



Gameday Information

Stadium..... Legion Field
Capacity..... 70,459

TELEVISION

National TV..... **ESPN**
Play-by-Play Eamon McAnaney
Analysis John Congemi
Sideline Kevin Weidl

RADIO

National Radio..... **ESPN Radio**
Play-by-Play Doug Bell
Analysis Chris Doering
Sideline Kris Budden
Satellite Radio Sirius 80/XM 80

Gamecock IMG Sports Network

Play-by-Play Todd Ellis
Analysis Tommy Suggs
Sideline Langston Moore

SERIES CAPSULE

Series History SC leads 1-0
In Columbia..... SC leads 1-0
In Tampa..... Never Met
Netural Site Never Met
First Meeting (2004) SC 34, USF 3
Last Meeting (2004) SC 34, USF 3
Current Streak..... SC has won 1 straight
Muschamp vs. USF 0-0
Weist vs. South Carolina 0-0

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CAROLINA COACHES

On the Field

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Special Teams Coordinator/
Linebackers Coleman Hutzler
Co-Offensive Coordinator/
Wide Receivers..... Bryan McClendon
Defensive Coordinator/
Defensive Backs..... Travaris Robinson
Assistant Head Coach-Defense/
Defensive Line Lance Thompson

In the Booth

Outside Linebackers..... Mike Peterson
Co-Offensive Coordinator/
Quarterbacks..... Kurt Roper
Tight Ends Pat Washington

A South Carolina win would...

- ◆ Extend the Gamecocks' bowl winning streak record to five-straight games. The Gamecocks have won a school record four-consecutive bowl games. Only Marshall (5) has a longer bowl winning streak than do the Gamecocks.
- ◆ Give the Gamecocks a winning record for the eighth time in the last nine years and at least a .500 record for the 12th time in the last 13 seasons. The Gamecocks have not had back-to-back losing seasons since the 2002-03 campaigns when they posted back-to-back 5-7 seasons.
- ◆ Give the Gamecocks a four-win improvement over last season's three-win campaign.

YOU ARE LOOKING LIVE: After a one-year hiatus, the South Carolina Gamecocks (6-6, 3-5 SEC) are back in postseason action. The Gamecocks will square off against the No. 25/22 South Florida Bulls (10-2, 7-1 AAC) in the Birmingham Bowl on Thursday, December 29, at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala. Game time is set for 2 pm ET (1 pm local). ESPN will televise the game nationally, with Eamon McAnaney and John Congemi in the booth and Kevin Weidl on the sidelines. ESPN Radio has the national radio call with Doug Bell and Chris Doering in the booth and Kris Budden on the sidelines.

FOR THE HISTORY BUFFS: 2016 marks the 123rd season of intercollegiate football at the University of South Carolina, dating back to 1892. It is the 110th-consecutive year in which South Carolina has competed on the gridiron. Carolina is 24 games over the .500 mark with an all-time record of 592-568-44. The Gamecocks have played 200 regular season SEC games in 25 seasons. The Gamecocks are 86-113-1 (.433) all-time in SEC regular-season play.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA: The Gamecocks have eight players from the state of Alabama. They include **Griffin Gentry** (Birmingham), **Jonathan Walton** (Daphne), **Jalen Dread** (Foley), **Jamaricus King** (Mobile), **Taylor Stallworth** (Mobile), **Jake Bentley** (Opelika), **Boosie Whitlow** (Opelika) and **Ulric Jones** (Oxford).

GOING BOWLING: The 2016 Birmingham Bowl marks Carolina's 21st bowl appearance. The Gamecocks are 8-12 all-time in bowl games. They dropped their first eight bowl games, won three straight, lost four of the next five but now have won each of their last four bowl appearances.

ONE FOR THE THUMB: Carolina has won each of its last four bowl games. Only Marshall, with five-straight bowl wins, has a longer current bowl winning streak than do the Gamecocks. Here are the longest current bowl winning streaks:

1. Marshall 5
2. **South Carolina**..... **4**
3. Louisiana-Lafayette *4
4. Arkansas..... 3
5. Missouri..... 3
6. Navy 3
7. Ohio State..... 3
8. Syracuse 3
9. Utah..... 3

*Includes 2 wins later vacated due to NCAA violations.

BOWL APPEARANCES: Here's a look at the Gamecocks' 20 previous bowl appearances:

Year	Bowl	Opponent	Result
1946	Gator	Wake Forest	L, 14-26
1969	Peach	West Virginia	L, 3-14
1975	Tangerine	Miami (Ohio)	L, 7-20
1979	Hall of Fame	Missouri	L, 14-24
1980	Gator	Pittsburgh	L, 9-37
1984	Gator	Oklahoma State	L, 14-21
1987	Gator	LSU	L, 13-30
1988	Liberty	Indiana	L, 10-34
1995	Carquest	West Virginia	W, 24-21
2001	Outback	Ohio State	W, 24-7
2002	Outback	Ohio State	W, 31-28
2005	Independence	Missouri	L, 31-38
2006	Liberty	Houston	W, 44-36
2009	Outback	Iowa	L, 10-31
2010	Papajohns.com	UConn	L, 7-20
2010	Chick-fil-A	Florida State	L, 17-26
2012	Capital One	Nebraska	W, 30-13
2013	Outback	Michigan	W, 33-28
2014	Capital One	Wisconsin	W, 34-24
2014	Independence	Miami (Fla.)	W, 24-21

BOWL ELIGIBILITY: The Gamecocks are bowl-eligible for the 12th time in the last 13 years. They elected not to participate in a bowl game following a 6-5 season in 2004, did not receive a bowl bid following a 6-6 campaign in 2007, and did not qualify for a bowl following a 3-9 season in 2015. The Gamecocks are 5-4 in the nine bowl games played in that stretch, including wins in each of their last four bowl appearances.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM: This will be South Carolina's third bowl trip to Birmingham. The Gamecocks dropped a 24-14 decision to Missouri on December 28, 1979 in the Hall of Fame Bowl, then suffered a 20-7 setback to Connecticut on January 2, 2010, in what was then known as the Papajohns.com Bowl.

GAMECOCKS AND BULLS: This will mark just the second meeting between South Carolina and USF. The Gamecocks posted a 34-3 win in Columbia on September 18, 2004, in their only previous encounter with the Bulls. Syvelle Newton, making his first career start at quarterback, completed 13-of-23 passes for 324 yards and three TDs in the win. The 324 passing yards were the most ever by a Carolina quarterback making his first start. Troy Williamson logged a single-game school record with 210 yards receiving and accounted for three touchdowns, as Carolina racked up 530 yards of offense in the game. The two head coaches that day were Lou Holtz and Jim Leavitt.



Carolina-USF By the Numbers

	SC	USF
Record	6-6	10-2
Points Scored	231	523
Points/Game	19.2	43.6
Opp. Points Scored	298	372
Opp. Points/Game	24.8	31.0
First Downs	214	276
Opp. First Downs	274	299
3rd Down Conv.	35%	45%
Opp. 3rd Down Conv.	43%	40%
4th Down Conv.	11-21	15-16
Opp. 4th Down Conv.	12-21	16-30
Rushing Attempts	441	522
Yards Rushing	1656	3506
Yards Rushing/Game	138.0	292.2
Opp. Rushing Attempts	502	536
Opp. Yards Rushing	2434	2463
Opp. Yards Rush/Game	202.8	205.2
Passes Attempted	359	326
Passes Completed	216	202
Yards Passing	2381	2675
Yards Pass/Game	198.4	222.9
Opp. Passes Attempted	371	464
Opp. Passes Completed	220	271
Opp. Yards Passing	2452	3322
Opp. Yards Pass/Game	204.3	276.8
Total Plays	800	848
Total Offense	4037	6181
Avg. Yards/Game	336.4	515.1
Avg. Yards/Play	5.0	7.3
Opp. Total Plays	873	1000
Opp. Total Offense	4886	5785
Opp. Total Yards/Game	407.2	482.1
Opp. Total Yards/Play	5.6	5.8
Kickoff Return Avg.	26.0	18.4
Punt Return Avg.	3.7	10.3
Opp. Kickoff Return Avg.	29.1	22.1
Opp. Punt Return Avg.	9.9	8.1
Avg. Poss. Time/Game	29:47	26:38

WALK THIS WAY: The following regular contributors began their Carolina careers as walk-ons: **Jacob August, Matrick Belton, Javon Charleston, Elliott Fry, Hayden Hurst, Sean Kelly, Steven Montac, Perry Orth, Darius Paulk, Rod Talley and Drew Williams.**

WE ARE YOUNG: Seventy-six of the Gamecocks' 113-man Birmingham bowl roster, or 67.3 percent, are either freshmen (52) or sophomores (24), compared to just 18 juniors and 19 seniors. Thirteen true freshmen have seen game action this season. Twenty-one players took part in the Senior Day ceremonies in Columbia.

