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2017 FOOTBALL

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FINAL 2016 Big South Football Standings

Team	Big South					Overall								
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	LIQ	Streak
xy-Charleston Southern	4	1	.800	159	60	7	4	.636	363	251	4-1	3-3	6-4	L1
x-Liberty	4	1	.800	153	117	6	5	.545	302	286	4-2	2-3	5-5	L2
Kennesaw State	3	2	.600	169	130	8	3	.727	428	239	4-2	4-1	8-2	L1
Gardner-Webb	3	2	.600	134	116	5	6	.455	276	251	3-3	2-3	4-6	W2
Presbyterian College	1	4	.200	33	136	2	9	.182	98	340	1-3	1-6	2-8	L5
Monmouth	0	5	.000	98	187	4	7	.364	280	361	1-2	3-5	3-7	L5

x - Regular-season Co-Champion y - FCS Playoff automatic qualifier

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2017 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Begins Monday, Sept. 4

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

WEEK 1 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
PRESBYTERIAN at Wake Forest	6:30pm	ACCN	Wake Forest leads, 7-4-1
KENNESAW STATE at #19/19 Samford	7:00pm	ESPN3	1st meeting
SATURDAY, SEPT. 2	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
Lafayette at MONMOUTH	3:00pm	ESPN3	Lafayette leads, 1-0
#14/14 CHARLESTON SOUTHERN at Mississippi State	4:00pm	SEC Network	1st meeting
#25 North Carolina A&T at GARDNER-WEBB	6:00pm	BSN	1st meeting
LIBERTY at Baylor	7:00pm	FS2	1st meeting

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2017 PRESEASON POLL

For the first time, two teams finished as the favorite in the annual preseason poll, as voted on by the league's head coaches and media panel. Below are the preseason poll results, with first-place votes in parentheses:

T-1. Charleston Southern (9)	80
T-1. Kennesaw State (9)	80
3. Gardner-Webb	54
4. Monmouth	36
5. Presbyterian College	20
-- Liberty ^	n/a

^ - not eligible for preseason poll due to transition to FBS

2017 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year
TYRELL MAXWELL, QB
 Sr., Gardner-Webb

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year
ANTHONY ELLIS, DL
 Sr., Charleston Southern

OFFENSE

QB	Tyrell Maxwell, Gardner-Webb, Sr.
RB	Carrington Mosley, Liberty, Sr.
RB	Darnell Holland, Kennesaw State, Jr.
WR	Reggie White Jr., Monmouth, R-Jr.
WR	Justin Sumpter, Kennesaw State, R-Jr.
WR	Kameron Brown, Charleston So., R-Soph.
TE	Jake Powell, Monmouth, Soph.
OL	Frank Cirone, Charleston Southern, Sr.
OL	Dontae Duff, Liberty, R-Soph.
OL	Will Millikan, Gardner-Webb, Jr.
OL	Zach Mitchler, Kennesaw State, R-Jr.
OL	Alex Thompson, Monmouth, Sr.

DEFENSE

DL	Anthony Ellis, Charleston Southern, Sr.
DL	Tonarius Portress, Kennesaw State, Sr.
DL	Desmond Johnson, Kennesaw State, R-Soph.
DL	Juwan Wells, Liberty, Jr.
LB	Solomon Brown, Charleston So., R-Jr.
LB	Zane Cruz, Charleston Southern, Sr.
LB	Anthony Gore Jr., Kennesaw State, R-Jr.
LB	Izzy Sam, Kennesaw State, R-Sr.
DB	Mike Basile, Monmouth, Sr.
DB	Taylor Henkle, Kennesaw State, R-Jr.
DB	Shadarius Hopkins, Charleston So., Jr.
DB	Chris Turner, Liberty, R-Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	Alex Probert, Liberty, Soph.
P	Trey Turner, Liberty, Gr.
LS	Hunter Winstead, Liberty, Gr.
KR	Frankie Hickson, Liberty, R-Soph.

THE BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE IN THE NATIONAL TOP 25 POLLS

Week of	CSU	GWU	KSU	LU	MU	PC
Preseason	14/14	--/--	RV/RV	RV/--	--/--	--/--
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 STATS FCS poll is listed first, followed by the FCS Coaches Poll
 RV - Received Votes na - not available

2017 BIG SOUTH NATIONAL HONORS & AWARDS

Walter Payton Award Watch List (1)
 Tyrell Maxwell, Gardner-Webb

HERO Sports Preseason All-Americans (1)
 Anthony Ellis, Charleston Southern (1st Team)

Buck Buchanan Award Watch List (2)
 Mike Basile, Monmouth
 Anthony Ellis, Charleston Southern

CFPA National Performer of the Year Trophy Watch List (3)
 Shane Bucenell, Charleston Southern
 Tyrell Maxwell, Gardner-Webb
 Chandler Burksm Kennesaw State

STATS Preseason All-Americans (7)
 Anthony Ellis, Charleston Southern (1st Team)
 Mike Basile, Monmouth (1st Team)
 Solomon Brown, Charleston Southern (2nd Team)
 Hunter Winstead, Liberty (2nd Team)
 Frank Cirone, Charleston Southern (3rd Team)
 Juwan Wells, Liberty (3rd Team)
 Alex Probert, Liberty (3rd Team)

Allstate AFCA Good Works Team® Nominees (2)
 Luther Jones, Kennesaw State
 Trey Turner, Liberty

BIG SOUTH KICKS OFF 16TH SEASON THURSDAY NIGHT

The Big South Conference begins Year 16 of its football history Thursday night with two teams in action. Big South football teams are a combined 42-47 in season openers since 2002, including a league-best four wins in 2005, 2006, 2010 and 2015. Of the 47 defeats, 23 have been against FBS members (=48.9 percent). Gardner-Webb has won an all-time high nine season openers since the conference began football.

