	1.000	34	13
Tennessee	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0
Georgia	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0
Florida	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0
Kentucky	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0

WESTERN DIVISION

	SEC	PCT.	PF	PA	ALL	PCT.	PF	PA
LSU	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0
Auburn	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0
Arkansas	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0
Miss. State	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0
Alabama	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0

LAST WEEK IN THE SEC

Thursday, August 28

Vanderbilt 34, Miami (O) 13
South Carolina 34, NC State 0

Saturday, August 30

Hawaii at Florida, 12:30 pm, Raycom
Georgia Southern at Georgia, 12:30 pm, PPV
Appalachian State at LSU, 5 pm, ESPN
Mississippi State at La. Tech, 6:45 pm, ESPN2
Western Illinois at Arkansas, 7 pm
Memphis at Ole Miss, 7 pm
Louisiana-Monroe at Auburn, 7 pm
Alabama vs Clemson (at Atlanta), 8 pm, ABC

Sunday, August 31

Kentucky at Louisville, 3:30 pm, ESPN

Monday, September 1

Tennessee at UCLA, 8 pm, ESPN

THIS WEEK IN THE SEC

Thursday, September 4

South Carolina at Vanderbilt, 8:30 pm, ESPN

Saturday, September 6

Southern Miss at Auburn, 12:30 pm, Raycom
Wake Forest at Ole Miss, 3:30 pm, ABC
Central Michigan at Georgia, 3:30 pm, FSNS
Louisiana-Monroe at Arkansas (in LR), 7 pm
Southeastern Louisiana at Mississippi State, 7 pm
Tulane at Alabama, 7 pm, PPV
Miami (Fla.) at Florida, 8 pm, ESPN
Troy at LSU, 8 pm
Norfolk State at Kentucky, TBA

NEXT WEEK IN THE SEC

Saturday, September 13

Georgia at South Carolina, 3:30 pm, CBS
Western Kentucky at Alabama
Arkansas at Texas
Auburn at Mississippi State
Middle Tennessee at Kentucky
North Texas at LSU
Sanford at Ole Miss
UAB at Tennessee
Rice at Vanderbilt

A South Carolina win over Vanderbilt would...

* Even the Gamecocks all-time record at 523-523-44.

* Improve the Gamecocks all-time record against Vanderbilt to 15-3-0, including a 9-1 mark in Nashville.

* Give the Gamecocks back-to-back wins to open the season for the second straight year (they won their first three in 2007). They have not opened 2-0 in back-to-back years since 2000-2001.

* Give the Gamecocks their third straight win in a conference opener. They defeated Mississippi State, 15-0, to open the 2006 season and topped Georgia, 16-12, in the SEC lidlifter in 2007.

* Give Head Coach Steve Spurrier his 15th win against the Commodores in 16 starts.

* Give Steve Spurrier 15 wins against Vandy, matching his total versus Kentucky, the most against any school.

GAMECOCKS AND 'DORES

This is the 18th meeting on the gridiron between Carolina and Vanderbilt.

The Gamecocks lead the all-time series, 14-3. The teams have played every year since 1992. USC won each of the first seven tilts (including a win in 1961) before Vandy broke through with back-to-back wins in 1998 and '99. The Commodores snapped a seven-game losing streak to Carolina last season when they went into Columbia and stymied the Gamecock

offense en route to a 17-6 win. The last time the teams met in Nashville, the Gamecocks left with a convincing 31-13 win in 2006. The Gamecocks have won eight of the nine previous meetings between the two squads in Nashville, with their only setback coming by a 17-14 score on Oct. 24, 1998. The Gamecocks have scored 30 or more points in four of the last five meetings and in six of the last eight contests, while holding Vanderbilt to 14 points or less in nine of the last 13 and in 12 of the last 17 games.

THE HBC AND VANDY

South Carolina Head Coach Steve Spurrier is 14-1 all-time against Vanderbilt, winning twice while at Duke, 10 times while coaching at Florida and twice as the Gamecocks' head coach. His lone loss came last season in Columbia when the Commodores posted a 17-6 win. His 14 wins against Vandy is his second highest mark against any school, trailing only his perfect 15-0 mark against Kentucky.

ANOTHER THURSDAY NIGHT

This is the fourth-straight year in which the Gamecocks have played on a Thursday for ESPN. They are 4-1 in that span in Thursday night specials. Carolina opened its 2005 season on a Thursday night with a 24-15 win against Central Florida. In 2006, the Gamecocks opened the season at Mississippi State on a Thursday and came away with a 15-0 win. They also lost a mid-season Thursday night contest at home to Auburn by a 24-17 margin. In 2007, they defeated eighth-ranked Kentucky at home on a Thursday night by a 38-23 score. They opened the 2008 season with a 34-0 shutout win over NC State last Thursday in Columbia. They are also scheduled to open the 2009 season on a Thursday at NC State.

RECAPPING THE OPENER

The South Carolina Gamecocks opened the 2008 season with a 34-0 whitewash of NC State in Columbia on Thursday, August 28. The Gamecock defense completely shut down the Wolfpack attack, limiting NC State to just 138 yards of total offense - 89 on the ground and 49 through the air. Both offenses sputtered for much of the game as the teams combined for eight turnovers, four for each squad. South Carolina held a slim 3-0 lead at intermission, but extended that to a 13-point cushion in the third quarter, then put the game away with a 21-point final stanza.

OPENER NOTES

- ✓ South Carolina snapped a five-game losing streak, the program's longest drought since losing the final five games of the 2002 campaign.
- ✓ South Carolina scored its ninth-straight season-opening win, keeping them perfect in season openers since the turn of the century.
- ✓ The Gamecocks posted their first shutout since Aug. 31, 2006, when they won at Mississippi State 15-0. It was the program's first shutout of an ACC opponent since a 48-0 win over N.C. State on Oct. 31, 1987.
- ✓ With 31 points in the second half, the Gamecocks had their highest output in a half since Oct. 8, 2005, when they scored 34 points in the second of a 44-16 win over Kentucky.
- ✓ The South Carolina defense kept NC State out of the red zone in the game. In fact, the Wolfpack got no closer than the Gamecocks' 32-yard line. Holding the Wolfpack to just 49 passing yards, the defense turned in the best pass defense in Coach Spurrier's tenure.
- ✓ The 34-point shutout win was the biggest margin of victory in a shutout for Carolina since they blanked Western Carolina by a 38-0 score on Sept. 10, 1988. That '88 squad also pitched a shutout the following week, 17-0 over East Carolina, the last time USC has posted back-to-back whitewashes.

BESTS UNDER SPURRIER

- ✓ The Gamecocks posted their second shutout in the Steve Spurrier Era against NC State.
- ✓ Carolina held NC State to just 10 first downs, the fewest in the Spurrier Era.
- ✓ The five passes completed by the Wolfpack tied for the fewest allowed by Carolina in the last four years. Wofford also completed just five passes in 2006.
- ✓ The 49 passing yards was the fewest allowed in the Spurrier Era, topping the previous mark of 63 against Louisiana-Lafayette in 2007.
- ✓ The 138 total yards allowed also set the standard, bettering the mark of 161 against Miss. State in '06.

Game-by-Game

1961	10/25	W	23-7	A
1992	10/24	W	21-7	A
1993	10/23	W	22-0	H
1994	10/22	W	19-16	A
1995	11/21	W	52-14	H
1996	10/26	W	27-0	A
1997	10/25	W	35-3	H
1998	10/24	L	14-17	A
1999	10/23	L	10-11	H
2000	10/21	W	30-14	A
2001	10/20	W	46-14	H
2002	09/29	W	20-14	A
2003	10/25	W	35-24	H
2004	09/04	W	31-6	A
2005	10/22	W	35-28	H
2006	10/21	W	31-13	A
2007	10/20	L	6-17	H

THE HBC IN OPENERS

South Carolina Head Coach Steve Spurrier improved his record to 18-1 in season-opening games in his 19 seasons as a collegiate head coach. The only loss in that stretch was ironically a 27-21 loss to the Carolina Gamecocks in Columbia on Sept. 2, 1989 when he was the head ball coach in his final season at Duke. That Blue Devil squad went on to win the ACC title that season. The USC victory was led by the great Todd Ellis, who is now the play-by-play voice of Gamecock Football. Since that time, Coach Spurrier has won 16 straight season opening games with his squad scoring 40 or more points in 10 of those 16 games.

SEC OPENERS

The Gamecocks begin their 17th season competing in the Southeastern Conference. They are 7-9 in their previous 16 conference openers. This is just the third time that South Carolina has opened its conference slate against someone other than Georgia. They are 5-9 in conference openers against the Bulldogs, and 2-0 against other SEC foes, defeating Vanderbilt in Nashville, 31-6, to open the 2004 slate and winning at Mississippi State, 15-0, to start the 2006 campaign.

LOOKING FOR MOMENTUM

The Gamecocks are hoping that a win over Vanderbilt will provide the momentum for a successful SEC season. In its 16 previous seasons in the league, South Carolina has posted a trio of 5-3 campaigns and a pair of 4-4 seasons. They were under .500 in the league in each of the other 11 campaigns.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

The South Carolina Gamecocks brought a lofty No. 6 national ranking into Williams-Brice Stadium on Oct. 20, 2008, but left with their second loss of the season in eight tries after Vanderbilt posted a 17-6 upset victory. Vanderbilt had lost seven straight to the Gamecocks and were 0-14 all-time against Head Coach Steve Spurrier, but scored 17 first-quarter points and held on for the win. The South Carolina offense was limited to just 282 yards. Starting quarterback Chris Smelley threw two interceptions and was sacked seven times.

THE POLLS

The South Carolina Gamecocks opened the 2008 season just outside the nation's top 25 in the two national polls. They were 26th in the Preseason Associated Press poll with 84 points, just one point behind Pittsburgh, and were 27th in the *USA Today/Coaches* Preseason Poll with 64 points. The Gamecocks opened as the seventh-highest ranked SEC school in both preseason polls behind Georgia (1st in AP, 1st in *USA Today*), Florida (5/5), LSU (7/6), Auburn (10/11), Tennessee (18/18) and Alabama (24/26).

FOR STARTERS

The Gamecocks officially return 18 starters from the 2007 squad (six on offense, 10 on defense and one specialist). The returning offensive starters are OG Seaver Brown, OG Lemuel Jeanpierre, WR Dion LeCorn, WR

Kenny McKinley, OT Jamon Meredith and OT Justin Sorensen. The returning defensive starters include DT Ladi Ajiboye, S Emanuel Cook, DT Marque Hall, LB Cliff Matthews, CB Captain Munnerlyn, DE Eric Norwood, LB Rodney Paulk, LB Marvin Sapp, FS Darian Stewart, and CB Carlos Thomas. Senior Ryan Succop is the returning punter and placekicker. The list does not include middle linebacker Jasper Brinkley, who started all 13 games in 2006 and the first four games of the 2007 season before suffering a season-ending knee injury, or defensive tackle Nathan Pepper, who started 12 games in 2006 and each of the first three games in 2007 before suffering a season-ending knee injury.

NEW STARTERS

Two Gamecocks made their first collegiate start in the win over NC State. Redshirt junior quarterback Tommy Beecher made his first start under center, while sophomore fullback Patrick DiMarco also earned his first career start.

RECAPING 2007

South Carolina won six of its first seven games, including an impressive win at then-No. 11 Georgia and a win over No. 8 Kentucky, to climb to No. 7 in the Associated Press poll and sixth in the BCS standings, before dropping each of their last five games to finish the season at 6-6, 3-5 in the Southeastern Conference. Four of the six losses came to teams ranked in the top-25 in the country at the time of the contest. The Gamecocks were 4-3 in the friendly confines of Williams-Brice Stadium and were 2-3 in road contests.

BOWL ELIGIBLE

The Gamecocks finished the 2007 campaign with a 6-6 record, making them bowl-eligible. Unfortunately, 10 SEC teams had the minimum number of six wins for bowl eligibility to fill nine bowl slots and the Gamecocks were left standing on the outside of the bowl merry-go-round when the music stopped playing. It marked the fourth straight year in which the Gamecocks were bowl-eligible, accomplishing that feat for just the second time in the modern era (also from 1987-90).

TOUGH TIMES

The Gamecocks had one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2007, facing five ranked opponents during the regular season. According to the NCAA, Carolina's schedule was ranked as the ninth-toughest in Division I football. Eight of South Carolina's 12 opponents in 2007 played in a bowl game, with five of those teams posting victories.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Gamecocks defeated three teams in 2007 that went on to win its bowl games. Carolina knocked off Georgia by a 16-12 score, Mississippi State by a 38-21 margin and Kentucky by a 38-23 advantage. Georgia routed Hawaii 41-10 in the Sugar Bowl, Mississippi State defeated UCF, 10-3 in the Liberty Bowl, and Kentucky defeated Florida State, 35-28 in the Music City Bowl.

Associated Press

1.	Georgia (22)	11-2	1,528
2.	Ohio State (21)	11-2	1,506
3.	Southern California (12)	11-2	1,490
4.	Oklahoma (4)	11-3	1,444
5.	Florida (6)	9-4	1,415
6.	Missouri	12-2	1,266
7.	LSU	12-2	1,135
8.	West Virginia	11-2	1,116
9.	Clemson	9-4	1,105
10.	Auburn	9-4	968
11.	Texas	10-3	966
12.	Texas Tech	9-4	786
13.	Wisconsin	9-4	771
14.	Kansas	12-1	707
15.	Arizona State	10-3	631
16.	BYU	11-2	590
17.	Virginia Tech	11-3	578
18.	Tennessee	10-4	509
19.	South Florida	9-3	496
20.	Illinois	9-4	483
21.	Oregon	9-4	366
22.	Penn State	9-4	293
23.	Wake Forest	8-4	227
24.	Alabama	7-6	89
25.	Pittsburgh	5-7	85
26.	South Carolina	6-6	84

USA Today/Coaches

1.	Georgia (22)	11-2	1,438
2.	Southern California (14)	11-2	1,430
3.	Ohio State (14)	11-2	1,392
4.	Oklahoma (3)	11-3	1,329
5.	Florida (5)	9-4	1,293
6.	LSU (3)	12-2	1,163
7.	Missouri	12-2	1,143
8.	West Virginia	11-2	1,008
9.	Clemson	9-4	999
10.	Texas	10-3	979
11.	Auburn	9-4	888
12.	Wisconsin	9-4	747
13.	Kansas	12-1	714
14.	Texas Tech	9-4	644
15.	Virginia Tech	11-3	568
16.	Arizona State	10-3	560
17.	BYU	11-2	547
18.	Tennessee	10-4	506
19.	Illinois	9-4	422
20.	Oregon	9-4	399
21.	South Florida	9-3	350
22.	Penn State	9-4	313
23.	Wake Forest	8-4	203
24.	Michigan	9-4	112
25.	Fresno State	8-4	91
27.	South Carolina	6-6	64

Starting Assignments

Player	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	ALL
Kenny McKinley	-	6	13	12	1	32
Jamon Meredith	RS	4	13	12	0	29
Rodney Paulk	-	-	10	12	0	22
Carlos Thomas	-	3	10	7	0	20
Justin Sorensen	RS	0	6	12	1	19
Jasper Brinkley	-	-	13	4	1	18
Captain Munneryn	-	-	5	10	1	16
Jordin Lindsey	0	9	6	RS	1	16
Nathan Pepper	-	-	12	3	1	16
Emanuel Cook	-	-	5	9	1	15
Mike Davis	-	9	5	0	0	14
Marque Hall	3	1	2	8	0	14
Stoney Woodson	RS	1	9	3	1	14
Eric Norwood	-	-	0	12	1	13
Marvin Sapp	-	1	3	8	0	12
Ladi Ajiboye	-	-	-	10	1	11
Darian Stewart	-	-	0	10	1	11
Cliff Matthews	-	-	-	9	1	10
Garrett Anderson	-	-	4	4	1	9
Freddie Brown	-	RS	4	3	0	7
Lemuel Jeanpierre	-	RS	1	5	1	7
Moe Brown	-	-	1	4	1	6
Seaver Brown	-	-	RS	6	0	6
Hutch Eckerson	-	-	5	RS	1	6
Dion LeCorn	-	-	-	6	0	6
Chris Smelley	-	-	RS	6	0	6
Jared Cook	-	RS	1	3	1	5
Heath Batchelor	-	-	RS	3	1	4
Dustin Lindsey	0	4	RS	0	0	4
Jonathan Williams	-	-	-	3	0	3
Yvan Banag	-	0	2	0	0	2
Chris Culliver	-	-	-	1	1	2
Taylor Rank	-	RS	1	0	1	2
Jason Barnes	-	-	-	1	0	1
Tommy Beecher	-	RS	0	0	1	1
Patrick DiMarco	-	-	-	0	1	1
Travian Robertson	-	-	-	1	0	1
Addison Williams	-	-	-	1	0	1
Bryan Kingrey	RS	0	1	0	0	1
Bobby Wallace	-	1	0	0	0	1

MORE TOUGH TIMES AHEAD

The Gamecocks will face four of the top nine teams in the country in 2008, according to the preseason polls. Georgia is the top-ranked team in both polls. The Bulldogs will make their way to Columbia on Sept. 13 in a nationally-televised CBS contest. Florida enters the season ranked fifth in both polls. Carolina will travel to The Swamp on Nov. 15. LSU is seventh in the AP poll and sixth in the *USA Today* poll. The Bayou Bengals will visit Columbia on Oct. 18. Clemson begins the season ranked ninth in both polls. The Tigers will host the Gamecocks in the final regular-season game of the '08 campaign on Nov. 29. In addition, the Gamecocks will play Tennessee, ranked 18th in both preseason polls. The Vols come to Williams-Brice Stadium on Nov. 1.