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE: Carolina has 19 players who have made their first collegiate start in 2016. Of the 19 first-time starters, seven are true freshmen: **Jake Bentley, Randrecous Davis, Chavis Dawkins, Rico Dowdle, Bryan Edwards, Brandon McIlwain, and Keir Thomas,** matching Maryland, Ole Miss and Texas for the most true freshmen starters in the country.

TRUE FRESHMAN STARTERS

1. South Carolina	7
Maryland	7
Ole Miss	7
Texas	7
5. Miami (Fla.)	6
Texas State	6
Virginia	6
8. Bowling Green	5
Florida	5
Oregon State	5

PUT ME IN COACH: The Gamecocks have had eight players start every game this season, four on offense - **Zack Bailey, Cory Helms, Hayden Hurst, and Mason Zandi;** and four on defense - **Darius English, Chris Lammons, Marquavius Lewis and Taylor Stallworth.**

A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN: South Carolina owns a 32-17 record against teams that currently make up the American Athletic Conference, including a 1-0 mark this season following a 20-15 win over East Carolina. The Gamecocks have won each of their last seven games (East Carolina four times, UCF twice and Navy once) against teams from the AAC since dropping the 2010 PapaJohns.com Bowl in Birmingham to UConn. Here is the Gamecocks' team-by-team record against AAC competition:

Opponent	Record	1st Game	Last Game
Central Florida	5-0	1996	2015
Cincinnati	2-0	1980	1982
Connecticut	0-1	2010	2010
East Carolina	14-5	1977	2016
Houston	1-2	1973	2006
Memphis	2-2	1963	1972
Navy	5-3	1920	2011
SMU	0-0	-	-
South Florida	1-0	2004	2004
Temple	1-1	1933	2002
Tulane	0-3	1932	1963
Tulsa	1-0	1948	1948
Totals	32-17	1920	2016

THEY'RE NOT SEC WORTHY: South Carolina is 24-4 in its last 28 non-conference games, including a 3-1 mark this season. Carolina had its 18-game non-conference winning streak snapped in the 2014 regular season finale at Clemson, then lost two games during the 2015 season to non-conference foes The Citadel and Clemson. They also dropped the 2016 regular season finale at Clemson. Prior to the Clemson loss in 2014, Carolina's last non-conference loss came to Florida State in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

MAKING PROGRESS: The Gamecocks are looking for their seventh win of the season after logging just three wins a year ago. They have had eight seasons in which they have increased their win total by four-or-more games in school history, including a record eight-game improvement from 1999 to 2000. Here are the most improved teams in school history by victories:

Year	Wins	Year	Wins	Improvement
1999	0	2000	8	plus-8
1983	5	1984	10	plus-5
1986	3	1987	8	plus-5
1911	1	1912	5	plus-4
1919	1	1920	5	plus-4
1942	1	1943	5	plus-4
1955	3	1956	7	plus-4
1966	1	1967	5	plus-4

TRENDING UP: Here's a quick look at some 2016 season statistical highlights:

OFFENSE:

- 84 percent of South Carolina's rushing yards were gained by freshmen or sophomores, including 78 percent by freshmen.
- 71 percent of South Carolina's passing yards thrown by the quarterbacks were from freshmen.
- The team's top six receivers were either freshmen or sophomores. Freshmen and sophomores accounted for 94 percent of the receiving yards and 92 percent of the pass receptions.
- 38 percent of the Gamecocks' pass receptions were by freshmen, most in the SEC.
- The Gamecocks led the SEC and are tied for fifth in the country in fewest interceptions thrown.

DEFENSE:

- The Gamecocks surrendered 24.8 points per game, nearly three points less than the 27.5 points per game surrendered last year.
- The Gamecocks allowed more than 30 points in a game twice in 2016, half as many as in 2015.
- The Gamecocks improved in rush defense (217.4 in 2015 - 202.8 in 2016), pass defense (212.4 - 204.3) and total defense (429.8 - 407.2) from a year ago.
- The Gamecocks ranked third in the SEC and 11th in the country in red zone defense. They forced an SEC-leading six red zone turnovers.
- The Gamecocks led the SEC and ranked tied for ninth in the country in turnover margin and tied for 10th in turnovers gained.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

- The Gamecocks led the SEC and ranked eighth in the country in kickoff returns.



2016 Polls

Associated Press

1. Alabama (61)	13-0	1525
2. Ohio State	11-1	1444
3. Clemson	12-1	1396
4. Washington	12-1	1329
5. Penn State	11-2	1252
6. Michigan	10-2	1249
7. Oklahoma	10-2	1173
8. Wisconsin	10-3	1054
9. Southern California	9-3	1040
10. Florida State	9-3	889
11. Colorado	10-3	886
12. Western Michigan	13-0	871
13. Oklahoma State	9-3	800
14. West Virginia	10-2	788
15. Louisville	9-3	542
16. Stanford	9-3	508
17. Auburn	8-4	493
18. Virginia Tech	9-4	372
19. LSU	7-4	351
20. Florida	8-4	331
21. Iowa	8-4	272
22. Pittsburgh	8-4	237
23. Temple	10-3	229
24. Nebraska	9-3	196
25. South Florida	10-2	173

Coaches

1. Alabama (58)	13-0	1450
2. Ohio State	11-1	1354
3. Clemson	12-1	1347
4. Washington	12-1	1283
5. Penn State	11-2	1186
6. Michigan	10-2	1181
7. Oklahoma	10-2	1128
8. Wisconsin	10-3	992
9. Southern California	9-3	981
10. Florida State	9-3	898
11. Colorado	10-3	828
12. West Virginia	10-2	806
13. Oklahoma State	9-3	754
14. Western Michigan	13-0	635
15. Louisville	9-3	631
16. Stanford	9-3	542
17. Auburn	8-4	504
18. Florida	8-4	421
19. Virginia Tech	9-4	374
20. LSU	7-4	359
21. Nebraska	9-3	241
22. South Florida	10-2	197
23. Utah	8-4	170
24. Temple	10-3	126
25. Iowa	8-4	97

HEY TURN ME OVER: The Gamecocks have forced 25 turnovers on the season. The Gamecocks are tied for first in the SEC and tied for 10th in the country in turnovers forced, and first in the SEC and tied for ninth in the country in turnover margin at plus-0.83.

Turnovers Gained		Turnover Margin	
1. Washington.....	33	1. Washington.....	1.62
2. BYU.....	29	2. W. Michigan.....	1.46
3. Memphis.....	28	3. Ohio State.....	1.33
4. Utah.....	28	4. Old Dominion.....	1.08
5. Tulane.....	27	5. BYU.....	1.00
6. Wisconsin.....	27	6. Kansas State.....	0.92
7. Colorado.....	26	Kent State.....	0.92
SMU.....	26	8. Wisconsin.....	0.85
W. Michigan.....	26	9. South Carolina...0.83	
10. South Carolina. 25		Memphis.....	0.83
9 Other teams.....	25	Oklahoma State....	0.83

RED ZONE DEFENSE: The Gamecocks rank third in the SEC and 11th in the nation in red zone defense, allowing points just 73.5 percent of the time. In 49 chances, the Carolina defense has allowed just 28 TDs and eight field goals, while forcing a league-high six turnovers in the red zone.

RETURN THAT KICK: The Gamecocks lead the SEC and are seventh in the nation in kickoff returns, averaging 26.0 per return this season. The Gamecocks boast three different returners who have posted a 50-yard return this season - **Deebo Samuel** (100), **A.J. Turner** (80) and **Rashad Fenton** (50).

