

SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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2014 NCAA Tournament

March 30/April 1 • Stanford, Calif. • Maples Pavilion (7, 233)



Game Information

Date: Sunday, March 30, 2014, 4 p.m. (PT)
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South Carolina Gamecocks 29-4, 14-2 SEC

Ranking: 8/8 (AP/Coaches)
Head Coach: Dawn Staley
Record at SC: 121-70 (6th)
Career Rec.: 293-150 (14th)
vs. UNC: 1-3



VS.



North Carolina Tar Heels 26-9, 10-6 ACC

Ranking: 12/13 (AP/Coaches)
Head Coach: Sylvia Hatchell
Record at UNC: 662-250 (28th)
Career Rec.: 934-330 (39th)
vs. SC: 17-11

Series History: NC leads 10-7
Neutral Site: NC leads 6-3

2013-14 Results

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)	W, 70-26
Dec. 28	Savannah State (FSSO)	W, 82-40
Jan. 2	at Arkansas*	W, 55-51
Jan. 5	Vanderbilt* (ESPNU)	W, 76-66
Jan. 9	#9/10 Kentucky*	W, 68-59
Jan. 12	at Auburn* (SPSO)	W, 72-66
Jan. 16	at #25/21 Texas A&M* (FSW)	L, 65-67 (ot)
Jan. 19	Alabama*	W, 77-51
Jan. 26	at #16/19 Vanderbilt* (ESPN2)	W, 61-57
Jan. 30	Mississippi*	W, 99-70
Feb. 2	Missouri*	W, 78-62
Feb. 6	at Mississippi State*	W, 71-64
Feb. 9	Arkansas* (SECTV)	W, 67-49
Feb. 16	at #19/17 LSU* (ESPN2)	W, 73-57
Feb. 20	at #15/15 Kentucky* (SPSO)	W, 81-58
Feb. 23	Florida* (SPSO)	W, 69-55
Feb. 27	Georgia*	W, 67-56
Mar. 2	at #10/9 Tennessee* (ESPNU)	L, 61-73
<i>SEC Tournament</i>		
Mar. 7	Georgia (SPSO)	W, 67-48
Mar. 8	#12/13 Kentucky (ESPNU)	L, 58-68
<i>NCAA Tournament</i>		
Mar. 23	Cal State Northridge (ESPN)	W, 73-58
Mar. 25	Oregon State (ESPN2)	W, 78-69

South Carolina Notables

- In its 11th NCAA Tournament appearance in program history, South Carolina has won at least one game in the event in all but three. The Gamecocks have reached the Sweet 16 four times, including two of the last three seasons under head coach Dawn Staley and a trip to the Elite Eight in 2002. It is the farthest into the event she has proceeded on the sidelines. As a player, she helped Virginia to three NCAA Final Four appearances.
- The Gamecocks won their first SEC regular-season championship this season, adding women's basketball to the seven other program's to claim SEC titles since joining the league in 1991-92. It is the program's sixth regular-season conference title in women's basketball, but the first in the SEC. The Gamecocks exceeded all expectations with the title as the coaches predicted a fifth-place finish for them and the media rated them seventh in their preseason poll.
- While the Gamecocks' improved offense has been the talk all season, the first two games of the NCAA Tournament proved that South Carolina has not forgotten its defensive roots. The Gamecocks held CSU Northridge 10 points below its scoring average, and the two Matadors averaging more than 15 points were limited to that number combined. Against Oregon State, sharp shooter Sydney Wiese did not score a point until the final 92 seconds.

Tale of the Tape













UNC	SC	
26-9	Overall Record.....	29-4
10-6	Conference Record.....	14-2
11-5	Home Record.....	16-0
7-2	Away Record.....	10-2
8-2	Neutral Record.....	3-2
79.6	Points Per Game.....	73.3
65.4	Opp. Points Per Game.....	55.5
.446	Field Goal %age.....	.478
.366	Opp. Field Goal %age.....	.344
.319	3-Pt. Field Goal %age.....	.348
.275	Opp. 3-Pt. Field Goal %age.....	.291
.673	Free Throw %age.....	.673
15.8	FTs Made Per Game.....	18.8
15.3	Assists Per Game.....	14.7
+3.1	Turnover Margin.....	-1.5
42.5	Rebounds Per Game.....	41.2
+3.9	Rebounding Margin.....	+9.0
11.5	Steals Per Game.....	6.0
4.8	Blocked Shots Per Game.....	7.1

- Free throw shooting has been a roller coaster ride for the Gamecocks all season, and the first two NCAA games were no different. With both games within reach of the opponent in the final three minutes, the Gamecocks stepped up, hitting a combined 96.2 percent (25-of-26) from the stripe during that stretch after shooting just 63.2 percent (36-of-57) over the first 37 minutes of the two games combined.
- South Carolina's field goal percentage may be down slightly in NCAA Tournament play, but the Gamecocks' offense is still in gear, averaging 2.4 points more per game than before the event began and turning it over just 10.0 times per game compared to a 14.6 average through the first 31 games of the season.