UNDER COACH SPURRIER

Head coach Steve Spurrier is 22-16 in his fourth season in Columbia. He recorded the most wins by a Carolina head coach in his first three seasons (21), topping Joe Morrison's mark of 20 from 1983-85.

WINNING MORE OFTEN

The Gamecocks have posted four consecutive seasons of at least a .500 record, going 6-5 in 2004, 7-5 in 2005, 8-5 in 2006 and 6-6 in 2007. It's the first time they have accomplished that feat since 1987-90 (8-4, 8-4, 6-4-1, 6-5). The last time they went five or more consecutive seasons with a .500 record or better was from 1928-34.

COACHING CHANGES

Steve Spurrier made a pair of changes to his coaching staff in the off-season, bringing in Ellis Johnson to be the new defensive coordinator and Ray Rychleski to coordinate the special teams. Johnson has spent the past four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Mississippi State under Sylvester Croom. He actually comes to Carolina following a very brief stint on Bobby Petrino's staff at Arkansas. Rychleski takes over as special teams coordinator and tight ends coach, a role similar to what he held for the past seven years at the University of Maryland.

GAME CAPTAINS

The Gamecocks select captains for each game: NC State: PK Ryan Succop, LB Eric Norwood, RT Justin Sorensen, DT Nathan Pepper.

WORKING OVERTIME

The Gamecocks have played just two overtime games in their history, both at Tennessee. They dropped a 23-20 decision in Knoxville on Sept. 27, 2003, then fell by a 27-24 score on Oct. 27, 2007, also at Neyland Stadium. Every other SEC team has played at least three overtime games since the rule was established in 1996.

COMPARING THE YEARS

Here's how the Carolina Gamecocks have fared statistically in the Spurrier Era:

	2005	2006	2007
Record	7-5	8-5	6-6
Scoring Offense	284	346	313
Points Per Game	23.7	26.2	26.1
First Downs	206	270	255
Rushing Attempts	365	414	382
Rushing Yards	1142	1876	1707
Rushing Avg./Game	95.2	144.3	113.7
Pass Attempts	355	389	443
Pass Completions	213	243	258
Passes Had Intercepted	12	13	17
Passing Yards	2649	3259	3098
Passing Avg./Game	220.8	250.7	258.2
Total Plays	720	803	825
Total Yards	3791	5135	4462
Avg. Yards/Game	315.9	395.0	371.8
Scoring Defense	279	243	282
Points Per Game	23.2	18.7	23.5
First Downs Allowed	237	231	242
Opp. Rushing Attempts	508	469	518
Opp. Rushing Yards	2091	1909	2828
Opp. Rushing Avg./Game	174.2	146.8	209.2
Opp. Pass Attempts	365	313	358
Opp. Pass Completions	204	170	199
Pass Interceptions	12	14	14
Opp. Passing Yards	2238	2470	2025
Opp. Passing Avg./Game	186.5	190.0	168.8
Opp. Total Plays	873	782	876
Opp. Total Yards	4329	4379	4536
Opp. Avg. Yards/Game	360.8	336.8	378.0

Tracking the 2008 Opponents

Opponent (Date vs. Carolina)	W-L	Last Game	Next Game
vs NC State (8/28)	0-1	L, 34-0 at South Carolina	vs William & Mary (9/6)
at Vanderbilt (9/4)	1-0	W, 34-13 at Miami (0)	vs South Carolina (9/4)
vs Georgia (9/13)	0-0	vs Georgia Southern	vs Central Michigan (9/6)
vs Wofford (9/20)	0-0	vs Presbyterian	at Charleston Southern (9/6)
vs UAB (9/27)	0-0	at Tennessee	at Florida Atlantic (9/6)
at Ole Miss (10/4)	0-0	vs Memphis	at Wake Forest (9/6)
at Kentucky (10/11)	0-0	at Louisville	vs Norfolk State (9/6)
vs LSU (10/18)	0-0	vs Appalachian State	vs Troy (9/6)
vs Tennessee (11/1)	0-0	at UCLA	vs UAB (9/13)
vs Arkansas (11/8)	0-0	vs Western Illinois	vs Louisiana-Monroe (9/6)
at Florida (11/15)	0-0	vs Hawai'i	vs Miami (Fla.) (9/6)
at Clemson (11/29)	0-0	vs Alabama	vs The Citadel (9/6)

Opponents' Overall Record 1-1 (.500)

The Gamecock Offense

WR	11	Kenny McKinley (6-0, 187, Sr.***)	Preseason first-team All-SEC pick by the coaches and media... needs 11 catches to break the school career record.
	15	Matt Clements (6-0, 188, Fr.-RS)	Redshirt freshman who was hampered by a knee injury that kept him sidelined for much of the 2007 season.
	12	C.C. Whitlock (5-10, 169, Fr.)	True freshman who went through spring drills after graduating from Chester (S.C.) High School.
WR	18	Dion LeCorn (5-11, 220, So.*)	Caught 2 passes in the opener... made six starts and caught 27 passes for 315 yards as a true freshman in 2007.
	4	Jason Barnes (6-4, 204, Fr.-RS)	Lanky receiver who started the LSU game last season but gained a medical redshirt.
WR	9	Moe Brown (6-0, 184, Jr.**)	May be the fastest of the Gamecock receivers and the deep-ball threat... has made six career starts.
	85	Joe Hills (6-4, 201, So.)	Tall receiver who appeared in one game in 2007 but was denied a medical redshirt.
	82	Freddie Brown (6-3, 208, Jr.**)	Possession-type receiver who has caught 33 passes over the last three years.... father coaches at Spartanburg HS.
LT	66	Hutch Eckerson (6-6, 292, So.*)	Played in 10 games as a true freshman, then was redshirted during the 2007 campaign.
	76	Jarriel King (6-7, 285, So.)	Junior college transfer who has three years to play three at South Carolina... originally signed with USC in 2005.
LG	57	Lemuel Jeanpierre (6-3, 305, Jr.**)	Former defensive lineman who was converted to offense in 2007... made five starts at right guard in 2007.
	62	Pierre Andrews (6-3, 288, So.)	Redshirt sophomore who has worked his way into the two-deep for the first time in his career.
C	70	Garrett Anderson (6-4, 310, Jr.**)	Has played in 23 of 26 games over the past 3 seasons, making nine starts, eight at offensive guard.
	63	Seaver Brown (6-5, 302, So.*)	Made six starts at left guard in 2007, the most of the three players who earned starting assignment at that spot.
RG	74	Heath Batchelor (6-7, 309, So.*)	Came to USC as a tackle but was moved to right guard... became a fixture over the final 4 games of the '07 season.
	60	Terrence Campbell (6-3, 277, So.)	Former defensive lineman who has made the conversion to the O-line.
RT	78	Justin Sorensen (6-7, 316, Sr.**)	Big Canadian offensive lineman who has made 19 consecutive starts at right tackle... selected in the CFL Draft.
	68	Kyle Nunn (6-6, 306, Fr.-RS)	Redshirt freshman who has worked his way into the two-deep... from Sumter, S.C.
-OR-	72	Quintin Richardson (6-4, 290, Fr.-RS)	Local product from Spring Valley HS... redshirted as a true freshman... expected to push for playing time.
TE	84	Jared Cook (6-5, 240, Jr.**)	Preseason third-team All-SEC pick by the coaches... excellent speed for a TE... figures to be a big play threat.
	88	Weslye Saunders (6-5, 274, So.*)	Big target at tight end... caught 12 passes for 151 yards in 2007... Named Most Improved Tight End in the spring.
QB	6	Tommy Beecher (6-1, 220, Jr.*)	Made his first collegiate start against NC State... completed 12-of-22 passes for 106 yards with 4 INTs.
-OR-	7	Chris Smelley (6-2, 211, So.*)	Owens a 4-2 record as a starter... came off the bench to go 5-for-5 for 92 yards and 2 TDs against NC State.
FB	47	Patrick DiMarco (6-1, 238, So.*)	made his first career start against NC State... nephew of professional golfer Chris DiMarco.
	46	Bryan Kingrey (6-1, 241, Sr.**)	Former walk-on who has earned a scholarship... does not have any offensive statistics.
TB	25	Mike Davis (5-9, 207, Sr.***)	Senior who has rushed for 1,759 yards in his career... owns four 100-yard rushing games including vs. NC State.
-OR-	20	Taylor Rank (6-0, 216, Jr.**)	Made his 2nd career start against NC State... posted a 101-yard rushing game against FAU in 2006 in his 1st start.
	10	Brian Maddox (5-10, 224, So.*)	Sophomore who saw limited time in the backfield in '07... named the Most Improved Running Back in the spring.

BEECHER FEATURED

Redshirt junior quarterback Tommy Beecher made his first collegiate start against the NC State Wolfpack last Thursday. The 6-2, 220-pound Concord, N.C. native was named the Gamecocks' starting quarterback following spring drills. He struggled against the 'Pack, completing 12-of-22 passes for 106 yards with four interceptions. It was the most interceptions by a Gamecock quarterback since Todd Ellis tossed four against Georgia Tech in 1988. He also rushed a dozen times for 25 yards. He has completed 28-of-47 passes (59.6 percent) for 300 yards and two touchdowns in his career. His best performance was an 11-for-15 effort for 137 yards against Louisiana-Lafayette in the 2007 season opener. His longest pass completion went for 20 yards in that contest.

BEECHER'S FAMILY AFFAIR

Tommy Beecher comes from a family of athletes. His grandfather, Tee Moorman, was an all-conference performer at Duke. His uncles, Tee and Tommy Moorman, also played at Duke, while another uncle, Lester Fortney, played at Navy. Tommy's younger brother, Matt, is on the Appalachian State football squad. Word out of Concord, N.C. is that the best athlete of the group is his mother, Pam.

IT MAY BE SMELLEY OUT THERE

Redshirt sophomore Chris Smelley played admirably in the fourth quarter of the NC State contest and is challenging for more playing time. Smelley, a 6-1, 211-pounder from Tuscaloosa, Ala., completed all five of his pass attempts against the Wolfpack for 92 yards, including touchdown passes of 20 yards to Dion LeCorn and 13 yards to Jared Cook. He has made six career starts, logging a 4-2 record in those contests. He has completed 58.2 percent of his career passes (106-for-182) for 1,288 yards and nine touchdowns. He was the starting quarterback in Week 1 in 2007 against Louisiana-Lafayette, becoming the first redshirt freshman to start a season-opener at quarterback since Todd Ellis did so in 1986.

Career Rushing Leaders

No.	PLAYER	YEARS	ATT.	YARDS	AVG.
1.	George Rogers	1977-80	954	5,204	5.5
2.	Brandon Bennett	1991-94	681	3,055	4.5
3.	Harold Green	1986-89	702	3,005	4.3
4.	Steve Wadiak	1948-51	543	2,878	5.3
5.	Thomas Dendey	1982-85	494	2,767	5.6
6.	Johnnie Wright	1977-81	552	2,589	4.7
7.	Jay Lynn Hodgins	1972-74	515	2,478	4.8
8.	Kevin Long	1973-76	447	2,372	5.3
9.	Clarence Williams	1974-76	440	2,311	5.3
10.	Cory Boyd	2003-07	464	2,267	4.9
11.	Warren Muir	1967-69	523	2,234	4.3
12.	Derek Watson	1999-01	437	2,078	4.8
13.	Kent Hagood	1981-85	365	2,014	5.5
14.	Bishop Strickland	1947-50	381	1,965	5.2
15.	Duce Staley	1995-96	345	1,852	5.4
	Andrew Pinnock	1999-02	422	1,852	4.4
17.	Rob DeBoer	1990-93	386	1,810	4.7
18.	Mike Davis	2005-08	374	1,759	4.7
19.	Spencer Clark	1976-79	319	1,652	5.2
20.	Mike Dingle	1988-90	389	1,634	4.2
21.	Troy Hambrick	1996-98	302	1,586	5.3
22.	Jeff Grantz	1972-75	405	1,577	3.9
23.	Alex Hawkins	1956-58	339	1,490	4.4
24.	Mike Caskey	1952-55	232	1,276	5.5
25.	Daccus Turman	2002-05	281	1,255	4.5
26.	King Dixon	1956-58	288	1,250	4.3
27.	Steve Dorsey	1976-79	297	1,216	4.1
28.	Stanley Pritchett	1992-95	266	1,178	4.4
29.	Ron Bass	1973-77	446	1,167	2.6
30.	Carl Brazell	1952-55	203	1,163	5.7

Carolina Trends

	Under	2008 Spurrier
Overall	1-0	22-16
Home	1-0	13-9
Road	0-0	8-6
Neutral	0-0	1-1
Grass	1-0	21-15
Turf	0-0	1-1
Leading After 1st Quarter	0-0	14-4
Tied After 1st Quarter	1-0	6-2
Trailing After 1st Quarter	0-0	2-10
Leading At Halftime	1-0	16-3
Tied at Halftime	0-0	2-1
Trailing at Halftime	0-0	4-12
Leading After 3rd Quarter	1-0	20-2
Tied After 3rd Quarter	0-0	1-2
Trailing After 3rd Quarter	0-0	1-12
When Scoring First	1-0	17-5
When Opponent Scores First	0-0	5-11
Largest Halftime Lead	3	22
Largest Halftime Deficit	0	31
Score 20 or more Points	1-0	17-7
Score 30 or more Points	1-0	13-3
Opponents Score 20 or less	1-0	16-5
Games Decided by 3 or less	0-0	2-4
Games Decided by 10 or less	0-0	11-9
Rush for 100 Yards or more	1-0	17-7
Rush for 150 Yards or more	1-0	10-3
Pass for 200 Yards or more	0-0	12-13
Pass for 300 Yards or more	0-0	3-3
Total 400 Yards or more	0-0	8-4
Opp. Rush less than 100 yards	1-0	6-1
Opp. Pass less than 200 yards	1-0	14-7
Opp. Total less than 300 yards	1-0	9-1
Commit More Turnovers	0-0	8-10
Commit Fewer Turnovers	0-0	9-2
Commit Equal Turnovers	1-0	5-4
Lead in Time of Possession	1-0	11-6
Trail in Time of Possession	0-0	11-10

MCKINLEY AMONG THE BEST

Senior wide receiver Kenny McKinley could leave the University of South Carolina with just about every receiving record. The 6-0, 187-pounder is an All-America candidate after earning first-team All-SEC honors in 2007. He was on the *Playboy* preseason All-America squad and was named to the Maxwell Award Watch List. He set the school single season receptions record with 77 catches in 2007. McKinley currently ranks third in career receptions (159), sixth in career receiving yards (2,176) and tied for sixth in receiving touchdowns (15) in Carolina history. The school records are held by Sterling Sharpe (169 receptions and 2,497 receiving yards) and Sidney Rice (23 touchdown catches). He has caught a pass in 34 straight games, one of the longest current streaks in the country and equalling the school record held by Sterling Sharpe and Jermale Kelly. He is the SEC active leader in both career receptions and receiving yards. He has tallied six 100-yard receiving games in his career. McKinley has played in all 38 games over the past four seasons, making 32 starts (30 consecutive), the most of the returning players. He caught a game-high six passes (or one more than the entire NC State team caught) in the season-opener last Thursday, but was held to just 37 yards.