NINE WINS BY FIVE DIFFERENT QB'S: The Gamecocks have won nine games over the past two seasons, with five different starting quarterbacks accounting for the wins. **Jake Bentley** leads the way with four wins, while **Perry Orth** has won twice. **Connor Mitch**, **Lorenzo Nuñez** and **Brandon McIlwain** each have one win.

QUARTERBACK ROULETTE: The Gamecocks have used three starting quarterbacks for the second-straight year. Senior **Perry Orth** entered the season as the only experienced signal-caller and earned the starting position coming out of fall camp. He is 1-2 as a starter this season and 2-9 in his 11 career starts. True freshman **Brandon McIlwain** enrolled in January and went through spring drills. He has appeared in eight games, logging a 1-2 mark as a starter. True freshman **Jake Bentley**, who arrived in the summer, had his redshirt taken off during the midseason bye week. He owns a 4-2 record as a starter.

Player	2016		Career
	C-A-I-Yds-TD	C-A-I-Yds-TD	
Perry Orth	57-90-2-661-0	201-354-11-2595-12	
Jake Bentley	93-147-2-1030-6	93-147-2-1030-6	
B. McIlwain	62-118-1-600-2	62-118-1-600-2	

YOU CAN'T PICK THIS: Only Western Michigan (3), Georgia Tech (4), North Carolina (4), and Oklahoma State (4) have thrown fewer interceptions than the Gamecocks (5) during the 2016 season.

TURNING THE KEYS OVER TO BENTLEY: True freshman **Jake Bentley** is 4-2 in six starts, with his two setbacks coming on the road against ranked foes, Florida and Clemson. He made his debut in week 7 and earned the win over UMass, completing 17-of-26 passes for 201 yards with two touchdowns. He became the third true freshman quarterback to start for the Gamecocks in the past two seasons, joining **Lorenzo Nuñez** and **Brandon McIlwain**. He earned his second win against Tennessee after completing 15-of-20 passes for 167 yards and two scores. He ran his record to 3-0 with a win over Missouri when he set career highs by completing 22 passes (in 28 attempts) for 254 yards with two scores. For the season, he is completing 63.3 percent of his passes (93-of-147) for 1,030 yards with six TDs and two picks.

FEELS LIKE THE FIRST TIME: When he got the call against UMass in week 7, **Jake Bentley** became just the fifth true freshman to start at quarterback for the Gamecocks since joining the SEC. **Steve Taneyhill** (1992), **Mikal Goodman** (1999), **Lorenzo Nuñez** (2015) and **Brandon McIlwain** (2016) were the others. Here's how they each did in their first career start:

Quarterback	Opp.	W/L	C	A	I	Yds	TD
S. Taneyhill	Miss State	W	7	14	1	183	2
M. Goodman	Ole Miss	L	8	15	0	147	0
L. Nuñez	UCF	W	12	22	0	184	2
B. McIlwain	ECU	W	16	28	0	195	0
J. Bentley	UMass	W	17	26	0	201	2

EARLY ARRIVAL: True freshman **Jake Bentley** passed on his senior year of high school to enroll in the summer. He joins Kansas safety Mike Lee as the only two FBS players in the country who could still be playing prep football this fall. However, Bentley is actually about six months older than fellow true freshman quarterback **Brandon McIlwain**. Bentley turned 19 on November 23, while McIlwain will not turn 19 until May 31.

FAMILY AFFAIR: **Jake Bentley** comes from a football family. His father, Bobby, is the Gamecocks' running backs coach and previously was a highly-successful high school coach at Byrnes (S.C.) High and at Presbyterian College. Jake's step-brother, Chas Dodd (Rutgers), and brother, Schuler Bentley (Old Dominion), both have started at quarterback in college.

FRESHMAN SUCCESS: **Jake Bentley** became the first Carolina true freshman quarterback to win his first three collegiate starts since Steve Taneyhill notched four-straight wins in 1992. Taneyhill who, like Bentley, made his first start midway through the season, finished his freshman year with a 5-1 mark. In 2007, Chris Smelley won his first four starts as a redshirt freshman.

YOUTH WILL BE SERVED: Carolina is the only FBS team to have freshmen lead the squad in both rushing yards (**Rico Dowdle**) and passing yards (**Jake Bentley**).



2016 SEC Standings

EASTERN DIVISION

	SEC	PCT	PF	PA	ALL	PCT	PF	PA
Florida	6-2	.750	196	123	8-4	.667	281	215
Tennessee	4-4	.500	287	295	8-4	.667	435	351
Georgia	4-4	.500	167	192	7-5	.583	288	289
Kentucky	4-4	.500	185	237	7-5	.583	372	374
S. Carolina	3-5	.375	126	168	6-6	.500	231	298
Vanderbilt	3-5	.375	162	162	6-6	.500	282	271
Missouri	2-6	.250	181	280	4-8	.333	377	378

WESTERN DIVISION

	SEC	PCT	PF	PA	ALL	PCT	PF	PA
Alabama	8-0	1.000	304	118	13-0	1.000	527	153
Auburn	5-3	.625	210	147	8-4	.667	387	187
LSU	5-3	.625	218	141	7-4	.636	311	180
Texas A&M	4-4	.500	252	242	8-4	.667	425	286
Arkansas	3-5	.375	214	298	7-5	.583	370	369
Miss State	3-5	.375	234	272	5-7	.417	378	397
Ole Miss	2-6	.250	234	295	5-7	.417	391	408

SEC Bowl Games

St. Petersburg Bowl

Mississippi State (5-7) vs. Miami (Ohio) (6-6)
December 26, St. Petersburg, Fla., 11 am

Camping World Independence Bowl

Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. NC State (6-6)
December 26, Shreveport, La., 5 pm

Advocare V100 Texas Bowl

Texas A&M (8-4) vs. Kansas State (8-4)
December 28, Houston, Texas, 9 pm

Birmingham Bowl

South Carolina (6-6) vs. South Florida (10-2)
December 29, Birmingham, Ala., 2 pm

Belk Bowl

Arkansas (7-5) vs. Virginia Tech (9-4)
December 29, Charlotte, N.C., 5:30 pm

AutoZone Liberty Bowl

Georgia (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)
December 30, Memphis, Tenn., Noon

Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl

Tennessee (8-4) vs. Nebraska (9-3)
December 30, Nashville, Tenn., 3:30 pm

TaxSlayer Bowl

Kentucky (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (8-4)
December 31, Jacksonville, Fla., 11 am

Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl

LSU (7-4) vs. Louisville (9-3)
December 31, Orlando, Fla., 11 am

Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

Alabama (13-0) vs. Washington (12-1)
December 31, Atlanta, Ga., 3 pm

Outback Bowl

Florida (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)
January 2, Tampa, Fla., 1 pm

Sugar Bowl

Auburn (8-4) vs. Oklahoma (10-2)
January 2, New Orleans, La., 8:30 pm

BENTLEY PROVIDES A SPARK: Since inserting freshman **Jake Bentley** into the starting lineup at midseason, the Gamecock offense has improved significantly, increasing its points per game by 10.5 and the total yards per game by nearly 64.

SC OFFENSE	GM 1-6	GM 7-12	TOTAL
Points	84	147	231
Points per Game	14.0	24.5	19.2
First Downs	95	119	214
Rushing Yards	554	1102	1656
Rushing Yards per Game	92.3	183.7	138.0
Passing Yards	1273	1108	2381
Passing Yards per Game	212.2	184.7	198.4
Total Offense	1827	2210	4037
Total Yards per Game	304.5	368.3	336.4

MISSING THE SENIOR CITIZENS: The Gamecocks list just four seniors on the offensive side of the ball in **Matrick Belton**, **Perry Orth**, **Darius Paulk** and **Mason Zandi**. All four are redshirt seniors. Zandi is the only one of the four to begin his collegiate career at South Carolina and the only one who came to Columbia as a scholarship player. Only Minnesota (3), Old Dominion (4), Florida (4) and Troy (4) have as few seniors on offense as do the Gamecocks. Zandi is also the only offensive starter not slated to return in 2017.