RANK AND FILE

The Big South has had a football squad nationally-ranked for 79 consecutive weeks, dating back to Week 9 of the 2011 season (Oct. 24). The conference has had two teams nationally-ranked in the same week 38 times overall in league history -- including 14 consecutive weeks during the 2015 season and 34 times since the start of the 2013 campaign. The 2016 campaign marked the fourth consecutive year that the Big South had three programs nationally-ranked at some point in the same season.

BIG SOUTH ENJOYS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NON-CONFERENCE SEASON

The Big South went 12-11 in 23 games against non-conference FCS opponents in 2016 (11-6 when excluding FBS venturing Coastal Carolina). Since the start of the 2013 campaign, the Big South is 64-32 (=66.7 winning percentage) in regular-season competition and 69-38 (=64.5) when including postseason games in that span. The Big South posted at least a 60.0 winning clip in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

WHERE WINNERS ARE MADE

The Big South will play members from 10 different FCS conferences in 2017 -- the most among the 13 FCS leagues. In addition, the Big South membership will face seven squads that appeared in the 2016 FCS Playoffs.

MATCH GAME

The Big South is 12-14 all-time in games involving a ranked member against a nationally-ranked non-conference foe -- including 6-9 in the postseason. Of the 14 losses, 10 have been by a touchdown-or-less.

MAXWELL HOUSE

Gardner-Webb QB, Walter Payton Award candidate and Big South Preseason Offensive Player of the Year **TYRELL MAXWELL**, who was the just the second GWU player to be voted Offensive Player of the Year in 2016, is the Big South's all-time leading rusher among quarterbacks with 2,014 yards -- the only signal-caller above the 2,000-yard threshold. With 15 career rushing scores and 16 career scoring strikes, he is in position to become the first Big South QB with 20 career rushing and passing TDs.

ELLIS ISLAND

Charleston Southern DL, Buck Buchanan Award candidate and Big South Preseason Defensive Player of the Year **ANTHONY ELLIS** is tied for sixth all-time in Big South history in both TFL with 35.5 and sacks with 15.0. He is looking to become just the third player in the conference record book with 40 tackles-for-loss and 20 sacks. He would join Gardner-Webb's **BRIAN JOHNSTON** (53.5 TFL, 20.5 SK) and Liberty's **CHIMA UZOWIHE** (44.0 TFL, 25.0 SK) in this exclusive club. Ellis is one of two players in Big South history with two 7.0 sack seasons, as well as one of two to lead the conference in tackles-for-loss in consecutive years.

2,000-YARD RUSHING ODYSSEY

Gardner-Webb QB **TYRELL MAXWELL** enters the season as the Big South's active career rushing leader with 2,014 -- good for 23rd all-time in league history. He needs 443 yards to enter the Top 10 and 986 rushing yards to become just the sixth player with 3,000 in a career. Maxwell led the Big South in rushing last season with 965 yards. Meanwhile, Liberty RB **TODD MACON** is the next-highest active career rusher with 1,189 yards and is 811 rushing yards shy of becoming the 25th member of the Big South's 2,000-yard rushing club.

MAGIC MIKE

Monmouth DB and Buck Buchanan Award candidate **MIKE BASILE** became the 15th Big South player with 300 career tackles when he eclipsed the milestone in the 2016 season finale at Gardner-Webb. With 307, he is 16 away from entering the league's all-time Top 10. Basile is sixth all-time with 193 solo hits, and needs 51 to break the career record of 243 solo tackles that is held by Coastal Carolina's **QUINN BACKUS**. Basile is also likely to become the fourth Big South player with 400 career stops in 2017.

Big South vs. Division I Opponents

vs. FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION (0-0, .000)

Big Sky 0-0
Montana State

Colonial 0-0
Albany
Elon

Mid-Eastern Athletic 0-0
Hampton
North Carolina A&T
N.C. Central
Savannah State
South Carolina State

Missouri Valley 0-0
Indiana State

Northeast 0-0
Duquesne
St. Francis (Pa.)

