



# BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE

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BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL STANDINGS											
Team	Conference			Overall			Home	Road	Neu	L10	Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.					
Coastal Carolina	3	0	1.000	7	1	.875	4-0	3-1	0-0	7-1	W5
Liberty	2	1	.667	3	5	.375	3-2	0-3	0-0	3-5	W1
Charleston Southern	1	1	.500	4	3	.571	3-0	1-3	0-0	4-3	L1
Gardner-Webb	1	2	.333	3	5	.375	2-2	1-3	0-0	3-5	L1
VMI	0	3	.000	0	9	.000	0-3	0-6	0-0	0-9	L9

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS	
<b>Saturday, Oct. 30</b>	
COASTAL CAROLINA	31
at GARDNER-WEBB *	19
at LIBERTY	
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	34
	6
at #9 JAMES MADISON	
VMI	41
	10

*\* Denotes Big South Conference game*

### CHOICE HOTELS CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Dre Barnes • Running Back • Senior  
Liberty • Ocilla, Ga.**

Barnes tied the second-highest rushing total of his career as he rushed 30 times for 211 yards (7.0 average) against Charleston Southern and marked the 14th-best rushing performance in school history. With his 211 yards, Barnes set a school record for career 200-yard rushing games, as the performance marked the fourth such effort. It also marked the 17th 100-yard rushing performance of his career, tying the school record for 100-yard games.

**Patrick Hall • Running Back • Junior  
Coastal Carolina • Richmond, Va.**

In the win at Gardner-Webb, Hall became the third Chant to rush for 100 yards in a game this year with 103 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns, helping CCU to the Big South victory and at least a share of the Conference title. Hall also became the second Chant to reach the 1,000-yard mark in his career, as he now has carried 173 times for 1,088 yards and 10 touchdowns. He leads Coastal and ranks fourth in the Big South with 584 yards rushing and a team-high seven touchdowns on 99 carries, an average of 5.9 yards per carry.

### NEW BALANCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Harold Wells • Defensive Tackle • Senior  
Gardner-Webb • Lilburn, Ga.**

Wells continued his dominant play, making 13 total tackles (six solo), 2.5 tackles for loss (-16), two sacks (-15) and forcing a fumble against Coastal Carolina. In his last three games, Wells has exploded for 38 tackles and 12 tackles for loss. This season, he has a career-best 63 hits, 21 tackles for loss and five quarterback sacks for GWU. He ranks No. 4 nationally in tackles for loss.

### SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Rob Williams • Punter • Sophomore  
Coastal Carolina • Lancaster, S.C.**

Williams averaged a career-best 36.6 yards on five punts to help the Chanticleers to the win over the Bulldogs. He pinned GWU twice inside the 20-yard line, including putting the Bulldogs at their own three early in the fourth quarter.

### FRESHMAN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Ro-Derrick Middleton • Defensive End  
Coastal Carolina • Holly Hill S.C.**

Middleton did a quality job for Coastal pressuring the Gardner-Webb offense, recording three tackles, including his first career sack. The sack ended GWU's opening drive of the second half, when the Bulldogs had pushed the ball into CCU territory.

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, Nov. 6</b>	
Savannah State	12:30pm
at COASTAL CAROLINA	
LIBERTY	
at VMI *	1:00pm (BSTN)
Allen	
at Charleston Southern	1:30pm
GARDNER-WEBB	
at #10 Wofford	1:30pm

*\* Denotes Big South Conference game*

### UPCOMING TV GAMES

<b>Saturday, Nov. 13</b>	
GARDNER-WEBB	Noon
at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	
(C-SET)	
<b>Saturday, Nov. 20</b>	
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	7:00pm
at COASTAL CAROLINA *	
(CSS)	

