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BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Conference			Overall			Home	Road	Neu	L10	Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.					
x-Coastal Carolina	4	0	1.000	10	1	.909	7-0	3-1	0-0	9-1	W8
Liberty	3	1	.750	6	5	.545	2-2	2-3	0-0	5-5	W4
Gardner-Webb	2	2	.500	5	6	.455	3-2	2-4	0-0	4-6	W2
Charleston Southern	1	3	.250	5	5	.500	4-1	1-4	0-0	5-4	L2
VMI	0	4	.000	0	11	.000	0-5	0-6	0-0	0-10	L11

x-Big South Champion

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, Nov. 20

#17 Wofford	19
at VMI	18
at LIBERTY	27
Elon	17
at GARDNER-WEBB	52
Southeastern Louisiana	34
at #21 COASTAL CAROLINA *	56
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	28

* Denotes Big South Conference game

CHOICE HOTELS OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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

Hall had a record-setting night for Coastal, as he helped the Chanticleers capture the outright Big South title in just their second year of play. Hall rushed for 195 yards (just seven shy of the single-game school record) and two touchdowns on 20 carries, an average of 9.8 yards. Hall became the first Coastal rusher ever to break 1,000 yards in a single season, finishing the year with 1,107 yards and an 100.6 per game average. He broke 1,000 yards with a 68-yard touchdown run against the Bucs in the fourth quarter. In addition, he extended his League record of consecutive games of two touchdowns to five.

NEW BALANCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Robert Mason • Free Safety • Junior
VMI • Gastonia, N.C.**

Mason recorded a game-high 19 tackles (10 solo, 9 assists) in VMI's one-point loss to No. 17 Wofford. The junior was a key part of the Keydet defense that held the Terriers to converting only seven third downs and just 89 passing yards. Mason's 19 stops ties for the second-most on the Big South single-game list, while his 10.9 per game average ties for third on the season list.

CoSIDA ACADEMIC HONORS

CoSIDA announced its selections for the 2004 University Division Academic All-District III team. To be eligible, a player must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and be a starter or key reserve. The following players represent the Big South on the list and are now eligible for the national Academic All-America team, which will be announced Dec. 1.

CoSIDA University Division Academic All-District III

Sam Gado, RB, Liberty

Jay Cline, TE, Liberty

Sean Boyle, OL, Liberty

Seth Reichert, DL, Liberty

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Jordon Alford • Defensive Back • Senior
Liberty • Cerritos, Calif.**

Alford sealed the Flames' 27-17 victory over Elon on Saturday, as the senior returned a 44-yard field goal attempt for a 59-yard touchdown with 2:38 left in the game. It marked the first time since 1990 that Liberty has returned a blocked field goal for a score, and the first since 1999 that the Flames have blocked a field goal attempt. Alford also collected two interceptions in the game.

FRESHMAN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Rent Sherrill • Cornerback
Gardner-Webb • Hephzibah, Ga.**

Against Southeastern Louisiana, Sherrill recorded a career-best 11 total tackles (nine solo), two tackles for loss (-8), a pass break-up and a 32-yard interception return that set up a short GWU touchdown drive -- all coming against the nation's top-ranked offensive unit. Sherrill finished his rookie campaign with 68 tackles (37 solo), two picks, six pass break-ups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

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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 Gadsen, 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 yds), 1 FF
Nov. 8	RB Sam Gado, Liberty 23-166-3 TDs, 7.2 AVG; Long 52	DE Adam DeGraffenreid, Charleston Southern 5 TT (3-2); 3.0 TFL (15 yds); 1 sack (7 yds)
Nov. 15	RB Patrick Hall, Coastal Carolina 19-157-2 TDs; 8.3 AVG; Long 50	DT Harold Wells, Gardner-Webb 7 TT (5-2); 1.5 TFL (6 yds); 1 sack (4 yds); 1 PB; 1 FF
Nov. 22	RB Patrick Hall, Coastal Carolina 20-195-2 TDs; 9.8 AVG; Long 68	FS Robert Mason, VMI 19 TT (10-9); Tied for second most in single-game in League history

