

# 2023 CHARLOTTE 49ERS FOOTBALL



## CHARLOTTE 49ERS (0-0; AAC: 0-0) vs. S.C. State (0-1) 10th Anniversary of 49ers Football



### FAST TRACK TO THE AMERICAN

In just 10 years, Charlotte started a program, jumped to the FBS level and advanced into one of the nation's premier football conferences. The 49ers' first season came in 2013, but an invite into an FBS Conference, Conference USA, came in May of 2012, prior to even the 49ers first practice. Charlotte spent the requisite two years as an FCS Independent before transitioning into CUSA. In 2015, the 49ers won their first-ever game at the FBS level, at Georgia State. Now, after eight years in CUSA, the 49ers have made the move to the American - a fitting way to celebrate this bold program's 10th Anniversary.

### NEW HEAD COACH BIFF POGGI

First-year head coach Biff Poggi comes to Charlotte after serving as an Associate Head Coach for Jim Harbaugh at Michigan for two CFP National Semifinal seasons. He made name for himself as an ultra-successful high school coach at Saint Frances Academy and Gilman School in Baltimore. His goal is to allow student-athletes to improve opportunities available to them through football, whether it is opportunities in football or using football to attend college, earn a degree and begin a career in their chosen field.

Poggi has instituted a financial literacy program that will include class/seminars and an internship program.

On the field, Poggi has revamped the coaching staff and roster in preparation for the 2023 season. The roster has approximately 70 new players, including over 40 from four-year institutions. His stated goal is to dominate the line of scrimmage in order to establish the run game on offense and eliminate it on defense.

### PRESEASON PUB

Coaches with Most Swagger (BigGameBoomer):  
Bruce Feldman's Freak's List (The Athletic):  
Most Impactful Transfer Portal (The Athletic):  
Rising Star Assistant Coaches (ON3):  
30 Under 30 (247Sports):

Biff Poggi (#2)  
Julius Welschof (#24)  
Eyabi Okie-Anoma (#95)  
Rod Ojong; Ryan Osborn  
Greg Froelich

### BYRD ON HORNUNG AWARD WATCH LIST

RS Jr. RB/KR Shadrick Byrd has been named to the Watch List for the Paul Hornung Award for the second straight year. The Paul Hornung Award presented by Texas Roadhouse is given annually to the most versatile player in major college football. Byrd, an All-Conference USA Honorable Mention kick returner, led the 49ers in rushing and kick returns in 2022. He boasted a team high 1494 all-purpose yards. He was named to the 2021 CUSA All-Freshman team as both a running back and a returner.

## 2023 SCHEDULE: 0-0; AAC: 0-0 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0)

### SEPTEMBER

Sat.	2	S.C. State	ESPN+	Charlotte, N.C.	6:00
Sat.	9	at Maryland	NBC	College Park, Md.	7:30
Sat.	16	Georgia State	ESPN+	Charlotte, N.C.	6:00
Sat.	23	at Florida	SECN+	Gainesville, Fla.	7:00
Sat.	30	at SMU*	TBA	Dallas, Texas	TBA

### OCTOBER

Sat.	14	Navy*	TBA	Charlotte, N.C.	TBA
Sat.	21	at East Carolina*	TBA	Greenville, N.C.	TBA
Fri.	27	Florida Atlantic*	ESPN2	Charlotte, N.C.	7:30

### NOVEMBER

Sat.	4	at Tulsa*	TBA	Tulsa, Okla.	TBA
Sat.	11	Memphis*	TBA	Charlotte, N.C.	TBA
Sat.	18	Rice*	TBA	Charlotte, N.C.	TBA
Sat.	25	at USF	TBA	Tampa, Fla.	TBA

\* - American Athletic Conference games

Home games in bold

### GAME 1 Charlotte vs. S.C. State Saturday, Sept. 2; 6:00 pm Jerry Richardson Stadium

#### TV: ESPN+

Play by play: James Westling  
Analyst: Jay Sonnhalter

#### Radio: Learfield/Charlotte Sport Network

Play by play: Matt Swierad  
Analyst: Al Wallace  
Sideline: Bobby Rosinski

#### Series Record: First Meeting

S.C. State is playing in its second game of the season, following a Week 0 loss to Jackson State, 37-7 ... Charlotte is 6-4 in season-openers ... 8-2 in its first home game of the season and 4-0 in season-openers at home.

#### Charlotte Head Coach:

Biff Poggi (Duke)  
at CLT: ..... 0-0 (1st year)  
Overall: ..... 0-0 (1st year)

#### All-Time (Season 11; FBS Season 9):

All-time game number: ..... 114  
All-time record: ..... 39-74  
49ers at home: ..... 24-32  
49ers on road: ..... 15-41  
Neutral site: ..... 0-1  
Streak: ..... W1

#### NOTES:

RB Shadrick Byrd ranks fifth all-time with 1203 career rushing, 70 shy of #4 (Matt Johnson, 1273)

Charlotte is replacing all-time passing leader Chris Reynolds, who threw for over 10,000 yards and 84 TDs in his career

Charlotte returns its leading rusher, Shadrick Byrd, and leading tackler, Prince Bemah, from the 2022 season

## BY THE NUMBERS

**2** 49ers that have rushed for 1,000 yards in a season (Kalif Phillips; Benny LeMay, twice)

**3** Assistant coaches that have been named on 247 and/or On3 Rising stars Under 35 (Greg Froelich, 247; Rod Ojong, On3; Ryan Osborn, On3)

**4.5** Alex Highsmith holds the 49ers single-game record with 4.5 sacks at ODU, 2019

**5** 49ers selected in the NFL Draft in the program's first 10 seasons, including 2023 pick WR Grant DuBose (7th rd; Green Bay Packers)

## NEW LOOK ROSTER

Charlotte's roster is made up of over 70 new players, including 48 four-year transfers. Among the new class, Charlotte boasts one former five-star recruit, 13 four-star recruits and 36 three-star recruits. 28 of the 49ers newcomers played at Saint Frances High school in Baltimore, where Poggi helped start the national power program.

## RUN THE DANG BALL

Head coach Biff Poggi has made no secret of his desire to control the line of scrimmage and dominate the running game. To that end, he returns top rusher Shadrick Byrd and welcomes in four-star high school standout Durell Robinson, who made his signing decision public on ESPN2 during the Under Armour Next All-America game. Returning back Henry Rutledge and newcomers Terron Kellman and Joachim Bangda will also profit from a revamped offensive line that has taken on sizeable newcomers like Ja'Khi Green, Kevin Williams, Jai'Lun Hampton, Andrew Adair and Johnathan Bass to join returning starters Panda Askew and Jonny King.

