



BUCCANEER

20 FOOTBALL 25



THE RUNDOWN		
RECORD	OVERALL:	0-0
	OVC/BIG SOUTH	0-0
	NON-CONFERENCE	0-0
	HOME	0-0
	AWAY	0-0

THE SCHEDULE		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 30	at Vanderbilt	7 p.m.
Sep. 6	at Coastal Carolina	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 13	vs Lindenwood*	4 p.m.
Sep. 20	at William & Mary	4 p.m.
Sep. 27	vs South Carolina State	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Gardner-Webb*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	vs Tennessee Tech*	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Western Illinois*	4 p.m.
Oct. 25	vs Eastern Illinois*	2 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Southeast Missouri State*	2 p.m.
Nov. 15	at UT Martin*	2 p.m.
Nov. 22	vs Tennessee State*	2 p.m.
*OVC/Big South Opponent // All times Eastern		

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GAME 1 | AT VANDERBILT

August 30, 2025 * Nashville, Tenn. * 6:02 p.m. CT * SECN+




CHARLESTON SOUTHERN
BIG SOUTH/OHIO VALLEY

2025 Record: 0-0/0-0
Head Coach: Gabe Giardina
Career: 42-35 (9th)
CSU: 5-18 (3rd)



QUICK HITS

N/A	Points/Game	N/A
N/A	Points Allowed/Game	N/A
N/A	Rush Yards/Game	N/A
N/A	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	N/A
N/A	Pass Yards/Game	N/A
N/A	Pass Yards Allowed/Game	N/A
N/A	Total Offense/Game	N/A



VANDERBILT
SOUTHEASTERN

2025 Record: 0-0/0-0
Head Coach: Clark Lea
Career: 16-33 (5th)
VAN: Same



STATISTICAL LEADERS

#5 Zolten Osborne
10-19, 81 yards, 0 TD, 2 INT

PASSING

#2 Diego Pavia
177-of-298, 2293 yards, 20 TD, 4 INT

#23 Tyson Greenwade
101 carries, 467 yards, 3 TD

RUSHING

#2 Diego Pavia
192 carries, 801 yards, 8 TD

#3 Chris Rhone
35 catches, 593 yards, 4 TD

RECEIVING

#9 Eli Stowers
49 catches, 638 yards, 5 TD

#58 Steve Zayachkowsky
80 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 3.0 Sacks, 1 FF

DEFENSE

#4 Bryan Longwell
89 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks

AT A GLANCE

KEY STORYLINES

>>SEASON OPENER

Charleston Southern will be looking to snap a ten-game losing streak dating back to last season. During that stretch, four games were lost by five points or less, genuinely being a play away from coming away victorious.

>>FBS RUN

Saturday's contest marks the second of three consecutive games against FBS competition for Charleston Southern dating back to last season. The 2024 season ended with the Buccaneers traveling to Tallahassee, Florida to play Florida State. The 2025 fall begins with games against Vanderbilt and Coastal Carolina

>>REMATCH IN NASHVILLE

This marks the second all-time meeting between these two programs in school history. Back in 2014, they met for the first time and Vanderbilt came away with a 21-20 victory over the Buccaneers. The game marks the closest margin of defeat in CSU history against an FBS opponent.

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall: 2nd Meeting (VAN leads 1-0)

Buccaneer Field: N/A

FirstBank Stadium: Vanderbilt leads 1-0

Neutral: N/A

First Meeting: Oct. 11, 2014 (at VAN, L, 20-21)

Last Meeting: Oct. 11, 2014 (at VAN, L, 20-21)


Streak: VAN won only meeting

CSU Home Venue

Stadium: Buccaneer Field

Capacity: 4,000

Surface: Field Turf



CHARLESTON SOUTHERN WEEKLY SCHEDULE

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Practice - 7:00 p.m.	Coach Giardina Media Availability 12:00 p.m. Practice - 3:45 p.m.	Practice - 3:45 p.m.	Practice - 3:45 p.m.	Travel Day	GAME DAY vs. VANDERBILT - 7:00 P.M. EST NASHVILLE, TENN. ESPN+ / SECN+	Off Day No Media Availability

THE BASICS

Location (Founded)..... Charleston, S.C. (1964)
 Address P.O. Box 118087, Charleston, S.C. 29423-8087
 Conference Big South
 Affiliation NCAA Division I (FCS)
 Enrollment 4,000 +
 Colors Blue (PMS 295) and Gold (PMS 7503)
 Nickname Buccaneers
 Mascot "Bucky"
 Band "Pride of the Lowcountry"
 President Dr. B. Keith Faulkner
 Faculty Representative Dr. Todd Heldreth
 Athletic Director Jeff Barber
 Deputy A.D. / Chief of Staff Courtney Hall
 Senior Associate A.D. (Academics)/SWA Carrie Gomez
 Associate A.D. (External) Mike Vigue
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 Ticket Office Phone 843-863-7670

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility Buccaneer Field
 Capacity 4,000
 Surface Field Turf
 Record at Buccaneer Field 81-66

HISTORY

First Year of Football 1991
 All-Time Record 146-221
 All-Time Big South Record 32-44
 Conference Championships 3 (2015 Title Vacated)
 (2005 Co-Champions), (2016 Co-Champions)
 Playoff Appearances 2015 (#8 national seed; reached FCS quarterfinals)
 2016 (FCS First Round)

TEAM INFORMATION

2024 Overall Record 1-11
 Home/Away 0-5/1-6
 Big South Conference/Finish 0-8/9th
 Home/Away 0-4/0-4

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Gabe Giardina
 Defensive Coordinator Nick Reveiz
 Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Seth Strickland
 Offensive Line Landon Martin
 Wide Receivers Vince Giardina
 Running Backs Tyler Bell
 Defensive Line Mike Welch
 Linebackers Zack Johnson
 Secondary/Safeties Maurice Duncan
 Secondary/Corners Mike Edwards
 Director of Football Operations Braxton Chadwick
 Graduate Assistant - Tight Ends Cade Rowland
 Graduate Assistant - Offensive Line Trevor Arrington
 Graduate Assistant - Defensive Line Ross Pryor
 Graduate Assistant - Linebackers Landry Horne
 Graduate Assistant - Film/Operations Hogan Miller

MEDIA AVAILABILITY AND POLICY**WEEKLY GAME NOTES**

Thank you for your coverage of CSU Football for the 2019 season. These game notes have been designed to provide local, regional and national media with useful information about the CSU football program, specific to this week's game. You can also find more information at csusports.com. Should you need additional information such as photographs, video or additional media guides, please contact the CSU Sports Information offic.

CSUSPORTS.COM

Please visit csusports.com for press releases, updated player and coach bios, statistics, game notes, and schedules.

PRACTICES AND MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Members of the media will be invited to conduct interviews before and at the conclusion of practice. Please give at least 24 hours notice with special requests. (PLEASE NOTE THE CALENDAR ABOVE FOR MEDIA AVAILABILITY FOR THE WEEK.)

ATHLETIC STAFF INTERVIEWS

Interview requests for Athletic Director Jeff Barber or any other member of the athletic administration should be directed to Assistant A.D. for Communications, Michael Causey.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Football Twitter: @CSU_FB
 CSU Athletics Twitter: @CSUSports
 Football Instagram: @CSU_FB
 CSU Athletics Instagram: @CSUBucs
 Facebook: @CSUSports
 YouTube: @CSUSports

POSTGAME MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Postgame interviews will be conducted on the second floor of the Whitfield Stadium Center at Buccaneer Field following all CSU home football games. Coach Giardina and select players will be available following the NCAA mandatory cooling off period. For road games, CSU will conduct interviews outside the locker room or in a location designated by the host school.

