



COASTAL CAROLINA CHANTICLEERS

Sun Belt - East Division

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National Championships - 0



Sun Belt Championships: 1
(Last Won: 2020)

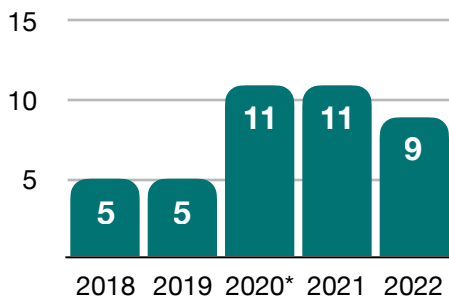
Location: Conway, SC

All-Time Record: 44-30

2022 Results: 9-4
Lost in Birmingham Bowl

Head Coach: Tim Beck
1st Year (0-0)

5-YEAR WIN TREND



Brooks Stadium (21,000)

McCall's Return Makes Chants Team to Beat

Star quarterback **Grayson McCall** entered the transfer portal in the offseason. Speculation ran wild on his next location and Liberty, North Carolina State, UCLA, Oregon State, and Notre Dame were all considered potential options (via 24/7). Head coach Jamey Chadwell left to take the open Liberty job which brought additional concern that McCall would have even more motivation to leave without his head coach there. However, new head coach Tim Beck convinced McCall to stay which instantly put the Chants back into Sun Belt contention. Beck is getting his first experience as a head coach in Conway but he's been a decorated offensive coordinator for over a decade with previous stops at Nebraska, Ohio State, Texas, and North Carolina.

Coastal Carolina has been an FBS program for only six years and they've seen unprecedented success for a program that started just 20 years ago. The Chanticleers have been ranked in the Top 25 in each of the last three seasons and have posted 31 wins and a Sun Belt Conference championship in that same time span. They were on their way to claim another conference title but McCall was injured in the penultimate game of the season. Coastal was drubbed by James Madison 47-7 and Troy claimed the SBC title over the Chants 45-26. The Chants didn't fare much better in the Birmingham Bowl and allowed a season-high 53 points to East Carolina.

McCall's presence certainly made the whole team better but the defense was largely to blame in each of the four losses (allowed 45 points or more in each loss). There were only three returning starters on that side of the football last year which resulted in a substantial increase in points allowed (21.6 in 2021 to 31.8 in 2022). Six starters return in 2023 but six of the top seven tacklers are back. **JT Killen** fell just shy of 100 tackles and returns to lead the defense at middle linebacker. He had 38 more tackles than the #2 tackler lance Boykin who departs. The Chants got to the quarterback 35 times but must now replace three starters on the defensive line. **Kennedy Roberts** is the holdover and had five tackles for loss. **Ja'Quon Griffin** made a big impact after transferring in from Georgia Tech and is the team's leading returner in the sack department (5.5). The secondary was consistently burned for 283.6 passing yards per game last year. Corners **Jacob Proche** and **Matthew McDoom** will need to impress in bigger roles. I expect improvement on defense and defensive coordinator Craig Navier will bring a more traditional 4-3 system to the table which could be a benefit.

The three-time Sun Belt Player of the Year will be all the more dangerous with the top four receivers back from last season. **Sam Pinckey** caught 71 passes for 996 yards and **Jared Brown** consistently made big play after big play and led the team with six scores. **Tyson Mobley** caught 40 passes for 490 yards and running back **CJ Beasley** was dynamic in the passing game, too. Even though McCall and company must learn a new offensive system, it's hard to imagine how this offense won't light up the scoreboard on a weekly basis. The run game should only help with both Beasley and **Reese White** back at running back. The former had two very good outings against Georgia State (25 carries, 142 yards) and ULM (15 carries, 115 yards) while the latter posted 133 yards against Army. If White and the rest of the running back room can stay healthy, this is a seriously talented and deep unit. The Coastal Carolina offense should be extremely well-balanced like it has been for the past few seasons and will be one of the best in the Sun Belt.