## THE AMERICAN WAY

In 2023, Charlotte is ushering in a new era for its football program. The 49ers have welcomed first-year head coach Biff Poggi to take over the reins and Charlotte will be making its way to the American Athletic Conference after eight seasons in Conference USA. Charlotte started football in 2013. The 49ers took the fast track to FBS football -- joining Conference USA in 2015 after two requisite transition years as FCS Independent. The 49ers accepted the invitation into Conference USA in May of 2012, before holding its first practice. Now, after just eight years in CUSA, the 49ers have moved into one of the strongest FBS conferences in the country: The American

## 2023 Preseason Watch Lists

Hornung Award:	Shadrick Byrd, RB/KR
Wuerffel Trophy:	Mike Kelly, DE
Senior Bowl:	Julius Welschhof
Senior Bowl:	Eyabi Okie-Anoma

## C-USA Returning Hardware:

KR	Shadrick Byrd	2021 & 2022 Honorable Mention all-C-USA; All-Freshman
RB	Shadrick Byrd	2021 All-Freshman Team
LB	Reid Williford	2022 All-Freshman Team
DB	Maguire Neal	2022 All-Freshman Team

## BACK ON CAMPUS

Charlotte returns 10 starters (6 on defense; 4 on offense).

The defense brings back 2022 leading tacklers Prince Bemah (LB: 62 tackles; 5.0 TFL; 2.0 sacks; 1 FF) and Wayne Jones (S; 58 tackles; 3.5 TFL; 2 INT; 1 FF), defensive tackles Jalar Holley (38 tackles; 1.5 TFL) and Dez Morgan (30 tackles; 2.5 TFL), LB Derek Boykins (six starts before injury) and C-USA All-Freshman team selections DB Maguire Neal and LB Reid Williford.

On offense, two starting linemen return: LG Panda Askew and RG Jonny King as well as RB Shadrick Byrd and TE Jake Clemons.

## STARS ARE OUT

DL Eyabi Okie-Anoma, a Michigan transfer, was a five-star talent coming out of high school. In addition, several other newcomers were four-star prospects, including freshman RB Durell Robinson and 12 four-star transfers: QBs Jalon Jones and Micah Bowens, D-Linemen Julius Welschhof, Demon Clowney, Austin Fontaine and Katron Evans, LB Osita Ekwonu and Nikhai Hill-Green, DB's Dontae Balfour, CJ Burton and Isaiah Hazel and WR Ike White and 36 three-star transfer. That's 49 transfers that earned three or more stars

## POWER TRANSFERS

### BIG 10 (13)

DL	Eyabi Okie	Michigan
DL	Julius Welschhof	Michigan
LB	Nikhai Hill-Green	Michigan
DB	Damani Dent	Michigan
DL	Zion Shockley	Maryland
LB	T.J. Butler	Maryland
OL	Ja'Khi Green	Maryland
OL	Austin Fontaine	Maryland
DB	Isaiah Hazel	Maryland
RB	Joey Bearns III	Maryland
OL	Kevin Williams	Nebraska
WR	Ike White	Minnesota
LS	Nico Crawford	Illinois

### BIG 12 (1)

QB	Micah Bowens	Oklahoma
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### ACC (6)

LB	Ositadinma Ekwonu	Notre Dame
DB	Dontae Balfour	North Carolina
DB	Deandre Hollins	North Carolina
DB	CJ Burton	Boston College
LB	Demetrius Knight	Georgia Tech
WR	Jaden Bradley	Pitt

### SEC (1)

DL	Demon Clowney	Ole Miss
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### PAC12 (2)

WR	Jack Hestera	Colorado
OL	Lucas Gramlick	UCLA

## Graduates on the 2023 Roster

Joachim Bangda	Towson	Communication Studies
Johnathan Bass	Ga State	Sociology
Micah Bowens	Oklahoma	Arts & Science Planned Program
Jordan Daniels	Akron	Sport Management
Osita Ekwonu	Notre Dame	Bus. Admin.
Randy Fields	UT-Martin	Interdisciplinary Studies
Austin Fontaine	Maryland	Afr. American Studies
Grant Gonya	Y'town St	Marketing
Lucas Gramlick	UCLA	Psychology
Isaiah Hazel	Maryland	Family Science
Nikhai Hill-Green	Michigan	Kinesiology
Dae Dae Hollins	UNC	Communications
Jalon Jones	Va. Union	Psychology
Wayne Jones	Kansas State	Communications
Demetrius Knight	Ga. Tech	Literature, Media and Comms
Jake Larson	Richmond	Busness Admin
Marcus Robitaille	Charlotte	Business admin
Mike Kelly	Charlotte	Sociology
Eyabi Okie-Anoma	UT-Martin	Interdisciplinary Studies
Jasper Parks	Sioux Falls	Criminal Justice
Prince Bemah	Charlotte	Africana Studies
Dom Shoffner	Charlotte	Exercise Science
Izaiah Taylor	Catawba	Exercise Science
Julius Welschhof	Michigan	Sociology
Kevin Williams	No. Colo.	Sociology

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY

2023 Will mark the 10th anniversary of the 49ers inaugural season, when Charlotte competed as an FCS Independent. The 49ers remained an FCS Independent in 2014, before making the leap to the FBS level in year three as a member of Conference USA.

In its 10 years, Charlotte has produced five NFL draft picks, sent six players to the NFL Combine and seen six players compete in NFL action.

NAME	DRAFT	NFL Action
Larry Ogunjobi, DL	3rd rd, 2017	92 games; 79 starts (Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh)
Nate Davis, OL	3rd rd, 2019	55 games; 54 starts (Tennessee; Chicago)
Alex Highsmith, DE/LB	3rd rd, 2020	49 games; 38 starts (Pittsburgh)
Cam Clark, OL	4th rd, 2020	-- retired / medical -- (NY Jets)
Grant DuBose, WR	7th rd; 2023	Green Bay Packer draft pick
Brandon Banks, DL	UDFA	1 game (Washington), 2017
Ben DeLuca, S	UDFA	3 games (LA Chargers), 2021
Timmy Horne, DL	UDFA	17 games; 5 starts (Atlanta), 2022
Markees Watts, DE	UDFA	Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 2023
Cam Lyons, LS	UDFA	New York Giants, 2023

## NEW LOOK

The new look roster will be replacing its five-year starting quarterback, Chris Reynolds, who threw for over 10,000 yards and 84 touchdowns. Charlotte also lost DE Markees Watts, who graduated as the 49ers all-time sack leader, and second team All-C-USA DE Amir Siddiq. Not to mention the loss of WR Grant DuBose, an NFL draft pick of the Green Bay Packers, and WR Victor Tucker, the 49ers second all-time leading receiver.

Top candidates to replace all-time leading passer Reynolds are transfers Jalon Jones (Bethune-Cookman) and Micah Bowens (Oklahoma). Jones joined the program in January to take advantage of spring ball with his new team. Bowens transferred in late spring and joined the program during the summer sessions.