POLICY REMINDERS

Other than during the recognized interview time at practice sessions, press conferences and other organized media availability, interviews and information inquiries must be initiated and arranged through the Athletic Communications office prior to being conducted. Media members should not contact directly CSU players, coaches, support staff or other athletic department personnel for any reason. Some players may not be available at every practice depending on circumstances such as classes, exams or other obligations.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	CL	HT	WT	HOMETOWN / H.S. (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
0	Jamil Bishop	WR	R-Sr.	5-9	165	Suitland, Ma. / Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. HS (Frostburg State)
0	Josiah Wyatt	DL	R-Jr.	6-4	265	Buford, Ga. / Buford HS (Appalachian State)
1	Gilbert Brown	P	Sr.	6-0	175	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill HS (Albany State)
2	Isaiah Gordon	RB	R-Jr.	6-1	220	Deltona, Fla. / Mainland HS (Marshall)
2	Justin Waters	LB	Sr.	6-1	230	Reisterstown, Md. / Boys' Latin School of MD (Stonehill)
3	Chris Rhone	WR	R-Sr.	6-3	195	Columbia, S.C. / Gray Collegiate Academy (Coastal Car.)
3	Malik McKinzie	DL	Sr.	6-2	235	Sumter, S.C. / Sumter HS (UNC Pembroke)
4	Ke'Marion Baldwin	RB	R-So.	5-9	200	St. Paul's, N.C. / St. Paul's HS (James Madison)
5	Steve Zayachkowsky	LB	Jr.	5-10	215	Indian Trail, N.C. / Porter Ridge HS
5	Zoltan Osbourne	QB	R-So.	6-1	205	North Charleston, S.C. / Fort Dorchester HS
6	Lek Powell	QB	R-Sr.	6-0	190	Carlisle, Pa. / Bishop McDevitt HS (Shepherd)
6	Avery Dixon	S	R-Jr.	6-2	195	Concord, Va. / Rustburg HS (Bryant)
7	Justin Echols	QB	R-Jr.	6-2	185	Ellenwood, Ga. / South Gwinnett HS
7	Nick Bartalo	LB	R-Sr.	6-1	220	Tampa, Fla. / Gaither HS
8	Quay Kindell	WR	R-So.	5-9	185	Tampa, Fla. / Plant HS
8	Hugo Gil	DL	R-So.	6-3	300	Manchester, N.H. / Cheshire Academy (Temple)
9	Anthony Carter	CB	So.	6-0	185	Valdosta, Ga. / Lowndes HS (Georgia Military)
10	Nebanye Moore	TE	R-Jr.	6-3	245	Statesville, N.C. / Statesville HS (N.C. Central)
10	Mylan Bowen	DL	So.	6-1	220	Orlando, Fla. / Edgewater HS
11	Caden Clay	QB	Fr.	6-2	200	Valley, Ala. / Northside HS
11	Kiemond Emilien	S	R-Jr.	5-11	195	Spring, Texas / Westfield HS (Mississippi College)
12	Landon Sauers	TE	R-Sr.	6-4	230	Anderson, S.C. / Crescent HS
13	Braxton Scott	QB	R-Fr.	6-0	180	Charleston, S.C. / James Island HS
13	Chandler Perry	S	Jr.	5-10	190	Irmo, S.C. / Dutch Fork HS
14	Shamar Hall	S	So.	5-10	190	Powder Springs, Ga. / McEachern HS
15	Tyler Smith	CB	Jr.	6-0	175	Dallas, Ga. / Paulding County HS (Tuskegee)
16	Mekhi Campfield	WR	Jr.	6-3	200	Columbia, S.C. / Lower Richland HS
17	Rashawn Cunningham	WR	R-Fr.	6-2	205	Inman, S.C. / Chapman HS
18	Nick Sawyer	CB	R-Jr.	5-11	175	Harvest, Al. / Sparkman HS (Kennesaw State)
19	Anthony Paulk	CB	R-Fr.	5-10	180	Douglas, Ga. / Coffee HS
20	Hakeem Watters	RB	Fr.	5-7	170	Hartsville, S.C. / Hartsville HS
20	David Portu	DL	R-Jr.	6-3	240	Fort Myers, Fla. / Bishop Verot Catholic HS (Coastal Car.)
22	Brandon Musch	RB	R-Fr.	5-10	190	Huntsville, Ala. / Westminster Christian Academy
23	Tyson Greenwade	RB	R-So.	5-11	210	Dalton, Ga. / Dalton HS
24	Angel Miles	LB	R-Fr.	6-0	210	Dade City, Fla. / Pasco HS
25	Champ Brantley	S	Jr.	6-0	195	Forsyth, Ga. / Mary Persons HS
26	Knai Cook	S	So.	6-0	200	Duncan, S.C. / Byrnes HS
28	Tylan Hollis	LB	R-Sr.	6-0	200	Manchester, Ga. / Manchester HS
29	Owen Farrell	WR	Fr.	6-0	182	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Christian School
29	Canii Tucker	CB	Sr.	6-1	175	Ladson, S.C. / Fort Dorchester HS (Chowan)
30	Jayden Hancock	CB	Fr.	6-0	165	Douglas, Ga. / Coffee HS
31	Devontae Roberts	CB	Fr.	5-11	180	Crawfordville, Fla. / Gadsden County HS
32	Sharode Richardson	RB	Fr.	5-10	185	Anderson, S.C. / Westside HS
33	Brandon McDonald	S	Fr.	6-0	185	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill HS
34	Kason Hooks	CB	So.	6-0	180	Leesburg, Ga. / Lee County HS (Army Prep)
35	Hunter Green	TE	Fr.	6-3	230	Cumming, Ga. / West Forsyth HS
35	Turner Davis	CB	Fr.	6-1	180	Acworth, Ga. / North Cobb Christian Academy
36	Austin Brown	CB	Fr.	6-0	165	Powder Springs, Ga. / McEachern HS
37	Gregory Wardlaw	LB	R-Fr.	6-0	220	South Fulton, Ga. / Chapel Hill HS
38	Jamarian Pullum	CB	Fr.	6-2	200	Adairsville, Ga. / Adairsville HS
39	Aiden Berrios	WR	Fr.	5-10	175	St. Stephen, S.C. / Timberland HS
39	Jalen Brassell	S	Fr.	6-0	175	Atlanta, Ga. / Douglas County HS

COACHING STAFF LOCATIONS

Sidelines

Head Coach	Gabe Giardina
Defensive Coordinator	Nick Reveiz
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Seth Strickland
Running Backs	Tyler Bell
Offensive Line.....	Landon Martin
Defensive Line.....	Mike Welch
Secondary (Safeties).....	Maurice Duncan
Director of Football Operations/Specialists	Braxton Chadwick
G.A. - Offensive Line	Trevor Arrington
G.A. - Tight Ends	Cade Rowland
G.A. - Defensive Line.....	Ross Pryor
G.A. - Linebackers	Landry Horne
G.A. - Operations/Video Coordinator	Hogan Miller

Press Box

Wide Receivers.....	Vince Giardina
Linebackers.....	Zack Johnson
Cornerbacks.....	Mike Edwards