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
Nov. 1	P Rob Williams, Coastal Carolina 5-183; 36.6 AVG (Long 46)
Nov. 8	K Josh Hoke, Coastal Carolina 7-7 PATs, 1-1 FG (31 yards)
Nov. 15	KR Erick Harris, Liberty 2 PR; 109-yards; 2 TDs
Nov. 22	DB Jordon Alford, Liberty 59-yard BLK FG return for TD; LU's first since '90

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)
Nov. 8	K Barrett Way, VMI 1-2 FG (53 yards); 2-2 PATs; FG tied League record
Nov. 15	DB Alonzia Phillips, Liberty 1 TT; 1 FR; 1 TD
Nov. 22	CB Rent Sherrill, Gardner-Webb 11 TT (9-2); 1.5 TFL (8 yds); 1 INT (32 yds); 1 PB

TROPHY WINNERS

With its convincing 56-28 win over Charleston Southern Saturday, Coastal Carolina became the outright Big South Conference Football Champion, the first team other than Gardner-Webb in the League's three-year football history. The two-year-old Chants finished the season with a perfect 4-0 Conference record, and 10-1 overall, becoming the first Big South team win 10 games in a season. Coastal was eligible for the I-AA playoffs, but did not receive one of the 16 bids.

FINISHING WITH STYLE

The Chanticleers capped off its championship season with style, becoming just the second Big South team to be ranked at the end of the season, as GWU was ranked No. 25 at the end of 2002. The Chanticleers are at the 22nd spot in the latest *Sports Network* poll and 24th in *Don Hansen's Weekly Football Gazette*. Coastal is also 25th in the ESPN/*USA Today* poll. Following Week Eight'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.

NON-CONFERENCE BEST

The Big South completed the 2004 season with a .470 (16-18) winning percentage, marking the best in the League's history. The Conference recorded a non-conference winning clip of .432 in 2003 and .433 in 2002. The Big South also finished with its best finish against the Southern Conference (3-3, .500) and posted its first undefeated season against Pioneer League opponents.

BROKEN RECORD

Coastal Carolina concluded the 2004 campaign ranked first the nation in Pass Efficiency Defense at 86.7. The Chants also shattered several Big South season records:

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PREVIOUS BIG SOUTH RECORD
Passing Defense Efficiency	86.7	106.1 - VMI, 2003
Scoring Offense	37.5	29.9 - VMI, 2003
Points Scored		
Touchdowns Scored		44 - VMI, 2003
Scoring Defense	16.0	20.4 - Gardner-Webb, 2002
Points Allowed		
Rushing Offense (per game)	279.9	223.1 - Elon, 2002
Rushing Yards	3,079	2,614 - Liberty, 2003
Average per rush	6.0	4.8 - (two teams)
Rushing Defense	140.1	142.8 - Gardner-Webb, 2003
Total Defense	313.6	320.4 - Gardner-Webb, 2003

TURNING 50

Big South teams reached the 50-point mark eight times in 2004, with Coastal Carolina leading the way with three 50-point games. Gardner-Webb and Charleston Southern each reached the 50-mark twice this season, while Liberty tallied one.

COASTAL DOMINATION

Coastal allowed just 16.8 points per game this season, which tops the previous Conference record of 20.4, held by Gardner-Webb in 2002. 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.

WENT TO SCHOOL TO LEARN

The Big South placed four players on the 2004 CoSIDA University Division Academic All-District III team. To be eligible, a player must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and be a starter or key reserve. Liberty's **SAM GADO**, **JAY CLINE**, **SEAN BOYLE** and **SETH REICHERT** made the list and are now eligible for the national Academic All-America team, which will be announced Dec. 1.

KEY-DETS

VMI WRs **ZOHN BURDEN** and **GARY PRICE** each extended their pass-catch streak to 23 games with receptions vs. No. 17 Wofford Saturday. Burden has caught a pass in 31 of his 35 career games, while Price has a reception in 26 of his 35 career appearances. With three catches vs. the Terriers, Burden ended the year at 57, surpassing his personal-best of 36 receptions last season. Price had one catch for six yards, giving him 37 on the year, which surpassed his career-high of 32.