THREE-HEADED MONSTER: The Gamecocks have three running backs in the rotation. Redshirt freshman **A.J. Turner** took the bulk of the carries early in the season, but true freshman **Rico Dowdle** has taken the majority of the carries of late after missing the first four games with a sports hernia. Junior **David Williams** (187 career carries) has the most career carries and rushing yards. Dowdle has three career 100-yard games, including a career-high 226 yards against Western Carolina, while Turner and Williams have one each. 1,290 of the Gamecocks' 1,656 rushing yards have been by freshmen (77.8 pct.). Here's the South Carolina running back numbers:

Player	2016		Career	
	Rush-Yards-TD	Rush-Yards-TD	Rush-Yards-TD	Rush-Yards-TD
David Williams	56-239-3	187-794-5		
Rico Dowdle	121-714-6	121-714-6		
A.J. Turner	106-448-2	106-448-2		
Rod Talley	11-62-0	13-73-0		
Darius Paulk	3-24-0	5-27-0		

HE'S NOT YOUR UNCLE RICO: After undergoing surgery for a sports hernia in the offseason which caused him to miss the season's first four games, true freshman **Rico Dowdle** has impressed. In eight contests, the 5-11, 211-pounder has carried the ball 121 times for 714 yards, a 5.9-yard average, with six touchdowns and three 100-yard games. He has averaged 89.2 yards per game on the ground, which would be second among freshmen in the SEC if he had played in enough games to qualify. He had back-to-back games of 27 carries for over 100 yards - 127 yards versus Tennessee and 149 yards against Missouri, then rolled up a career-best 226 yards against Western Carolina. He leads the team with seven touchdowns, including six on the ground.

WHAT A DAY: **Rico Dowdle** had a day for the record books against Western Carolina. The true freshman carried 21 times for 226 yards and two scores in the contest, averaging 10.8 yards per carry. Dowdle's 226 yards rushing was the sixth-highest single-game total in school history, the 11th 200-yard rushing game by a Carolina back and the most yards rushing since Marcus Lattimore logged 246 against Navy in 2011. Here are the top rushing games in school history:

200-YARD RUSHING GAMES

1. Brandon Bennett vs. East Tenn. St. (10/5/91) ..278
2. Jeff Grantz vs. Ohio (10/20/73)260
3. Steve Wadiak vs. Clemson (10/19/50).....256
4. Marcus Lattimore vs. Navy (9/17/11).....246
5. George Rogers vs. Wake Forest (11/18/78).....237
6. **Rico Dowdle vs. W. Carolina (11/19/16)..... 226**
7. George Rogers vs. Duke (10/11/80).....224
8. George Rogers vs. NC State (11/3/79)217
9. Derek Watson vs. E. Michigan (9/16/00).....215
10. Marcus Lattimore vs. Florida (11/13/10).....212
11. Ron Bass vs North Carolina (10/26/74)211

TURN UP: Redshirt freshman **A.J. Turner** earned the starting nod at running back during fall camp. The 5-10, 195-pounder had his best game against Texas A&M, rushing 10 times for 113 yards, including a 75-yard TD run on the first play from scrimmage. He is the Gamecocks' second-leading rusher with 106 carries for 448 yards and two touchdowns, and has added 18 catches for 120 yards and a score. Turner has also averaged 24.7 yards on 13 kickoff return. He ranks fourth among freshmen in the SEC in all-purpose yardage with 80.8 yards per game.

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN: Carolina's wide receivers had limited experience entering the season, combining for just 28 catches and 356 yards, and were plagued by injuries early in 2016. However, once **Deebo Samuel** and **Bryan Edwards** got healthy, the passing game improved significantly. The top six pass receivers are all either freshmen or sophomores. 198 of the Gamecocks' 216 pass receptions have been by freshmen or sophomores (91.7 pct.), **Terry Googer** (7 catches) is the only upperclassman among the wide receivers with a catch this season.

CAROLINA WIDE RECEIVERS:

Player	2016		Career	
	Rec-Yards-TD	Rec-Yards-TD	Rec-Yards-TD	Rec-Yards-TD
Deebo Samuel	45-593-0	57-754-1		
Bryan Edwards	38-519-3	38-519-3		
Terry Googer	7-66-0	12-140-0		
Matrick Belton	0-0-0	11-121-0		
Chavis Dawkins	8-69-0	8-69-0		
Randrecous Davis	3-45-0	3-45-0		
Javon Charleston	1-12-0	1-12-0		

SAMUEL IS KING: **Deebo Samuel** has gotten healthy, and so has the Gamecock offense. After a hamstring injury limited him to just four pass receptions for 66 yards in the season's first five games, Samuel has hauled in 41 passes for 527 yards in the last seven contests. He has logged at least eight catches three times with two 100-yard receiving games. He had the best game of his



Career Start Chart

Player	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	All
Alan Knott	-	RS	8	9	11	28
T.J. Holloman	RS	3	4	9	11	27
Marquavius Lewis	-	JC	JC	12	12	24
Skai Moore	-	4	9	11	0	24
Chris Lammons	-	-	7	4	12	23
Mason Zandi	RS	1	0	10	12	23
Jonathan Walton	-	0	6	6	9	21
Darius English	RS	1	6	0	12	19
Zack Bailey	-	-	-	5	12	17
Taylor Stallworth	-	-	0	5	12	17
Chris Moody	RS	0	7	0	8	15
Jordan Diggs	RS	1	2	10	1	14
Hayden Hurst	-	-	-	1	12	13
Chaz Elder	RS	6	3	1	2	12
Cory Helms	-	WF	WF	RS	12	12
Deebo Samuel	-	-	RS	3	9	12
Bryan Edwards	-	-	-	-	11	11
Perry Orth	JC	RS	0	8	3	11
D.J. Smith	-	-	1	1	9	11
B. Allen-Williams	-	-	2	1	7	10
Jamarcus King	-	-	JC	JC	10	10
K.C. Crosby	-	-	-	0	8	8
Malik Young	-	-	RS	0	8	8
Ulric Jones	-	JC	JC	RS	7	7
Jake Bentley	-	-	-	-	6	6
Rico Dowdle	-	-	-	-	6	6
Rashad Fenton	-	-	-	0	6	6
David Williams	-	RS	0	4	2	6
Matrick Belton	FCS	FCS	RS	5	0	5
Terry Googer	-	-	RS	2	3	5
Steven Montac	-	-	-	JC	5	5
Jacob August	-	-	RS	3	1	4
Dante Sawyer	-	-	JC	4	0	4
A.J. Turner	-	-	-	RS	4	4
Kelsey Griffin	-	0	0	0	3	3
Brandon McIlwain	-	-	-	-	3	3
D.J. Park	-	RS	0	0	3	3
Boosie Whitlow	-	-	-	3	0	3
Antoine Wilder	-	-	-	RS	3	3
Larenz Bryant	-	0	0	1	1	2
Blake Camper	-	-	-	1	1	2
Chavis Dawkins	-	-	-	-	2	2
Keir Thomas	-	-	-	-	2	2
Randrecous Davis	-	-	-	-	1	1
Kyle Markway	-	-	-	1	0	1
Jamari Smith	-	0	RS	0	1	1
Donell Stanley	-	-	RS	0	1	1

career when he caught nine passes for 125 yards against Missouri. Samuel ranks eighth in the SEC with 5.0 receptions per game and with 65.9 receiving yards per game. In addition, he ranks fourth in kickoff returns at 27.8 yards per return. Samuel has also rushed 14 times, with five going for scores and tossed a 33-yard touchdown pass at Clemson. He is second on the team with six touchdowns, but has no receiving TDs.

SAMUEL TO THE HOUSE: **Deebo Samuel** showed his versatile play-making skills against Western Carolina. The Gamecock sophomore wide receiver carried the pigskin five times for 27 yards and two touchdowns, caught four passes for 56 yards and returned five kickoffs for 194 yards, including a 100-yarder for a score.

WELL THAT'S UNUSUAL: The Gamecocks' leading receiver, **Deebo Samuel**, has accounted for seven touchdowns this season - five rushing, one passing and one on a kick return, but has yet to record a touchdown reception in 2016.

WELCOME ABOARD: **Bryan Edwards** became the sixth true freshman to start in the season opener for Carolina since 2009. He joined **Stephon Gilmore** (2009), **Marcus Lattimore** (2010), **Jadeveon Clowney** (2011), **Bryson Allen-Williams** (2014) and **Al Harris Jr.** (2014).

