



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	2	0	1.000	6	1	.857	4-0	2-1	0-0	6-1	W4
Charleston Southern	1	0	1.000	4	2	.667	3-0	1-2	0-0	4-2	W1
Liberty	1	1	.500	2	5	.286	2-2	0-3	0-0	2-5	L2
Gardner-Webb	1	1	.500	3	4	.429	2-1	1-3	0-0	3-4	W1
VMI	0	3	.000	0	8	.000	0-3	0-5	0-0	0-8	L8

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, Oct. 23

at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	55
North Greenville	6
at GARDNER-WEBB *	28
VMI	17
at COASTAL CAROLINA *	33
LIBERTY	6

* Denotes Big South Conference game

CHOICE HOTELS OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Collin Drafts • Quarterback • Sophomore
Charleston Southern • Beaufort, S.C.**

Drafts completed 17-of-23 passes (73.9%) for 320 yards and five touchdowns in the 55-7 win over North Greenville. His touchdown throws were of 29, 39, 52, 8 and 26 yards. Drafts' five TD passes tied the Big South single-game record, and he also became CSU's all-time leader in passing yardage (3,404), surpassing the record of 3,099.

NEW BALANCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Tavoris Horton • Linebacker • Senior
Gardner-Webb • Macon, Ga.**

Horton was the highlight for GWU's second-half defensive surge Saturday against VMI, as he collected a career-high 12 tackles (six solo), returned an interception 36 yards for a touchdown, tallied 2.5 tackles for loss (-3), broke up two passes and recorded a quarterback sack. The interception was the first of Horton's career, and sealed the 28-17 win over VMI with 3:05 left in the game. Horton helped limit VMI to just 87 total yards in the second half.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 30

COASTAL CAROLINA	1:30pm [^]
at GARDNER-WEBB *	C-SET
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	1:30pm
at LIBERTY *	
VMI	3:00pm
at JAMES MADISON	

* Denotes Big South Conference game
[^] denotes tape delay, 6:00pm C-SET

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Hunter Smith • Kicker • Sophomore
Gardner-Webb • Greensboro, N.C.**

Smith had a perfect night against VMI, connecting on 3-of-3 field goals, including a career-long 45-yarder in the third quarter. Smith scored all three field goals in the second half, as GWU ran off 15 unanswered points to take control of the game. He also made his only extra point attempt of the evening.

FRESHMAN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Mike Tolbert • Fullback
Coastal Carolina • Douglasville, Ga.**

Tolbert nearly equaled his rushing total from the first six games, posting his first collegiate 100-yard game with 107 yards on 10 carries and one touchdown in CCU's 33-6 win over Liberty. He scored on a one-yard plunge on Coastal's opening drive of the second half to give the Chanticleers a commanding 19-0 lead, followed by his season-high 52-yard scamper, which set up CCU's next touchdown.

UPCOMING TV GAMES

Saturday, Nov. 6

LIBERTY	1:00pm
at VMI *	(BSTN)
Saturday, Nov. 13	
GARDNER-WEBB	Noon
at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	
(C-SET)	

C-SET: Carolinas Sports Entertainment Television
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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	DE 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)

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

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

CHANTS POST SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON WITH SIX WINS

Coastal Carolina improved to 6-1 on the season and 2-0 in the Big South with its convincing 33-6 win over Liberty Saturday night. The Chants snapped the Flames' three-game Conference win streak, and now sit atop the League standings. CCU has won three-straight Big South contests, dating back to last year. The six wins ties the school mark, 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 six wins in consecutive seasons, joining Gardner-Webb (9-1 in '02, 8-4 in '03).

BIG SOUTH ACTION RETURNS TO THE TUBE THIS WEEKEND

Conference leader Coastal Carolina takes its 2-0 Big South record and overall four-game winning streak into Gardner-Webb this weekend, which will be televised on C-SET on a same-day tape-delay basis at 6:00pm. Coastal is looking to avenge a 38-17 loss at Brooks Stadium last year. Since moving up to Division I-AA in 2000, Gardner-Webb has gone 21-3 (.875) at Spangler Stadium, including wins in 17 of its last 18 games -- with that lone loss coming to No. 4 Furman earlier this year. QB **NICK ROBERTS** is 8-1 in his career as a starter at Spangler. Gardner-Webb is 3-0 at home in Big South competition, while the Chants carry an all-time road record of 6-3 (.667) into Boiling Springs.

LIBERTY'S BIG SOUTH RUSHING ATTACK FLAMES OUT AT COASTAL

Liberty entered Saturday's game at Coastal second in the League in rushing offense at 203.3 yards per game, in addition to averaging 236.5 rushing yards in its previous eight Big South contests. However, the Flames mustered only 62 yards on the ground against the Chanticleers, their lowest rushing output since gaining just 57 yards against Bowling Green last season.

