

2023 Schedule (0-2 overall, 0-0 MEAC)

AUGUST

9

26 @Jackson State L, 7-37 **SEPTEMBER**

2 @Charlotte

@Charlotte@ Georgia TechL, 3-241:00 PM

23 THE CITADEL

6:00 PM

(Faculty/Staff Day/Agriculture & Land Grant/Garnet Day)

OCTOBER

7 VIRGINIA-LYNCHBURG 2:00 PM (Youth/ROTC/Business & Industry Day)

14 TENNESSE TECH 1:30 PM (Family/Community/ Breast Cancer Awareness Day)

21 @Delaware State*

Noon

26 @ NC Central*

7:30 PM

NOVEMBER

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4 HOWARD* 3:30 PM

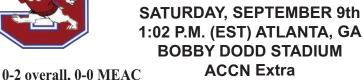
(HOMECOMING) MORGAN STATE*

MORGAN STATE* Noon (Senior/Greek/Military Day)

*MEAC Game Home Games in Bold All Times, Locations, and Dates are subject to change.

SC STATE FOOTBALL-Game #3 | 2023







0-1 overall, 0-0 ACC

BULLDOG NOTES

*Coach Buddy Pough who is entering his 22nd and final season as the leader of the Bulldog Football program is the All-Time Winningness coach in school history. The legendary coach has led the Bulldogs to 8x MEAC Titles and has captured numerous Coach of the Year accolades.

* Brent Key, a Georgia Tech alumnus and football letterwinner, was officially named the 21st head coach in Tech football history on Nov. 29, 2022. Key takes the reins of the program after leading the Yellow Jackets to a 4-4 record over the final eight games of the 2022 season as interim head coach.

SC STATE-GA. TECH CONNECTION: Former Bulldog standout line-backer Tyler Smith serves on the Yellow Jacket staff as Assistant Director Of Football Strength And Conditioning.

LAST OUTING|BULLDOGS TO WATCH

- * Redshirt fershman quarterback Andre Washington started in place of veteran Corey Fields, Jr., who was held out due to an injury. Washington completed 6-of-17 for 59-yards and 1 int.
- * Freshman running back Kacy Fields led the way on the ground with 9 carries for 43-yards on the day.
 - *Aaron Smith had a solid day on defense with 8 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 sack.
- *On special teams freshman punter Max' Ceon Cobb had 7 punts for 267-yards for a long of 45-yards and three inside the 20.

2023 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST THE DEACON JONES TROPHY SC STATE SC STATE

MEET THE COACHES

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Oliver "Buddy" Pough

Alama Mater: SC State 1975 Record at SCSU:146-89 (22nd Season)

MEAC Record: 112-42

MEAC TITLES: 8 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

(MEAC) Championships Career Record: Same

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

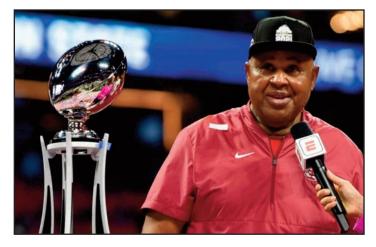
Head Coach	Brent Key
Alma Mater	•
Record at Ga. Tech	e v
Career Record	` '





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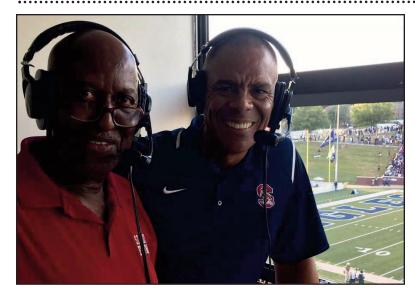


COACH POUGH INTERVIEW OPPORTUNTIES MONDAY PRESS CONFERENCE

Coach Buddy Pough holds his weekly press conferences in Staley Hall in room 205 on the campus of SC State University. The press conference will be held at 12 noon each Monday during the season. for additional information, call the Athletic Media Relations Office at 803-536-7060.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

Coach Pough, coaching staff, and players will be available after a brief cooling off period. home game post-game interviews are conducted either on the field or in the SC State football interview Room located adjacent to the home locker room. The visiting coach is available in the visitor locker room area, with assistance from the visiting SID.



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FOOTBALL HISTORY

First Season of Football | 1907 **All-Time Record**|455-292-28 Years in Postseason Bowl 7-7 Last Post-Season Bowl Appearance|2021 vs. Jackson State | SC State 31, JSU 10-Final: MEAC Championships 118 2021, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2004, 1994, 1983, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1975, 1974 **Black National Championships:**



1976,1977,1981,1982, 1994,

TEAM INFORMATION

* = Conference game

2022 OVERALL RECORD|3-8 2022 MEAC Record /Finish|1-4/6th BASIC OFFENSE| Multiple /Pro I **BASIC DEFENSE**| Multiple 4

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ATHLETICS

STADIUM Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium CAPACITY|22,000 **SURFACE** | Poly Turf NATIONAL AFFILIATION NCAA-FCS **CONFERENCE:** Mid-Eastern

Athletics Conference (MEAC)



2022 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE RESULTS (3-8 Overall, 1-4 MEAC)

OPPONENT	RESULTS	LOCATION
at UCF	L 10-56	Orlando, Fla.
at Bethune-Cookman	W 33-9	Daytona Beach, Fla.
at N.C. A&T	L 27-41	Greensboro, NC
at South Carolina	L 10-50	Columbia, SC
FAMU	L 14-20	ORANGEBURG, SC
DRAGONS	W 36-0	ORANGEBURG, SC
NCCU	W 26-24	ORANGEBURG, SC
at MORGAN STATE	L 14-41	Baltimore, MD
DSUFB	L 24-27	ORANGEBURG, SC
at Howard	L 14-28	Washington, DC
NSU	L 38-42	ORANGEBURG, SC
	at UCF at Bethune-Cookman at N.C. A&T at South Carolina FAMU DRAGONS NCCU at MORGAN STATE DSUFB at Howard	at UCF L 10-56 at Bethune-Cookman W 33-9 at N.C. A&T L 27-41 at South Carolina L 10-50 FAMU L 14-20 DRAGONS W 36-0 NCCU W 26-24 at MORGAN STATE L 14-41 DSUFB L 24-27 at Howard L 14-28