NO.	NAME	POS	CL	HT	WT	HOMETOWN / H.S. (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
40	Taivon Snipe	LB	R-So.	6-1	225	Charleston, S.C. / Chs. Charter for Math & Sci. (Guilford)
41	Ross Brown	DL	Fr.	6-3	217	Anderson, S.C. / Westside HS
42	Nate Black	S	Fr.	6-2	180	Roswell, Ga. / Centennial HS
43	Aiden Krupa	LB	R-So.	5-11	195	Ripon, Calif. / Ripon HS
44	Tristan Lennon	LB	Fr.	6-0	192	Zephyrhills, Fla. / Zephyrhills HS
45	Jayden Rattigan	RB	R-So.	5-8	175	St. Thomas, Jamaica / Gates Chili HS (Robert Wesleyan)
45	Ross Rambo	LS	R-Fr.	6-1	240	Savannah, Ga. / Calvary Day HS
46	Kyle Patterson	WR	Fr.	6-2	175	Spartanburg, S.C. / Boiling Springs HS
47	Noah Summers	LS	R-Jr.	6-0	235	Rock Hill, S.C. / Rock Hill HS
48	Brayden Woolbright	S	R-Fr.	6-1	190	Clover, S.C. / Clover HS
49	Reid Montgomery	K/P	So.	6-3	185	Prattville, Ala. / Prattville HS
50	Christian Echols	OL	R-Fr.	6-5	280	Aiken, S.C. / Silver Bluff HS
51	Ronnie Hayes II	OL	R-Sr.	6-3	280	Orlando, Fla. / Dr. Phillips HS (Albany State)
52	Josias Addison	DL	R-Sr.	6-1	245	Columbia, S.C. / Blythewood HS
53	Isaac Smith	DL	Fr.	6-2	290	Savannah, Ga. / Jenkins HS
54	Cleve Tellery II	DL	Fr.	6-0	290	Columbia, S.C. / Ridge View HS
55	Cutter Powell	LB	Fr.	6-0	210	Savannah, Ga. / Calvary Day HS
56	Jason Hertz	DL	R-So.	6-4	295	Indian Trail, N.C. / Porter Ridge HS (Appalachian State)
57	Braylon Phillips	LB	Fr.	6-1	220	Bainbridge, Ga. / Bainbridge HS
58	Ramell Parker	OL	Fr.	6-3	275	Bushnell, Fla. / South Sumter HS
59	Elijah Gillespie	LB	So.	6-0	215	Galax, Va. / Grayson County HS
60	Eli Simonds	OL	R-Fr.	5-11	255	Belmont, N.C. / Stuart Cramer HS
62	Ethan Hunt	OL	Sr.	6-3	290	Lamar, S.C. / Lamar HS
64	Dylan Richardson	OL	Fr.	6-1	260	Albany, Ga. / Lee County HS
65	Robert Stevens	OL	Fr.	5-11	285	Greenwood, S.C. / Greenwood HS
68	Robert Clark	OL	Jr.	6-1	285	Gluckstadt, Ms. / St. Joseph HS (Pearl River CC)
70	Colin Sorensen	OL	So.	6-4	280	Niceville, Fla. / Niceville HS
71	Josiah Lancaster	OL	R-Jr.	6-6	335	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City HS
73	Antwain Mitchell	OL	Fr.	6-3	250	Hanahan, S.C. / Hanahan HS
74	Khavijae Nixon	OL	Fr.	6-4	285	Lincolnton, N.C. / Lincolnton HS
75	Justin Joe	OL	R-Fr.	6-0	310	Florence, S.C. / South Florence HS
76	Andrew Threatt	OL	Jr.	6-3	310	Chesterfield, S.C. / Chesterfield HS
77	Loushon Campos	OL	Sr.	6-5	310	Walterboro, S.C. / Colleton County HS (Limestone)
78	Parker McClendon	OL	R-Fr.	6-2	325	Powder Springs, Ga. / McEachern HS
80	Kevin Boone	WR	Fr.	6-1	185	Moncks Corner, S.C. / Berkeley HS
81	Laden Beckwith	WR	Fr.	6-0	175	Knightdale, N.C. / Willow Springs HS
82	Adam Bass	TE	R-Fr.	6-2	205	Chapin, S.C. / Chapin HS
83	Maxwell Warren	WR	Jr.	6-1	185	West Haven, Conn. / Avon Old Farms (Holy Cross)
84	Hudson Morton	TE	Fr.	6-3	230	Suwanee, Ga. / North Gwinnett HS
85	Hasan Lee Jr	TE	R-Fr.	6-2	240	Lexington, S.C. / White Knoll HS
86	Andrew Dunn	TE	Fr.	6-4	225	Charleston S.C. / Stratford HS
87	Kayden Strickland	TE	Sr.	6-5	270	St. Matthews, S.C. / Calhoun Academy
88	Maddox Spencer	WR	Fr.	5-8	160	Ponte Verde, Fla. / Nease HS
89	Ryan Lawson	WR	R-So.	6-0	175	Melfa, Va. / Broadwater Academy (Emory and Henry)
91	CJ Landrum	DL	So.	6-2	265	Hendersonville, N.C. / Hendersonville HS
92	Dalton Woodall	DL	Fr.	6-4	290	James Island, S.C. / James Island HS
93	Chancy Jordan	DL	Fr.	6-0	230	Tallahassee, Fla. / Lincoln HS
94	Shaun Hamilton	DL	Fr.	6-2	270	Savannah, Ga. / New Hampstead HS
95	Charles Atkins	DL	Jr.	6-3	245	Metairie, La. / East Jefferson HS (Pearl River CC)
96	Alvoid Kennon	DL	Fr.	6-0	273	Bradenton, Fla. / Manatee HS
97	JuliuZ Walton	DL	Jr.	6-2	215	Carrolton, Ga. / Central HS
98	Will Laing	K/P	R-Jr.	6-1	200	Harrisburg, N.C. / Hickory Ridge HS
99	Daniel Obinna-Kanu	DL	R-So.	6-1	285	Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria / Georgetown HS (Lamar)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#4 Ke'Maurion - KEY-mar-ee-en
#5 Zayachkowsky - Zaye (like eye)-uh-cow-ski
#10 Nebanye - NAH-bahn-yay
#10 Bowen - BOW-en
#12 Sauers - SAUW-ers
#19 Paulk - POLK
#20 Portu - PORT-oo
#22 Musch - Mush (like push)
#26 Knai - KAH-niy
#34 Kason - KAY-son
#43 Krupa - Crew-PAH
#74 Khavijae - KAH-va-jay

COACHES

Special Teams - David Pah-dee-ah
Quarterbacks - Klay Kost-er
Offensive Line - Aaron Cool-ing