GADO IS LIBERTY'S BELL, SAVES SCORING STREAK

Liberty RB **SAM GADO's** 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown at Coastal Carolina is the second-longest in the Big South's history, and provided the Flames' only score of the night, helping Liberty keep its Conference-leading scoring streak intact at 33 games. The six points scored at Coastal was Liberty's lowest total ever in a Big South match-up. Following Liberty on the consecutive game scoring ledger are Coastal Carolina (18 games), Gardner-Webb (14), Charleston Southern (8) and VMI (2).

BROKEN RECORD

Coastal Carolina leads the nation in Pass Efficiency Defense at 71.0. 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	71.0		106.1 - VMI, 2003
Scoring Offense	32.3	355	29.9 (359) - VMI, 2003
Scoring Defense	13.1	144	20.4 (204) - Gardner-Webb, 2002
Rushing Offense (per game)	258.7	-	223.1 - Elon, 2002
Rushing Yards	1,526	2,846	2,614 - Liberty, 2003
Average per rush	5.4	-	4.8 - (two teams)
Rushing Defense	133.3		142.8 - Gardner-Webb, 2003
Total Defense	272.7		320.4 - Gardner-Webb, 2003

COASTAL DOMINATION

In its two Big South games this season, Coastal is allowing just 10.0 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 Saturday, 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 126 yards rushing Saturday at Gardner-Webb, pushing his season total to 549, second in the Big South behind injured Liberty RB **EUGENE GOODMAN's** 609 yards. Mizzer, who has 2,303 career yards, has tallied 1,793 during VMI's one-plus years in the Big South, and is trying to become just the second RB to amass 2,000 rushing yards in the Big South.

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

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

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

Player	2	3	4	5
Jerome Simpson, CCU	1	1		
Kory Alston, GWU	2			
Ben Hampton, CCU	2			
Eddie Gadson, CSU	2			
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			
Sam Gado, LU	1			
Nick Roberts, GWU	1			
Sean Mizzer, VMI	1			
Harry Seabrook, CSU	1			
Harold Wells, GWU	1			
Patrick Hall, CCU	1			

BARNES IS BACK FOR LIBERTY

Senior Liberty RB **DRE BARNES** returned from injury Saturday, rushing for 43 yards at Coastal Carolina. Barnes has 123 yards in two games this season, but is still the Big South's all-time leading rusher at 2,774, and needs 283 yards from becoming Liberty's all-time leading rusher.

HIGH TIDE

Coastal limited Liberty to 143 total yards on Saturday, a record for a Big South game. 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 Saturday 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:

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PACE	BIG SOUTH RECORD
Completions	126	210	203 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2003)
Attempts	200	333	338 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2003)
Percentage	63.0	--	60.1 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2003)
Passing Efficiency	141.4	--	129.8 (Jeremy Martin, GWU, 2002)
Touchdown Passes	13	22	20 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2002)
Passing Yards	1427	2378	2260 (Jonathan Wilson, VMI, 2003)
Passing Yards per game	237.8	--	216.6 (Jeremy Martin, GWU, 2002)

Drafts has notched three 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.

MR. 3000

Gardner-Webb QB **NICK ROBERTS** became the first Big South player to pass for 3,000 career yards when he reached the milestone against Western Carolina in Week Four. Roberts' total stands at 3,791. Charleston Southern QB **COLLIN DRAFTS** became the school's all-time leading in the category Saturday against North Greenville, and now owns 3,404 career passing yards in just 17 career games.

KEY-DETS

VMI WRs **ZOHN BURDEN** and **GARY PRICE** each extended their pass-catch streak to 20 games with receptions at Gardner-Webb Saturday. Burden has caught a pass in 28 of his 32 career games, while Price has a reception in 23 of his 32 career appearances. Burden needs one more catch to tie his season-high of 36 receptions last season, while Price is five receptions shy of tying his season-best of 32, also set last season.

CATCH OF THE DAY

Charleston Southern WR **HARRY SEABROOK** hauled in six passes for 148 yards Saturday against North Greenville, the highest receiving yardage this season and fourth-most in Big South history. It was the second straight week Seabrook tallied six pass catches (Oct. 16 at Howard). Meanwhile, teammate **EDDIE GADSON** scored on two of his three receptions Saturday, and his Conference-leading catch total now stands at 43. He is sixth in Division I-AA with 7.17 receptions per game.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

Coastal Carolina is 6-0 when the Chants score the first points of the game, and are 5-0 when leading after three quarters. Charleston Southern is 4-1 when scoring first, and 3-0 leading after 45 minutes. Liberty is 2-1 when scoring first, and 2-0 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 13.1 average, while the Bucs are 11th at 16.3 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.