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STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL STATS

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•	2023									
:	RUSHING	GP	Att.	Gain	Loss.	Net.	Avg.	ΓD's	Long	Avg./G
	Jawarn Howell	2	26	87	6	81	3.1	0	9	40.50
	Kacy Fields	2	12	58	2	56	4.7	0	15	28.00
	Andre Washingto	n 2	13	47	111	36	2.8	0	15	18.00
:	2023									
	PASSING	GP	Effic.	AttCm	pInt	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Long.	Avg./G
:	Andre Washingto	n 2	51.46	7-20-1		35.00%	63	0	39	31.50
	Corey Fields, Jr.	1	66.70	7-20-1		35.00%	60	1	18	60.00
•										
:	2023									
:	RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long	Avg./G	i	
:	Keshawn Toney	2	4	51	12.75	1	18	25.50		
•	Jordan Smith	2	4	47	11.75	0	39	23.50		
	Jawarn Howell	2	2	10	5.00	0	10	5.00		
•										
•	2023									
•	TACKLES	GP	UT	AT	TOTAL	TFLs	Sacks	Int-Yds	s FF	FR PBU
	Aaron Smith	2	8	3	11	2-9yds	1-6yds			
	Jamare Benjamin	2	8	2	10			1-3yds		
	Jaylen Evans	2	7	3	10					
•	Aiden Webber	2	5	4	9	2-4yds				
•	Marquis Bradley	2	7	1	8	-			1	

TEAM	
FIRST DOWNS	22
Rushing	13
Passing	7
Penalty	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	246
Rushing Attempts	72
Average Per Rush	3.4
Average Per Game	123.0
PASSING YARDAGE	123
Comp-Att-Int	40-14-2
Average Per Pass	3.0
Average Per Catch	8.79
Average Per Game	61.50
TD's Passing	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	369
Average Per Game	184.9
Penalties-Yards	15-120

Patrick Godbolt 2 Malcom Magee 2

TIME OF POSSESSION|Game
27:14
Kick Returns#-Yards
4-192
Punt Returns #- Yards
14-511
INT RETURNS #-Yards
2-3

3.0-16 yds 2.0-13





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18X MEAC CHAMPIONS

22nd SEASON

BUDDY POUGH

HEAD COACH



BULLDOG BITES | TOP RETURNERS/KEY LOSSES

2033 MEAC Postseason Football Honors |SC State Bulldogs

Pos.	Name	Hometown
$\overline{\mathbf{W}}$	Shaquan Davis	Summerville, S.C.
OL	Nick Taiste	West Columbia, S.C.

First Team Defense

Pos. Na	ame	Hometown
DL Pa	atrick Godbolt*	Blythewood, S.C.
LB B	<u>J Davis</u>	Blair, S.C.
<u>DB</u> <u>D</u>	uane Nichols*	Lake View, S.C.

^{*} Indicates a tie.

Second Team Offense

Pos.	Name	Hometown
OL	Cam Johnson	Irmo, S.C.
* Indi	cates a tie.	

Second Team Defense

Pos.	Name	Hometown
DL	Jared Kirksey	Clemson, S.C.
LB	Aaron Smith	Manning, S.C.
<u>DB</u>	Zion Keith	Florence, S.C.
P	Dyson Roberts	Sumter, S.C.
* Indi	cates a tie.	

Third Team Offense

Pos.	Name	Hometown
TE	Khalil Ellis	Rock Hill, S.C.
C	Eric Brown, Jr.	Hartsville, S.C.
* Indi	cates a tie.	

Third Team Defense

Pos.	Name	Hometown
DL	Octaveon Minter	Chester, S.C.
PK	Gayyn Zimmerman	Sumter S.C.

BOLD/UNDERLINE EITHER GRADUATED OR TURN PRO

KEY RETURNEES:

)	Corey Fields, Jr.	QB
•	Richard Bailey	WR
,	Rakim White	WR
)	Jordan Smith	WR
)	Gavyn Zimmerman	K
	Dyson Roberts	P*
	Eric Brown, Jr.	OL*
,	Nick Taiste	OL*
)	Cam Johnson	OL*
)	Aaron Smith	LB*
)	Jeblonski Green, Jr.	DL
•	Patrick Godbolt	DL*
,	Jaylen Evans	DB
)	Demarkiss Doe	DB
,	Octaveon Minter	DL
,	Jared Kirksey	DL*
,	Brandon Tucker	DL
,	Zanjerry Dunham	LB

TRANSFERS

Keshawn Toney	TE
Malcolm Magee	DB
Aiden Webber	LB

KEY LOSSES:

KEY LOSSES:	
Shaquan Davis	WR
Alex James	RB
Kendrell Flowers	RB
Chris Simon	OL
Chris Simmons	LB
BJ Davis	LB
Duane Nichols	DB
Kendall Moultrie	DB
Zion Keith	S
Jalen Barr	DB

* All-MEAC Performers

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During the Buddy Pough Era|21 Seasons 8 MEAC Championships

SC Bulldogs (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) (2002–present)							
Year		verall	MEA	<u>C Finish</u>			
2002	South Carolina State	7–5	4–4	T-5th			
2003	South Carolina State	8–4	5–2	T-2nd			
2004	South Carolina State	9–2	6–1	T-1st 2	2		
2005	South Carolina State	9–2	6–1	2nd 2	0.2		
2006	South Carolina State	7–4	6–2	T-2nd			
2007	South Carolina State	7–4	6–2	T-2nd			
2008	South Carolina State	10-3	8–0	1st			
2009	South Carolina State	10-2	8-0	1st			
2010	South Carolina State	9–3	7–1	T-1st			
2011	South Carolina State	7–4	6–2	T-2nd			
2012	South Carolina State	5–6	4–4	T-6th			
2013	South Carolina State	9–4	7–1	T-1st			
2014	South Carolina State	8–4	6–2	T-1st			
2015	South Carolina State	7–4	6–2	4th			
2016	South Carolina State	5–6	5–3	T–3rd			
2017	South Carolina State	3-7	2-6	T-8th			
2018	South Carolina State	5–6	4–3	T-4th			
2019	South Carolina State	8–3	6–2	T-2nd*			
2020	South Carolina State	3-1	2-0	1st (South)			
2021	South Carolina State	7–5	5-0	1st			
(*Cele	bration Bowl W-31-10	over Jac	ckson S	tate)			
2022	South Carolina State	3-8	1-5	6th			
	146-8	9 Overa	all	112-42 MEAC			



Head football coach Emeritus Willie E. Jeffries and former NFL second-round draftee and newest inductee to the South Carolina Football Hall of Fame John Gilliam alongside the winningest coach in SC State football history Oliver "Buddy" Pough.



