



# Football Report

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### FINAL 2005 BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Big South					Overall								
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	L10	Streak
x-Coastal Carolina	3	1	.750	126	100	9	2	.818	338	220	5-0	4-2	8-2	L1
x-Charleston Southern	3	1	.750	115	98	7	4	.636	313	303	5-2	2-2	7-3	W5
Gardner-Webb	2	2	.500	114	140	5	6	.455	386	367	3-4	2-2	4-6	L1
VMI	2	2	.500	110	112	3	8	.273	230	319	2-4	1-4	2-8	L5
Liberty	0	4	.000	74	89	1	10	.091	146	348	1-5	0-5	0-10	L10

x - regular-season co-champion

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, Aug. 31

St. Paul's  
 at LIBERTY 7:00pm

#### Saturday, Sept. 2

GARDNER-WEBB  
 at Jacksonville 12:30pm

Davidson  
 at VMI 1:00pm

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN  
 at Presbyterian 1:30pm  
 (TV: ETV)

Elon  
 at #18 COASTAL CARO. 7:00pm

Big South team in ALL CAPS

### CHOICE HOTELS OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Begins Monday, Sept. 4

### NEW BALANCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Begins Monday, Sept. 4

### SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Begins Monday, Sept. 4

### FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Begins Monday, Sept. 4

### UPCOMING TV GAMES

#### Saturday, Sept. 16

Coastal Caro. at Ga. Southern  
 7:00pm TV: CSS

#### Saturday, Sept. 23

S.C. State at Coastal Carolina  
 12:30pm TV: ETV

#### Saturday, Oct. 7

Furman at Coastal Carolina  
 7:00pm TV: CSS

VMI at Army TV: ESPNU or  
 TBA ESPN Classic

#### Saturday, Nov. 11

Coastal Caro. at Gardner-Webb  
 1:30pm TV: Turner South

#### Saturday, Nov. 18

Charleston So. at Coastal Caro.  
 1:30pm TV: Turner South

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**2006 BIG SOUTH PRESEASON POLL**

Coastal Carolina has been selected to finish first in the League's annual preseason poll. Below are the preseason poll results, with first-place votes in paranthesis:

- 1. Coastal Carolina (15) .....90
- 2. Charleston Southern .....61
- 3. Gardner-Webb (1) .....59
- 4. Liberty (3) .....30
- 5. VMI .....25

**2006 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**

*Preseason Offensive Player of the Year*  
**Collin Drafts, Sr., QB, Charleston Southern**

*Preseason Defensive Player of the Year*  
**Jada Ross, R-Jr., LB, Charleston Southern**

**PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**

**OFFENSE**

- QB Collin Drafts, Sr., Charleston Southern
- RB Zach Terrell, Soph., Liberty
- RB Aundres Perkins, Sr., Coastal Carolina
- WR Maurice Price, Jr., Charleston Southern
- WR Duvaughn Flagler, Jr., Gardner-Webb
- WR Jerome Simpson, Jr., Coastal Carolina
- TE Chris Luck, Jr., Liberty
- OL Demario Deese, Soph., Gardner-Webb
- OL Brad Poston, Sr., Coastal Carolina
- OL Brian Kepple, Sr., Coastal Carolina
- OL Kris King, Sr., Gardner-Webb
- OL Ricky Howell, Jr., Charleston Southern

**DEFENSE**

- DL Brian Johnston, Jr., Gardner-Webb
- DL Jason Horn, Sr., Liberty
- DL Adrain Grady, Sr., Coastal Carolina
- DL Eric Hall, Sr., VMI
- LB Jada Ross, R-Jr., Charleston Southern
- LB Jamar Leath, Sr., Coastal Carolina
- LB Manny Rojas, R-Sr., Liberty
- LB J.P. Weaver, Sr., Gardner-Webb
- DB Quinton Teal, Sr., Coastal Carolina
- DB Daniel Cooke, Soph., Gardner-Webb
- DB Patrick Calvary, Soph., Liberty
- DB C.J. Hirschman, Jr., Charleston Southern

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

- PK Josh Hoke, Sr., Coastal Carolina
- P Michael Hanna, Soph., Gardner-Webb
- RS Kory Alston, Sr., Gardner-Webb
- LS Matt Skeen, Sr., Gardner-Webb

**2006 BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL COACHES TELECONFERENCE - EACH TUESDAY**

Each Tuesday during the 2006 season, all five head coaches will participate in a one-hour teleconference call, beginning at 10:30am ET. Each call will be recorded and available for playback beginning Tuesday afternoons on the Conference's website, [www.BigSouthSports.com](http://www.BigSouthSports.com). The first call is scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 29. **THIS CALL IS OPEN TO MEDIA ONLY.** For information, contact **Mark Simpson** at 704-341-7990 or [marks@bigsouth.org](mailto:marks@bigsouth.org).