BIG SOUTH vs. other Conferences	
Atlantic-10	0-3
Richmond	0-1
William & Mary	0-2
James Madison	
Gateway	0-1
Youngstown State	0-1
Mid-American Conference	0-2
Ohio	0-1
Kent State	0-1
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	1-2
Morgan State	1-0
Hampton	0-1
Howard	0-1
Ohio Valley	0-2
Tennessee Tech	0-2
Patriot League	0-1
Lehigh	0-1
Georgetown	
Pioneer League	3-0
Morehead State	1-0
Davidson	1-0
Jacksonville	1-0
Southern	1-1
Western Carolina	1-0
Furman	0-1
The Citadel	
Chattanooga	
Elon	
Wofford	
Southland	0-0
Southeastern Louisiana	
Non Division I	5-2
Charleston (WVa)	2-0
North Greenville	2-0
West Virginia Tech	1-0
Newberry	0-1
Presbyterian	0-1
Allen	
Savannah State	
TOTAL	10-15 (.400)

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN SURPASSES '03 POINT TOTAL

The 4-2 Buccaneers have scored 176 points through six games, a 29.3 average, and have surpassed last year's season total of 148 points in 12 games. The squad is just 14 points away of bettering the 2002 total (189 points). Meanwhile, Charleston Southern's four wins is the most since winning four games in 2002 -- the last time CSU was 4-2.

GETTING HIS KICKS

Coastal Carolina PK **JOSH HOKE** became the first kicker to score 100 points, when he tallied four extra-points Saturday against Liberty. He leads the Big South in kick scoring with 46 points, and now has 101 in his career.

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 ME IF YOU CAN

Charleston Southern redshirt-freshman **EDDIE GADSON** 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.

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, Oct. 30

COASTAL CAROLINA 6:00pm - tape delay
at GARDNER-WEBB * (C-SET - Carolinas Sports Entertainment Television)

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)

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

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

BIG SOUTH in the NCAA STATISTICS

Offensive and Special Teams (thru Oct. 23)

All Purpose Running

Sean Mizzer, VMI38th
Eddie Gadson, CSU87th

Field Goals

Hunter Smith, GWU24th
Josh Hoke, CCU41st

Interceptions

Allen Davis, GWUT-20th
Jensen Turner, GWUT-20th
Quinton Teal, CCUT-20th
Tavares Shorter, CSU33rd
Greg Williamson, CCU50th

Kickoff Return

Ralphell Goodson, GWU26th

Pass Efficiency

Collin Drafts, CSU21st

Punting

Graham Whitlock, GWU10th
Noah Crouch, LU33rd
Adam Peters, VMI46th

Punt Return

Allen Davis, GWU36th

Receptions Per Game

Eddie Gadson, CSU6th

Receiving Yards Per Game

Kory Alston, GWU24th

Total Offense

Nick Roberts, GWU15th
Collin Drafts, CSU17th

Defensive (thru 10/16/04)

Total Tackles

Mario Williams, GWU7th

Solo Tackles

Mario Williams, GWU6th

Pass Sacks

Adam DeGraffenreid, CSUT-23rd

Forced Fumbles

C.J. Moore, LUT-22nd

Tackles For Loss

Harold Well, GWUT-4th

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. Since 2002, the Bulldogs have posted a spotless 7-0 Big South record and two titles. Below are the 2004 preseason poll results, with first-place votes in parenthesis:

1. Gardner-Webb (9).....46
2. Liberty.....33
3. VMI30
4. Coastal Carolina (1).....28
5. Charleston Southern13

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 Bove 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/--	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--

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

2004 NATIONAL HONORS

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)

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

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)