Top options to replace defensive ends Watts and Siddiq will be former five-star recruit Eyabi Okie-Anoma, who played for Poggi at both Saint Frances Academy and Michigan, Demon Clowney, a transfer from Ole Miss, returner Stone Handy and Michigan transfer Julius Welschof.

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Charlotte will enjoy its 10th Anniversary in 2023. Here's a look at some memorable moments in the short history:

### 2013 Inaugural Game:

W, 52-7 v. Campbell  
(Mark Hogan pick six on game's 2nd play)

### 2015 Inaugural FBS game:

W, 23-30 at Georgia State  
(Austin Duke 63-yard TD catch)

### 2017 NFL Draft:

DT Larry Ogunjobi - first NFL Draft pick  
(3rd round; Cleveland, 65th pick)

### 2019 Kickstart 5-gm win streak:

W, 39-38 v. North Texas  
(Reynolds-Tucker 34-yd GW TD, 00:18)

### 2019 Bowl Eligible:

W, 24-13 v. Marshall  
(Reynolds-Tucker 25-yd clincher in final minute on 4th/10)

### 2021 1st Power 5 W:

W, 31-28 v. Duke  
(QB Chris Reynolds 324 pass. yds w/3 TD;  
2 TD in final 3 mins)

## FUTURE NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS\*

### 2024:

Aug.	31	East Carolina	Charlotte, N.C.
Sept.	7	at North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.
Sept.	14	Gardner-Webb	Charlotte, N.C.
Sept.	21	at Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.

### 2025:

Sept.	6	North Carolina	Charlotte, N.C.
Sept.	13	Monmouth	Charlotte, N.C.
Nov.	22	at Georgia	Athens, Ga.

### 2026:

Sept.	5	The Citadel	Charlotte, N.C.
Sept.	12	Ole Miss	Charlotte, N.C.
Sept.	19	at Appalachian State	Boone, N.C.

### 2027:

Sept.	4	at Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.
Sept.	18	Appalachian State	Charlotte, N.C.

### 2028:

Sept.	16	at Appalachian State	Boone, N.C.
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### 2029:

Sept.	8	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
Sept.	15	Appalachian State	Charlotte, N.C.

\* information subject to change

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

LB Demetrius Knight was signed by Georgia Tech as a three-star quarterback. He was moved to LB as a freshman and with the help of Lew Caralla, the 49ers current football performance coach, transformed his body from dual-threat quarterback to powerful linebacker.

LB Derek Boykins was also a QB in high school -- and a running back and a safety -- and a linebacker.

OL Lucas Gramlick spent the 2022-23 season as a member of UCLA's rugby team instead of playing football. After graduating, he signed in January 2023 with the American Raptors and in February and March headed to South America to compete in the Super Rugby Americas. Before the trip to the Super Rugby Americas, he was on-campus training at the US Performance Center when he ran into 49ers football coach Biff Poggi in a dining hall.

Four-star RB prospect Durrell Robinson announced his decision to sign with the 49ers on the nationally-televised Under Armour Next All-America Game (ESPN2).

LB Ositadinma Ekwonu is the brother of NFL Carolina Panther OL Ikem Ekwonu. A native of nearby Matthews, N.C., Ekwonu attended Providence Day High School before attending Notre Dame.

DE Demon Clowney is a cousin of former NFL Number One Draft Pick Jadeveon Clowney

QB Dom Shoffner, a transfer, played for the 49ers in 2020 and 2021 before transferring to Eastern Illinois. This year, he transferred back.

WR Jack Reynolds is the brother of the 49ers all-time leading passer, QB Chris Reynolds, who finished his career last year with over 10,000 career passing yards and 84 passing TDs. Both joined the 49ers as walk-ons. Chris Reynolds was signed by the Calgary Stampeders of the CFL in May.

DE Mike Kelly is on the 49ers' Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Executive Team. He was named to the pre-season Wuerffel Trophy Watch List.

OL Panda Askew enjoys baseball, which led to his originally receiving Panda as a nickname in reference to MLB third baseman Panda Sandoval. Panda is now his official middle name: Jaden Panda Askew.

OC Mike Miller, the team's quarterbacks coach, served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Charlotte Christian (N.C.) High School in 2016.

DC Ryan Osborn was a defensive assistant for the Baltimore Ravens in 2022.

Receivers coach Mike Hartline is the brother of former NFL star, Brian Hartline.

## CHARLOTTE 49ERS MEDIA POLICIES:

### Charlotte 49ers Football Weekly Schedule:

Tuesdays: Press Conference, 12:00-1:00, Rose Football Center

### Weekly Practice Schedule (subject to change):

Tues.-Thurs.: 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Media Availability post-practice)

Friday: Travel Day

Saturday: Game Day

Media interested in attending practice should contact Tom Whitestone to assure requested individuals are present during media availability time period and confirm practice schedule time.

### Video Content

The 49ers Media Production Department will upload game highlights after games for use by media members. In addition, post-game comments and weekly press conferences will be uploaded along with occasional practice activity. Please contact Ozzie Hernandez at [ohernan4@uncc.edu](mailto:ohernan4@uncc.edu) with any questions.

### Interview requests

Interview requests for coaches and players should be submitted through the 49ers Media Relations Office to:

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## SIMPLY CHARLOTTE

In referring to the 49ers athletic program, simply use "Charlotte" or "Charlotte 49ers". The university remains UNC Charlotte, but for athletic purposes, please use Charlotte. For short references and/or abbreviations, use 49ers and CLT.

## WHY THE 49ERS

Charlotte adopted the nickname "49ers" in honor of the importance of the year, 1949. In 1946, The Charlotte Center of the University of North Carolina (CCUNC) was established as a temporary institution designed to handle the influx of servicemen returning from the war. In 1949, community leaders, led by unofficial founder Bonnie Cone, successfully fought to make the school a permanent institution. Thanks to that can-do attitude and pioneering spirit, and in honor of the year 1949, the school's athletic teams were nicknamed the 49ers (adopted in 1962).

**Gold Ties:** While the 49ers nickname was brought about by the importance of the year 1949 and had nothing to do with the gold rush of 1849, it should be noted that the first gold discovered in America was found in the Charlotte area, less than 20 minutes from campus, in 1799. Charlotte's mascot, Norm the Niner, is a gold miner, by trade.

## PROGRAM FACTS

This is Season 11 of Charlotte 49ers football and year 9 at the FBS level. This is the 49ers first season as members of the America Athletic Conference.

The 49ers football program began in 2013 and spent two years as an FCS Independent before taking a fast-track to FBS as a member of Conference USA in 2015. CLT joined the AAC in 2023.

In 2019, Charlotte enjoyed its first winning season and participated in its first bowl game: 2019 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.