**THE BIG SOUTH IN THE NATIONAL POLLS**

Week of Preseason	CSU --/--/--	CCU 25/18/18	GWU --/--/--	LU --/--/--	VMI --/--/--
Sept. 4					
Sept. 11					
Sept. 18					
Sept. 25					
Oct. 2					
Oct. 9					
Oct. 16					
Oct. 23					
Oct. 30					
Nov. 6					
Nov. 13					
Nov. 20					
Final					

*The Sports Network is listed first, followed by Don Hansen's Weekly Football Gazette Top 40 and I-AA.org.  
 RV - Received Votes*

*Notes: There was no preseason USA Today/Coaches poll ... Coastal Carolina received a preseason No. 14 ranking from Street & Smith's and No. 22 from Lindy's.*

**2006 BIG SOUTH NATIONAL HONORS**

Weekly Football Gazette Preseason All-America

- Maurice Price, Charleston Southern (2nd Team)
- Jada Ross, Charleston Southern (3rd Team)
- Jamar Leath, Coastal Carolina (3rd Team)
- Duvaughn Flagler, Gardner-Webb (3rd Team)
- Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern (HM)
- Demario Deese, Gardner-Webb (HM)

I-AA.org Preseason All-America

- Maurice Price, Charleston Southern (3rd Team)

The Sports Network Preseason All-America

- Jamar Leath, Coastal Carolina (HM)

Lindy's Preseason All-America

- Duvaughn Flagler, Gardner-Webb (2nd Team)

Lindy's College Football Preview

- Collin Drafts, CSU (Offensive Player of the Year)
- Jada Ross, CSU (Defensive Player of the Year)

Street & Smith's College Football Preview

- Collin Drafts, CSU (Top Offensive Player)
- Jamar Leath, CCU (Top Defensive Player)
- Jamar Anderson, CCU (Top Newcomer)

The Sports Network Positional Rankings

- Maurice Price, Charleston Southern (No. 7 WR)
- Duvaughn Flagler, Gardner-Webb (No. 10 WR)
- Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina (No. 13 WR)
- Brian Johnston, Gardner-Webb (No. 10 DE)
- Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern (No. 12 QB)
- Jamar Leath, Coastal Carolina (No. 11 LB)
- Jada Ross, Charleston Southern (No. 18 LB)
- Gardner-Webb (No. 3 WR tandem)

**BIG SOUTH KICKS OFF FIFTH SEASON THIS THURSDAY**

The Big South begins Year Five of its young football history this week with all five members in action, beginning with Liberty's home game Thursday evening. Big South teams are a combined 10-9 in season openers since 2002, including a League-best 4-1 mark in 2005. Coastal Carolina has won all three of its season openers, while Gardner-Webb is 3-1 since the Conference began football. Liberty has won its last two season openers as well.

**AUGUST MOON**

For the first time since the 2003 season, the Big South football season will begin in August when the Liberty Flames host St. Paul's Thursday evening at Williams Stadium. The Conference is a combined 2-5 in the month of August since 2002, with Gardner-Webb notching both wins.