Ohio Valley 0-0
Jacksonville State
Tennessee Tech

Patriot League 0-0
Bucknell
Holy Cross
Lafayette
Lehigh

Pioneer 0-0
Campbell
Morehead State

Southern 0-0
Samford
The Citadel
Western Carolina
Wofford

Southwestern Athletic 0-0
Alabama State
Mississippi Valley State
Texas Southern



vs. FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION

Atlantic Coast 0-0
Wake Forest

Big 12 0-0
Baylor

Mountain West 0-0
Wyoming

Southeastern 0-0
Mississippi State

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN, KENNESAW STATE TIE FOR TOP PRESEASON SPOT

For the first time, two teams finished as the favorite in the annual Big South preseason football poll, as two-time defending conference champion Charleston Southern University and third-year program Kennesaw State University claimed the top spot in the 2017 preseason rankings as voted by the league's head coaches and media panel. Both teams received nine first-place votes, eight second-place votes and one third-place vote to finish atop the poll with 80 points each. The Owls will host the Buccaneers on Saturday, Nov. 11.

COULD THIS BE A REASON WHY THE PRESEASON POLL HAD TIED TEAMS?

Charleston Southern and Liberty shared the Big South football championship in 2016 with 4-1 league records. It was the sixth time in eight seasons that the conference had co-champions in football, and the eighth time overall in the league's 15-year football history that multiple champions were crowned in a season. In 2016, CSU earned its third overall title (two shared), while Liberty took home its Big South-record eighth overall football trophy (six shared).

BIG BROWN

Charleston Southern junior LB **SOLOMON BROWN** has recorded 27.0 TFL and 11.5 sacks through the first two years of his career. He needs 2.5 sacks to equal the Big South linebacker sack record of 14.0, which is held by **MAURICE SIMPKINS** (Coastal Carolina, 2003-05).

REG-GIE, REG-GIE

Monmouth WR **REGGIE WHITE JR.** enters his junior season with 104 career receptions, 1,366 receiving yards and 12 receiving TDs. Last season, he posted four 10-reception games, the second-most in a campaign in Big South history and also tied for second on the career chart. White finished 2016 as the league leader with 69 receptions, 6.3 per game and 934 receiving yards. He is 634 receiving yards shy of becoming the 14th Big South player with 2,000 in a career, and 46 catches away from 150.

POINT OF ORDER

Liberty owns the Big South record for most consecutive games with a point scored at 133, while the second-longest active streak belongs to Charleston Southern at 57. Liberty's Big South-record streak for most consecutive games scoring in double figures ended at 76 last year, as the Flames managed just seven points in the 2016 season finale at Coastal Carolina. Monmouth and CSU take over the active streak at seven games. Meanwhile, Liberty has scored a point in all 73 of its Big South games, the longest such streak in league annals. Of those 73 games, the last 61 have been in double digits. Charleston Southern's current streak of 47 conference games with a point scored is the third-longest all-time, and seven games away from second-place.

HOMeward BOUND

Presbyterian will play *SIX CONSECUTIVE* home games in 2017 -- the longest homestand in Big South history. The Blue Hose host games from Saturday, Sept. 16 through Saturday, Oct. 28, and the span includes a bye on Oct. 21. The Big South's previous longest homestand was four games, which occurred six times and most recently by Gardner-Webb in 2016.

BIG MEN ON CAMPUS

The six Big South Conference football members have a total of 21 players on its collective rosters weighing at least 300 lbs. Liberty has the most with eight, followed by Gardner-Webb, Kennesaw State, Monmouth and Presbyterian with three each. Last season, the Big South had 31 players at or above the 300-pound threshold among six members.

HELLOS

The Big South football membership will feature the addition of Campbell University in 2018, as the school announced on Nov. 14, 2016, that it will begin scholarship football that season, and make the subsequent move to the Big South. Campbell is already a full-time conference member, and is playing its final season of non-scholarship football in the Pioneer Football League. Meanwhile, the University of North Alabama will join Big South Football in 2019 as an associate member, a direct result of the Big South's collaboration agreement with the ASUN Conference in which ASUN members playing scholarship football have an automatic home in the Big South.

GOOD-BYES

Liberty University is playing its final football season in the Big South this fall, as the Flames received a waiver from the NCAA to transition to the Football Bowl Subdivision as an independent. With Liberty's transition underway, the Flames are ineligible for the Big South championship and FCS Playoffs, and thus are not eligible for the conference's preseason poll. The Flames remain a part of the conference schedule this season and will be considered a league opponent, but will be listed at the bottom of the standings.

2017 Big South Football Broadcast Coverage

ESPN NETWORKS	BSN	OTHER TV	TOTAL
-	-	-	-
THURSDAY, AUG. 31			
			ACCN
			ESPN3
SATURDAY, SEPT. 2			
			ESPN3
			SECN
			BSN
			FS2
SATURDAY, SEPT. 9			
			ESPN3
			AT&T SportsNet
			LFSN, BSN, E3
			ESPN3
			PTV, BSN
SATURDAY, SEPT. 16			
			CSL
			BSN
			LFSN, BSN, E3
			ESPN3
			BSN
SATURDAY, SEPT. 23			
			ESPN3
			BSN
			BSN

Key:
 ACCN - ACC Network Extra
 BSN - Big South Network
 CSL - College Sports Live
 LFSN - Liberty Flames Sports Network
 PTV - Peachtree TV (WPCH-TV 17)
 SECN - SEC Network
 WMYA - My40 in Greenville/Spartanburg/Asheville





#14/14 CHARLESTON SOUTHERN BUCCANEERS (0-0, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Mark Tucker (1st year)

CSU Record: 0-0 (0-0 Big South)

Overall Record: 0-0



* Charleston Southern meets Mississippi State for the first time on Saturday. It is the first of two first-time opponents for the Bucs this season.

