



# 2006 Opponents

## AUBURN

### FEBRUARY 3-5 IN AUBURN

Location ..... Auburn, Ala.  
 Enrollment ..... 22,928  
 Nickname ..... Tigers  
 Colors ..... Burnt Orange & Navy Blue  
 Conference ..... Southeastern (SEC West)  
 Interim President ..... Dr. Ed Richardson  
 Athletic Director ..... Jay Jacobs  
 Home Field ..... Hitchcock Field at Plainsman Park

Head Coach ..... Tom Slater  
 Alma Mater ..... VMI '90  
 Record at AU ..... 34-26 (1)  
 Career Record ..... 84-126 (5)  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Butch Thompson, Matt Myers  
 ..... Karl Nonemaker  
 Baseball Office ..... 334-844-4975  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost ..... 20/19  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... 5/4  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost ..... 6/5  
 2005 Record (Conference) ..... 34-26 (13-17 SEC)  
 2005 Postseason ..... Tallahassee Regional Finalist

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## MERCER

### FEBRUARY 10-12 IN MACON

Location ..... Macon, Ga.  
 Enrollment ..... 7,400  
 Nickname ..... Bears  
 Colors ..... Orange & Black  
 Conference ..... Atlantic Sun  
 President ..... Dr. R. Kirby Godsey  
 Athletic Director ..... Bobby Pope  
 Home Field ..... Bear Field

Head Coach ..... Craig Gibson  
 Alma Mater ..... Mercer '85  
 Record at MU ..... 48-61 (2)  
 Career Record ..... 48-61 (2)  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Jason Jackson, Tim Boeth  
 ..... Ty Megahee  
 Baseball Office ..... 478-301-2994  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost ..... 18/7  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... 6/5  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost ..... 9/1  
 2005 Record (Conference) ..... 28-26 (12-18 A-Sun)  
 2005 Postseason ..... None

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## COPPIN STATE

### FEBRUARY 17-19 IN LEXINGTON

Location ..... Baltimore, Md.  
 Enrollment ..... 3,900  
 Nickname ..... Eagles  
 Colors ..... Royal Blue & Gold  
 Conference ..... Mid-Eastern Athletic  
 President ..... Dr. Stanley F. Battle  
 Athletic Director ..... Ron "Fang" Mitchell  
 Home Field ..... Joe Cannon Stadium

Head Coach ..... Guy Robertson  
 Alma Mater ..... Elon '99  
 Record at CSU ..... 51-90 (3)  
 Career Record ..... 51-90 (3)  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Tim Brown, Ruffin Bell  
 Baseball Office ..... 410-951-3740  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost ..... 11/11  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... 7/2  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost ..... 5/3  
 2005 Record (Conference) ..... 21-31 (10-7 MEAC)  
 2005 Postseason ..... None

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## LAFAYETTE

### FEBRUARY 25-26 IN LEXINGTON

Location ..... Easton, Pa.  
 Enrollment ..... 2,300  
 Nickname ..... Leopards  
 Colors ..... Maroon & White  
 Conference ..... Patriot League  
 President ..... Daniel Weiss  
 Athletic Director ..... Bruce McCutcheon  
 Home Field ..... Class of 1978 Stadium

Head Coach ..... Joe Kinney  
 Alma Mater ..... Lehigh '88  
 Record at LC ..... 102-157 (6)  
 Career Record ..... 102-157 (6)  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Gregg Durrah, Scott Stewart  
 ..... Paul Engelhardt  
 Baseball Office ..... 610-330-5476  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost ..... 21/3  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... 7/2  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost ..... 10/1  
 2005 Record (Conference) ..... 18-26 (6-10 Patriot)  
 2005 Postseason ..... None

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## RICHMOND

### FEB. 28 IN RIC./APR. 12 IN LEX.

Location ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Enrollment ..... 2,950  
 Nickname ..... Spiders  
 Colors ..... Red & Blue  
 Conference ..... Atlantic 10  
 President ..... TBA  
 Athletic Director ..... Jim Miller  
 Home Field ..... Pitt Field

Head Coach ..... Ron Atkins  
 Alma Mater ..... Virginia Tech '67  
 Record at UR ..... 663-479-4 (21)  
 Career Record ..... 663-479-4 (21)  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Jason Johnson, Keith Little  
 ..... Joe Frostik  
 Baseball Office ..... 804-289-8391  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost ..... 19/8  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... 15/1  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost ..... 6/5  
 2005 Record (Conference) ..... 22-35 (12-12 A-10)  
 2005 Postseason ..... A-10 Tournament