BUCCANEER TWO-DEEP

BUCCANEER OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Note
WR	3	Chris Rhone	R-Sr.	6-3	195	Returning starter with big play potential and NFL looks. Spent first 3 years at Coastal
	16	Mekhi Campfield	Jr.	6-3	200	Junior wideout, can lineup about anywhere on the field as a receiver for the team
WR	0	Jamil Bishop	R-Sr.	5-9	165	Second season with the Bucs, plays out of the slot with great speed
	8	Quay Kindell	R-So.	5-9	185	Another slot receiver with great speed and will serve on returning duties
LT	70	Colin Sorensen	So.	6-4	280	Returning starter at the tackle position and played in 10 games
	58	Ramell Parker	Fr.	6-3	275	Two-Time All-State selection in Florida, collected over 150 career pancake blocks
LG	68	Robert Clark	Jr.	6-1	285	Transferred from Pearl River CC, started all nine games and team rushed for 200+ a game
	73	Antwain Mitchell	Fr.	6-3	250	Did not allow a single QB pressure during his final three years of high school
C	75	Justin Joe	R-Fr.	6-0	310	Redshirted the season, but saw time in four games during his true freshman year.
	78	Parker McClendon	R-Fr.	6-2	325	Made his collegiate debut at Florida State to end the 2024 season
RG	62	Ethan Hunt	Sr.	6-3	290	Served as a starter on the interior of the offensive line for the majority of the season
OR	64	Dylan Richardson	Fr.	6-1	260	Did not allow a sack between his final two seasons at Lee County HS
RT	76	Andrew Threatt	Jr.	6-6	315	Saw action in ten games as a true freshman for the Bucs, starting in all 12 in 2024
	77	Loushon Campos	Sr.	6-5	310	Transferred in from Limestone College where he was a reserve lineman there.
TE	12	Landon Sauers	R-Sr.	6-4	230	Has been one of the Bucs top all-around tight ends since he arrived on campus
	10	Nebanye Moore	R-Jr.	6-3	245	Former QB in HS, has spent time at NC Central and Bethune-Cookman
WR	17	Rashawn Cunningham	R-Fr.	6-2	205	Redshirted his first year with the Bucs, expected to play a big year in 2025
	16	Mekhi Campfield	Jr.	6-3	200	Junior wideout, can lineup about anywhere on the field as a receiver for the team
QB	5	Zolten Osborne	R-So.	6-1	205	Local QB product, suffered a season-ending injury his first year, stayed sidelined in 2024
	7	Jared Echols	R-Fr.	6-2	185	Redshirted his freshman year from Georgia, served as the third-string last year
OR	6	Lek Powell	R-Sr.	6-1	190	Transferred in from Sheppard College for his final year of eligibility this offseason
RB	22	Brandon Musch	R-Fr.	5-10	190	Former HS QB that converted to a RB when he arrived at CSU
	23	Tyson Greenwade	R-So.	5-11	210	Was the secondary RB in 2024, named Big South Freshman of the year last season

BUCCANEER DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Note
DE	20	David Portu	R-Jr.	6-3	240	Spent two seasons at Coastal Carolina before CSU, can play anywhere in the front seven
	95	Charles Atkins	Jr.	6-3	245	Was at Pearl River CC for two seasons, made a big jump in production his second year
NT	56	Jason Hertz	R-So.	6-4	295	Saw time in 12 games in two seasons at Appalachian State before transferring to CSU
	8	Hugo Gil	R-So.	6-3	300	Spent two seasons at Temple and earned three Scout Team Player of the Week awards
DE	91	CJ Landrum	So.	6-2	265	Played in five games as a true freshman as a reserve defensive lineman
	0	Josiah Wyatt	R-Jr.	6-4	265	Saw time in 18 games across his three seasons at Appalachian State before going to CSU
OLB	3	Malik McKinzie	Sr.	6-2	235	One of the team's top NFL prospects, has been a top defender the past three years in D2
	10	Mylan Bowen	So.	6-1	220	Returning defenders on the outside, stepping into an increased role in 2025
MLB	7	Nick Bartalo	R-Jr.	6-1	220	Suffered a season-ending injury in 2023, back to full health since then
	40	Tavion Snipe	R-So.	6-1	225	Joined the team during walk on tryouts ahead of last season's fall camp
WLB	28	Tylan Hollis	R-Sr.	6-0	200	Named Big South/OVC Defensive Player of the Week following the win at Furman in 2024
	58	Steve Zayachowsky	Jr.	5-10	215	Named Big South/OVC Defensive Player of the Week following the 2024 season opener
OLB	13	Chandler Perry	Jr.	5-10	190	Picked up his first career interception in 2024 at Furman in a victory
	14	Shamar Hall	So.	5-10	190	Played in nine games as a freshman behind Perry, will have an expanded role in 2025
CB	9	Anthony Carter	So.	6-0	185	Transferred in from Georgia Military where he lead them to a NJCAA DI Semifinal spot
	36	Austin Brown	Fr.	6-0	165	Coming off a season where he helped lead his HS to a regional title as a senior
CB	30	Jayden Hancock	Fr.	6-0	165	Lead Coffee High School to a State Championships as a junior
	19	Anthony Paulk	R-Fr.	5-10	180	Teammate of Hancock where he won the State Championship as a senior
FS	25	Champ Brantley	Jr.	6-0	182	Has played in all 23 games so far in his career at Charleston Southern
	34	Kason Hooks	So.	6-0	180	In his first year at CSU, spent 2023 fall at Army Prep
SS	26	Knai Cook	So.	6-0	200	Played in 11 games as a freshman, stepping into an increased role in 2025
	6	Avery Dixon	R-Jr.	6-2	195	Transferred in from Bryant and The Citadel joining with two years of eligibility

BUCCANEER SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Note
P	1	Gilbert Brown	Sr.	6-0	175	Finished the 2024 season as one of the top punters at the FCS level and will be in 2025
	49	Reid Montgomery	So.	6-3	185	Served as the primary place kicker for the majority of the 2024 season
LS	47	Noah Summers	R-Jr.	6-0	235	Expected to snap for punts during the season
OR	45	Ross Rambo	R-Fr.	6-1	240	Expected to serve as a snapper for field goals and PATs
HQ	1	Gilbert Brown	Jr.	6-0	175	Also serves as the team's primary punter
KR	8	Quay Kindell	R-So.	5-9	185	Did not serve on any punt returns during the 2024 season
	0	Jamil Bishop	R-Sr.	5-9	165	Did not serve on any punt returns during the 2024 season
PR	8	Quay Kindell	R-So.	5-9	185	Tied for the most kickoff returns on the season of anyone on the Bucs
OR	0	Jamil Bishop	R-Sr.	5-9	165	Had six kickoff returns during his debut season with Charleston Southern
KOS	98	Will Laing	R-Jr.	6-1	200	Began serving as the KOS in 2024, and had an onside kick recovery against GWU
	46	Zach Gordon	Jr.	6-0	190	Served as the KOS while at Western New Mexico State
FG	46	Zach Gordon	Jr.	6-0	190	Went 8-10 on field goal attempts last season before transferring to CSU
	1	Gilbert Brown	Sr.	6-0	175	Also serves as the team's primary punter

Italics denotes 2025 Big South Preseason All-Conference selection as marked by Phil Steele

2025 OHIO VALLEY / BIG SOUTH STANDINGS					
Team	Big South	PCT	Overall	PCT	Streak
Charleston Southern	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Eastern Illinois	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Gardner-Webb	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Lindenwood	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Southeast Missouri St	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Tennessee State	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Tennessee Tech	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
UT Martin	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Western Illinois	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---