Biff Poggi is the program's third head coach, following Brad Lambert (2013-2018) and Will Healy (2019-2022). Interim head coach Pete Rossomando coached the final four games of 2022.

# CHARLOTTE 49ERS DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

Pos. No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School
QB	4 Jalon Jones	6-3	201	Sr.	Richmond, Va. / Henrico / Saint Frances / Jackson State / Bethune-Cookman
	11 Trexler Ivey	6-0	198	R-So.	Wake Forest, N.C. / Wakefield
RB	13 Shadrick Byrd	5-10	211	R-Jr.	Alabaster, Ala. / Thompson / Iowa
	28 Joachim Bangda	5-10	230	Sr.	Washington, D.C. / Saint Frances / Kent St / Towson
WR	3 Jaden Bradley	6-4	195	Jr.	Fayetteville, N.C. / DeMatha / Pittsburgh
	12 Jairus Mack	5-10	180	R-So.	Athens, Ga. / Clarke Central
WR	19 Jack Hestera	6-1	190	R-So.	Cedar Park, Texas / Cedar Park / Colorado
	15 Fresh Walters II	5-9	175	R-Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / St. Lucie W. Centennial
WR	10 Duane Thomas Jr.	5-8	170	Fr.	Hollywood, Fla. / Chaminade-Madonna
	22 Jack Reynolds	5-9	175	R-So.	Mocksville, N.C. / Davie County
TE	81 Jake Clemons	6-6	260	Jr.	Christiansburg, Va. / Christiansburg
	18 Colin Weber	6-4	261	R-So.	Hopkins, Mich. / Hopkins
RG	79 Jasper Parks	6-7	315	OL	Mesa, Ariz. / Red Mountain / W. N. Mex. / Sioux Falls
	55 Johnathan Bass	6-4	291	Sr.	Acworth, Ga. / Kell / Georgia State
RT	50 Ja'Khi Green	6-6	296	R-So.	Lanham, Md. / Saint Frances / Maryland
	74 Jordan Daniels	6-4	312	R-Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. / North Mecklenburg / Akron
C	52 Jonny King	6-3	290	R-So.	Greensboro, N.C. / Southeast Guilford
	56 Andrew Adair	6-4	321	R-So.	Warrenton, Va. / Saint Frances / JMU / Liberty
LT	76 Kevin Williams Jr.	6-5	338	R-Sr.	Omaha, Neb. / North / N. Colo. / Nebraska
	53 Panda Askew	6-3	291	Jr.	Greenville, N.C. / D.H. Conley
LG	75 Lucas Gramlick	6-7	290	R-Sr.	American Canyon, Calif. / A. Canyon / UCLA
	66 Kendall Stanley	6-5	290	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Rocky River

## DEFENSE

DE	97 Jalar Holley	6-3	308	R-Jr.	Queens, N.Y. / Buford / Miami
	42 Emmanuel Balogun	6-6	272	Jr.	Oshogba, Nigeria / St Frances / Fork Union / Marshall
DT	90 Dez Morgan	6-3	305	Jr.	Winston-Salem, N.C. / Glenn
	94 Jonathan Wallace	6-3	381	So.	Claymont, Dela. / Saint Frances / Holmes C.C.
DT	95 Miguel Jackson	6-2	296	Jr.	Gibsonia, Pa. / Pine-Richland
	58 Austin Fontaine	6-4	291	5th	Waldorf, Md. / DeMatha Catholic / Maryland
DE	96 Julius Welschhof	6-6	268	Gr.	Miesbach, Germany / FOS Altoetting / Michigan
	0 Eyabi Okie-Anoma	6-5	267	Gr.	Baltimore, Md. / St Frances / Bama / UTM / Michigan
or	53 Mike Kelly	6-3	262	R-Jr.	Graham, N.C. / Graham
LB	28 Demetrius Knight II	6-2	248	Sr.	Locust Grove, Ga. / Strong Rock Christian / Ga. Tech
	10 Ositadinma Ekwonu	6-1	236	R-Jr.	Matthews, N.C. / Prov. Day / Notre Dame
LB	25 Prince Bemah	6-2	225	R-Jr.	Gastonia, N.C. / Hunter Huss
	2 Derek Boykins	6-2	225	Jr.	Concord, N.C. / Central Cabarrus / S. Carolina
LB	40 Reid Williford	6-2	225	So.	Franklin, Tenn. / Christ Presbyterian Acad.
	41 Nikhai Hill-Green	6-2	232	R-So.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Saint Frances / Michigan
CB	1 Dontae Balfour	6-2	180	So.	Starke, Fla. / Bradford / North Carolina
	4 CJ Burton	5-11	185	Jr.	Richmond, Va. / Saint Frances / Boston Coll.
S	9 Wayne Jones	6-0	205	R-Sr.	Owasso, Okla. / Owasso / Kansas State
	16 Kameron Howard	5-11	187	Fr.	Clinton, Md. / Saint Frances Acad.
S	13 Isaiah Hazel	6-1	205	Sr.	Largo, Md. / Dr. Henry Wise / Maryland
	29 Maguire Neal	6-0	196	So.	Zephyrhills, Fla. / Zephyrhills
CB	12 Dontez Fagan	5-10	183	Jr.	Ardmore, Okla. / Millwood / Cent Okla. / Ind. C.C.
	15 Deandre Hollins	6-1	200	R-Sr.	Tampa, Fla. / Thomas Jefferson / UNC

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	98 Kyle Cunanan	5-10	165	Fr	Phoenix, Ariz. / Sunnyslope
	42 Jake Larson	5-11	174	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances / Richmond
P	44 Grant Gonya	6-2	213	Sr.	Hudson, Ohio / Hudson / Y'town St. / John Carroll
	95 Bronson Long	6-4	200	R-Fr.	Gothenburg, Neb. / Gothenburg / So. Dakota Mines
LS	54 Adam Booker	6-4	205	R-Fr.	Holly Springs, N.C. / Middle Creek
or	45 Nico Crawford	6-1	235	R-Fr.	Dublin, Ohio / Dublin Scioto / Illinois

