

# CAROLINA FOOTBALL

## 2008 Garnet & Black Spring Game Notes

### 2008 South Carolina Gamecocks

Aug. 28	NC State	TBA	ESPN
Sept. 4	at Vanderbilt	TBA	ESPN
Sept. 13	Georgia	TBA	TBA
Sept. 20	Wofford	TBA	TBA
Sept. 27	UAB	TBA	TBA
Oct. 4	at Ole Miss	TBA	TBA
Oct. 11	at Kentucky	TBA	TBA
Oct. 18	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

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### 2007 South Carolina Gamecocks (6-6; 3-5 SEC)

Sept. 1	Louisiana-Lafayette	W, 28-14	PPV
Sept. 8	at #11 Georgia	W, 16-12	ESPN2
Sept. 15	South Carolina State	W, 38-3	PPV
Sept. 22	at #2 LSU	L, 16-28	CBS
Sept. 29	Mississippi State (HC)	W, 38-21	LFS
Oct. 4	#8 Kentucky	W, 38-23	ESPN
Oct. 13	at North Carolina	W, 21-15	ABC-R
Oct. 20	Vanderbilt	L, 6-17	PPV
Oct. 27	at Tennessee	L, 24-27	ot ESPN
Nov. 3	at Arkansas	L, 36-48	ESPN2
Nov. 10	#17 Florida	L, 31-51	ESPN
Nov. 24	#21 Clemson	L, 21-23	ESPN2

### Gamecocks At-A-Glance

2007 Record.....	6-6
2007 SEC Record (Finish).....	3-5 (5th East)
Basic Offense.....	Multiple
Basic Defense.....	4-3
Lettermen Returning.....	54
Offense.....	26
Defense.....	26
Special Teams.....	2
Lettermen Lost.....	18
Offense.....	8
Defense.....	10
Special Teams.....	0
Starters Returning.....	17
Offense.....	6
Defense.....	10
Special Teams.....	1
Starters Lost.....	6
Offense.....	5
Defense.....	1
Special Teams.....	0

**QUICKLY:** The annual Garnet & Black Spring Game, which is the culmination of the 15 spring practices allowed by the NCAA, is set for Saturday, April 19. Game time is set for 1 p.m. at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia. Admission to the 2008 spring game is free to the public.

**TELEVISION:** This year's Garnet & Black Spring Game will be televised on a tape-delay basis on CSS. Brad Muller, Derek Scott and George Rogers will be in the booth. The game will air later today at 4 p.m. The show will initially air as a two-hour program. Later, CSS will edit the show, add some interviews, and re-air the program multiple times throughout the summer.

**NEW COACHES IN TOWN:** 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 similar role to what he held for the past seven years at the University of Maryland.

**COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:** With **Ellis Johnson** taking over as defensive coordinator, he will also be in charge of the Gamecock linebackers. **Shane Beamer**, who coached the outside linebackers and served as co-coordinator of special teams a year ago, will now work exclusively with the cornerbacks. **Ron Cooper**, who handled the secondary a season ago, will oversee the safeties. In addition, this spring, Coach Spurrier indicated that **Steve Spurrier, Jr.** will be taking over more of the offensive play-calling duties in 2008.

**RETURNING STARTERS:** The Gamecocks officially return 17 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**, 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 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.

**POSITION CHANGES:** Several players tried new positions this spring. Most notably, **Yvan Banag** moved from linebacker to fullback; **Mark Barnes** moved from wide receiver to safety; **Chris Culliver** moved from wide receiver to safety; **Clark Gaston** moved from fullback to tight end; **Cliff Matthews** moved from linebacker to defensive end; and **Eric Norwood** moved from defensive end to linebacker.

