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# DYLAN THOMPSON

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

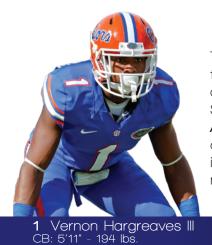
# WHAT'S Inside

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## AROUNDTHESEC

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



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There are a ton of compelling matchups when the Gators travel to Tuscaloosa - and manu center around Florida's ability or inability to score against Bama. However, Nick Saban has one of the best receivers in the country in Amari Cooper and Will Muschamp has one of the best corners in the nation in Vernon Hargreaves III. It will be interesting to see Cooper, DeAndrew White and companu matching up with the Gator secondary.

bu: Chris Clark

#### TOP MATCHUP

Florida DBs vs. Alabama WRs

Amari Cooper WR: 6'1" - 210 lbs. 6.0 ★★★★

Can Kansas State hang with Auburn? This week we're treated to an excellent

appetizer to the weekend as Auburn gets an interesting test from K State. Auburn probably takes care of business, and the Tigers aren't on a short week because they were off last week, but things do tend to get crazy on Thursday nights.

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#### Can Miss. State move up in the West?

Both Mississippi schools are considered improved this year, but the perception is they're still very much behind the top four in the West. A win over LSU would give them a marquee win and signal a major step forward.

Is Florida as bad as we think?

Most people aren't too high on the Gators after they barely edged out Kentucky at home. They'll get a chance to prove those people wrong with a strong showing at Alabama.

#### SEC LEADERS

#### **PASSING**

▼ Kenny Hill ♣ Bo Wallace

₩ Patrick Towles

#### RUSHING

Alex Collins G Todd Gurleu

Jonathan Williams

#### **RECEIVING**

A Amari Cooper Travin Dural

Demarcus Robinson

## SAMMIE COATES

Auburn Junior WR

bu: Aaron Weiss

Nick Marshall's favorite target has returned, just in time to take on Kansas State, where he almost signed out of JUCO. Coates only had one catch against Arkansas before suffering a left leg injury, but he was viewed as a Biletnikoff Award candidate prior to that. After having 902 receiving yards and seven touchdowns last season, expect the offense to work early to get Coates the ball, and to get

## SEC PLAYER YOU SHOULD KNOW

# themselves the lead.

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#### OTHER NOTABLE GAMES

Georgia Tech at Virgina Tech	12:00 PM	ESTIT
Virginia at <sup>21</sup> BYU	3:30 PM	ESFIT
UNC at ECU	3:30 PM	<del>Ши</del> НО
Northern Illinois at Arkansas	7:00 PM	<del>⊯т</del> П∭НО
Miami (FL) at <sup>24</sup> Nebraska	8:00 PM	25FN 2
<sup>2</sup> Oregon at Washington St.	10:30 PM	ESPIT

## VIEWINGGUIDE

PREPARE LIKE A CHAMPION



Florida State's clinical destruction of Clemson last Oct. 19 was pretty much the only thing that went right for USC fans that day, as the Gamecocks suffered a confounding loss to lowly Tennessee just hours before. Will the Tigers fall victim to a similar fate this season with the game played in Tallahassee? Or are Clemson's chances closer to 50-50, as head coach Dabo Swinney estimated them to be after the 51-14 home loss last uear? FSU isn't thrashing teams quite like it did last season, and Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston is suspended for the first half for jumping on a table in the student union and shouting vulgar language. The Tigers are still figuring some things out on their end as well, but don't be surprised if Clemson thinks the unthinkable Saturday.

> Jameis Winston (RS) Sophomore QB

Deshaun Watson Freshman QB

## MARQUEE MATCHUP

#### WHO WE'LL BE WATCHING



RIXON LANE



CHRIS CLARK



WES MITCHELL



**AVERY WILKS** 







12:00 ON





WVU hung around with Alabama longer than most thought and this type of matchup and the opportunity it presents is a reason the Mountaineers jained the Big 12. The couch-burning potential here



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# GAMEPREVIEW

ARE YOU READY?



## KNOW YOUR OPPONENT

by: Rixon Lane

#### CALEB AZUBIKE

Junior Linebacker

Azubike is listed as a linebacker, but the Nigeria native can also put his hand in the dirt and play on the defensive line. After missing the season-opener for disciplinary reasons, Azubike is tied for third in the conference with four sacks in his last two games. He racked up seven tackles and two sacks in Vanderbilt's first SEC contest against Ole Miss. Look for Azubike to be the bright spot in Derek Mason's 3-4 defensive scheme.