McKinley's 34-Game Reception Streak

Date	Opp.	Rec.	Yds.	TD
2005				
10/01	Auburn	3	30	0
10/08	Kentucky	4	42	0
10/22	Vanderbilt	2	17	0
10/29	Tennessee	5	54	0
11/05	Arkansas	3	58	0
11/12	Florida	1	4	0
11/19	Clemson	3	28	0
12/30	Missouri	1	12	0
2006				
08/31	Miss. State	1	42	0
09/09	Georgia	4	60	0
09/16	Wofford	2	26	0
09/23	FAU	2	46	0
09/28	Auburn	8	110	1
10/07	Kentucky	3	63	0
10/21	Vanderbilt	2	41	1
10/28	Tennessee	4	70	0
11/04	Arkansas	7	87	1
11/11	Florida	5	71	0
11/18	MTSU	5	86	0
11/25	Clemson	5	66	0
12/29	Houston	3	112	2
2007				
09/01	UL-Lafayette	6	44	1
09/08	Georgia	7	102	0
09/15	SC State	4	36	1
09/22	LSU	6	25	1
09/29	Miss. State	4	107	2
10/04	Kentucky	5	68	0
10/13	N. Carolina	5	64	1
10/20	Vanderbilt	4	79	0
10/27	Tennessee	14	151	1
11/03	Arkansas	7	72	0
11/10	Florida	7	95	0
11/24	Clemson	8	125	2
2008				
08/28	NC State	6	37	0

WATCH LISTS

- Jasper Brinkley**
:: Butkus
:: Bednarik
- Emanuel Cook**
:: Thorpe
:: Nagurski
- Mike Davis**
:: Doak Walker
- Kenny McKinley**
:: Maxwell
- Captain Munnerlyn**
:: Nagurski
:: Thorpe
- Eric Norwood**
:: Butkus
:: Hendricks
:: Lombardi
:: Lott
:: Nagurski
- Ryan Succop**
:: Groza

South Carolina Career Receiving Records

RECEPTIONS

1. Sterling Sharpe (1983-87)169
2. Zola Davis (1995-98)164
- 3. Kenny McKinley (2005-07) ... 159**
4. Robert Brooks (1988-91)156
5. Jermale Kelly (1997-00).....153
6. Fred Zeigler (1967-69).....146
7. Sidney Rice (2005-06)142
8. Cory Boyd (2003-07)117
9. Stanley Pritchett (1992-95)116
10. Brandon Bennett (1991-94).....111

RECEIVING YARDS

1. Sterling Sharpe (1983-87)2,497
2. Zola Davis (1995-98)2,354
3. Sidney Rice (2005-06)2,233
4. Robert Brooks (1988-91)2,211
5. Jermale Kelly (1997-00).....2,181
- 6. Kenny McKinley (2005-07) . 2,176**
7. Philip Logan (1974-77).....2,063
8. Fred Zeigler (1967-69).....1,876
9. Troy Williamson (2002-04)1,754
10. Ira Hillary (1981-84)1,566

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Sidney Rice (2005-06)23
2. Robert Brooks (1988-91)19
- Jermale Kelly (1997-00).....19
4. Sterling Sharpe (1983-87)17
- Zola Davis (1995-98)17
6. Philip Logan (1974-77).....15
- Kenny McKinley (2005-07) 15**
8. Toby Cates (1991-94)13
- Monty Means (1992-95)13
- Troy Williamson (2002-04)13

100-YARD GAMES

1. Sidney Rice (2005-06)11
2. Sterling Sharpe (1983-87)10

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A CATCH

1. Sterling Sharpe (1985-87)34
- Jermale Kelly (1997-00).....34
- Kenny McKinley (2005-07) 34**
4. Ryan Brewer (2000-02)31

DAVIS STEPS UP

Senior Mike Davis is the Gamecocks' top returning tailback. The 5-9, 214-pounder from Columbia was the team's top rusher as a freshman in 2005, then has been second on the squad in rushing yards behind Cory Boyd in each of the past two seasons. He was hampered some in the preseason by an injured left shoulder, but is back close to 100 percent. He certainly looked healthy in the season-opener against NC State. Despite not starting the contest, Davis rushed 14 times for 101 yards and a touchdown. It was his fourth career 100-yard rushing game. Included was a 50-yard burst, the longest of his career. He also caught a pair of passes for 31 yards. The touchdown was the 17th rushing TD of his career, tying Duce Staley for 10th on the Gamecocks' all-time list.

Davis has appeared in 37 games over the past four seasons, making 14 starts. He has carried the pigskin 374 times for 1,759 yards and 17 touchdowns. He ranks 18th on the all-time Carolina career rushing list.

Career Rushing TDs

1. George Rogers (1977-80).....31
- Harold Green (1986-89).....31
3. Brandon Bennett (1991-94).....27
- Andrew Pinnock (1999-02).....27
5. Jeff Grantz (1973-75).....26
6. Cory Boyd (2003-07).....23
7. Jay Lynn Hodgkin (1972-74).....22
8. Thomas Dendy (1982-85).....18
- Mike Dingle (1988-90).....18
10. Duce Staley (1995-96).....17
- Mike Davis (2005-07)17**

RETURNING STARTERS

The Gamecocks return six starters from last season's offense, including four on the offensive line, guards Seaver Brown and Lemuel Jeanpierre, and tackles Jamon Meredith and Justin Sorensen. The other two returning starters are wide receivers Kenny McKinley and Dion LeCorn.

AGAINST THE COMMODORES

Vanderbilt has done a good job of keeping the Gamecocks' top offensive threats, tailback Mike Davis and wide receiver Kenny McKinley, under wraps. In three contests, Davis has rushed 17 times for 76 yards against Vanderbilt, while McKinley has caught just eight passes in three games for 137 yards and a touchdown.

TIGHT END TANDEM

The Gamecocks feature one of the nation's top tight end tandems in junior Jared Cook and sophomore Weslye Saunders. Cook, a 6-5, 240-pound junior, caught 30 passes for 421 yards and three touchdowns a season ago. He is a preseason third team all-conference selection. Saunders, who hails from Durham, N.C., stands 6-5 and weighs 274 pounds. He caught a dozen passes for 151 yards last season, including a long of 48 against Kentucky. In the opener against NC State, Cook caught two passes for 19 yards, including a 13-yard TD reception, while Saunders was held without a reception.

EXPERIENCED O-LINE

The Gamecocks have an experienced offensive line. They lost just one starter (center William Brown) from last year's group and return seven players who have all made at least four career starts. That list includes Jamon Meredith (29 career starts), Justin Sorensen (19), Garrett Anderson (9), Seaver Brown (6), Lemuel Jeanpierre (7), Hutch Eckerson (6) and Heath Batchelor (4). Those seven players have combined for 80 career starts.

PLAYING WITHOUT JAMON

The Gamecocks will be without the services of Jamon Meredith for their first two games. Meredith, a 6-5, 297-pound fifth-year senior, will sit out the first two games due to an NCAA eligibility ruling stemming from his freshman season of 2004, when he saw action in one game. Meredith is second on the squad with 29 career starts.

SORENSEN A FIRST ROUND PICK, EH?

Fifth-year senior offensive tackle Justin Sorensen had a chance to turn pro after his junior year but elected to return to South Carolina for his final season. The 6-7, 316-pounder from Vancouver Island, British Columbia, was selected in the first round (the fifth player taken overall) in the 2008 Canadian Football Draft by his hometown team, the B.C. Lions. The Lions will retain the rights to sign Sorensen, who has made 10 consecutive starts for the Gamecocks, following the season. Sorensen graduated from South Carolina in December of 2007 with a degree in retailing and is currently working on a second major in psychology.

UP NEXT

The Gamecocks will return home to host the top-ranked Georgia Bulldogs on Saturday, September 13. Game time is set for 3:30 p.m. at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia. CBS will televise that game nationally. The Gamecocks were one of only two schools to knock off Georgia last season, posting a 16-12 win in Athens. Georgia leads the all-time series 44-14-2, including an 18-7-2 mark in Columbia.

2008 Carolina Rankings

Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	34.0		
Rushing Offense	171.0		
Passing Offense	198.0		
Passing Efficiency	119.4		
Total Offense	369.0		

Beecher's Statistics

-Passing-

Year	GP/GS	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2006	3/0	2-2-0	1.000	19	1	16
2007	12/0	23-14-1	60.9	175	1	20
2008	1/1	22-12-4	54.5	106	0	18
Total	16/1	47-28-5	59.6	300	2	20

-Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	3/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	12/0	7	10	1.4	0	11
2008	1/1	12	25	2.1	0	11
Total	15/0	19	35	1.8	0	11

Smelley's Statistics

-Passing-

Year	GP/GS	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2006	2/0	15-9-0	60.0	112	0	42
2007	7/6	162-92-7	56.8	1176	9	48
2008	1/0	5-5-0	100.0	92	2	34
Total	10/6	182-106-7	58.2	1380	11	48

-Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	2/0	3	-9	-3.0	0	5
2007	7/6	29	-59	-2.0	0	17
2008	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	9/6	32	-68	2.1	0	17

M. Davis' Statistics

-Rushing-

Year	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2005	12/9	146	666	4.6	5	37
2006	12/5	100	474	4.7	6	25
2007	12/0	114	518	4.5	5	18
2008	1/0	14	101	7.2	1	50
Total	37/14	374	1759	4.7	17	50

-Receiving-

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2005	12/9	15	136	9.1	0	64
2006	12/5	11	94	8.5	0	18
2007	12/0	23	224	9.7	1	57
2008	1/0	2	31	15.5	0	18
Total	37/14	51	485	9.5	1	64

McKinley's Statistics

-Receiving-

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2005	12/6	25	291	11.6	1	42
2006	13/13	51	880	17.3	5	44
2007	12/12	77	968	12.6	9	48
2008	1/1	6	37	6.2	0	10
Total	38/32	159	2176	13.7	15	48

J. Cook's Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2006	12/1	6	113	18.8	1	26
2007	12/3	30	421	14.0	3	31
2008	1/1	2	19	9.5	1	13
Total	25/5	38	553	14.6	5	31

The Gamecock Defense

DE	41	Jordin Lindsey (6-3, 266, Sr.***)	Started vs. NC State, his first appearance since being the Outstanding Defensive Player in the '06 Liberty Bowl.
	96	Clifton Geathers (6-7, 284, So.*)	Brother of Bengals' defensive end Robert Geathers Jr and the nephew of former All-Pro Jumpy Geathers.
DT	95	Nathan Pepper (6-1, 287, Jr.**)	Missed most of the 2007 season after injuring his knee while scoring a TD against SC State.
	42	Travian Robertson (6-4, 281, So.*)	Sophomore who is listed as a defensive tackle but could also play defensive end.
	79	Marque Hall (6-3, 292, Sr.***)	Fifth-year senior... suffered a knee injury in 2006... played at less than 100% for the 2007 campaign.
DT	91	Ladi Ajiboye (6-1, 298, So.*)	Second team Freshman All-America by the Sporting News in 2007... considered the best defensive lineman.
	99	Jonathan Williams (6-2, 296, Sr.*)	Former JC player who was named the Most Improved Defensive Tackle in the spring.
	79	Marque Hall (6-3, 292, Sr.***)	Fifth-year senior... suffered a knee injury in 2006... played at less than 100% for the 2007 campaign.
DE	83	Cliff Matthews (6-4, 259, So.*)	Played linebacker most of '07 as a true freshman, starting 9 games... was an All-Freshman SEC performer.
	92	Byron McKnight (6-5, 231, Fr.-RS)	High school teammate of Travian Robertson at Scotland Country in North Carolina... had a sack vs. NC State.
MLB	52	Jasper Brinkley (6-2, 269, Sr.*)	Preseason first-team All-SEC by the media and second-team pick by the coaches... led the team in tackles in '06.
	53	Marvin Sapp (5-11, 229, Sr.***)	Has appeared in 34 games over the past four seasons including a dozen starts.
	44	Dustin Lindsey (6-4, 251, Sr.**)	Fifth-year senior... twin brother of defensive end Jordin... played just one game from 2006-07.
WLB	40	Eric Norwood (6-1, 267, Jr.**)	Preseason 2nd-team All-SEC pick by the coaches & media... on the Lombardi, Hendricks, Nagurski and Lott lists.
	45	Rodney Paulk (6-0, 227, Jr.**)	Has made 22 starts over the past three seasons, third among the returning players on the team.
	16	Shaq Wilson (5-11, 197, Fr.)	Joined the squad in January and went through spring drills... named the Most Improved Linebacker in the spring.
SPUR	24	Darian Stewart (5-11, 219, Jr.**)	Started 10 games as a sophomore in 2007... started against NC State despite having a foot injury late in camp.
	8	Larry Freeman (6-1, 228, Sr.*)	Converted wide receiver who moved to the defensive side of the ball in the fall... former junior college quarterback.
CB	36	Stoney Woodson (5-11, 200, Sr.***)	Fifth-year senior... can play both cornerback and safety... started against NC State and recorded his 5th career INT.
	5	Carlos Thomas (5-11, 199, Sr.***)	Veteran cornerback who has made 20 career starts... has four career interceptions including one against NC State.
	3	Akeem Auguste (5-9, 180, Fr.)	True freshman who earned the Big Play Award for the defense during the spring drills.
FS	17	Chris Culliver (6-0, 199, So.*)	Played wide receiver in 2007... moved to safety in the spring... made his first start at safety against NC State.
	13	Mark Barnes (6-2, 196, Fr.-RS)	Gained a medical redshirt from last season despite playing three games at wide receiver... caught two passes.
SS	21	Emanuel Cook (5-10, 203, Jr.**)	Preseason second-team All-SEC pick... leading tackler in 2007 with 92 stops... had 9 tackles vs. NC State.
	29	Chris Hail (5-10, 193, Jr.**)	Played wide receiver and was converted to cornerback as a freshman in 2006.
CB	1	Captain Munnerlyn (5-9, 185, Jr.**)	Preseason first-team All-SEC pick by the coaches and media... had two pass break ups against NC State.
	7	Addison Williams (5-8, 178, So.*)	Earned the Most Improved Cornerback Award in the spring.

NEW COORDINATOR IN TOWN

Ellis Johnson takes over as defensive coordinator this season. Johnson has brought a 4-2-5 package to help the Gamecocks defend against teams that spread their offense. Johnson returns to his home state, as he is a Winnsboro, S.C. native and a graduate of The Citadel. Johnson most recently served as the defensive coordinator at Mississippi State under Sylvester Croom. In his most recent game, Johnson's Bulldogs held Central Florida to just 231 yards in a Liberty Bowl win, and held Kevin Smith, the nation's top rusher, to nearly 70 yards below his average.

2008 Carolina Rankings

Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Defense	0.0		
Rushing Defense	89.0		
Passing Defense	49.0		
Pass Efficiency Defense	25.6		
Total Defense	138.0		

QUITE A DEBUT

Ellis Johnson's defense had quite a debut, as they pitched a 34-0 shutout of NC State last Thursday night. The Wolfpack recorded just 10 first downs, 89 yards rushing on 37 carries (an average of 2.4 yards per rush), 49 net yards passing and 138 total yards on 57 plays, an average of just 2.4 yards per play. The Gamecocks also forced four NC State turnovers, collecting two fumbles and intercepting two passes.