The Bottom Line: Coastal Carolina will be a treat to watch this season as long as you don't mind the color teal. Grayson McCall is one of the best quarterbacks in the country and the Chants will surround him with a plethora of weapons to make the offense dangerous. I'm not sure if they'll match the 37.2 points per game of 2020 or the 40.9 points in 2021 in the first year of a new offensive scheme but I would expect the Chants to top the 30.0 threshold. If Tim Beck wants a conference title in his first season with the program, the defense will need to carry their end of the bargain. Road games at UCLA, Appalachian State, and Army will prove difficult but the Chants are a dominant 19-2 at Brooks Stadium and could very well put themselves in a position to host the Sun Belt Championship game.













Projection: 9-3 (1st in Sun Belt East)

2022 Statistics

Points Scored	Rush Yards	Pass Yards	Turnover Margin
29.1	159.3	246.2	+1
60th in FBS	59th in FBS	53rd in FBS	T-61st in FBS
Points Allowed	Rush YDS Allowed	Pass YDS Allowed	
31.8	133.5	283.6	
111th in FBS	39th in FBS	125th in FBS	



2023 Coastal Carolina Schedule

Week	Date	Team
1	Sat, Sept 2	 @ UCLA
2	Sat, Sept 9	 vs. Jax State
3	Sat, Sept 16	 vs. Duquesne
4	Thu, Sept 21	 vs. Georgia State
5	Sat, Sept 30	 @ Georgia So.
6	Bye Week	
7	Tue, Oct 10	 @ App State
8	Sat, Oct 21	 @ Arkansas State
9	Sat, Oct 28	 vs. Marshall
10	Sat, Nov 4	 @ Old Dominion
11	Sat, Nov 11	 vs. Texas State
12	Sat, Nov 18	 @ Army
13	Sat, Nov 25	 vs. J Madison

Conference Games in Bold

KEY GAMES

Tue, Oct 10: @ Appalachian State - Last year the Chants opened up a big lead but had to stave off a valiant comeback attempt by the Mountaineers. Even though App State had a down year in 2022, this game will almost certainly have huge implications on the East division race.

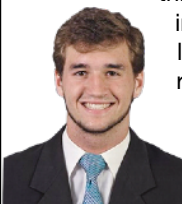
Sat, Oct 28: vs. Marshall - Coastal claimed the first ever meeting between the two schools but the Thundering Herd haven't lost a game since and are serious contenders in the East.

Sat, Nov 18: @ Army - The Chants earned a hard-fought 38-28 victory to open last season but facing Army late in the season can be grueling and facing the Black Knights on the road only adds to the challenge.

KEY PLAYERS

Grayson McCall - QB

When McCall finally exits Conway (which may not even be after this season), he'll be the most decorated Chanticleer in program history. He'll take over the career passing leader mark and top 10,000 yards and he'll have a real opportunity at earning an unprecedented fourth Sun Belt Player of the Year. He's a proven leader and a tough competitor who will punish defenses both on the ground and through the air and he hardly ever makes a big mistake (78 touchdowns to only 8 interceptions in his career!).



Sam Pinckney - WR

Pinckney quickly turned into one of the most impactful transfers in the 2022 cycle and became McCall's favorite target. He caught 71 passes for 996 yards which were both career highs by a wide margin. The super-super senior enters his sixth season as the unquestioned top option in the receiver room. With other quality receivers on the field defenses can't afford to double the Greenwood native.



2022 RESULTS (9-4)

Army (W 38-28)
Gardner-Webb (W 31-27)
Buffalo (W 38-26)
@ Georgia State (W 41-24)
Georgia Southern (W 34-30)
@ ULM (W 28-21)
Old Dominion (L 21-49)
@ Marshall (W 24-13)
Appalachian State (W 35-28)
Southern Miss (W 26-23)
@ James Madison (L 7-47)
@ Troy (L 26-45)
East Carolina (L 29-53)



RECRUITING

2023 Class Ranking

111th

(Via 24/7 Sports)