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## ALBANY

### MARCH 3-5 IN LEXINGTON

Location ..... Albany, N.Y.  
 Enrollment ..... 12,054  
 Nickname ..... Great Danes  
 Colors ..... Purple & Gold  
 Conference ..... America East  
 President ..... Dr. Kermit L. Hall  
 Director of Athletics & Recreation ..... Dr. Lee McElroy  
 Home Field ..... Varsity Field

Head Coach ..... Jon Mueller  
 Alma Mater ..... Eckerd '92  
 Record at UA ..... 131-151-1 (6)  
 Career Record ..... 131-151-1 (6)  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Greg Keagle, Garrett Baron,  
 ..... Matt Quatraro  
 Baseball Office ..... 518-442-3104  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost ..... 15/10  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... 5/4  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost ..... 2/3  
 2005 Record (Conference) ..... 20-19 (10-11 A-East)  
 2005 Postseason ..... None

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## LONGWOOD

**MARCH 8 IN LEXINGTON**

Location . . . . .Farmville, Va.  
 Enrollment . . . . .4,350  
 Nickname . . . . .Lancers  
 Colors . . . . .Blue & White  
 Conference . . . . .Independent  
 President . . . . .Dr. Patricia P. Cormier  
 Director of Athletics . . . . .Rick Mazzuto  
 Home Field . . . . .Lancer Stadium

Head Coach . . . . .Buddy Bolding  
 Alma Mater . . . . .Milligan '73  
 Record at LU . . . . .738-363-3 (27)  
 Career Record . . . . .738-363-3 (27)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Rick Blanc, Brett Mooney  
 Baseball Office . . . . .434-395-2352  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .13/9  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .4/4  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .7/1  
 2005 Record . . . . .16-32  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .None

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## HARTFORD

**MARCH 11-12 IN LEXINGTON**

Location . . . . .West Hartford, Conn.  
 Enrollment . . . . .4,533  
 Nickname . . . . .Hawks  
 Colors . . . . .Scarlet & White  
 Conference . . . . .America East  
 President . . . . .Walter Harrison  
 Athletic Director . . . . .Pat Meiser-McKnett  
 Home Field . . . . .Hartford Baseball Field

Head Coach . . . . .Jeff Calcaterra  
 Alma Mater . . . . .Indiana '92  
 Record at HU . . . . .6-30 (1)  
 Career Record . . . . .6-30 (1)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Mike Susi, John Turner  
 Baseball Office . . . . .860-768-5760  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .13/9  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .4/5  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .6/30  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .6-30, (3-18 AEC)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .None

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## NIAGARA

**MARCH 15 IN LEXINGTON**

Location . . . . .Niagara University, N.Y.  
 Enrollment . . . . .3,548  
 Nickname . . . . .Purple Eagles  
 Colors . . . . .Purple & White  
 Conference . . . . .Metro Atlantic Athletic  
 President . . . . .Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M.  
 Athletic Director . . . . .Mike Hermann  
 Home Fields . . . . .John P. Bobo Field/Sal Maglie Stadium

Head Coach . . . . .Chris Chernisky  
 Alma Mater . . . . .VMI '93  
 Record at NU . . . . .25-28 (1)  
 Career Record . . . . .25-28 (1)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Kyle Swiatocha,  
 . . . . .Joseph Winkelsas  
 Baseball Office . . . . .716-286-8624  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .19/4  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .8/1  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .4/2  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .25-28 (16-9 MAAC)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .MAAC Tournament

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## CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

**MARCH 17-19 IN LEXINGTON**

Location . . . . .Charleston, S.C.  
 Enrollment . . . . .3,022  
 Nickname . . . . .Buccaneers  
 Colors . . . . .Blue & Gold  
 Conference . . . . .Big South  
 President . . . . .Dr. Jairy C. Hunter, Jr.  
 Athletic Director . . . . .Hank Small  
 Home Field . . . . .Buccaneer Field

Head Coach . . . . .Jason Murray  
 Alma Mater . . . . .Ball State '97  
 Record at CSU . . . . .24-29 (1)  
 Career Record . . . . .24-29 (1)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Matt Ishee, Brian Hoop,  
 . . . . .Josh Walker  
 Baseball Office . . . . .843-863-7591  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .9/11  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .2/7  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .3/4  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .24-29 (8-16 Big South)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .None

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## NORFOLK ST.

