

COASTAL CAROLINA

FOOTBALL



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COASTAL CAROLINA CHANTICLEERS



Head Coach: Ryan Beard
2026: 0-0, 0-0 SBC
Record at CCU: 0-0 (1st Year)
Career Record: 21-14 (4th Year)

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS



Head Coach: Rich Rodriguez
2026: 0-0, 0-0 BIG12
Record at School: 63-34 (9th Year)
Career Record: 194-137-2 (29th Year)

GAME

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SEP. 5, 2026 • 12:00 PM
 MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA
 Milan Puskar Stadium (60,000)



J.B. Long, pxp
 Mike Golic, Jr., ana
 Coy Wire, sideline



Chris Burgin, pxp
 Layne Harris, ana
 Joe Catenacci, sideline
 Kyle Rush, host



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 ccustats.statbroadcast.com

NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE BREAKDOWN

Coastal Carolina kicks off the 2026 season on the road as the Chanticleers travel to Morgantown, W.Va., to face West Virginia on Saturday, Sept. 5, at Milan Puskar Stadium. Kickoff is set for noon ET and will air nationally on TNT and stream on HBO Max. The matchup marks the beginning of the Ryan Beard era at Coastal Carolina as the Chanticleers open their 24th season of football.

THE SERIES

Coastal Carolina and West Virginia will meet for the second time in program history and for the first time in 16 years. The Mountaineers won the only previous meeting, defeating the Chanticleers 31-0 in the 2010 season opener at Milan Puskar Stadium. At the time, West Virginia was ranked No. 25 nationally and competed in the Big East Conference, while Coastal Carolina was an FCS member of the Big South Conference.

THE COACHES

RYAN BEARD begins his first season as the head football coach at Coastal Carolina after being named the fifth head coach in program history on Dec. 11, 2025. Beard arrived in Conway following three seasons as the head coach at Missouri State, where he helped guide the Bears through their transition from the FCS to the FBS level. Prior to becoming Missouri State's head coach, Beard spent three seasons as the Bears' defensive coordinator. His coaching career also includes stops at Louisville, Central Michigan and Western Kentucky.

RICH RODRIGUEZ enters his second season of his second stint as the head coach at West Virginia. Rodriguez returned to Morgantown ahead of the 2025 season after previously leading the Mountaineers from 2001-07. The West Virginia native and WVU graduate has also served as the head coach at Glenville State, Michigan, Arizona and Jacksonville State during a head-coaching career that dates back to 1988.

STREAKS, STORYLINES, SIDEBARS

- Coastal Carolina, which is entering its 24th season of football, opens the 2026 campaign with an all-time record of 178-103 (.633). The Chanticleers launched their program in 2003, began their transition to the FBS level in 2016 and joined the Sun Belt Conference in 2017.
- Since 2003, its first year of football, Coastal Carolina is 15-8 in season openers.
- Coastal Carolina owns a 3-11 all-time record against power-conference opponents. The Chanticleers' three victories all came against Kansas from 2019-21.
- Since moving to the FBS level, Coastal has become a postseason regular, making six consecutive bowl appearances from 2020-25. Those postseason trips have taken the Chanticleers from Hawai'i to the Carolina coast, with Coastal posting a 2-4 record in six bowl games.
- Saturday's matchup at West Virginia marks Coastal's third consecutive season opener on the road. The Chanticleers began the 2024 campaign at Jacksonville State before opening the 2025 season at Virginia. It is also the second consecutive year CCU will open against a power-conference opponent.
- The 2026 season begins a new era under first-year head coach Ryan Beard. Beard brought several familiar faces with him from Missouri State, including offensive coordinator Nick Petrino, defensive coordinator L.D. Scott, special teams coordinator Nelson Fishback and inside linebackers coach Connor Benado.
- Coastal's 104-player roster features 39 returners and 65 newcomers. The newcomer class includes 39 Division I transfers, two Division II transfers, two Division III transfers, six junior college signees and 16 high school signees.

SEP. 05

@ West Virginia
 12 p.m. — TNT
 Milan Puskar Stadium • Morgantown, W.Va.

SEP. 12

FORDHAM
 7:30 p.m. — ESPN+
 Brooks Stadium • Conway, S.C.

SEP. 19

@ Delaware
 11:30 a.m. — CBSSN
 Delaware Stadium • Newark, DE

SEP. 24 THURSDAY

LIBERTY
 7:30 p.m. — ESPN
 Brooks Stadium • Conway, S.C.

OCT. 03

GEORGIA SOUTHERN
 TBD — ESPN+
 Brooks Stadium • Conway, S.C.



OCT. 10

@ Marshall
 TBD — ESPN+
 Joan C. Edwards Stadium • Huntington, WV



OCT. 16 FRIDAY

APP STATE
 8 p.m. — ESPN2
 Brooks Stadium • Conway, S.C.



OCT. 31

@ Georgia State
 TBD — ESPN+
 Center Parc Stadium • Atlanta, Ga.



NOV. 07

OLD DOMINION
 TBD — ESPN+
 Brooks Stadium • Conway, S.C.



NOV. 14

ARKANSAS STATE
 TBD — ESPN+
 Brooks Stadium • Conway, S.C.



NOV. 21

@ Louisiana
 TBD — ESPN+
 Cajun Field • Lafayette, La.



NOV. 28

@ James Madison
 TBD — ESPN+
 Bridgeforth Stadium • Harrisonburg, Va.



NEW ERA, NEW FACES

- Coastal Carolina enters the 2026 season with one of the most reshaped rosters in program history. Of the 104 players on the Chanticleers' roster, 65 are newcomers and 39 return from last season's team.
- The newcomers account for nearly 63 percent of the roster and include a combination of transfers, junior college additions and true freshmen assembled during Ryan Beard's first recruiting cycle.

FROM THE OZARKS TO THE BEACH

- Although much of Coastal Carolina's roster will be new, several Chanticleers already have experience playing under Ryan Beard and members of his staff.
- Coastal's current roster features 12 players who previously played at Missouri State: Deuce Bailey, Dezmond Barnes, Tristian Gardner, Ryan Grayson, Jackson Kohl, Cristian Loaiza, Ahmad Poole, Donald Quist, Braxton Starnes, Mitchell Toney, Mitch Weisenborn and DJ Wesolak.

A FAMILIAR STAFF

- Ryan Beard brought several familiar faces with him to Conway while assembling his first Coastal Carolina staff, including his brothers-in-law, offensive coordinator Nick Petrino and defensive coordinator L.D. Scott.
- Petrino, Scott, special teams coordinator Nelson Fishback and inside linebackers coach Connor Benado all previously worked with Beard at Missouri State.
- That familiarity extends beyond Coastal's on-field coaching staff. Director of Football Performance Dr. Jackson Morris, Chief of Staff Max Franey and several additional members of the Chanticleers' support staff also spent time at Missouri State before making their way to Conway.
- Beard paired that continuity with additions such as offensive line coach Nick Gilbert, who previously worked at Michigan, and running backs coach Everette Sands, a former Coastal Carolina assistant.

PRESEASON PRAISE

- Three Chanticleers were named to the Sun Belt's official preseason all-conference teams. Ja'Marion Wayne earned first-team honors, while Tray Brown and Myles Woods were selected to the second team.
- Coastal also had nine players recognized by Phil Steele, six by Athlon Sports and seven by Pro Football Network. Se'Von McDowell headlined the Phil Steele and Athlon selections with second-team honors, while Woods earned first-team recognition from Pro Football Network.

ALL STARTS UP FRONT

- Coastal Carolina's 16 offensive linemen enter the season with an average weight of 320 pounds.
- Seven offensive linemen return from last year's roster, while the Chanticleers added veteran transfers Cristian Loaiza, Daughtry Richardson, Mason Barton and Apisa Poumele. The four transfers bring extensive collegiate experience from Missouri State, Florida Atlantic, Jackson State and Central Michigan.

WORLDWIDE SPECIALISTS

- Coastal Carolina's special teams room will have an international flavor in 2026, with specialists from Spain, Brazil, Austria and Australia represented on the roster.
- Kickers Nico Cavanillas Alti, a native of Madrid, Spain; Daniel Porto, from Recife, Brazil; and Leo Liptak, from Graz, Austria, are joined by Australian punter Roland Podesta.
- Cavanillas Alti was a perfect 51-for-51 on extra points for South Carolina State last season and connected on a 48-yard overtime field goal in the Celebration Bowl. The international group joins punter Andrew Ginsberg and long snappers Mitch Weisenborn and Gavin Carrick in a revamped specialist room.

NEW TARGETS

- Robby Washington and Karmello English return after combining for 49 receptions, 463 yards and six touchdowns last season, but Coastal Carolina added several proven options to its wide receiver room.
- Tristian Gardner caught 30 passes for 465 yards and six touchdowns at Missouri State, setting the Bears' freshman record for touchdown receptions. Goldie Lawrence added 447 receiving yards and two touchdowns at Florida A&M, while Clayton Coppock recorded 28 receptions for 311 yards and six total touchdowns at Kennesaw State.
- The three transfers combined for 1,223 receiving yards during the 2025 season.

BACK FOR MORE

- Ja'Marion Wayne and Myles Woods headline an experienced group of returning defensive backs for the Chanticleers.
- Wayne started all 12 games in which he appeared last season, finishing with 61 tackles, seven pass breakups, two forced fumbles and an interception. Woods started 11 games and led Coastal with three interceptions while recording 45 tackles and six pass breakups.
- Wayne earned Preseason All-Sun Belt First Team honors from the conference, while Woods was selected to the second team.

FREE CONCESSIONS!

- The CCU Kickoff Meal Deal is back this season — Every Football Game, Every Fan, Always Free.
- Coastal Carolina Athletics and Aramark partnered to allow fans to eat free at Brooks Stadium.
- Ticket-purchasing patrons visiting the concession stands will be able to acquire four items per concession stand visit from a selection of hot dogs, nachos, popcorn and fountain drinks.
- There is no limit to the number of in-game visits, but fans must scan each trip through the line with the Chanticleer Mobile App.
- Specialty items, food from outside vendors and alcoholic beverages are available for purchase.

TURN UP THE RADIO

- The Chanticleer Sports Network, in association with PlayFly, is growing thanks to a new partnership with iHeart Media.
- WRXZ, Rock 107.1 in Myrtle Beach, will serve as the flagship station. Additionally, CSN broadcasts will air on VWRK, 970 AM out of Florence and WRZE FM, Rock 94.1 and 97.9 out of Kingstree.
- All live broadcasts will simulcast to the Chanticleer Mobile App and online via iHeartMedia.
- The partnership features live game coverage of football, men's and women's basketball and baseball with more than 100 broadcasts planned for the 2026-27 campaign.