* CSU is 8-18 all-time in season openers, and is opening the campaign on the road for the 21st time in its history.

* The Bucs are opening the campaign against an FBS member for the first time since 2011, and will face an SEC opponent in the season opener for the first time since 2009.

* CSU is playing its fourth SEC opponent in its last seven FBS match-ups since 2014.

* The Bucs are opening the season with three consecutive road games for the first time since 2011, and the fourth time as Big South members (2008, 2009, 2011, 2017)

* CSU's last season-opening win was in 2015 at home against North Greenville.

* The Bucs' season-opener breakdown: 6-0 at home, 2-18 on the road.

* Charleston Southern is ranked in the preseason national Top 25 polls for the second consecutive season, which marks the eighth straight year that a Big South football member has opened a campaign nationally-ranked.

2017 SCHEDULE		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 2	at Mississippi State	4:00pm
Sept. 9	at South Carolina State	6:00pm
Sept. 16	at Elon	6:00pm
Sept. 23	POINT	6:00pm
Sept. 30	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	6:00pm
Oct. 14	at Presbyterian *	12:00pm
Oct. 21	SAVANNAH STATE	6:00pm
Oct. 28	MONMOUTH *	6:00pm
Nov. 4	at Gardner-Webb *	1:30pm
Nov. 11	at Kennesaw State *	3:30pm
Nov. 18	LIBERTY *	12:00pm

* - Big South Conference game
HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



GARDNER-WEBB RUNNIN' BULLDOGS (0-0, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Carroll McCray (5th year)

GWU Record: 20-26 (7-14 Big South)

Overall Record: 36-65



* Gardner-Webb meets North Carolina A&T for the first time on Saturday. It is the first of two consecutive first-time opponents and three overall for the Runnin' Bulldogs this season.

* GWU is 24-21-2 all-time in season openers, and is opening the campaign at home for the first time since 2013.

* The 2013 season was also the last time the Runnin' Bulldogs won their season opener (28-21 vs. Furman).

* The Runnin' Bulldogs are 9-6 in openers since Big South football began in 2002 -- the most season-opening wins for a league member in that span.

* Head Coach **CARROLL MCCRAY** is 2-2 in season openers at GWU.

* Gardner-Webb is seeking its third consecutive overall win dating back to last season, an achievement last accomplished in 2013.

* GWU is opening the season against a MEAC opponent for the first time since 2002.

* Gardner-Webb is facing a nationally-ranked FCS foe in its season opener for the first time since 2014 and third since 2012.

* The Runnin' Bulldogs' Division I era (since 2000) season-opener breakdown: 7-1 at home, 4-5 on the road.

2017 SCHEDULE		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 2	#25 NORTH CAROLINA A&T	6:00pm
Sept. 9	at Wyoming	4:00pm
Sept. 16	WESTERN CAROLINA	6:00pm
Sept. 23	at Wofford	1:30pm
Oct. 7	SHORTER	1:30pm
Oct. 14	at N.C. Central	2:00pm
Oct. 21	at Kennesaw State *	7:00pm
Oct. 28	LIBERTY *	12:00pm
Nov. 4	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	1:30pm
Nov. 11	at Monmouth *	12:00pm
Nov. 18	at Presbyterian *	1:00pm

* - Big South Conference game
HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



KENNESAW STATE OWLS (0-0, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Brian Bohannon (3rd year)

KSU Record: 14-8 (5-6 Big South)

Overall Record: 14-8



* Kennesaw State meets Samford for the first time on Thursday. It is the first of five consecutive first-time opponents and six overall for the Owls this season.

* KSU is 1-1 all-time in season openers, and is opening the campaign on the road for the second time.

* The Owls' lone season-opening win was in 2013 on the road at East Tennessee State (W, 56-16) -- which was also a Thursday night contest.

* Kennesaw State is opening the year against a nationally-ranked FCS opponent for the first time, and will face a ranked foe for the fourth time overall.

* The Owls are looking to avoid consecutive losses for just the second time in program history.

* A win Thursday over Samford would mark Kennesaw State's first-ever victory over a nationally-ranked team (0-3 record).

* KSU is playing its first-ever game in the month of August on Thursday.

* Kennesaw State received votes in both the STATS FCS and FCS Coaches preseason polls, the seventh consecutive week the Owls have garnered Top 25 consideration.

* The Owls average 37.6 points against non-conference FCS opponents (five all-time games).