**NEW ARRIVALS:** Six scholarship players will be getting their first taste of Division I college football this spring. The six include three players who spent last fall at Fork Union Military Academy and three others who graduated from high school in December. The Fork Union trio includes defensive back **Antonio Allen**, cornerback **Akeem Auguste** and tailback **Eric Baker**, all of whom originally signed with Carolina in February of 2007. The trio of December grads includes safety **Jay Spearman**, wide receiver **C.C. Whitlock** and linebacker **Shaq Wilson**.

**SIDELINED:** Several players have been sidelined with injuries and will not participate in the spring game. Those sidelined include: **Jasper Brinkley** (knee), **Emanuel Cook** (left thumb), **Dustin Lindsey** (knee), **Kenny McKinley** (toe), **Captain Munnerlyn** (foot), **Nick Prochak** (left leg), **Nathan Pepper** (knee), **Marvin Sapp** (hernia), **Jay Spearman** (left shoulder).

**THE 2008 OPENER:** The Gamecocks will host the North Carolina State Wolfpack on Thursday, Aug. 28 on ESPN to kick off the 2008 season, the 115th season of intercollegiate football at the USC. That contest will mark the renewal of an old rivalry, one that dates back to 1900. The teams have met 55 times previously, with NC State holding a slim 26-25-4 advantage. The teams are slated to meet again in Raleigh in 2009.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, July 19.....	Ladies Clinic
Friday, July 25.....	South Carolina at SEC Media Day
Monday, July 28.....	Coaches/Media Golf Tourney
Thursday, July 31.....	Players Report for Fall Camp

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....	Steve Spurrier
Alma Mater.....	Florida
Overall Record.....	163-56-2 (18 years)
Record at USC.....	21-16 (3 years)
Cornerbacks.....	Shane Beamer
Asst. Head Coach/Safeties.....	Ron Cooper
Running Backs.....	Robert Gillespie
Offensive Line.....	John Hunt
Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers.....	Ellis Johnson
Defensive Line.....	Brad Lawing
Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coordinator.....	David Reaves
Tight Ends/Special Teams.....	Ray Rychleski
Wide Receivers.....	Steve Spurrier, Jr.
Director—Football Operations.....	Jamie Speronis
Strength & Conditioning.....	Mark Smith
Asst. Athletics Trainer—Football.....	Bill Martin

