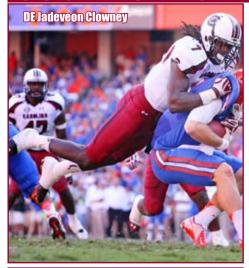
SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOC



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2013

QUARTERBACKS - In 2011 ret st'r Stephen Garcia had just 4 sts. Connor Shaw got his first st vs Kentucky (26-39-311) and never let go of the starting job. In 9 sts Shaw threw for 1,448 (65%, 14-6) and was the #2 rusher (525, 3.9). He opened up 13-1 as a starter, the best record after 14 gms of any QB here ever. LY Shaw was banged up in the opener vs Vandy and after Dylan Thompson went 0-3, Shaw came off the bench to gallantly lead the 4Q comeback win. The 2 QB's comb to hit 7-14-67 which is believed to be an all-time low for passing yards for a Spurrier offense. Shaw sat vs EC and Thompson hit 21-37-330. Shaw st'd vs UAB but was inj'd in the 2Q. Despite some calling for Thompson to start vs MO, Shaw threw an inc but hit his next 20 (249 yds), tying for the 2nd most consec comp passes in SEC history (Miss, Kent Austin '82). His 95.2% comp was 2nd highest in SEC history behind Tee Martin (UT '98). Spurrier said that Shaw throws a very catchable ball. Shaw threw for just 140 ypg the next 4 but then hit 22-32-356 vs Tenn and 272 vs Ark. Shaw was inj'd vs Wofford and Thompson hit 23-41-310 vs Clemson. Shaw finished with 1,956 (67.5%, 17-7) while adding 435 (3.3) rush and Thompson had 1,027 (52.0%, 10-2). TY they return a healthy Shaw (miss spg, foot), an exp'd bkp plus get the addition of rFr Brendan Nosovitch (6'1" 223 rFr, PS#39) and true Conner Mitch (PS#27 IFS). Both QB's will play and look for some formations with Shaw at WR. Under Spurrier, SC's high is 258 ypg pass ('07) and that should be beat TY. **RUNNING BACKS** - In '10 their top 3 RB's all ret'd but

I listed true frosh Marcus Lattimore (PS#1) on my Preseason All-SEC Tm. Lattimore became the first 1,000 yd rusher here s/00 with 1,197 (4.8) despite missing most of 3 gms with inj's. Kenny Miles (626, 5.4 '09) had 152 (3.8). In '11 Lattimore was on his way to a great season (818, 5.0) but was OFY (ACL) vs MSt. True frosh Brandon Wilds (PS#53) rushed for 486 (4.5) while Miles added 204 (3.8). QB's were the #2 and #5 rushers. True frosh Shon Carson (PS#23) had an ACL Wk 2 and RS. LY Lattimore suffered a gruesome leg inj vs Tenn (662, 4.6). He still broke the SC record for career rushing td's w/38 (George Rogers, 33). Wilds RS while true frosh Mike Davis (PS#11) had 275 (5.3 ypc). Miles had 127 vs Wofford and Davis had 84 vs UAB and 53 vs Ark as the only 3 non-Lattimore RB efforts that

topped 50 yards. Miles finished #3 (359, 3.5) and QB's were #2 and #6. Davis was the MIP RB this spring. Lattimore departs (#4DC SF) but since he missed half of 2012 and they get back Wilds and add in 2 VHT true frosh, I will actually call this unit to match last year's production.

RECEIVERS - With the loss of 6'4" Alshon Jeffrey (#2DC CHI), the WR's had a much different look LY. The top 3 WR's were 5'8", 5'9" and 5'9" and 2 TE's and 2 RB's were among the top 6 on the team in receptions. 6'1" true frosh Shaq Roland (PS#6) surprisingly had just 5 rec. Bruce Ellington ply'd '11 at 185 lbś and was #3 (211, 12.4). LY he bulked up to 197 and led with 600 (15.0). He is also on the SC basketball tm. Ace Sanders (#2, 531, 11.8) had 119 vs Clemson and 92 in the bowl. TE Justice Cunningham (142, 7.9, '11) was #4 (324, 14.1). Rory Anderson had 271 (19.4) while soph Damiere Byrd (PS#29, 1 rec true) had 366 and a tm high 26.1 ypc. TY they lose Cunningham (11 st. #7DC IND), 6'5" DL Moore (6 st, 139, 17.4) and Sanders (deep threat) left early for the NFL (#4DC JAX). With 4 of their top 6 back this unit is more experienced and Spurrier feels he has perhaps the best TE combo in the country. **OFFENSIVE LINE** - SC has had only 3 OL earn 1st Tm