**MARCH 21 IN LEXINGTON**

Location . . . . .Norfolk, Va.  
 Enrollment . . . . .6,100  
 Nickname . . . . .Spartans  
 Colors . . . . .Green & Gold  
 Conference . . . . .Mid-Eastern Athletic  
 Interim President . . . . .Dr. Alvin J. Schexnider  
 Athletic Director . . . . .Marty Miller  
 Home Field . . . . .Marty L. Miller Field

Interim Head Coach . . . . .Claudell Clark  
 Alma Mater . . . . .Norfolk State '01  
 Record at NSU . . . . .14-32 (1)  
 Career Record . . . . .14-32 (1)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .A.J. Corbin, Byron Talton  
 Baseball Office . . . . .757-823-8196/9533  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .17/5  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .8/1  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .6/2  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .14-36 (8-9 MEAC)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .MEAC Tournament Runners-Up

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## BROWN

**MARCH 24-26 IN LEXINGTON**

Location . . . . .Providence, R.I.  
 Enrollment . . . . .7,701  
 Nickname . . . . .Bears  
 Colors . . . . .Seal Brown, Cardinal Red & White  
 Conference . . . . .Ivy League  
 President . . . . .Ruth J. Simmons  
 Director of Athletics . . . . .Michael Goldberger  
 Home Field . . . . .Edward B. Aldrich Baseball Field

Head Coach . . . . .Marek Drabinski  
 Alma Mater . . . . .Connecticut '91  
 Record at BU . . . . .168-233-1 (9)  
 Career Record . . . . .168-233-1 (9)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Matt Kirby  
 Baseball Office . . . . .401-863-3090  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .20/10  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .4/4  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .10/4  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .23-19 (14-6 Ivy)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .None

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## LIBERTY

MARCH 31-APRIL 2 IN LYNCHBURG

Location . . . . .Lynchburg, Va.  
 Enrollment . . . . .17,200  
 Nickname . . . . .Flames  
 Colors . . . . .Red, White & Blue  
 Conference . . . . .Big South  
 President . . . . .Dr. Jerry Falwell  
 Athletic Director . . . . .TBD  
 Home Field . . . . .Worthington Stadium

Head Coach . . . . .Matt Royer  
 Alma Mater . . . . .Liberty '80  
 Record at LU . . . . .78-86 (3)  
 Career Record . . . . .396-325 (15)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Randy Tomlin, Terry Weaver,  
 . . . . .Reggie Reynolds  
 Baseball Office . . . . .434-582-2103  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .11/5  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .7/2  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .7/4  
 2005 Record (Conference) 36-19 (14-10 Big South)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .Big South Tournament

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## VIRGINIA TECH

APRIL 5 IN LEXINGTON

Location . . . . .Blacksburg, Va.  
 Enrollment . . . . .28,000  
 Nickname . . . . .Hokies  
 Colors . . . . .Chicago Maroon & Burnt Orange  
 Conference . . . . .Atlantic Coast  
 President . . . . .Charles W. Steger  
 Athletics Director . . . . .Jim Weaver  
 Home Field . . . . .English Field

Head Coach . . . . .Chuck Hartman  
 Alma Mater . . . . .North Carolina '57  
 Record at VT . . . . .941-558-8 (27)  
 Career Record . . . . .1424-783-8 (46)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Jay Phillips, Jon Hartness,  
 . . . . .Anthony Everman  
 Baseball Office . . . . .540-231-3671  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .19/3  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .8/1  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .3/1  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .23-28 (7-19 ACC)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .ACC Tournament

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## HIGH POINT

APRIL 7-9 IN HIGH POINT

Location . . . . .High Point, N.C.  
 Enrollment . . . . .3,100  
 Nickname . . . . .Panthers  
 Colors . . . . .Purple & White  
 Conference . . . . .Big South  
 President . . . . .Dr. Nido Qubein  
 Athletic Director . . . . .Dr. Woody Gibson  
 Home Field . . . . .George S. Erath Field

Head Coach . . . . .Sal Bando, Jr.  
 Alma Mater . . . . .Oklahoma State '93  
 Record at HPU . . . . .70-148 (4)  
 Career Record . . . . .172-236 (8)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Phil Maier, Travis Motsinger,  
 . . . . .Rey Rojas  
 Baseball Office . . . . .336-841-9190  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .12/15  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .4/6  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .4/3  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .19-36 (6-18 Big South)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .None

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## RADFORD

APRIL 14-15 IN LEXINGTON

Location . . . . .Radford, Va.  
 Enrollment . . . . .9,552  
 Nickname . . . . .Highlanders  
 Colors . . . . .Red, Blue & Green  
 Conference . . . . .Big South  
 President . . . . .Penelope W. Kyle  
 Director of Athletics . . . . .Greig Denny  
 Home Field . . . . .Dedmon Center Park

Head Coach . . . . .Lew Kent  
 Alma Mater . . . . .N.C. State '92  
 Record at RU . . . . .187-325 (11)  
 Career Record . . . . .187-325 (11)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Ryan Brittle, Chip Schaffner  
 Baseball Office . . . . .540-831-5881  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .17/9  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .6/4  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .9/4  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .15-40 (8-16 Big South)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .Big South Tournament