OVC/BIG SOUTH SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 28			
Dayton at Eastern Illinois	6:00 p.m. CT	ESPN+	
Lindenwood at St. Thomas	6:00 p.m. CT	Midco Sports	
UT Martin at Oklahoma State	6:30 p.m. CT	ESPN+	
Friday, August 29			
Western Illinois at Illinois	6:30 p.m. CT	Peacock	
Saturday, August 30			
Cumberland at Tennessee Tech	Noon CT	ESPN+	
North Carolina A&T at Tennessee State	3:30 p.m. CT	ESPN+	
Southeast Missouri State at Arkansas State	6:00 p.m. CT	ESPN+	
Gardner-Webb at Western Carolina	6:00 p.m. ET	ESPN+	
Charleston Southern at Vanderbilt	7:00 p.m. ET	ESPN+	
Friday, September 5			
Western Illinois at Northwestern	6:30 p.m. CT	Big Ten Network	
Saturday, September 6			
Chattanooga at Tennessee Tech	Noon CT	ESPN+	
Eastern Illinois at Indiana State	Noon CT	ESPN+	
North Dakota State at Tennessee State	1:30 p.m. CT	ESPN+	
Lindenwood at Appalachian State	2:30 p.m. CT	ESPN+	
Gardner-Webb at Georgia Tech	3:30 p.m. CT	ACC Network	
North Alabama at Southeast Missouri State	6:00 p.m. CT	ESPN+	
Charleston Southern at Coastal Carolina	7:30 p.m. ET	ESPN+	
UT Martin at UTEP	8:00 p.m. CT	ESPN+	

BY THE NUMBERS

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	NCAA	Big South	Value
Total Offense			
Rushing Offense			
Passing Offense			
Team Passing Efficiency			
Scoring Offense			
Total Defense			
Rushing Defense			
Passing Yards Allowed			
Team Passing Efficiency Defense			
Scoring Defense			
Turnover Margin			
3rd Down Conversion Percentage			
4th Down Conversion Percentage			
3rd Down Conversion Percentage Defense			
4th Down Conversion Percentage Defense			
Red Zone Offense			
Red Zone Defense			
Net Punting			
Punt Returns			
Kickoff Returns			
First Downs Offense			
First Downs Defense			
Fewest Penalties Per Game			
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game			
Time of Possession			

FCS NATIONAL POLLS			
STATS FCS TOP 25			
Rk	School	Votes	Rec. PV
1	North Dakota State (54)	0-0 1,398	
2	Montana State (1)	0-0 1,335	
3	South Dakota State	0-0 1,266	
4	South Dakota (1)	0-0 1,227	
5	UIW	0-0 1,138	
6	Illinois State	0-0 1,015	
7	Montana	0-0 1,004	
8	UC Davis	0-0 938	
9	Rhode Island	0-0 928	
10	Tarleton State	0-0 912	
11	Mercer	0-0 824	
12	Idaho	0-0 747	
13	Villanova	0-0 737	
14	Lehigh	0-0 493	
15	Sacramento State	0-0 492	
16	Abilene Christian	0-0 436	
17	Jackson State	0-0 336	
18	Western Carolina	0-0 335	
19	Northern Arizona	0-0 312	
20	Southern Illinois	0-0 310	
21	Tennessee Tech	0-0 284	
22	Monmouth	0-0 274	
23	Stephen F. Austin	0-0 183	
24	Stony Brook	0-0 181	
25	Richmond	0-0 154	
Others (OVC-Big South Only): SEMO (127), UT Martin (92), Tennessee State (21)			
FCS COACHES POLL			
Rk	School	Rec.	Votes PV
1	North Dakota State (26)	0-0 650	
2	Montana State	0-0 612	
3	South Dakota State	0-0 581	
4	UIW	0-0 541	
5	South Dakota	0-0 521	
6	Illinois State	0-0 466	
7	UC Davis	0-0 456	
8	Tarleton State	0-0 454	
9	Montana	0-0 447	
10	Rhode Island	0-0 416	
11	Mercer	0-0 396	
12	Idaho	0-0 371	
13	Villanova	0-0 338	
14	Sacramento State	0-0 265	
15	Lehigh	0-0 207	
16	Abilene Christian	0-0 203	
17	Jackson State	0-0 200	
18	Northern Arizona	0-0 168	
19	Western Carolina	0-0 147	
20	Southern Illinois	0-0 132	
21	Monmouth	0-0 116	
T-22	Richmond	0-0 111	
T-22	TENNESSEE TECH	0-0 111	
24	Stephen F. Austin	0-0 82	
25	Stony Brook	0-0 69	
Others (OVC-Big South Only): UT Martin (50), SEMO (25), Tennessee State (14), Lindenwood (4)			

VANDERBILT

NCAA	Big South	Value
Total Offense		
Rushing Offense		
Passing Offense		
Team Passing Efficiency		
Scoring Offense		
Total Defense		
Rushing Defense		
Passing Yards Allowed		
Team Passing Efficiency Defense		
Scoring Defense		
Turnover Margin		
3rd Down Conversion Percentage		
4th Down Conversion Percentage		
3rd Down Conversion Percentage Defense		
4th Down Conversion Percentage Defense		
Red Zone Offense		
Red Zone Defense		
Net Punting		
Punt Returns		
Kickoff Returns		
First Downs Offense		
First Downs Defense		
Fewest Penalties Per Game		
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game		
Time of Possession		

2025 CHARLESTON SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

GAME 11

CHARLESTON SO.	0	10	7	3	-	20
VANDERBILT	3	18	0	0	-	21

Oct. 11, 2014 | Vanderbilt Stadium | Nashville, Tenn. | Attendance: 26,738



BREAKDOWN

	CHSO	PC
FIRST DOWNS	19	11
Rushing	10	5
Passing	8	5
Penalty	1	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	199	106
Rushing Attempts	41	31
Average Per Rush	4.9	3.4
Rushing Touchdowns	1	1
Yards Gained Rushing	216	123
Yards Lost Rushing	17	17
NET YARDS PASSING	190	189
Completions-Attempts-Int	12-25-1	15-23-1
Average Per Attempt	7.6	8.2
Average Per Completion	15.8	12.6
Passing Touchdowns	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	389	295
Total offense plays	66	54
Average Gain Per Play	5.9	5.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-73	10-85
PUNTS-YARDS	4-144	6-212
Average Yards Per Punt	36.0	35.3
Inside 20	2	2
50+ Yards	1	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	0	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-212	4-260
Average Yards Per Kickoff	42.4	65.0
Touchbacks	0	3
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-47-1	1-3-0
Average Per Return	15.7	3.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	1-16-0	5-59-0
Average Per Return	16.0	11.8
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-3-0	1-21-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	31:42	28:18
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 14	4 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 4	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-9	0-0
PAT Kicks	2-2	1-1
2 PT Conversion: Total - Made	0-0	1-1
Field Goals	2-2	2-2

GAME 1 | VANDERBILT

So Close: Bucs Push Vanderbilt to the Limit, 21-20

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Charleston Southern nearly pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the college football season on Saturday night at Vanderbilt Stadium. CSU outgained the Vanderbilt Commodores of the Southeastern Conference by nearly 100 yards and put itself in position for the program's first-ever win over an FBS program before falling, 21-20.

The Bucs shut out Vanderbilt in the second half and held the Commodores without a first down after halftime until their final drive of the night. A 59-yard field goal by freshman kicker David Kennedy brought CSU within 21-20 with 10:19 remaining, and the Bucs had the football with a chance to take the lead following a Davion Anderson interception. Vanderbilt forced a three-and-out, though, and ran out the final six minutes of game clock to hold on for the victory.