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**2004 BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>
Sept. 6	RB Marcus Hamilton, Liberty 11-108-2 TDs; 9.8 AVG; 50-yard run	FS Mario Williams, Gardner-Webb 15 TT (5-10); 1 FR (TD); 1 INT (65-yd TD)
Sept. 13	WR Kory Alston, Gardner-Webb 3-115-2 TDs; 38.3 AVG (TD - 65, 35 yds)	CB Allen Davis, Gardner-Webb 8 TT (7-1); 5 PB; 1 INT (29-yd TD)
Sept. 20	WR Eddie Gadson, Coastal Carolina 5-73-2 TDs; Punt Returns: 3-17 RB Eugene Goodman, Liberty 26-142-1 TD; 2-18 Receiving	LB Justin Huggard, VMI 13 TT (8-5); 1 INT (25 yds); 3.5 TFL (13 yds)
Sept. 27	QB Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb PASS: 21-41-259, 1 TD; RUSH: 11-35-1 TD	FS Mario Williams, Gardner-Webb 14 TT (9-5); 1 TFL; 2 PB
Oct. 5	QB Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern PASS: 29-42-330, 2 TDs; RUSH: 8-14 RB Sam Gado, Liberty 24-219-2 TDs; 9.1 AVG; 79-yard TD run	LB Manny Rojas, Liberty 9 TT (5-4); 2 TFL (1 yd); 2 QB Hurries
Oct. 11	QB Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina PASS: 9-20-200, 3 TDs; RUSH: 7-83-1 TD	DT Harold Wells, Gardner-Webb 14 TT (6-8); 4.5 TFL (17 yds); 2 Sacks (11 yds)
Oct. 18	WR Perry Parks, Coastal Carolina 3-52-1 TD; Game-winning 30-yard TD catch	DE Robert Mason, VMI 15 TT (5-10); 1 INT; Blocked 20-yard FG
Oct. 25	QB Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern PASS: 17-23-320, 5 TDs, 0 INT; Long 52	LB Tavoris Horton, Gardner-Webb 12 TT (6-6); 2.5 TFL (3 yds); 1 sack, 1 INT (36-yd TD)
Nov. 1	RB Dre Barnes, Liberty 30-211-1 TD, 7.0 AVG, Long 32 RB Patrick Hall, Coastal Carolina 19-103-2 TDs; 5.4 AVG; Long 23	DT Harold Wells, Gardner-Webb 13 TT (6-7); 2.5 TFL (16 yds); 2 sacks (15 yards), FF

**2004 SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Sept. 6	KR/PR Alonzia Phillips, Liberty PR: 1-29; blocked punt for TD
Sept. 13	P Graham Whitlock, Gardner-Webb 3-135; 45.0 AVG (Long 49)
Sept. 20	PK/P Nick Ellis, Charleston Southern 5-185; 37.0 AVG; 1-1 FG; 5-5 PATs
Sept. 27	PK Josh Hoke, Coastal Carolina 7-7 PATs, 3-3 FG (Long 43)
Oct. 5	P Noah Crouch, Liberty 6-261; 45.3 AVG (Long 51)
Oct. 11	PK Josh Hoke, Coastal Carolina 6-6 PATs, 2-3 FG (Long 41)
Oct. 18	P Rob Williams, Coastal Carolina 6-218; 36.3 AVG (Long 48); VMI-1 PR, 1 yd
Oct. 25	PK Hunter Smith, Gardner-Webb 3-3 FG (Long 45); 1-1 PAT
Oct. 18	P Rob Williams, Coastal Carolina 5-183; 36.6 AVG (Long 46)

**2004 FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Freshman</u>
Sept. 6	WR Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina 4-59-2 TDs; 14.8 AVG (TD - 16, 29 yds)
Sept. 13	WR Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina 6-89-1 TD; 13.8 AVG (TD - 45 yds)
Sept. 20	DB C.J. Hirschman, Charleston Southern 2 INT (Long-19 yards); 3 TT
Sept. 27	LB Brian Johnston, Gardner-Webb 10 TT; 2 TFLs; 2 Sacks
Oct. 5	WR Maurice Price, Charleston Southern 6-87-1 TD; 14.5 AVG, Game-tying TD
Oct. 11	WR Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina 4-108-3 TDs; 27.0 AVG (TD - 9, 20, 34 yds)
Oct. 18	DB Marrio Norman, Coastal Carolina 7 TT (3-4); 1 TFL; 2 PB
Oct. 25	FB Mike Tolbert, Coastal Carolina 10-107-1 TD; 10.7 AVG; 52-yard run
Nov. 1	DE Ro-Derick Middleton, Coastal Carolina 3 TT (1-2), 1 TFL, 1 Sack (5 yards)

**BIG SOUTH ACTION RETURNS TO THE TUBE THIS WEEKEND**

Second-place Liberty takes its 2-1 Big South record into VMI this weekend, which will be televised on the Big South Television Network (BSTN) at 1:00 pm. Last year, Liberty posted one of the most dramatic comebacks in school history against the Keydets, as the Flames recorded four fourth quarter rushing touchdowns to pick up a 31-28 Homecoming Victory on October 4. In their first meeting in 1995, the Flames entered the fourth quarter with a 10-point advantage. However, the Keydets reeled off 29-unanswered points to prevent Liberty from taking the road victory in a 51-30 loss. VMI will be looking to score its first win of the 2004 season Saturday.

**WEEKS OF HONOR**

Coastal has received votes in both the ESPN/USA Today and The Sports Network I-AA weekly polls for the second-straight week. If the polls continued through the list of those receiving votes, CCU would be ranked 27th in The Sports Network poll and 31st in the ESPN/USA Today poll. The Chants are also 28th in Don Hansen's Weekly Football Gazette rankings. Following last week's win over Liberty, Coastal was named the "I-AA National Team of the Week" by CollegeSportsReport.com. The web publication covers all I-AA conferences and has weekly awards for the top team and performer of the week in each conference, as well as national team and individual awards.