BE A MAN (BAM)



- What is BAM? It's about standing on your own two feet and learning to take responsibility for yourself. We expect everyone associated with our program — players, coaches, and support staff — to live up to that responsibility. We have to follow laws, university rules, and NCAA regulations and take our one standard — BAM — very seriously.
- BAM has nothing to do with gender. It has everything to do with being a great leader. A great leader has respect for others and cares about other people in his or her charge. Everybody on our team is somebody's son or brother, and there is a responsibility associated with that.
- Our mission at Coastal Carolina is that we're going to put a team on the field that anyone associated with Coastal is going to be proud of. While winning is an important part of that, it also means that you never, ever, ever take a play off. You always give 100 percent of everything you have. This is not just football. We expect that in every endeavor our players undertake.

2025 SUN BELT CONFERENCE STANDINGS (FINAL)

EAST DIVISION	CONFERENCE	CONF. PCT	OVERALL	OVERALL PCT	STREAK
James Madison	8-0	1.000	12-2	.857	L1
Old Dominion	6-2	.750	10-3	.769	W6
Coastal Carolina	5-3	.625	6-7	.462	L4
Georgia Southern	4-4	.500	7-6	.539	W2
Marshall	3-5	.375	5-7	.417	L2
App State	2-6	.250	5-8	.385	L2
Georgia State	0-8	.000	1-11	.083	L9

WEST DIVISION	CONFERENCE	CONF. PCT	OVERALL	OVERALL PCT	STREAK
Troy	6-2	.750	8-6	.571	L2
Southern Miss	5-3	.625	7-6	.539	L4
Louisiana	5-3	.625	6-7	.462	L1
Arkansas State	5-3	.625	7-6	.539	W2
Texas State	3-5	.375	7-6	.539	W4
South Alabama	3-5	.375	4-8	.333	L1
ULM	1-7	.125	3-9	.250	L8

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COURT IN SESSION

- TE Zach Courtney provides continuity for a Coastal Carolina offense filled with new faces. The redshirt senior is the Chanticleers' lone returning offensive starter from last season.
- Courtney appeared in nine games with seven starts in 2025, catching nine passes for 120 yards. He closed the season by setting career highs with four receptions for 56 yards against Louisiana Tech in the Independence Bowl.

A FAMILIAR FACE

- Coastal Carolina legend Grayson McCall returns for his second season on the Chanticleers' staff in 2026. McCall joined the program as an analyst in 2025 before serving as the interim tight ends coach for Coastal's appearance in the Independence Bowl.
- McCall threw for 10,523 yards and 91 touchdowns during his collegiate career. He remains the only player in Sun Belt history to earn the conference's Player of the Year award three times.
- The former Coastal QB still holds program records with 106 total touchdowns responsible for, 88 touchdown passes and 10,005 passing yards.

A NEW LOOK DL

- Few areas of Coastal Carolina's roster underwent a larger overhaul than the defensive front.
- The Chanticleers enter the season with 12 newcomers and only four returners among their 16 defensive linemen. Ibrahim Diawara, Obinna Onwuka, Sam Ross and Shaikh Thompson are the returning members of a group that added eight defensive tackles and four defensive ends.
- The newcomers include Donovan Grayson, who recorded seven sacks at Samford last season, and DJ Wesolak, who totaled 4.5 sacks while starting 11 games for Missouri State.

BIG SHOES TO FILL

- Coastal Carolina will look to replace one of the most productive tacklers in program history following the departure of linebacker Shane Bruce.
- Despite battling injuries throughout his final season, Bruce finished his Coastal career with 235 tackles, ranking eighth on the program's all-time list. He ended his career just 10 tackles behind Mike McClure for seventh place.
- Tray Brown and Se'Von McDowell headline the returning linebacker group after combining for 102 tackles in 2025. Brown finished fourth on the team with 54 stops, while McDowell added 48 tackles despite appearing in only 11 games.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

- Sophomores Dominic Lee-Knicely and Jevon Edwards give Coastal Carolina a productive pair of returning options in the backfield.
- The duo combined for 756 rushing yards and four touchdowns as true freshmen while each averaged 5.7 yards per carry. Lee-Knicely led Coastal with 388 rushing yards and three touchdowns, while Edwards followed with 368 yards and one score.

GROUND & POUND

- Coastal Carolina eclipsed 200 rushing yards six times during the 2025 regular season and posted a 5-1 record when reaching that mark. The Chanticleers went 6-1 on the year when rushing for at least 180 yards.
- In Sun Belt play, Coastal averaged 191 rushing yards per game, ranking among the top rushing attacks in the conference. Including non-conference games, the Chanticleers finished the regular season averaging 164.4 rushing yards per contest, ranking 63rd nationally.

WHAT IS A CHANTICLEER?



- A Chanticleer (SHAWN-tuh-clear) gives Coastal Carolina one of the most unique nicknames in all of sports. Chanticleer comes from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales and came to the University when it was a member of the USC system. A Chanticleer is a rooster who rules the barnyard with cunning and wit. His competitiveness never wanes as he battles to the end, using his brains to come out on top every time.

A NEW TRADITION

- Coastal Carolina will introduce a new weekly tradition this fall with a Tuesday night pep rally and the Ryan Beard Radio Show outside Chanti's Pizza in downtown Conway.
- The pep rally will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m., with the radio show airing live from 6-7 p.m. on Gator 107.9 FM, iHeartRadio and the Chanticleer Athletics mobile app.
- Hosted by Joe Catenacci, the weekly event will bring Teal Nation together for food and football while featuring Coach Beard, special guests and appearances from members of the Coastal Carolina community.

SBC FOOTBALL— 365



- SBC Football 365 — the Sun Belt's around-the-clock source for all things football will promote the conference's 14 football programs year-round through video and written content.
- The SBC Football 365 page on SunBeltSports.org includes a 24/7 video player, alongside stadium tours, condensed games, and gameday central resources like game notes and where to watch links.

MEDIA INFORMATION



The Coastal Carolina University Athletics Communications Office is ready to assist you in to make the experience of covering CCU Athletics productive and rewarding.

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CREDENTIALS

Media credentials should be requested by Tuesday of game weeks at www.sportssystem.com/clients/coastal. Media members can claim credentials 90 minutes before each game at the Media/Staff Entrance Gate next to Gate 1 (next to the entrance of the Marrio & Josh Norman Field House). A photo ID is required. Media seating is limited. Priority is given to daily newspapers, television stations, and radio stations that program sports for more than half of their daily broadcast schedules. A credential does not guarantee a seat and access to the team bench area is prohibited at all times. Press credentials will **NOT** be issued to spouses, friends, or children.

PRACTICE

All practices are closed to the public and members of the media. Only selected workouts may be open for members of accredited media outlets. Contact the athletics communications staff for details and access.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Coastal Carolina conducts a weekly press conference on Monday's in the Norman Field House team room. Head Coach Ryan Beard addresses the media promptly at 12:15 p.m. with players following him. Player requests should be made to the athletics communications office no later than 11 a.m. on Sunday. This is the preferred time for all interviews to occur.

SBC TELECONFERENCE

The 14 Sun Belt coaches will be featured on a weekly teleconference Mondays from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (ET).

11:30 a.m.	Dowell Loggains	App State
11:37 a.m.	Ryan Beard	Coastal Carolina
11:44 a.m.	Bryant Vincent	ULM
11:51 a.m.	Billy Napier	James Madison
11:58 a.m.	Dell McGee	Georgia State
12:05 p.m.	Sonny Cumbie	Louisiana Tech
12:12 p.m.	Clay Helton	Georgia Southern
12:19 p.m.	Michael Desormeaux	Louisiana
12:26 p.m.	Gerad Parker	Troy
12:33 p.m.	Tony Gibson	Marshall
12:40 p.m.	Butch Jones	Arkansas State
12:47 p.m.	Ricky Rahne	Old Dominion
12:54 p.m.	Blake Anderson	Southern Miss
1:01 p.m.	Major Applewhite	South Alabama

RADIO SHOW

The Coach Ryan Beard Radio Show takes place each Tuesday during the fall from 6-7 p.m. ET outside Chanti's Pizza (104A Laurel Street) in downtown Conway. The show airs live on WRXZ, Rock 107.1 FM, online at Rock107MB, iHeart.com and through the Chanticleer Mobile App.

As part of a new weekly tradition, Teal Nation is invited to join the festivities from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for a pep rally featuring food, fellowship and Coastal Carolina football while bringing the energy of game day to downtown Conway.

MEDIA WILL CALL

Media members can claim credentials 90 minutes before each game at the Media/Staff Entrance Gate next to Gate 1 (next to the entrance of the Marrio & Josh Norman Field House). A photo ID is required.

PRESS BOX

The main area for working press, photographers and radio personnel is now located inside Norman Field House. Working press and photographers will be housed in the football team room on the third floor, while radio operations will also be located within the building. Only game operations and television personnel will be housed on the fourth floor of the east side of the stadium press box.

In accordance with the working code of the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), all designated media work areas are professional working spaces, and cheering will be grounds for removal.

To access Norman Field House, exit Gate 1 in the northeast corner of the stadium and follow the path to the building's weight room entrance. Take the elevator on your right to the third floor, turn left upon exiting and proceed to the team room located on the left at the end of the hallway. Signage will be placed along the route to assist media members.

SIDELINES

Photographers and videographers are NOT permitted to use tripods, but monopods may be used. Photographers must shoot solely for the affiliation for which they are credentialed. All media on the sidelines MUST have their credential in full display, stay within the designated dotted lines, and are restricted from the team bench areas.

POSTGAME

At home games, post game interviews with Coastal Carolina players and Head Coach Ryan Beard are conducted in the third floor football team room of Norman Field House located in the northeast corner of the stadium. Both locker rooms are closed to the media before, during and following the game.