**TEAM-BY-TEAM OPENERS**

Charleston Southern is opening the campaign on the road for the fourth-straight season, and faces future Big South member Presbyterian Saturday on ETV. Coastal is opening at home for the first time since 2003, while Liberty is hosting its third consecutive season opener. VMI, playing its 116th season, is opening at home for the second-straight year in the newly refurbished P. Wesley Foster Jr., Stadium, which will be formally dedicated on Sept. 29-30. Gardner-Webb is on the road to start the year for the second time in three seasons. Below is a team-by-team look at season openers:

Team	Record	Last Season Opening Win	Notes
Charleston Southern	3-12	2001 (North Greenville, 38-0)	3-0 at home, 0-12 on road
Coastal Carolina	3-0	2005 (at Elon, 17-10)	1-0 at home, 2-0 on road
Gardner-Webb	18-16-2	2005 (Union, 65-12)	7-2 under Steve Patton
Liberty	15-18	2005 (Concord, 17-6)	13-7 opening year at home
VMI	69-43-4	2005 (Davidson, 33-0)	VMI coaches 7-7 in debuts

**BIG SOUTH WELCOMES TWO NEW COACHES IN 2006**

Liberty and VMI have new leaders roaming the sidelines this fall, giving the Big South new coaches for the first time since 2003. Former Virginia associate head coach **DANNY ROCCO** starts his head coaching career directing the Liberty Flames. Longtime I-AA football coach **JIM REID** takes over the reigns at VMI, beginning his 16th season as a head coach. He owns a career record of 84-82-3 and directed programs at UMass (1986-91) and Richmond (1995-03).

**BIG SOUTH ADDS TWO NEW MEMBERS**

On April 6, 2006, the Big South Conference announced that Presbyterian College will join the League, effective in 2007-08. The 2005 Blue Hose football team finished 10-2 overall, hosted a second round Division II playoff game and was ranked 10th nationally by the AFCA. Presbyterian, the alma mater of Coastal Carolina head coach **DAVID BENNETT**, is also 4-0 against Charleston Southern since the 2002 season. PC will play a Conference schedule beginning in 2008. Meanwhile, the Big South announced on May 26 that Gardner-Webb, an associate football member, would join the League as full members beginning in 2008-09.

**COASTAL RANKED IN PRESEASON TOP 25**

The Coastal Carolina Chanticleers are ranked in the Top 25 in three preseason polls. The Chants are ranked as high as 18th by both *Weekly Football Gazette* and *I-AA.org*, and 25th by *The Sports Network*. It marks 10 consecutive appearances Coastal has been ranked in the Top 25 polls. The last time CCU was not in the Top 25 was the week of Sept. 26, 2005.

**RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS**

The Big South has three All-Americans returning in 2006. Gardner-Webb wide receiver **DUVAUGHN FLAGLER**, Charleston Southern wide out **MAURICE PRICE** and Coastal Carolina safety **QUINTON TEAL** each received third-team All-America honors from Don Hansen's *National Weekly Football Gazette* last season. The publication also named Teal its Southeast Region Defensive Back of the Year and Price the Southeast Region Offensive Receiver of the Year.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

The best won-loss records in the Big South since the start of 2004 belong to Coastal Carolina (19-3) and Charleston Southern (12-9). Meanwhile, Charleston Southern carries a five-game win streak into 2006, as well as a three-game Conference winning streak. Coastal Carolina puts its League-record 12-game home win streak on the line Saturday night against SoCon member Elon.

**MAKING THEIR POINT**

Coastal Carolina has scored a point in all 33 games in its history, currently the longest scoring streak in the Big South. Gardner-Webb is second to CCU, having scored in each of its last 29 contests. The League record is 35-straight games, held by Liberty from the beginning of Big South football in 2002 to Week 2 of the 2005 season when it was shutout by Connecticut.

<b>BIG SOUTH VS. OTHER CONFERENCES</b>	
TOTAL .....	0-0 (.000)
Atlantic Coast .....	0-0
Wake Forest	
Atlantic 10 .....	0-0
James Madison	
Richmond	
Towson	
William & Mary	
Mid-Eastern Athletic .....	0-0
Norfolk State	
South Carolina State	
Ohio Valley .....	0-0
Tennessee-Martin	
Tennessee Tech	
Patriot League .....	0-0
Georgetown	
Pioneer League .....	0-0
Davidson	
Jacksonville	
Southern .....	0-0
Appalachian State	
Elon	
Furman	
Georgia Southern	
The Citadel	
Western Carolina	
Wofford	
I-A Independent .....	0-0
Army	
I-AA Independent .....	0-0
Savannah State	
I-AA Reclassifying .....	0-0
Winston-Salem State	
Non-Division I .....	0-0
Edward Waters	
Glenville State	
North Greenville	
Presbyterian	
St. Paul's	
Wingate	

**RUSH TO JUDGEMENT**

Two of the Big South's top 10 all-time rushers return in 2006. VMI redshirt-senior **SEAN MIZZER**, who missed most of last season with an injury, is the third-leading rusher in Big South history with 2,201 yards. He needs 14 more yards to move past former Coastal Carolina RB **PATRICK HALL** for second-place. Hall's former teammate **AUNDRES PERKINS** is sixth all-time with 1,744 career rushing yards. He stands 26 yards away from fifth, and needs 256 yards to become the fourth player in Big South history with 2,000 rushing yards.