CSU (5-1) trailed 18-3 late in the first half, but swung the momentum of the game on a blocked punt by sophomore Larenzo Mathis. Mathis blocked the punt and returned it 17 yards for a score to cut the Vanderbilt (2-5) lead to 18-10. The Commodores pushed their advantage to 21-10 at intermission, but were outplayed in the second half.

CSU's ten-play, 78-yard touchdown drive trimmed the deficit to 21-17 at the 5:56 mark of the third quarter, as two big Colton Korn catches set up a Zac Frazier 10-yard touchdown run. The Bucs moved the ball inside the Vanderbilt 30-yard line two more times, but could only come away with three points.

CSU head coach Jamey Chadwell said throughout the week that his team believed it had a chance to win, and the Bucs played like it. Charleston Southern outgained Vanderbilt 252-117 in the second half, and enjoyed a 198-yard margin prior to the Commodores' final drive.

"I'm proud of our team," said Chadwell outside an emotional locker room. "I thought their effort and confidence coming in here was tremendous and we played pretty well for the most part. Our special teams did a nice job of keeping us in the game. I'm proud of the way we played, but disappointed in the result. We didn't come for moral victories and we felt like we could've won the game."

"I never thought coming in that we would get overwhelmed by the environment and the opponent," Chadwell continued. "I thought we played that way all game. We struggled early against their defense. That blocked punt before halftime really gave us a lot of energy. We felt like we controlled the second half but we just couldn't make some plays down in the red zone when we needed to."

Vanderbilt took a 3-0 lead just over four minutes into the contest courtesy of a Tommy Openshaw 39-yard field goal, set up by seven and ten-yard runs from redshirt freshman running back Ralph Webb. CSU thwarted Vanderbilt's next drive behind a sack by Anderson and senior linebacker Zack Johnson, backing the Commodores up and establishing good field position for a scoring drive to tie the game at 3-3.

Sophomores Ben Robinson and Mike Holloway led the field goal drive. Robinson secured an option pitch and found a way to get two yards to convert a fourth-and-one. Holloway scampered for 25 yards to the Vanderbilt 12 on the following snap for one of many highlights in an 18-carry, 105-yard performance. Vanderbilt's defense kept CSU out of the end zone, however, and the Bucs settled for a 23-yard Kennedy field goal on the second play of the second quarter.

Vanderbilt called on backup quarterback Johnny McCrary with its offense sputtering, and the redshirt freshman provided a spark. He hit C.J. Duncan for a 65-yard touchdown pass and a 10-3 Vanderbilt lead with 10:12 left in the second quarter, as Duncan came open down the left sideline thanks to a broken coverage on third-and-six.

The Commodores advantage swelled to 18-3 several minutes later thanks to defensive back Taurean Ferguson's interception of an Austin Brown pass. Ferguson returned the pick to the CSU 34-yard line, and Dallas Rivers converted it into six points six plays later with an eight-yard touchdown run. Vanderbilt also added what proved to be a critical two-point conversion, with the holder Taylor Hudson finding long snapper Andrew East in the end zone.

Mathis, the Bucs' sophomore safety from Greenwood, South Carolina, accounted for the game-changing play in special teams. He broke through the line on a Colby Cooke punt attempt, blocked it, scooped up the football and ran 17 yards for CSU's second special teams touchdown of the season.

CSU put together its best drive of the night to close to 21-17 in the third quarter. Sophomore wideout Colton Korn again played the role of catalyst, with a 31-yard catch and run up the left sideline to start the march. Korn also reeled in a nine-yard catch over the middle on fourth-and-six at the Vanderbilt 28. Frazier finished off the drive three plays later, breaking a tackle inside the five on his way to a ten-yard touchdown.

CSU would travel 53 and 79 yards on its next two drives, as the Bucs developed a rhythm and pushed around the Commodores after halftime. Kennedy's 30-yard field goal was the only points they could muster on the two drives, though, helping Vanderbilt escape with the win.

A pair of big passing plays led to Kennedy's field goal. Holloway was wide open on a wheel route and secured a 59-yard catch down the right sideline to move CSU into Vanderbilt territory. Nathan Perera added a leaping 25-yard grab to give the Bucs a first-and-goal opportunity. Perera almost brought in what would have been a go-ahead and potentially game-winning touchdown on second-and-goal, as a high pass went off his outstretched hands in the middle of the end zone.

"What I told the team is that they are a SEC team and I know they are building to get to be a competitive SEC team so I'm realistic," Chadwell said of his postgame message to the Bucs. "If we'll play with that type of passion, energy and emotion we'll be fine the rest of the year. That's one thing I hope people saw. We played with a purpose and played with confidence. I want to take that from it. If we play at that level then I feel good going forward."

CSU returns home next Saturday to open Big South play against Presbyterian in a 3 p.m. homecoming kickoff at Buccaneer Field.

>>SCORING SUMMARY

Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays	TOP	Score
VANDY	1st	10:57	Tommy Openshaw 39 yd field goal		8 plays, 39 yards, TOP 4:03		0-3
CSU	2nd	14:53	KENNEDY, D. 23 yd field goal		9 plays, 42 yards, TOP 3:30		3-3
VANDY	2nd	10:25	C.J. Duncan 65 yd pass from Johnny McCrary (Tommy Openshaw kick)		3 plays, 71 yards, TOP 1:27		
3:10							
VANDY	2nd	05:06	Dallas Rivers 8 yd run (Andrew East pass)		6 plays, 34 yards, TOP 3:35		3-18
CSU	2nd	00:36	MATHIS, L. 17 yd blocked punt return (KENNEDY, D. kick)				10-18
VANDY	2nd	00:00	Tommy Openshaw 42 yd field goal		5 plays, 32 yards, TOP 0:27		10-21
CSU	3rd	05:56	FRAZIER, Z. 10 yd run (KENNEDY, D. kick)		10 plays, 78 yards, TOP 3:50		17-21
CSU	4th	10:19	KENNEDY, D. 30 yd field goal		9 plays, 79 yards, TOP 3:17		20-21

BREAKDOWN

>>CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
M. Holloway	18	105	0	25	5.8
B. Robinson	9	42	0	18	4.7
D. Hammond	6	20	1	7	3.3
A. Brown	6	18	0	11	3.0
Z. Frazier	1	10	1	10	10.0
A. Cruz	1	4	0	4	4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	SK
A. Brown	11-24-1	188	0	59	0
D. Corgan	1-1-0	2	0	2	0

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
M. Holloway	3	79	0	59
N. Perera	4	47	0	25
C. Korn	2	40	0	31
N. Prater	1	20	0	20
K. Dinkins	2	4	0	2

>>PRESBYTERIAN

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
R. Webb	15	56	0	17	3.7
D. Rivers	11	47	1	9	4.3
D. Sims	1	5	0	5	5.0
K. Williams	1	5	0	5	5.0
J. McCrary	1	3	0	3	3.0
W. Freebeck	1	-9	0	0	-9.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	SK
J. McCrary	10-16-1	169	1	65	0
W. Freebeck	5-7-0	20	0	8	1

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
C.J. Duncan	7	119	1	65
N. Marcus	1	25	0	25
T. Wilkins	1	15	0	15
L. Rayford	1	11	0	11
C. Dorrell	1	9	0	9
S. Scheu	1	7	0	7
R. Webb	2	3	0	6
D. Sims	1	0	0	0

SPECIALISTS

BIG SOUTH/OVC
PRESEASON WATCH LIST



Since joining Charleston Southern last offseason, Gilbert Brown has emerged as one of the top punters in the nation at the FCS level. He filled the role left by a graduate transfer from Maine, Brian Cooley, who ranked near the league's best as well.