**CHANTS SURPASS 2003 WIN TOTAL**

Coastal Carolina improved to 7-1 on the season and 3-0 in the Big South with its 31-19 win over Gardner-Webb Saturday night. The Chants snapped the Bulldogs' eight-game Conference home win streak, putting them atop the League standings and guaranteeing at least a share of the Big South title. CCU has won four-straight Big South contests, dating back to last year. The seven wins surpasses the school mark of six, set last year in its first year of football. Coastal is just the second team in the Big South's brief football history to record at least six wins in consecutive seasons, joining Gardner-Webb (9-1 in '02, 8-4 in '03).

**ANOTHER BULLDOG STREAK HAULTED**

Gardner-Webb dropped its first Big South home game Saturday to Coastal Carolina, and fell to 8-2-0 all-time in the League. In Week Five, Liberty handed the Bulldogs its first-ever Big South loss, as the Flames dominated GWU, 17-9.

**BROKEN RECORD**

Coastal Carolina leads the nation in Pass Efficiency Defense at 78.6. Meanwhile, through seven games, the Chants are on pace to shatter several Big South season records. Among them:

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PACE	BIG SOUTH RECORD
Passing Defense Efficiency	78.6		106.1 - VMI, 2003
Scoring Offense	32.1	353	29.9 (359) - VMI, 2003
Scoring Defense	13.9	144	20.4 (204) - Gardner-Webb, 2002
Rushing Offense (per game)	258.7	-	223.1 - Elon, 2002
Rushing Yards	2,069	2,846	2,614 - Liberty, 2003
Average per rush	5.4	-	4.8 - (two teams)
Rushing Defense	137.4		142.8 - Gardner-Webb, 2003
Total Defense	288.1		320.4 - Gardner-Webb, 2003

**COASTAL DOMINATION**

In its three Big South games this season, Coastal is allowing just 13.0 points per game. The top scoring defense in Conference games is Gardner-Webb's 14.8 average in 2003. Meanwhile, Coastal has posted three overall games of allowing less than 10 points, tying Charleston Southern (2002) for the second-most in a season. VMI allowed less than 10 points in a game a record four times in 2003.

**TURNING 50**

Charleston Southern notched 55 points against North Greenville in Week Eight, marking the fourth time a Big South school has reached the 50-point mark this season, tying the Conference's season record, established in 2003. The Bucs join Liberty (55), Gardner-Webb (56) and Coastal Carolina (58) in the 50-point club this season.

**THE MIZZ**

VMI rusher SEAN MIZZER tallied 99 yards rushing Saturday at James Madison, pushing his season total to 648, which ranks first in the Conference. Mizzer, who has 2,402 career yards, has tallied 1,892 during VMI's one-plus years in the Big South, and needs 108 yards to become just the second RB to amass 2,000 rushing yards in the Big South.

**BIG SOUTH vs. other Conferences**

<b>Atlantic-10</b> .....	<b>0-4</b>
Richmond	0-1
William & Mary	0-2
James Madison	0-1
<b>Gateway</b> .....	<b>0-1</b>
Youngstown State	0-1
<b>Mid-American Conference</b> .....	<b>0-2</b>
Ohio	0-1
Kent State	0-1
<b>Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference</b> .....	<b>1-2</b>
Morgan State	1-0
Hampton	0-1
Howard	0-1
<b>Ohio Valley</b> .....	<b>0-2</b>
Tennessee Tech	0-2
<b>Patriot League</b> .....	<b>0-2</b>
Lehigh	0-1
Georgetown	0-1
<b>Pioneer League</b> .....	<b>3-0</b>
Morehead State	1-0
Davidson	1-0
Jacksonville	1-0
<b>Southern</b> .....	<b>1-1</b>
Western Carolina	1-0
Furman	0-1
The Citadel	
Chattanooga	
Elon	
Wofford	
<b>Southland</b> .....	<b>0-0</b>
Southeastern Louisiana	
<b>Non Division I</b> .....	<b>5-2</b>
Charleston (WVa)	2-0
North Greenville	2-0
West Virginia Tech	1-0
Newberry	0-1
Presbyterian	0-1
Allen	
Savannah State	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>10-16 (.384)</b>

**BARNES IS BACK FOR LIBERTY**

Senior Liberty RB **DRE BARNES** returned from injury in Week Eight, rushing for 43 yards at Coastal Carolina. He followed that up with a season-high 211 yards and set a school record for 200-yard rushing games with 4. Barnes has 334 yards in three games this season, and is the Big South's all-time leading rusher at 2,985. He needs 73 yards from becoming Liberty's all-time leading rusher, and 15 yards for 3,000 in the Big South.

**GADO IS LIBERTY'S BELL, SAVES SCORING STREAK**

Liberty has the Conference-leading scoring streak intact at 34 games. Following Liberty on the consecutive game scoring ledger are Coastal Carolina (19 games), Gardner-Webb (15), Charleston Southern (9) and VMI (3).