**T-MOBILE**

Coastal Carolina senior QB **TYLER THIGPEN** is 30 rushing yards away from 1,000 in his career, which would make him the second Big South quarterback to reach the rushing milestone. He is currently 13th all-time in League rushing annals, and needs 213 yards to pass former Gardner-Webb standout **NICK ROBERTS'** quarterback record 1,182 rushing yards.

**FULL PRICE**

Charleston Southern junior WR **MAURICE PRICE** -- ranked No. 7 among all I-AA wide receivers by *The Sports Network* entering the season -- is one catch away from becoming the fifth player in Big South history with 100 receptions. Price, who set a League-record with six 100-yard receiving games last year, needs 53 catches and 493 receiving yards to become the Big South's career leader in both categories.

**100% TOTAL**

Charleston Southern senior QB **COLLIN DRAFTS** is looking to add another Big South Conference career record to his resume this season -- Total Offense. The Preseason Offensive Player of the Year enters the season second all-time with 7,393 yards of total offense, 479 away from **NICK ROBERTS'** record of 7,872. Drafts already owns the League career marks in passing yards (7,103), attempts (1,025), completions (610), touchdown passes (52), passing yards per game (215.2), passing efficiency (128.59), total offensive plays (1396) and total offense per game (224.0).

**DEFENSIVE MINDED**

Liberty redshirt-senior LB **MANNY ROJAS**, seventh all-time on the Big South's career tackle chart with 271, is 38 tackles shy of matching the League's career total of 308, shared by former VMI stand-outs **JUSTIN HUGGARD** and **TODD BALDWIN**. Rojas is 29 hits away from becoming the fourth player in history with 300 stops.

**TURN OF THE CENTURY**

Three Big South wide receivers are approaching 1,000 career receiving yards. Coastal Carolina's **JEROME SIMPSON** enters the season at 946, which is 10th in League history. Gardner-Webb duo **AARON RICHARDSON** and **AUSTIN GAINES** are neck-and-neck, as Richardson stands at 914, five yards ahead of Gaines' 909. Richardson and Gaines are 12th and 13th all-time, respectively.

**TIME TO GET SIRIUS**

Two Big South teams will receive national exposure as part of Sirius Satellite Radio's new I-AA College Football Game of the Week series. Sirius will carry the Sept. 16 Coastal Carolina at Georgia Southern game and the Sept. 30 James Madison at VMI contest. Those games can be heard on Sirius Satellite Radio Channel 122 and the Sports Byline Radio Network.

**2006 TELEVISION SCHEDULE**

Date	Game	Time	Outlet
Sat., Sept. 2	Charleston Southern at Presbyterian	1:30pm	ETV (South Carolina)
Sat., Sept. 16	Coastal Carolina at Georgia Southern Gardner-Webb at UT-Martin	7:00pm 6:00pm	CSS OVC TV (web)
Sat., Sept. 23	South Carolina State at Coastal Carolina	12:30pm	ETV (South Carolina)
Sat., Oct. 7	Furman at Coastal Carolina VMI at Army	7:00pm TBA	CSS ESPNU or ESPN Classic
Sat., Nov. 11	Coastal Carolina at Gardner-Webb *	1:30pm	Turner South
Sat., Nov. 18	Charleston Southern at Coastal Carolina	1:30pm	Turner South

**BIG SOUTH MISCELLEANOUS STATISTICS**

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**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (0-0, 0-0 BIG SOUTH)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
Sept. 2	at Presbyterian (ETV)	1:30pm
Sept. 9	at The Citadel	7:00pm
Sept. 16	WINGATE	1:30pm
Sept. 30	NORTH GREENVILLE	1:30pm
Oct. 7	at Savannah State	6:00pm
Oct. 14	EDWARD WATERS	1:30pm
Oct. 21	VMI *	1:30pm
Oct. 28	GEORGETOWN	1:30pm
Nov. 4	GARDNER-WEBB *	1:30pm
Nov. 11	at Liberty *	1:00pm
Nov. 18	at Coastal Carolina * (Turner South)	1:30pm