SEC. In each of Spurrier's first 5Y ('05-'09) this was an injury plagued group. Only once did they top 3.6 ypc rush ('06, 4.5). They had 72 car sts back in '10 and improved to 4.1 ypc and then w/70 career sts in '11, they had a Spurrier best 192 ypg rush (4.5, 30 sk, 9.5%). LY they had to replace a rare 1st Tm SEC OL (#5DC), their LT (21 car sts) and RG (12 st). They did return 3rd Tm SEC C TJ Johnson and had 61 car sts back. They plugged in rFr Brandon Shell (PS#7) at LT but he lost his spot and moved to RT. SC dropped to 138 ypg (3.7) with 38 sks (10.4%). TY they lose 2nd Tm SEC C Johnson (13 st, 4Y st'r, #7DC CIN) but everyone else is back (72 car sts) and this could be Spurrier's best O-line in his 9 years here.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In each of Spurrier's first 5 yrs, the DL was banged up. In '10 SC allowed 112 ypg rush (3.4 best s/'00), with 41 sk (DL 31), the most in 20+ yrs. In '11 they had to replace 2 st'rs (#7DC). At midyear Spurrier said that their OL couldn't blk the DL in practice as PS#1 DE Jadeveon Clowney was a bkp behind 2 super DE's. It was very surprising that SC regressed to all'g 136 ypg (3.6) however they did face tms (Navy, The Citadel) where they were big favorites (not "A" gm). Taking those 2 efforts away, they allowed 114 ypg (3.2) and the D had 31 sks. LY they had to replace a DT (13 st, #7DC) and 2nd Tm AA DE Melvin Ingram (12 st, 10 sk, #1DC). They allowed 121 ypg (3.1) but the sks climbed to 43. TY they lose 3rd Tm SEC ĎĔ Ďevín Taylor (13 st, 45 tkl, 3 sk, 5.5 tfl, #4DC DET), DT Byron Jerideau (13 st, 40 tkl, 2.5 sk) and Aldrick Fordham (22 tkl, 5.5 sk). While they lose 3 very productive DL's, their main guy Clowney is back for one more year (potential 1st player

taken in '14 NFL draft) and SC will be just as strong.

LINEBACKERS - LY SC had to replace 2nd Tm SEC Spur Antonio Allen (#1 tkl'r, #7DC) and Rodney Paulk (6 st, #3 tkl'r). They moved in S DeVonté Holloman (10 st. #5) and ret'd 3 LB's who st'd 4+ (#4, #7, #10 tkl'rs). They were a senior laden and highly productive group (18.2 ppg). Unfortunately TY they lose their top 5 LB tkl'rs and their leading returnee, true frosh Jordan Diggs (PS#30), had just 5 tkl's. Gone are Shaq Wilson (13 st, #1 tkl'r, 4.5 tfl), Reginald Bowens (13 st, #3 tkl'r, T sk), Holloman (13 st, #4 tkl'r, 8 ffl, #6DC DAL), Quin Smith (#7 tkl'r, 4 ffl) and Damario Jeffery (PS#22, 2 st, #14 tkl'r, 3.5 ffl). Naturally this unit is my biggest? on the team.

pass D rankings s/07. They finished #35 in '07, #30, #27 then surprisingly #92 in '10. In '11 just as surprisingly, they moved back up to #4 with just 2 st'rs back. LY they had to replace 2

st'rs (#1DC). I said they wouldn't match '11's #4 ST RANK (6) PDR. No DB st'd all 12 but SC was still a solid #24 (56.2%, 18-15). TY they lose 2nd Tm SEC FS DJ Swearinger (#2 tkl'r, 7 pbu, #2DC HOU) and CB Akeem Auguste (18 tkl). Despite losing their top guy, this unit is more exp'd and should be one of the FBS's stronger secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - As shown on this page SC has never finished very high in my ST rankings. (39.9)...#43 LY Spurrier brought in a Div III transfer Tyler Hull who avg 39.4 (36.0 tm net). He was named one of the Top 12 JUCO K or P's at the Chris Sailer Camp in Las Vegas. Ace Sanders set the SC record for PR yds in a season with 429 (15.3, 2nd Tm AA) topping Dickie Harris' 362 ('71). Bruce Ellington had 463 (23.1) in '11 on KR's and 406 (22.6) LY. Adam Yates hit 11-17 fg's (L51) but was 0-2 in the bowl. C finished #53. TY they lose Yates and AA Sanders.