**HIGH TIDE**

Coastal limited Liberty to 143 total yards in Week Eight, a record for a Big South game. Former member Elon set the previous low, holding Charleston Southern to 178 yards of total offense Nov. 16, 2002.

**GENUINE DRAFTS**

Charleston Southern sophomore QB **COLLIN DRAFTS** tied a Big South record with 5 TD passes in Week Eight against North Greenville. He now shares the mark with former Gardner-Webb signal caller **JEREMY MARTIN**, who tossed five touchdowns against Savannah State in 2002. Drafts is enjoying a fine season, and is challenging several Big South marks this year:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>PACE</b>	<b>BIG SOUTH RECORD</b>
Completions	151	215	203 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2003)
Attempts	245	350	338 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2003)
Percentage	61.6	--	60.1 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2003)
Passing Efficiency	134.4	--	129.8 (Jeremy Martin, GWU, 2002)
Touchdown Passes	14	20	20 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2002)
Passing Yards	1670	2386	2260 (Jonathan Wilson, VMI, 2003)
Passing Yards per game	238.5	--	216.6 (Jeremy Martin, GWU, 2002)

Drafts has notched four games with at least 25 completions this season, and tied a Conference record of 29 pass completions in CSU's win against VMI in Week Five. He also has three career 300-yard passing games, a Big South best. Not to be outdone, but Gardner-Webb QB **NICK ROBERTS** is on pace for 389 pass attempts and 2,487 passing yards this season as well.

**4,000 STRONG**

Gardner-Webb QB **NICK ROBERTS** became the first Big South player to pass for 4,000 career yards when he reached the milestone against Coastal Carolina Saturday. Roberts' total stands at 4,021. Charleston Southern QB **COLLIN DRAFTS** became the school's all-time leading in the category against North Greenville Week Eight, and now owns 3,647 career passing yards in just 18 career games.

**KEY-DETS**

VMI WRs **ZOHN BURDEN** and **GARY PRICE** each extended their pass-catch streak to 21 games with receptions at James Madison Saturday. Burden has caught a pass in 29 of his 33 career games, while Price has a reception in 24 of his 33 career appearances. With nine catches at JMU, Burden total stands at 44 on the season, surpassing his personal best of 36 receptions last season. Price had five catches for 52 yards, giving him 32 on the year which ties his career-high.

**CATCH OF THE DAY**

Charleston Southern WR **HARRY SEABROOK** hauled in six passes for 148 yards in Week Eight against North Greenville, the highest receiving yardage this season and fourth-most in Big South history. He has caught six passes in three consecutive games and is fourth in the League in that category. Meanwhile, teammate **EDDIE GADSON**'s Conference-leading catch total now stands at 48. He is seventh in Division I-AA with 6.86 receptions per game. Gadson has hauled in 10 receptions against VMI in Week Five, his second 10-reception game of the year. He is the only player in the Big South to record two 10-reception games. A CSU receiver has tied or led the Conference in receptions in both years of Big South football.

**GETTING HIS KICKS**

Coastal Carolina PK **JOSH HOKE** became the first kicker to score 100 points, when he tallied four extra-points Week Eight against Liberty. He leads the Big South in kick scoring with 53 points, and now has 108 in his career.

**300-YARD PASSING GAMES**

- 2 Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
- 1 Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb

**5-TOUCHDOWN PASSING GAMES**

- 1 Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern

**4-TOUCHDOWN PASSING GAMES**

- 1 Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb

**200-YARD RUSHING GAMES**

- 1 Sam Gado, Liberty
- 1 Dre Barnes, Liberty

**100-YARD RUSHING GAMES**

- 5 Eugene Goodman, Liberty
- 3 Sam Gado, Liberty
- 2 Sean Mizzer, VMI
- 1 Marcus Hamilton, Liberty
- 1 Aundres Perkins, Coastal Carolina
- 1 Kenny Harper, Charleston Southern
- 1 Jermaine Boston, Gardner-Webb
- 1 Mike Tolbert, Coastal Carolina
- 1 Patrick Hall, Coastal Carolina

**CONSECUTIVE 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES**

- 5 Eugene Goodman, Liberty  
(9/4 - 10/2)
- 2 Sam Gado, Liberty  
(9/27 - 10/2)

**100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES**

- 2 Kory Alston, Gardner-Webb
- 2 Zohn Burden, VMI
- 1 Eddie Gadson, Charleston Southern
- 1 Aaron Richardson, Gardner-Webb
- 1 Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina
- 1 Harry Seabrook, Charleston Southern

**CONSECUTIVE 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES**

- 2 Kory Alston, Gardner-Webb  
(9/4 through 9/11)