\* - Big South Conference game  
HOME GAME IN ALL CAPS

**#18 COASTAL CAROLINA (0-0, 0-0 BIG SOUTH)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
Sept. 2	ELON	7:00pm
Sept. 9	at Wofford	7:00pm
Sept. 16	at Georgia Southern (CSS)	7:00pm
Sept. 23	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (ETV)	12:30pm
Sept. 30	at Winston-Salem State	6:00pm
Oct. 7	FURMAN (CSS)	7:00pm
Oct. 14	at VMI *	1:00pm
Oct. 28	LIBERTY *	12:30pm
Nov. 4	SAVANNAH STATE	12:30pm
Nov. 11	at Gardner-Webb * (Turner South)	1:30pm
Nov. 18	CHARLESTON SO. * (Turner South)	1:30pm

\* - Big South Conference game  
HOME GAME IN ALL CAPS

**GARDNER-WEBB (0-0, 0-0 BIG SOUTH)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
Sept. 2	at Jacksonville	12:30pm
Sept. 9	TENNESSEE TECH	6:00pm
Sept. 16	at UT-Martin	6:00pm
Sept. 23	APPALACHIAN STATE	6:00pm
Sept. 30	at Southeastern Louisiana	7:00pm
Oct. 14	GLENVILLE STATE	6:00pm
Oct. 21	at Liberty *	1:00pm
Oct. 28	VMI *	1:30pm
Nov. 4	at Charleston Southern *	1:30pm
Nov. 11	COASTAL CAROLINA * (Turner South)	1:30pm
Nov. 18	WOFFORD	1:30pm

\* - Big South Conference game  
HOME GAME IN ALL CAPS

**LIBERTY (0-0, 0-0 BIG SOUTH)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
Aug. 31	ST. PAUL'S	7:00pm
Sept. 9	GLENVILLE STATE	7:00pm
Sept. 16	at Towson	6:00pm
Sept. 23	at Savannah State	6:00pm
Sept. 30	at Wake Forest	3:30pm
Oct. 14	WILLIAM & MARY	1:00pm
Oct. 21	GARDNER-WEBB *	1:00pm
Oct. 28	at Coastal Carolina *	12:30pm
Nov. 4	WESTERN CAROLINA	1:00pm
Nov. 11	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	1:00pm
Nov. 18	at VMI *	1:00pm

\* - Big South Conference game  
HOME GAME IN ALL CAPS

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
Sept. 2	DAVIDSON	1:00pm
Sept. 9	at Norfolk State	6:00pm
Sept. 16	at Richmond	3:00pm
Sept. 23	at William & Mary	7:00pm
Sept. 30	JAMES MADISON	1:00pm
Oct. 7	at Army (ESPNU or ESPN Classic)	TBA
Oct. 14	COASTAL CAROLINA *	1:00pm
Oct. 21	at Charleston Southern *	1:30pm
Oct. 28	at Gardner-Webb *	1:30pm
Nov. 11	at The Citadel	2:00pm
Nov. 18	LIBERTY *	1:00pm

\* - Big South Conference game  
HOME GAME IN ALL CAPS

**FUTURE MEMBER PRESBYTERIAN (1-0, 0-0 SAC)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
Aug. 26	at West Georgia	W, 10-0
Sept. 2	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (ETV)	1:30pm
Sept. 9	at Fayetteville State	6:00pm
Sept. 16	at Elon	2:00pm
Sept. 30	LENOIR-RHYNE *	1:30pm
Oct. 7	WINGATE *	1:30pm
Oct. 14	at Tusculum *	1:30pm
Oct. 21	at Mars Hill *	1:30pm
Oct. 28	CARSON-NEWMAN *	1:30pm
Nov. 4	at Catawba *	1:30pm
Nov. 11	NEWBERRY * (ETV)	1:30pm

\* - South Atlantic Conference game  
HOME GAME IN ALL CAPS