BIG SOUTH vs. other Conferences

Atlantic-10	0-4
James Madison	0-1
Richmond	0-1
William & Mary	0-2
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	0-2
Lehigh	0-1
Georgetown	0-1
Pioneer League	4-0
Jacksonville	2-0
Morehead State	1-0
Davidson	1-0
Southern	3-3
Chattanooga	1-0
Elon	1-0
Western Carolina	1-0
Furman	0-1
Wofford	0-2
Southland	1-0
Southeastern Louisiana	1-0
Non Division I	7-2
Charleston (WVa)	2-0
North Greenville	2-0
Allen	1-0
Savannah State	1-0
West Virginia Tech	1-0
Newberry	0-1
Presbyterian	0-1
TOTAL	16-18 (.470)

HAROLD THE GREAT

Gardner-Webb senior DL **HAROLD WELLS** is currently tied for first nationally in tackles for loss per game at the Division I-AA level through 10 games, averaging 2.0 tackles behind the line each week. Among all Division I football members (I-A and I-AA), Wells is fourth in tackles for loss per game, trailing only Marshall's Jonathan Goddard, Washington's Manase Hopoi and Cincinnati's Trent Cole through 10 games played. Wells collected nine tackles, 2.5 TFL (3 yds) and three quarterback hurries in the season finale win over Southeastern Louisiana.

TWO-SCORE AND FIVE GAMES AGO

Coastal RB **PATRICK HALL** extended his League record of consecutive games with two touchdowns to five Saturday vs. CSU. He also became the first Coastal rusher ever to break 1,000 yards in a single season, finishing the year with 1,107 yards, 100.6 per game average and 13 touchdowns. He broke 1,000 yards with a 68-yard touchdown run against the Bucs in the fourth quarter.

BACK ON TOP

Liberty senior RB **DRE BARNES** ends his career as Liberty's all-time leading rusher at 4,063 yards, as well as the Big South's all-time career leader at 3,409. Barnes accomplished the feat even though he missed five games due to injury this year.

GENUINE DRAFTS

Charleston Southern sophomore QB **COLLIN DRAFTS** tallied 218 passing yards and four scores Saturday to conclude his record-setting season. He set Big South Conference single-season records for TD passes (21), yards (2,533), completions (212), completion percentage (62.3) and average yards passing per game (230.2). Drafts also tied a Big South record with 5 TD passes in Week Eight against North Greenville, sharing the mark with former Gardner-Webb signal caller **JEREMY MARTIN**, who tossed five touchdowns against Savannah State in 2002.

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PREVIOUS BIG SOUTH RECORD
Completions	212	203 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2003)
Percentage	62.5	60.1 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2003)
Passing Efficiency	140.6	129.8 (Jeremy Martin, GWU, 2002)
Touchdown Passes	21	20 (Nick Roberts, GWU, 2002)
Passing Yards	2,533	2260 (Jonathan Wilson, VMI, 2003)
Passing Yards per game	230.2	216.6 (Jeremy Martin, GWU, 2002)

Drafts 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 four career 300-yard passing games, a Big South best.

TO BE CONTINUED...

GWU QB **NICK ROBERTS** completed the season with 360 pass attempts and 2,410 passing yards this season, bringing his Big South- leading total to 4,618 yards. **COLLIN DRAFTS** (4,510) trails Roberts 108 yards.

DOUBLE-TEAM

CCU's **PATRICK HALL** (195) and **REN MCKINNON** (116) became the sixth pair this season and the first in school history to rush for 100 or more yards in the same game. Liberty RBs accounted for five different pairs of 100-yard rushers to accomplish the feat.

GOLDEN TOE

VMI freshman kicker **BARRETT WAY** converted a 53-yard field goal against Liberty in Week 10, setting an Alumni Field record. The boot also tied him for the longest in Big South history and second-longest in school history -- equaling Matt Sharpe's 53-yarder against Coastal Carolina last year.

THE MIZZ

VMI rusher **SEAN MIZZER** tallied 73 yards rushing against No. 17 Wofford Saturday, pushing his season total to 729, which ranks third in the Conference. Mizzer, who has 2,083 career yards, has tallied 1,973 during VMI's one-plus years in the Big South, and needs 27 yards next season to become just the second RB to amass 2,000 rushing yards in the Big South.