**MULTI-TOUCHDOWN GAMES**

<b>Player</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Sam Gado, LU	1	1		
Jerome Simpson, CCU	1	1		
Kory Alston, GWU	2			
Ben Hampton, CCU	2			
Eddie Gadson, CSU	2			
Patrick Hall, CCU	3			
Aundres Perkins, CCU	1			
Zohn Burden, VMI	1			
Dre Barnes, LU	1			
Marcus Hamilton, LU	1			
Mario Williams, GWU	1			
Robert Adams, CSU	1			
Kenny Harper, CSU	1			
Nick Roberts, GWU	1			
Sean Mizzer, VMI	1			
Harry Seabrook, CSU	1			
Harold Wells, GWU	1			

**WHO'S ON FIRST?**

Coastal Carolina is 7-0 when the Chants score the first points of the game, and are 7-0 when leading after three quarters. Charleston Southern is 4-1 when scoring first, and 3-0 leading after 45 minutes. Liberty is 3-1 when scoring first, and 3-0 when leading after three quarters. Gardner-Webb is 1-0 in both instances. VMI has not scored the first points of a ballgame this season. Meanwhile, Charleston Southern and Gardner-Webb are the lone teams to record wins when trailing entering the fourth quarter.

**THE DEFENSE NEVER RESTS**

Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern are 1-2 in the Big South in scoring defense. The Chants are 4th nationally with a 13.9 average, while the Bucs are 22nd at 18.9 points allowed. The Big South record is 20.4 points allowed, set by Gardner-Webb in 2002. CSU and CCU do not meet until the final weekend of the season, Nov. 20, in Charleston, S.C. The game will be televised on Comcast Sports Southeast.

**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN SURPASSES '03 POINT TOTAL**

The 4-3 Buccaneers have scored 182 points through seven games, a 26.0 average, and have surpassed last year's season total of 148 points in 12 games. The squad is just eight points away of bettering the 2002 total (189 points). Meanwhile, Charleston Southern's four wins is the most since winning four games in 2002.

**FIVE-FOR-FIVE**

This season, five interceptions have been returned for touchdowns, three times by Gardner-Webb and twice by Coastal Carolina. In 2003, five interceptions were also returned for scores. Gardner-Webb has tallied an interception return for a touchdown each season of Big South football.

**CATCH ALL**

Coastal Carolina WR **JEROME SIMPSON**'s three touchdown catches against Charleston (WVa) in Week Four tied the single-game Conference record. Gardner-Webb's **WILLIAM ANDREWS** set the record with three touchdown grabs against VMI on Oct. 18, 2003.

**BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE TV SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, Nov. 6**

LIBERTY 1:00pm  
at VMI \* (BSTN - Big South Television Network)

**Saturday, Nov. 13**

GARDNER-WEBB noon  
at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN \* (C-SET - Carolinas Sports Entertainment Television)

**Saturday, Nov. 20**

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 7:00pm  
at COASTAL CAROLINA \* (CSS - Comcast Sports Southeast)

**CONSECUTIVE MULTI-TOUCHDOWN GAMES**

- 2 Kory Alston, Gardner-Webb (9/4 through 9/11)
- 2 Patrick Hall, Coastal Carolina (10/23 through 10/30)

**TEAMMATES w/ 100-YARDS RUSHING, SAME GAME**

- 4 Liberty (Hamilton 108, Goodman 107 - 9/4) (Goodman 109, Gado 101 - 9/27) (Gado 219, Goodman 112 - 10/2) (Barnes 211, Gado 150 - 10/30)

**BIG SOUTH in the NCAA STATISTICS  
*Offensive and Special Teams (thru Oct. 30)***

**All Purpose Running**

- Sam Gado, LU .....17th
- Sean Mizzer, VMI .....43rd

**Field Goals**

- Hunter Smith, GWU .....38th
- Josh Hoke, CCU .....44th

**Interceptions**

- Quinton Teal, CCU .....T-22nd
- Allen Davis, GWU .....T-22nd
- Jensen Turner, GWU .....T-22nd
- Tavares Shorter, CSU .....49th

**Kickoff Return**

- Ralphell Goodson, GWU .....30th

**Pass Efficiency**

- Collin Drafts, CSU .....27th

**Punting**

- Graham Whitlock, GWU .....9th
- Noah Crouch, LU .....33rd
- Adam Peters, VMI .....47th

**Punt Return**

- Allen Davis, GWU .....41st

**Receptions Per Game**

- Eddie Gadson, CSU .....7th

**Receiving Yards Per Game**

- Kory Alston, GWU .....35th

**Rushing Yards Per Game**

- Sam Gado, Liberty .....23rd

**Total Offense**

- Nick Roberts, GWU .....13th
- Collin Drafts, CSU .....19th

*Defensive (thru 10/23/04)*

**Total Tackles**

- Nick Vaughn, LU .....T-27th

**Solo Tackles**

- Robert Mason, VMI .....T-35th

**Forced Fumbles**

- C.J. Moore, LU .....T-35th

**Passes Defended**

- Allen Davis, GWU .....4th
- Quinton Teal, CCU .....T-7th
- Greg Williamson, CCU .....T-21st

**Tackles For Loss**

- Harold Well, GWU .....T-4th
- Kelvin McIver, CCU .....T-33rd

**BIG SOUTH MEDIA INFORMATION**

The following details each school's plans for weekly press conferences and other interview opportunities with coaches and/or players. Please contact the respective SID for more information.