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BROOKS STADIUM

- Brooks Stadium opened on Sept. 6, 2003, for the inaugural home game of the Chanticleer football program. Scoring a touchdown with just seconds left on the clock, the Chanticleers defeated Newberry College 21-14.
- With a gift from the late businessman Bob Brooks, the stadium was named in honor of Brooks' children Coby Garrett and Boni Belle.
- Brooks, who grew up on a farm in Loris, S.C., was the CEO and founder of Eastern Foods, Inc., creators of the Naturally Fresh line of products, and chairman of Hooters of America, Inc.
- Brooks Stadium was designed and built with the capability to expand from its inception. That original design came to fruition as Coastal embarked on another two-phase expansion in the spring of 2017 that brought the capacity to approximately 20,000.
- The first phase boosted the seating capacity to 15,000 and included adding seats to both corners of the end zone nearest the field house, expanding the sections closest to the field on both sides toward the scoreboard, and expanded the upper deck on the east side.
- The infamous Surf Turf was added in the Spring of 2015 marking the transition from natural grass to artificial teal turf.
- Prior to the 2019 season, a second level and premium suites were completed on the west side to increase the capacity to 20,000. The cost of the two-phase project was \$31.8 million.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

First Year	2003
First Game	Sept. 6, 2003 (Coastal 21, Newberry 14)
Largest Crowd	22,217 (vs. C. Southern, 2025)
Most Consecutive Wins at Stadium	13 (2012-14)
All-Time Record	178-103 (.633)
All-Time Conference Record	80-49 (.620)
Sun Belt Conference (2017-present)	36-28 (.563)
Big South Conference (2003-15)	44-21 (.677)
NCAA FBS All-Time Bowl Game Record	2-4 (.333)
Years in a NCAA FBS Postseason Bowl Game	6
2020 • 2021 • 2022 • 2023 • 2024 • 2025	
NCAA FCS All-Time Playoff Record	4-6 (.400)
Years in NCAA FCS Playoffs	6
2006 • 2010 • 2012 • 2013 • 2014 • 2015	
Conference Championships	9
2004 • 2005 • 2006 • 2010 • 2012	
2013 • 2014 • 2016* • 2020	
*Football Transition Committee Conference Champions	

BROOKS STADIUM CROWDS

ATT	OPP	DATE
22,217	Charleston Southern	9/6/25
22,104	Virginia	9/21/24
21,634	East Carolina	9/13/25
21,324	Marshall	10/28/23
21,224	App State	11/3/22
21,165	Army WP	9/3/22
19,415	App State	11/7/24
19,294	William & Mary	9/7/24
19,139	Ga. Southern	10/1/22
18,878	Georgia State	11/8/25
18,674	ULM	10/2/21
18,552	ODU	10/5/24
18,116	Duquesne	9/16/23
17,812	Louisiana	10/19/24
17,697	Kansas	9/10/21
17,249	Georgia State	11/13/21
17,034	Marshall	10/30/25
16,814	Old Dominion	10/15/22

UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

- Location:** Conway, S.C.
Founded: 1954
Enrollment: 11,634
President: James Winebrake, Ph.D.
VP/Intercollegiate Athletics: Chance Miller
Faculty Athletics Rep: Mark Mitchell
Nickname: Chanticleers (SHON-ti-cleers)
Colors: Teal, Bronze, and Black
Mascot: Chauncey
Affiliation: NCAA FBS
Conference: Sun Belt (East Division)

FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

- HEAD COACH**
RYAN BEARD (Western Kentucky '11)
Years at Coastal Carolina: First (0-0)
Years as Head Coach: Fourth (21-14)
- ASSISTANT COACHES**
NICK PETRINO (Western Kentucky '14)
Offensive Coordinator / QB

- L.D. SCOTT** (Louisville '09)
Defensive Coordinator
- NELSON FISHBACK** (Western Kentucky '16)
Special Teams Coord./Asst. QBs
- EVERETTE SANDS** (The Citadel '93)
Running Backs
- DAVID CLOWNEY** (Virginia Tech '07)
Wide Receivers
- RONNIE FOUCH** (Indiana State '12)
Tight Ends
- NICK GILBERT** (Tiffin '12)
Offensive Linemen
- CONNOR BENADO** (Mid America Nazarene '16)
Inside Linebackers
- MICHAEL DOWNING** (TCU '17)
Outside Linebackers/Nickels

- TRAMAIN THOMAS** (Arkansas '13)
Defensive Backs/Safeties
- CHRIS FRANKLIN** (Western Kentucky '09)
Defensive Backs/Corners

BROOKS STADIUM QUICK FACTS

- Stadium:** Benton Field at Brooks Stadium (2003)
Capacity/All-Time Record: 20,000 / 100-39 (.719)
Largest Crowd: 22,217 (vs. C. Southern, 2025)
Surface: Artificial (Teal Surf Turf)
Built: 2003 (Renovated in 2024)

TEAM INFORMATION

- Offense:** Multiple
Defense: Multiple
2025 Overall Record: 6-7
2025 SBC Record (Finish): (5-3, 3rd, East)
Bowl Games: 6 (2-4, .333)
Last Bowl: 2025 Independence (L, 23-14 – La. Tech)
All-Time Record: 178-103 (.633)



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COASTAL CAROLINA DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

LT	68	Mason Barton	6-7	340	Jr.
-or-	70	Daniel Jones	6-6	320	Jr.
LG	65	Josh Daniel	6-4	330	R-Jr.
-or-	76	Cristian Loaiza	6-5	330	R-Sr.
C	66	Kain McDonald	6-2	300	So.
-or-	58	Apisa Pomele	6-0	295	R-Sr.
RG	56	Tray Franklin	6-5	320	R-Sr.
-or-	55	Gavin McLaughlin	6-4	315	R-So.
RT	78	Daughtry Richardson	6-6	320	R-Sr.
	77	Johnathan Ashley	6-4	300	R-Jr.
TE	33	Zach Courtney	6-6	253	R-Sr.
-or-	9	Cyrus Eillison	6-4	235	R-Sr.
-or-	85	Ben Verges	6-5	250	So.
SWR	1	Robby Washington	5-11	185	R-Jr.
-or-	14	Colton Hinton	6-0	185	Sr.
WR	0	Karmello English	6-0	200	Sr.
-or-	8	Clayton Coppock, Jr.	6-1	170	So.
WR	3	Tristian Gardner	6-2	185	So.
-or-	5	Goldie Lawrence	6-1	195	R-Jr.
QB	2	Deuce Bailey	6-1	190	R-Fr.
-or-	4	Tre Guerra	6-1	195	R-Jr.
-or-	12	Osiris Lopez	6-2	200	Fr.
-or-	7	Trever Jackson	6-3	215	R-So.
RB	20	Jevon Edwards	5-10	210	So.
-or-	23	Dominic Lee-Knicely	5-10	205	So.
-or-	22	Breyahn Townsend	5-11	195	R-Jr.
-or-	25	Jaden Allen-Hendrix	6-2	235	R-So.

DEFENSE

DE	0	Chandavian Bradley	6-6	240	R-Jr.
-or-	94	Donovan Grayson	6-4	245	R-Jr.
	93	Obinna Onwuka	6-5	245	R-So.
DT	7	DJ Wesolak	6-4	290	R-Jr.
-or-	90	Reggie Jean	6-3	305	R-Sr.
-or-	95	Nolan Korzeniowski	6-5	295	R-Sr.
DT	92	Ahmad Poole	6-5	305	R-Sr.
	35	Xzavier Booker	6-6	260	Fr.
	98	Dezmond Barnes	6-3	320	So.
DE	50	Mitchell Toney	6-3	275	R-Jr.
-or-	1	Ibrahim Diawara	6-4	275	R-Sr.
SAM	16	Jesse Powell	6-5	225	R-Sr.
	9	Donald Quist	6-4	220	R-Fr.
MIKE	4	Marcellius Pulliam	6-3	240	R-Jr.
-or-	11	Braxton Starnes	6-3	235	So.
WILL	19	Se'Von McDowell	6-1	225	Jr.
-or-	18	Jordan Thomas	6-0	230	R-Jr.
NB	14	Myles Woods	5-11	190	Jr.
-or-	23	Azareel Juste	6-3	210	Jr.
CB	2	Ja'Marion Wayne	6-3	210	Gr.
	10	Travis Roman	6-1	180	Jr.
CB	5	Damill Bostic, Jr.	6-0	185	R-So.
-or-	21	King White	6-0	195	R-Jr.
SS	6	Jalen Lee	6-1	205	R-Sr.
	26	Chase Jackson	6-2	195	R-So.
FS	25	Brandon Rose	5-11	195	So.
	17	Chris Henry	6-1	205	R-So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	30	Nico Cavanillas Alti	6-0	200	Sr.
-or-	90	Daniel Porto	6-0	202	Sr.
-or-	29	Leo Liptak	6-4	225	Fr.
P	42	Roland Podesta	6-3	210	R-Fr.
	29	Leo Liptak	6-4	225	Fr.
LS	41	Mitch Weisenborn	6-3	235	So.
	46	Gavin Carrick	5-11	230	Fr.
KO	90	Daniel Porto	6-0	202	Sr.
-or-	29	Leo Liptak	6-4	225	Fr.
H	42	Roland Podesta	6-3	210	R-Fr.
-or-	4	Tre Guerra	6-1	195	R-Jr.
PR	1	Robby Washington	5-11	185	R-Jr.
	0	Karmello English	6-0	200	Sr.
	14	Colton Hinton	6-0	185	Sr.
KR	1	Robby Washington	5-11	185	R-Jr.
-or-	23	Dominic Lee-Knicely	5-9	205	So.
-or-	14	Colton Hinton	6-0	185	Sr.

PRONUNCIATIONS

Chandavian Booker.....SHAWN-day-VEE-IN
 Xzavier Booker.....Ex-ay-vee-er
 Nico Cavanillas Alti.....NEE-co Kah-vah-NEE-yes all-TEA
 Gavin Carrick.....CEAR-RICK
 Ibrahim Diawara.....EE-BRUH-HEEM DEE-UH-WOR-UH
 Jevon Edwards.....Juh-VON
 Cyrus Ellison.....sigh-RUHS
 Wyatt Gedeon.....Giddy-On

Tre Guerra.....Gear-AH
 Krosse Johnson.....Cross
 Azareel Juste.....AS-ah-REL JUST-ee
 Nolan Korzeniowski.....Coors-NOW-ski
 Tamarion La'Fortune.....tuh-MAIR-ee-in Luh-FOR-tune
 Dominic Lee-Knicely.....LEE NICE-LY
 Leo Liptak.....lip-TACK
 Cristian Loaiza.....lou-Eye-ZAH

Osiris Lopez.....OO-sigh-RUHS
 Se'Von McDowell.....SAY-VON
 Gavin McLaughlin.....MIC-GOF-LEN
 Stephan Mondesir.....stuh-FAAN mon-DEH-sear
 Joe Ober.....OH-BER
 Obi Onwuka.....O-bee On-woo-kah
 Apisa Pomele.....ah-PEE-sah POO-mel-AY
 Donald Quist.....Kwist

Daughtry Richardson.....DAA-tree
 Dominic Rijos.....RE-HOSE
 Nathan Schuessler.....Shoe-sler
 Shai Thompson.....Shy
 Breyahn Townsend.....BRE-On
 Ja'Marion Wayne.....JAH-Mear-E-ON
 Mitch Weisenborn.....Y-zen-BORN