WHIT-KICK

GWU punter **GRAHAM WHITLOCK** tallied five punts for 183 yards against Southeastern Louisiana Saturday. He currently ranks 13th at the Division I-AA level and leads the Big South with an average of 41.7 yards per punt in 2004. He is also the Division I-AA career active leader in punting average. The Laurens, S.C., native led the nation in punting last season with the 15th-best single season effort in I-AA history (45.5 ypp).

400-YARD PASSING GAMES

- 1 Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern

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
- 1 Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern

200-YARD RUSHING GAMES

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

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

- 5 Eugene Goodman, Liberty
- 5 Sam Gado, Liberty
- 5 Patrick Hall, Coastal Carolina
- 2 Sean Mizzer, VMI
- 3 Dre Barnes, Liberty
- 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 Ren McKinnon, Coastal Carolina

CONSECUTIVE 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

- 5 Eugene Goodman, Liberty (9/4 - 10/2)
- 4 Patrick Hall, Coastal Carolina (10/30 -11/20)
- 4 Dre Barnes, Liberty (10/30 -11/20)
- 2 Sam Gado, Liberty (9/27 - 10/2, 10/30 - 11/13)

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

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

CONSECUTIVE 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

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

MULTI-TOUCHDOWN GAMES

Player	2	3	4	5
Patrick Hall, CCU	5			
Sam Gado, LU	1	2		
Jerome Simpson, CCU	1	1		
Harold Wells, GWU	1	1		
Kory Alston, GWU	2			
Ben Hampton, CCU	2			
Eddie Gadson, CSU	2			
Harry Seabrook, CSU	2			
Aundres Perkins, CCU	1		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			
Erick Harris, LU	1			

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 69 after tallying a Conference record-tying 10 catches vs. GWU Saturday. He is ninth in Division I-AA with 6.9 receptions per game. A CSU has led the Big South in receiving all three years.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

Coastal Carolina tallied a mark of 8-0 when the Chants score the first points of the game this season, and are 9-0 when leading after three quarters. Charleston Southern is 5-2 when scoring first, and 4-0 leading after 45 minutes. Liberty is 5-1 when scoring first, and 5-0 when leading after three quarters. Gardner-Webb is 1-1 when scoring first and 1-0 when leading after three periods. 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.

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.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Liberty's special teams unit paved the way to the 43-40 win over UT-Chattanooga in Week 11, giving the Flames' first victory over a Southern Conference school since 1997. The unit tallied 23 of Liberty's 43 total points, as the Flames returned two punts for TDs, returned a fumbled UTC kickoff return for a score, and a blocked UTC PAT that was returned for a defensive two-point conversion. The Flames' return teams almost finished with more yards than the offense -- 256 punt and kick off return yards compared to 294 yards of total offense.

RETURN TO SENDER

Flame PR **ERICK HARRIS** became the first player in Liberty history and just the second in the Big South to return two punts for touchdowns as he helped the Flames beat UTC 43-40 in Week 11. With his team trailing 13-6 early in the third quarter, Harris returned a punt 52 yards to score allowing Liberty to tie the game. His second touchdown return of 57 yards a minute into the fourth quarter tied the game again at 20-20 and started a 30-point outburst. Those were Harris' first returns all season. He leads the team with three interceptions this season and is seventh in tackles with 43. Harris' efforts earned him *I-AA.org* Weekly Special Teams All-Star honors as well as National Special Teams Player of the Week by *The Sports Network* and Don Hansen's *Weekly Football Gazette*.

CONSECUTIVE MULTI-TOUCHDOWN GAMES

- 4 Patrick Hall, Coastal Carolina (10/23 through 11/6)
- 2 Kory Alston, Gardner-Webb (9/4 through 9/11)
- 2 Sam Gado, Liberty (10/30 through 11/6)

TEAMMATES w/ 100-YARDS RUSHING, SAME GAME

- 5 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) (Barnes 180, Gado 166 - 11/6)
- 1 Coastal Carolina (Hall 195, McKinnon 116 - 11/20)

BIG SOUTH in the NCAA STATISTICS

Offensive and Special Teams (thru Nov. 20)