SC State MEAC Defensive Players of the Year

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Harry Carson	1974
Harry Carson	1975
Robert Sims	1976
Bobby Moore	1978
Phil Murphy	1979
John Alford	1980
John Courtney	1982
Barney Bussey	1983
Robert Porcher	1991
Joe Montford	1993
Jermaine Derricot	1998
David Erby	2010
Joe Thomas	2013
Javon Hargrave	2014
Javon Hargrave	2015
Darius Leonard	2016
Darius Leonard	2017
Decobie Durant	2021

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COACHING STAFF



DAVID
BLANCHARD
Assistant Head
Coach/Defensive
Line/Defensive Ends



HOWARD
Defensive
Coordinator/LB'S



KEVIN
MAGOUIRK
Offensive
Coordinator/QB's



GERALD HARRISON Director of Operations



STEVE BIRD RUNNING BACKS



NA'SHAN
GODDARD
OFFENSIVE LINE/
PRO LIAISON/
RECRUITING COORDINATOR



PAUL HOLMES Wide Receivers



COREY
BARLOW
Defensive Backs



CHRIS
PARROTT
Defensive Assistant







4 X MEAC COACH OF THE YEAR

2008, 2009, 2019, 2021

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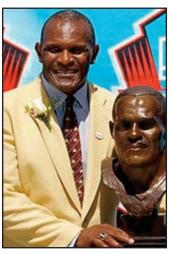
BULLDOG BITES | WHERE LEGENDS ARE BUILT



Marion Motley '68



Deacon Jones '80



Harry Carson '06



Donnie Shell '20

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAMERS



BULLDOGS ON CURRENT NFL ROSTERS



Darius Leonard-LB Indianapolis Colts



Javon Hargrave-NT San Francisco 49ers



Antonio Hamilton-DB
Arizona Cardinals



Alex Taylor, OL Dallas Cowboys



Shaquan Davis-WR New Orleans Saints



DECOBIE DURANT L.A. RAMS



2023 SC State Bulldog Tentative Numerical Roster								
No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	HS/Previous School	
0	Malcom Magee	DB	Gr.	6-0	190	Collins, Miss	Ocean Springs HS/Alcorn St.	
1	Jaylen Evans	DB	Gr.	6-0	185	Hartsville, SC	Hartsville HS	
2	Corey Fields	QB	Gr.	6-0	188	Hollywood, SC	Baptist Hill HS	
3	Marquise Bradley	DB	r-Fr.	6-2	190	Gaffney, SC	Gaffney HS	
3	Marcus Freeman	QB	r-Fr.	6-1	185	Brooklyn Park, MN	Park center Senior HS	
4	Demarkiis Doe	DB	Gr.	6-3	200	Williston, SC	Williston Elko HS	
5	Keshawn Toney	TE	Gr.	6-2	237	Williston, SC	Chattanooga College	
6	Justin Smith-Brown	WR	r-Jr.	6-1	190	CoCo, Fla.	Space Coast HS	
7	Andre Washington	QB	r-Fr.	6-4	195	Ridge View, SC	Ridge View HS	
8	Aiden Weber	LB	r-So.	6-2	210	Pottstown, PA	Delaware State	
9	Jordan Watkins	DB	So.	6-2	195	Greensboro, NC	Grimsley HS	
10	Tyler Smith	RB	r-Fr.	5-10	185	Gaffney, SC	Gaffney HS	
11	Aaron Smith	LB	r-Jr.	6-2	218	Manning, SC	Manning HS	
12	Nigel Johnson	WR	Fr.	6-5	190	Sumter, SC	Crestwood HS	
13	Jordan Smith	WR	r-So.	5-10	175	Columbia, SC	Ridge View HS	
14	Cyrus Ellison	WR	r-Fr.	6-4	200	Pamplico, SC	Hannah Pamplico HS	
15	Bryce McIntosh	DB	r-So.	5-11	175	Lake City, SC	Lake City HS	
16	Jaeon Allen	DB	r-Fr.	6-3	200	Bluffon, SC	May River HS	
17	Zan Dunham	LB	So.	6-2	215	Chester, SC	Chester HS	
18	Jaylin Linder	WR	Fr.	6-4	190	Bluffton, SC	Bluffton HS	
19	Rakim White	WR	r-Jr.	6-4	181	Bluffton, SC	Bluffton HS	
20	Aaron Bowens	DB	Fr.	6-2	190	Mauldin, SC	Mauldin HS	
20	Kacy Fields	RB	Fr.	5-11	195	Beaufort, SC	Beaufort HS	
21 Pro	ometheus Franklin II	QB	r-Fr.	6-3	190	Greenville, SC	Greenville HS	
21	Sharod Burroughs	DB	r-Jr.	6-2	200	Mullins, SC	Mullins HS	
22	Jawarn Howell	RB	Fr.	6-1	204	Mooresville, NC	Mooresville (HS) NC	
23	Tykese Walker	RB	r-Jr.	5-11	185	Gilbert, SC	Gilbert HS	
24	Kwantre Harry	DB	Fr.	5-10	177	Columbia, SC Ben	Lippen HS	
25	Demetri Simmons	RB	r-Fr.	5-10	185	Goose Creek, SC	Goose Creek HS	
25	Jamare Benjamin	DB	r-Jr.	6-2	180	Spartanburg, SC	Spartanburg HS	
26	Tyler Smith	RB	Fr.	6-1	190	Barnwell, SC	Barnwell HS	
27	Patrick Anderson	DB	r-Fr.	5-11	170	Lamar, SC	Lamar HS	
28	Michael Brunson	DB	r-Jr.	5-9	165	St. Matthews, SC	Calhoun County	
29	Jadin Jones	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	Camden County, GA	Camden County (GA)	
30	Gavyn Zimmerman	K	Jr.	5-11	150	Sumter, SC	Crestwood HS	
32	Dyson Roberts	P/K	r-Jr.	5-11	187	Sumter, SC	Sumter HS	
32	Josh Shaw	RB	r-Fr.	5-10	185	Hanahan, SC	Hanahan HS	
31		RETIR						
33	Chris Austin	LB	r-Fr.	6-0	200	Orangeburg, SC	Orangeburg-Wilkinson	
33	Dhani Dixon	RB	r-SO.	5-9	205	Blythewood, SC	Blythewood HS	
34	Jeblonski Green	DL	Gr.	6-2	285	Lamar, SC	Lamar HS	
35	JaQuan Toney	DB	Fr.	5-11	175	Lamar, SC	Lamar HS	
36	Max'Ceon Cobb	K/P	Fr.	5-10	185	Orlando, FL	Jones High School	
37	Sean Artiss	DB	r-Fr.	5-11	180	Blythewood, SC	Westwood HS	
38	Adonis Davis	LB	r-So.	6-0	200	Blackville, SC	Blackville-Hilda HS	
39	Caleb Brown	LS	Gr.	6-2	190	Florence, SC	Wilson HS	
40	Jordan Dollard	DL	Fr.	6-5	250	Greensboro, NC	SE Guilford HS (NC)	
41	TJ Williams	LB	Fr.	6-2	205	Denmark, SC	Denmark-Olar HS	
42	Hunter Puckett	DL	Fr.	6-3	245	Anderson, SC	Westside HS	
43	Patrick Godbolt	DL	Gr.	6-3	235	Blythewood, SC	Blythewood HS	