#	NAME	YEAR	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	#	NAME	YEAR	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
26	Daelen Alexander	R-Jr.	RB	5-10	225	Pflugerville, Texas	15	Luke McBride	Fr.	QB	6-1	200	Lakeway, Texas
25	Jaden Allen-Hendrix	R-So.	RB	6-2	235	Columbia, S.C.	66	Kain McDonald	So.	OL	6-2	300	Tullahoma, Tenn.
77	Johnathan Ashley	R-Jr.	OL	6-4	300	Augusta, Ga.	55	Gavin McLaughlin	R-So.	OL	6-4	315	Concord, N.C.
37	Cameron Avery	R-Jr.	LB	6-0	210	Summerville, S.C.	19	Se'Von McDowell	Jr.	LB	6-1	225	Dinwiddie, Va.
2	Deuce Bailey	R-Fr.	QB	6-1	190	Bowling Green, Ky.	71	Stephan Mondesir	Fr.	OL	6-5	335	Palmetto, Fla.
98	Dezmond Barnes	So.	DT	6-3	320	Millbrook, Ala.	15	Mason Moore	Sr.	S	6-1	205	Lexington, Ky.
68	Mason Barton	Jr.	OL	6-7	340	West Memphis, Ark.	28	Joe Ober	So.	RB	5-11	230	Myrtle Beach, S.C.
35	Xzavier Booker	Jr.	DT	6-2	325	Mooreville, N.C.	93	Obinna Onwuka	R-So.	DE	6-5	245	Upper Marlboro, Md.
5	Damill Bostic, Jr.	R-So.	CB	6-0	185	Washington, D.C.	43	Garrett Orgas	Jr.	LB	6-5	225	Vicksburg, Miss.
0	Chandavian Bradley	R-Jr.	DE	6-6	240	Kansas City, Mo.	31	Aiden Parker	Fr.	DE	6-3	230	Auburn, Ala.
55	Tray Brown	R-Sr.	LB	6-1	255	Margate, Fla.	84	Joshua Parker	Fr.	WR	6-4	205	Hyattsville, Md.
30	Nico Cavanillas Alti	Sr.	K	6-0	200	Madrid, Spain	27	Romello Patterson	Fr.	LB	6-2	220	Florence, S.C.
46	Gavin Carrick	So.	LS	5-11	230	Bluffton, S.C.	12	Dre Pinckney	Gr.	S	6-0	205	Boiling Springs, S.C.
8	Clayton Coppock, Jr.	So.	WR	6-1	170	Atlanta, Ga.	42	Roland Podesta	R-Fr.	P	6-3	210	Western Sydney, Aus.
33	Zach Courtney	R-Sr.	TE	6-6	253	Post, Texas	92	Ahmad Poole	R-Sr.	DT	6-0	305	Danville, Va.
45	Kadon Crawford	R-So.	NKL	6-2	205	Clinton, S.C.	90	Daniel Porto	Sr.	K	6-0	202	Recife, Brazil
28	Rilan Cunningham	So.	S	5-11	180	West Columbia, S.C.	20	Jax Pope	Fr.	S	6-1	195	Buford, Ga.
65	Joshua Daniel	R-Jr.	OL	6-4	330	Birmingham, Ala.	58	Apisa Poumele	R-Sr.	OL	6-0	295	Pago Pago, American Samoa
1	Ibrahim Diawara	R-Sr.	DE	6-4	275	Philadelphia, Pa.	16	Jesse Powell II	R-Sr.	NKL	6-5	225	Cary, N.C.
20	Jevon Edwards	So.	RB	5-10	210	Aiken, S.C.	4	Marcellius Pulliam	R-Jr.	LB	6-3	240	Atlanta, Ga.
21	Kente Edwards	Sr.	RB	5-9	197	Annandale, N.J.	9	Donald Quist	R-Fr.	NKL	6-4	220	Allen, Texas
9	Cyrus Ellison	R-Sr.	TE	6-4	235	Pamplico, S.C.	44	Brown Reaves	So.	TE	6-4	235	North Myrtle Beach, S.C.
0	Karmello English	Sr.	WR	6-0	200	Phenix City, Ala.	78	Daughtry Richardson	R-Sr.	OL	6-6	320	Miami Gardens, Fla.
56	Tray Franklin	R-Sr.	OL	6-5	320	Columbia, S.C.	72	Dominic Rijos	So.	OL	6-2	315	Springfield, Mass.
3	Tristian Gardner	So.	WR	6-2	185	Dallas, Texas	10	Travis Roman	R-Jr.	CB	6-1	180	Nederland, Texas
34	Wyatt Gedeon	Sr.	LB	6-1	230	Avon Lake, Ohio	25	Brandon Rose	So.	S	5-11	195	Charlotte, N.C.
84	Andrew Ginsberg	So.	P	5-10	197	Mobile, Ala.	58	Sam Ross	R-Jr.	DE	6-4	240	Philadelphia, Pa.
80	Trishstin Glass	So.	WR	6-6	205	Copperas Cove, Texas	44	Kaden Sapp	R-So.	LB	6-2	220	Lancaster, S.C.
94	Donovan Grayson	R-Jr.	DE	6-4	245	Stafford, Va.	82	Nathan Schuessler	R-Jr.	WR	5-11	190	Myrtle Beach, S.C.
3	Ryan Grayson	R-Fr.	CB	6-1	180	Beggs, Okla.	38	Garrett Smith-Dean	R-Jr.	CB	5-10	180	Kansas City, Mo.
4	Tre Guerra	R-Jr.	QB	6-2	195	Keller, Texas	11	Braxton Starnes	So.	LB	6-3	235	Hamshire, Texas
62	Beau Gwynn	R-Fr.	OL	6-2	330	Bluffton, S.C.	99	Jordan Stevens	Fr.	DE	6-4	245	Hyattsville, Md.
83	KD Hainsworth	Fr.	WR	6-0	165	Spartanburg, S.C.	18	Jordan Thompson	R-Jr.	LB	6-0	230	Charlotte, N.C.
17	Chris Henry	R-So.	S	6-1	205	Dunnellon, Fla.	49	Shaikh Thompson	R-So.	DT	6-5	285	Hilton Head Island, S.C.
14	Colton Hinton	Sr.	WR	6-0	185	Ashburn, Va.	22	Breyahn Townsend	R-Jr.	RB	5-11	195	Midlothian, Ill.
26	Chase Jackson	R-So.	S	6-2	195	Moody, Ala.	50	Mitchell Toney	R-Jr.	DE	6-3	275	Louisville, Ky.
32	Jayden Jackson	Gr.	S	6-0	195	Reedsville, Pa.	85	Ben Verges	So.	TE	6-5	250	Franklin, Wis.
7	Trever Jackson	R-So.	QB	6-3	215	Winter Garden, Fla.	1	Robby Washington	R-Jr.	WR	5-11	185	Miami, Fla.
90	Reggie Jean	R-Sr.	DT	6-3	305	Orlando, Fla.	2	Ja'Marion Wayne	Gr.	CB	6-3	210	St. Louis, Mo.
87	Jayden Johnson	Fr.	WR	6-2	175	Texas City, Texas	41	Mitch Weisenborn	So.	LS	6-3	235	St. Peters, Mo.
6	Krosse Johnson	R-So.	WR	5-11	190	New Orleans, La.	7	DJ Wesolak	R-Jr.	DT	6-4	290	Boonville, Mo.
75	Kyler Johnson	Fr.	OL	6-5	340	Darlington, S.C.	81	Dwayne White	So.	WR	6-3	205	Prescott, Ark.
52	Gabe Jones	Fr.	OL	6-3	300	Locust Grove, Ga.	8	Gabe White	R-Jr.	CB	6-3	210	Charleston, S.C.
50	Nasir Jones	Fr.	OL	6-4	315	Rome, Ga.	21	King White	R-Jr.	CB	6-0	195	Killeen, Texas
23	Azarel Juste	Jr.	NKL	6-3	210	Columbus, Ga.	97	Cam Williams	R-Sr.	DT	6-3	285	Montgomery, Ala.
70	Daniel Jones	Jr.	OL	6-6	320	Valdosta, Ga.	86	Bryson Wood	Jr.	TE	6-4	235	Los Angeles, Calif.
22	Michael Knight	Fr.	CB	6-3	180	Pittsburgh, Pa.	14	Myles Woods	Jr.	NKL	5-11	190	Grayson, Ga.
5	Goldie Lawrence	R-Jr.	WR	6-1	195	Sanford, Fla.							
23	Dominic Lee-Knicely	So.	RB	5-10	205	Vienna, Va.							
88	Jackson Kohl	R-Fr.	TE	6-6	245	Ellisville, Mo.							
95	Nolan Korzeniowski	R-Sr.	DT	6-5	295	Elmhurst, Ill.							
89	Tamarion LaFortune	So.	WR	6-0	180	West Haven, Conn.							
29	Leo Liptak	Fr.	K	6-4	225	Graz, Austria							
76	Cristian Loaiza	R-Sr.	OL	6-5	330	Wesley Chapel, Fla.							
12	Osiris Lopez	Fr.	QB	6-2	200	Leominster, Mass.							
6	Jalen Lee	R-Sr.	S	6-1	205	Wentzville, Mo.							
33	Zeke Marshall	Fr.	S	6-5	195	Anderson, S.C.							

NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	YEAR	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	#	NAME	YEAR	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
0	Chandavian Bradley	R-Jr.	DE	6-6	240	Kansas City, Mo.	38	Garrett Smith-Dean	R-Jr.	CB	5-10	180	Kansas City, Mo.
0	Karmello English	Sr.	WR	6-0	200	Phenix City, Ala.	41	Mitch Weisenborn	So.	LS	6-3	235	St. Peters, Mo.
1	Ibrahim Diawara	R-Sr.	DE	6-4	275	Philadelphia, Pa.	42	Roland Podesta	R-Fr.	P	6-3	210	Western Sydney, Aus.
1	Robby Washington	R-Jr.	WR	5-11	185	Miami, Fla.	43	Garrett Orgas	Jr.	LB	6-5	225	Vicksburg, Miss.
2	Deuce Bailey	R-Fr.	QB	6-1	190	Bowling Green, Ky.	44	Brown Reaves	So.	TE	6-4	235	North Myrtle Beach, S.C.
2	Ja'Marion Wayne	Gr.	CB	6-3	210	St. Louis, Mo.	44	Kaden Sapp	R-So.	LB	6-2	220	Lancaster, S.C.
3	Tristian Gardner	So.	WR	6-2	185	Dallas, Texas	45	Kadon Crawford	R-So.	NKL	6-2	205	Clinton, S.C.
3	Ryan Grayson	R-Fr.	CB	6-1	180	Beggs, Okla.	46	Gavin Carrick	So.	LS	5-11	230	Bluffton, S.C.
4	Tre Guerra	R-Jr.	QB	6-2	195	Keller, Texas	49	Shaikh Thompson	R-So.	DT	6-5	285	Hilton Head Island, S.C.
4	Marcellius Pulliam	R-Jr.	LB	6-3	240	Atlanta, Ga.	50	Nasir Jones	Fr.	OL	6-4	315	Rome, Ga.
5	Damill Bostic, Jr.	R-So.	CB	6-0	185	Washington, D.C.	50	Mitchell Toney	R-Jr.	DE	6-3	275	Louisville, Ky.
5	Goldie Lawrence	R-Jr.	WR	6-1	195	Sanford, Fla.	52	Gabe Jones	Fr.	OL	6-3	300	Locust Grove, Ga.
6	Krosse Johnson	R-So.	WR	5-11	190	New Orleans, La.	55	Tray Brown	R-Sr.	LB	6-1	255	Margate, Fla.
6	Jalen Lee	R-Sr.	S	6-1	205	Wentzville, Mo.	55	Gavin McLaughlin	R-So.	OL	6-4	315	Concord, N.C.
7	Trever Jackson	R-So.	QB	6-3	215	Winter Garden, Fla.	56	Tray Franklin	R-Sr.	OL	6-5	320	Columbia, S.C.
7	DJ Wesolak	R-Jr.	DT	6-4	290	Boonville, Mo.	58	Apisa Poumele	R-Sr.	OL	6-0	295	Pago Pago, American Samoa
8	Clayton Coppock, Jr.	So.	WR	6-1	170	Atlanta, Ga.	58	Sam Ross	R-Jr.	DE	6-4	240	Philadelphia, Pa.
8	Gabe White	R-Jr.	CB	6-3	210	Charleston, S.C.	62	Beau Gwynn	R-Fr.	OL	6-2	330	Bluffton, S.C.
9	Cyrus Ellison	R-Sr.	TE	6-4	235	Pamplico, S.C.	65	Joshua Daniel	R-Jr.	OL	6-4	330	Birmingham, Ala.
9	Donald Quist	R-Fr.	NKL	6-4	220	Allen, Texas	66	Kain McDonald	So.	OL	6-2	300	Tullahoma, Tenn.
10	Travis Roman	R-Jr.	CB	6-1	180	Nederland, Texas	68	Mason Barton	Jr.	OL	6-7	340	West Memphis, Ark.
11	Braxton Starnes	So.	LB	6-3	235	Hamshire, Texas	70	Daniel Jones	Jr.	OL	6-6	320	Valdosta, Ga.
12	Osiris Lopez	Fr.	QB	6-2	200	Leominster, Mass.	71	Stephan Mondesir	Fr.	OL	6-5	335	Palmetto, Fla.
12	Dre Pinckney	Gr.	S	6-0	205	Boiling Springs, S.C.	72	Dominic Rijos	So.	OL	6-2	315	Springfield, Mass.
14	Colton Hinton	Sr.	WR	6-0	185	Ashburn, Va.	75	Kyler Johnson	Fr.	OL	6-5	340	Darlington, S.C.
14	Myles Woods	Jr.	NKL	5-11	190	Grayson, Ga.	76	Cristian Loaiza	R-Sr.	OL	6-5	330	Wesley Chapel, Fla.
15	Luke McBride	Fr.	QB	6-1	200	Lakeway, Texas	77	Johnathan Ashley	R-Jr.	OL	6-4	300	Augusta, Ga.
15	Mason Moore	Sr.	S	6-1	205	Lexington, Ky.	78	Daughtry Richardson	R-Sr.	OL	6-6	320	Miami Gardens, Fla.
16	Jesse Powell II	R-Sr.	NKL	6-5	225	Cary, N.C.	80	Trishstin Glass	So.	WR	6-6	205	Copperas Cove, Texas
17	Chris Henry	R-So.	S	6-1	205	Dunnellon, Fla.	81	Dwayne White	So.	WR	6-3	205	Prescott, Ark.
18	Jordan Thompson	R-Jr.	LB	6-0	230	Charlotte, N.C.	82	Nathan Schuessler	R-Jr.	WR	5-11	190	Myrtle Beach, S.C.
19	Se'Von McDowell	Jr.	LB	6-1	225	Dinwiddie, Va.	83	KD Hainsworth	Fr.	WR	6-0	165	Spartanburg, S.C.
20	Jevon Edwards	So.	RB	5-10	210	Aiken, S.C.	84	Andrew Ginsberg	So.	P	5-10	197	Mobile, Ala.
20	Jax Pope	Fr.	S	6-1	195	Buford, Ga.	84	Joshua Parker	Fr.	WR	6-4	205	Hyattsville, Md.
21	Kente Edwards	Sr.	RB	5-9	197	Annandale, N.J.	85	Ben Verges	So.	TE	6-5	250	Franklin, Wis.
21	King White	R-Jr.	CB	6-0	195	Killeen, Texas	86	Bryson Wood	Jr.	TE	6-4	235	Los Angeles, Calif.
22	Michael Knight	Fr.	CB	6-3	180	Pittsburgh, Pa.	87	Jayden Johnson	Fr.	WR	6-2	175	Texas City, Texas
22	Breyahn Townsend	R-Jr.	RB	5-11	195	Midlothian, Ill.	88	Jackson Kohl	R-Fr.	TE	6-6	245	Ellisville, Mo.
23	Azarel Juste	Jr.	NKL	6-3	210	Columbus, Ga.	89	Tamarion LaFortune	So.	WR	6-0	180	West Haven, Conn.
23	Dominic Lee-Knicely	So.	RB	5-10	205	Vienna, Va.	90	Reggie Jean	R-Sr.	DT	6-3	305	Orlando, Fla.
25	Jaden Allen-Hendrix	R-So.	RB	6-2	235	Columbia, S.C.	90	Daniel Porto	Sr.	K	6-0	202	Recife, Brazil
25	Brandon Rose	So.	S	5-11	195	Charlotte, N.C.	92	Ahmad Poole	R-Sr.	DT	6-0	305	Danville, Va.
26	Daelen Alexander	R-Jr.	RB	5-10	225	Pflugerville, Texas	93	Obinna Onwuka	R-So.	DE	6-5	245	Upper Marlboro, Md.
26	Chase Jackson	R-So.	S	6-2	195	Moody, Ala.	94	Donovan Grayson	R-Jr.	DE	6-4	245	Stafford, Va.
27	Romello Patterson	Fr.	LB	6-2	220	Florence, S.C.	95	Nolan Korzeniowski	R-Sr.	DT	6-5	295	Elmhurst, Ill.
28	Rilan Cunningham	So.	S	5-11	180	West Columbia, S.C.	97	Cam Williams	R-Sr.	DT	6-3	285	Montgomery, Ala.
28	Joe Ober	So.	RB	5-11	230	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	98	Dezmond Barnes	So.	DT	6-3	320	Millbrook, Ala.
29	Leo Liptak	Fr.	K	6-4	225	Graz, Austria	99	Jordan Stevens	Fr.	DE	6-4	245	Hyattsville, Md.
30	Nico Cavanillas Altı	Sr.	K	6-0	200	Madrid, Spain							
31	Aiden Parker	Fr.	DE	6-3	230	Auburn, Ala.							
32	Jayden Jackson	Gr.	S	6-0	195	Reedsville, Pa.							
33	Zach Courtney	R-Sr.	TE	6-6	253	Post, Texas							
33	Zeke Marshall	Fr.	S	6-5	195	Anderson, S.C.							
34	Wyatt Gedeon	Sr.	LB	6-1	230	Avon Lake, Ohio							
35	Xzavier Booker	Jr.	DT	6-2	325	Mooreville, N.C.							
37	Cameron Avery	R-Jr.	LB	6-0	210	Summerville, S.C.							

DEFENSIVE ENDS

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
0	Chandavian Bradley	6-6	240	R-Jr.	Kansas City, Mo./Platte County/Oklahoma State
1	Ibrahim Diawara	6-4	275	R-Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa./Boys Latin Charter/Shippensburg
31	Aiden Parker	6-3	230	Fr.	Auburn, Ala./Auburn
50	Mitchell Toney	6-3	275	R-Jr.	Louisville, Ky./Trinity/Missouri State
58	Sam Ross	6-4	240	R-Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa./Millersville/LaSalle College
93	Obinna Onwuka	6-5	245	R-So.	Upper Marlboro, Md./C.H. Flowers/West Virginia
94	Donovan Grayson	6-4	245	R-Jr.	Stafford, Va./Brooke Point/Samford
99	Jordan Stevens	6-4	245	Fr.	Hyattsville, Md./DeMatha Catholic

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
7	DJ Wesolak	6-4	290	R-Jr.	Boonville, Mo./Boonville HS/Missouri State
35	Xzavier Booker	6-2	325	Jr.	Mooreville, N.C./Mooreville/Alabama A&M
49	Shaikh Thompson	6-5	285	R-So.	Hilton Head Island, S.C./H.H. Island/East Carolina
90	Reggie Jean	6-3	305	R-Sr.	Orlando, Fla./Foundation Academy/NIU
92	Ahmad Poole	6-0	305	R-Sr.	Danville, Va./George Washington/Missouri State
95	Nolan Korzeniowski	6-5	295	R-Sr.	Elmhurst, Ill./York/Drake
97	Cam Williams	6-3	285	R-Sr.	Montgomery, Ala./Park Crossing/Clark Atlanta
98	Dezmond Barnes	6-3	320	So.	Millbrook, Ala./Stanhope Elmore/Missouri State

LINEBACKERS

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
4	Marcellius Pulliam	6-3	240	R-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Sandy Creek/Michigan State
11	Braxton Starnes	6-3	235	So.	Hamshire, Texas/Hamshire-Fannett/Missouri State
18	Jordan Thompson	6-0	230	R-Jr.	Charlotte, N.C./Julius Chambers/Western Carolina
19	Se'Von McDowell	6-1	225	Jr.	Dinwiddie, Va./Dinwiddie County
27	Romello Patterson	6-2	220	Fr.	Florence, S.C./West Florence
34	Wyatt Gedeon	6-1	230	Sr.	Avon Lake, Ohio/St. Edward
37	Cameron Avery	6-0	210	R-Jr.	Summerville, S.C./Cane Bay
43	Garrett Orgas	6-5	225	Jr.	Vicksburg, Miss./Warren Central/Pearl River
44	Kaden Sapp	6-2	220	R-So.	Lancaster, S.C./Buford/USC Lancaster
55	Tray Brown	6-1	255	R-Sr.	Margate, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons

SAFETIES

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
6	Jalen Lee	6-1	205	R-Sr.	Wentzville, Mo./Fort Zumwalt North/S. Dakota St.
12	Dre Pinckney	6-0	205	Gr.	Boiling Springs, S.C./Boiling Springs
15	Mason Moore	6-1	205	Sr.	Lexington, Ky./Lex. Chris. Acad./Miami (Oh)/Lehigh
17	Chris Henry	6-1	205	R-So.	Dunnellon, Fla./Dunnellon/West Virginia
20	Jax Pope	6-1	195	Fr.	Buford, Ga./Buford
25	Brandon Rose	5-11	195	So.	Charlotte, N.C./Mallard Creek
26	Chase Jackson	6-2	195	R-So.	Moody, Ala./Moody
28	Rilan Cunningham	5-11	180	So.	West Columbia, S.C./Gray Collegiate Academy
32	Jayden Jackson	6-0	195	Gr.	Reedsville, Pa./Mifflin County
33	Zeke Marshall	6-5	195	Fr.	Anderson, S.C./Rabun Gap-Nacoochee