FOR STARTERS

The Gamecocks return 10 of 11 starters on defense. That list includes DT Ladi Ajiboye, S Emanuel Cook, DT Marque Hall, LB Cliff Matthews, CB Captain Munnerlyn, DE Eric Norwood, LB Rodney Paulk, LB Marvin Sapp, FS Darian Stewart, and CB Carlos Thomas. It does not include LB Jasper Brinkley, who started all 13 games in 2006 and the first four games of the 2007 season before suffering a season-ending knee injury, or DT Nathan Pepper, who started 12 games in 2006 and each of the first three games in 2007 before suffering a season-ending knee injury.

BRINKLEY'S BACK IN GARNET & BLACK

The Gamecocks welcome "Mike" linebacker Jasper Brinkley back for another season. Brinkley, a 6-2, 269-pounder is an all-league candidate in his final season at Carolina. A former junior college transfer, Brinkley started each of the first 17 games in a Gamecock uniform before being sidelined with a knee injury during the LSU game in 2007. He led the Gamecocks in tackles in nine of those 17 contests and led South Carolina in tackles during the 2006 season with 107, over twice as many as any other player on the squad. An amazing 79 percent of those tackles were solo stops. His twin brother, Casper, who spent the last two seasons in the Garnet & Black, signed a free agent contract with the Carolina Panthers but was recently cut.

SEEING DOUBLE

With Jasper Brinkley's twin brother, Casper, moving on to the National Football League, the Gamecock defense is left with just one set of twins on the roster, the Lindsey boys, a pair of fifth-year seniors from Mobile, Ala. Dustin (No. 44) is a 6-4, 251-pound linebacker who has made four career starts. He has totaled 64 tackles in his career, 58 of which came in the 2005 season. Jordin (No. 41) is a 6-3, 266-pound defensive end who has accounted for 16 starts and 71 tackles in his career. He was named Carolina's Outstanding Defensive Player in the 2006 Liberty Bowl win over Houston after intercepting a pass and recovering a fumble.

ADDING PEPPER TO THE MIX

Much was made about the key loss of Jasper Brinkley to the defense last season, but another key loss early in the 2007 campaign was that of defensive tackle Nathan Pepper. Pepper, a 6-1, 292-pound junior from Greenville, S.C. had made 15 starts over three seasons before suffering a season-ending knee injury while scoring a touchdown after intercepting a pass against South Carolina State in Game 3 last September. Despite playing defensive tackle, Pepper owns a pair of interceptions, also collecting one against Clemson in the 2006 Gamecock win. Pepper was credited with a sack in the season-opening win over NC State.

NORWOOD IN A RUSH

Junior Eric Norwood is happy to see the ESPN Thursday night crew back again. Last season Norwood was named the SEC Player of the Week, the FWAA/Bronko Nagurski and the Master Coaches National Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the Thursday night win over Kentucky. He tied an NCAA record in that contest by returning two fumbles for touchdowns - scoring from two and from 53 yards out. In fact, in the last two Thursday night game's on ESPN, Norwood has recovered three fumbles. Norwood, a 6-1, 267-pounder, has found a new home this season at the "Will" linebacker position after playing defensive end in each of his first two campaigns in Columbia. You can still expect to see him causing havoc in the backfield some, after logging a school record 19.5 tackles for loss in 2007. After just 26 games in the Garnet & Black, Norwood ranks sixth on the school's all-time list in career tackles for loss with 28.5, just 6.5 off the record total of 35 set by Andrew Provence. His 13.0 sacks ranks eighth on the all-time list and is halfway to Provence's school record of 26.0.

Career Sacks

1. Andrew Provence (1980-82).....	26.0
2. John Abraham (1996-99).....	23.5
3. Cecil Caldwell (1997-00).....	15.5
4. Stacy Evans (1993-94).....	15.0
Kalimba Edwards (1998-01).....	15.0
George Gause (2001-04).....	15.0
7. Phil Ellis (1979-82).....	14.0
8. Eric Norwood (2006-07)	13.0
9. Troy Duke (1989-92).....	12.5
10. Eric Sullivan (1992-95).....	12.0
Henry Taylor (1994-97).....	12.0

NO PASSING FANCY

The Gamecocks featured one of the top pass defenses in the country last season and have all four secondary starters returning this year, including cornerbacks Captain Munnerlyn and Carlos Thomas, and safeties Emanuel Cook and Darian Stewart. The Gamecocks ranked first in the SEC and fourth in the country in passing defense in 2007, allowing just 168.75 yards per game through the air. They were also 12th in the nation in pass efficiency defense. They picked up right where they left off last year by holding NC State to just 49 yards through the air on 5-of-20 passing with two interceptions.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE DEFENSE

Junior Captain Munnerlyn is one of the SEC's top cornerbacks. The 5-9, 185-pounder from Mobile, Ala. has made 16 starts over the past three seasons, recording five interceptions. In 2007, Munnerlyn was a first-team All-SEC selection by the league's coaches and Rivals.com and was a second team selection by the Associated Press. He is a preseason first team pick by both the coaches and the media. He was credited with four solo tackles, recorded a fumble recovery and broke up two passes in the season-opening win over NC State.

Career Interceptions (current players only)

1. Captain Munnerlyn.....	5
Stoney Woodson.....	5
3. Carlos Thomas.....	4
4. Emanuel Cook.....	3
5. Jordin Lindsey	2
Nathan Pepper.....	2
Darian Stewart.....	2

COOKIN' WITH EMANUEL

Junior safety Emanuel Cook is also an all-conference performer in the Gamecock secondary. He is on the pre-season Thorpe and Nagurski Watch Lists after leading the team with 92 tackles a season ago. He was named to the 2007 All-MayDay team, as selected by ESPN's Mark May, was a second-team All-SEC selection by both the coaches and the media in 2007. He had a solid performance against NC State in the opener, recording nine tackles, all solo stops, and forced a fumble.

SOPHOMORE SENSATIONS

The Gamecocks feel they have two of the best underclassmen in the SEC on the defensive line in defensive tackle Ladi Ajiboye and defensive end Cliff Matthews, a pair of sophomores. Ajiboye, a 6-1, 298-pounder from Riverdale, Ga., started 10 games as a true freshman, earning second team Freshman All-America honors by the *Sporting News*. He totaled 39 tackles including 3.0 sacks. Matthews, a 6-4, 259-pounder from Cheraw, S.C. made nine starts as a true freshman. Like Ajiboye, Matthews was an All-SEC Freshman selection last season. He earned honorable mention freshman All-America honors by the *Sporting News* while playing outside linebacker.

Quoting Spurrier

On the defense against NC State:

"Our defense was so good that we kept getting the ball back quickly. I'm very proud of our defense. They flew around and made plays all over the place. They tackled well and were in position basically the entire evening. It was one of the best defensive games, maybe the best, we've had around here since I've been here."

On the team's overall conditioning:

"We had zero players in the training room when the game was over. That was amazing for a very muggy evening. N.C. State had a few guys carried off the field. We're in good shape. (Strength and conditioning coach) Mark Smith got a game ball. Obviously, conditioning was very important on our side."

South Carolina-Vandy By the Numbers

	USC	VU
Record	1-0	1-0
Points Scored	34	34
Points/Game	34.0	34.0
Opp. Points Scored	0	13
Opp. Points/Game	0.0	13.0
First Downs	20	17
Opp. First Downs	10	17
3rd Down Conversions	36%	53%
Opp. 3rd Down Conversions	29%	27%
4th Down Conversions	3-3	0-1
Opp. 4th Down Conversions	0-1	1-2
Rushing Attempts	42	50
Yards Rushing	171	269
Yards Rushing/Game	171.0	269.0
Opp. Rushing Attempts	37	25
Opp. Yards Rushing	89	96
Opp. Yards Rush/Game	89.0	96.0
Passes Attempted	27	16
Passes Completed	17	9
Yards Passing	198	91
Yards Pass/Game	198.0	91.0
Opp. Passes Attempted	20	42
Opp. Passes Completed	5	19
Opp. Yards Passing	49	244
Opp. Yards Pass/Game	49.0	244.0
Total Plays	69	66
Total Yards	369	360
Avg. Yards/Game	369.0	360.0
Avg. Yards/Play	5.3	5.5
Opp. Total Plays	57	67
Opp. Total Yards	138	340
Opp. Total Yards/Game	138.0	340.0
Opp. Total Yards/Play	2.4	5.1
Avg. Poss. Time/Game	34:57	32:43
Opp. Avg. Poss. Time/Game	25:03	27:17

The Gamecock Special Teams

PK	14	Ryan Succop (6-3, 221, Sr.***)	Preseason second team All-SEC placekicker... has hit 31-of-41 field goals in his career with a long of 55.
	34	Spencer Lanning (5-11, 182, So.)	Walk-on who scored his first collegiate point last season in the win over South Carolina State.
P	34	Spencer Lanning (5-11, 182, So.)	Sophomore walk-on who made his punting debut against NC State... averaged 45.7 yards on three punts.
	39	Ryan Doerr (6-3, 173, Fr.)	True freshman scholarship punter who is competing for the No. 1 punting chores.
KR	17	Chris Culliver (6-0, 199, So.*)	Averaged 23.8 yards per kick return as a freshman... his 809 kick return yards was the second most in SC history.
	18	Dion LeCorn (5-11, 220, So.*)	Sophomore wide receiver who is returning kicks for the first time in 2008.
PR	1	Captain Munneryn (5-9, 185, Jr.**)	Had three returns for 34 yards against NC State... averaged 9.2 yards in 2007 with a long of 46 against Vanderbilt.
	3	Akeem Auguste (5-9, 180, Fr.)	True freshman who could get a look at punt returns this season.
	11	Kenny McKinley (6-0, 187, Sr.***)	Possesses the best hands of the punt return group... has averaged 6.9 yards on 39 career punt returns.
DS	59	Charles Turner (6-4, 225, So.*)	Handles both the punting and placement snaps... started at the deep snapper as a redshirt freshman in 2007.
	67	Chris Vaughn (6-1, 257, Fr.-RS)	Back-up deep snapper... redshirted last season as a true freshman from Columbia's Irmo High School.
H	6	Tommy Beecher (6-2, 220, Jr.*)	Quarterback who handled all the holding duties in 2007.
	27	Scott Spurrier (5-4, 163, Jr.)	Son of head coach Steve Spurrier and brother of wide receivers coach Steve Spurrier Jr.
	86	Stephen Flint (6-2, 197, Fr.-RS)	Walk-on wide receiver who has shown excellent hands in practice... brother, Michael, also was a Carolina walk-on.

Media Services

Head Coach Steve Spurrier conducts his weekly press conference Tuesdays in the team meeting room in the Crews Building (second floor, south end zone) at Williams-Brice Stadium. Coach Spurrier begins the press conference at noon and a box lunch is served. Selected players are also available for interviews either before or following Coach Spurrier.

SEC Teleconference:

The Southeastern Conference will again host a weekly press teleconference each Wednesday from Aug. 27 through Nov. 26. The teleconference, open to the media, will feature the head coach from each team every week. Coach Spurrier's schedule time is 11:07 a.m. ET. Please contact either the SEC Media Relations office at (205) 458-3010 or the school's Media Relations Department for the telephone number.

Weekly Interview Opportunities:

Selected South Carolina players are available for interviews after practice on Monday evening, Tuesday before and after Coach Spurrier's press conference and Wednesday following practice. All interview requests should be made 24 hours in advance. Coach Spurrier is available to the media via teleconference on Sunday, following practice on Monday evening, at the noon press conference on Tuesday, via the SEC teleconference on Wednesday and following practice on both Wednesday and Thursday. He also does his weekly radio show from Wild Wing Cafe in the Vista on Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. Players are not available for interviews on Thursdays, Fridays or Sundays. Gamecock practices are closed to both the public and media unless otherwise notified.

Satellite Feeds:

The Steve Spurrier press conference is available live via satellite each week. The next one will be Sunday, August 31 from 3-3:30 pm ET. It can be found on C-Band Analog, Galaxy 28, Transponder 15, with a downlink frequency of 4000 MHz Vertical.

NEW COORDINATOR

Ray Rychleski takes over the duties as special teams coordinator for the Gamecocks in 2008. Rychleski has spent the past seven years as the special teams coordinator and tight ends/H-backs coach at the University of Maryland. Over the seven-year period Maryland had zero punts blocked, the longest streak in Division I-A football. His special teams units blocked 22 kicks and had eight returns for touchdowns in that seven-year stretch. In addition, Maryland led the country in kickoff return yardage defense in 2007, allowing just 16.56 yards per kickoff return.

SPECIAL SPECIALIST

Senior placekicker Ryan Succop is one of the top returning placekickers in college football. He is 31-for-41 in field goal attempts in his career (75.6 percent) and is 17-for-18 (94.4 percent) inside 40 yards... He has converted 24 of his last 28 attempts (85.7 percent) from inside 47. He has scored 171 points in his career, ranking ninth on Carolina's all-time list. The 6-3, 221-pounder was an Associated Press honorable mention All-SEC selection and has earned SEC first-team preseason honors as a placekicker by the media and was a second-team selection by the coaches.. He was 13-for-17 in field goal attempts in 2007 with three of his four misses coming from at least 47 yards out (47, 48 and 50). His longest career field goal is a 55-yarder against Vanderbilt in 2006.

Career Field Goal Leaders

FIELD GOALS MADE

1. Collin Mackie (1987-90)..... 72
2. Mark Fleetwood (1981-83)..... 39
- Reed Morton (1993-96)..... 39
4. Daniel Weaver (2000-03)..... 32
5. **Ryan Succop (2005-08)..... 31**

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

1. **Ryan Succop (2005-08)..... 756 (31 of 41)**
2. Josh Brown (2003-05)..... 741 (20 of 27)
3. Mark Fleetwood (1981-83)..... 736 (39 of 53)
4. Collin Mackie (1987-90)..... 735 (72 of 98)
5. Reed Morton (1993-96)..... 722 (39 of 54)

2008 Carolina Rankings

Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA
Kickoff Returns	23.0		
Punt Returns	11.3		
Net Punting	32.3		
Turnover Margin	0.0		

Succop's Statistics

-Placekicking-								
Year	GP	FG-A	Pct	Long	PAT-A	Pts.		
2005	12	0-2	.000	-	0-0	0		
2006	13	16-20	.800	55	37-39	85		
2007	12	13-17	.765	49	37-37	76		
2008	1	2-2	1.000	46	4-4	10		
Totals	38	31-41	.756	55	78-80	171		
-Field Goals-								
Distance	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+			
2005	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1			
2006	0-0	2-2	6-7	6-8	2-3			
2007	0-0	2-2	6-6	5-8	0-1			
2008	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0			
Totals	0-0	5-5	12-13	12-18	2-5			
-Punting-								
Year	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20
2006	13	29	1267	43.7	58	0	4	6
2007	12	56	2330	41.6	58	3	13	15
Totals	25	85	3597	42.3	58	3	17	21
-Kickoffs-								
Year	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	TB	OB		
2005	12	59	3675	62.3	29	1		
2006	13	73	4640	63.6	29	2		
2007	12	60	3841	64.0	11	1		
2008	1	7	489	69.9	4	0		
Totals	38	199	12645	63.5	73	4		
-Scoring-								
Year	GP	FG-ATT	PAT-A	Tot. Pts.	Avg/Gm.			
2005	12	0-2	0-0	0	0.0			
2006	13	16-20	37-39	85	6.5			
2007	12	13-17	37-37	76	6.3			
2008	1	2-2	4-4	10	10.0			
Totals	37	31-41	78-80	171	4.6			

PASSING ON THE CHORES

Despite handling the punting chores in each of the last two seasons and earning second team preseason honors as a punter, Ryan Succop is slated to give up those duties this year to concentrate on placements and kickoffs. Sophomore walk-on Spencer Lanning earned the starting spot and averaged 45.7 yards on three punts in the season opener against NC State.



