

SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Game Information

Date: Sunday, December 22, 2013, 1 p.m.
Site: Colonial Life Arena (18,000) • Columbia, S.C.
Tickets: \$7 adult, \$4 youth (17 and under)
TV: Fox Sports South (Jenn Hildreth, Debbie Antonelli)
Radio: WISW 1320 AM / WNKT 107.5 FM (Brad Muller); GamecocksOnline.com
Live Stats: GamecocksOnline.com

South Carolina Gamecocks 10-1

Ranking: 10/10 (AP/Coaches)
Head Coach: Dawn Staley
Record at SC: 102-67 (6th)
Career Rec.: 274-147 (14th) vs. SCSU: 4-0
Top Scorer: Mitchell (15.7 ppg)
Top Rebounder: Welch (7.9 rpg)



vs.

South Carolina State Lady Bulldogs 1-7

Ranking: -/-
Head Coach: Doug Robertson
Record at SCSU: 66-91 (6th)
Career Rec.: 119-123 (8th) vs. SC: 0-3
Top Scorer: Williams (18.8 ppg)
Top Rebounder: Goodwin (6.4)

Series History: SC leads 24-9
In Columbia: SC leads 18-2
In Orangeburg: SC leads 4-3
Six games site unknown

2013-14 Schedule

Nov. 1	North Greenville (Exh.)	W, 96-35
Nov. 8	Charleston Southern	W, 99-29
Nov. 10	Louisiana Tech	W, 68-45
Nov. 14	C. of Charleston (FSSO)	W, 81-54
Nov. 17	Seton Hall	W, 88-67
Nov. 20	at Clemson	W, 68-43
Nov. 23	at San Diego State	W, 88-54
Nov. 25	at Southern Cal (Pac-12)	W, 70-50
Dec. 2	NC Central (FSSO)	W, 79-27
Dec. 8	at Charlotte	W, 76-61
<i>Carolinas Challenge</i>		
Dec. 18	vs. #14/13 North Carolina	L, 66-74
Dec. 20	Winthrop	W, 69-61
Dec. 22	SC State (FSSO)	1 p.m.
Dec. 28	Savannah State (FSSO)	Noon
Jan. 2	at Arkansas*	8 p.m.
Jan. 5	Vanderbilt* (ESPNU)	1 p.m.
Jan. 9	Kentucky*	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Auburn* (SPSO)	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Texas A&M*	8 p.m.
Jan. 19	Alabama*	3 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Vanderbilt* (ESPN2)	2 p.m.
Jan. 30	Mississippi*	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	Missouri*	3 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Mississippi State*	8 p.m.
Feb. 9	Arkansas* (SECTV)	2 p.m.
Feb. 16	at LSU* (ESPN2)	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Kentucky* (FSSO)	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	Florida* (SPSO)	1 p.m.
Feb. 27	Georgia*	7 p.m.
Mar. 2	at Tennessee* (ESPNU)	2:30 p.m.

* indicates SEC game
 All Times Listed as Eastern and are subject to change

Television outlet listed in parentheses – FSSO is Fox Sports South/Fox Sports Carolinas; SPSO is SportSouth; SECTV is SEC over-the-air syndicated package

South Carolina Notables

- This is the Gamecocks' 40th season as a varsity sport, the sixth with head coach Dawn Staley at the helm. It is South Carolina's 23rd season in the SEC.
- Ranked in the top 10 in both national polls, South Carolina is enjoying its highest rankings since February 2012.
- South Carolina will recognize the winners of the second segment of the Read with the Gamecocks program today. Sixty-five elementary schools around the state participated with 4,685 readers amassing 711,351 pages read. Bluffton Elementary recorded a segment-high 65,666 pages, while individual grade winners came from four different schools with Carver-Lyon Elementary 4th grader Zaria Faust reading more than anyone else in the state (5,648 pages).
- One of the offseason focuses for the South Carolina coaching staff was passing, and the work is paying dividends in assist numbers as the Gamecocks rank among the nation's top 30 at 16.6 per game. In the previous five seasons under Staley, the highest season average was 11.2 per game. At least 60 percent of made field goals have been assisted in seven of 11 games so far this season.
- While guard Tiffany Mitchell is the Gamecocks' leading scorer, South Carolina's offense is driven by what happens in the paint. The Gamecocks have scored 39.1 points per game in the paint – more than half of their 77.5 scoring average.
- As South Carolina has been challenged in the last three games, a trio of Gamecocks lifted their games to another level. Junior forward Aleighsa Welch leads the trio offensively with 18.3 points per game. Sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell has provided the most well-rounded contributions with 17.7 points, 4.0 assists and 2.0 steals per game. She is shooting 55.6 percent from 3-point range during the stretch. While Welch and Mitchell are expected to deliver when it matters most, junior center Elem Ibiama has delivered the most significant surge. Entering the three-game stint averaging 9.9 points, 5.8 rebounds and 2.4 blocks, she has posted 15.0 points, (a team-high) 7.7 rebounds and 3.3 blocks per game over the last three outings.
- Junior forward Aleighsa Welch is one of two of the SEC's top 10 rebounders to also rank among the top 15 scorers.
- Sophomore guard Khadijah Sessions suffered an ankle sprain against North Carolina (Dec. 18) and will not play today. Her status will be re-evaluated when the team returns from the holiday next week.

Tale of the Tape

SCSU	SC
1-7	Overall Record..... 10-1
0-0	Conference Record..... 0-0
1-0	Home Record..... 6-0
0-7	Away Record..... 4-0
0-0	Neutral Record..... 0-1
58.0	Points Per Game..... 77.5
69.6	Opp. Points Per Game..... 51.1
.379	Field Goal %age..... .494
.442	Opp. Field Goal %age..... .351
.314	3-Pt. Field Goal %age..... .325
.370	Opp. 3-Pt. Field Goal %age..... .260
.688	Free Throw %age..... .636
13.3	FTs Made Per Game..... 18.1
9.3	Assists Per Game..... 16.6
-0.6	Turnover Margin..... +3.7
32.0	Rebounds Per Game..... 40.7
-8.1	Rebounding Margin..... +9.8
10.6	Steals Per Game..... 8.0
1.3	Blocked Shots Per Game..... 6.1