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

by: Avery Wilks

#### DYLAN THOMPSON

(RS) Senior Quarterback

Thompson had arguably his best game ever last week in leading the Gamecocks to an upset over Georgia, completing 70 percent of his passes for 271 yards and four total touchdowns. Now he returns to where it all began, Vanderbilt Stadium. Thompson was dreadful in his first significant playing time against the Commodores in 2012, missing on all three of his passes and rushing five times for a net loss of five yards. The Gamecocks quickly relieved him in favor of a still-injured Connor Shaw and escaped Nashville with a 17-13 victory. Now two years wiser and more experienced, can Thompson conquer the scuffling Commodores on their home turf?

#### VEGAS REPORT

The Wynn in Las Vegas opened USC as a 20.5-point road favorite over Vanderbilt early Sunday evening. Within an hour, the book moved the Gamecocks to 21 and by Monday at lunch, the number was up to 21.5. The Wynn adjusted USC to 22 by late Wednesday afternoon. As of 2:30 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, most spots had USC favored by 21.5 or 22. The total for 'over/under' wagers started at 55.5 on Wednesday, but it was down to 53.5 early Thursday afternoon. A few offshores were actually as low as 53.

## **PREDICTIONS**

#### Wes Mitchell

South Carolina has played some sloppy games in Nashville, but this Vandy team is one of the worst we've seen in some time. I expect the Gamecocks to continue to improve and to win the game, but it may be closer for parts of the game than people expect.

#### Rixon Lane

The Gamecocks always seem to play ugly football in Nashville. However, Vanderbilt is a terrible team and the South Carolina defense will be looking to make a statement.

#### Jeff Tyner

Conventional Wisdom says USC will play down to its competition, resulting in a frustrating 60 minutes. However, A&M's season-opening beatdown was only three weeks ago. The Gamecocks should be hungry for their turn.

#### **Aaron Weiss**

Stephen Rivers was supposed to be the chosen one. The favorite son. How could the gypsy woman lie to him?

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HOW'S THE CLASS LOOKING?

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FOUR-STAR PROSPECTS

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#### 2015 Commitment List

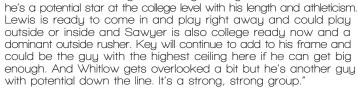
Jaire Alexander	DB	5-11/170	***	64
Damon Arnette	DB	6-2/185	***	49
Zack Bailey	OL	6-5/300	***	6
Shameik Blackshear	DE	6-4/245	***	5
Joseph Charlton	K	6-5/180	***	NR
Jalen Christian	ATH	5-10/173	***	10
Austin Clark	OL	6-5/297	***	7
Mon Denson	RB	5-10/215	***	38
Davon Durant	LB	6-2/240	***	NR
Mark Fields	DB	5-10/186	***	10
Jalen Henry	LB	6-1/215	***	NR
Octavis Johnson	DB	6-0/183	***	19
Arden Key	DE	6-6/228	***	10
Marquavius Lewis	DE	6-4/270	***	NR
Kyle Markway	TE	6-4/219	***	NR
Jozie Milton	OL	6-2/291	***	NR
Dexter Neal	WR	6-2/197	***	30
Lorenzo Nunez	QB	6-2/190	***	7
Paris Palmer	OL	6-9/305	***	NR
Christian Pellage	OL	6-6/291	***	46
Sherrod Pittman	LB	6-0/215	***	3
Connor Redmond	TE	6-4/220	***	NR
Dante Sawyer	DE	6-3/235	***	NR
AJ Turner	RB	5-10/180	***	35
Jerad Washington	WR	5-8/150	***	93
Quandeski Whitlow	DE	6-4/228	***	19
Dexter Wideman	DT	6-3/280	***	NR
Antoine Wilder	DB	5-11/172	***	NR

## EXPERT TAKE

Mike Farrell National Recruiting Director Rivals.com

#### On USC's 2015 DE Class:

"Easily one of the best in the country even with the injury concerns surrounding (Shameik) Blackshear. If he can get and stay healthy,





#### RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT



Dante Sawyer
Weakside Defensive End
6'3" 235 lbs.
East Mississippi C.C.
#14 on Rivals JUCO 100

As a four-star and Rivals250 prospect out of high school, Sawyer drew a hefty list of scholarship offers but his academic situation prevented him from enrolling at USC after signing with the Gamecocks in February. He got out of high school early and headed off to junior college, allowing him to enroll next summer in Columbia if all goes well. Sawyer has the size, athleticism, and pass-rushing skill set to contribute early next season for the Gamecocks which will give a DE group that needs more pass rushers a shot in the arm.