Steve Spurrier

Born: April 20, 1945 in Miami Beach, Fla.
Hometown: Johnson City, Tenn.
Wife: Jerri
Children: Lisa, Amy, Steve, Jr., Scott

College Education

Florida

College Playing Experience

Florida (1964-66)

Coaching Experience

South Carolina Head Coach
2005-2008

Washington Head Coach (NFL)
2002-2003

Florida Head Coach
1990-2001

Duke Head Coach
1987-1989

Tampa Bay Head Coach (USFL)
1983-1985

Duke Assistant Coach
1980-1982

Georgia Tech Assistant Coach
1979

Florida Assistant Coach
1978

College Bowl Games

- 2006 Liberty Bowl
- 2005 Independence Bowl
- 2002 Orange Bowl
- 2001 Sugar Bowl
- 2000 Citrus Bowl
- 1999 Orange Bowl
- 1998 Citrus Bowl
- 1997 Sugar Bowl
- 1996 Fiesta Bowl
- 1995 Sugar Bowl
- 1994 Sugar Bowl
- 1992 Gator Bowl
- 1992 Sugar Bowl
- 1989 All-American Bowl

Head Coach Steve Spurrier

Steve Spurrier, who has coached a national championship team, won seven Southeastern Conference titles, and won nearly 75 percent of the college games in which he has coached, is in his fourth season as head coach at the University of South Carolina. Spurrier was introduced as USC's 32nd head coach on Nov. 23, 2004, before an overflow news conference crowd in the south end zone of Williams-Brice Stadium.

Now in his 19th collegiate season, Coach Spurrier has compiled a 164-56-2 (.743) won-loss record as a major college head coach, including a 22-16 mark at Carolina. He led the Duke Blue Devils to the 1989 Atlantic Coast Conference championship before returning to his alma mater, the University of Florida, as head coach in 1990. During his 12 seasons with the Gators, Spurrier's teams won seven Southeastern Conference championships, one national title and finished ranked in the nation's top 10 nine times. His record at Florida was an amazing 122-27-1 (.817). Spurrier, who won the 1966 Heisman Trophy as a quarterback for the Gators, most recently was head coach of the NFL's Washington Redskins (2002-03). He returned to the college ranks in 2005 after a one-year absence from the sidelines.

In his first season at South Carolina, Coach Spurrier led the Gamecocks to a 7-5 record and a second-place finish in the SEC Eastern Division. In doing so, he posted a five-game winning streak, the 15th consecutive year in which he has had a five-game winning streak, something no other coach in college history has accomplished. He was honored as the SEC Coach of the Year by the Associated Press after leading the Gamecocks to a school-record five straight SEC wins, their first win ever at Tennessee and their first win over Florida since the 1930s. It was the eighth time he has been honored as his league's Coach of the Year.

He came back with an 8-5 record in 2006, just the ninth time in school history that the Gamecocks posted eight or more wins in a season. The season was capped with a victory in the Liberty Bowl over Conference USA champion Houston. With that win, Coach Spurrier matched Joe Morrison for the most wins by a Carolina head coach in his first two seasons in Columbia.

In his third season with the Garnet & Black, Coach Spurrier's squad raced out to a 6-1 record and moved as high as No. 6 in the BCS rankings, before finishing the campaign with a 6-6 record. With 21 wins, he holds the Carolina record for coaching victories after three seasons at the helm. Carolina has finished with a .500 or better overall record in each of Coach Spurrier's three seasons, the first time it has accomplished that feat since 1988-90.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Recipient of the 1966 Heisman Trophy.
- ◆ Two-time All-American at the University of Florida.
- ◆ Inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame as a player in 1986.
- ◆ Became the first person to have both won a Heisman Trophy and to have coached a Heisman Trophy winner (Danny Wuerffel).
- ◆ In 2006, he was one of the first four inductees into the Gator Ring of Honor alongside Danny Wuerffel, Emmitt Smith and Jack Youngblood.
- ◆ Compiled a 122-27-1 record at Florida from 1990-2001, the most wins for a Gator coach in school history and a winning percentage (.817) that ranked among the top three in SEC history.
- ◆ His 122 victories at Florida from 1990-2001 rank as the best win total for a coach in his first 12 years at a school in major college history.
- ◆ Coached Florida to two National Championship Game appearances (1995 and 1996), claiming the 1996 national title.
- ◆ The only coach in SEC history and one of only two coaches in major college history to lead a squad to six straight seasons of 10 or more wins (1993-1998).
- ◆ His Gator teams appeared in the weekly polls 202 of a possible 203 weeks, including each of his last 202 consecutive weeks. From 1990-2001, the Gators were ranked number one in the polls 29 times.
- ◆ His six outright SEC titles ('91, '93, '94, '95, '96, 2000) ranked as the second-best total in SEC history, trailing only "Bear" Bryant's 11.
- ◆ Has been named his conference's Coach of the Year eight times (1988 and 1989 in the ACC with Duke, in 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995 and 1996 in the SEC with Florida and in 2005 in his first year at South Carolina).
- ◆ Named the 2007 Davey O'Brien Legends Award winner.

Steve Spurrier

Versus the SEC

Opponent	Record
Alabama	6-4
Arkansas	4-2
Auburn	10-5
Florida	1-2
Georgia	12-3
Kentucky	15-0
LSU	11-2
Mississippi State	6-2
Ole Miss	2-0
South Carolina	10-1
Tennessee	10-7
Vanderbilt	14-1
TOTAL	101-29

Bowl Games

Bowl	Opponent	Result
1989 All-American	Texas Tech	L 21-49
1992 Sugar	Notre Dame	L 28-39
1992 Gator	NC State	W 27-10
1994 Sugar	West Virginia	W 41-7
1995 Sugar	Florida State	L 17-23
1996 Fiesta	Nebraska	L 24-62
1997 Sugar	Florida State	W 52-20
1998 Citrus	Penn State	W 21-6
1999 Orange	Syracuse	W 31-10
2000 Citrus	Michigan St.	L 34-37
2001 Sugar	Miami	L 27-37
2002 Orange	Maryland	W 56-23
2005 Independence	Missouri	L 31-38
2006 Liberty	Houston	W 44-36
Record in Bowl Games		7-7

Versus Vanderbilt (14-1)

Date	Site	Score
09/19/87	Durham	W, 35-31
10/01/88	Nashville	W, 17-15
11/21/92	Nashville	W, 41-21
11/20/93	Gainesville	W, 52-0
11/19/94	Nashville	W, 24-7
11/18/95	Gainesville	W, 38-7
11/09/96	Nashville	W, 28-21
11/08/97	Gainesville	W, 20-7
11/07/98	Nashville	W, 45-13
11/06/99	Gainesville	W, 13-6
11/04/00	Nashville	W, 43-20
11/03/01	Gainesville	W, 71-13
10/22/05	Columbia	W, 35-28
10/21/06	Nashville	W, 31-13
10/20/07	Columbia	L, 6-17

Coach Spurrier by the Numbers

Year	School/ Organization	Overall Record	League/ Conference	Conference Record/Finish	Postseason/ Bowl	Final AP Poll	Final Coaches' Poll
1983	Tampa Bay	11-7	USFL	Playoffs	n/a	n/a	
1984	Tampa Bay	14-4	USFL	Playoffs	n/a	n/a	
1985	Tampa Bay	10-8	USFL	---	n/a	n/a	
1987	Duke	5-6	ACC	2-5/7th	---	---	---
1988	Duke	7-3-1	ACC	3-3-1/6th	---	---	---
1989	Duke	8-4	ACC	6-1/1st	All-American	---	---
1990	Florida	9-2	SEC	6-1/1st	None	13th	13th
1991	Florida	10-2	SEC	7-0/1st	Sugar	7th	8th
1992	Florida	9-4	SEC	6-3/1st in East*	Gator	10th	11th
1993	Florida	11-2	SEC	8-1/1st*	Sugar	5th	4th
1994	Florida	10-2-1	SEC	8-1/1st*	Sugar	7th	7th
1995	Florida	12-1	SEC	9-0/1st*	Fiesta	2nd	3rd
1996	Florida	12-1	SEC	9-0/1st*	Sugar	1st	1st
1997	Florida	10-2	SEC	6-2/tied 2nd in East	Citrus	4th	6th
1998	Florida	10-2	SEC	7-1/2nd in East	Orange	5th	6th
1999	Florida	9-4	SEC	7-2/1st in East*	Citrus	12th	14th
2000	Florida	10-3	SEC	8-1/1st *	Sugar	10th	11th
2001	Florida	10-2	SEC	6-2/2nd in East	Orange	3rd	3rd
2002	Washington	7-9	NFL	---	n/a	n/a	
2003	Washington	5-11	NFL	---	n/a	n/a	
2005	South Carolina	7-5	SEC	5-3/tied 2nd in East	Independence	---	---
2006	South Carolina	8-5	SEC	3-5/5th in East	Liberty	---	---
2007	South Carolina	6-6	SEC	3-5/tied 4th in East	---	---	---
2008	South Carolina	1-0	SEC	0-0			

*Appeared in SEC Championship Game

COACHING RECORDS	Overall Record (Pct.)	Conference Record (Pct.)	Years
Overall Record (Pro and College)	211-97-2 (.684)	---	24 years
College Record	164-56-2 (.743)	109-36-1 (.750)	19 years
Pro Record	47-41-0 (.534)	---	5 years
Florida Record	122-27-1 (.817)	87-14-0 (.861)	12 years
Duke Record	20-13-1 (.603)	11-9-1 (.548)	3 years
Carolina Record	22-16-0 (.579)	11-13-0 (.458)	4 years
USFL Record#	35-21-0 (.625)	---	3 years
NFL Record	12-20-0 (.375)	---	2 years

#includes 2 playoff losses

Steve Spurrier vs. All Opponents

Opponent	Record
Akron	1-0
Alabama	6-4
Arkansas	4-2
Arkansas State	1-0
Army	1-0
Auburn	10-5
Ball State	1-0
Central Florida	2-0
Central Michigan	1-0
Citadel	2-0
Clemson	2-4
Colgate	1-0
Florida	1-2
Florida Atlantic	1-0
Florida State	5-8-1
Furman	1-0
Georgia	12-3
Georgia Southern	1-0
Georgia Tech	3-0
Houston	2-0
Kentucky	15-0
Louisiana-Monroe	2-0
Louisville	1-0
Louisiana-Lafayette	3-0
LSU	11-2
Marshall	1-0
Maryland	2-2
Miami (Fla.)	0-1
Michigan State	0-1
Middle Tennessee	2-0
Mississippi State	6-2
Missouri	0-1
Nebraska	0-1
New Mexico State	1-0
North Carolina	4-0
North Carolina State	3-1-1
Northern Illinois	2-0
Northwestern	3-0
Notre Dame	0-1
Oklahoma State	1-0
Ole Miss	2-0
Penn State	1-0
Rutgers	0-1
San Jose State	1-0
South Carolina	10-1
South Carolina State	1-0
Southern Miss	3-0
Syracuse	1-1
Tennessee	10-7
Texas Tech	0-1
Troy	1-0
Vanderbilt	14-1
Virginia	1-2
Wake Forest	1-2
West Virginia	1-0
Western Michigan	1-0
Wofford	1-0
TOTALS	164-56-2

Carolina Coaching Highs

Most Games at Carolina

No.	Coach	Games
1.	Rex Enright	140
2.	Paul Dietzel	96
3.	Jim Carlen	82
4.	Billy Laval	71
5.	Lou Holtz	70
6.	Joe Morrison	69
7.	Brad Scott	56
8.	Sparky Woods	55
9.	Warren Giese	50
	Marvin Bass	50

	Steve Spurrier	38

Most Wins at Carolina

No.	Coach	Wins
1.	Rex Enright	64
2.	Jim Carlen	45
3.	Paul Dietzel	42
4.	Billy Laval	39
	Joe Morrison	39
6.	Lou Holtz	33
7.	Warren Giese	28
8.	Sol Metzger	26
9.	Sparky Woods	24
10.	Brad Scott	23

	Steve Spurrier	22

NCAA Coaching Leaders

Active Leaders By Wins

No.	Coach	Games
1.	Bobby Bowden	373
2.	Joe Paterno	372
3.	Jim Tressel	208
	Frank Beamer	208
5.	Chris Ault	191
6.	Mack Brown	189
7.	Dick Tomey	175
8.	Steve Spurrier	164
9.	Mike Price	154
10.	Phillip Fulmer	146

Active Leaders by Percentage

No.	Coach	Rec.	Pct.
1.	Pete Carroll	76-14	.839
2.	Bob Stoops	97-22	.826
3.	Urban Meyer	70-16	.819
4.	Mark Richt	72-19	.784
5.	Phillip Fulmer	146-45	.766
6.	B. Bowden	373-119-4	.759
7.	Joe Paterno	372-125-3	.748
8.	S. Spurrier	164-56-2	.743
9.	Jim Tressel	208-73-2	.740
10.	Paul Johnson	107-39	.733

Carolina's Superlatives Under Spurrier

MOST POINTS

- 1. 52 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06
- 2. 45 vs Troy 09-24-06
- 45 vs Florida Atlantic 09-23-06
- 4. 44 vs Kentucky..... 10-08-05
- 44 vs Houston..... 12-29-06

FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED

- 1. 0 at Mississippi State..... 08-31-06
- 0 vs NC State 08-28-08
- 3. 3 South Carolina State 09-15-07
- 4. 6 vs Florida Atlantic 09-23-06
- 5. 7 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06

MOST FIRST DOWNS

- 1. 31 at Tennessee..... 10-27-07
- 2. 29 at Arkansas..... 11-03-07
- 3. 28 at Clemson..... 11-25-06
- 4. 27 vs Louisiana-Lafayette..... 09-01-07
- 5. 25 vs Florida Atlantic 09-23-06
- 25 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06
- 25 vs Houston..... 12-29-06

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED

- 1. 10 vs NC State 08-28-08
- 2. 11 at Mississippi State..... 08-31-06
- 3. 12 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06
- 12 vs South Carolina State..... 09-15-07
- 12 vs Vanderbilt..... 10-20-07

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

- 1. 42 vs NC State 08-28-08
- 2. 41 vs Troy 09-24-06
- 41 vs Houston..... 12-29-06
- 41 vs Louisiana-Lafayette..... 09-01-07
- 5. 39 at Kentucky..... 10-07-06
- 39 at Vanderbilt..... 10-21-06
- 39 at Tennessee..... 10-27-07

FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, OPPONENTS

- 1. 23 vs Tennessee..... 10-28-06
- 2. 27 at Kentucky..... 10-07-06
- 3. 28 at Tennessee..... 10-27-07
- 4. 31 at Georgia..... 09-08-07
- 5. 32 at Florida..... 11-11-06
- 32 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06

MOST RUSHING YARDS

- 1. 223 vs South Carolina State..... 09-15-07
- 2. 208 at Clemson..... 11-25-06
- 3. 200 vs Florida Atlantic 09-23-06
- 4. 195 vs Louisiana-Lafayette..... 09-01-07
- 5. 194 at Vanderbilt..... 10-21-06

FEWEST RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED

- 1. 41 vs Vanderbilt..... 10-22-05
- 2. 62 at Kentucky..... 10-07-06
- 3. 71 vs Tennessee..... 10-28-06
- 4. 79 at Mississippi State..... 08-31-06
- 5. 81 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED

- 1. 51 at Arkansas..... 11-03-07
- 2. 50 at Tennessee..... 10-27-07
- 3. 44 vs Florida..... 11-10-07
- 4. 43 vs Vanderbilt..... 10-20-07
- 5. 42 at LSU 09-22-07

MOST PASSES COMPLETED

- 1. 34 at Tennessee..... 10-27-07
- 2. 27 at Arkansas..... 11-03-07
- 3. 26 vs Florida..... 11-10-07
- 4. 24 vs Kentucky..... 10-08-05
- 24 at Florida..... 11-11-06
- 24 at Clemson..... 11-25-06

