



# SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS



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## GAME INFORMATION

**SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS (2-0-0-0, 2 PTS) vs. SAVANNAH GHOST PIRATES (1-1-0-0, 2 PTS)**

**Enmarket Arena (7,485), Savannah, GA**

Game 3/Road 2 | Friday, October 23rd, 2026 | 7:00 P.M. ET

Broadcast: FloSports/Mixlr.com

### 2026 RAYS FLASH

Overall Record .....2-0-0-0  
Home .....1-0-0-0  
Away .....1-0-0-0  
Power Play .....33.3% (2/6)  
Penalty Kill .....100% (3/3)  
Standings .....T-1st  
Current Streak .....W2  
Longest Win Streak .....2  
Longest Losing Streak .....0  
Last 5 Games .....2-0  
Last 10 Games .....2-0  
Rays Score First .....1-0  
Rays Allow First Goal .....1-0  
Leading After 1 Period .....1-0  
Leading After 2 Periods .....2-0  
Tied After 1 Period .....0-0  
Tied After 2 Periods .....0-0  
Trailing After 1 Period .....1-0  
Trailing After 2 Periods .....0-0  
Outshoot Opponent .....1-0  
Outshot by Opponent .....1-0

### vs. SAV

2025 Record .....6-5-1  
2025 Home .....3-3-0  
2025 Away .....3-2-1  
All Time .....25-9-5

### Officials

Referee ..... #8 Tyler Hascall  
Referee ..... #67 Trevor Thurston  
Linesman #88 Justin Pomerleau  
Linesman ..... #41 Nick Klishko

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### OPENING WEEKEND SWEEP

South Carolina took a 5-1 victory last Friday over the Jacksonville Icemen and an overtime victory against the Greenville Swamp Rabbits on Saturday to start the season 2-0-0. The Stingrays start the season 2-0-0 for the second consecutive year and for the fourth time since the 2019-20 campaign.

### SCOUTING SAVANNAH

The Ghost Pirates have gotten off to a 1-1-0 start following a 3-0 loss to Norfolk and a 4-3 shootout win over Jacksonville. Friday marks the first of 10 meetings between the two sides after South Carolina took the season series last year, 6-5-1. The teams meet four times before the start of December, with three of the matchups in N. Charleston.

### NEW MAN AT THE HELM

The 2026-27 season marks the start of the Jesse Kallechy Era in North Charleston. Kallechy came to the Stingrays after three seasons with the Fort Wayne Komets. Last season with Fort Wayne, Kallechy guided the Komets to a 45-17-10 record and an appearance in the Western Conference Finals. The fourth year Head Coach has a record of 123-69-26 in three seasons in the ECHL.

### DIVISIONAL FOES

This season, the Stingrays will see many familiar faces. Of their 72 games, South Carolina will play 62 games against the South Division. The Stingrays will play Jacksonville 13 times, Atlanta 11 times, Orlando and Savannah 10 times and Greenville and Florida nine times this year. South Carolina will only see three opponents outside the division, Greensboro four times, Tahoe three times and Worcester three times.

### KOPFF TO A FAST START

Tyler Kopff scored against his former team, the Jacksonville Icemen, on Friday night then scored the overtime winner on Sat. to send the Stingrays to a 2-0 start. In 10 games last season with Jax., Kopff notched two goals and has already tied his output from last season in just two contests.

### 2026-27 EASTERN CONF. STANDINGS

#### NORTH

| TEAM | RECORD | POINTS |
|------|--------|--------|
| TR   | 2-0-0  | 4      |
| REA  | 2-0-0  | 4      |
| NOR  | 2-1-0  | 4      |
| ADK  | 1-0-0  | 2      |
| WOR  | 1-1-0  | 2      |
| MNE  | 0-1-0  | 0      |
| GSO  | 0-2-0  | 0      |
| TRE  | 0-2-0  | 0      |

#### SOUTH

| TEAM | RECORD | POINTS |
|------|--------|--------|
| FLA  | 2-0-0  | 4      |
| SC   | 2-0-0  | 4      |
| GVL  | 1-0-1  | 3      |
| ATL  | 1-2-0  | 2      |
| SAV  | 1-1-0  | 2      |
| JAX  | 0-1-0  | 1      |
| ORL  | 0-2-0  | 0      |

### AROUND THE SYSTEM



#### WASHINGTON CAPITALS

5-4-0, 10 PTS 4th in Metro.

Last Game: 5-2 L vs LAK, 10/20

Next Game: 10/24 vs BUF, 7 p.m.



#### HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)

4-2-0-0, 8 PTS T1st in Atl.