NICKELS

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
9	Donald Quist	6-4	220	R-Fr.	Allen, Texas/Allen/Missouri State
14	Myles Woods	5-11	190	Jr.	Grayson, Ga./Grayson
16	Jesse Powell II	6-5	225	R-Sr.	Cary, N.C./Panther Creek/Elon
23	Azarel Juste	6-3	210	Jr.	Columbus, Ga./St. Anne-Pacelli/Bryant
45	Kadon Crawford	6-2	205	R-So.	Clinton, S.C./Clinton

CORNERBACKS

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
2	Ja'Marion Wayne	6-3	210	Gr.	St. Louis, Mo./Parkway West/Missouri
3	Ryan Grayson	6-1	180	R-Fr.	Beggs, Okla./Beggs/Missouri State
5	Damill Bostic, Jr.	6-0	185	R-So.	Washington, D.C./Archbishop Carroll/Villanova
8	Gabe White	6-3	210	R-Jr.	Charleston, S.C./Goose Creek/Bethune-Cookman
10	Travis Roman	6-1	180	R-Jr.	Nederland, Texas/Nederland/Navarro
21	King White	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Killeen, Texas/Harker Heights/Tyler
22	Michael Knight	6-3	180	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Ola
38	Garrett Smith-Dean	5-10	180	R-Jr.	Kansas City, Mo./Platte County/Hutchinson

SPECIALISTS

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
29	Leo Liptak (K)	6-4	225	Fr.	Graz, Austria/Graz
30	Nico Cavanillas Alti (K)	6-0	200	Sr.	Madrid, Spain/Redmond/Keiser

SPECIALISTS (cont'd)

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
41	Mitch Weisenborn (LS)	6-3	235	So.	St. Peters, Mo./Francis Howell/Missouri State
42	Roland Podesta (P)	6-3	210	R-Fr.	W. Sydney, Aus./Patrician Brothers' Col./Boise State
46	Gavin Carrick (LS)	5-11	230	So.	Bluffton, S.C./Bluffton
84	Andrew Ginsberg (P)	5-10	197	So.	Mobile, Ala./St. Paul's Episcopal/Huntingdon
90	Daniel Porto (K)	6-0	202	Sr.	Recife, Brazil/Horizon/Florida A&M

OFFENSIVE LINE

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
50	Nasir Jones	6-4	315	Fr.	Rome, Ga./Rome
52	Gabe Jones	6-3	300	Fr.	Locust Grove, Ga./Luella
55	Gavin McLaughlin	6-4	315	R-So.	Concord, N.C./Jay M. Robinson
56	Tray Franklin	6-5	320	R-Sr.	Columbia, S.C./Ridge View/South Carolina State
58	Apisa Pomelele	6-0	295	R-Sr.	Pago Pago, American Samoa/Tafuna/Cen. Michigan
62	Beau Gwynn	6-2	330	R-Fr.	Bluffton, S.C./May River/Newberry
65	Joshua Daniel	6-4	330	R-Jr.	Birmingham, Ala./Minor/Alabama State
66	Kain McDonald	6-2	300	So.	Tullahoma, Tenn./F.W. Buchholz
68	Mason Barton	6-7	340	Jr.	West Memphis, Ark./West Memphis/Jackson State
70	Daniel Jones	6-6	320	Jr.	Valdosta, Ga./Lowndes HS
71	Stephan Mondesir	6-5	335	Fr.	Palmetto, Fla./Palmetto
72	Dominic Rijos	6-2	315	So.	Springfield, Mass./Springfield Central
75	Kyler Johnson	6-5	340	Fr.	Darlington, S.C./Trinity Collegiate School
76	Cristian Loaiza	6-5	330	R-Sr.	Wesley Chapel, Fla./Wiregrass Ranch/Missouri St.
77	Johnathan Ashley	6-4	300	R-Jr.	Augusta, Ga./Lucy C. Laney/Georgia Military
78	Daughtry Richardson	6-6	320	R-Sr.	Miami Gardens, Fla./Miami Central/FAU

QUARTERBACKS

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
2	Duce Bailey	6-1	190	R-Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky./Bowling Green HS/Missouri St.
4	Tre Guerra	6-2	195	R-Jr.	Keller, Texas/Keller/Tyler Junior College
7	Trever Jackson	6-3	215	R-So.	Winter Garden, Fla./Jones/Arkansas
12	Osiris Lopez	6-2	200	Fr.	Leominster, Mass./Leominster
15	Luke McBride	6-1	200	Fr.	Lakeway, Texas/Lake Travis High School

RUNNING BACKS

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
20	Jevon Edwards	5-10	210	So.	Aiken, S.C./South Aiken
21	Kente Edwards	5-9	197	Sr.	Anandale, N.J./North Hunterdon/Lafayette
22	Breyahn Townsend	5-11	195	R-Jr.	Midlothian, Ill./Bremen/Independence
23	Dominic Lee-Knicely	5-10	205	So.	Vienna, Va./Madison
25	Jaden Allen-Hendrix	6-2	235	R-So.	Columbia, S.C./Irmo/Oklahoma State
26	Daelen Alexander	5-10	225	R-Jr.	Pflugerville, Texas/Weiss/Rice
28	Joe Ober	5-11	230	So.	Myrtle Beach, S.C./Carolina Forest

TIGHT ENDS

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
9	Cyrus Ellison	6-4	235	R-Sr.	Pamplico, S.C./Hannah Pamplico/SC State
33	Zach Courtney	6-6	253	R-Sr.	Post, Texas/Post/Colorado
44	Brown Reaves	6-4	235	So.	North Myrtle Beach, S.C./North Myrtle Beach
85	Ben Verges	6-5	250	So.	Franklin, Wis./Franklin
86	Bryson Wood	6-4	235	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif./Great Oak HS/Santa Monica Col.
88	Jackson Kohl	6-6	245	R-Fr.	Ellisville, Mo./St. Louis CBC/Missouri State

WIDE RECEIVERS

#	NAME	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL(S)
0	Karmello English	6-0	200	Sr.	Phenix City, Ala./Central/West Georgia
1	Robby Washington	5-11	185	R-Jr.	Miami, Fla./Palmetto/Miami (Fla.)
3	Tristan Gardner	6-2	185	So.	Dallas, Texas/Waxahachie/Missouri State
5	Goldie Lawrence	6-1	195	R-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole/FAMU
6	Krosse Johnson	5-11	190	R-So.	New Orleans, La./Holy Cross School/Arkansas
8	Clayton Coppock, Jr.	6-1	170	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Mays/Kennesaw State
14	Colton Hinton	6-0	185	Sr.	Ashburn, Va./Stone Bridge/Furman
80	Trishstin Glass	6-6	205	So.	Copperas Cove, Texas/Copperas Cove/Wake Forest
81	Dwayne White	6-3	205	So.	Prescott, Ark./Prescott
82	Nathan Schuessler	5-11	190	R-Jr.	Myrtle Beach, S.C./Carolina Forest
83	KD Hainsworth	6-0	165	Fr.	Spartanburg, S.C./Mountain View Prep. School
84	Joshua Parker	6-4	205	Fr.	Hyattsville, Md./DeMatha Catholic
87	Jayden Johnson	6-2	175	Fr.	Texas City, Texas/Texas City
89	Tamarion LaFortune	6-0	180	So.	West Haven, Conn./West Haven/Western Conn. St

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS (2025 STATS)

Points Scored.....	RB Dominic Knicely (24)
Touchdowns.....	RB Dominic Knicely (4)
Rushing Yards.....	RB Dominic Knicely (388)
Rushing Touchdowns.....	RB Dominic Knicely (3)
Receiving Yards.....	WR Robby Washington (278)
Receiving Touchdowns.....	WR Karmello English (3)
.....	WR Robby Washington (3)
Passing Yards.....	WR Robby Washington (12)
Passing Touchdowns.....	WR Robby Washington (1)
Tackles.....	CB Ja'Marion Wayne (61)
Tackles For Loss.....	LB Tray Brown (11.5)
Sacks.....	LB Tray Brown (2.5)
Interceptions.....	S Myles Woods (3)

WHO IS BACK?

Starters Returning From 2025 (must have started 50% of games)

OFFENSE (1)

TE	Zach Courtney.....	Seven starts
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DEFENSE (4)

CB	Ja'Marion Wayne.....	12 starts
S	Myles Woods.....	11 starts
LB	Se'Von McDowell.....	Nine starts
LB	Tay Brown.....	Nine starts

WHO HAS DEPARTED?

Starters Lost From 2025

OFFENSE (10)

RB	Ja'Vin Simpkins.....	13 starts
WR	Malcolm Gillie.....	11 starts
OL	Thomas Johnson.....	11 starts
OL	Nick Del Grande.....	10 starts
OL	Joseph Hanson.....	10 games
OL	Hestin Edwards.....	Nine starts
WR	Bryson Graves.....	Nine starts
WR	Cameron Wright.....	Eight starts
QB	Tad Hudson.....	Seven starts
OL	Julius Tate.....	Seven starts

DEFENSE (7)

DE	Zeke Durham-Campbell.....	13 games
NT	Sawyer Goram-Welch.....	13 games
DE	Noah Arinze.....	12 games
S	Xamarion Gordon.....	12 games
LB	Dontae Lunan.....	Nine games
S	Avyonne Jones.....	Eight games
CB	Myles Mooyoung.....	Seven games

RETURNERS (39)

#	NAME	POS.
77	Johnathan Ashley.....	OL
37	Cameron Avery.....	LB
55	Tray Brown.....	LB
46	Gavin Carrick.....	LS
33	Zach Courtney.....	TE
45	Kadon Crawford.....	NKL
28	Rilan Cunningham.....	S
65	Josh Daniel.....	OL
1	Ibrahim Diawara.....	DE
20	Jevon Edwards.....	RB
0	Karmello English.....	WR
56	Tray Franklin.....	OL
34	Wyatt Gedeon.....	LB
80	Trishstin Glass.....	WR
17	Chris Henry.....	S
14	Colton Hinton.....	WR
26	Chase Jackson.....	S
32	Jayden Jackson.....	S
70	Daniel Jones.....	OL
23	Dominic Lee-Knicely.....	RB
66	Kain McDonald.....	OL
19	Se'Von McDowell.....	LB
55	Gavin McLaughlin.....	OL
28	Joe Ober.....	RB
93	Obinna Onwuka.....	DE
12	Dre Pinckney.....	S
44	Brown Reaves.....	TE
72	Dominic Rijos.....	OL
25	Brandon Rose.....	S
58	Sam Ross.....	DE
44	Kaden Sapp.....	LB
82	Nathan Schuessler.....	WR
49	Shaikh Thompson.....	DT
22	Breyahn Townsend.....	RB
85	Ben Verges.....	TE
1	Robby Washington.....	WR
2	Ja'Marion Wayne.....	CB
81	Dwayne White.....	WR
14	Myles Woods.....	NKL