# South Carolina 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)	46	Bryan Kingrey	FB	6-1	230	SR-2L	Raleigh, N.C. (Ravenscroft)
3	Akeem Auguste	CB	5-9	179	FR-HS	Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna/ Fork Union)	46	Cedrick Snead	CB	5-6	173	FR-RS	Garner, N.C. (Garner)
4	Jason Barnes	WR	6-4	201	FR-RS	Charlotte, N.C. (Independence)	47	Patrick DiMarco	FB	6-1	242	SO-1L	Altamonte Springs, Fla. (Lake Brantley)
4	Alonzo Winfield	LB	6-0	218	FR-RS	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Carver)	48	Vandaryl Shackelford	LB	6-0	239	JR-1L	Riverdale, Ga. (Riverdale)
5	Carlos Thomas	CB	5-11	197	SR-3L	College Park, Ga. (Banneker)	49	Damien Wright	LB	6-0	231	JR-SQ	Sumter, S.C. (Crestwood)
5	Stephen Garcia	QB	6-2	221	FR-RS	Tampa, Fla. (Jefferson)	50	Chris Vaughn	DS	6-1	252	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Irmo)
6	Tommy Beecher	QB	6-2	227	JR-1L	Concord, N.C. (Concord)	52	Jasper Brinkley	LB	6-2	275	SR-1L	Thomson, Ga. (Thomson/Georgia Military)
6	Melvin Ingram	LB	6-2	269	SO-1L	Hamlet, N.C. (Richmond County)	53	Marvin Sapp	LB	5-11	228	SR-3L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood)
7	Chris Smelley	QB	6-2	216	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	181	SO-1L	Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake)	54	Darantzy Brunson	DE	6-0	240	SO-SQ	Hampton, S.C. (Wade Hampton)
8	Larry Freeman	WR	6-1	223	SR-1L	Fort Meade, Fla. (Fort Meade/Pearl River CC)	57	Lemuel Jeanpierre	OG	6-3	293	JR-2L	Orlando, Fla. (Timber Creek)
9	Moe Brown	WR	6-0	186	JR-3L	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)	58	John Guerry	LB	6-0	217	JR-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Dreher)
10	Brian Maddox	TB	5-10	220	SO-1L	Anderson, S.C. (T.L. Hanna)	59	Charles Turner	DS	6-4	219	SO-1L	Roebuck, S.C. (Dorman)
10	Jamire Williams	CB	5-10	186	FR-RS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)	60	Terrence Campbell	OG	6-3	285	SO-SQ	Austell, Ga. (South Cobb)
11	Kenny McKinley	WR	6-0	182	SR-3L	Mableton, Ga. (South Cobb)	61	Donte'e Nicholls	DT	6-1	311	FR-RS	Pompano Beach, Fla. (Blanche Ely)
12	C.C. Whitlock	WR	5-10	171	FR-HS	Chester, S.C. (Chester)	62	Pierre Andrews	OG	6-3	281	SO-SQ	Charlotte, N.C. (Independence)
12	Shaq Wilson	LB	5-11	194	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (First Coast)	63	Seaver Brown	OG	6-5	307	SO-1L	Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)
13	Mark Barnes	FS	6-2	200	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast)	64	Kevin Young	OG	6-5	311	SO-SQ	Clearwater, Fla. (Central Catholic)
14	Ryan Succop	P/K	6-3	224	SR-3L	Hickory, N.C. (Hickory)	65	Ryan Broadhead	OC	6-5	270	FR-RS	Leesburg, Ga. (Lee County)
15	Matt Clements	WR	6-0	190	FR-RS	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)	66	Hutch Eckerson	OT	6-6	291	SO-1L	Lumberton, N.C. (Lumberton)
16	Michael McQueeney	QB	6-2	217	JR-SQ	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Bishop England/ Western Carolina)	68	Kyle Nunn	OT	6-6	300	FR-RS	Sumter, S.C. (Sumter)
17	Chris Culliver	FS	6-0	191	SO-1L	Garner, N.C. (Garner)	69	Matthew Grooms	DS	6-1	230	SO-HS	Bennettsville, S.C. (Marlboro County)
17	Zac Brindise	QB	6-0	218	FR-RS	Fort Myers, Fla. (South Fort Myers)	70	Garrett Anderson	OC	6-4	307	JR-2L	Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork)
18	Dion LeCorn	WR	5-11	220	SO-1L	Ocala, Fla. (Trinity Catholic)	72	Quintin Richardson	OT	6-4	289	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