AND NOW WE KNOW WHY: True freshman **Bryan Edwards** showed why he earned the starting nod in his first collegiate game. The 6-3, 210-pounder, hauled in eight passes for 101 yards in the win over Vanderbilt. He was the only freshman receiver in the country to log a 100-yard game in the season's first week. It was just the eighth 100-yard receiving game in a season opener in Gamecock history and he is the only true freshman on the list. He ranks eighth in the nation among freshmen in receiving yards per game (47.2).

AMONG THE GREATS: Here's how **Bryan Edwards** stacks up against other recent great Carolina receivers in their true freshman campaigns:
TRUE FRESHMEN WIDE RECEIVERS:

Name	Year	Gms	Rec	Yds	Avg.	TD
Alshon Jeffery	2009	13	46	763	16.6	6
Bryan Edwards	2016	11	38	519	13.7	3
Robert Brooks	1988	12	34	508	14.9	4
Kenny McKinley	2005	12	25	291	11.6	1
Ace Sanders	2010	14	25	316	12.6	2
Troy Williamson	2002	11	17	491	28.9	4
Bruce Ellington	2011	13	17	211	12.4	1
Pharoh Cooper	2013	11	3	54	18.0	1
Sterling Sharpe	1983	-	1	5	5.0	0
Zola Davis	1994	-	-	-	-	-
Jermale Kelly	1996	-	-	-	-	-
Sidney Rice	2004	-	-	-	-	-

DIAMONDS AREN'T FOREVER: Tight end **Hayden Hurst**, a 6-5, 250-pound former professional baseball player, has been a consistent go-to guy this season. The 23-year-old sophomore is

second on the team with 42 catches for 530 yards, with at least five receptions in four games and at least 80 yards in three contests. His best marks are an eight-catch performance at Mississippi State and a 90-yard effort against Texas A&M. Hurst also served as the Gamecocks' punt returner against Georgia, becoming the biggest punt returner in Division I football in recent memory.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING: **Hayden Hurst** owns 42 catches, breaking the school record for receptions by a tight end. The previous mark of 38 was set by Doug Hamrick in 1970. With 530 receiving yards, Hurst is closing in on Danny Smith's record for receiving yards by a tight end. Smith logged 576 receiving yards in 1987. Hurst is trying to become the first non-wide receiver to lead the Gamecocks in receptions since Ryan Brewer in 2002, and could become the first tight end to lead the team in receptions since Chris Corley in 1982.

THE QB'S ARE TIGHT WITH THEM: The tight end duo of **Hayden Hurst** and **K.C. Crosby** has become a big part of the offense. In addition to Hurst's 42 catches for 530 yards, Crosby is fourth on the team with 22 receptions for 210 yards and leads the team with four touchdown receptions. **Jacob August** has added five catches for 52 yards.
CAROLINA TIGHT ENDS:

Player	2016	Career
	Rec-Yards-TD	Rec-Yards-TD
Hayden Hurst	42-530-0	50-636-0
K.C. Crosby	22-210-4	22-210-4
Jacob August	5-52-0	9-90-1
Kiel Pollard	1-18-0	1-18-0

ZANDI STANDS ALONE: Redshirt senior **Mason Zandi** is the only senior on the offensive side of the ball on the 2016 roster that came to Carolina as a scholarship player. Zandi, a 6-9, 315-pound local product (Chapin, SC), was named preseason third-team All-SEC by the league's coaches. Mason's father, Ali, is a native of Iran who fled his home country during its 1970s revolution.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: **Zack Bailey** was the only Gamecock named to the 2015 SEC All-Freshman team, as selected by the league's 14 coaches. The 6-6, 315-pound true freshman from Summerville, S.C., played in all 12 games in 2015, making five starts, with three at center and two at left guard. He has started each game this season at left guard and consistently grades out as the offensive line's top performer.

KNOTT YOUR STARTING CENTER: Junior **Alan Knott**, a preseason Rimington Award candidate, has made 28 career starts, most on the squad.

STABILITY UP FRONT: The Gamecocks have started the same five offensive linemen in each of the last eight games. **Mason Zandi** (LT), **Zack Bailey** (LG), **Alan Knott** (OC) and **Cory Helms** (RG) have all started the last 11 games.



Carolina Trends

	Will	2016
	Muschamp	
Overall	34-27	6-6
Home	23-10	5-2
Road	9-13	1-4
Neutral	2-4	0-0
August	1-0	0-0
September	14-4	2-2
October	7-11	2-2
November	11-11	2-2
December	0-0	0-0
January	1-1	0-0
Leading after 1st Quarter	17-7	4-0
Tied after 1st Quarter	9-5	1-3
Trailing after 1st Quarter	8-15	1-3
Leading at Halftime	27-5	5-1
Tied at Halftime	1-2	0-1
Trailing at Halftime	6-20	1-4
Leading after 3rd Quarter	28-3	5-0
Tied after 3rd Quarter	1-1	0-1
Trailing after 3rd Quarter	5-23	1-5
When Scoring First	22-8	5-1
When Opponent Scores First	12-19	1-5
Largest Halftime Lead	30	18
Largest Halftime Deficit	35	35
Largest Come From Behind Win	15	10
Score 20 or more Points	30-7	5-0
Score 30 or more Points	20-0	3-0
Opponents Score 20 or less	25-6	2-1
Games Decided by 3 or less	3-3	2-0
Games Decided by 10 or less	14-12	5-1
Rush for 100 Yards or more	33-15	6-2
Rush for 150 Yards or more	25-4	4-1
Pass for 200 Yards or more	22-18	2-4
Pass for 300 Yards or more	3-1	0-0
Total 400 Yards or more	17-1	2-0
Opp. Rush less than 100 yards	18-5	0-0
Opp. Pass less than 200 yards	18-16	3-3
Opp. Total less than 300 yards	18-8	2-0
Commit More Turnovers	5-17	1-2
Commit Fewer Turnovers	22-7	4-2
Commit Equal Turnovers	7-3	1-2
Lead in Time of Possession	25-10	4-2
Trail in Time of Possession	9-17	2-4

A CASE FOR THE DEFENSE: The South Carolina defense has been much improved this season:

SC DEFENSE	2015	2016
Points Allowed	330	298
Points Allowed Per Game	27.5	24.8
Average Yards Per Rush Allowed	5.1	4.8
Average Rushing Yards/Game	217.4	202.8
Average Passing Yards/Game	212.4	204.3
Total Offense Allowed/Game	429.8	407.2
Average Yards Per Play Allowed	6.0	5.6
Third Down Percentage Against	47.0	42.8
Turnovers Forced	20	25

JUST GET ME THE BALL: The Gamecocks have forced 25 turnovers this season, recovering 11 fumbles with 14 pass interceptions. The Gamecocks are plus-10 in turnovers in their six wins (15-5) and are even in the six losses (10-10).

TAKING ENGLISH LESSONS: Darius English leads the team with 9.0 sacks, including a career-best 3.0 sacks against Kentucky. That was the most sacks by a Gamecock since Jadeveon Clowney had 4.5 at Clemson in 2012. English is tied for third in the SEC and has moved into the school's top-10 in single-season and career sacks.

SINGLE-SEASON SACKS

- Jadeveon Clowney (2012) 13.0
- Andrew Provence (1982) 10.0
Melvin Ingram (2011) 10.0
- Kelcy Quarles (2013) 9.5
- Bill Janus (1978) 9.0
Karey Johnson (1981) 9.0
Andrew Provence (1981) 9.0
- Eric Norwood (2008) 9.0
Melvin Ingram (2010) 9.0

Darius English (2016) 9.0

CAREER SACKS

- Eric Norwood (2006-09) 29.0
- Andrew Provence (1980-82) 26.0
- Jadeveon Clowney (2011-13) 24.0
- John Abraham (1996-99) 23.5
- Melvin Ingram (2007-11) 21.5
- Devin Taylor (2009-12) 18.5
- Cecil Caldwell (1997-00) 15.5
Cliff Matthews (2007-10) 15.5
- Stacy Evans (1993-94) 15.0
Kalimba Edwards (1998-01) 15.0
George Gause (2001-04) 15.0

Darius English (2013-16) 15.0

GETTING IN THE SACK: The Gamecocks have 21 sacks, producing a season-high four sacks against both East Carolina and Kentucky.