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LET'S GET COOKING!

#### SLOW-COOKER BRISKET AND A TACO BAR ARE TAILOR-MADE FOR TAILGATING AT HOME

by: Ann Thrash

SLOW-COOKED COWBOY BRISKET

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 tbsp. McCormick Grill Mates Cowboy Rub
- 1 tbsp. dark brown sugar
- 2 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1<sup>1/2</sup> tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 flat-cut brisket (about 6 lbs.)
- 1 large sweet onion, sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)

Taco Shells

Your favorite toppings, such as:

- salsa
- crumbled queso fresco
- Mexican cheese blend
- guacamole
- shredded lettuce, etc.

This weekend's game at Vanderbilt is the first road game of the season, so many of us who've spent the last two Saturdays and the previous Thursday at Williams-Brice will be watching this one at home – and that change isn't lost on Coach Spurrier.

In his press conference on Tuesday, he said, "It'll be a different environment. Obviously, having three at home here at Williams- Brice, having



Photo by Ann Thrash

a huge home crowd that was instrumental in our success last week and the week before, it won't quite be there (at Vandy), but I'm sure we'll have a good congregation of our fans in Nashville to help cheer us on."

If you're making the trip to the game, you won't have any trouble finding good eats – Nashville is a great food city. This weekend's recipe is designed for those of us who are staying home and watching the Gamecocks on the SEC Network. It's a tasty slow-cooker beef brisket that's so tender it practic- ally shreds itself at the touch of a fork. Just set up a taco bar in the kitchen with all your favorite toppings – salsa,

guacamole, cheese, salsa, etc. – then heat up some taco shells and let folks serve themselves.

The recipe, which I stumbled on in a recent Country Living magazine, gets its name from the main seasoning – a McCormick Grill Mates rub that you'll find in the spice aisle at the grocery store. This serves a good-size group, and we found that the few leftovers we had will reheat well (or they can be frozen). Note that the cilantro is totally optional. Cilantro is one of those things you either love or hate; we're in the second group, so we left it out, and it didn't affect the recipe a bit.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

In a small bowl, stir together the first 5 ingredients. Trim fat from the brisket, leaving a thin layer in place. Cut brisket into 3-inch chunks.

Rub the seasoning mixture evenly into each piece of brisket. Place onions and garlic in bottom of a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker and place meat on top. Sprinkle with cilantro, if using.

Cover and cook on low for 8 to 9 hours, or until brisket shreds easily with a fork. Serve on warm taco shells with toppings of choice. Makes about 15 servings.

#### **GAMEBREAK**



## DABO OF THE WEEK



"I'm walkin on sunshiiiine, woah-oh-oh!"



## GCR SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

7:30 PM SUNDAYS AT THE CAROLINA ALE HOUSE (HARBISON)



## ACTIVATED GAMECOCKS PLAYING IN NFL WEEK 3

Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ Atlanta Falcons (Thursday, 8:30 pm ET)

- Patrick DiMarco, FB, Atlanta

#### Minnesota Vikings @ New Orleans Saints (Sunday, 1 pm ET)

- Jasper Brinkley, LB, Minnesota
- Captain Munnerlyn, CB, Minnesota

#### Baltimore Ravens @ Cleveland Browns (Sunday, 1 pm ET)

- Spencer Lanning, P, Cleveland
- Darian Stewart, S, Baltimore

#### Indianapolis Colts @ Jacksonville Jaguars (Sunday, 1 pm ET)

- Jamon Meredith, OL, Indianapolis
- Kelcy Quarles, DT, Indianapolis

#### Tennessee Titans @ Cincinnati Bengals (Sunday, 1 pm ET)

- Ruan Succop, K, Tennessee

#### Houston Texans @ New York Giants (Sunday, 1 pm ET)

- Johnathan Joseph, CB, Houston
- D.J. Swearinger, S, Houston

#### Green Bay Packers @ Detroit Lions (Sunday, 1 pm ET)

Devin Taylor, DE, Detroit

#### Dallas Cowboys @ St. Louis Rams (Sunday, 1 pm ET)

- Jared Cook, TE, St. Louis

#### Washington Redskins @ Philadelphia Eagles (Sunday, 1 pm ET)

- Clifton Geathers, DE, Washington

#### San Diego Chargers @ Buffalo Bills (Sunday, 1 pm ET)

- Melvin Ingram, LB, San Diego

#### San Francisco 49ers @ Arizona Cardinals (Sunday, 4:05 pm ET)

- John Abraham, LB, Arizona
- Chris Culliver, CB, San Francisco
- Bruce Ellington, WR/KR, San Francisco