No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	HS/Previous School
44	DJ Bethea	DB	r-Fr.	6-2	180	Lake View, SC	Lake View HS
45	Justen Brunson	DB	Fr.	6-0	185	West Columbia, SC	Gray Collegiate Acad.
46	Jayvion Snow	LB	r-So.	5-11	220	Monks Corner, SC	Burke HS
47	Lawson Danley	TE	r-Sr.	6-2	225	Irmo, SC	Dutch Fork HS
48	Jordan Franklin	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	Waynesboro, GA	Burke County (HS) GA
49	Khalil Ellis	TE	r-Jr.	6-2	261	Rock Hill, SC	York HS
50	Tamorye Thompson	DL	r-Fr.	6-1	240	Greensboro, NC	Grimsley HS
51	Moses Umoren	OL	r-Fr.	6-5	285	Columbus, GA	Carver HS (GA)
52	Jayden Johnson	OL	So.	6-3	325	Goose Creek,SC	Goose Creek
53	Xavier Barr	DL	r-Fr.	6-2	255	Florence, SC	So. Florence, SC
54	Karrlen Waymyers	DL	r-So.	6-2	245	Neeses, SC	Hunter-Kinard-Tyler HS
55	Joel Kashila	LB	Jr.	6-1	220	Lynn, Mass	Southern Connecticut
56	Ashaad Hall	DL	So.	6-4	234	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Gibbs HS
57	Nathaniel Wilcox	DE	r-Jr.	6-1	242	Cutler Bay, SC	Southridge HS
58	Tray Franklin	OL	r-Fr.	6-6	335	Columbia, SC	Ridge View HS
59	Omari Davis	DL	Fr.	6-3	215	Clover, SC	Clover HS
60	Lee Davis	OL	r-Fr.	6-1	320	Hopkins, SC	Lower Richland HS
61	Nick Williams	OL	Fr.	6-5	300	North Augusta, SC	Fox Creek HS
62	Chandler Muller	OL	r-Jr.	6-2	338	Columbia, SC	Ridge View HS
65	Kanann Ligons	OL	Fr.	6-4	290	Monetta, SC	Ridge Spring-Monetta
66	8		RETIRED			,	
67	Jeremie Brown	OL	Fr.	6-5	320	Anderson, SC	Westside HS
68	Eli Young	DL	r-So.	6-4	330	Hopkins, SC	Grey Collegiate
69	Chandler Robertson	DL	Fr.	6-1	275	Columbia, SC	Ridge View HS
71	Marcus Macon	OL	Fr.	6-3	285	Rock Hill, SC	Northwestern HS
72	Ian Shark	OL	r-So.	6-3	325	Walterboro, SC	Collenton County
73	Cam Johnson	OL	r-Jr.	6-2	285	Irmo, SC	Dutch Fork HS
74	Wheslen McCleod	OL	r-Jr.	6-2	319	W. Columbia, SC	Grey Collegiate
75		F	RETIRED)			
76	Eric Brown, Jr.	OL	r-Jr.	6-3	336	Hartsville, SC	Hartsville HS
77	Dallas Foard	OL	r-Sr.	6-4	270	Concord, NC	Central Cabarrus
78	Nick Taiste	OL	r-Jr.	6-1	295	West Columbia, SC	White Knoll HS
79	Justin Jackson	OL	r-Fr.	6-5	320	Greenville, SC	Greenville HS
80	Rickey Bryant	WR	Fr.	5-10	185	Miami, FL	Miami Killian Senior HS
81	Jordan Springs	TE	r-Sr.	6-2	237	Irmo, SC	Dutch Fork HS
82	Treyvion Houston	WR	r-Jr.	6-2	190	Milledgeville	Georgia Military
83	Shamontae Burgess	WR	r-Fr.	5-10	175	Lake City, SC	Lake City HS
84	Jakari Williams	TE	Gr.	6-2	215	Jacksonville, Fla.	Oak Leaf HS
85	Nicolas Brown	TE	Fr.	6-3	225	Kingstree, SC	Kingstree HS
86	Richard Bailey	WR	Gr.	5-10	148	Hollywood, SC	Baptist Hill HS
87	Hezekiah Massey	WR	r-Jr.	6-2	190	Clover, SC	Clover HS
88	Tauren Singletary	WR	r-Sr.	6-2	175	Dorchester, SC	Woodland HS
90		RETII	RED				
91	Ricardo Sprinkle	DL	r-Fr.	6-1	260	Orangeburg, SC	Orangeburg-Wilkinson
92	Brandon Tucker	DL	Gr.	6-2	285	Columbia, SC	Blythewood HS
93	Sedrick Smith	DL	Fr.	6-4	280	Atlanta, GA	South Atlanta HS (GA)
94		RETII	RED				
95	Naejuan Barber	DL	r-So.	6-3	290	Hopkins, SC	Ridge View HS
96	Micaiah Settles	DL	So.	6-2	280	Columbia, SC	A.C. Flora HS
97	Jamal McKinley	DL	Jr.	6-1	230	St. Stephens, SC	Timberland HS
98	Octaveon Minter	DL	Jr.	6-2	245	Chester, SC	Chester HS
99	Jared Kirksey	DL	r-Jr.	6-2	268	Clemson, SC	Daniel HS