<u>School</u>	<u>Weekly Press Conference</u>	<u>Additional Coach Availability</u>
Charleston Southern	none	contact SID
Coastal Carolina	Wednesdays, noon	Mornings (contact SID)
Gardner-Webb	Tuesdays, 11:30am	Tuesdays, 11:00am (contact SID)
Liberty	Tuesdays, 3:15pm	contact SID
VMI	none	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 8:00-10:00am (contact SID)

**2004 BIG SOUTH PRESEASON POLL**

For the third-straight year, Gardner-Webb was chosen as the Big South Conference preseason football favorite, capturing nine first-place votes and 46 overall points. Below are the 2004 preseason poll results, with first-place votes in parenthesis:

1. Gardner-Webb (9).....46
2. Liberty.....33
3. VMI.....30
4. Coastal Carolina (1).....28
5. Charleston Southern .....13

**BIG SOUTH PRESEASON HONORS**

*Preseason Offensive Player of the Year*  
**Dre Barnes, Sr., Liberty**

*Preseason Defensive Player of the Year*  
**Mario Williams, Sr., Gardner-Webb**

**ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**

**OFFENSE**

- QB Nick Roberts, Jr., Gardner-Webb
- RB Dre Barnes, Sr., Liberty
- RB Sean Mizzer, Jr., VMI
- WR Austin Gaines, So., Gardner-Webb
- WR Lauren Williams, R-Jr., Liberty
- WR Zohn Burden, Jr., VMI
- WR Gary Price, Jr., VMI
- TE Stephen Knorr, Sr., Gardner-Webb
- OL Bryce Gregory, Sr., Charleston Southern
- OL Nick Johnson, Sr., Coastal Carolina
- OL Ryan Smith, Sr., Gardner-Webb
- OL Sean Boyle, Sr., Liberty
- OL Jeremy Ward, R-Jr., VMI

**DEFENSE**

- DL Adam DeGraffenreid, Jr., Charleston Southern
- DL Adrain Grady, So., Coastal Carolina
- DL Harold Wells, Sr., Gardner-Webb
- DL Seth Reichert, Sr., Liberty
- LB Bowe Butler, Sr., Charleston Southern
- LB Maurice Simpkins, Jr., Coastal Carolina
- LB Kappy Baucom, Jr., Gardner-Webb
- LB Todd Baldwin, Jr., VMI
- DB Kijana Thomas, Sr., Charleston Southern
- DB Mario Williams, Sr., Gardner-Webb
- DB C.J. Moore, R-Jr., Liberty
- DB Robert Mason, Jr., VMI

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

- PK Hunter Smith, So., Gardner-Webb
- P Graham Whitlock, Sr., Gardner-Webb
- KR/PR Kijana Thomas, Sr., Charleston Southern
- LS Jake Neal, Sr., Gardner-Webb

**THE BIG SOUTH IN THE 2004 NATIONAL I-AA POLLS**

Date	CSU	CCU	GWU	LU	VMI
Preseason	--/--/--	--/--/--	RV/RV/RV/--	--/--/--	RV/--/--
Sept. 6	--/--/--	--/--/--	RV/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Sept. 13	--/--/--	--/--/--	RV/RV/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Sept. 20	--/--/--	--/--/--	RV/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Sept. 27	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/RV/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Oct. 4	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--	RV/RV/--	--/--/--
Oct. 11	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Oct. 18	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Oct. 25	--/--/--	RV/RV/--	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Nov. 1	--/--/--	RV/RV/--/28	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--

*The Sports Network ranking is first, followed by the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll, I-AA.org and Weekly Football Gazette Top-40. Note: there was no ESPN/USA Today poll for the Week of Sept. 6. RV - Received Votes*

**2004 NATIONAL HONORS**

Coastal Carolina

- *CollegeSportsReport.com* National Team of the Week - Oct. 25

Mario Williams, Senior, FS, Gardner-Webb

- I-AA.org National Defensive All-Star of the Week - Sept. 5
- Buck Buchanan Award Candidate
- *The Sports Network* Preseason national No. 2 safety
- *The Sports Network* Preseason All-America (first-team)
- I-AA.org Preseason All-America (first-team)
- *Football Gazette* Preseason All-America (first-team)
- *Lindy's* Preseason All-America
- *Athlon* Preseason All-America
- *Street & Smith's* Preseason All-America