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

Al-Ma'hi Ali:	AH-lee AH-lee
Panda Askew:	Panda Ask-Q
Malik Baker:	Muh-leek Baker
Emmanuel Balogun:	Bail-LOW-gun
Prince Bemah	Prince BEE-Muh
Shadrick Byrd:	SHAD-rick Bird
Demon Clowney:	DEE-mun Clown-ee
Nico Crawford:	NEE-ko Crawford
Kyle Cunanan:	Kyle Coo-NAN-en
Malik Daniels:	Muh-LEEK Daniels
Ephraim Deese:	Ee-frum Deese
Lacota Dippre:	Lah-COAT-uh
	Dip-PREE
Ositadinma Ekwonu:	Oh-SEAT-ah-din-ma
	EEK-wan-oooh
Katron Evans	KAY-tron Evans
Dontez Fagan:	DON-tezz FAY-gun
Grant Gonya:	Grant GAHN-Yuh
Ja'Khi Green:	Juh-K'EYE Green
Jalar Holley:	Juh-LAR Holly
Jason Jeffares:	Jason Jeffries
Terron Kellman:	Tah-RON Kellman
TeQuan Latimore:	Tee-QUAN Latimore
Jairus Mack:	Jay-EYE-russ Mack
Breon Noel:	BREE-on NO-L
Eyabi Okie-Anoma:	Yah-bee
	OAK-ear-Uh-Gnome-Uh
Omari Orgertrice:	Omari Or-Gher-TRICE
Malik Puryear:	Muh-LEEK Purr-YEAR
Marcus Robitaille:	Marcus ROBE-ih-tie
Tyrese Schieffer:	SCHEE-fer
Colin Weber:	Colin WEBB-er
Julius Welschhof:	Julius WELL-Schoff
Hahsaun Wilson:	Huh-SAHN Wilson
<b>Staff:</b>	
Biff Poggi:	Biff Poe-G
Greg Froelich	Greg FRO-Lick
John Moroookian	John Mo-REWK-ee-an
Rod Ojong	Rod OH-jong
Ayeobele Randolph	Eye-OH-Belly (Eye-Oh)



## CHARLOTTE 49ERS 2023 FOOTBALL ROSTER (NUMERICAL)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	F '23	Exp.	Hometown/H.S./Previous School
0	Terron Kellman	RB	5-8	185	R-Fr.	TR	Clinton, Md. / Saint Frances Acad. / Northern Illinois
0	Eyabi Okie-Anoma	DL	6-5	267	Gr.	TR	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances / Alabama / UT Martin / Michigan
1	Dontae Balfour	DB	6-2	180	So.	TR	Starke, Fla. / Bradford / North Carolina
1	Durrell Robinson	RB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Seat Pleasant, Md. / Saint Frances Acad.
2	Derek Boykins	LB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	2L	Concord, N.C. / Central Cabarrus / South Carolina
2	Randy Fields	WR	6-3	194	Gr.	TR	Elkton, Md. / Saint Frances / West Virginia / UT-Martin
3	Jaden Bradley	WR	6-4	195	Jr.	TR	Fayetteville, N.C. / DeMatha Catholic / Pittsburgh
3	Demon Clowney	DL	6-4	243	R-So.	TR	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances Acad. / Ole Miss
4	CJ Burton	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	TR	Richmond, Va. / Saint Frances Acad. / Boston College
4	Jalon Jones	QB	6-3	201	Sr.	TR	Richmond, Va. / Henrico / Saint Frances / Jackson State / Bethune-Cookman
5	Ike White	WR	5-11	186	R-Fr.	TR	Philadelphia, Pa. / Saint Frances / Minnesota
6	Al-Ma'hi Ali	DB	5-11	183	R-So.	TR	Philadelphia, Pa. / Saint Frances / ODU / St. Francis Univ.
6	Dom Shoffner	QB	6-1	210	R-Sr.	TR	Cary, N.C. / Middle Creek / NC Central / Monroe (NY) CC / Charlotte / Eastern Illinois
7	Damani Dent	DB	5-11	196	R-Fr.	TR	Jacksonville, Fla. / Terry Parker / Michigan
7	Steven Johnson	QB	6-4	191	R-Fr.	RS	Bristol, Tenn. / Tennessee
8	Micah BOWENS	QB	5-11	190	R-So.	TR	Las Vegas, Nev. / Bishop Gorman / Penn State / Oklahoma
8	Cam Burden	LB	6-2	235	R-So.	1L	Sevierville, Tenn. / Alcoa
9	Lacota Dippre	TE	6-3	247	Fr.	HS	Scott Township, Pa. / Lakeland
9	Wayne Jones	DB/S	6-0	205	R-Sr.	1L	Owasso, Okla. / Owasso / Kansas State
10	Ositadinma Ekwonu	LB	6-1	236	R-Jr.	TR	Matthews, N.C. / Providence Day / Notre Dame
10	Duane Thomas Jr.	WR	5-8	170	Fr.	HS	Hollywood, Fla. / Chaminade-Madonna
11	Stone Handy	DL	6-5	240	R-Jr.	TR	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Hattiesburg / Auburn / Indiana
11	Trexler Ivey	QB	6-0	198	R-So.	SQ	Wake Forest, N.C. / Wakefield
12	Dontez Fagan	DB	5-10	183	Jr.	TR	Ardmore, Okla. / Millwood / Central Oklahoma / Independence C.C.
12	Jairus Mack	WR	5-10	180	R-So.	1L	Athens, Ga. / Clarke Central
13	Shadrick Byrd	RB	5-10	210	R-Jr.	2L	Coy, Ala. / Thompson / Iowa
13	Isaiah Hazel	DB	6-1	205	Sr.	TR	Largo, Md. / Dr. Henry Wise / Maryland
14	Manning Lasso	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	Raleigh, N.C. / Broughton
14	Steven Parker	S	6-2	179	R-So.	1L	Tampa, Fla. / Tampa Bay Tech
15	Deandre Hollins	DB	6-1	200	R-Sr.	TR	Tampa, Fla. / Thomas Jefferson / North Carolina
15	Roger "Fresh" Walters II	WR	5-9	175	R-Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / St. Lucie West Centennial
16	Carson Black	QB	6-2	188	Fr.	HS	Monroe, N.C. / Nation Ford
16	Kameron Howard	DB	5-11	187	Fr.	HS	Clinton, Md. / Saint Frances Acad.
17	Gus McGee	TE	6-5	245	R-So.	TR	Newburyport, Mass. / Christopher Columbus / S.D. State
18	Zion Shockley	DL	6-4	261	So.	TR	Ocean City, Md. / Saint Frances Acad. / Maryland
18	Colin Weber	TE	6-4	261	R-So.	1L	Hopkins, Mich. / Hopkins
19	T.J. Butler Jr.	DL	6-4	225	So.	TR	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances Acad. / Maryland
19	Jack Hestera	WR	6-1	190	R-So.	TR	Cedar Park, Texas / Cedar Park / Colorado
20	Xander Lamb	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	RS	Concord, N.C. / Cabarrus
20	Doug Newsome	CB	5-11	185	R-Jr.	2L	Orange, Va. / Orange County
21	Breon Noel	DB	5-9	191	So.	TR	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances / St. Francis Univ.
21	Henry Rutledge	RB	5-8	180	R-So.	1L	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Christian
22	Jack Reynolds	WR	5-9	175	R-So.	1L	Mocksville, N.C. / Davie County
22	Marcus Robitaille	DB	6-0	193	R-So.	1L	Charlotte, N.C. / Marvin Ridge / Butler
23	Keoni Denny	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	HS	Riverview, Fla. / Sumner
23	Izaiah Taylor	DB	6-0	175	Sr.	TR	Acworth, Ga. / Allatoona / Catawba
24	TeQuan Latimore	DB	6-2	190	Jr.	TR	Milledgeville, Ga. / Cairo / Georgia Military
25	Prince Bemah	LB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	2L	Gastonia, N.C. / Hunter Huss
27	Alonzo Colvin III	DB	6-1	200	R-So.	TR	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances / Dodge / ASA College
28	Joachim Bangda	RB	5-10	230	Sr.	TR	Washington, D.C. / Saint Frances / Kent State / Towson State
28	Demetrius Knight II	LB	6-2	248	Sr.	TR	Locust Grove, Ga. / Strong Rock Christian / Georgia Tech
29	Maguire Neal	DB	6-0	196	So.	1L	Zephyrhills, Fla. / Zephyrhills
30	Ephraim Deese	DE	6-3	221	Fr.	HS	Marshville, N.C. / Forest Hills
30	Jaylen Donaldson	RB	5-10	175	R-Fr.	RS	Raleigh, N.C. / Millbrook
32	John Anderson	DB	5-11	190	R-So.	SQ	Kannapolis, N.C. / Hough
33	Brian Bates Jr.	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	HS	Centreville, Va. / DeMatha Catholic
33	Watson Cusick	RB	5-11	209	R-Fr.	RS	Austin, Texas / Lake Travis
35	Joey Bearsn III	RB	6-1	280	R-So.	TR	Huntingtown, Md. / Saint Frances Academy / Maryland
35	Elijah Culp	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. / Mallard Creek / Austin Peay / Troy
36	Uriah West	DB	6-0	190	R-So.	TR	Lexington, S.C. / River Bluff / Carson-Newman
37	Lorenzo Bowers	WR	6-3	200	R-So.	TR	Mesa, Ariz. / Red Mountain / Papago Pumas JC
38	Jamari Broady	DB	5-10	160	R-Fr.	RS	Rockingham, N.C. / Richmond
38	Hahsaun Wilson	RB	5-11	190	R-So.	1L	Florence, S.C. / South Florence
40	Reid Williford	LB	6-2	225	So.	1L	Franklin, Tenn. / Christ Prebyterian Academy
41	Nikhai Hill-Green	LB	6-2	232	R-So.	TR	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Saint Frances Academy / Michigan
42	Emmanuel Balogun	DL	6-6	272	Jr.	TR	Oshogba, Nigeria / Saint Frances / Fork Union / Marshall
42	Jake Larson	K	5-11	174	Sr.	TR	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances / Richmond
43	Randy Franklin	DB	6-0	203	R-So.	TR	Fayetteville, N.C. / E.E. Smith / Navy
43	Isaiah Turnage	RB	5-11	230	R-So.	SQ	Winterville, N.C. / South Central
44	Grant Gonya	P	6-2	213	Sr.	TR	Hudson, Ohio / Hudson / Youngstown State / John Carroll
45	Nico Crawford	LS	6-1	235	R-Fr.	TR	Dublin, Ohio / Dublin Scioto / Illinois
46	Oinari Orgertrice	DB	6-1	225	R-Fr.	RS	Mooresville, N.C. / Mooresville Senior
47	Tymere Burton	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	Stone Mountain, Ga. / South Gwinnett
48	Malik Puryear	DL	6-5	258	Jr.	TR	Greensboro, N.C. / High Point Christian / Wake Forest / Coahoma
50	Ja'Khi Green	OL	6-6	296	R-So.	TR	Lanham, Md. / Saint Frances Acad. / Maryland
51	B.J. Ragland	DL	6-3	290	R-So.	1L	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Red Bank
51	Tyler Thomas	OL	6-3	310	Jr.	TR	Waldorf, Md. / Saint Frances / Kent State / Grambling State
52	Jonny King	OL	6-3	290	R-So.	2L	Greensboro, N.C. / Southeast Guilford
53	Panda Askew	OL	6-3	291	Jr.	3L	Greenville, N.C. / D.H. Conley
53	Mike Kelly	DL	6-3	262	R-Jr.	3L	Graham, N.C. / Graham