2023 Bulldog Football Depth Chart Game #3 Georgia Tech

OFFENSE QUARTERBACK

#2 Corey Fields (Gr., 6-0, 200) #7 Andre Washington (r-Fr., 6-4, 200)

RUNNING BACK #10 Tyler Smith (r-Fr, 5-11, 190) #32 Josh Shaw (r-Fr., 5-11, 215)

TIGHT END #5 Keshawn Toney (Gr., 6-4, 230) #49 Khalil Ellis (r-Sr., 6-3, 245)

WIDE RECEIVER (X) #13 Jordan Smith (r-So., 5-10, 180) #14 Cyrus Ellison (r-Fr., 6-3, 210)

WIDE RECEIVER (H) #86 Richard Bailey (Gr., 5-10, 180) #13 Jordan Smith (r-So., 5-10, 180)

WIDE RECEIVER (Z) #12 Nigel Johnson (Fr., 6-5, 190) #87 Hezekiah Massey (Gr., 6-1, 185)

LEFT TACKLE #78 Nick Taiste (r-Jr., 6-3, 295) #51 Moses Umoren (r-Fr., 6-4, 290)

LEFT GUARD #72 Ian Shark (r-So., 6-3, 310)

#52 Jayden Johnson (r-Fr., 6-4, 270)

CENTER

#62 Chandler Muller (r-So., 6-2, 310) #76 Eric Brown, Jr. (r-Jr., 6-3, 305)

RIGHT GUARD #76 Eric Brown, Jr. (r-Jr., 6-3, 305) #64 Wheslen McLeod (r-Jr., 6-3, 290)

RIGHT TACKLE #73 Cam Johnson (r-So., 6-4, 285) #59 Tray Franklin (r-Fr., 6-5, 310)

DEFENSE DE (FOX)

#99 Jared Kirksey (r-Jr., 6-2, 250) #34 Jeblonski Green (Gr., 6-2, 285)

NT

#98 Octaveon Minter (Jr., 6-2, 290) #96 Micaiah Settles (So., 6-2, 290)

#92 Brandon Tucker (Jr., 6-2, 280) #95 Naejuan Barber (So., 6-3, 290)

DE (EDGE) #43 Patrick Godbolt (Gr., 6-3, 240) #97 Jamal McKinley (r-So., 6-2, 235)

WLB #8 Aiden Webber (r-Jr., 6-2, 225)

#38 Adonis Davis (r-So., 6-1, 210)

MLB #11 Aaron Smith (r-Jr., 6-2, 220)

#29 Jadin Jones (r-Jr., 6-2, 215)

#44 Derrick Bethea, Jr. (r-Fr., 6-2, 210) #17 Zan Dunham (So., 6-2, 220)

BC #3 Marquis Bradley (r-Fr., 6-2, 195)

#25 Jamare Benjamin (r-Jr., 6-2, 185)

ROVER #1 Jaylen Evans (Gr., 6-2, 190) #9 Jordan Watkins (So., 6-2, 195)

FREE SAFETY #0 Malcolm Magee (Gr., 6-0, 190) #4 Demarkiis Doe (Gr., 6-3, 190)

FC #16 Jaeon Allen (r-Fr., 6-3, 200) #28 Michael Brunson (r-Jr., 6-1, 185) **SECIALISTS**

PK

30 Gavyn Zimmerman (Jr., 5-10, 140) Max'Ceon Cobb (Fr., 5-10, 185)

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36 Max'Ceon Cobb (Fr., 5-10, 185)

18 Jaylin Linder (Fr., 6-4, 190)

39 Caleb Brown (Gr., 6-2, 200)

KR

LS

86 **Richard Bailey (Gr., 5-10, 148)** Justin Brown-Smith (r-Jr., 6-1, 190) 6

PR

6 **Richard Bailey (Gr., 5-10, 148)**

13 Jordan Smith (r-So., 5-10, 175)

MEAC CHAMPIONS: 2021, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2004, 1994, 1983, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1975, 1974; **HBCU(BLACK COLLEGE) NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:** 1976,1977,1981,1982, 1994, 2008, 2009, 2021

Walk-Ons					
Justin Reese	DB	r-Jr.	6-0	170	New Berlin, NY Milford Academy
Jalen Lavine	DB	r-So.			
Rickey Bryant	WR				
Akele Pauling	DB	Fr.	6-0	170	Columbia, SC Spring Valley HS
Jaiden Jones	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	Camden County, GACamden County HS
Curtis Hilton	DB	Fr.	6-1	170	Blythwood, SC Blythwood HS
Marcus Freeman	QB				
Joel Kashila	LB	r-Jr.	6-1	220	Lynn, Mass So. Connecticut State
Patrick Jenkins	LB	r-Jr.	6-2	205	Ridgeview, SC Ellsworth CC
Donqua Wilson	LB	r-Fr.	6-1	190	West Columbia, SC Palmetto Prep Acad