CHARLESTON SOUTHERN BUCCANEERS (4-2, 1-0 Big South)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberty holds a 10-1 advantage in the series against Charleston Southern. CSU's only victory in the series came during the 2000 season when CSU defeated Liberty, 25-0, in Lynchburg. Liberty won last year's meeting, 17-6. • Sophomore QB COLLIN DRAFTS became the CSU career leader in passing yardage last week. Drafts now has 3,404 career passing yards, | <p>breaking the record of 3,099 yards. Drafts is also the career leader in completions and touchdowns and his 13 touchdown passes this season is a single-season record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WR HARRY SEABROOK caught six passes for a career-high 148 yards in the win over North Greenville last week. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WR EDDIE GADSON had two touchdown receptions last week, giving him six for the season, tying the CSU single season mark set by Aaron Dunklin last season. • CSU's 499 total yards last week was the most in the JAY MILLS era. CSU's defense allowed just 147 total yards, their lowest total since the 2001 season. |
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COASTAL CAROLINA CHANTICLEERS (6-1, 2-0 Big South)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2003, Coastal Carolina played its first-ever Big South Conference game against defending champion Gardner-Webb, and ended up on the short end of a 38-17 decision. • Coastal has put together its first ever four-game winning streak and also picked up its first home Conference victory with last week's win over Liberty. CCU also doubled last season's Big | <p>South win total.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB PATRICK HALL is just 15 yards shy of becoming the second Chanticleer to reach the 1,000 yard rushing mark. AUNDRES PERKINS accomplished that feat earlier this season. • DB GREG WILLIAMSON's two interceptions Saturday stalled LU drives in the second half, | <p>with the second leading to Coastal's fourth touchdown of the game. He now is second on the team with three interceptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB MAURICE SIMPKINS tied a season-best with 10 tackles, including three solos, and a sack against Liberty. He leads CCU with 44 tackles on the season. |
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GARDNER-WEBB RUNNIN' BULLDOGS (3-4, 1-1 Big South)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardner-Webb holds a 1-0 series edge over Coastal Carolina, having taken a 38-17 win in Conway, S.C., in 2003. GWU used a blocked punt and a solid performance by QB NICK ROBERTS to open up a 38-3 lead in the second half of that game. • GWU continued its dominance on the home turf with the win over VMI, improving to 21-3 in | <p>Spangler Stadium since moving up to the Division I-AA level in 2000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB JERMAINE BOSTON topped the 100-yard mark for the first time in his career Saturday, going for a career-best 145 yards on 18 carries (8.1 avg.) to pace a season-best effort on the ground by the GWU offense (213 team yards). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB TAVORIS HORTON also had a career-best night, collecting a career-high 12 tackles, an interception return for a touchdown, three tackles for loss, two pass break-ups and a sack. • HAROLD WELLS topped 10 tackles for the second-straight game and leads the Big South with 14 total TFL this season. He also has four rushing TDs on nine carries. |
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LIBERTY FLAMES (2-5, 1-1 Big South)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Flames and the Bucs have faced each other the past 10 seasons. The 2002 meeting marked an historic moment in Liberty history, as the Flames downed the Buccaneers, 31-17, to pick up the program's first-ever Big South Conference victory. • LU finished the Coastal Carolina game with just 143 yards of total offense, setting a school | <p>record for fewest total offensive yards in a game. The previous record was against Western Carolina in 2001, when the Flames finished with just 156 total offensive yards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday's game marked the return of Big South Preseason Offensive Player of the Year RB DRE BARNES, as he had been sidelined with an injury since the first quarter of the team's sea- | <p>son-opening game against West Virginia Tech. Barnes rushed for 43 yards on 10 carries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QB BROCK FARRELL became the third quarterback to start a game for the Flames this season, as the junior college transfer started his first game as a member of the Flames and finished the game with 55 yards passing on 8-of-12 pass attempts. |
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VMI KEYDETS (0-8, 0-3 Big South)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be VMI's first game with James Madison since 1994. The Keydets trail 9-3 in the series, with the Dukes taking the last meeting in Harrisonburg, 38-15. JMU, ranked as high as 13th last week, will be VMI's second ranked opponent this season. • BARRETT WAY's 46-yard field goal against Gardner-Webb was the longest of his career, | <p>and he has now hit five straight field goals after missing the first two of the season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WR ZOHN BURDEN caught six passes for 74 yards and scored on a 49-yard screen pass from QB KIRK MONTELEONE for VMI's first touchdown vs. GWU. It was his third TD catch this season, which matched his total for all last year. The 49-yard TD was also VMI's longest pass | <p>play of the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB SEAN MIZZER netted his second 100-yard game of the year with 126 yards on 25 carries. His 40-yard rush helped set up a field goal by BARRETT WAY. Mizzer now has 12 100-yard rushing games in his career. |
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CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (4-2, 1-0 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 *	1:30 pm
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 (6-1, 2-0 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 *	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	SAVANNAH STATE	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	JACKSONVILLE	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	12:30 p.m.

*denotes Big South Conference game

GARDNER-WEBB (3-4, 1-1 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 *	1:30 pm
Nov. 6	at 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 (2-5, 1-1 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 *	1:30 pm
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 (0-8, 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 James Madison	3:00 pm
Nov. 6	LIBERTY *	1:00 pm
Nov. 20	WOFFORD	1:00 pm

*denotes Big South Conference game

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE TV SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 30

COASTAL CAROLINA 6:00pm (tape delay)^
at GARDNER-WEBB * (C-SET - Carolinas Sports Entertainment Television)

^actual game time is 1:30pm

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)