Graham Whitlock, Senior, P, Gardner-Webb

- *The Sports Network* preseason national No. 1 punter
- *The Sports Network* Preseason All-America (first-team)
- I-AA.org Preseason All-America (first-team)
- *Football Gazette* Preseason All-America (third-team)
- *Lindy's* Preseason All-America
- *Athlon* Preseason All-America
- *Street & Smith's* Preseason All-America

Harold Wells, Senior, DT, Gardner-Webb

- *Football Gazette* Preseason All-America (first-team)
- *Football Gazette* National Defensive Player of the Week - Oct. 25

Justin Huggard, Junior, LB, VMI

- *Football Gazette* National Defensive Player of the Week - Sept. 21

Josh Hoke, Sophomore, PK, Coastal Carolina

- *Football Gazette* National Special Teams Player of the Week - Sept. 28



**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN BUCCANEERS (4-3, 1-1 Big South)**

Head Coach: Jay Mills • Football Contact: David Shelton  
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- The Buccaneers will face Allen University for the first time on Saturday. The Yellow Jackets are 3-4 on the season.
- QB **COLLIN DRAFTS** has thrown a TD pass in eight consecutive games, dating back to last season. He was 25-of-45 for 243 yards and one score against the Flames Saturday. His 45 attempts now rank third in the Big South single-

game passing attempts list.

- WR **EDDIE GADSON** caught his seventh TD pass of the season at Liberty, breaking the CSU single-season mark of 6, set last year by **AARON DUNKLIN**.
- CB **NARADA KELSON** had a career high 14 tackles against Liberty, while **TAVARES**

**SHORTER** had 10 tackles, two sacks, two TFL and a pass breakup against the Flames.



**COASTAL CAROLINA CHANTICLEERS (7-1, 3-0 Big South)**

Head Coach: David Bennett • Football Contact: John Martin  
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- CCU host Savannah State Saturday and leads the series, 1-0. In last year's contest, Coastal Carolina jumped out to a 12-0 lead in the first quarter and never trailed, beating Savannah State, 29-19. It was the first time Coastal had put together back-to-back wins in its brief history.
- In that game, RB **AUNDRES PERKINS** finished

with his fourth 100-yard game, gaining 105 yards on 12 carries with a pair of touchdowns.

- Coastal has been a stellar team when scoring first, holding a 13-1 all-time mark going into this weekend's game against Savannah State. The Chants are 7-0 in 2004 when scoring first, as well as a perfect 6-0 when scoring first on the road.

• The Chants are a solid 6-3 at Brooks Stadium, including a 4-0 mark in 2004 with wins over Davidson, North Greenville, Charleston (WV) and Liberty.



**GARDNER-WEBB RUNNIN' BULLDOGS (3-5, 1-2 Big South)**

Head Coach: Steve Patton • Football Contact: Marc Rabb  
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- Gardner-Webb and No. 10 Wofford will meet on the gridiron for the first time in 10 seasons Saturday. The Terriers have been ranked in the national top-25 all season, and were ranked as high as No. 5.
- Wofford won the last meeting 20-14 in 1994, and hold an 11-6-0 series edge - with all previous meetings coming when both schools were

either NAIA or NCAA Division II in football.

- GWU injuries have accounted for 115 lost quarters of play for either starters or top-line reserves. Two-time All-America and Defensive Player of the Year **MARIO WILLIAMS** has accounted for 14 of those missed quarters after suffering a season-ending injury at Liberty on Oct. 2.

• QB **NICK ROBERTS** completed 17-of-30 passes for 230 yards and a touchdown, and rushed for 77 yards and another score against Coastal Carolina. Roberts also moved past the 4,000-yard passing plateau, jumping into fifth-place in Gardner-Webb history. Roberts has now thrown for 4,014 yards and 29 touchdowns in just 20 starts at GWU.



**LIBERTY FLAMES (3-5, 2-1 Big South)**

Head Coach: Ken Karcher • Football Contact: Todd Wetmore  
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- This year's contest will mark the fourth in the series, with VMI leading the overall series, 2-1. Last year, the Flames recorded four fourth quarter rushing touchdowns to pick up a 31-28 comeback victory over VMI.
- **DRE BARNES** and **SAM GADO** became the fourth pair of running backs this season and the ninth in school history to rush for 100 or more

yards in the same game, as Barnes rushed for a season-high 211 yards and a score, while Gado rushed for 150 yards and three touchdowns vs. Charleston Southern.

- DB **SHANE LANCASTER** posted the first double digit tackle total of his career, as the safety tied for the team lead with 10 against Charleston Southern. He finished with three

solo tackles and a career-best seven assisted tackles, while adding his first career pass break-up.

• Freshman **COREY RASBERRY** recorded the first two receptions of his career Saturday, catching two passes for 27 yards. He also recorded a 21-yard catch, marking the longest reception of the game.