54	Adam Booker	LS	6-4	205	R-Fr.	RS	Holly Springs, N.C. / Middle Creek
54	Micah Sumpter	OL	6-3	294	Fr.	TR	Knightdale, N.C. / Knightdale
55	Johnathan Bass	OL	6-4	291	Sr.	TR	Acworth, Ga. / Kell / Georgia State
55	Colin Coates	DT	6-2	300	Fr.	HS	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances
56	Andrew Adair	OL	6-4	321	R-So.	TR	Warrenton, Va. / Saint Frances Acad. / JMU / Liberty
57	Mustafa Hausmann	OL	6-6	370			Frankfurt, Germany / Cologne
58	Austin Fontaine	DL	6-4	291	5th	TR	Waldorf, Md. / DeMatha Catholic / Maryland
61	Marshall Futrell	OL	6-4	320	R-So.	SQ	Yonkers, N.Y. / Iona Prep
62	Katron Evans	DL	6-3	333	R-So.	TR	Norfolk, Va. / Saint Frances Acad. / Jackson State
64	Chris Schliemann	OL	6-6	320			Cologne, Germany / TFG
65	Boston Brinkley	OL	6-3	300	R-Fr.	RS	Fort Mill, S.C. / Fort Mill
66	Kendall Stanley	OL	6-5	290	R-Fr.	RS	Charlotte, N.C. / Rocky River
71	PJ Wilkins	OL	6-7	335	Fr.	HS	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances
72	Dominick Kelley	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	HS	Waxhaw, N.C. / Cuthbertson
73	Isaiah Bullerdick	OL	6-2	307	R-Fr.	RS	Harrisburg, N.C. / Hickory Ridge
74	Jordan Daniels	OL	6-4	312	R-Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. / North Mecklenburg / Akron
75	Lucas Gramlick	OL	6-7	290	R-Sr.	TR	American Canyon, Calif. / American Canyon / UCLA
76	Kevin Williams Jr.	OL	6-5	338	R-Sr.	TR	Omaha, Neb. / North / Northern Colorado / Nebraska
77	Rene Miller	OL	6-6	335	So.	TR	Bear, Del. / Saint Frances Academy / Garden City C.C.
78	Jai'Lun Hampton	OL	6-7	323	So.	TR	Detroit, Mich. / North Farmington / Iowa Western C.C.
79	Jasper Parks	OL	6-7	315	R-Jr.	TR	Mesa, Ariz. / Red Mountain / W. New Mexico / Sioux Falls
80	Tyreese Schieffer	WR	5-10	170	R-So.	TR	Omaha, Neb. / Omaha Benson / Peru State College
81	Jake Clemons	TE	6-6	260	Jr.	2L	Christiansburg, Va. / Christiansburg
82	Elisha Edwards	WR	6-1	206	R-Fr.	RS	Lauderhill, Fla. / Cardinal Gibbons
83	Sean Brown	WR	6-4	210	R-Sr.	SQ	Waxhaw, N.C. / Marvin Ridge / UNC Pembroke
84	Malik Baker II	WR	5-11	190	R-Fr.	TR	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances Academy / UT-Martin
85	Jason Jeffares	TE	6-3	205	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Catholic
86	Bryce Kennon	TE	6-3	235	Jr.	3L	Waxhaw, N.C. / Marvin Ridge
87	Charlie C.C. Fish	WR	5-11	193	R-So.	SQ	Mount Horeb, Wisc. / Mount Horeb / Northern Illinois
88	Andrew Jacobs	WR	5-10	190	R-Fr.	TR	Severn, Md. / Saint Frances Acad. / South Dakota
89	Quinton Patten	WR	5-11	208	R-Jr.	1L	Blythewood, S.C. / Blythewood
90	Dez Morgan	DL	6-3	305	Jr.	3L	Winston-Salem, N.C. / Glenn
93	Malik Daniels	DL	5-11	380	Jr.		Fayetteville, N.C. / Pine Forest
94	Jonathan Wallace	DL	6-3	381	So.	TR	Claymont, Dela. / Saint Frances Acad. / Holmes C.C.
95	Miguel Jackson	DL	6-2	296	Jr.	2L	Gibsonia, Pa. / Pine-Richland
95	Bronson Long	K	6-4	200	R-Fr.	TR	Gothenburg, Neb. / Gothenburg / South Dakota Mines and Tech.
96	Julius Welschhof	DL	6-6	268	Gr.	TR	Miesbach, Bavaria, Germany / FOS Altoetting / Michigan
97	Jalar Holley	DL	6-3	308	R-Jr.	2L	Queens, N.Y. / Buford / Miami
98	Kyle Cunanan	K	5-10	165	Fr	HS	Phoenix, Ariz. / Sunnyslope
99	Isaac Washington	DL	6-4	285	R-So.	SQ	Pilot Mountain, N.C. / East Surry / Butler C.C.