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	2025 Se State Bundog Tentative Alphabetical Roster								
No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	HS/Previous School		
16	Jaeon Allen	DB	r-Fr.	6-3	200	Bluffon, SC	May River HS		
27	Patrick Anderson	DB							
37	Sean Artiss	DB	r-Fr.	5-11	180	Blythewood, SC	Westwood HS		
33	Chris Austin	LB	r-Fr.	6-0	200	Orangeburg, SC	Orangeburg-Wilkinson		
86	Richard Bailey	WR	Gr.	5-10	148	Hollywood, SC	Baptist Hill HS		
95	Naejuan Barber	DL	r-So.	6-3	290	Hopkins, SC	Ridge View HS		
53	Xavier Barr	DL	r-Fr.	6-2	255	Florence, SC	So. Florence, SC		
25	Jamare Benjamin	DB	r-Jr.	6-2	180	Spartanburg, SC	Spartanburg HS		
44	DJ Bethea	DB	r-Fr.	6-2	180	Lake View, SC	Lake View HS		
20	Aaron Bowens	DB	Fr.	6-2	190	Mauldin, SC	Mauldin HS		
3	Marquise Bradley	DB	r-Fr.	6-2	190	Gaffney, SC	Gaffney HS		
85	Nicolas Brown	TE	Fr.	6-3	225	Kingstree, SC	Kingstree HS		
45	Justen Brunson	DB	Fr.	6-0	185	West Columbia, SC	Gray Collegiate Acad.		
39	Caleb Brown	LS	Gr.	6-2	190	Florence, SC	Wilson HS		
76	Eric Brown, Jr.	OL	r-Jr.	6-3	336	Hartsville, SC	Hartsville HS		
6	Justin Smith-Brown	WR	r-Jr.	6-1	190	CoCo, Fla.	Space Coast HS		
28	Michael Brunson	DB	r-Jr.	5-9	165	St. Matthews, SC	Calhoun County		
21	Sharod Burroughs	DB	r-Jr.	6-2	200	Mullins, SC	Mullins HS		
83	Shamontae Burgess	WR	r-Fr.	5-10	175	Lake City, SC	Lake City HS		
10	Malcolm Cochrane	RB	Fr.	5-11	185	Augusta, GA	Cross Creek HS		
47	Lawson Danley	TE	r-Sr.	6-2	225	Irmo, SC	Dutch Fork HS		
38	Adonis Davis	LB	r-So.	6-0	200	Blackville, SC	Blackville-Hilda HS		
64	Lee Davis	OL	r-Fr.	6-1	320	Hopkins, SC	Lower Richland HS		
36	Omari Davis	DL	Fr.	6-3	215	Clover, SC	Clover HS		
4	Demarkiis Doe	DB	Gr.	6-3	200	Williston, SC	Williston Elko HS		
40	Jordan Dollard	DL	Fr.	6-5	250	Greensboro, NC	SE Guilford HS (NC)		
33	Dhani Dixon	RB	r-SO.	5-9	205	Blythewood, SC	Blythewood HS		
17	Zan Dunham	LB	So.	6-2	215	Chester, SC	Chester HS		
49	Khalil Ellis	TE	r-Jr.	6-2	261	Rock Hill, SC	York HS		
14	Cyrus Ellison	WR	r-Fr.	6-4	200	Pamplico, SC	Hannah Pamplico HS		
1	Jaylen Evans	DB	Gr.	6-2	195	Hartsville, SC	Hartsville HS		
2	Corey Fields	QB	Gr.	6-0	200	Hollywood, SC	Baptist Hill HS		
20	Kacy Fields	RВ	Fr.	5-11	195	Beaufort, SC	Beaufort HS		
48	Jordan Franklin	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	,	Burke County (HS) GA		
	metheus Franklin II	QB	r-Fr.	6-3	190	Greenville, SC	Greenville HS		
58	Tray Franklin	ÒL	r-Fr.	6-6	335	Columbia, SC	Ridge View HS		
77	Dallas Foard	OL	r-Sr.	6-4	270	Concord, NC	Central Cabarrus		
56	Ashaad Hall	DL	So.	6-4	234	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Gibbs HS		
24	Kwantre Harry	DB	Fr.	5-10	177	Columbia, SC Ben	Lippen HS		
22	Jawarn Howell	RB	Fr.	6-1	204	Mooresville, NC	Mooresville (HS) NC		
82	Treyvion Houston	WR	r-Jr.	6-2	190	Milledgeville	Georgia Military		
43	Patrick Godbolt	DL	Gr.	6-3	235	Blythewood, SC	Blythewood HS		
34	Jeblonski Green	DL	Gr.	6-2	285	Lamar, SC	Lamar HS		
79	Justin Jackson	OL	r-Fr.	6-5	320	Greenville, SC	Greenville HS		
73	Cam Johnson	OL	r-Jr.	6-2	285	Irmo, SC	Dutch Fork HS		
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No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	HS/Previous School
52	Jayden Johnson	OL	So.	6-3	325	Goose Creek,SC	Goose Creek
12	Nigel Johnson	WR	Fr.	6-5	190	Sumter, SC	Crestwood HS
29	Jadin Jones	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	Camden County, GA	Camden County (GA)
18	Jaylin Linder	WR	Fr.	6-4	190	Bluffton, SC	Bluffton HS
65	Kanann Ligons	OL	Fr.	6-4	290	Monetta, SC	Ridge Spring-Monetta
99	Jared Kirksey	DL	r-Jr.	6-2	268	Clemson, SC	Daniel HS
71	Marcus Macon	OL	Fr.	6-3	285	Rock Hill, SC	Northwestern HS
0	Malcom Magee	DB	Gr.	6-0	190	Collins, Miss	Ocean Springs HS/Alcorn St.
15	Bryce McIntosh	DB	r-So.	5-11	175	Lake City, SC	Lake City HS
97	Jamal McKinley	DL	Jr.	6-1	230	St. Stephens, SC	Timberland HS
98	Octaveon Minter	DL	Jr.	6-2	245	Chester, SC	Chester HS
62	Chandler Muller	OL	r-Jr.	6-2	338	Columbia, SC	Ridge View HS
74	Wheslen McCleod	OL	r-Jr.	6-2	319	W. Columbia, SC	Grey Collegiate
87	Hezekiah Massey	WR	r-Jr.	6-2	190	Clover, SC	Clover HS
32	Dyson Roberts	P/K	r-Jr.	5-11	187	Sumter, SC	Sumter HS
69	Chandler Robertson	DL	Fr.	6-1	275	Columbia, SC	Ridge View HS
72	Ian Shark	OL	r-So.	6-3	325	Walterboro, SC	Collenton County
42	Josh Shaw	RB	r-Fr.	5-10	185	Hananhan, SC	Hanahan HS
96	Micaiah Settles	DL	So.	6-2	290	Columbia, SC	A.C. Flora HS
25	Demetri Simmons	RB	r-Fr.	5-10	185	Goose Creek, SC	Goose Creek HS
88	Tauren Singletary	WR	r-Sr.	6-2	175	Dorchester, SC	Woodland HS
11	Aaron Smith	LB	r-Jr.	6-2	218	Manning, SC	Manning HS
13	Jordan Smith	WR	r-So.	5-10	175	Columbia, SC	Ridge View HS
93	Sedrick Smith	DL	Fr.	6-4	280	South Atlanta HS (GA))
15	Tyler Smith	RB	r-Fr.	5-11	190	Gaffney, SC	Gaffney HS
46	Jayvion Snow	LB	r-So.	5-11	220	Monks Corner, SC	Burke HS
91	Ricardo Sprinkle	DL	r-Fr.	6-1	260	Orangeburg, SC	Orangeburg-Wilkinson
81	Jordan Springs	TE	r-Sr.	6-2	237	Irmo, SC	Dutch Fork HS
78	Nick Taiste	OL	r-Jr.	6-3	295	West Columbia, SC	White Knoll HS
50	Tamorye Thompson	DL	r-Fr.	6-1	240	Greensboro, NC	Grimsley HS
35	JaQuan Toney	DB	Fr.	5-11	175	Lamar, SC	Lamar HS
5	Keshawn Toney	TE	Gr.	6-4	230	Williston, SC	Chattanooga College
65	Brandon Tucker	DL	Gr.	6-2	280	Columbia, SC	Blythewood HS
51	Moses Umoren	OL	r-Fr.	6-5	285	Columbus, GA	Carver HS (GA)
23	Tykese Walker	RB	r-Jr.	5-11	185	Gilbert, SC	Gilbert HS
7	Andre Washington	QB	r-Fr.	6-4	195	Ridge View, SC	Ridge View HS
9	Jordan Watkins	DB	So.	6-2	195	Greensboro, NC	Grimsley HS
54	Karrlen Waymyers	DL	r-So.	6-2	245	Neeses, SC	Hunter-Kinard-Tyler HS
8	Aiden Weber	LB	r-So.	6-2	225	Pottstown, PA	Delaware State
19	Rakim White	WR	r-Jr.	6-4	190	Bluffton, SC	Bluffton HS
55	Nick Williams	OL	Fr.	6-5	300	North Augusta, SC	Fox Creek HS
57	Nathaniel Wilcox	DE	r-Jr.	6-1	242	Cutler Bay, SC	Southridge HS
41	TJ Williams	LB	Fr.	6-2	205	Denmark, SC	Denmark-Olar HS
68	Eli Young	DL	r-So.	6-4	330	Hopkins, SC	Grey Collegiate
30	Gavyn Zimmerman	K	Jr.	5-11	150	Sumter, SC	Crestwood HS