At Richmond, he boomed eight punts with them totaling an average of just over 50 yards per kick. Against Gardner-Webb, he had a 74 yarder for second-longest in CSU history. He did even better at Tennessee State, averaging 61.0 on his four punts to set a school record as well as Big South and Ohio Valley Conference records.

Named a First-Team All-American by Phil Steele ...
Phil Steele FCS Midseason All-American First Team ...
Named the Big South/Ohio Valley Special Teams Player of the Year and First-Team All-Conference ...
Selected Second-Team All-American by Stats Perform.

THE BROWN FILE

IN HIS FRESHMAN SEASON AT ALBANY STATE HE AVERAGED

38.0

YARDS PER PUNT

IN HIS SOPHOMORE YEAR AT ALBANY STATE HE AVERAGED

42.6

YARDS PER PUNT

RANKS THIRD IN THE FCS WITH AN AVERAGE OF

45.95

YARDS PER PUNT

BROWN 50-YARD PUNTS AT CSU

All Gilbert Brown does is boom the ball down the field. The senior lit a spark under the Buccaneers' special teams efforts all season as he lead the league and ranked among the nation's leaders in yards per punt.

An added element to CSU's punting game, Brown paces the conference in punts over 50 yards. So far through nine games, he has 23 punts which have gone for 50 or more yards with him having all four of his punts eclipse that mark at Tennessee State.

At the halfway point through the season, he was named a First-Team Midseason All-American by Phil Steele as he lead the country in punting average through the first six weeks of the season.

LONGEST PUNT BY GAME IN 2024

61 yards	.....	vs The Citadel, Aug. 31, 2024
63 yards	.....	at Furman, Sep. 7, 2024
67 yards	.....	at Richmond, Sept. 14, 2024
72 yards	.....	at Tennessee State, Sept. 28, 2024
35 yards	.....	Western Illinois, Oct. 5, 2024
51 yards	.....	at Lindenwood, Oct. 12, 2024
62 yards	.....	Southeast Missouri, Oct. 19, 2024
58 yards	.....	Tennessee Tech, Oct. 26, 2024
74 yards	.....	Gardner-Webb, Nov. 2, 2024
59 yards	.....	UT Martin, Nov. 9, 2024
59 yards	.....	at Eastern Illinois, Nov. 16, 2024
58 yards	.....	at Florida State, Nov. 23, 2024

BUCCANEER RETURNERS

Charleston Southern will have a new primary kickoff and punt returners this year in Quay Kindell and Jamil Bishop. Kindell took over kickoff return duties late in the season in 2024.

LAING THE KICKOFF SPECIALIST

Will Laing will be the team's kickoff specialist and was responsible for 36 kickoffs in 2024. He averaged 58.2 yards per kickoff with just under half of them going for touchbacks (16). Against Gardner-Webb during 2024, he had a successful onside kick.

LONG SNAPPING

Noah Summers and Ross Rambo are expecting to split snapping duties in 2025 with Summers to handle punts and Rambo to be on field goals. Summers did both in 2024 while Rambo redshirted in 2025.

KICKER DUTIES

As a team, Charleston Southern went 6-14 on field goal attempts between their two kickers used with the longest make being a 39 yarder. This offseason, a transfer from Western New Mexico State, Zach Gordon was brought in to compete for the job and won it during the offseason.

SPECIALISTS IN BIG SOUTH/OVC&FCS

TEAM
Punt Returns.....
Kick Returns
Punting Average
Net Punting
Kickoff Coverage
Opponent Punt Returns
Field Goal Percentage.....
Field Goals Made
PAT Kicking

INDIVIDUAL

Punting
Field Goals Made
Punt Return Average
Kick Return Average
Total Punt Return Yards
Total Kick Return Yards
Kick Return TD.....
Punt Return TD.....

Big South/OVC POTW - Special Teams

Week 1.....
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Big South/OVC FOTW - Special Teams

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GABE GIARDINA

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

SECOND SEASON AT CHARLESTON SOUTHERN
EIGHTH SEASON AS A HEAD COACH

Gabe Giardina became the sixth Charleston Southern head football coach in program history in November of 2022. He comes to the Buccaneers after coaching stops at the University of Alabama, Charleston Southern, Delta State and Albany State. The 2025 season will mark the third under his leadership.

During his first season at the helm, he continued a long string of home success for the Buccaneers as they finished the year at 4-2 inside of Buccaneer Field. Additionally, he saw four players being named to All-Conference honors including Malik Barnes as a First-Team member as well as Darius Meeks and TJ Ruff as Second-Team honorees. Jacob Tylski was selected as an All-Academic honoree.

Giardina came to the Buccaneers after spending the last five seasons as the head coach at Albany State after taking on the role in 2017. He compiled a record of 37-17, including a 26-5 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) record, in that time frame including wins over multiple nationally ranked teams.

In his tenure at Albany State, Giardina found much success on and off the field, including a combined 17-5 record over his last two seasons and a SIAC Conference Championship in 2021 after having the No. 1 total defense in all of Division II football. Along with that storied 2021 season for the Rams, Giardina was named the SIAC Coach of the Year. Following that season, Giardina was selected to take part in the 2022 HBCU Legacy Bowl as a co-head coach. The HBCU Legacy Bowl is a post-season all-star game, showcasing the best NFL-eligible players from Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Before arriving at Albany State, Giardina served as the Offensive Coordinator under Head Coach Jamey Chadwell, winning 36 games in four years at the height of Charleston Southern football. He called the plays for the first playoff teams in CSU program history (2015 and 2016), including the 2016 Big South Championship team. The 2015 team was ranked in the top-eight nationally and earned the first ever FCS playoff bid after a 10-3 output.

Before returning to Charleston Southern, Giardina served as the offensive coordinator at Delta State for one season after being the assistant head coach as well as special teams coordinator and running backs coach at CSU for a season. That season, he coached six All-Big South players, including NFL veteran Charles James. In those four seasons, CSU blocked six punts, had four kickoff returns for touchdowns and three punt returns TDs. His kickoff coverage teams ranked second in the Big South for three years and led the Big South in net punting in 2011.

Giardina started his coaching career at the University of Alabama after a three-year playing career for the Crimson Tide, serving as a graduate assistant under both Mike Shula and Nick Saban. In two years under Shula, Giardina and the Crimson Tide won the Cotton Bowl in 2005. His final year at Alabama came under Saban, where he tutored the likes of Andre Smith, Antwan Caldwell and Mike Johnson.

Giardina is married to the former Wimberly Edwards from Greenville, Alabama and together they have three sons, Frank, DeAra and Whitt.

HEAD COACHING RECORD			
Year	School	Position	Record
2017	Albany State	Head Coach	6-4
2018	Albany State	Head Coach	7-4
2019	Albany State	Head Coach	7-4
2020	Albany State	Head Coach	COVID-19
2021	Albany State	Head Coach	10-2
2022	Albany State	Head Coach	7-3
2023	Charleston Southern	Head Coach	4-7
2024	Charleston Southern	Head Coach	1-11
2025	Charleston Southern	Head Coach	0-0

COACHING CAREER		
Year	School	Position
2005-07	Alabama	Graduate Assistant
2008-11	Charleston Southern	Running Backs / Special Teams
2012	Delta State	O.C. / Wide Receivers
2013-16	Charleston Southern	Offensive Coordinator
2017-22	Albany State	Head Coach
2023-pres	Charleston Southern	Head Coach



CHARLESTON SOUTHERN COORDINATORS



**SETH
STRICKLAND**

OFFENSIVE COORD.