2017 SCHEDULE		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 31	at #19/19 Samford	7:00pm
Sept. 9	TENNESSEE TECH	7:00pm
Sept. 16	at Alabama State	8:00pm
Sept. 30	NORTH GREENVILLE	3:30pm
Oct. 7	TEXAS SOUTHERN	7:00pm
Oct. 14	at Liberty *	6:00pm
Oct. 21	GARDNER-WEBB *	7:00pm
Oct. 28	at Presbyterian *	2:30pm
Nov. 4	at Montana State	2:00pm
Nov. 11	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	3:30pm
Nov. 18	MONMOUTH *	TBA

* - Big South Conference game
HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



LIBERTY FLAMES (0-0, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Turner Gill (6th year)

LU Record: 35-24 (20-7 Big South)

Overall Record: 60-73



* Liberty meets Baylor for the first time on Saturday. It is the first of two first-time opponents for the Flames this season.

* LU is 20-24 all-time in season openers, and is opening the campaign on the road for the second consecutive year.

* The Flames are opening the season at an FBS member for the sixth time in seven years.

* Liberty is 7-8 in openers since Big South football began in 2002, and last won its opener in 2015.

* Head Coach **TURNER GILL** is seeking just his second season-opening victory with the Flames.

* The Flames are looking to avoid their third consecutive loss dating back to last season, a streak that has not occurred since LU opened the 2012 season 0-4.

* Liberty is opening the season against a Big 12 opponent for the first time, and will play a Big 12 member for the second time in three seasons (West Virginia, 2012).

* This will be the first time Liberty will open its football season in the state of Texas, which marks the second-farthest season-opening trip in school history (Boise, Idaho in 1991).

* The Flames' season-opener breakdown: 18-7 at home, 2-17 on the road.

2017 SCHEDULE		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 2	at Baylor	7:00pm
Sept. 9	MOREHEAD STATE	6:00pm
Sept. 16	INDIANA STATE	6:00pm
Sept. 23	at Jacksonville State	7:00pm
Sept. 30	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)	6:00pm
Oct. 14	KENNESAW STATE *	6:00pm
Oct. 21	at Monmouth *	1:00pm
Oct. 28	at Gardner-Webb *	12:00pm
Nov. 4	DUQUESNE	3:30pm
Nov. 11	PRESBYTERIAN *	3:30pm
Nov. 18	at Charleston Southern *	12:00pm

* - Big South Conference game
HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



MONMOUTH HAWKS (0-0, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Kevin Callahan (25th year)

MU Record: 135-115 (4-12 Big South)

Overall Record: 135-115



* Monmouth meets Lafayette for the second time on Saturday. The Hawks lost the previous meeting, 30-29, on Sept. 7, 2002 at Lafayette.

* MU is 6-18 all-time in season openers, and is opening the campaign at home for the first time since 2015 and just the eighth time overall.

* The Hawks are opening their newly re-constructed stadium -- Kessler Stadium -- on Saturday.

* Monmouth is 2-1 in season openers since joining the Big South in 2014.

* Head Coach **KEVIN CALLAHAN** is one of just four FCS coaches with 25 years at one school.

* Monmouth is seeking an end to its five-game losing streak dating back to last season.

* MU is opening the season against a Patriot League opponent for the third consecutive year.

* The Hawks will open the campaign with two consecutive home games for the first time since 2014.

* Monmouth will face two first-time opponents in 2017 -- Hampton and Bucknell -- with both games in consecutive weeks.

* The Hawks' season-opener breakdown: 3-4 at home, 3-14 on the road.

2017 SCHEDULE		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 2	LAFAYETTE	3:00pm
Sept. 9	LEHIGH	1:00pm
Sept. 16	at Albany	7:00pm
Sept. 23	at Hampton	6:00pm
Sept. 30	at Bucknell	6:00pm
Oct. 7	at Holy Cross	1:00pm
Oct. 21	LIBERTY *	1:00pm
Oct. 28	at Charleston Southern *	6:00pm
Nov. 4	PRESBYTERIAN *	1:00pm
Nov. 11	GARDNER-WEBB *	12:00pm
Nov. 18	at Kennesaw State *	TBA

* - Big South Conference game
HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE BLUE HOSE (0-0, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Tommy Spangler (7th overall year)

PC Record: 42-24 (0-0 Big South)

Overall Record: 42-24



* Presbyterian College meets Wake Forest for the 13th time on Thursday. The Deamon Deacons lead the series that dates back to 1926, 7-4-1, but this will be just the third meeting since 2010 after PC began its transition to Division I.

* The Blue Hose went unbeaten in its first five games in the series, going 4-0-1 against Wake Forest from 1926-30.

* PC is beginning its 105th season of football and is 33-66-5 all-time in openers.

* Head coach **TOMMY SPANGLER** begins his second stint as the Blue Hose leader. He went 42-24 in six seasons from 2001-06, and is in his 15th overall year on the PC sideline.

* PC will open the season at an FBS opponent for the fifth straight year, and will start on a Thursday night for the fourth time in that span.

* This year also marks the the third straight season that PC will open the campaign with its first two games on the road.

* The Blue Hose enter the season having played six Thursday games since 2007 with the two most previous coming last season.

* Presbyterian is slated to play seven home games in 2017, the most ever in the program's history. In 2016, PC played just four home contests at Bailey Memorial Stadium.