SC STATE RECORD BOOKS

OFFENSIVE TOTAL OFFENSE

Game 387 Yds Brett Young vs. Morgan State (2004) Season 2,916 Marvin Marshall (1994) Career 6,840 Malcolm Long (2007-10)

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Game 41 Derek O'Neal vs. Bethune-Cookman (1999) Season 297 Derek O'Neal (1999)

Career 763 Will Ford (2006-09)

TOTAL YARDS RUSHING

Game 322 Will Ford vs. NC A&T (2007) Season 1,648 Kenny Bynum (1996) Career 4,660 Will Ford (2006-09)

RUSHING AVERAGE

Game 164.8 Kenny Bynum (1996) Career 127.9 Michael Hicks (1993-96)

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Game 6 Henry Odom vs. Morgan State (1980) Season 22 Michael Hicks (1996) Career 51 Michael Hicks (1993-96)

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Season 8 Will Ford (2008) 7 Kenny Bynum (1996) Michael Hicks (1993, 1995) DeShawn Baker (2006) Will Ford (2007)

BEST AVERAGE PER CARRY

Game 8.5 Nate Rivers (1977) Career 6.5 Ricky Anderson (1974-77)

PASSING YARDS

Game 419 Richard Cue vs. Howard (NA) Season 2507 Malcom Long (2009) Career 6,363 Malcom Long (2007.-10)

PASS COMPLETIONS

Game 30 Corey Fields, Jr. vs. New Mexico St. (2021) Season 210 Malcom Long vs. Winston-Salem State

(2009)

Career 423 Corey Fields, Jr. (2018-Present)

PASS ATTEMPTS

Game 47 Corey Fields, Jr. vs. New Mexico St. (2021) Season 325 Malcolm Long (2009) Career 961 Malcolm Long (2007-2010)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Game 5 Tyrece Nick vs. Delaware State (2019) (2003)

Malcolm Long vs. Morgan State (2009) Richard Cue vs. Savannah State (2013) Season 20 Malcolm Long (2009) Career 46 Malcolm Long (2007-2010)

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (Min. 100 Attempts)

Season .646 (210-325) Malcolm Long (2009)

Career .593 (TDB) Malcolm Long (2007-2010)

TOTAL RECEPTIONS

Game 12 Lennel Elmore vs. Miss. Valley St. (2010) Season 70 Tavarus Morgan (2003) Career 154 Tyler McDonald (2010-13)

YARDS RECEIVING

Game 230 Charlie Brown vs. Morris Brown (1980) Season 995 Oliver (Tre') Young (2009) Career 2,719 Shaquan Davis (2019-22)



SC STATE RECORD BOOKS

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

Game 5 De'Montrez Burroughs vs. Howard (2019)

Season 13 Freddie Solomon (1994) 13 De'Montrez Burroughs (2016-19) Career Shaquan Davis 29 (2019-22)

YARDS PER RECEPTION

Game 50.5 Terrence Metcalf vs. Savannah State (2002) Season 85.3 De'Montrez Burroughs (2019) Career 25.1 Charlie Brown (1977-80)

FIELD GOALS MADE

Game 4 Tyler Scandrett (2017) vs Johnson C. Smith Richard Dix vs. Morgan State Malcolm Montgomery vs. Newberry (1976) Season 18 Blake Erickson (2009) Career 35 Blake Erickson (2008-2010) Longest 52 Cedric Oglesby vs. Delaware State (2010)

TOTAL POINTS

Game 36 Henry Odom vs. Morgan State (1980) Season 132 Michael Hicks (1994)

Career 316 Michael Hicks (1993-95)

TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS

Game 6 Henry Odom vs. Morgan State (1980)