**VMI KEYDETS (0-9, 0-3 Big South)**

Head Coach: Cal McCombs • Football Contact: Wade Branner  
SID Phone: 540-454-7515; SID Email: brannerwh@mail.vmi.edu

- This will be the fourth meeting between the two schools. VMI won the first two games - both played in Lexington. Liberty defeated VMI 31-28 last year in Lynchburg in the first game played between the teams as Big South members.
- VMI completed its six road games of the season at No. 9 James Madison and will play the

final two contests at home after playing five of the last six on the road.

- QB **KIRK MONTELEONE**, playing in just his third game at quarterback, completed 21 of 30 passes for 234 yards and a touchdown against James Madison. The 234 yards is a season high for the Keydets.

• OT **DONNIE JOHNSTON**, who missed the last two games with an injury against Georgetown Oct. 9, returned to action in the second half against James Madison.

**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (4-3, 1-1 BIG SOUTH)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 4	at The Citadel	ppd.
Sept. 11	at Presbyterian	L, 14-19
Sept. 18	at Jacksonville	W, 38-3
Sept. 25	CHARLESTON (WV)	W, 38-21
Oct. 2	VMI *	W, 25-24
Oct. 9	at Howard	L, 6-24
Oct. 23	NORTH GREENVILLE	W, 55-6
Oct. 30	at Liberty *	L, 6-34
Nov. 6	ALLEN	1:30 pm
Nov. 13	GARDNER-WEBB *	1:30 pm
Nov. 20	at Coastal Carolina *	7:00 pm

\*denotes Big South Conference game

**COASTAL CAROLINA (7-1, 3-0 BIG SOUTH)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 4	at Morehead State	W, 28-7
Sept. 11	DAVIDSON	W, 31-24
Sept. 18	at Newberry	L, 7-21
Sept. 25	NORTH GREENVILLE	W, 58-7
Oct. 9	CHARLESTON (WV)	W, 48-13
Oct. 16	at VMI *	W, 21-14
Oct. 23	LIBERTY *	W, 33-6
Oct. 30	at Gardner-Webb *	W, 31-19
Nov. 6	SAVANNAH STATE	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	JACKSONVILLE	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	7:00 p.m.

\*denotes Big South Conference game

**GARDNER-WEBB (3-5, 1-2 BIG SOUTH)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 4	at Tennessee Tech	L, 26-32
Sept. 11	at Morgan State	W, 56-49
Sept. 18	#4 FURMAN	L, 6-34
Sept. 25	#25 WESTERN CAROLINA (OT)	W, 26-20
Oct. 2	at Liberty *	L, 9-17
Oct. 9	at #25 Hampton	L, 25-48
Oct. 23	VMI *	W, 28-17
Oct. 30	COASTAL CAROLINA *	L, 19-31
Nov. 6	at #10 Wofford	1:30 pm
Nov. 13	at Charleston Southern *	1:30 pm
Nov. 20	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	1:30 pm

\*denotes Big South Conference game

**LIBERTY (3-5, 2-1 BIG SOUTH)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 4	WEST VIRGINIA TECH	W, 55-17
Sept. 11	at Kent State	L, 10-38
Sept. 18	#24 LEHIGH	L, 16-38
Sept. 25	at Youngstown State	L, 17-27
Oct. 2	GARDNER-WEBB *	W, 17-9
Oct. 9	#18 WILLIAM & MARY	L, 17-37
Oct. 23	at Coastal Carolina *	L, 6-33
Oct. 30	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	W, 34-6
Nov. 6	at VMI *	1:00 pm
Nov. 13	at Chattanooga	1:30 pm
Nov. 20	ELON	1:30 pm

\*denotes Big South Conference game

**VMI (0-9, 0-3 BIG SOUTH)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 4	at Ohio	L, 14-42
Sept. 11	RICHMOND	L, 7-34
Sept. 18	TENNESSEE TECH	L, 10-16
Sept. 25	at William & Mary	L, 6-42
Oct. 2	at Charleston Southern *	L, 24-25
Oct. 9	at Georgetown	L, 0-21
Oct. 16	COASTAL CAROLINA *	L, 14-21
Oct. 23	at Gardner-Webb *	L, 17-28
Oct. 30	at #9 James Madison	L, 10-41
Nov. 6	LIBERTY *	1:00 pm
Nov. 20	WOFFORD	1:00 pm

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**BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE TV SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, Nov. 6**

LIBERTY 1:00pm  
at VMI \* (BSTN - Big South Television Network)

**Saturday, Nov. 13**

GARDNER-WEBB noon  
at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN \* (C-SET - Carolinas Sports Entertainment Television)

**Saturday, Nov. 20**

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 7:00pm  
at COASTAL CAROLINA \* (CSS - Comcast Sports Southeast)