FEWEST PASSES ATTEMPTED, OPPONENTS

- 1. 11 vs Wofford..... 09-16-06
- 11 at Arkansas..... 11-03-07
- 3. 16 vs Vanderbilt..... 10-20-07
- 4. 17 at Georgia..... 09-10-05
- 5. 18 vs Kentucky..... 10-08-05

FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED, OPPONENTS

- 1. 5 vs Wofford..... 09-16-06
- 5 vs NC State 08-28-08
- 3. 6 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06
- 4. 8 at Georgia..... 09-10-05
- 8 at Mississippi State..... 08-31-06
- 8 vs Florida Atlantic 09-23-06
- 8 at LSU 09-22-07
- 8 vs Vanderbilt..... 10-20-07

MOST PASSING YARDS

- 1. 391 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06
- 2. 364 at Arkansas..... 11-03-07
- 3. 330 vs Central Florida..... 09-01-05
- 330 at Tennessee..... 10-27-07
- 5. 323 vs Houston..... 12-29-06

FEWEST PASSING YARDS ALLOWED

- 1. 49 vs NC State 08-28-08
- 2. 63 vs Louisiana-Lafayette..... 09-01-07
- 3. 67 vs Wofford..... 09-16-06
- 4. 68 vs South Carolina State..... 09-15-07
- 5. 70 at LSU 09-22-07

MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

- 1. 545 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06
- 2. 512 vs Houston..... 12-29-06
- 3. 501 at Tennessee..... 10-27-07
- 4. 492 vs Florida Atlantic 09-23-06
- 492 at Clemson..... 11-25-06

FEWEST TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED

- 1. 138 vs NC State 08-28-08
- 2. 161 at Mississippi State..... 08-31-06
- 3. 200 vs Middle Tennessee..... 11-18-06
- 4. 236 vs Troy 09-24-06
- 5. 243 vs Florida Atlantic 09-23-06

PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. OF 3 PUNTS)

- 1. 48.7 at Mississippi State..... 08-31-06
- 2. 46.0 vs Florida Atlantic 09-23-06
- 3. 45.7 vs NC State 08-28-08
- 4. 45.3 vs Tennessee..... 10-28-06
- 5. 45.0 vs Louisiana-Lafayette..... 09-01-07

MOST TIME OF POSSESSION

- 1. 36:25 at Tennessee..... 10-27-07
- 2. 34:57 vs NC State 08-28-08
- 3. 33:19 vs Houston..... 12-29-06
- 4. 32:57 at Clemson..... 11-25-06
- 5. 32:39 at Mississippi State..... 08-31-06

Coaching Staff



John Hunt **Offensive Line**

- * Fourth year at South Carolina.
- * Coached with Steve Spurrier at Florida, at Washington in the NFL and with the Gamecocks.
- * Was a four-year letterman at offensive guard for the Florida Gators.
- * Played in two seasons in the NFL with Dallas and Tampa Bay.



Robert Gillespie **Running Backs**

- * Fourth year at South Carolina and in his third season as the running backs coach.
- * Coached the only South Carolina player (Cory Boyd) who was selected in the 2008 NFL Draft.
- * A former running back and team captain for Coach Steve Spurrier at the University of Florida.



David Reaves **Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coord.**

- * Seventh year at South Carolina and in his fifth season as a full-time assistant coach.
- * Given the duties of recruiting coordinator in February 2006.
- * In 2007, the Gamecocks threw for over 3,000 yards and averaged 258.2 yards per game through the air.



Ray Rychleski **Tight Ends/Special Teams Coord.**

- * First year at South Carolina.
- * Spent the past seven seasons at Maryland.
- * Maryland led the country in kickoff return yardage defense (16.56) in 2007.
- * Did not have a punt blocked in seven years at Maryland while his special teams units blocked 22 kicks and had eight TD returns in that span.



Steve Spurrier, Jr. **Wide Receivers**

- * Fourth year at South Carolina.
- * Taking on a greater role in the play-calling duties.
- * Will coach from the sidelines this season.
- * Has served on the coaching staff of two national championship teams (Florida and Oklahoma).
- * In his 11th season on his father's staff (5 at Florida, 2 with Washington in the NFL and now in his 4th year at South Carolina).



Ellis Johnson **AHC/Defensive Coord./Linebackers**

- * First Year at South Carolina.
- * Will coach from the press box rather than on the field during games.
- * Spent the past four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Mississippi State.
- * Born and raised in Winnsboro, S.C. Wife, Caroline, is a Columbia native.



Brad Lawing **Defensive Line**

- * Is in the third year of his second stint and his 13th year overall in Columbia.
- * Also has spent time as an assistant coach at North Carolina, Michigan State and Appalachian State.
- * Coached defensive end Eric Norwood to first team All-SEC honors and Ladi Ajiboye to second team Freshman All-America honors in 2008.



Ron Cooper **Safeties**

- * Fifth year at South Carolina.
- * Will coach the safeties this season. Has worked with the outside linebackers, special team and secondary in previous campaigns.
- * Was the head coach at Louisville (1995-97) and Alabama A&M (1998-2001).



Shane Beamer **Cornerbacks**

- * Second year at South Carolina.
- * Will coach from the press box this season.
- * He and his wife, Emily, had their first child, Emma Sutton, on August 21, 2008.
- * Worked with Ellis Johnson at Mississippi State from 2004-06.
- * Son of longtime Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer.

Depth Chart

Offense

- WR** 11 Kenny McKinley (6-0, 187, Sr.***)
15 Matt Clements (6-0, 188, Fr.-RS)
12 C.C. Whitlock (5-10, 169, Fr.)
- WR** 18 Dion LeCorn (5-11, 220, So.*)
4 Jason Barnes (6-4, 204, Fr.-RS)
- WR** 9 Moe Brown (6-0, 184, Jr.**)
85 Joe Hills (6-4, 201, So.)
82 Freddie Brown (6-3, 208, Jr.**)
- LT** 66 Hutch Eckerson (6-6, 292, So.*)
76 Jarriel King (6-7, 285, So.)
- LG** 57 Lemuel Jeanpierre (6-3, 305, Jr.**)
62 Pierre Andrews (6-3, 288, So.)
- C** 70 Garrett Anderson (6-4, 310, Jr.**)
63 Seaver Brown (6-5, 302, So.*)
- RG** 74 Heath Batchelor (6-7, 309, So.*)
60 Terrence Campbell (6-3, 277, So.)
- RT** 78 Justin Sorensen (6-7, 316, Sr.**)
68 Kyle Nunn (6-6, 306, Fr.-RS)
- OR-** 72 Quintin Richardson (6-4, 290, Fr.-RS)
- TE** 84 Jared Cook (6-5, 240, Jr.**)
88 Weslye Saunders (6-5, 274, So.*)
- QB** 6 Tommy Beecher (6-2, 220, Jr.*)
- OR-** 7 Chris Smelley (6-2, 211, So.*)
- FB** 47 Patrick DiMarco (6-1, 238, So.*)
46 Bryan Kingrey (6-1, 241, Sr.**)
- TB** 25 Mike Davis (5-9, 207, Sr.***)
- OR-** 20 Taylor Rank (6-0, 216, Jr.**)
10 Brian Maddox (5-10, 224, So.*)

Defense

- DE** 41 Jordin Lindsey (6-3, 266, Sr.***)
96 Clifton Geathers (6-7, 284, So.*)
- DT** 95 Nathan Pepper (6-1, 287, Jr.**)
42 Travian Robertson (6-4, 281, So.*)
79 Marque Hall (6-3, 292, Sr.***)
- DT** 91 Ladi Ajiboye (6-1, 298, So.*)
99 Jonathan Williams (6-2, 296, Sr.*)
79 Marque Hall (6-3, 292, Sr.***)
- DE** 83 Cliff Matthews (6-4, 259, So.*)
92 Byron McKnight (6-5, 231, Fr.-RS)
- MLB** 52 Jasper Brinkley (6-2, 269, Sr.*)
53 Marvin Sapp (5-11, 229, Sr.***)
44 Dustin Lindsey (6-4, 251, Sr.**)
- WLB** 40 Eric Norwood (6-1, 267, Jr.**)
45 Rodney Paulk (6-0, 227, Jr.**)
16 Shaq Wilson (5-11, 197, Fr.)
- SPUR** 24 Darian Stewart (5-11, 219, Jr.**)
8 Larry Freeman (6-1, 228, Sr.*)
- CB** 36 Stoney Woodson (5-11, 200, Sr.***)
5 Carlos Thomas (5-11, 199, Sr.***)
3 Akeem Auguste (5-9, 180, Fr.)
- FS** 17 Chris Culliver (6-0, 199, So.*)
13 Mark Barnes (6-2, 196, Fr.-RS)
- SS** 21 Emanuel Cook (5-10, 203, Jr.**)
29 Chris Hail (5-10, 193, Jr.**)
- CB** 1 Captain Munnerylyn (5-9, 185, Jr.**)
7 Addison Williams (5-8, 178, So.*)

Special Teams

- PK** 14 Ryan Succop (6-3, 221, Sr.***)
34 Spencer Lanning (5-11, 182, So.)
- P** 34 Spencer Lanning (5-11, 182, So.)
39 Ryan Doerr (6-3, 173, Fr.)
- KR** 17 Chris Culliver (6-0, 199, So.*)
18 Dion LeCorn (5-11, 220, So.*)
- PR** 1 Captain Munnerylyn (5-9, 185, Jr.**)
3 Akeem Auguste (5-9, 180, Fr.)
11 Kenny McKinley (6-0, 187, Sr.***)
- DS** 59 Charles Turner (6-4, 225, So.*)
67 Chris Vaughn (6-1, 257, Fr.-RS)
- H** 6 Tommy Beecher (6-2, 220, Jr.*)
27 Scott Spurrier (5-4, 163, Jr.)
86 Stephen Flint (6-2, 197, Fr.-RS)

Coaching Staff

- Steve Spurrier Head Coach
- Shane Beamer Cornerbacks
- Ron Cooper Safeties
- Robert Gillespie Running Backs
- John Hunt Offensive Line
- Ellis Johnson Assistant Head Coach
Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
- Brad Lawing Defensive Line
- David Reaves Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coordinator
- Ray Rychleski Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator
- Steve Spurrier Jr. Wide Receivers

Pronunciation Guide

- Ladi Ajiboye LAH-dee AWE-ji-boy
- Pierre Andrews pee-AIR
- Akeem Auguste uh-GUST-a
- Yvan Banag ee-VON ben-AG
- Darantzy Brunson Duh-RON-say
- John Guerry GEAR-ee
- Ryan Doerr Door
- Paul Haile HAIL
- Marque Hall mar-KEE
- Aramis Hillary AIR-uh-muss
- Walker Inabinet In-AB-in-et
- Lemuel Jeanpierre lem-YOOL john-pee-AIR
- Jarriel King juh-RELL
- Dion LeCorn luh-CORN
- Jamon Meredith juh-MAHN
- Captain Munnerylyn MUN-er-lun
- Donte'e Nicholls don-TAY
- Travian Robertson Tray-v-un
- Ray Rychleski rich-LESS-key
- Gerrod Sinclair jer-ROD
- Ryan Succop SUCK-up
- Mike Triglia TRIG-lee-uh
- Jamire Williams JUH-meer