Season 22 Michael Hicks (1994)

Career 53 Cleveland McCoy (2004-07)

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Game 20 Harry Carson vs. Newberry (1975)

Season 131 Joe Montford (1993)

Career 394 Darius Leonard (2014-17)

SACKS

Game 6 Javon Hargrave vs. BethuneCookman (2014)

Season 22.5 Chatric Darby (1998) Career 45.5 Chatric Darby (1995-98)

INTERCEPTIONS

Game 4 Ricky Hill vs. Southern (1991) Season 9 Ricky Hill (1990) Career 19 Ricky Hill (1988-91)

PUNTING

Longest 80 yds.Alonzo Braddy vs. Alcorn State (1980) Highest Average Season 40.5 yds. (52 punts) Alonzo Braddy (1980) Career 39.9 yds. (71 punts) Frank Zeigler (1998-2000)



Former Bulldog linebacker Shaquille Leonard became the school's Career All-Time Leading Tackler (394) and was selected with the 36th pick overall in the 2018 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts.



HEAD COACH-Oliver "Buddy" Pough



OLIVER "BUDDY" POUGH

the All-Time Winningest Coach in School History wrapped up his 21st season as head football coach at South Carolina State, his alma mater and is the All-Time Winningest Coach in School History.

During his 21-year tenure at the school where he earned a bachelor's and a master's, as well as All-MEAC honors as an offensive lineman, Pough has compiled an overall record of 146-87 and a 112-42 MEAC worksheet.

His teams captured three

MEAC titles (2021,2008 & 2009) outright, shared four others (2004, 2010, 2013,2014 and 2019), and made four trips to the prestigious FCS playoffs (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2013).

Pough captured his first Celebration Bowl Championship in 2021 knocking off top-ranked Jackson State to win his fifth (5th) HBCU National Crown.

SC State had its best turnaround in 2013 with a 9-4 overall, 7-1 MEAC record after suffering their first losing season under Pough at 5-6 overall and 4-4 in the MEAC in 2012. In 2011, the Bulldogs compiled a 7-4 overall worksheet and were 6-2 in the MEAC. During the 2010 season, Pough's team finished 9-3 and was 7-1 in the MEAC to tie for the championship after winning the title outright in both 2009 and 2008. His squad also earned its third straight berth to the FCS playoffs and finished the 2010 campaign ranked high in all the HBCU and Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) polls.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SULLIDGE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

MEAC CHAMPIONS: 2021, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2004, 1994, 1983, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1975, 1974; **HBCU(BLACK COLLEGE) NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:** 1976,1977,1981,1982, 1994, 2008, 2009, 2021

In 2009, SC State was named National Black Champion by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network, the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta, the Washington (DC) Pigskin Club and the Box-to-Row/BASN. In addition, the Bulldogs finished number seven in all three major FCS polls – The Sports Network, the FCS Coaches Poll and Any Given Saturday.

Pough's 2009 squad finished 10-3 overall, captured its second consecutive MEAC crown with an unblemished 8-0 record and made back-to-back appearances in the FCS playoffs. The Orangeburg native reaped Coach of the Year honors in the MEAC -- his second in as many seasons – and also earned the accolade from the (Columbia, SC) State newspaper, the Washington Pigskin Club, the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta and the Orangeburg Touchdown Club.

His 2008 squad was just as impressive, finishing 10-2 and winning the MEAC title with an 8-0 mark, the team's first outright title in 14 seasons, and returning to the FCS playoffs for the first time since the 1982 campaign.

Pough became the 14th head football coach at South Carolina State, while posting a 7-5 overall record and a 4-4 mark in the MEAC in his inaugural season in 2002. In 2003, he guided the Bulldogs to an 8-4 overall record and a 6-2 mark in MEAC play, losing only to Hampton and Bethune- Cookman.

The 2004 season can be considered another one of the team's best under Pough, as the Bulldogs produced the first-of-two consecutive 9-2 seasons. SC State was 6-2 in MEAC play that season, tying the Hampton Pirates for the 2004 championship.

In 2005, Pough's team duplicated the 9-2 record of the previous year and improved to 7-1 in the MEAC, with the lone league loss coming at the hands of eventual champion and nationally ranked



Hampton.

Follow by a couple of 7-4 records in 2006 and 2007, the Bulldogs had 10-win seasons in each of the next two campaigns -- 2008 (10-3) and 2009 (10-2). SC State was also a perfect 8-0 in the MEAC both years.

Pough has coached several players who have gone on to play in the National Football League, including six who are currently on NFL rosters – Joe Thomas (Free Agent), Pro Bowl nose tackle Javon Hargrave (San Francisco 49ers), Alex Taylor (Dallas Cowboys), Antonio Hamilton (Arizona Cardinals), Decobie Durant (L.A. Rams) and NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and Pro Bowl linebacker Darius Leonard (Indianapolis Colts).

Prior to taking the reins at South Carolina State, Pough spent five seasons as an assistant at the University Of South Carolina (USC), the last three as a running backs coach under Lou Holtz. During his stint at USC, he helped build the Gamecocks into one of the top offensive teams in the SEC. USC made back-to-back appearances in the Outback Bowl in 2000 and 2001. Before going to USC, Pough was one of the top high school coaches in the Palmetto State, leading Fairfield-Central to a perfect 15-0 record

in 1996 and claiming the Class AAA state title. He earned South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Coach-of-the-Year honors for his efforts, the first of such three honors. Pough also had coaching stints at Keenan High in Columbia, where he built the Raiders into one of the top-Class AAA teams in the state.

In his final two seasons (1973 and 1974) as a player for SC State, the Orangeburg native and former offensive lineman helped the Bulldogs to a 15-7-1 record, a league crown and back-to-back postseason appearances seasons. After graduating in 1975, he joined the staff at nearby Orangeburg-Wilkinson High (1976-79), before returning to his alma mater as an assistant coach in 1979. The Bulldogs made consecutive trips to the Div. 1-AA playoffs (1981 & 1982) during his tenure as an assistant.

Pough and his wife, Josie are the parents of two sons--Oliver "Bud" IV and Lee Judson and a daughter-in-law, Dr. Natalie Odom Pough.

Pough has two granddaughters Taylor Michelle and Olivia Grace.