SACKS	2016	CAREER
Darius English	9.0	15.0
Marquavius Lewis	1.5	4.5
Dante Sawyer	1.0	3.5
Skai Moore	0.0	3.5
Kelsey Griffin	0.0	3.0
Bryson Allen-Williams	2.0	2.5
Jonathan Walton	1.5	2.5
Keir Thomas	2.0	2.0
Jordan Diggs	0.0	2.0
T.J. Holloman	0.0	2.0
D.J. Wonnun	1.5	1.5
Chris Lammons	1.0	1.0
Taylor Stallworth	1.0	1.0
Larenz Bryant	0.0	1.0
Boosie Whitlow	0.0	1.0
Rashad Fenton	0.5	0.5

EVERY GAME QUA: Defensive lineman Marquavius Lewis has started all 24 games since his arrival in Columbia. He owns the longest current consecutive streak of starts on the squad.

THE SKAI TURNED RED(SHIRT): Skai Moore took a redshirt and missed the 2016 season following offseason surgery to address a herniated disk in his neck. The 6-2, 220-pounder from Cooper City, Fla., was the Gamecocks' leading tackler in 2015 with 111 stops, tying for third in the SEC with 9.2 tackles per game. He also led the team with 6.5 tackles for loss and with four pass interceptions, tying for fourth in the SEC. Moore became the first Gamecock to reach the century mark in tackles since 2006, while his 111 tackles was the second-highest total recorded by a Carolina player in the last 25 years. He led the team in tackles for a third-consecutive season, becoming the first player to do so since 1992-94. In addition, Moore has 11 career picks, tying for third on the all-time list.

TRIO OF VETERAN LINEBACKERS: Seniors T.J. Holloman and Jonathan Walton, along with junior Bryson Allen-Williams share the linebacking duties. The trio ranks among the team's top four tacklers this season with Allen-Williams leading the way with 73 stops, followed closely by Holloman (64) and Walton (64).

PICK THIS: Carolina has picked off 14 passes, second in the SEC behind Georgia. Chris Lammons, Jamarcus King and T.J. Holloman have three each. King had two picks vs. Tennessee, earning Defensive Player of the Week accolades.

INTERCEPTIONS	2016	CAREER
Skai Moore	0	11
T.J. Holloman	3	8
Chris Lammons	3	4
Jamarcus King	3	3
Bryson Allen-Williams	1	2
Chris Moody	1	2
Rashad Fenton	1	1
D.J. Smith	1	1
Antoine Wilder	1	1
Jordan Diggs	0	1
Chaz Elder	0	1
Jonathan Walton	0	1

BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO: Junior cornerback Jamarcus King ranks tied for fourth in the SEC in passes defended, averaging 1.0 break-ups per game. His three interceptions ties him with Chris Lammons and T.J. Holloman for fifth in the SEC.

COMING ON FAST: Junior safety D.J. Smith had his best effort in the season finale at Clemson, accounting for a career-high 13 tackles, including 10 solo stops. The 13 tackles was the most recorded by a Gamecock this season and vaulted him to the top of the squad's leaders for tackles this season with 73.



South Carolina 2016 Rankings

Category	Avg./No.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	19.3	14	121
Rushing Offense	138.0	13	107
Passing Offense	198.4	9	96
Passing Efficiency	121.4	12	91
Total Offense	336.4	14	117
Scoring Defense	24.8	8	45
Rushing Defense	202.8	9	89
Passing Defense	204.3	5	34
Pass Efficiency Defense	123.3	8	43
Total Defense	407.2	6	62
Kickoff Returns	26.0	1	7
Opp. Kickoff Returns	29.1	14	128
Punt Returns	3.7	14	116
Opp. Punt Returns	9.9	10	97
Net Punting	38.0	10	52
Fumbles Recovered	11	4	19
Fumbles Lost	10	8	96
Passes Intercepted	14	3	24
Passes Had Intercepted	5	1	5
Turnovers Gained	25	1	10
Turnovers Lost	15	3	24
Turnover Margin	0.83	1	9
Sacks	1.8	10	90
Sacks Allowed	3.0	14	114
Tackles for Loss	5.5	10	81
TFLs Allowed	7.7	14	117
3rd Down Percent	34.5	14	106
Opp. 3rd Down Pct	42.8	11	93
4th Down Percent	52.4	7	56
Opp. 4th Down Pct	57.1	11	82
Penalties/Game	5.2	6	31
Penalty Yards/Game	47.6	8	38
Time of Possession	29:46	8	67

South Carolina 2017 Schedule

April 1	Garnet & Black Spring Game
September 2	vs NC State (Charlotte)
September 9	at Missouri*
September 16	KENTUCKY*
September 23	LOUISIANA TECH
September 30	at Texas A&M*
October 7	ARKANSAS*
October 14	at Tennessee*
October 21	Open Date
October 28	VANDERBILT*
November 4	at Georgia*
November 11	FLORIDA*
November 18	WOFFORD
November 25	CLEMSON

*-SEC game

THE G.O.A.T: Elliott Fry became the school's all-time leading scorer in the win over Missouri, and now has tallied 352 points. The previous mark of 330 was held by Collin Mackie (1987-90). Fry is in 12th place on the SEC list of career points scored, one behind Georgia's Kevin Butler, two points behind Arkansas's Zach Hocker and three behind Missouri's Andrew Baggett to move into ninth place on the SEC's all-time list.

THE FRISCO KID: Senior Elliott Fry hit a season-best three field goals in the win over Western Carolina. He is 12-for-16 in field goal attempts this season (75 percent). He has connected on a school record 151 consecutive extra points and has hit 74.7 percent (65-of-87) of his career field goal attempts. That average jumps to 80.5 percent (62-of-77) when attempting from under 50 yards out. He holds the school's career records for extra points made (157) and attempted (158) and is the school's all-time leader in points scored with 352.

FRY BURNS THE 'DORES: Elliott Fry connected on a 48-yard field goal in the third quarter, then hit on a career-long 55-yard field goal in the final minute to provide the margin of victory in the season opening win at Vanderbilt and earn him SEC Special Teams Player of the Week honors. It tied for the second-longest field goal in Gamecock history. Fry's 55-yard field goal matches Hawaii's Rigoberto Sanchez for the second-longest field goal made in FBS football this season.

GIVING IT THE BOOT: Here are the top-10 longest field goals in South Carolina history:

1.	58	Mark Fleetwood	Georgia	09/25/82
2.	55	Ryan Succop	Vanderbilt	10/21/06
	55	Elliott Fry	Vanderbilt	09/01/16
4.	54	Scott Hagler	Clemson	11/23/85
	54	Ryan Succop	Arkansas	11/08/08
6.	53	Mark Fleetwood	NC State	10/29/83
7.	52	Tommy Bell	NC State	09/25/71
	52	Scott Hagler	NC State	11/02/85
	52	Collin Mackie	East Carolina	09/17/88
	52	Elliott Fry	UCF	09/26/15

KICKIN' IT WITH KELLY: Senior punter Sean Kelly has been busy this season, punting 72 times, most in the SEC and the 13th most punts in the nation. He is averaging 42.5 yards with 25 inside the 20 and just four touchbacks. He has boomed 13 over 50 yards and a long of 66 yards.

TOTING THE SHEEPSKIN: The Gamecocks have five players who played the 2016 season with their undergraduate degree in hand, including Jordan Diggs, Chaz Elder, Abu Lamin, Chris Moody and Mason Zandi. Eleven more went through graduation ceremonies earlier this month, including Larenz Bryant, Darius English, T.J. Holloman, Shannon James, Sean Kelly, Marquavius Lewis, D.J. Park, Darius Paulk, Perry Orth, Jamari Smith and Jonathan Walton.