Last Game: 6-1 L vs PRO, 10/18

Next Game: 10/24 vs BEL, 7 p.m.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

| Date  | Opponent | Venue                     | City                 | Time          |
|-------|----------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 10/24 | @Orlando | Kia Center                | Orlando, FL          | 7:00 p.m. EDT |
| 10/30 | Savannah | North Charleston Coliseum | North Charleston, SC | 7:05 p.m. EDT |
| 11/1  | Atlanta  | North Charleston Coliseum | North Charleston, SC | 3:05 p.m. EDT |
| 11/6  | Orlando  | North Charleston Coliseum | North Charleston, SC | 7:05 p.m. EDT |
| 11/7  | Orlando  | North Charleston Coliseum | North Charleston, SC | 6:05 p.m. EDT |



# 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS ROSTER

(last updated - October 14)



| #  | FORWARDS (15)      |  | S | HT   | WT  | BORN (Age)      | BIRTHPLACE              | 2025-26 CLUB(S)                 |
|----|--------------------|--|---|------|-----|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 27 | Zack ANDRUSIAK (v) |  | L | 5-11 | 187 | 7/10/1998 (28)  | Yorkton, SK, CAN        | Stavanger (Ligaen)              |
| 7  | Charlie COMBS      |  | L | 5-6  | 194 | 7/13/1996 (30)  | St. Louis, Missouri     | South Carolina                  |
| 11 | Alex DOSTIE        |  | L | 5-10 | 174 | 4/13/1997 (29)  | Drummondville, QC, CAN  | Bietgheim (DEL2)                |
| 16 | Alex GAFFNEY (r)   |  | L | 5-9  | 176 | 6/25/2002 (24)  | West Orange, New Jersey | Hershey (AHL)/St. Thomas (NCAA) |
| 9  | Justin HALL (r)    |  | R | 6-1  | 196 | 3/27/2001 (25)  | Edmonton, AB, CAN       | Univ. Alberta (USports)         |
| 20 | Kyle JACKSON       |  | L | 6-3  | 190 | 10/17/2002 (23) | Ottawa, ON, CAN         | Bloomington/Hartford (AHL)      |
| 21 | Tyler KOPFF        |  | L | 6-4  | 225 | 4/22/2003 (23)  | Ridgewood, New Jersey   | Rochester (AHL)/Jacksonville    |
| 48 | Jalen LUYPEN       |  | L | 5-10 | 171 | 6/28/2002 (24)  | Kelowna, BC, CAN        | SC/Hershey (AHL)/Tucson (AHL)   |
| 19 | Landon MCCALLUM    |  | R | 5-11 | 172 | 9/5/2003 (23)   | Delhi, ON, CAN          | Kansas City/Coachella (AHL)     |
| 29 | Cam MORRISON       |  | L | 6-3  | 209 | 8/27/1998 (28)  | Aurora, ON, CAN         | Stavanger (Ligaen)              |
| 22 | Ludwig PERSSON     |  | L | 6-0  | 185 | 10/8/2003 (22)  | Göteborg, SWE           | South Carolina/Hershey (AHL)    |
| 10 | Josh PROKOP (r)    |  | R | 5-11 | 185 | 1/30/2000 (26)  | Edmonton, AB, CAN       | Herning (Metal Ligaen)          |
| 13 | Ryan SANDELIN      |  | R | 6-0  | 185 | 1/3/1999 (27)   | Hermantown, Minnesota   | Iowa (AHL)                      |
| 36 | Tyler Weiss        |  | L | 5-10 | 170 | 1/3/2000 (26)   | Raleigh, North Carolina | Chicago (AHL)/GSO/Indy          |
| 15 | Josh WILKINS (v)   |  | L | 5-11 | 185 | 6/11/1997 (29)  | Raleigh, North Carolina | South Carolina                  |

| #  | DEFENSEMEN (8)      |  | S | HT   | WT  | BORN (Age)     | BIRTHPLACE             | 2025-26 CLUB(S)            |
|----|---------------------|--|---|------|-----|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 26 | Justin BEAN         |  | R | 6-3  | 205 | 6/25/1996 (30) | Pickering, ON, CAN     | Dundee (EIHL)              |
| 4  | Noah BECK           |  | L | 6-3  | 205 | 3/25/2001 (25) | Richmond Hill, ON, CAN | Wichita/San Jose (AHL)     |
| 44 | Jérémie BIAKABUTUKA |  | R | 6-4  | 203 | 3/5/2002 (24)  | Longueuil, QC, CAN     | Tulsa                      |
| 77 | Aidan HRESCHUK      |  | L | 5-11 | 200 | 2/19/2003 (23) | Long Beach, California | Texas (AHL)/Idaho          |
| 3  | Rhett PARSONS       |  | R | 6-3  | 223 | 8/10/2003 (23) | Cremona, AB, CAN       | Cincinnati/Toronto (AHL)   |
| 6  | Luke PROKOP         |  | R | 6-6  | 220 | 5/6/2002 (24)  | Edmonton, AB, CAN      | Bakersfield (AHL)          |
| 74 | Connor MOORE (v)    |  | R | 5-10 | 174 | 7/4/1997 (29)  | Cumming, Georgia       | South Carolina             |
| 2  | Romain RODZINSKI    |  | L | 6-1  | 190 | 5/14/2002 (24) | Lausanne, SUI          | SYR/Hershey/South Carolina |