All Purpose Running
 Sam Gado, LU25th
 Sean Mizzer, VMI34th

Field Goals
 Josh Hoke, CCU35th
 Hunter Smith, GWU39th
 Zacry Kolegue, LU44th

Interceptions
 Quinton Teal, CCU11th
 Allen Davis, GWUT-22nd
 Jensen Turner, GWUT-22nd
 Greg Williamson, CCU53rd

Kickoff Returns
 Ralphell Goodson, GWU43rd

Pass Efficiency
 Collin Drafts, CSU17th

Punting
 Graham Whitlock, GWU13th
 Noah Crouch, LU30th
 Adam Peters, VMI40th

Punt Returns
 Allen Davis, GWU27th

Receptions Per Game
 Eddie Gadson, CSU9th
 Harry Seabrook, CSU35th
 Zohn Burden, VMI43rd

Receiving Yards Per Game
 Eddie Gadson, CSU32nd
 Harry Seabrook, CSU50th

Rushing Yards Per Game
 Sam Gado, Liberty18th

Total Offense
 Collin Drafts, CSU13th
 Nick Roberts, GWU17th

Defensive (thru 11/13/04)

Total Tackles
 Robert Mason, VMI25th

Solo Tackles
 Robert Mason, VMI22nd

Passes Defended
 Allen Davis, GWUT-3rd
 Quinton Teal, CCUT-10th
 Greg Williamson, CCUT-25th
 Jared Brogden, LUT-30th

Forced Fumbles
 Brian Johnston, GWUT-12th
 Harold Wells, GWUT-24th

Tackles For Loss
 Harold Well, GWUT-1st

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 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 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	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Nov. 8	--/--/--	24/RV/--/26	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Nov. 15	--/--/--	21/23/--/25	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--
Nov. 22	--/--/--	22/25/--/24	--/--/--	--/--/--	--/--/--

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)
- *Weekly 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)
- *Weekly 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

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

Justin Huggard, Junior, LB, VMI

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

Josh Hoke, Sophomore, PK, Coastal Carolina

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

Erick Harris, Senior, PR, Liberty

- I-AA.org Weekly Special Teams All-Star - Nov. 15
- *The Sports Network* National Special Teams Player of the Week - Nov. 15
- *Weekly Football Gazette* National Special Teams Player of the Week - Nov. 15



CHARLESTON SOUTHERN BUCCANEERS (5-5, 1-3 Big South)

Head Coach: Jay Mills • Football Contact: David Shelton
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• CSU finishes the season with a 5-5 record, the school's first non-losing record in its 14-year history. It was the third time in school history that CSU has won five games in a season but the team played 11 games in the previous five-win seasons.

• Sophomore LB **JADA ROSS** tallied 18 tackles in the loss to Coastal, a career-high and five

short of the CSU single-game record and third most in League history. Freshman **MICHAEL MCCANN** had 13 tackles vs. CCU, also a career-high.

• Sophomore QB **COLLIN DRAFTS** tallied 218 passing yards in the season finale to push his total to 2,533. He surpassed the League season record last week against Gardner-Webb.

• Senior WR **HARRY SEABROOK** caught seven passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns in the Coastal game to finish the season with 54 receptions for 729 yards.



#22 COASTAL CAROLINA CHANTICLEERS (10-1, 4-0 Big South)

Head Coach: David Bennett • Football Contact: John Martin
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• Coastal captured the Big South Conference title in just its second year of play, going undefeated in the league. CCU outscored its four Conference opponents 141-67 overall.

• Coastal finished the season ranked in the top 10 in I-AA in five major categories, including leading the nation in passing efficiency defense and turnover margin. The Chanticleers also

ranked high in rushing offense (5th), scoring defense (6th) and scoring offense (8th).

• The Chants wrapped up the season with an eight-game winning streak, which is currently the second longest winning streak in the nation. Only Harvard, with an 11-game streak, has a longer run, as the Crimson finished the season with a 10-0 mark.

• LB **JAMAR LEATH** recorded nine tackles in the title clinching win over Charleston Southern. Leath added a key TFL to end a Buccaneer drive and an interception in the fourth quarter, which the Chants punched in on the next play for a 49-28 lead.