#### Chicago Bears @ New York Jets (Monday, 8:30 pm ET)

- Alshon Jeffery, WR, Chicago
- Antonio Allen, S, New York

## **NFLGUIDE**

GAMECOCKS IN THE PROS



## Gamecock NFL Spotlight

D.J. Swearinger SS #36

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While you're busy being bummed out that Jadeveon Clowney is still injured, ya boy DEEEEEEJAAAAAAY is tearing it up in Houston. In his past two games, both of which he's started, he has 11 total tackles and two forced fumbles. John McClain (no relation to Die Hard) of the Houston Chronicle has dubbed him "a turnover-inducing machine." No sophomore slump for Jungle Boi Swagg in Houston.



## GCR SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

7:30 PM SUNDAYS AT THE CAROLINA ALE HOUSE (HARBISON)

#### South Carolina Numerical Roster

1	Damiere Byrd	WR	5-9/170	Slickerville, NJ
1	Rico McWilliams	CB	5-11/184	Hampton, GA
3	Nick Jones	WR	5-7/168	Moore, SC
3	Chris Lammons	CB	5-10/172	Sunrise, FL
4	Bryson Allen-Williams	LB	6-1/231	Ellenwood, GA
4	Shaq Roland	WR	6-1/176	Lexington, SC
5	Darius English	DE	6-6/241	Powder Springs, GA
5	Brendan Nosovitch	QB	6-1/221	Allentown, PA
6	Chris Moody	S	6-1/210	McDonough, GA
6	Connor Mitch	QB	6-3/211	Raleigh, NC
7	Shon Carson	RB	5-8/201	Scranton, SC
7	Wesley Green	CB	5-10/176	Lithonia, GA
8	Kaiwan Lewis	LB	6-0/228	Pleasantville, NJ
8	Shamier Jeffery	WR	6-1/198	St. Matthews, SC
9	Sharrod Golightly	LB	5-10/187	Decatur, GA
9	Tyshun Samuel	WR	6-0/192	Inman, SC
10	Perry Orth	QB	6-1/204	Ponde Verda, FL
10	Skai Moore	LB	6-2/213	Cooper City, FL
11	Pharoh Cooper	WR	5-11/201	Havelock, NC
11	T.J. Holloman	LB	6-2/234	Stone Mountain, GA
12	Brison Williams	CB/S	5-11/208	Warner Robbins, GA
12	Michael Scarnecchia	QB	6-4/189	Fleming Island, FL
13	Grant Davitte	QB	6-3/180	Columbia, SC
13	Tyler Hull	P	6-2/207	Mount Airy, NC
14	Ali Groves	CB	5-10/187	Stone Mountain, GA
14	Shaq Davidson	WR	5-11/170	Gaffney, SC
15	Austin Halls	QB	6-2/220	Collinsville, IL
16	Zach Cimaglia	P	6-1/170	Charlotte, NC
17	Chaz Elder	S	6-2/195	Union City, GA
17	Dylan Thompson	QB	6-3/218	Boiling Springs, SC
18	Cedrick Cooper	DE	6-2/225	Lithonia, GA
18	Patrick Fish	P	6-0/194	Shelby, NC
19	Landon Ard	K	5-9/178	Rock Hill, SC
19	Terry Googer	WR	6-4/210	Atlanta, GA
20	T.J. Gurley	S	5-10/194	Cairo, GA
21	Andrew Bunch	WR	5-11/173	Mt. Pleasant, SC
21	Marcquis Roberts	LB	6-1/216	Powder Springs, GA
22	Brandon Wilds	RB	6-2/222	Blythewood, SC
22	Jamari Smith	CB	5-10/197	Jacksonville, FL
23	Larenz Bryant	LB	6-0/220	Charlotte, NC
24	D.J. Smith	CB	5-11/189	Marietta, GA
25	Kadetrix Marcus	S	6-1/194	Stone Mountain, GA
26	Jasper Sasser	S	6-0/203	Jacksonville, FL
28	Jonathan Walton	LB	6-0/228	Daphne, AL
28	Mike Davis	RB	5-9/223	Atlanta, GA