COACHES - How many coaches can you name that have 200+ college wins, while also having HC exp in both the NFL and USFL? Steve Spurrier took over here in '05 and in '10 led SC to their first ever SEC Title game and followed that with a school record 11 wins in each of the last 2 ssns. Spurrier calls his own plays but LY promoted his son, Steve Jr and OL cch Shawn Elliot to co-OC's. They are in their 9th and 4th ssns respectively. Lorenzo Ward was the DB coach at VT ('99-'05), Ark ('07) and here since '08. He is in his second season as DC.

ALSO ON ROSTER: y Orth 61" 214 rFr tin Hails 6'2" 227 So in Potter 5'10" 203 rFr

FB Connor McLaurin 6'0' 237 Jr FB Garrison Gist 5'10' 245 So FB Ty Sutherland 5'10' 249 So FB Jordan Diaz 6'1' 243 Jr

'12 Tm Net Av

PHIL'S FORECAST

When the preseason poll debuts, the Gamecocks will have been ranked for 48 consec wks, the longest streak in SC history. SC's last conf title, however, came in the ACC in 1969. Steve Spurrier has now had 0 losing seasons in 8 yrs (7 bowls). Spurrier's high water mark in his first 5 yrs was at #6 in '07' when the team was 6-1 but they finished just 6-6 (NR). After winning 7 in '08 and '09 SC stepped it up to 9-5 (#22) in '10. They were 11-2 and finished #9 (in '11). It was the 2nd year in a row they swept their biggest 4 rivals (UF, GA, Tenn and Clem). LY SC opened #9 and finished #8. They got as high as #3 (highest s/'84) after knocking off #5 GA. A tough schedule got the best of them as their only 2 losses came in their 2nd and 3rd gms of a brutal 3 game stretch (3 Top 10 tms). SC opened vs Vandy. QB Shaw was inj'd and bkp Thompson struggled but they still escaped, 17-13. Thompson led a 48-10 win over EC then Shaw ret'd vs UAB and they won 49-6 (Spurrier's 200th win). Shaw had 20 straight comp in their 31-10 win vs Missouri. They trailed Kentucky 17-7 but UK blew an opp at the end of 1H not even getting a fg off from the 3 yd line. SC scored 10 pts in the final minutes and won by 21. SC obliterated UGA (led 21-0 after 1Q) but at #3, in their 2nd str tough game and in Death Valley vs a desperate #9 LSU, they were outgained 406-211 and lost 23-21. They had a 3rd str tough game, on the road in "The Swamp" and TO's did them in. SC had a 103-29 yd edge at half but trailed 21-6 and 37-8 after 3Q's. Tenn gave them a game but SC won 38-35. SC then beat Ark and Wofford and were outgained by Clem 237-188 at the half (trailed 14-10) but rallied for a 27-17 win. In the bowl they rallied again getting a late td pass in the final seconds to pull out a 33-28 win over Michigan. TY SC is just #96 in my Exp Chart (pg 37). The Gamecocks do catch a break being the only one of the top 3 in the East not to face Bama, LSU or A&M. SC has 2 capable QB's and should top 300 ypg passing for the first time under Spurrier. The D loses 6 key starters but returns Jadeveon Clowney. They get UF and Clemson at home and figure to be an underdog in only one game and that is Wk 2 at UGA, a team they have defeated 3 straight years. SC is a legitimate National Title Contender.