19	Nick Prochak	TE	6-3	230	SO-1L	Spartanburg, S.C. (Spartanburg)	74	Heath Batchelor	OG	6-7	308	SO-1L	Haleyville, Ala. (Haleyville)
20	Taylor Rank	TB	6-0	214	JR-2L	Vancouver, Wash. (Evergreen)	75	Gurminder Thind	OT	6-4	281	SR-2L	Mississauga, Ontario (John Fraser)
21	Emanuel Cook	SS	5-10	214	JR-2L	Riviera Beach, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)	77	Jamon Meredith	OT	6-5	301	SR-3L	Simpsonville, S.C. (Hillcrest)
22	Bobby Wallace	TB	5-7	202	SR-2L	Conway, S.C. (Conway)	78	Justin Sorensen	OT	6-7	327	SR-2L	Vancouver Island, B.C. (Ballenas)
23	Jay Spearman	CB	6-0	190	FR-HS	Greenwood, S.C. (Greenwood)	79	Marque Hall	DT	6-3	314	SR-3L	Wingate, N.C. (Forest Hills)
24	Darian Stewart	FS	5-11	218	JR-2L	Huntsville, Ala. (Lee)	80	Clark Gaston	TE	6-2	244	SO-SQ	Cleveland, Tenn. (Ooltewah)
25	Mike Davis	TB	5-9	214	SR-3L	Columbia, S.C. (Columbia)	81	Paul Haile	WR	6-0	204	JR-SQ	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)
26	Antonio Allen	SS	6-2	190	FR-HS	Ocala, Fla. (Trinity Catholic/Fork Union)	81	Jamarial Brown	DT	6-0	291	SR-SQ	St. Stephen, S.C. (Timberland/St. Augustine's)
27	Scott Spurrier	WR	5-4	168	JR-SQ	Leesburg, Va. (Loudoun County)	82	Freddie Brown	WR	6-3	209	JR-2L	Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes)
28	Chris Hail	SS	5-10	199	JR-2L	Lovejoy, Ga. (Lovejoy)	83	Cliff Matthews	DE	6-4	250	SO-1L	Cheraw, S.C. (Cheraw)
28	Eric Baker	TB	5-11	187	FR-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (White/Fork Union)	84	Jared Cook	TE	6-5	242	JR-2L	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
29	Blake Baxley	SS	5-9	212	SO-SQ	Columbia, S.C. (Lexington)	85	Joe Hills	WR	6-4	202	FR-RS	Palmetto, Fla. (Palmetto)
30	Yvan Banag	FB	5-10	235	SR-3L	Buford, Ga. (Buford)	86	Stephen Flint	WR	6-2	192	FR-RS	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
31	Gerrod Sinclair	LB	6-0	234	JR-2L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mandarin)	87	Alex McGrath	TE	6-1	218	SR-1L	Greer, S.C. (Riverside)
34	Spencer Lanning	P/K	5-11	178	SO-SQ	Rock Hill, S.C. (York)	88	Weslye Saunders	TE	6-5	273	SO-1L	Durham, N.C. (Riverside)
35	Jim Hutton	FB	6-1	241	JR-SQ	Greeleyville, S.C. (Williamsburg Academy)	90	Foxy Foxworth	TE	6-3	244	SO-SQ	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
36	Stoney Woodson	CB	5-11	197	SR-3L	Tampa, Fla. (Middleton)	91	Ladi Ajiboye	DT	6-1	300	SO-1L	Riverdale, Ga. (Banneker/Hargrave Military)
40	Eric Norwood	LB	6-1	270	JR-2L	Acworth, Ga. (North Cobb)	92	Byron McKnight	DE	6-5	236	FR-RS	Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland County)
41	Jordin Lindsey	DE	6-3	261	SR-3L	Mobile, Ala. (Davidson)	92	Stephen Huegel	PK	5-11	185	FR-RS	Export, Pa. (Penn Trafford)
42	Travian Robertson	DE	6-4	270	SO-1L	Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland County)	95	Nathan Pepper	DT	6-1	292	JR-2L	Greenville, S.C. (Greenville)
42	Mike Newton	CB	5-11	190	SR-1L	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington/Newberry)	96	Clifton Geathers	DE	6-7	290	SO-1L	Georgetown, S.C. (Carvers Bay/Hargrave Military)
43	Quanopheus Earls	FS	6-0	190	SO-TR	Hiram, Ga. (Marietta/Tusculum)	97	Kenrick Ellis	DT	6-5	353	SO-1L	West Palm Beach, Fla. (John I. Leonard)
44	Dustin Lindsey	LB	6-4	242	SR-2L	Mobile, Ala. (Davidson)	97	Nate Spurrier	P/K	6-2	243	JR-SQ	Snellville, Ga. (Brookwood)
45	Rodney Paulk	LB	6-0	226	JR-2L	Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast)	99	Jonathan Williams	DT	6-2	290	SR-1L	Augusta, Ga. (Glenn Hills/Mississippi Delta CC)