*-Note 12 offensive positions listed

*-Indicates Letters Won

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Exp	Hometown (High/Last School)
1	Captain Munnerlyn	CB	5-9	185	JR-2L	Mobile, Ala. (Murphy)	47	Patrick DiMarco	FB	6-1	238	SO-1L	Altamonte Springs, Fla. (Lake Brantley)
3	Akeem Auguste	CB	5-9	180	FR-HS	Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna/ Fork Union)	48	Dustyn McElroy	FB	6-1	245	JR-TR	Columbia, S.C. (Irmo/Midlands Tech)
3	D.L. Moore	WR	6-4	192	FR-HS	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)	48	Darrien Davis	LB	6-1	220	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Columbia/Louisburg)
4	Jason Barnes	WR	6-4	204	FR-RS	Charlotte, N.C. (Independence)	49	Blake Baxley	SS	5-9	196	SO-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Lexington)
4	Cedrick Snead	CB	5-6	167	FR-RS	Garner, N.C. (Garner)	50	Melvin Ingram	DL	6-2	277	SO-1L	Hamlet, N.C. (Richmond County)
5	Carlos Thomas	CB	5-11	199	SR-3L	College Park, Ga. (Banneker)	51	Walker Inabinet	DS	5-9	180	FR-HS	Columbia, S.C. (Hammond School)
5	Stephen Garcia	QB	6-2	221	FR-RS	Tampa, Fla. (Jefferson)	52	Jasper Brinkley	LB	6-2	269	SR-1L	Thomson, Ga. (Thomson/Georgia Military)
6	Tommy Beecher	QB	6-2	220	JR-1L	Concord, N.C. (Concord)	53	Marvin Sapp	LB	5-11	229	SR-3L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood)
7	Chris Smelley	QB	6-2	211	SO-1L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (American Christian)	54	Hardee Sanders	OC	6-2	279	JR-SQ	Barnwell, S.C. (Barnwell)
7	Addison Williams	CB	5-8	178	SO-1L	Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake)	54	Darantzy Brunson	DE	6-0	240	SO-SQ	Hampton, S.C. (Wade Hampton/Benedict)
8	Larry Freeman	LB	6-1	228	SR-1L	Fort Meade, Fla. (Fort Meade/Pearl River CC)	55	T.J. Johnson	OL	6-4	296	FR-HS	Aynor, S.C. (Aynor)
9	Moe Brown	WR	6-0	184	JR-2L	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)	57	Lemuel Jeanpierre	OG	6-3	305	JR-2L	Orlando, Fla. (Timber Creek)
10	Brian Maddox	TB	5-10	224	SO-1L	Anderson, S.C. (T.L. Hanna)	58	John Guerry	LB	6-0	222	JR-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Dreher)
11	Kenny McKinley	WR	6-0	187	SR-3L	Mableton, Ga. (South Cobb)	59	Charles Turner	DS	6-4	225	SO-1L	Roebuck, S.C. (Dorman)
12	C.C. Whitlock	WR	5-10	169	FR-HS	Chester, S.C. (Chester)	60	Terrence Campbell	OG	6-3	277	SO-SQ	Austell, Ga. (South Cobb)
13	Mark Barnes	SS	6-2	196	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast)	61	Donte'e Nicholls	DT	6-1	302	FR-RS	Pompano Beach, Fla. (Blanche Ely)
13	Aramis Hillary	QB	6-2	210	FR-HS	North Augusta, S.C. (Strom Thurmond)	62	Pierre Andrews	OG	6-3	288	SO-SQ	Charlotte, N.C. (Independence)
14	Ryan Succop	P/K	6-3	221	SR-3L	Hickory, N.C. (Hickory)	63	Seaver Brown	OC	6-5	302	SO-1L	Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)
14	Reid McCollum	QB	6-4	210	FR-HS	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)	64	Kevin Young	OG	6-5	312	SO-SQ	Clearwater, Fla. (Central Catholic)
15	Matt Clements	WR	6-0	188	FR-RS	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)	65	Ryan Broadhead	OC	6-5	275	FR-RS	Leesburg, Ga. (Lee County)
16	Shaq Wilson	LB	5-11	197	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)	66	Hutch Eckerson	OT	6-6	292	SO-1L	Lumberton, N.C. (Lumberton)
16	Michael McQueeney	QB	6-2	222	JR-SQ	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Bishop England/ Western Carolina)	67	Chris Vaughn	DS	6-1	257	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Irmo)
17	Chris Culliver	FS	6-0	199	SO-1L	Garner, N.C. (Garner)	68	Kyle Nunn	OT	6-6	306	FR-RS	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter)
17	Zac Brindise	QB	6-0	210	FR-RS	Fort Myers, Fla. (South Fort Myers)	69	Matt Grooms	DS	6-1	230	SO-HS	McColl, S.C. (Marlboro County)
18	Dion LeCorn	WR	5-11	220	SO-1L	Ocala, Fla. (Trinity Catholic)	70	Garrett Anderson	OC	6-4	310	JR-2L	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)
19	Nick Prochak	TE	6-3	241	SO-1L	Spartanburg, S.C. (Spartanburg)	71	Jamarial Brown	DT	6-0	281	SR-SQ	Alvin, S.C. (Timberland/St. Augustine's)
20	Taylor Rank	TB	6-0	216	JR-2L	Vancouver, Wash. (Evergreen)	72	Quintin Richardson	OT	6-4	290	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
20	Jay Spearman	CB	6-0	193	FR-HS	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood)	74	Heath Batchelor	OG	6-7	309	SO-1L	Haleyville, Ala. (Haleyville)
21	Emanuel Cook	SS	5-10	203	JR-2L	Riviera Beach, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)	76	Jarriel King	OT	6-7	285	SO-TR	Hanahan, S.C. (North Charleston/Georgia Military)
22	Bobby Wallace	TB	5-7	202	SR-2L	Conway, S.C. (Conway)	77	Jamon Meredith	OT	6-5	297	SR-3L	Simpsonville, S.C. (Hillcrest)
23	Jamire Williams	CB	5-10	173	FR-RS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)	78	Justin Sorensen	OT	6-7	316	SR-2L	Vancouver Island, B.C. (Ballenas)
24	Darian Stewart	FS	5-11	219	JR-2L	Huntsville, Ala. (Lee)	79	Marque Hall	DT	6-3	292	SR-3L	Wingate, N.C. (Forest Hills)
25	Mike Davis	TB	5-9	207	SR-3L	Columbia, S.C. (Columbia)	80	Clark Gaston	DE	6-2	240	SO-SQ	Cleveland, Tenn. (Ooltewah)
26	Antonio Allen	SS	6-2	190	FR-HS	Ocala, Fla. (Trinity Catholic/Fork Union)	81	Paul Haile	WR	6-0	214	JR-SQ	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)
27	Scott Spurrier	WR	5-4	163	JR-SQ	Leesburg, Va. (Loudoun County)	81	Adam Yates	K	6-1	200	FR-HS	Sparks, MD (Hereford)
28	Eric Baker	TB	5-11	188	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (White/Fork Union)	82	Freddie Brown	WR	6-3	208	JR-2L	Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes)
29	Chris Hail	SS	5-10	193	JR-2L	Lovejoy, Ga. (Lovejoy)	83	Cliff Matthews	DE	6-4	259	SO-1L	Cheraw, S.C. (Cheraw)
30	Yvan Banag	FB	5-10	229	SR-3L	Buford, Ga. (Buford)	83	Brandon Davis	WR	6-0	170	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Irmo/Carson-Newman)
31	Gerrod Sinclair	LB	6-0	235	JR-2L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mandarin)	84	Jared Cook	TE	6-5	240	JR-2L	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
31	Kenny Miles	TB	5-10	185	FR-HS	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Brookwood)	85	Joe Hills	WR	6-4	201	SO-SQ	Palmetto, Fla. (Palmetto)
32	Tori Childers	WR	6-5	215	FR-HS	Rock Hill, S.C. (Rock Hill/New Hampton Prep)	86	Stephen Flint	WR	6-2	197	FR-RS	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
32	Reggie Bowens	LB	6-2	215	FR-HS	Holly Springs, N.C. (Garner)	87	Alex McGrath	TE	6-1	214	SR-1L	Greer, S.C. (Riverside)
33	Jarrett Burns	FS	6-3	183	FR-HS	Huntsville, Ala. (Lee)	88	Weslye Saunders	TE	6-5	274	SO-1L	Durham, N.C. (Riverside)
34	Spencer Lanning	P/K	5-11	182	SO-SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (York)	89	Mike Triglia	TE	6-4	227	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bolles)
35	Mike Newton	CB	5-11	195	SR-1L	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington/Newberry)	90	Foxy Foxworth	TE	6-3	247	SO-SQ	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
36	Stoney Woodson	CB	5-11	200	SR-3L	Tampa, Fla. (Middleton)	91	Ladi Ajiboye	DT	6-1	298	SO-1L	Riverdale, Ga. (Banneker/Hargrave Military)
39	Ryan Doerr	P/K	6-3	173	FR-HS	Katy, Texas (Katy)	92	Byron McKnight	DE	6-5	231	FR-RS	Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland County)
40	Eric Norwood	LB	6-1	267	JR-2L	Acworth, Ga. (North Cobb)	92	Kory Pippin	P/K	6-0	195	FR-HS	Simpsonville, S.C. (Hillcrest)
41	Jordin Lindsey	DE	6-3	266	SR-3L	Mobile, Ala. (Davidson)	93	Andrew Power	TE	6-4	251	FR-HS	Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Myrtle Beach)
42	Travian Robertson	DE	6-4	281	SO-1L	Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland County)	94	Kenny Davis	DT	6-4	296	FR-HS	Newberry, S.C. (Newberry)
42	Eric Davis	P/K	6-2	185	FR-HS	Newberry, S.C. (Newberry)	95	Nathan Pepper	DT	6-1	287	JR-2L	Greenville, S.C. (Greenville)
43	Alonzo Winfield	LB	6-0	215	FR-RS	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Carver)	96	Clifton Geathers	DE	6-7	284	SO-1L	Georgetown, S.C. (Carvers Bay/Hargrave Military)
44	Dustin Lindsey	LB	6-4	251	SR-2L	Mobile, Ala. (Davidson)	97	Nate Spurrier	P	6-2	243	JT-SQ	Snellville, Ga. (Brookwood)
45	Rodney Paulk	LB	6-0	227	JR-2L	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast)	98	Devin Taylor	DE	6-6	232	FR-HS	Beaufort, S.C. (Beaufort)
46	Bryan Kingrey	FB	6-1	241	SR-2L	Raleigh, N.C. (Ravenscroft)	99	Jonathan Williams	DT	6-2	296	SR-1L	Augusta, Ga. (Glenn Hills/Mississippi Delta CC)
46	Dalton Wilson	LB	6-1	235	FR-HS	Williston, S.C. (Williston-Elko)							

2008 Statistics

	USC	OPP
SCORING	34	0
Points Per Game	34.0	0.0
FIRST DOWNS	20	10
Rushing	7	6
Passing	12	3
Penalty	1	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	171	89
Yards gained rushing	191	139
Yards lost rushing	20	50
Rushing Attempts	42	37
Average Per Rush	4.1	2.4
Average Per Game	171.0	89.0
TDs Rushing	2	0
PASSING YARDAGE	198	49
Att-Comp-Int	27-17-4	20-5-2
Average Per Pass	7.3	2.5
Average Per Catch	11.6	9.8
Average Per Game	198.0	49.0
TDs Passing	2	0
TOTAL OFFENSE	369	138
Total Plays	69	57
Average Per Play	5.3	2.4
Average Per Game	369.0	138.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	1-23	3-55
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-34	1-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-10	4-48
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.0	18.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.3	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	5.0	12.0
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	3-2
PENALTIES-Yards	7-58	4-35
Average Per Game	58.0	35.0
PUNTS-Yards	3-137	6-256
Average Per Punt	45.7	42.7
Net punt average	32.3	37.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	34:57	25:03
3RD-DOWN Conversions	5/14	4/14
3rd-Down Pct	36%	29%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	3/3	0/1
4th-Down Pct	100%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards	2-14	5-16
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	4	0
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-2	0-1
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	5-5 100%	0-0 0%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	4-5 80%	0-0 0%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	4-4 100%	0-0 0%
ATTENDANCE	80616	0
Games/Avg Per Game	1/80616	0/0
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
South Carolina	0	3	10	21	0	34
Opponents	0	0	0	0	0	0

RUSHING	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Mike Davis	1	14	101	0	101	7.2	1	50	101.0
Taylor Rank	1	14	40	4	36	2.6	1	7	36.0
Tommy Beecher	1	12	41	16	25	2.1	0	11	25.0
Brian Maddox	1	2	9	0	9	4.5	0	5	9.0
Total.....	1	42	191	20	171	4.1	2	50	171.0
Opponents.....	1	37	139	50	89	2.4	0	13	89.0

PASSING	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Tommy Beecher	1	58.65	12-22-4	54.5	106	0	18	106.0
Chris Smelley	1	386.56	5-5-0	100.0	92	2	34	92.0
Total.....	1	119.38	17-27-4	63.0	198	2	34	198.0
Opponents.....	1	25.58	5-20-2	25.0	49	0	19	49.0

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Kenny McKinley	1	6	37	6.2	0	10	37.0
Moe Brown	1	2	47	23.5	0	34	47.0
Mike Davis	1	2	31	15.5	0	18	31.0
Dion LeCorn	1	2	31	15.5	1	20	31.0
Freddie Brown	1	2	21	10.5	0	16	21.0
Jared Cook	1	2	19	9.5	1	13	19.0
Jason Barnes	1	1	12	12.0	0	12	12.0
Total.....	1	17	198	11.6	2	34	198.0
Opponents.....	1	5	49	9.8	0	19	49.0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Carlos Thomas	1	10	10.0	0	10
Stoney Woodson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	2	10	5.0	0	10
Opponents.....	4	48	12.0	0	20

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

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Chris Culliver	1	23	23.0	0	23
Total.....	1	23	23.0	0	23
Opponents.....	3	55	18.3	0	25

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PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
C. Munnerlyn	3	34	11.3	0	17
Total.....	3	34	11.3	0	17
Opponents.....	1	0	0.0	0	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Ryan Succop	7	489	69.9	4	0			
Total.....	7	489	69.9	4	0	55	50.6	19
Opponents.....	1	70	70.0	0	0	23	47.0	23

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Spencer Lanning	3	137	45.7	49	2	0	0	0
Total.....	3	137	45.7	49	2	0	0	0
Opponents.....	6	256	42.7	48	0	1	1	0

----- PATs -----

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts
Ryan Succop	0	2-2	4-4	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	10
Taylor Rank	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Mike Davis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Dion LeCorn	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jared Cook	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	4	2-2	4-4	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	34
Opponents.....	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	M-A	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
Ryan Succop	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	46	0

FG SEQUENCE

- NC State
- Vanderbilt
- Georgia
- Wofford
- JAB
- Ole Miss
- Kentucky
- LSU
- Tennessee
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Clemson

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OPPONENTS
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Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Tommy Beecher	1	34	25	106	131	131.0
Mike Davis	1	14	101	0	101	101.0
Chris Smelley	1	5	0	92	92	92.0
Taylor Rank	1	14	36	0	36	36.0
Brian Maddox	1	2	9	0	9	9.0
Total.....	1	69	171	198	369	369.0
Opponents.....	1	57	89	49	138	138.0

ALL PURPOSE

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Mike Davis	1	101	31	0	0	0	132	132.0
Moe Brown	1	0	47	0	0	0	47	47.0
Kenny McKinley	1	0	37	0	0	0	37	37.0
Taylor Rank	1	36	0	0	0	0	36	36.0
C. Munnerlyn	1	0	0	34	0	0	34	34.0
Dion LeCorn	1	0	31	0	0	0	31	31.0
Tommy Beecher	1	25	0	0	0	0	25	25.0
Chris Culliver	1	0	0	0	23	0	23	23.0
Freddie Brown	1	0	21	0	0	0	21	21.0
Jared Cook	1	0	19	0	0	0	19	19.0
Jason Barnes	1	0	12	0	0	0	12	12.0
Carlos Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	10	10	10.0
Brian Maddox	1	9	0	0	0	0	9	9.0
Total.....	1	171	198	34	23	10	436	436.0
Opponents.....	1	89	49	0	55	48	241	241.0

2008 Defensive Statistics

No.	DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	|-----Tackles-----|			TFL/Yds	|Sacks-|	|---Pass Def---|		QBH	|--Fumbles--|		Blkd	Saf
			Solo	Ast	Total			Int-Yds	BrUp		Rcv-Yds	FF		
21	Emanuel Cook	1	9	.	9	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1	C. Munnerlyn	1	4	.	4	.	.	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	
53	Mavin Sapp	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Darian Stewart	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Jordin Lindsey	1	2	.	2	1.0-1	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	
52	Jasper Brinkley	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Byron McKnight	1	2	.	2	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	T. Robertson	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Cliff Matthews	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
9	Moe Brown	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Chris Hail	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Mark Barnes	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Kenny McKinley	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	C. Geathers	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
71	Jamarial Brown	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Stoney Woodson	1	1	.	1	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
25	Mike Davis	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Shaq Wilson	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Gerrod Sinclair	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	J. Williams	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Nathan Pepper	1	1	.	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Ladi Ajiboye	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Alonzo Winfield	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Dustin Lindsey	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Rodney Paulk	1	1	.	1	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Tommy Beecher	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Chris Culliver	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
40	Eric Norwood	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.
5	Carlos Thomas	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-10	.	.	.	.	.
	Total.....	1	46	2	48	4-17	2-14	2-10	3	5	2-0	1	.	
	Opponents.....	1	51	16	67	7.0-20	5-16	4-48	1	2	.	1	.	

2008 Game-by-Game Statistics

Individual Rushing

(Att-Yds-Td-Long)

Opponent	Beecher	M. Davis	Maddox	Rank	Smelley
NC State	12-25-0-11	14-101-1-50	2-9-0-5	14-36-1-7	0-0-0-0
Vanderbilt					
Georgia					
Wofford					
UAB					
Ole Miss					
Kentucky					
LSU					
Tennessee					
Arkansas					
Florida					
Clemson					

Individual Passing

(Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-Td-Long)

Opponent	Beecher	Smelley
NC State	22-12-4-106-0-18	5-5-0-92-2-34
Vanderbilt		
Georgia		
Wofford		
UAB		
Ole Miss		
Kentucky		
LSU		
Tennessee		
Arkansas		
Florida		
Clemson		

Individual Receiving

(Rec-Yds-Td-Long)

Opponent	J. Barnes	F. Brown	M. Brown	J. Cook
NC State	1-12-0-12	2-21-0-16	2-47-0-34	2-19-1-13
Vanderbilt				
Georgia				
Wofford				
UAB				
Ole Miss				
Kentucky				
LSU				
Tennessee				
Arkansas				
Florida				
Clemson				

Opponent	M. Davis	LeCorn	McKinley
NC State	2-31-0-18	2-31-1-20	6-37-0-10
Vanderbilt			
Georgia			
Wofford			
UAB			
Ole Miss			
Kentucky			
LSU			
Tennessee			
Arkansas			
Florida			
Clemson			

Game-by-Game Leaders

Opponent	Rushing	Passing	Receiving (No.)	Receiving (Yds.)	Tackles
NC State	M. Davis 14-101-1	Beecher 22-12-4-106	McKinley 6-37-0	M. Brown 2-47-0	E. Cook 9-0-9
Vanderbilt					
Georgia					
Wofford					
UAB					
Ole Miss					
Kentucky					
LSU					
Tennessee					
Arkansas					
Florida					
Clemson					

2008 Team and Individual Highs**Carolina Team Game Highs**

Rushes	42	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Rushing	171	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Per Rush	4.1	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Rushes	2	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Pass attempts	27	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Pass completions	17	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Passing	198	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Per Pass	7.3	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Passes	2	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Total Plays	69	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Total Offense	369	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Per Play	5.3	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Points	34	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Sacks By	2	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
First Downs	20	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Penalties	7	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Penalty Yards	58	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Turnovers	4	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Interceptions By	2	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)

Opponent Team Game Highs

Rushes	37	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Rushing	89	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Per Rush	2.4	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Rushes	0	
Pass attempts	20	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Pass completions	5	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Passing	49	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Per Pass	2.5	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Passes	0	
Total Plays	57	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Total Offense	138	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Per Play	2.4	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Points	0	
Sacks By	5	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
First Downs	10	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Penalties	4	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Penalty Yards	35	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Turnovers	4	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Interceptions By	4	vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)