OFFENSE

2018 PROJECTED STARTING UNEUP

JERSEY # IN GARNET

DEFENSE

IN GARNET QB 14 CONNOR SHAW SR. 6-1 204 PS#47. 9 gm, 223 (70%, 1-2) true. 9 st, 1448 (65%, 14-6) '11. 11 st, 1956 DE 90 Chaz Sutton Sr. 6-5 256 PS#101. 1 st, 20 gm, 18 tkl '10-'11. 1 st, 13 gm, 25 tkl, 5 sk, 2 ff LY (68%,17-7) 608 rush (3.3) LY. OFS. 17 Dylan Thompson (6'3' 212 Jr) PS#72. 4 gm '11. 2 st, 1027 (52%, 10-2), 131 (0.7) rush LY. 34 Mason Harris (6'3" 215 So) PS#157. 6 gm, 3 tkl LY. 44 Gerald G Dixon (6'2" 275 So) PS#125. 12 gm, 9 tkl LY. **QB 14 CONNOR SHAW SR** 5-9 215 PS#11. 12 gm, 275 (5.3) LY. 22 Brandon Wilds (6'2" 218 So) PS#53.486 DT 97 JT Surratt Jr. TB 28 Mike Davis So. (4.5) '11. DNP LY (ankle). **24** Kendric Salley (5'9" 215 rFr) PS#43. **7** Shon Carson (5'8" 219 So) **PS#23**. Battle inj L2Y. **WR 1 DAMIERE BYRD JR.** 5-9 168 **PS#29**. 3 st, 9 gm, 1 rec, 73 rush (7.3) '11. 2 st, 13 gm, 366 (26.1) LY. **DT 99 KELCY QUARLES JR.** 6-4 293 **PS#18**. Signed '10, DNQ. L/6 st, 12 gm, 28 tkl LY, 3rd Tm Fr AA '11. 3 Nick Jones (5'7" 171 Jr) PS#89. 2 st, 143 (11.9) '11. 3 st, 12 gm, 197 (16.4) LY. **8** Shamier Jeffery (6'1" 204 So) PS#75. 11 st, 38 tkl, 3.5 sk, 4.5 tfl, 1 qbh LY. **52** Phillip Dukes (6'3" 315 So) **PS#27**. 5 gm, 3 tkl LY. Kelsey Griffin **PS#16**. WR 23 BRUCE ELLINGTON JR. PS#88. 13 gm, 28 (9.3). 12 Jody Fuller (5'11" 211 rFr) PS#38. 86 David Wilkins (6'1" 179 Sr). Matthew Harvey (6'8" 225 So). ttl, 3 ff, 1 fr, SEC DPOY & 1st T WR 4 Shaq Roland So. 6-1 182 PS#6. 80 (16.0) LY. Raw talent. 9 Kwinton Smith (6'4" 206 rFr) PS#54. WLB 18 Cedrick Cooper So. 18 Dwayne Duckett (6'0" 172 rFr) TE 81 Rory Anderson Jr. 6-5 218 PS#32.2 st, 13 gm, 188 (23.5) '11.2 st, 13 gm, 271 (19.4) LY. 89 Jerell MLB 22 Kaiwan Lewis So. Adams (6'6" 224 So) PS#35, 9 gr 90 (22.5) LY. 88 Drew Owens (6'6" 241 So) PS#21. 35 Jeff Homad (6'2" 224 Jr). C 51 Cody Waldrop rFr. 6-2 312 PS#65. 54 Clayton Stadnik (6'3" 283 rFr) PS#101. Bryce King (6'3" SPUR 42 Jordan Diggs rFr. 281 Fr) PS#74. LS 59 Coleman Harley (61" 268 So) Bkp LS LY. 58 Ryland Culbertson (6'4" 268 Jr) Reserve LS LY. tkl 111.8 gm, 3 tkl LY. Mohamed Camara PS#160. Jonathan Walton PS#143. 41 Kyle Morini (5'10" 220 Jr) W/O IFS. RG 67 ROLAND PATRICK SR. 6-2 315 PS#141.3 gm bkp as true. Moved from C. 9 gm '11. 13 st RG LY. CB 27 VICTOR HAMPTON JR. 5-10 197 PS#30.10 gm, 14tkl, 25.4 on KR'11.12 st, 40tkl, 1 sk, 2tfl, 7 pd LY. 4 Ahmac 60 DJ Park (6'4" 335 Fr) PS#24. IFS. 75 Will Sport (6'5" 289 So) PS#273. 12 gm LY. Alan Knott (6'4" 272 Fr) PS#67. Christian (5'10" 189 So) PS#30. LG 50 AJ CANN JR. 65 Brock Stadnik CB 15 JIMMY LEGREE SR. (65° 291 rF) P\$#26. AA HS Jr. Shouldelr surg LY. Twin of Clayton. NaTy Rodgers (65° 296 rP. As a LY. 78 Cody S 12 BRISON WILLIAMS JR. 5-11 205 P\$#146.8 gm, out F/4 brkn arm, 11 tkl '11.12 st, 52 tkl, 1 sk, 6 pd LY Gibson (6'7" 284 Jr) PS#150. 4 st, 7 gm '11. 2 st, 9 gm LY. Weight room award. JP Vonashek (6'6" 283 Fr) PS#66. LT 53 COREY ROBINSON JR. 6-8 338 PS#137. Moved back to OL in spring '12.9 st LT LY, biggest guy on tm 76 Mike Matulis (6'5" 264 Jr) PS#157. 4 st RT true '11. 5 st (3LT, 2RT) LY. 74 Mason Zandi (6'9" 287 rFr) PS#226. ** No Miche Waldis (20 20 4 4) F3# 13 . 4 st F1 tube 11.3 st St (31, F1) F3# 26. 8 Gallett Gladin (69 20 7 19 7 5 # 26. 8 Gallett Gladin (69 20 7 19 7 5 # 26. 8 Gallett Gladin (60 19 4 19 7 5 # 26. 8 Gallett Gladi