| #  | GOALIES (2)     |  | C | HT  | WT  | BORN (Age)     | BIRTHPLACE              | 2025-26 CLUB(S)              |
|----|-----------------|--|---|-----|-----|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 33 | Garin BJORKLUND |  | L | 6-2 | 195 | 5/28/2002 (24) | Grande Prairie, AB, CAN | Hershey (AHL)/South Carolina |
| 35 | Ben KRAWS       |  | L | 6-5 | 194 | 8/2/2000 (26)  | Cranbury, New Jersey    | Idaho/Texas (AHL)            |

| STAFF            |                                    | RECENT TRANSACTIONS                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rob Concannon    | President                          | 10/14 Luka Burzan traded to New Mexico for Future Considerations<br>10/14 Adam Hall traded to Idaho for Future Considerations<br>10/14 Timothy Heinke released on waivers |
| Jesse Kallechy   | Head Coach/Director of Hockey Ops. |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Cory Melkert     | Associate Coach                    |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Hunter Bishop    | Development Coach                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Chuck Liebenrood | Head Equipment Manager             |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Julia Phillips   | Head Athletic Trainer              |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Hunter Mixon     | Assistant Athletic Trainer         |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Corey Halford    | Strength and Conditioning Coach    |                                                                                                                                                                           |

| NUMERICAL ROSTER |                      |    |                     | PRONUNCIATIONS |                        | INJURED/RESERVE |        |      |
|------------------|----------------------|----|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------|------|
| 2                | Romain Rodzinski (D) | 27 | Zack Andrusiak (F)  | 2              | Ro-main rawd-ZIHN-skee | No.             | Player | Date |
| 3                | Rhett Parsons (D)    | 29 | Cam Morrison (F)    | 11             | Daus-tee               |                 |        |      |
| 4                | Noah Beck (D)        | 33 | Garin Bjorklund (G) | 22             | PUHR-suhn              |                 |        |      |
| 6                | Luke Prokop (D)      | 35 | Ben Kraws (G)       | 27             | An-drew-zee-ak         |                 |        |      |
| 7                | Charlie Combs (F)    | 36 | Tyler Weiss (F)     | 33             | GAIR-ihn B'YOHRK-luhnd |                 |        |      |
| 9                | Justin Hall (F)      | 44 | Jeremie Biakabutuka | 36             | Weese                  |                 |        |      |
| 10               | Josh Prokop (F)      | 48 | Jalen Luypen (F)    | 44             | Bee-AK-a-buh-TOO-kah   |                 |        |      |
| 11               | Alex Dostie (F)      | 74 | Connor Moore (D)    | 48             | LIGHP-ihn              |                 |        |      |
| 13               | Ryan Sandelin (F)    | 77 | Aidan Hreschuk (D)  | 77             | HUHR-shuk              |                 |        |      |
| 15               | Josh Wilkins (F)     |    |                     | HC             | Kall-eh-key            |                 |        |      |
| 16               | Alex Gaffney (F)     |    |                     | EQ             | Lee-been-rude          |                 |        |      |
| 19               | Landon McCallum (F)  |    |                     |                |                        |                 |        |      |
| 20               | Kyle Jackson (F)     |    |                     |                |                        |                 |        |      |
| 21               | Tyler Kopff (F)      |    |                     |                |                        |                 |        |      |
| 22               | Ludwig Persson (F)   |    |                     |                |                        |                 |        |      |
| 26               | Justin Bean (D)      |    |                     |                |                        |                 |        |      |

: denotes contract with Washington Capitals (NHL)

: denotes contract with Hershey Bears (AHL)