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## VIRGINIA

APRIL 18 IN CHARLOTTESVILLE

Location . . . . .Charlottesville, Va.  
 Enrollment . . . . .20,018  
 Nickname . . . . .Cavaliers  
 Colors . . . . .Navy & Orange  
 Conference . . . . .Atlantic Coast  
 President . . . . .John T. Casteen III  
 Athletic Director . . . . .Craig Littlepage  
 Home Field . . . . .Davenport Field

Head Coach . . . . .Brian O'Connor  
 Alma Mater . . . . .Creighton '93  
 Record at UVA . . . . .85-35 (2)  
 Career Record . . . . .85-35 (2)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Kevin McMullan, Karl Kuhn,  
 . . . . .Brian Anderson  
 Baseball Office . . . . .434-982-5092  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .15/11  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .5/4  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .9/7  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .41-20 (14-14 ACC)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .Corvallis Regional

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## BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN

APRIL 21-23 IN BIRMINGHAM

Location . . . . .Birmingham, Ala.  
 Enrollment . . . . .1,400  
 Nickname . . . . .Panthers  
 Colors . . . . .Black, Gold & White  
 Conference . . . . .Big South  
 President . . . . .Dr. G. David Pollick  
 Athletic Director . . . . .Joe Dean, Jr.  
 Home Field . . . . .Striplin Field

Head Coach . . . . .Brian Shoop  
 Alma Mater . . . . .Malone '80  
 Record at BSC . . . . .659-284-1 (16)  
 Career Record . . . . .659-284-1 (16)  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . .Perry Roth, Doug Kovash,  
 . . . . .Jared Walker  
 Baseball Office . . . . .205-226-4924  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost . . . . .18/11  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . .5/3  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost . . . . .10/5  
 2005 Record (Conference) . . . . .36-21 (18-6 Big South)  
 2005 Postseason . . . . .Big South Tournament

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For more than 20 years, the Big South Conference has been a progressive, NCAA Division I athletic conference reflecting the energy and growth of the Southeastern United States. Founded in 1983, the Big South has matured into a competitive leader in college athletics, actively pursuing excellence both on the field of play and in the classroom. Based in Charlotte, N.C., the Big South Conference's growing presence as an NCAA Division I athletic league is evident by competitive success on the national stage, innovative marketing and media partnerships, increased football and basketball television packages, the enhancement of the quality of the student-athlete experience, and strategic planning that will carry the Big South Conference throughout the 21st Century.

Now in its 22nd year of existence, the Big South Conference is emerging, providing quality athletic competition while intentionally fostering the academic, personal, social and athletic development of each student-athlete. The League consists of nine member institutions: Birmingham-Southern College, Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, High Point University, Liberty University, UNC Asheville, Radford University, Virginia Military Institute and

Winthrop University, while its geographic breakdown features Alabama (1 member), North Carolina (2), South Carolina (3) and Virginia (3). Gardner-Webb University is an associate member in football.

The Conference was formed on August 21, 1983, when Charleston Southern (then Baptist College) Athletic Director Howard Bagwell and Augusta President George Christenberry initially began recruiting members into the Big South. One month later, Dr. Edward M. Singleton was selected as the League's first Commissioner and continued to solicit new members. The League's seven charter members were Armstrong State, Augusta, Campbell, Charleston Southern, Coastal Carolina, Radford and Winthrop. In 1989, George F. "Buddy" Sasser replaced the retiring Dr. Singleton as Commissioner. Under Sasser's leadership, the Conference implemented its public relations and compliance programs, and introduced its first-ever men's basketball television package, featuring the Big South competing among some of the finest teams in the nation. Sasser was so integral to the growth and foundation of the League that in 2000, the Commissioner's Cup -- the annual award given to the institution with the most successful athletic year -- was renamed the

George F. Sasser Cup.

In 1996, Kyle B. Kallander replaced Sasser, who would continue to serve the League as Director of Athletics at Coastal Carolina until his retirement in 1999. During his nine-year tenure, Kallander has been instrumental in aggressively promoting the Conference, including the development of the Big South Marketing Group, which has resulted in increased revenues and exposure for the Conference and its members. He also brought television coverage to Big South women's basketball and baseball for the first in Conference history, created the Big South Television Network in 2001 -- which enjoyed a League-high 18 affiliates in 2004-05, and was the driving force behind the formation of the Big South Hall of Fame. Under Kallander's leadership, the Big South developed and initiated its first long-range strategic plan, reaffirming the League's vision as a distinctive athletic Conference committed to the quality of institutional life through athletic competition. In addition, Kallander has solidified membership with the addition of High Point in 1999, Birmingham-Southern in 2000 and Virginia Military Institute in 2003.

## 2006 Big South Conference Baseball Championship

May 24-27, 2006-Hosted by Coastal Carolina University, Conway, S.C.