GARDNER-WEBB RUNNIN' BULLDOGS (5-6, 2-2 Big South)

Head Coach: Steve Patton • Football Contact: Marc Rabb
SID Phone: 704-406-4355; SID Email: mrabb@gardner-webb.edu

• Gardner-Webb QB **NICK ROBERTS** finished the 2004 season with a career-best 2,410 passing yards for the 'Dogs and has now passed for 4,611 yards and 32 touchdowns in his two seasons as a starter. During that same time, Roberts has accounted for 5,358 yards of total offense and 45 touchdowns.

• **HAROLD WELLS** recorded a career-high three

rushing touchdowns for Gardner-Webb Saturday, an incredible mark for a defensive lineman. He played three different positions in the win over Southeastern Louisiana (fullback, defensive end and nose guard) and also finished with nine tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss.

• WR **KORY ALSTON** recorded his fourth scoring play of over 60 yards against Southeastern

Louisiana, going 75 yards with a Roberts pass to paydirt. The sophomore averaged a Big South-high 18.3 yards per catch this season.

• CB **ALLEN DAVIS** finished his lone season with 68 tackles, five interceptions and 17 pass break ups. The senior is ranked No. 3 nationally in passes defended per game.



LIBERTY FLAMES (6-5, 3-1 Big South)

Head Coach: Ken Karcher • Football Contact: Todd Wetmore
SID Phone: 434-582-2292; SID Email: twetmore@liberty.edu

• For the second-straight season, the Flames have finished the year on a four-game winning streak, as Liberty picked up its fourth-consecutive win in a 27-17 victory over Elon on Saturday.

• The win over the Phoenix on Saturday marked the first time in school history the Flames have defeated Southern Conference opponents in

back-to-back games.

• For the first time since 1997, the Flames finished the year with a winning record, as Liberty finished the season with a 6-5 record, marking the 13th time in school history that the Flames have finished the year with a winning record and the seventh time since making the move to the Division I level in 1989.

• For the third-straight season, the Flames finished the year with more than 2,000 yards rushing, amassing 2,334 yards on the ground, marking the second-highest rushing total in school history and the most in a season with just 11 games played (last year, Liberty finished with a school-record 2,614 yards rushing in 12 games).



VMI KEYDETS (0-11, 0-4 Big South)

Head Coach: Cal McCombs • Football Contact: Wade Branner
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• The Keydets finished the season with an 0-11 record.

• RB **SEAN MIZZER**, who collected 73 yards against No. 17 Wofford, moved past **MARCUS MINES** (1989-92) and **TONY SCALES** (1989-92) into third place on the VMI all-time list in rushing. Mizzer has 2,483 yards, behind **THOMAS HASKINS** (5,349-1993-96) and **FLOYD ALLEN**

(3,569-1978-81).

• With his three catches on Saturday, WR **ZOHN BURDEN** tied the VMI consecutive games reception streak held by **KEVIN SOLOMON** (1999-2002) of 23 games. Burden also finished the season with 57 catches for 595 yards joining **RONNIE MOORE** (1972-75) and **MARK STOCK** (1984-88).

• WR **GARY PRICE** also tied the consecutive receptions school mark finishing with one catch for six yards against the Terriers.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (5-5, 1-3 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	W, 58-6
Nov. 13	GARDNER-WEBB *	L, 0-18
Nov. 20	at #21 Coastal Carolina *	L, 28-52

*denotes Big South Conference game

#21 COASTAL CAROLINA (10-1, 4-0 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	W, 52-14
Nov. 13	JACKSONVILLE	W, 48-23
Nov. 20	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	W, 52-28

*denotes Big South Conference game

GARDNER-WEBB (5-6, 2-2 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	L, 17-49
Nov. 13	at Charleston Southern *	W, 18-0
Nov. 20	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	W, 52-34

*denotes Big South Conference game

LIBERTY (6-5, 3-1 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 *	W, 38-17
Nov. 13	at Chattanooga	W, 43-40
Nov. 20	ELON	W, 27-17

*denotes Big South Conference game

VMI (0-11, 0-4 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 *	L, 17-38
Nov. 20	#10 WOFFORD	L, 18-19

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