(r) - Rookie (v) - Veteran



# SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS STAFF

## JESSE KALLECHY

**Head Coach | ECHL Record: 123-69-26**



Jesse Kallechy was named Head Coach and Director of Hockey Operations of the South Carolina Stingrays on June 16, 2026, becoming the 14th head coach in franchise history. He joins the Stingrays after three successful seasons as Head Coach of the Fort Wayne Komets, where he guided the club to the 2026 Western Conference Finals and a Central Division title after a second-place finish in 2024-25. Prior to Fort Wayne, Kallechy served as an assistant coach with the Florida Everblades and helped the organization capture back-to-back Kelly Cup championships in 2022 and 2023. He joined the Everblades after two seasons as Head Coach of the Fayetteville Marksmen of the SPHL, earning SPHL Coach of the Year honors for the 2019-20 season. Kallechy began his coaching career as an assistant coach with the Huntsville Havoc in 2015 and was a member of the club's 2018 President's Cup championship staff before being named head coach of the Marksmen in 2018. A native of Sherwood Park, Alberta, Kallechy played four professional seasons in the SPHL as a goaltender before transitioning into coaching.

## CORY MELKERT

**Associate Coach**



Cory Melkert was named Associate Coach of the South Carolina Stingrays on June 24, 2026, after spending three seasons on Head Coach Jesse Kallechy's staff with the Fort Wayne Komets. During his tenure in Fort Wayne, Melkert helped guide the Komets to a Central Division championship while leading a power play that ranked second in the ECHL during the 2025-26 season. Prior to joining the Komets, Melkert served as Head Coach of the SPHL's Fayetteville Marksmen for two seasons, compiling a 66-36-10 record. He also spent the 2020-21 season as an Assistant Coach with the Knoxville Ice Bears after serving as an assistant under Kallechy in Fayetteville during the 2019-20 campaign. A native of Kenmore, Ontario, Melkert began his coaching career following a four-season professional playing career. He skated for the Fayetteville Marksmen, Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs, Evansville Thunderbolts, and Pensacola Ice Flyers of the SPHL, in addition to the Wichita Thunder of the ECHL. Melkert concluded his playing career in Fayetteville, where he played under Kallechy before transitioning behind the bench.

## CHUCK LIEBENROOD

**Head Equipment Manager**



Chuck Liebenrood is entering the third season of his second stint as the Head Equipment Manager for the Stingrays. Liebenrood grew up in Summerville, SC, and attended Stingrays games as a child. He was in attendance at the North Charleston Coliseum the night the Stingrays won their second Kelly Cup title in 2001. Liebenrood played for the Summerville High School hockey team and graduated in 2010. He began working for the Stingrays as an equipment assistant in the 2011-2012 season and was promoted to Head Equipment Manager ahead of the 2014-15 season at age 22. That season, Liebenrood helped the Stingrays reach the 2015 Kelly Cup Finals, where they fell to the Allen Americans in seven games.

## TRAINING STAFF

### Julia Phillips, MAT, LAT, ATC Head Athletic Trainer



Julia Phillips is entering her third season with the Stingrays after being named the ECHL's Athletic Trainer of the Year in 2025-26. She joins the Stingrays with experience in both professional and major-junior hockey. She served as the Head Athletic Trainer for the ECHL's Wichita Thunder for the 2023-24 season. Phillips studied at the University of Central Florida, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences.

### Hunter Mixon Asst. Athletic Trainer



Hunter Mixon enters his first season with the South Carolina Stingrays as an Assistant Athletic Trainer. Mixon earned his Master of Science in Athletic Training from Charleston Southern University in 2025 after receiving his Bachelor of Science from the University of South Carolina in 2018. Prior to pursuing a career in athletic training, Mixon served as an officer in the United States Army. During his military career, he was selected to attend the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the United Kingdom.

## Performance Staff

### Hunter Bishop Player Development



Hunter Bishop returns as Player Development Coach for the South Carolina Stingrays, bringing professional playing experience in the AHL, ECHL and Europe. A Fairbanks, Alaska native, Bishop played at Ohio State University before signing with the Montreal Canadiens in 2010. He played for the Stingrays during the 2012-13 season and made Charleston his home after retiring. As owner of Hunter Bishop Hockey, he works with players from youth hockey to pro, focusing on individual skill development and helping players reach their potential.