College Football Playoff Rankings

1.	Alabama	13-0
2.	Clemson	12-1
3.	Ohio State	11-1
4.	Washington	12-1
5.	Penn State	11-2
6.	Michigan	10-2
7.	Oklahoma	10-2
8.	Wisconsin	10-3
9.	Southern California	9-3
10.	Colorado	10-3
11.	Florida State	9-3
12.	Oklahoma State	9-3
13.	Louisville	9-3
14.	Auburn	8-4
15.	Western Michigan	13-0
16.	West Virginia	10-2
17.	Florida	8-4
18.	Stanford	9-3
19.	Utah	8-4
20.	LSU	7-4
21.	Tennessee	8-4
22.	Virginia Tech	9-4
23.	Pittsburgh	8-4
24.	Temple	10-3
25.	Navy	9-3

IN THE CLASSROOM: The Gamecocks placed 28 players on the 2015 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Among those who made the SEC Honor Roll include returnees Rivers Bedenbaugh, Jordan Diggs, Jalen Dread, Elliott Fry, Kelsey Griffin, Terry Googer, Shannon James, Chris Lammons, Nick McGriff, Perry Orth, Jasper Sasser, Michael Scarnecchia, Demetrius Smalls, D.J. Smith, Donell Stanley and Rod Talley.

WORKING OVERTIME: The Gamecocks are 2-3 all-time in games decided in overtime. They won their first overtime game at Missouri, 27-24, in two overtimes on Oct. 26, 2013 in Columbia, Mo., and won in "The Swamp" over Florida by a 23-20 count in 2014. All three overtime losses have come against Tennessee by a field goal: a 23-20 setback on Sept. 27, 2003 in Knoxville, and a 27-24 loss in Knoxville on Oct. 27, 2007 and a 45-42 loss in Columbia on Nov. 1, 2014.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Gamecocks have scheduled their 2017 Garnet & Black Spring Game for Saturday, April 1, beginning at 2 pm ET. The 2017 regular season will kickoff in Charlotte on Saturday, September 2, against North Carolina State.



2016 South Carolina Award Winners

Coaches' Awards

Dr. Harris Pastides Outstanding Student-Athlete Award Drew Williams
 Community Service Award Antoine Wilder
 Strength & Conditioning Award Hayden Hurst & Cory Helms
 Comeback Player of the Year Award Darius English & Sean Kelly
 Offensive Scout Team Award Sadarius Hutcherson & Ty'Son Williams
 Defensive Scout Team Award Jujuan Blankenship & Javion Duncan
 Special Teams Scout Team Award Adrian McGee & Hassan Belton
 Nutrition Award Jonathan Walton

Players' Choice Awards

Unselfish Teammate - Offense Perry Orth
 Unselfish Teammate - Defense Marquavius Lewis & Taylor Stallworth
 Unselfish Teammate - Special Teams Drew Williams
 Tenacity Award - Offense Hayden Hurst & Zack Bailey
 Tenacity Award - Defense Jonathan Walton
 Tenacity Award - Special Teams Bryson Allen-Williams
 Most Valuable Player - Offense (Steve Spurier Award) Deebo Samuel
 Most Valuable Player - Defense (Joe Morrison Award) Darius English
 Most Valuable Player - Special Teams (Jim Carlen Award) Elliott Fry
 Leadership Award - Offense Perry Orth & Mason Zandi
 Leadership Award - Defense Jonathan Walton & Marquavius Lewis
 Leadership Award - Special Teams Elliott Fry
 Most Explosive Player - Offense Deebo Samuel
 Most Productive Player - Defense Darius English & Chris Lammons
 Most Productive Player - Special Teams Elliott Fry
 Steve Wadiak MVP Award Deebo Samuel & Jake Bentley

Postseason Honors

Phil Steele's All-America Fourth Team Drew Williams (DS)
 Associated Press All-SEC Second Team Darius English (DL)
 Phil Steele's All-SEC Third Team Darius English (DL)
 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman First Team Bryan Edwards (WR)
 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team Rico Dowdle (RB)
 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team D.J. Wonnum (DL)
 Athlon's SEC All-Freshman Second Team A.J. Turner (KR)

Weekly Award Winners

Elliott Fry	SEC Special Teams Player of the Week	at Vanderbilt (September 1)
Jamarcus King	SEC Defensive Player of the Week	vs Tennessee (October 29)
Jake Bentley	SEC Freshman of the Week	vs Missouri (November 5)

Tracking the 2016 Opponents

Opponent (Date vs. SC)	2016	Last Game	Next Game
Vanderbilt (9/1)	6-6	W, 45-34 vs Tennessee	vs NC State (Independence)
Mississippi State (9/10)	5-7	W, 55-20 at Ole Miss	Miami (O) (St. Petersburg)
East Carolina (9/17)	3-9	L, 37-10 at Temple	Season Complete
Kentucky (9/24)	7-5	W, 41-38 at Louisville	vs Georgia Tech (TaxSlayer)
Texas A&M (10/1)	8-4	L, 54-39 vs LSU	vs Kansas State (Texas)
Georgia (10/8)	7-5	L, 28-27 vs Georgia Tech	vs TCU (Liberty)
UMass (10/22)	2-10	L, 46-40 at Hawaii	Season Complete
Tennessee (10/29)	8-4	L, 45-34 at Vanderbilt	vs Nebraska (Music City)
Missouri (11/5)	4-8	W, 28-24 vs Arkansas	Season Complete
Florida (11/12)	8-3	L, 31-13 at Florida State	vs Iowa (Outback)
Western Carolina (11/19)	2-9	L, 44-31 vs South Carolina	Season Complete
Clemson (11/26)	12-1	W, 42-35 vs Virginia Tech	vs Ohio State (Fiesta)
Opp. Overall Record	72-71 (.503)		

Carolina Captains

VANDERBILT: Cory Helms, T.J. Holloman, Perry Orth, Taylor Stallworth
MISSISSIPPI STATE: Hayden Hurst, Marquavius Lewis, Jonathan Walton, Mason Zandi
EAST CAROLINA: Darius English, T.J. Holloman, Hayden Hurst, Sean Kelly
KENTUCKY: Zack Bailey, Cory Helms, Chris Lammons, Jamari Smith
TEXAS A&M: Bryson Allen-Williams, Zack Bailey, Darius English, Marquavius Lewis
GEORGIA: Bryson Allen-Williams, Darius English, Cory Helms, D.J. Smith
UMASS: Zack Bailey, Darius English, Hayden Hurst, Chris Moody
TENNESSEE: Bryson Allen-Williams, Cory Helms, Deebo Samuel, Taylor Stallworth
MISSOURI: Hayden Hurst, Jamarcus King, Taylor Stallworth, Drew Williams
FLORIDA: Zack Bailey, Darius English, Hayden Hurst, Jonathan Walton
WESTERN CAROLINA: Darius English, Elliott Fry, Marquavius Lewis, Mason Zandi
CLEMSON: Marquavius Lewis, Deebo Samuel, Drew Williams, Mason Zandi

2016 PERMANENT TEAM CAPTAINS

T.J. Holloman, Hayden Hurst, Marquavius Lewis, Perry Orth

Pronunciation Guide

Rivers Bedenbaugh BEE-den-baugh
 Matrick Belton MAT-trick
 Shameik Blackshear shuh-MEEK
 Larenz Bryant luh-RENZ
 Randrecous Davis ran-DREE-cuss
 Chavis Dawkins Rhymes with HAVE-iss
 Trey Derouen duh-ROO-un
 Rico Dowdle DOW-dull
 Daniel Fennell fuh-NELL
 Terry Googer GOO-ger
 Ulric Jones YUR-ick
 Abu Lamin ah-BOO la-MEEN
 Chris Lammons luh-MONZ
 Pika Leota PEEK-uh
 Marquavius Lewis mar-QUAY-vee-us
 Christian Pella PELL-age
 Kiel Pollard keel
 Michael Scarnecchia scar-NECK-ee-ah
 Donell Stanley don-ELL
 Keir Thomas KEER
 Jerad Washington JEHR-id
 Boosie Whitlow BOO-see
 Malik Young muh-LEEK



FRY ON CAROLINA'S CAREER LISTS

POINTS SCORED

1. Elliott Fry (2013-16).....352

FIELD GOALS MADE

1. Collin Mackie (1987-90).....72
2. Elliott Fry (2013-16).....65

FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

1. Collin Mackie (1987-90).....98
2. Elliott Fry (2013-16).....87

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

1. Spencer Lanning (2007-10).....773
2. Elliott Fry (2013-16).....747

PATs MADE

1. Elliott Fry (2013-16).....157

PATs ATTEMPTED

1. Elliott Fry (2013-16).....158

PAT PERCENTAGE (Min. 40 Made)