Carolina Individual Game Highs

Rushes	14	Mike Davis vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Taylor Rank vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Rushing	101	Mike Davis vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Rushes	1	Mike Davis vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Taylor Rank vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Rush	50	Mike Davis vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Pass attempts	22	Tommy Beecher vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Pass completions	12	Tommy Beecher vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Passing	106	Tommy Beecher vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Passes	2	Chris Smelley vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Pass	34	Chris Smelley vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Receptions	6	Kenny McKinley vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Receiving	47	Moe Brown vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Receptions	1	Jared Cook vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Dion LeCorn vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Reception	34	Moe Brown vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Field Goals	2	Ryan Succop vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Field Goal	46	Ryan Succop vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Punts	3	Spencer Lanning vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Punting Avg	45.7	Spencer Lanning vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Punt	49	Spencer Lanning vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Punt Return	17	C. Munnerlyn vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Kickoff Return	23	Chris Culliver vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Tackles	9	Emanuel Cook vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Sacks	1.0	Byron McKnight vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Nathan Pepper vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Tackles For Loss	1.0	Jordin Lindsey vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Byron McKnight vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Rodney Paulk vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Nathan Pepper vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Interceptions	1	Stoney Woodson vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Carlos Thomas vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)

Opponent Individual Game Highs

Rushes	21	Brown, A., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Rushing	101	Brown, A., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Rushes	0	
Long Rush	13	Brown, A., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Pass attempts	12	Evans, D., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Pass completions	4	Evans, D., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Passing	37	Evans, D., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Passes	0	
Long Pass	19	Evans, D., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Receptions	3	Spencer, O., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Yards Receiving	27	Spencer, O., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
TD Receptions	0	
Long Reception	19	Spencer, O., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Field Goals	0	
Long Field Goal	0	
Punts	6	Pierson, B., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Punting Avg	42.7	Pierson, B., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Punt	48	Pierson, B., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Long Punt Return	0	
Long Kickoff Return	25	Graham, T., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Tackles	10	Irving, N., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Sacks	1.5	Young, W., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Tackles For Loss	2.0	Irving, N., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)
Interceptions	1	Irving, N., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Byers, J., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Morgan, D., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008) Simmons, J., vs NC State (Aug 28, 2008)

*The Last Time It Happened...***The Last Time
South Carolina...****SHUT OUT AN OPPONENT:**

34-0 vs NC State (8/2/08)

WAS SHUT OUT:

18-0 vs. Georgia (9/9/06)

SCORED BETWEEN 50-59 POINTS:

52 vs. Middle Tennessee (11/18/06)

ALLOWED BETWEEN 50-59 POINTS:

51, vs. Florida (11/10/07)

SCORED BETWEEN 60-69 POINTS:

65 vs. Mississippi State (10/14/95)

ALLOWED BETWEEN 60-69 POINTS:

63, vs. Clemson (11/22/03)

SCORED MORE THAN 70 POINTS:

77 vs. Kent State (10/7/95)

ALLOWED MORE THAN 70 POINTS:

Never

SCORED ON A SAFETY:

at Arkansas (11/3/07)

ALLOWED A SAFETY:

vs. Arkansas (11/4/06)

RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TD:

Matthew Thomas, 95 yards vs. Virginia (9/7/02)

ALLOWED A KICKOFF RETURN FOR A TD:

Leodis McKelvin, Troy, 100 yards (9/24/05)

RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TD:

Chavez Donnings, 73 yards vs. Florida (11/15/03)

ALLOWED A PUNT RETURN FOR A TD:

Lito Sheppard, Florida, 57 yards (11/11/00)

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TD:

Nathan Pepper, 19 yards vs. South Carolina State (9/15/07)

ALLOWED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TD:

Jock McKissic, 82 yards at Clemson (11/25/06)

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TD:

Eric Norwood, 53 yards vs. Kentucky (10/4/07)

HAD A DEFENSIVE PLAYER SCORE TWO TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME:

Eric Norwood, 2-yard fumble return and 53 yard fumble return vs. Kentucky (10/4/07)

ALLOWED A FUMBLE RETURN FOR A TD:

Jason LeDoux, LSU, 15 yards (10/18/03)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 300 YARDS PASSING:

316, Blake Mitchell vs. Florida (11/10/07)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 350 YARDS PASSING:

364, Blake Mitchell at Arkansas (11/3/07)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 400 YARDS PASSING:

405, Steve Taneyhill vs. Georgia (9/2/95)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 450 YARDS PASSING:

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

HAD A PLAYER COMPLETE 30+ PASSES:

31, Blake Mitchell at Tennessee (10/27/07)

HAD A PLAYER ATTEMPT 40+ PASSES:

42, Blake Mitchell vs. Florida (11/10/07)

HAD A PLAYER ATTEMPT 50+ PASSES:

51, Blake Mitchell at Arkansas (11/3/07)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 150+ YDS:

160, Cory Boyd at Tennessee (10/27/07)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 200+ YDS:

215, Derek Watson vs. Eastern Michigan (9/16/00)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 250+ YDS:

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

HAD TWO PLAYERS RUSH FOR MORE THAN 100 YARDS:

Cory Boyd (132) and Mike Davis (102) vs. South Carolina State (9/15/07)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 150+ YARDS RECEIVING:

151, Kenny McKinley at Tennessee (10/27/07)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 200+ YARDS RECEIVING:

210, Troy Williamson vs. USF (9/18/04)

HAD TWO PLAYERS WITH 100 YARDS RECEIVING:

Sidney Rice (139) and Kenny McKinley (112) vs. Houston (12/29/06)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 500+ YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE:

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

HAD A PLAYER SCORE 4 TDs:

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

HAD A PLAYER PASS FOR 4 TDs:

4, Blake Mitchell, vs. Middle Tennessee (11/18/06)

HAD A PLAYER PASS FOR 5 TDs:

5, Syvelle Newton vs. FAU (9/23/06)

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 3 TDs:

3, Mike Davis vs. Mississippi State (9/29/07)

HAD A PLAYER CATCH 3 TD PASSES:

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

HAD A PLAYER KICK 4 FIELD GOALS:

4, Steve Florio vs. East Carolina (9/20/97)

HAD A PLAYER KICK 5 FIELD GOALS:

5, Collin Mackie vs. West Virginia (11/22/90)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 2 INTERCEPTIONS:

2, Emanuel Cook, at North Carolina (10/13/07)

HAD A PLAYER WITH 3 INTERCEPTIONS:

3, Patrick Hinton vs. NC State (10/29/88)

BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT:

Orus Lambert vs. Clemson (11/19/05)

BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL FOR A TD:

Rashad Faison, vs. Boise State, 82 yards, (9/1/01)

BLOCKED A PUNT:

Eric Nowood vs. Mississippi State (9/29/07)

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TD:

Derek Watson vs. Florida, 2 yards, (11/11/00)

HAD A PUNT BLOCKED:

vs. Florida (11/10/07)

HAD A FIELD GOAL BLOCKED:

at Florida (11/11/06)

MADE A 2-PT CONVERSION:

Dondrial Pinkins run vs. UAB (9/20/03)

RECOVERED AN ONSIDE KICK:

at Arkansas (11/3/07)

ALLOWED BLOCKED PAT RETURNED FOR CONVERSION:

Demetric Webb, Florida (11/12/05)

SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE HAD...**LESS THAN 50 YARDS RUSHING:**

26, vs. Vanderbilt (10/20/07)

200+ YARDS RUSHING:

223, vs. South Carolina State (9/15/07)

300+ YARDS RUSHING:

356, vs. Vanderbilt (10/20/01)

500+ TOTAL NET YARDS:

501, at Tennessee (10/27/07)

600+ TOTAL NET YARDS:

656, vs. Vanderbilt (10/20/01)

50+ YARD RUN:

50, Mike Davis vs. NC State (8/28/08)

**The Last Time
an Opponent
Had...****TEAM...****LESS THAN 100 YARDS RUSHING:**

89, vs. NC State (8/28/08)

200+ YARDS RUSHING:

541, at Arkansas (11/3/07)

LESS THAN 100 YARDS PASSING:

49, vs. NC State (8/28/08)

400+ YARDS PASSING:

402, Florida (11/11/95)

LESS THAN 200 TOTAL NET YARDS:

138, vs. NC State (8/2/08)

500+ TOTAL NET YARDS:

537, vs. Florida (11/10/07)

600+ TOTAL NET YARDS:

650, at Arkansas (11/3/07)

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

386, Kevin Kolb, Houston (12/29/06)

400+ YARDS PASSING:

485, Eric Zeier, Georgia (9/3/94)

150+ YARDS RUSHING:

321, Darren McFadden, Arkansas (11/3/07)

163, Felix Jones Arkansas (11/3/07)

200+ YARDS RUSHING:

321, Darren McFadden, Arkansas (11/3/07)

250+ YARDS RUSHING:

321, Darren McFadden, Arkansas (11/3/07)

200+ YARDS RECEIVING:

201, Vincent Marshall, Houston (12/29/06)

50+ YARD RUN:

80, Darren McFadden, Arkansas (11/3/07)

72, Felix Jones, Arkansas (11/3/07)

50+ YARD RECEPTION:

77, Kevin Kolb to Vincent Marshall,

Houston (12/29/06)

MADE 4 FIELD GOALS:

4, Brandon Coutu (9/8/07)

MISSED A PAT:

Kentucky (10/8/05)

MISSED A 2-POINT CONVERSION:

at North Carolina (10/13/07)

RUSHED FOR 4 TOUCHDOWNS:

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

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

at Arkansas, Darren McFadden (323) and

Felix Jones (163) (11/3/07)

100+ YARDS RECEIVING:

Central Florida, Mike Walker (105) & Brandon

Marshall (102), (9/1/05)

South Carolina 34, North Carolina State 0

August 28, 2008 ♦ Columbia, S.C. ♦ 80,616 ♦ 81 degrees

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) -- South Carolina overcame four interceptions by first-time starter Tommy Beecher to give Steve Spurrier his 16th-straight opening game victory, 34-0 over North Carolina State on Thursday night.

Mike Davis and Taylor Rank had rushing touchdowns, and Dion LeCorn and Jared Cook caught TD passes from backup Chris Smelley to lift the Gamecocks and keep alive Spurrier's first-week streak which began in 1990 at Florida.

The Wolfpack, shutout 37-0 by Maryland to end last season, were held scoreless in consecutive games for the first time since 1956.

Beecher was given the job by Spurrier in April despite throwing three interceptions in South Carolina's closing spring scrimmage. Ever since, Spurrier has stood solidly in Beecher's corner repeating the junior would have a chance to go the distance for the Gamecocks this season.

Beecher looked shaky from the start. He was intercepted by Jimmaul Simmons less than three minutes in, then took the first of his five sacks to end South Carolina's next series.

Beecher was picked off twice more before the half. Spurrier finally showed his trademark fire, tossing his visor, headset and game notes after Beecher's third interception sailed over receiver Moe Brown and into the hands of Justin Byers.

Beecher finally left in the final quarter, with the Gamecocks citing a head injury.

Beecher finished 12 of 22 for 106 yards. He was two interceptions shy of the Gamecocks single-game mark, set by Glenn Morris in a 17-7 loss to Clemson in 1971.

Lucky for the Gamecocks' their defense was there to clean up the mess.

The group, headed by new coordinator Ellis Johnson, bottled up the Wolfpack throughout. North Carolina State had just 117 yards and eight first downs through three quarters.

The closest the Wolfpack came to scoring was Josh Czajkowski missing a 49-yard field goal attempt.

South Carolina linebacker Eric Norwood recovered a botched shotgun snap at the Wolfpack 9 right before halftime that led to Ryan Succop's 29-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead.

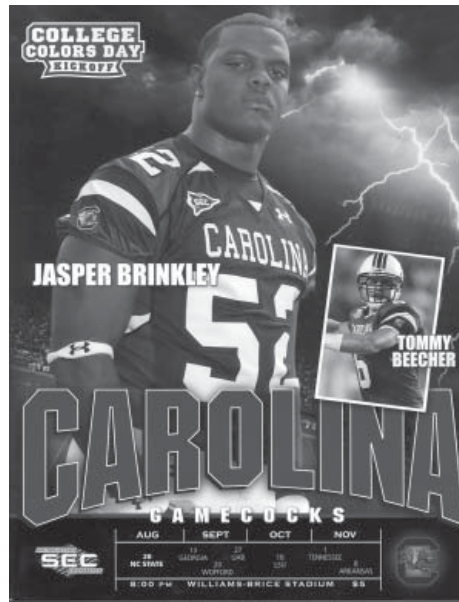
Then on the Wolfpack's second play after halftime, Carlos Thomas stepped in front of a Daniel Evans pass for an interception at the North Carolina State 9. Four plays later, Davis lept into the end zone.

Succop added a 46-yarder at the end of the third quarter.

That was more than enough points to hold off the Wolfpack.

Smelley made a push to regain the starting job he had for six games last season, leading three touchdown drives in the fourth quarter. His 5-of-5 performance included sharp scoring throws of 20 yards to LeCorn and 13 yards to Cook.

Davis finished with 101 yards, the senior's fourth career game of at least 100.



Scoring Summary

NCSU	0	0	0	0	-	0
USC	0	3	10	21	-	34

2nd Quarter

USC Succop 29-yard field goal
(4 plays, 0 yards, TOP 1:25); 0:20

3rd Quarter

USC M. Davis 1-yard run (Succop kick)
(4 plays, 9 yards, TOP: 2:03); 12:12

USC Succop 46-yard field goal
(9 plays, 34 yards, TOP 4:22); 1:15

4th Quarter

USC LeCorn 20-yard pass from Smelley
(Succop kick)
(6 plays, 60 yards, TOP 3:11); 9:46

USC Rank 3-yard run (Succop kick)
(5 plays, 69 yards, TOP 2:22); 6:53

USC J. Cook 13-yard pass from Smelley
(Succop kick)
(6 plays, 74 yards, 2:47); 3:32

Game Statistics

	NCSU	USC
First Downs	10	20
Rushing	6	7
Passing	3	12
Penalty	1	1
Net Yards Rushing	89	171
Rushing Attempts	37	42
Net Yards Passing	49	198
Cmp.-Att.-Int.	5-20-2	17-27-4
Total Offense Yards	138	369
Total Offense Plays	57	69
Fumbles: No.-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties: No.-Yards	4-35	7-58
Punts-Yards	6-256	3-137
Avg. Yards Per Punt	42.7	45.7
Punt Returns: No.-Yards	1-0	3-34
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yards	3-55	1-23
Interceptions: No.-Yards	4-48	2-10
Possession Time	25:03	34:57
Third Down Conversions	4-14	5-14
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	3-3
Red Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	5-5
Sacks By: No.-Yards	5-16	2-14
PAT Kicks	0-0	4-4
Field Goals	0-1	2-2

RUSHING: NCSU: Brown 21-101; Underwood 8-24; Wilson 4-7; Evans 1-(-10); Team 3-(-33). **USC:** M. Davis 14-101; Rank 14-36; Beecher 12-25; Maddox 2-9.

PASSING: NCSU: Evans 4-12-2-37; Wilson 1-5-0-12; Beck 0-3-0-0. **USC:** Beecher 12-22-4-106; Smelley 5-5-0-92.

RECEIVING: NCSU: Spencer 3-27; Hill 1-12; Graham 1-10. **USC:** McKinley 6-37; M. Brown 2-47; M. Davis 2-31; LeCorn 2-31; F. Brown 2-21; J. Cook 2-19; J. Barnes 1-12.

PUNT RETURNS: NCSU: James 1-0. **USC:** Munnerlyn 3-34.

KICKOFF RETURNS: NCSU: Graham 2-42; Brown 1-13. **USC:** Culliver 1-23.

INTERCEPTION RETURNS: NCSU: Morgan 1-20; Simmons 1-20; Irving 1-9; Byers 1-(-1). **USC:** C. Thomas 1-10; Woodson 1-0.