29	Elliot Fry	K	6-0/165	Frisco, TX
29	Matrick Benson	WR	6-4/215	Columbia, SC
30	Darius Paulk	FB	5-8/199	Columbia, SC
30	Sidney Rhodes	СВ	5-10/182	Easley, SC
31	Al Harris Jr.	СВ	5-11/162	Fort Lauderdale, FL
31	Jordan Diaz	FB	6-1/236	Hamilton, NJ
32	Rod Talley	RB	5-10/201	Laurens, SC
33	David Williams	RB	6-1/214	Philadelphia, PA
34	Jonas Price	K	6-2/165	Cockeysville, MD
34	Mason Harris	DE	6-3/235	Fort Oglethorpe, GA
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35	Shannon Jones	DB	5-7/153	Florence, SC
39	Demetrius Smalls	DB	5-11/170	Bluffton, SC
40	Jacob August	TE	6-6/247	Columbia, SC
41	Connor McLaurin	FB	6-0/243	Raleigh, NC
41	Kyle Morini	LB	5-10/221	Warner Robbins, GA
42	Jordan Diggs	LB	6-0/217	Fort Myers, FL
43	Benjamin Russel	DB	6-0/175	Atlanta, GA
43	Garrison Gist	FB	5-10/260	Rock Hill, SC
44	Gerald Dixon	DE	6-2/274	Rock Hill, SC
44	Gerald Turner	FB	6-2/250	Goose Creek, SC
45	Brandon Sturdivant	FB	6-2/218	Fort Mill, SC
46	Cedrick Malone	LB	6-0/201	Camden, SC
47	Drew Williams	LS	6-2/201	Irmo, SC
48	Nick McGriff	TE	6-0/220	Gainesville, FL
49	Devin Potter	RB	5-10/203	Granite Falls, NC
49	Garrett Shank	S	6-0/203	Marietta, GA
50	A.J. Cann	G	6-4/311	Bamberg, SC
51	Cody Waldrop	С	6-2/309	Seffner, FL
51	Devin Washington	DE	6-3/221	Orlando, FL
52	Phillip Dukes	DT	6-3/323	Manning, SC
53	Corey Robinson	T	6-8/344	Havelock, NC
54	Clayton Stadnik	С	6-3/273	Greensboro, NC
55	David Johnson	DE	6-1/275	Lithonia, GA
55	Na'Ty Rodgers	Т	6-5/280	Waldorf, MD
58	Ryland Culbertson	LS	6-4/267	Laurens, SC
59	Coleman Harley	LS	6-1/246	Aiken, SC
65	Brock Stadnik	G	6-5/294	Greensboro, NC
69	D.J. Park	Т	6-4/328	Dillon, SC
70	Alan Knott	С	6-4/280	Tyrone, GA
71	Brandon Shell	Т	6-6/333	Goose Creek, SC
72	Donell Stanley	G	6-4/346	Floydale, SC
74	Mason Zandi	Т	6-9/301	Irmo, SC
75	Will Sport	G	6-5/291	Milton, FL
76	Mike Matulis	G	6-5/307	Boynton Beach, FL
77	Malik Young	G	6-4/290	Piedmont, SC
78	Cody Gibson	Т	6-7/278	Tallahassee, FL
80	K.J. Brent	WR	6-4/192	Waxhaw, NC
81	Rory Anderson	TE	6-5/227	Powder Springs, GA
82	Caleb Hines	WR	5-11/160	Cornelius, NC
83	Carlton Heard	WR	6-0/188	Athens, GA
84	Matthew Harvey	WR	6-8/228	Rock Hill, SC
85	Kane Whitehurst	WR	5-11/169	Duluth, GA
86	Kevin Crosby	TE	6-1/230	Bamberg, SC
87	Sean Odom	WR	6-0/190	Orangeburg, SC
88	Drew Owens	TE	6-6/238	Charlotte, NC
89	Jerell Adams	TE	6-6/242	Pinewood, SC
90	Taylor Stallworth	DT	6-2/293	Mobile, AL
91	Blake McCain	DE	6-3/265	Jacksonville, FL
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93	Deon Green	DE	6-4/289	Windermere, FL
94	Kelsey Griffin	DT	6-2/310	Buford, GA
95	Michael Washington	DE	6-3/237	Allendale, SC
97	J.T. Surratt	DT	6-2/310	Winston-Salem, NC
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