NEWCOMERS (65)**D1 TRANSFERS (39)**

#	NAME	POS.
26	Daelen Alexander.....	RB
25	Jaden Allen-Hendrix.....	RB
2	Deuce Bailey.....	QB
68	Mason Barton.....	OL
98	Dezmond Barnes.....	DT
35	Xzavier Booker.....	DT
5	Damill Bostic, Jr.....	CB
0	Chandavian Bradley.....	DE
30	Nico Cavanillas Altí.....	K
8	Clayton Coppock, Jr.....	WR
21	Kente Edwards.....	RB
9	Cyrus Ellison.....	TE
3	Tristian Gardner.....	WR
94	Donovan Grayson.....	DE
3	Ryan Grayson.....	CB
7	Trever Jackson.....	QB

90	Reggie Jean.....	DT
6	Krosse Johnson.....	WR
23	Azarel Juste.....	NKL
88	Jackson Kohl.....	TE
95	Nolan Korzeniowski.....	DT
5	Goldie Lawrence.....	WR
6	Jalen Lee.....	S
76	Cristian Loaiza.....	OL
15	Mason Moore.....	S
42	Roland Podesta.....	P
92	Ahmad Poole.....	DT
90	Daniel Porto.....	K
58	Apisa Poumele.....	OL
16	Jesse Powell II.....	NKL
4	Marcellius Pulliam.....	LB
9	Donald Quist.....	NKL
78	Daughtry Richardson.....	OL
11	Braxton Starnes.....	LB
18	Jordan Thompson.....	LB
50	Mitchell Toney.....	DE
41	Mitch Weisenborn.....	LS
7	DJ Wesolak.....	DT
8	Gabe White.....	CB

D2 TRANSFERS (2)

#	NAME	POS.
62	Beau Gwynn.....	OL
97	Cam Williams.....	DT

D3 TRANSFERS (2)

#	NAME	POS.
84	Andrew Ginsberg.....	P
89	Tamarion LaFortune.....	WR

HS SIGNEES (16)

#	NAME	POS.
83	KD Hainsworth.....	WR
87	Jayden Johnson.....	WR
75	Kyler Johnson.....	OL
52	Gabe Jones.....	OL
50	Nasir Jones.....	OL
22	Michael Knight.....	CB
29	Leo Liptak.....	K
12	Osiris Lopez.....	QB
33	Zeke Marshall.....	S
15	Luke McBride.....	QB
71	Stephan Mondesir.....	OL
31	Aiden Parker.....	DE
84	Joshua Parker.....	WR
27	Romello Patterson.....	LB
20	Jax Pope.....	S
99	Jordan Stevens.....	DE

JUCO SIGNEES (6)

#	NAME	POS.
4	Tre Guerra.....	QB
43	Garrett Orgas.....	LB
10	Travis Roman.....	CB
38	Garrett Smith-Dean.....	CB
21	King White.....	CB
86	Bryson Wood.....	TE

RYAN BEARD

FIRST SEASON — WESTERN KENTUCKY '12

Ryan Beard, the fifth football head coach in Coastal Carolina program history, joined the Chanticleers in December 2025. He arrived in Conway after a rapid and highly successful rise through the collegiate coaching ranks, most recently serving as head coach at Missouri State University, where he earned national recognition as one of college football's top young defensive minds.

Beard became Missouri State's head coach in December 2022 at just 33 years old, becoming the youngest head coach in school history. Over the next three seasons, he led one of the most significant transformations in the program's modern era, guiding the Bears from an FCS playoff contender to a competitive FBS program in its inaugural season at the highest level of college football.

In 2025, Missouri State completed its transition to the FBS and Conference USA under Beard's leadership. The Bears posted a winning record in their first FBS season and earned the program's first bowl appearance, marking a milestone moment in school history. Beard's team was built on a strong defensive foundation, with Missouri State ranking among Conference USA leaders in total defense and rushing defense while consistently limiting opponent production.

Beard's defensive pedigree was evident throughout his tenure. Prior to becoming head coach, he served as Missouri State's defensive coordinator from 2020-22, overseeing a dramatic turnaround that returned the Bears to national relevance. His defenses ranked among the national leaders in sacks, tackles for loss, and takeaways, and helped guide Missouri State to back-to-back FCS playoff appearances for the first time in more than three decades.

During the 2024 season, Beard's Bears finished with a winning record and earned a national ranking at the FCS level, with the defense leading the Missouri Valley Football Conference in sacks per game and ranking among the nation's leaders in turnover margin. Multiple players earned all-conference and All-America recognition under his direction.

Before his time at Missouri State, Beard coached at several prominent programs, including Louisville (2017-18), Central Michigan (2019), and Western Kentucky (2016). His experience spans multiple conferences and levels of competition, including the ACC, MAC, and Conference USA, providing a strong foundation in recruiting, player development, and scheme implementation.

A native of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Beard played collegiately at Western Kentucky University, where he was a multi-year contributor in the secondary during the program's transition to the FBS. He earned All-Sun Belt Conference honors during his playing career and was recognized with Western Kentucky's Iron Man Award for toughness and durability.

Beard holds both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Western Kentucky. He and his wife, Katie, are the parents of four children: Beau, Lainey, and twins Jacob and Kailey.



THE BEARD FILE



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born: June 3, 1989

Hometown: Bowling Green, Ky.

Wife: Katie

Children: Beau, Lainey, Jacob, Kailey

Education: WKU (2012); WKU (M.S.Ed., 2014)

Year in Coaching: 14th

Twitter: @Ry_Beard

Instagram: @Ry_Beard

COACHING CAREER

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION
2012-15	Western Kentucky	Graduate Assistant / Defensive Assistant
2016	Western Kentucky	Defensive Backs
2017-18	Louisville	Defensive Backs / Co-Special Team Coord.
2019	Central Michigan	Defensive Backs / Special Teams Co.
2020-22	Missouri State	Defensive Coordinator
2023-25	Missouri State	Head Coach
2026	Coastal Carolina	Head Coach

BEARD'S COLLEGIATE HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL	CONFERENCE	NOTABLE
2023	Missouri State	4-7	3-5	
2024	Missouri State	8-4	6-2	
2025	Missouri State	7-5	5-3	Xbox Bowl
TOTALS	THREE SEASONS	19-16 (.543)	14-10 (.583)	

**NICK PETRINO****OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QBs****FIRST SEASON — WESTERN KENTUCKY '14**

- Spent the previous six seasons as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Missouri State (2020-25).
- In 2024, the Bears ranked fifth nationally in passing offense at 306.2 yards per game, 17th in total offense at 424.8 yards per game, and 13th in scoring offense at 34.8 points per game.
- Worked directly with Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson during the 2016 season at Louisville as the quarterbacks coach.

**NELSON FISHBACK****SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR / ASST. QBs****FIRST SEASON — WESTERN KENTUCKY '14**

- Joins the Chanticleers after serving as the tight ends coach and special teams coordinator at New Mexico State University in 2024 and 2025.
- Spent three seasons at Missouri State, where he served as tight ends coach and added co-special teams coordinator responsibilities in 2023 under Ryan Beard.
- Coached nine all-conference specialists and six All-American

**DAVID CLOWNEY****WIDE RECEIVERS****FIRST SEASON — VIRGINIA TECH '03**

- Clowney comes to Coastal after he coached wide receivers at Missouri State in 2024 and 2025.
- Prior to joining the Mo. State staff, he served as quarterbacks coach and interim head coach at Morehouse College in 2023.
- He has over 20 years experience at the collegiate and professional level, boasting stops as wide receivers coach at Stetson, Howard, FIU, ASA College Miami and Virginia Tech along with the NFL's Carolina Panthers, New York Jets and Buffalo Bills.

**NICK GILBERT****OFFENSIVE LINE****FIRST SEASON — TIFFIN '12**

- Gilbert most recently served as an assistant offensive line coach at Michigan, where he was part of the 2023 national championship team.
- Prior to Michigan, Gilbert served as assistant offensive line coach at Colorado and coached offensive line at the University of Idaho.
- He also spent time as a graduate assistant working with the offensive lines at Idaho, Memphis, and Louisville.

**MICHAEL DOWNING****Outside Linebackers/Nickel Coach****FIRST SEASON — TCU '17**

- Downing joins Coastal Carolina as outside linebackers and nickel coach after serving on the Missouri State defensive staff, where he coached outside linebackers and served as co-special teams coordinator the past three seasons.
- Downing spent the 2022 season at the University of Colorado where he was a quality control specialist for the defense.
- He was a defensive graduate assistant at TCU from 2018 to 2021.

**CHRIS FRANKLIN****DEFENSIVE BACKS/CORNERS****FIRST SEASON — WESTERN KENTUCKY '09**

- Franklin spent the 2024 and 2025 seasons coaching cornerbacks at Missouri State following three years in a similar role at Eastern Kentucky.
- He also had stints at Western Kentucky, Arkansas Tech and West Georgia.
- The Louisville native helped WKU produce a top-25 rated defense in 2019, as the Hilltoppers ranked 22nd in fewest points allowed per game and 24th in total defense.

**L.D. SCOTT****DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / DEFENSIVE LINE****FIRST SEASON — LOUISVILLE '09**

- Came to Conway after spending the previous six seasons at Missouri State, serving as defensive coordinator (2023-25) and defensive line coach (2022-25).
- Eight players earned All-Conference USA honors under his tutelage in 2025.
- Missouri State ranked among the national leaders in sacks per game, turnover margin, and total takeaways in 2024.

**EVERETT SANDS****RUNNING BACKS****FIRST SEASON — THE CITADEL, 1993**

- Sands has 30 years of coaching experiences with stops at Catawba, Elon, NC State, Ohio, South Carolina, The Citadel and UTSA.
- He has developed eight NFL running backs.
- Sands has tutored five different 1,000 yard rushers.
- A native of Conway, S.C., he was an All-America running back at The Citadel.

**RONNIE FOUCH****TIGHT ENDS****FIRST SEASON — INDIANA STATE '12**

- Fouch arrived in Conway after spending the previous two seasons as wide receivers coach at the University of Arkansas.
- Prior to Arkansas, Fouch served as co-offensive coordinator, running backs coach, and recruiting coordinator at Missouri State, where he helped engineer a top-10 nationally ranked FCS offense alongside Nick Petrino.
- He spent four seasons as offensive quality control coach at Louisville (2015-18).