#### Head Coach

Assistant Head Coach / Senior Advisor

Associate Head Coach / Offensive Line

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

Defensive Coordinator/OLB

Defensive Line

Special Teams Coordinator / Running Backs

Passing Game Coordinator / Receivers

Linebackers

Offensive Tackles / Tight Ends

Defensive Backs (Corners & Nickels)

Safeties

Offensive Analyst

Defensive Analyst

Special Teams Analyst

Offensive Analyst

Defensive Analyst

Defensive Analyst

Defensive Graduate Assistant

Offensive Graduate Assistant

Defensive Graduate Assistant

Offensive Graduate Assistant

Director of Strength & Conditioning

Assistant Director of Strength & Conditioning

Football Performance Assistant Coach

Football Performance Assistant Coach

Head Athletics Trainer

Performance Dietitian

Director of Football Operations

Assistant Director of Football Operations

Director of Player Development

Director of Player Personnel

Recruiting Coordinator

Director of High School Relations

Director of On-Campus Recruiting

Ass't to the Head Coach / Recruiting & Operations

Director of Equipment

Assistant Director of Equipment

Director of Video Services

Director of Creative Media

#### Biff Poggi (Duke)

Jonathon Jacobson

Kyle DeVan (Oregon State, 2008)

Mike Miller (UAB, 2015)

Ryan Osborn (Bridgewater State)

Wayne Dorsey (Ole Miss, 2018)

Greg Froelich (Michigan, 2017)

Mike Hartline (Kentucky)

Greer Martini (Notre Dame, 2018)

John Morookian (Toledo, 2011)

Rod Ojong (Monmouth (Ill.), 2012)

Justin Sanders (Illinois, 2008)

Jason Barnes

Steve Comuntzis

Chris Contratto

Kevin Gilbride

Mark Hogan

Brent Kasabian

Austin Gilbert

Jerry Prutos

Ayeobebe Randolph

Dylan Ratliff

Lewis Caralla

Cory Sullivan

Cory Bell

Nick Raszeja

Tony Cordova

Jaelyn Shipman

Nick Decker

Aly Cramond

LaFayette Stewart

Jonathan Herd-Bond

Jackson Block

Keith Emery

Lauren Barnes

Greg Gamble

Dale Usry

Spencer Matlock

Kaleb Johnson

Zakk Ryherd



# 2023 PRESEASON HONORS

## NATIONAL WATCH LISTS

### Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

Julius Welschof	DE
Eyabi Okie-Anoma	DE

### Hornung Award

Shadrick Byrd	KR / RB
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### Wuerffel Trophy

Mike Kelly	DE
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## PRESEASON ALL-AAC

### Pro Football Focus

Eyabi Okie-Anoma	DE	1st
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### Athlon Sports

Eyabi Okie-Anoma	DE	2nd
<b>Prince Bemah</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Shadrick Byrd	RB	4th
Jonny King	OL	4th

### Phil Steele

Eyabi Okie-Anoma	DE	2nd
Derek Boykins	LB	3rd
Nikhai Hill-Green	LB	4th
Shadrick Byrd	KR	4th

**2022 leading tackler  
Prince Bemah was named  
to Preseason All-AAC Third  
Team by Athlon Sports**

**Grant DuBose became the  
fifth 49ers player selected  
in the NFL Draft**

## CHARLOTTE'S NFL TIES

### NFL Draft Picks

Larry Ogunjobi, 2017 Cleveland Browns  
Nate Davis, 2019 Tennessee Titans  
Alex Highsmith, 2020 Pittsburgh Steelers  
Cameron Clark, 2020 NY Jets  
Grant DuBose, 2023 Green Bay Packers

### NFL Game Action

Larry Ogunjobi	2017-20 Cleveland Browns 2021 Cincinnati Bengals 2022 Pittsburgh Steelers
Nate Davis	2019-22 Tennessee Titans
Alex Highsmith	2020-22 Pittsburgh Steelers
Brandon Banks	2017 - Washington
Ben DeLuca	2021- LA Chargers
Timmy Horne	2022 - Atlanta Falcons

### Signed UDFA

Brandon Banks	2017 Washington (53-man; 1 game played)
Austin Duke	2017 Carolina Panthers (practice squad)
Kalif Phillips	2017 Green Bay Packers
Juwan Foggie	2019 Buffalo Bills
Benny LeMay	2020 Cleveland Browns (practice squad)
Ben DeLuca	2021 LA Chargers (53-man; 3 games played)
Tre Harbison III	2021 Cleveland Browns
Romeo McKnight	2021 Cleveland Browns
Jon Alexander	2022 Chicago Bears
Markees Watts	2023 Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Cam Lyons	2023 New York Giants