1ST SEASON AT CSU

Strickland arrived at Charleston Southern in January of 2025 after working at Anderson since February 2022 in the same role and helping launch the program from its start to its inaugural season this fall. He previously worked with Giardina at Albany State University, joining the Golden Rams staff in 2020 before going to the Trojans.

In his past, he worked at IMG Academy where he was the quarterbacks coach for the 2019 season where he helped them to a 9-1 record and #8 ranking nationally. Prior to that, he was in the professional ranks in the same position for Steve Spurrier's staff on the Orlando Apollos of the Alliance of American Football (AAF) leading them to a league-best 7-1 mark. Their starting quarterback, Garrett Gilbert, led the league in yards (2,152) and passer rating (99.1) that season and is now a member of the Washington Commanders.

He got his start in coaching at the University of South Carolina where he spent six seasons under head coaches Spurrier and Will Muschamp. While there, he worked closely with future NFL draft picks including Hayden Hurst (2018 first round), Deebo Samuel (2019 second round) and Pharoah Cooper (2016 fourth round).

Strickland earned a bachelor's degree in political science from South Carolina in 2012. He was a three-year football letterman, three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll, and a six-time member of the Athletic Director's Honor Roll. Also, he was a member of the National Football Foundation Hampshire Society and was the MVP of the inaugural S.C. College All-Star Bowl game.



**NICK
REVEIZ**

DEFENSIVE COORD.

3RD SEASON AT CSU

Nick Reveiz enters his third season as the defensive coordinator at Charleston Southern after joining during the program at start of 2023.

During his first year with the Buccaneers, he spearheaded one of the most feared defenses in the Big South/Ohio Valley Football Association. At the end of the season, Malik Barnes, a linebacker, was named as a First-Team All-Conference honoree. During the season, the team scored three defensive touchdowns which tied for 12th nationally in the category.

He came to Charleston Southern after a season at VMI. In that season VMI's defense at finished third overall in the Southern Conference in Redzone Defense while also finishing fifth in the Southern Conference in Passing Defense. He also coached Stone Snyder, a 3x All-American and finished 2022 third in the nation in total tackles average per game with 107 tackles through ten games.

Before that, Reveiz came from Albany State in Georgia where he spent the past five seasons. Albany State's defense was ranked #1 in scoring and total defense in 2021 and advanced to the opening round of the Division II playoffs. He coached the conference player of the year in the SIAC at Albany State, Stephan Pierre, who was also selected as the HBCU Gameday National D-II Defensive Player of the Year.

Reveiz also coached at Carson-Newman (2013-2016) where he was the running backs coach before transitioning to linebackers coach.

He played at the University of Tennessee where he was two-time team captain and earned preseason All-SEC honors. Reveiz was one of 10 Vols to start every game in 2010 for UT and posted at least 14 tackles in three different games.

His father, Fuad, was a Vols' placekicker who played in the NFL for 11 years.

Nick is married to the now Brittany Reveiz, and they have four children - Zeb, Zane, Zeal and Zadia. He graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

CSU STAFF ON FIELD

SETH STRICKLAND - OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS
NICK REVEIZ - DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
TYLER BELL - RUNNING BACKS
LANDON MARTIN - OFFENSIVE LINE
MAURICE DUNCAN - SECONDARY (SAFETIES)
MIKE WELCH - DEFENSIVE LINE

TREVOR ARRINGTON - G.A. OFFENSIVE LINE
CADE ROWLAND - G.A. WIDE RECEIVERS
ROSS PRYOR - G.A. DEFENSIVE LINE
LANDRY HORNE - G.A. LINEBACKERS
HOGAN MILLER - FILM/OPERATIONS

CSU STAFF IN COACHES BOOTH

VINCE GIARDINA - WIDE RECEIVERS
ZACK JOHNSON - LINEBACKERS
MIKE EDWARDS - CORNERBACKS



GAME 1 | VANDERBILT

OFFENSE	'22	'23	'24	'25	Tot	Strk
Jamil Bishop			2		2	1
Tyson Greenwade			5		5	2
Ronnie Hayes		10	9		19	10
Ethan Hunt			9		9	9
Josiah Lancaster			9		9	9
Chris Rhone			9		9	9
Landon Sauers	4	1	2		7	-
Colin Sorensen			6		6	-
Andrew Threatt		6	9		15	12
Zoltan Osborne		5	-		5	-
Quay Kindell			4		4	-
Kade Strickland			2		2	2

DEFENSE	'22	'23	'24	'25	Tot	Strk
Chandler Perry			6		6	2
Steve Zayachowsky		1	9		10	10
Tylan Hollis		5	3		8	-
Nick Bartalo			3		3	-
Justin Waters			3		3	3
Kason Hooks			2		2	-
JuliuZ Walton			1		1	-
David Portu			1		1	-

TEAM TOTALS GAME-BY-GAME

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PARTICIPATION

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2024 STARTING LINEUPS

Offense	QB	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR	RB	RB/WR/TE	RB/WR/TE	PK	P
vs. The Citadel	McCoy	Sorensen	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Ison	Greenwade	Sauers	Fisher-Butler	Brown
at Furman	McCoy	Sorensen	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Ison	Greenwade	Sauers	Montgomery	Brown
at Richmond	McCoy	Sorensen	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Ison	Greenwade	Bishop	Montgomery	Brown
at Tenn. State*	Jackson	Sorensen	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Ison	Kindell	Dawson	Montgomery	Brown
vs. Western Illinois*	McCoy	Sorensen	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Ison	Kindell	Dawson	Montgomery	Brown
at Lindenwood*	McCoy	Sorensen	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Ison	Taylor	Dawson	Montgomery	Brown
vs. S.E. Missouri St.*	McCoy	Holland	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Ison	Kindell	Dawson	Montgomery	Brown
at Tenn. Tech*	Jackson	Strickland	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Greenwade	Kindell	Dawson	Montgomery	Brown
vs. Gardner-Webb*	Jackson	Strickland	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Greenwade	Bishop	Dawson	Montgomery	Brown
vs. UT Martin	McCoy	Strickland	Threatt	Hayes	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Ison	Bishop	Dawson	Montgomery	Brown
at Eastern Illinois*	McCoy	Sorensen	Threatt	Rowland	Hunt	Lancaster	Rhone	Jennings	Ison	Bishop	Dawson	Montgomery	Brown
Defense	DE	DT	NT/CB	BAN	MLB	WLB	SPUR	CB	CB	SS	FS	KOS	
vs. The Citadel	Hill	Davis	Turner	Bell	Jenkins	Zayachowsky	Perry	Thomas	North	Williams	Fowler	Laing	
at Furman	Hill	Davis	Snipes	Bell	Jenkins	Zayachowsky	Perry	Thomas	North	Williams	Fowler	Laing	
at Richmond	Hill	Davis	Snipes	Bell	Jenkins	Zayachowsky	Perry	Thomas	North	Williams	Fowler	Laing	
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ALL-TIME SERIES RECORDS AGAINST 2025 OPPONENTS/CONFERENCES

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