2017 SCHEDULE		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 31	at Wake Forest	6:30pm
Sept. 9	at The Citadel	6:00pm
Sept. 16	CAMPBELL	7:00pm
Sept. 23	CUMBERLAND	7:00pm
Sept. 30	WOFFORD	7:00pm
Oct. 7	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)	2:00pm
Oct. 14	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	12:00pm
Oct. 28	KENNESAW STATE *	2:30pm
Nov. 4	at Monmouth *	1:00pm
Nov. 11	at Liberty *	3:30pm
Nov. 18	GARDNER-WEBB *	1:00pm

* - Big South Conference game
HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS

TOP 10 CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

RUSHING YARDS

4,725	Miguel Maysonet, Stony Brook
3,633	Rashad Jennings, Liberty
3,479	De'Angelo Henderson, Coastal Carolina
3,409	Dre Barnes, Liberty
3,223	Sean Mizzer, VMI
2,860	Howard Abegesah, VMI
2,631	Lance Byrd, Presbyterian
2,623	Mike Holloway, Charleston Southern
2,479	Zach Terrell, Liberty
2,456	Tim Maypray, VMI

ATTEMPTS

695	Miguel Maysonet, Stony Brook
647	Sean Mizzer, VMI
633	Rashad Jennings, Liberty
630	Juanne Blount, Gardner-Webb
563	Dre Barnes, Liberty
538	De'Angelo Henderson, Coastal Carolina
517	Lance Byrd, Presbyterian
513	Darrell Bridges, Presbyterian
512	Howard Abegesah, VMI
506	Lavon Chaney, Monmouth

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

48	Miguel Maysonet, Stony Brook
46	Aundres Perkins, Coastal Carolina
42	Rashad Jennings, Liberty
42	De'Angelo Henderson, Coastal Carolina
32	Lorenzo Taliaferro, Coastal Carolina
29	Zach Terrell, Liberty
29	Mike Brown, Liberty
28	SirChauncey Holloway, Liberty
27	Patrick Hall, Gardner-Webb
27	Aldreakis Allen, Liberty
27	Desmond Rice, Liberty

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

22	Rashad Jennings, Liberty
21	Miguel Maysonet, Stony Brook
18	De'Angelo Henderson, Coastal Carolina
17	Dre Barnes, Liberty
15	Sean Mizzer, VMI
13	Howard Abegesah, VMI
12	Brock Jackolski, Stony Brook
10	Edwin Gowins, Stony Brook
9	Chris Foster, Gardner-Webb
9	Lorenzo Taliaferro, Coastal Carolina
9	Christian Reyes, Charleston Southern
9	Lavon Chaney, Monmouth

RUSHING YARDS, QUARTERBACK

2,014	TYRELL MAXWELL, Gardner-Webb
1,785	Tim Maypray, VMI
1,638	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
1,564	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
1,379	Mike Brown, Liberty
1,286	Kyle Hughes, VMI
1,262	Malcolm Dixon, Charleston Southern
1,182	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
1,059	Trey White, Kennesaw State
859	Aramis Hillary, Coastal Carolina

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS, QUARTERBACK

19	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
19	Mike Brown, Liberty
19	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
18	Tim Maypray, VMI
17	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
17	Trey White, Kennesaw State
16	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
16	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
15	TYRELL MAXWELL, Gardner-Webb
14	two players tied with

TOP 10 CAREER PASSING LEADERS

PASSING YARDS

10,266	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
9,918	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
9,768	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
8,175	Lucas Beatty, Gardner-Webb
7,036	Brock Smith, Liberty
6,690	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
6,598	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
6,360	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
6,142	Eric Kordenbrock, VMI
6,072	Mike Brown, Liberty

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

73	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
72	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
61	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
53	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
50	Brock Smith, Liberty
48	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
45	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
45	Mike Brown, Liberty
43	Kyle Essington, Stony Brook
42	Lucas Beatty, Gardner-Webb

COMPLETIONS

833	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
833	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
760	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
737	Lucas Beatty, Gardner-Webb
597	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
567	Eric Kordenbrock, VMI
506	Stan Doolittle, Gardner-Webb
494	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
486	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
484	Brock Smith, Liberty

ATTEMPTS

1,344	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
1,304	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
1,209	Lucas Beatty, Gardner-Webb
1,174	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
1,052	Eric Kordenbrock, VMI
1,007	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
879	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
832	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
821	Stan Doolittle, Gardner-Webb
806	Brock Smith, Liberty

3-TOUCHDOWN PASSING GAMES

12	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
9	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
9	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
8	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
8	Kyle Essington, Stony Brook
8	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
7	Brock Smith, Liberty
7	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
6	Aramis Hillary, Coastal Carolina
5	Mike Brown, Liberty

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

9	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
7	Lucas Beatty, Gardner-Webb
7	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
6	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
5	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
5	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
5	Mike Brown, Liberty
4	Eric Kordenbrock, VMI
3	Devin Campbell, Gardner-Webb
3	Brandon Miley, Presbyterian
3	Brandon Hill, Monmouth

TOP 10 CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS

RECEPTIONS

223	James Perry III, Gardner-Webb
215	Darrin Peterson, Liberty
202	Maurice Price, Charleston Southern
188	Duvaughn Flagler, Gardner-Webb
188	Chris Summers, Liberty
188	Kenny Cook, Gardner-Webb
183	Matt Hazel, Coastal Carolina
166	Gerald Stevenson, Charleston Southern
162	Pat Kelly, Liberty
161	Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina

RECEIVING YARDS

3,170	Darrin Peterson, Liberty
2,720	Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina
2,712	Chris Summers, Liberty
2,673	James Perry III, Gardner-Webb
2,553	Matt Hazel, Coastal Carolina
2,552	Duvaughn Flagler, Gardner-Webb
2,432	Kenny Cook, Gardner-Webb
2,429	Maurice Price, Charleston Southern
2,140	Gerald Stevenson, Charleston Southern
2,107	Pat Kelly, Liberty

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

44	Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina
31	Duvaughn Flagler, Gardner-Webb
28	Matt Hazel, Coastal Carolina
27	Darrin Peterson, Liberty
26	Chris Summers, Liberty
21	William Andrews Jr., Gardner-Webb
21	Kenny Cook, Gardner-Webb
20	Kevin Norrell, Stony Brook
20	Jordan Gush, Stony Brook
19	Maurice Price, Charleston Southern

RECEPTIONS - TIGHT ENDS

122	Mike Estes, Gardner-Webb
90	Seth Cranfill, Gardner-Webb
65	David Duran, Coastal Carolina
59	Josh Miller, Gardner-Webb
47	Mario Thompson, VMI
46	Chris Luck, Liberty
42	Joey Gilkey, Presbyterian
40	Hakeem Valles, Monmouth
36	Dexter Herman, Liberty
35	Nathan Prater, Charleston Southern

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS - TIGHT ENDS

10	Mike Estes, Gardner-Webb
8	Brandon Apon, Liberty
6	Bryan Meers, Charleston Southern
6	Clayton Coffman, Charleston Southern
6	Joey Gilkey, Presbyterian
6	Nathan Prater, Charleston Southern
6	Thomas Pauciello, Coastal Carolina

RECEPTIONS - RUNNING BACK

90	Lavon Chaney, Monmouth
77	De'Angelo Henderson, Coastal Carolina
75	David Montgomery, Gardner-Webb
70	Eric O'Neal, Coastal Carolina
68	Jermaine Boston, Gardner-Webb
66	Aldreakis Allen, Liberty
64	Sean Mizzer, VMI
58	Juanne Blount, Gardner-Webb
54	Jeremy Height, Coastal Carolina
53	Lance Byrd, Presbyterian

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS - RUNNING BACK

7	Chaston Bennett, Kennesaw State
6	Sam Gado, Liberty
5	Brock Jackolski, Stony Brook
5	Mike Holloway, Charleston Southern

TOP 10 CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS

11,482	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
10,690	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
10,571	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
8,236	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
7,947	Mike Brown, Liberty
7,897	Lucas Beatty, Gardner-Webb
7,872	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
7,189	Brock Smith, Liberty
7,139	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
5,720	Eric Kordenbrock, VMI

TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS

1,848	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
1,565	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
1,532	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
1,454	Lucas Beatty, Gardner-Webb
1,361	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
1,224	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
1,138	Eric Kordenbrock, VMI
1,104	Mike Brown, Liberty
1,085	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
1,076	Stan Doolittle, Gardner-Webb

300-YARD TOTAL OFFENSE GAMES

16	Alex Ross, Coastal Carolina
15	Mike Brown, Liberty
11	Collin Drafts, Charleston Southern
10	Tyler Thigpen, Coastal Carolina
8	Josh Woodrum, Liberty
7	Zach MacDowall, Coastal Carolina
6	Nick Roberts, Gardner-Webb
6	Aramis Hillary, Coastal Carolina
5	Lucas Beatty, Gardner-Webb
4	Devin Campbell, Gardner-Webb
4	Eric Kordenbrock, VMI

TOP 10 CAREER PUNT RETURN LEADERS

PUNT RETURNS

78	Niccolo Mastromatteo, Coastal Caro.
51	Darius Hammond, Charleston Southern
49	Jordan Gush, Stony Brook
43	Wynton Jackson, Liberty
42	David Parker, Coastal Carolina
41	J.J. Hubbard, Gardner-Webb
36	Kory Alston, Gardner-Webb
34	Adrian Hall, Liberty
34	Charles James, Charleston Southern
34	Cedric Byrd, Presbyterian

PUNT RETURN YARDS

663	Darius Hammond, Charleston Southern
633	Niccolo Mastromatteo, Coastal Caro.
525	Wynton Jackson, Liberty
484	Kory Alston, Gardner-Webb
345	David Parker, Coastal Carolina
330	Charles James, Charleston Southern
313	Tim Maypray, VMI
311	Jordan Gush, Stony Brook
308	Dominic Bolden, Liberty
302	J.J. Hubbard, Gardner-Webb

PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

3	Kory Alston, Gardner-Webb
2	four players tied with

TOP 10 CAREER SCORING LEADERS

TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

53	Miguel Maysonet, Stony Brook
47	Aundres Perkins, Coastal Carolina
46	Rashad Jennings, Liberty
46	De'Angelo Henderson, Coastal Carolina
44	Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina
38	Tim Maypray, VMI
34	Lorenzo Taliaferro, Coastal Carolina
32	Duvaughn Flagler, Gardner-Webb
32	Mike Brown, Liberty
32	Brock Jackolski, Stony Brook