6-5 256 PS#101. 1 st, 20 gm, 18 tkl '10-'11. 1 st, 13 gm, 25 tkl, 5 sk, 2 ff LY. 6-2 311 PS#216. 3 gm, 2 tkl '11. 1 st, 10 gm 14 tkl LY (susp F/3). 92 Gerald 5-9 197 211 (12.4) 11. 13 st, 600 (15.0), 406 KR (22.6) LY. KJ Brent (6'4' 185 So) DE 7 JADEVEON CLOWNEY JR. 6-6 272 PS#1. 1 st, 13 gm, 36 kkl, 12 tll, 2nd Tm SEC '11. 12 st, 54 tkl, 13 sk, 10.5 tfl, 3 ff, 1 fr, SEC DPOY & 1st Tm AA LY. 8 Darius English (6'6" 225 rFr) PS#134.2 gm, OFY LY. Devin Washington PS#61. 6-2 215 PS#140.11 gm, 1 tkl LY. Larenz Bryant (6'0" 215 Fr) PS#5.21 Marcquis 85 Kane Whitehurst (5'11" 170 So) Ark trans. 84 Tevin Bradshaw (5'7" 149 So). Roberts (6'1" 215 So) PS#89. DNP. Knee inj LY. Skai Moore (6'2" 205 Fr) PS#48. DE Jamal Hall (6'2" 234 Sr). 6-0 221 PS#53. 11 gm, 3 tkl LY. 11 TJ Holloman (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#94. 5 Kelvin Rainey (6'3" 228 rFr) PS#21TE. id Johnson (6'1" 268 Fr) PS#131. 121 tkl, 20 tfl HS Sr. 46 Darian Sims (6'2" 254 So). 6-0 197 PS#30.2 gm, 5 tkl, RS LY.9 Sharrod Golightly (5'10" 179 Jr) PS#116.7 5-10 197 **PS#30**. 10 gm, 14 tkl, 25.4 on KR '11. 12 st, 40 tkl, 1 sk, 2 tfl, 7 pd LY. 4 Ahmad Christian (5'10" 189 So) PS#90. 12 gm, 8 tkl LY. 30 Sidney Rhodes (5'10" 167 Jr) 12 gm, 5 tkl LY. Pharoh Cooper is PS#134. 6-0 185 PS#172. 8 tkl '11. 8 st, 44 tkl, 9 pd LY. 10 Ronnie Martin (5'11" 173 5-11 205 PS#146.8 gm, out F/4 brkn arm, 11 tkl '11.12 st, 52 tkl, 1 sk, 6 pd LY. 17 Chaz Elder (6'2" 194 rFr) PS#37. 19 Kyle Fleetwood (5'11" 214 rFr) PS#78. 40 Jevonn Dukes (6'1" 200 So). 6-1 185 PS#103.6 gm, 1 tkl '11.12 gm, 5 tkl LY. 28 TJ Gurley (5'10" 183 So) (knee) LY. 6 Chris Moody (6'1" 210 rFr) PS#76. 49 Garrett Shank (6'0" 190 rFr). . FS 25 Kadetrix Marcus Jr PS#107. 2 st, 8 gm, 13 tkl. OF

Clemson - #15

Clemson - #18

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