**CONNOR BENADO****INSIDE LINEBACKERS****FIRST SEASON — MIDAMERICA NAZARENE '16**

- Benado joins the Chanticleers after spending the 2025 season at Missouri State, where he led the Bears' linebacker group.
- He previously spent four seasons at Southeast Missouri State, coaching inside linebackers and specialists.
- While at SEMO, Benado coached inside linebacker Bryce Norman, the 2024 OVC-Big South Defensive Player of the Year and a consensus All-American.

**TRAMAIN THOMAS****DEFENSIVE BACKS/SAFETIES****FIRST SEASON — BOISE STATE '13**

- Thomas comes to Conway as defensive backs and safeties coach after coaching the secondary at Missouri State for three seasons. In 2024, the Bears' secondary helped the squad post 12 interceptions, 20 takeaways, and secure the 21st-best turnover margin (+0.58) in the country.
- His coaching background also includes stops at Louisville, Oklahoma Baptist, and Midwestern State.
- He was a two-time All-SEC defensive back at Arkansas and earned All-America honors.

RUSHING

30-plus Rushing Attempts:	32 by Lorenzo Taliaferro at Elon (09-28-13)
40 to 69-Yard Run (no touchdown):	47 by Samari Collier at Georgia Southern (11-15-25)
40 to 69-Yard Touchdown Run:	85 by Samari Collier vs. Georgia St. (11-08-25)
70-Yard plus Run (no touchdown):	76 by Tyler Thigpen at Gardner-Webb (11-11-06)
70-Yard plus Touchdown Run:	85 by Samari Collier vs. Georgia St. (11-08-25)
2-plus Rushing Touchdowns:	2 by Samari Collier vs. Georgia St. (11-08-25)
4-plus Rushing Touchdowns:	4 by Lorenzo Taliaferro at Liberty (10-19-13)
100-Yard Rusher	123 by Samari Collier vs. Georgia St. (11-08-25)
Two Players with 100 Yards plus Rushing:	B. Carpenter (102) & C.J. Marable (100) at UMass (09-21-19)
100 Yards Rushing and Receiving (Same Player):	NA
100-Yard Rusher/100-Yard Receiver:	Braydon Bennett (114) & Sam Pinckney (132) and Jared Brown at Georgia Southern (09-30-23)

PASSING

30-plus Pass Completions:	32 by Bryce Carpenter vs. Troy (11-02-19)
Consecutive Completions:	16 by Zach MacDowall at VMI (11-06-10)
	* Grayson McCall completed 16-straight passes over a three-game span vs. UMass (09-25-21); vs. ULM (10-02-21); at A-State (10-07-21) (1st half)
40-plus Pass Attempts:	42 by Grayson McCall vs. Georgia State (09-21-23)
4-plus Touchdown Passes:	4 by Grayson McCall vs. Northern Illinois (12-17-21)
5-plus Touchdown Passes:	5 by Grayson McCall vs. Texas State (11-20-21)
300-plus Yards Passing:	311 by Tad Hudson vs. Louisiana Tech (12-30-25)
400-plus Yards Passing:	415 by Alex Ross vs. The Citadel (11-28-15)
100 Yards Rushing and 200 Passing:	by Alex Ross (155-202) at Montana (12-07-13)
350-plus Yards Total Offense:	373 by Ethan Vasko vs. Old Dominion (10-05-24)

RECEIVING

10-plus Receptions:	11 by Sam Pinckney at Troy (12-03-22)
3-plus Touchdown Receptions:	4 by Isaiah Likely at Arkansas State (10-07-21)
Two Players with at least 2 TD Receptions:	Chris Jones (2) and Tyrell Blanks (2) vs. Kennesaw State (11-14-15)
200-plus Yards Receiving:	232 (8 rec.) by Isaiah Likely at Arkansas State (10-07-21)
Two Players with 100-Yards Receiving:	102 by Sam Pinckney (7) and 100 by Jameson Tucker (3) at Appalachian State (10-10-23)
100-plus Receiving Yards by WR:	107 by Jameson Tucker (4 rec.) at Georgia Southern (11-15-25)
100-plus Receiving Yards by RB:	129 by DeAngelo Henderson (7 rec.) at Furman (09-05-15)
100-plus Receiving Yards by TE:	101 by Isaiah Likely (7 rec.) vs. Georgia State (11-13-21)
50-plus Yard Reception:	75 by Jameson Tucker vs. Georgia Southern (11-15-25)
80-plus Yard Reception:	99 (TD) by Isaiah Likely at Arkansas State (10-07-21)
Rushing and Receiving Touchdown:	(1-1) by Jared Brown vs. Jacksonville State (09-09-23)
Passing and Receiving Touchdown:	(1-1) by DeMario Bennett at Liberty (10-15-11)
200-plus All-Purpose Yards:	236 (211 rush, 25 rec.) by Shermari Jones at South Alabama (11-26-21)

SCORING

Responsible for at least 3 TDs:	4 (3 pass, 1 rush) by Samari Collier vs. Georgia St. (11-08-25)
Responsible for 6-plus TDs:	6 (5 pass, 1 rush) by Zach MacDowall vs. Charleston So. (11-20-10)
Scored 4-plus Touchdowns:	4 by Isaiah Likely at Arkansas State (10-07-21)
Scored 20-plus Points:	24 by Isaiah Likely at Arkansas State (10-07-21)

DEFENSE

Had at least 15 Tackles:	15 by JT Killen at Army (11-18-23)
Had 20-plus Tackles:	20 by Quinn Backus vs. Liberty (11-22-14)
Had 3.0 or more Tackles-for-Loss:	3.0 by Ibrahim Diawara at Appalachian State (10-18-25)
Had 2.0 or more Sacks:	2.0 by Zeke Durham-Campbell vs. Louisiana Tech (12-30-25)
Recorded a Safety:	TEAM SAFETY (on a fumble) vs. Marshall (11-16-24)
Created Two Turnovers:	INT and FR by Xamarion Gordon at Georgia Southern (11-15-25)
Intercepted a Pass:	by Lionell Whitaker vs. Louisiana Tech (12-30-25)
Interception Return for TD:	39 by Tobias Fletcher at Georgia State (01-30-24)
Two INTs for TD	by Killen (30 yards) & Fletcher (100 yards) vs. Duquesne (09-16-23)
Two INTs in a Game, Same Player:	by Lance Boykin vs. Gardner-Webb (09-10-22)
3-plus INTs in a Game, Same Player:	3 by Clayton Isbell at UCLA (09-02-23)
3-plus Pass Breakups:	3 by Fredd Adams vs. ULM (10-11-25)
4-plus Pass Breakups:	4 by Matthew McDoom vs. San Jose State (12-23-23)
Forced Fumble & Recovered Fumble in a Game:	by Clev Lubin at Jacksonville State (08-29-24)
Forced 2-plus Fumbles:	2 by Josaiah Stewart at Georgia Southern (11-06-21)
Recovered 2-plus Fumbles:	2 by JT Killen at ULM (10-08-22)
Fumble Recovered/Returned for TD:	13 yards by Tray Brown at South Alabama (09-20-25)
Defensive Extra Point:	86 yards by Preston Carey at UAB (09-16-17)
Scored Two Defensive TDs:	Alex Searce (INT, fumble rec) vs. Central Conn State (11-22-16)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned Opening Kick for a Touchdown:	NA
Kickoff Return for Touchdown:	96 yards by Malcolm Gillie at Georgia Southern (11-15-25)
Returned a Kickoff 50-plus Yards:	96 yards by Malcolm Gillie at Georgia Southern (11-15-25)
Punt Return for Touchdown (Non-Blocked):	72 yards by Ky'Jon Tyler at ULM (11-23-19)
Returned a Punt 40-plus Yards:	51 yards by Jared Brown vs. Duquesne (09-16-23)
Blocked a Punt:	by Jameson Tucker at South Carolina (11-22-25)
Punt Blocked & Returned for a TD:	by Jameson Tucker and returned 17 yardsat South Carolina (11-22-25)
Punt Blocked for a Safety:	by Jarius McMillan at Jacksonville State (09-17-16)
Blocked a PAT:	by Jeffrey Gunter vs. Kansas (09-10-21)
Blocked a FG:	by Jerrod Clark at James Madison (11-26-22)
Returned Blocked FG for a TD:	65 yards by Kenneth Daniels (blocked by Myles White) vs. Furman (09-24-16)
Had a 50-plus Yard Punt:	53 yards by Emile Sebafundi vs. Louisiana Tech (12-30-25)
Had a 60-plus Yard Punt	65 yards by Emile Sebafundi at South Carolina (11-22-25)
Had a 45-plus Yard FG:	51 yards by Philippe Laforge at Georgia Southern (11-15-25)
Had a 50-plus Yard FG:	51 yards by Philippe Laforge at Georgia Southern (11-15-25)
Missed an Extra Point:	by Kade Hensley vs. Southern Miss (Blocked) (11-12-22)
Two-Point Conversion By Rush:	by Bryce Archie vs. East Carolina (12-27-22)
Two-Point Conversion By Pass:	by Tad Hudson to Brooks Johnson vs. Northern UTSA (12-23-24)

TEAM RUSHING

Team Had 50 Rushing Attempts:	51 vs. ULM (10-11-25)
Team Had 60 Rushing Attempts:	67 vs. Liberty (11-17-16)
Team Netted 300-plus Yards Rushing:	324 vs. Georgia State (11-08-25)
Team Netted 400-plus Yards Rushing:	406 at Texas State (11-28-20)
Team Failed To Net 50 Yards Rushing:	((-5)) vs. James Madison (11-29-25)
Team Rushed for 5-plus Touchdowns:	5 vs. The Citadel (09-02-21)

TEAM PASSING

Team Completed 20-plus Passes:	25 vs. Louisiana Tech (12-30-25)
Team Attempted 40-plus Passes:	49 vs. vs. Louisiana Tech (12-30-25)
Team Gained 300-plus Yards Passing:	311 vs. Louisiana Tech (12-30-25)
Team Failed To Gain 100 Yards Passing:	93 at James Madison (11-26-22)
Team Passed for 4-plus Touchdowns:	4 vs. Northern Illinois (12-17-21)
Team Passed for 5-plus Touchdowns:	5 vs. Texas State (11-20-21)

TOTAL YARDS

Team Gained 400 Total Offensive Yards:	482 vs. Georgia Southern (11-15-25)
Team Gained 500 Total Offensive Yards:	515 vs. Old Dominion (10-05-24)
Team Gained 600 Total Offensive Yards:	685 at Arkansas State (10-07-21)
Team Failed to Gain 300 Total Offensive Yards:	170 vs. James Madison (11-29-25)
Team Failed to Gain 200 Total Offensive Yards:	170 vs. James Madison (11-29-25)
Team Failed to Score a Touchdown:	vs. ECU (09-13-25)