1. Adam Yates (2008-12).....1,000
2. Elliott Fry (2013-16).....994

CONSECUTIVE PATs

1. Elliott Fry (2013-16).....151

FRY ON THE SEC'S CAREER LISTS

Most Points Scored

1. 412 Blair Walsh, Georgia (184 PATs, 76 FGs, 53 games)..... 2008-11
2. 409 Billy Bennett, Georgia (148 PATs, 87 FGs, 50 games) 2000-03
3. 407 Marshall Morgan, Georgia (215 PATs, 64 FGs, 51 games)..... 2012-15
4. 385 Leigh Tiffin, Alabama (136 PATs, 83 FGs, 46 games) 2006-09
5. 371 Jeff Hall, Tennessee (188 PATs, 61 FGs, 46 games)..... 1995-98
6. 369 Colt David, LSU (201 PATs, 54 FGs, 1 TD, 52 games)..... 2005-08
7. 368 Jeff Chandler, Florida (167 PATs, 67 FGs 46 games)..... 1997-01
8. 363 Wes Byrum, Auburn (183 PATs, 60 FGs, 51 games)..... 2007-10
9. 355 Andrew Baggett, Missouri (157 PATs, 66 FG, 52 games)..... 2012-15
10. 354 Zach Hocker, Arkansas (171 PATs, 61 FGs, 50 games) 2010-13
11. 353 Kevin Butler, Georgia (122 PATs, 77FGs, 44 games) 1981-84
12. **352 Elliott Fry, South Carolina (157 PATs, 65 FGs, 50 games) ... 2013-16**
13. 345 Philip Doyle, Alabama (105 PATs, 78 FGs, 1 TD, 43 games) ... 1987-90
14. 344 Jonathan Nichols, Ole Miss (155 PATs, 63 FGs, 48 games) 2001-04
15. 342 Tim Tebow, Florida (57 TDs, 55 games)..... 2006-09
16. 340 Caleb Sturgis, Florida (130 PATs, 70 FGs)..... 2008-12
17. 326 Michael Proctor, Alabama (131 PATs, 65 FGs, 47 games)..... 1992-95
18. 325 James Wilhoit, Tennessee (148 PATs, 59 FGs, 50 games)..... 2003-06
19. 318 Kevin Faulk, LSU (53 TDs, 41 games) 1995-98
20. 317 John Becksvoort, Tennessee (161 PATs, 52 FGs, 41 games) 1991-94

Field Goal Attempts

1. 111 Leigh Tiffin, Alabama (made 83) 2006-09
2. 110 Billy Bennett, Georgia (made 87)..... 2000-03
3. 105 Philip Doyle, Alabama (made 78)..... 1987-90
4. 103 Blair Walsh, Georgia (made 76) 2008-11
5. 98 Kevin Butler, Georgia (made 77) 1981-84
6. 95 Fuad Reveiz, Tennessee (made 71) 1981-84
7. 91 Michael Proctor, Alabama (made 65)..... 1992-95
8. 89 Jeff Hall, Tennessee (made 61)..... 1995-98
9. 88 Van Tiffin, Alabama (made 59)..... 1983-86
- 88 Caleb Sturgis, Florida (made 70)..... 2008-12

87 Elliott Fry, South Carolina (made 65)..... 2013-16

FRY ON THE SEC'S CAREER LISTS

Field Goals Made

1. 87 Billy Bennett, Georgia (110 atts)..... 2000-03
 2. 83 Leigh Tiffin, Alabama (111 atts) 2006-09
 3. 78 Philip Doyle, Alabama (105 atts) 1987-90
 4. 77 Kevin Butler, Georgia (98 atts) 1981-84
 5. 76 Blair Walsh, Georgia (103 atts) 2008-11
 6. 71 Fuad Reveiz, Tennessee (95 atts) 1981-84
 7. 70 Caleb Sturgis, Florida (88 atts)..... 2008-12
 8. 67 Jeff Chandler, Florida (80 atts)..... 1997-01
 9. 66 Andrew Baggett, Missouri (90 att) 2011-15
 10. 65 Michael Proctor, Alabama (91 atts) 1992-95
- 65 Elliott Fry, South Carolina (87 atts)..... 2013-16**

PAT Kicks Attempted

1. 220 Marshall Morgan, Georgia (made 215) 2012-15
2. 204 Colt David, LSU (made 201)..... 2005-08
3. 194 Jeff Hall, Tennessee (made 188) 1995-98
4. 186 Wes Byrum, Auburn (made 183) 2007-10
5. 185 Blair Walsh, Georgia (made 184) 2008-11
6. 180 Jeff Chandler, Florida (made 167)..... 1997-01
7. 175 Jeremy Shelley, Alabama (made 162) 2009-12
8. 173 Zach Hocker, Arkansas (made 171) 2010-13
9. 165 Lones Seiber, Kentucky (made 158)..... 2006-09
10. 164 Bart Edmiston, Florida (made 160) 1992-96

158 Elliott Fry, South Carolina (made 157)..... 2013-16

PAT Kicks Made

1. 215 Marshall Morgan, Georgia (220 atts) 2012-15
2. 201 Colt David, LSU (204 atts)..... 2005-08
3. 188 Jeff Hall, Tennessee (194 atts) 1995-98
4. 184 Blair Walsh, Georgia (185 atts) 2008-11
5. 183 Wes Byrum, Auburn (186 atts) 2007-10
6. 172 Jeremy Shelley, Alabama (175 atts)..... 2009-12
7. 171 Zach Hocker, Arkansas (173 atts) 2010-13
8. 167 Jeff Chandler, Florida (180 atts)..... 1997-01
- 167 Adam Griffith, Alabama 2013-16
10. 162 John Vaughn, Auburn (163 atts)..... 2003-06

157 Elliott Fry, South Carolina (158 atts)..... 2013-16

Consecutive PAT Kicks Made

1. 161 John Becksvoort, Tennessee 1991-94
2. **151 Elliott Fry, South Carolina..... 2013-16**
3. 135 Van Tiffin, Alabama..... 1983-86
4. 130 Michael Proctor, Alabama 1992-95

Current NCAA PAT Streaks

Rk.	School.....	No.	Rk.	School.....	No.
1.	Florida State.....	299	4.	Stanford.....	168
2.	Michigan	283	5.	Auburn	167
3.	Memphis	205	6.	South Carolina	151

Drive Chart Summary

South Carolina

Opp.	Drives	TD	FG	Missed	Punt	Downs	Fum	INT	Half	3-Out
VU	12	1	2	0	7	0	1	0	1	4
MSU	12	2	0	1	7	0	1	1	0	5
ECU	12	2	2	0	5	1	0	0	2	4
UK	11	1	1	0	8	1	0	0	0	2
A&M	13	1	2	2	5	1	0	1	1	2
UGA	12	2	0	0	5	2	2	1	0	7
UMASS	14	5	0	0	5	1	1	0	2	3
TENN	14	3	1	0	9	0	0	0	1	4
MIZ	14	4	1	1	6	0	0	0	2	3
FLA	12	1	0	0	7	1	1	1	1	3
WCU	11	4	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
CLEM	12	1	0	0	7	2	0	1	1	6
TOT	149	27	12	4	72	10	7	5	12	44

Opponents

Opp.	Drives	TD	FG	Missed	Punt	Downs	Fum	INT	Half	3-Out
VU	13	1	1	1	8	1	0	0	1	7
MSU	13	3	2	0	4	2	0	1	1	2
ECU	11	1	3	1	2	0	2	2	0	0
UK	12	2	1	0	5	0	1	1	2	2
A&M	14	3	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	2
UGA	12	3	0	0	6	0	0	1	2	2
UMASS	13	4	0	1	3	1	2	2	0	6
TENN	13	2	0	1	6	1	1	2	0	4
MIZ	13	3	0	2	4	1	1	2	0	3
FLA	12	2	2	0	4	0	2	1	1	4
WCU	11	3	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	4
CLEM	12	8	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
TOT	149	35	11	8	52	9	11	14	9	36