### COREY HALFORD S&C COACH





# RAYS SEASON BREAKDOWN

## SCORING

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Record by Goals Scored  |       |
| 0                       | 0-0-0 |
| 1                       | 0-0-0 |
| 2                       | 0-0-0 |
| 3                       | 0-0-0 |
| 4                       | 1-0-0 |
| 5                       | 1-0-0 |
| 6                       | 0-0-0 |
| 7+                      | 0-0-0 |
| Record by Goals Allowed |       |
| 0                       | 0-0-0 |
| 1                       | 1-0-0 |
| 2                       | 0-0-0 |
| 3                       | 1-0-0 |
| 4                       | 0-0-0 |
| 5                       | 0-0-0 |
| 6                       | 0-0-0 |
| 7+                      | 0-0-0 |

## 2026-27 STREAKS AND AWARDS

### 5+ Game Point Streaks

### Shutouts

### Hat Tricks

### OT Winners

### 4+ Point Games

### 3+ Assist Games

### ECHL Player of the Week

### ECHL Goaltender of the Week

### ECHL Player of the Month

### ECHL Rookie of the Month

### ECHL Goaltender of the Month

## 2026-27 SCORING BY PERIOD

|           | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | OT | Total |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Stingrays | 2   | 3   | 3   | 1  | 9     |
| Opponents | 2   | 1   | 1   | 0  | 4     |

## 2026-27 ACTIVE STREAKS

### Streaks of 3 or more games:

### Goals:

### Assists:

### Points:

## CLUB RECORDS

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TEAM                       |                             |
| Most Points                | 109 (2024-25)               |
| Fewest Points              | 62 (2021-22)                |
| Most Wins                  | 52 (2024-25)                |
| Fewest Wins                | 28 (2021-22)                |
| Most Losses                | 38 (2021-22)                |
| Fewest Losses              | 15, x2 (2024-25, 1996-97)   |
| Most Goals                 | 345 (1996-97)               |
| Fewest Goals Allowed       | 153 (2017-18)               |
| Most PIM                   | 2,075 (1994-95)             |
| Longest Winning Streak     | 23 (2/7/15-3/27/15)         |
| Longest Winless Streak     | 11 (2/7-2/28/19)            |
| Regular Season Game Attn.: | 10,617 (1/25/14 vs Florida) |

## PLAYERS

|                      |                                          |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Most Points, Season  | 110 (Ed Courtenay, Mike Ross, 1996-97)   |
| Most Points, Game    | 7 (Ed Courtenay vs Raleigh, 2/21/97)     |
| Most Goals, Season   | 54 (Ed Courtenay, 1996-97)               |
| Most Goals, Game     | 5 (Sylvain Fleury vs GSO, 12/26/93)      |
| Most Assists, Season | 60 (Mike Ross, 96-97, Dave Seitz, 02-03) |
| Most Assists, Game   | 6 (Chris Bright vs GSO, 12/26/93)        |
| Most PIM, Season     | 352 (Andy Bezeau, 1993-94)               |
| Most PIM, Game       | 41 (Jason Renard at Birm. 10/13/95)      |

## GOALTENDERS

|                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Most Appearances  | 60 (Davis Parley, 2006-07)        |
| Most Minutes      | 3,522 (Davis Parley, 2006-07)     |
| Most Wins         | 36 (Kirk Daubenspeck, 2002-03)    |
| Most Losses       | 19 (Davis Parley, 2006-07)        |
| Most OT/SO Losses | 9 (Maxime Daigneault, 2005-06)    |
| Most Shots        | 1,969 (Kirk Daubenspeck, 2002-03) |
| Most Saves        | 1,803 (Kirk Daubenspeck, 2002-03) |
| Most Shutouts     | 8 (Ryan Zapolski, 2012-13)        |
| Lowest GAA        | 1.62 (Ryan Zapolski, 2012-13)     |
| Best SV%          | .944 (Ryan Zapolski, 2012-13)     |

## 2026-27 RAYS GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

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## 2026-27 RAYS GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

| Date                                      | OPP  | Record | Score | Place | Winning Goalie | Losing Goalie | SOG | PP/PK | Att. | TOG | Notes |
|-------------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|----------------|---------------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|
| 3/21                                      | ATL  |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 3/24                                      | @SAV |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 3/27                                      | SAV  |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 3/28                                      | SAV  |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 3/31                                      | @GSO |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| APRIL (6 Games, 2 Home, 4 Road) (0-0-0-0) |      |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 4/2                                       | JAX  |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 4/3                                       | JAX  |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 4/4                                       | @GVL |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 4/7                                       | @FLA |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 4/9                                       | @FLA |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 4/10                                      | @FLA |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |
| 2027 Kelly Cup Playoffs                   |      |        |       |       |                |               |     |       |      |     |       |

# TRANSACTIONS

| Date  | Player         | To         | From           | Action                                       |
|-------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 10/14 | Luka Burzan    | New Mexico | South Carolina | Traded to New Mexico for cash considerations |
| 10/14 | Adam Hall      | Idaho      | South Carolina | Traded to Idaho for cash considerations      |
| 10/14 | Timothy Heinke | Waivers    | South Carolina | Released on waivers                          |