OVERALL SCORING

318	Miguel Maysonet, Stony Brook
316	Wesley Skiffington, Stony Brook
309	Matt Bevins, Liberty
297	Josh Hoke, Coastal Carolina
294	John Lunsford, Liberty
286	Aundres Perkins, Coastal Carolina
278	Rashad Jennings, Liberty
278	De'Angelo Henderson, Coastal Carolina
264	Jerome Simpson, Coastal Carolina
260	Alex Catron, Coastal Carolina

KICK SCORING

316	Wesley Skiffington, Stony Brook
309	Matt Bevins, Liberty
297	Josh Hoke, Coastal Carolina
294	John Lunsford, Liberty
260	Alex Catron, Coastal Carolina
240	Justin Durham, Coastal Carolina
228	Hunter Smith, Gardner-Webb
214	Nick Ellis, Charleston Southern
198	Ryan Gates, Gardner-Webb
145	PAUL SCHUMACHER, Gardner-Webb

TOP 10 CAREER KICKOFF RETURN LEADERS

KICKOFF RETURNS

109	J.J. Hubbard, Gardner-Webb
102	Gerald Stevenson, Charleston Southern
98	Tim Maypray, VMI
97	Michael Ruff, Presbyterian
84	Darius Hammond, Charleston Southern
80	Tyson Petty, Gardner-Webb
74	Devin Brown, Coastal Carolina
60	Adrian Hall, Liberty
59	Brock Jackolski, Stony Brook
59	Tre Henderson, Coastal Carolina

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

2,449	Gerald Stevenson, Charleston Southern
2,422	J.J. Hubbard, Gardner-Webb
2,181	Tim Maypray, VMI
2,108	Darius Hammond, Charleston Southern
1,983	Devin Brown, Coastal Carolina
1,971	Michael Ruff, Presbyterian
1,642	Brock Jackolski, Stony Brook
1,604	Tyson Petty, Gardner-Webb
1,409	Dominic Bolden, Liberty
1,392	Kevin Fogg, Liberty

KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

5	Devin Brown, Coastal Carolina
3	four players tied with

TOP 10 CAREER TACKLE LEADERS

TOTAL TACKLES

454	Jada Ross, Charleston Southern
441	Quinn Backus, Coastal Carolina
402	Donelle Williams, Presbyterian
364	Jamar Leath, Coastal Carolina
353	A.J. Gross, VMI
348	Manny Rojas, Liberty
345	Jeffery Williams, Gardner-Webb
345	Chad Geter, Gardner-Webb
324	Tanner Burch, Gardner-Webb
323	Marty Patterson, Gardner-Webb

TACKLES-FOR-LOSS

53.5	Brian Johnston, Gardner-Webb
46.5	Preston Pemasa, Gardner-Webb
44.0	Chima Uzowihe, Liberty
38.0	Marty Patterson, Gardner-Webb
36.0	A.J. Gross, VMI
35.5	Jonna Lee, Charleston Southern
35.5	Chad Geter, Gardner-Webb
35.5	ANTHONY ELLIS, Charleston Southern
34.5	Adrain Grady, Coastal Carolina
34.5	O.J. Mau, Gardner-Webb

QUARTERBACK SACKS

25.0	Chima Uzowihe, Liberty
20.5	Brian Johnston, Gardner-Webb
17.0	Adrain Grady, Coastal Carolina
16.5	Phillip Oboh, Coastal Carolina
16.5	Preston Pemasa, Gardner-Webb
15.0	Jordan Woods, Gardner-Webb
15.0	ANTHONY ELLIS, Charleston Southern
14.5	Damiso Alexander, VMI
14.0	Aaron DeBerry, Liberty
14.0	Maurice Simpkins, Coastal Carolina
14.0	Toby Onyechi, Liberty
14.0	Roderick Holder, Coastal Carolina

TOP 10 CAREER ALL-PURPOSE LEADERS

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

6,129	Tim Maypray, VMI
5,684	Gerald Stevenson, Charleston Southern
5,331	Miguel Maysonet, Stony Brook
4,621	Sean Mizzer, VMI
4,440	Darius Hammond, Charleston Southern
4,407	Brock Jackolski, Stony Brook
4,210	De'Angelo Henderson, Coastal Carolina
4,155	Rashad Jennings, Liberty
3,782	Dre Barnes, Liberty
3,614	Duvaughn Flagler, Gardner-Webb

200-YARD ALL-PURPOSE GAMES

10	Tim Maypray, VMI
7	Brock Jackolski, Stony Brook
6	Rashad Jennings, Liberty
6	Gerald Stevenson, Charleston Southern
6	Miguel Maysonet, Stony Brook
4	Darius Hammond, Charleston Southern
5	Dre Barnes, Liberty
3	Lavon Chaney, Monmouth
3	Chaston Bennett, Kennesaw State
2	13 players tied with