### Rookie Camp Invites

Daniel Blich	2015 Carolina Panthers
Desmond Cooper	2015 Jacksonville Jaguars (signed following camp)
Branden Dozier	2016 Pittsburgh Steelers
Jamal Covington	2017 Kansas City Chiefs
Kedric Davis	2017 Detroit Lions
Jaelin Fisher	2021 Pittsburgh Steelers
Hunter Kelly	2022 Carolina Panthers
Amir Siddiq	2023 Green Bay Packers



# Game 1 vs. S.C. State

Sat.; Sept. 2 - 6:00 pm

## Opponent Info

Location: Orangeburg, S.C.  
Enrollment: 2,937  
Nickname: Bulldogs  
Colors: Garnet and Blue  
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference  
Stadium: Oliver C. Dawson Stadium (22,000)  
President: Alexander Conyers  
Athletic Director: Keshia Campbell  
Website: www.scsuathletics.com

## Team Info

Head Coach: Oliver "Buddy" Pough  
Record at School (Yrs.): 146-87 (21)  
Overall Record (Yrs.): 146-87 (21)  
Assistant Head Coach: David Blanchard  
Offensive Coordinator: Kevin Magouirk  
Defensive Coordinator: Thomas Howard

## 2022 Record: 3-8 (MEAC: 1-4)

Off. Starters R/L: 7/4  
Def. Starters R/L: 9/2  
Letterwinners R/L: 49/11

## 2023 Schedule:

August	26	Jackson State
Sept.	2	@ Charlotte
	9	@ Georgia Tech
	23	The Citadel
October	7	Virginia-Lynchburg
	14	Tennessee Tech
	21	@ Delaware State*
	26	North Carolina Central*
Nov.	4	Howard*
	11	@ Morgan State*
	18	@ Norfolk State*

**Notes:** K Gavyn Zimmerman led MEAC with an 88.9% field goal on eight of nine attempts (longest: 42 yards) ... DL Patrick Godbolt led MEAC with three forced fumbles and recorded 13.5 TFL's, which was 2nd in the MEAC ... Charlotte is 5-2 against FCS opponents since joining the FBS in 2015 ... 1-2 all-time vs. MEAC opponents ... first meeting between both schools.

## 2022 SCHEDULE: 3-9; C-USA: 2-6 (H: 1-5; A: 2-4)

### AUGUST

Sat. 27 at Florida Atlantic\* CBSSN Boca Raton, Fla. L, 13-43

### SEPTEMBER

Fri. 2 William & Mary ESPN3 Charlotte, N.C. L, 24-41

Sat. 10 Maryland (HOF) STADIUM Charlotte, N.C. L, 21-56

Sat. 17 at Georgia State ESPN+ Atlanta, Ga. W, 42-41

Sat. 24 at South Carolina ESPN3 Columbia, S.C. L, 20-56

### OCTOBER

Sat. 1 UTEP\* ESPN3 Charlotte, N.C. L, 35-41

Sat. 8 BYE

Sat. 15 at UAB\* STADIUM Birmingham, Ala. L, 20-34

Sat. 22 FIU\* (Homecoming) ESPN3 Charlotte, N.C. L, 15-34

Sat. 29 at Rice\* ESPN3 Houston, Texas W, 56-23

### NOVEMBER

Sat. 5 WKU\* (Family) CBSSN Charlotte, N.C. L, 7-59

Sat. 12 at Middle Tennessee\* ESPN3 Murfreesboro, Tenn. L, 14-24

Sat. 19 Louisiana Tech\* ESPN3 Charlotte, N.C. W, 26-21

\* - Conference USA games Home games in bold

## IN THE NFL, 2023:

DL Larry Ogunjobi, Pittsburgh - Yr. 7, starter  
OL Nate Davis, Tennessee - Yr. 5, starter  
LB Alex Highsmith, Pittsburgh - Yr. 4, starter  
DL Timmy Horne, Atlanta - Yr. 2  
WR+ Grant DuBose, Green Bay - 7th rd pick  
DE+ Markees Watts, Tampa Bay - 90-man  
LS+ Cam Lyons, NY Giants - 90-man

## IN THE NFL, 2022:

DL Larry Ogunjobi, Pittsburgh - Yr. 7, starter  
OL Nate Davis, Tennessee - Yr. 5, starter  
LB Alex Highsmith, Pittsburgh - Yr. 4, starter  
DL Timmy Horne, Atlanta - Yr. 2  
DB +Ben DeLuca, Chargers - 80-man, waive  
DB Jon Alexander, Bears - 80-man, waive

## IN THE NFL, 2021:

DL Larry Ogunjobi, Cincinnati - Yr. 5, starter  
OL Nate Davis, Tennessee - Yr. 3, starter  
LB Alex Highsmith, Pittsburgh - Yr. 2, starter  
OL Cam Clark, NY Jets - Yr. 2, inj reserve  
DB +Ben DeLuca, LA Chargers - practice squad  
RB +Benny LeMay, Ind. - 80-man, waive  
DE +Romeo McKnight, Cleve. - 80-man, waive  
RB Tre Harbison, Cleveland - signed UDFA  
OL Jaelin Fisher, Pittsburgh - mini-camp

## IN THE NFL, 2020:

DL Larry Ogunjobi, Cleveland - Yr. 4; starter  
OL Nate Davis, Tennessee - Yr. 2; starter  
!LB Alex Highsmith, Pittsburgh - rookie season  
!OL Cam Clark, NY Jets - rookie season (inj.)  
RB Benny LeMay, Cleveland - practice squad

## IN THE NFL, 2019:

DL Larry Ogunjobi, Cleveland - Yr. 3; starter  
!OL Nate Davis, Tennessee - Rookie; starter  
LB Juwan Foggie, Buffalo - signed UFA

## IN THE NFL, 2018:

DL Larry Ogunjobi, Cleveland - Yr. 2; starter  
DL Brandon Banks, Ind. - signed free agent  
WR+ Austin Duke, Carolina - futures contract

## IN THE NFL, 2017:

!DL Larry Ogunjobi, Cleveland - rookie season  
DL Brandon Banks, Wash. - one game played  
WR Austin Duke, Carolina - practice roster  
RB +Kalif Phillips, Green Bay - signed UFA  
OL Jamal Covington, Kansas City, mini-camp  
DB Kedrick Davis, Detroit - mini-camp

## IN THE NFL, 2016

DB Branden Dozier, Pittsburgh - mini-camp

## IN THE NFL, 2015

OL Daniel Blitch, Carolina - mini-camp  
DB Desmond Cooper, Jacksonville - signed UFA

! - NFL Draft pick

+ - played in preseason games