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2013-14 South Carolina Media Roster

0		<p>India Farmer 6-0 • Freshman • Forward • N. Myrtle Beach, S.C.</p> <p>PPG 0.3 RPG 0.3 APG 0.0 FG% .286 FT% —</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 1 min vs. Oregon State NOTABLE: Has played in 18 games ... Hit a 3 against Alabama for first SEC pts ... First career points and rebounds against NC Central ... Named Toast of the Coast Player of the Year by <i>The Sun News</i>, earned all-state honors as a senior.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 3, 2x, last vs. Ala., 1/19/14 Reb: 3 vs. NC Central 12/2/13 A: — S: — Min: 11 vs. NC Central 12/2/13</p>
2		<p>Olivia Gaines 5-7 • Junior • Guard • Chester, S.C.</p> <p>PPG 2.1 RPG 1.4 APG 1.1 FG% .479 FT% .731</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 1 pt, 1 reb, 1 stl vs. Oregon State NOTABLE: Great spark and rebounding off bench at UK ... Aggressive defender ... Named 2013 Junior/Community College Player of the Year by WBCA ... Helped team to 2013 NJCAA Division II national title.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 7 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13 Reb: 5 vs. NC Central 12/2/13 A: 5 vs. Char. Sthrn., 11/8/13 S: 3 vs. Char. Sthrn., 11/8/13 Min: 23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14</p>
5		<p>Khadijah Sessions 5-8 • Sophomore • Guard • Myrtle Beach, S.C. <i>kub-DEE-zhub SESH-uns</i></p> <p>PPG 7.4 RPG 1.6 APG 2.7 FG% .384 FT% .718</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 13 pts, 4 rebs, 3 stls vs. Oregon St. NOTABLE: Assist leader 7x ... has 9 10+ scoring games and 5 games of 5+ assists ... helped ice OSU win at FT line late ... 4-of-4 FTs in last 1:34 of CSUN win ... 3-of-3 from 3 at UK ... Hit FTs in final seconds at Vandy and MSU ... Team captain.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 19 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13 Reb: 5 at Florida, 1/20/13 A: 6, 2x, vs. Missouri, 2/2/14 S: 4, 3x, vs. Missouri, 2/2/14 Min: 37 at USC, 11/25/13</p>
12		<p>Wilka Montout 6-3 • Senior • Forward • Cayenne, French Guiana <i>WIL-kub mawn-TOO</i></p> <p>PPG 1.5 RPG 1.5 APG 0.2 FG% .354 FT% .316</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 1 min vs. Oregon State NOTABLE: Drew first career start on Senior Day ... Solid play at Vandy during foul trouble for starters ... Hit pair of 3s against Alabama ... Career-high 8 rebs vs CoFC ... Rangy forward who can stretch defenses with her shooting touch.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 12 vs. LA Tech, 11/12/12 Reb: 8 vs. CoFC, 11/14/13 B: 2, 3x, vs. Georgia, 2/27/14 S: 1, 4x, vs. CSU, 11/8/13 Min: 24 vs. Sav. State, 11/15/12</p>
15		<p>Tiffany Davis 5-7 • R-Freshman • Guard • Houston, Texas</p> <p>PPG 2.4 RPG 1.0 APG 0.9 FG% .386 FT% .731</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 1 reb, 1 asst, 4 min vs. Oregon St. NOTABLE: Career-high 11 pts vs. Ole Miss in just 16 min off bench ... Learning how to get team organized on both ends and spot up for open shots on offense ... Good shooter ... Fully recovered from knee surgery last fall.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14 Reb: 6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14 A: 3, 4x, vs. SC St., 12/22/13 S: 5 vs. Elon, 11/9/12 Min: 30 at Arkansas, 1/2/14</p>
21		<p>LeAnna Morrison 5-5 • R-Sophomore • Guard • Monck's Corner, S.C.</p> <p>PPG 0.7 RPG 0.4 APG 0.1 FG% .308 FT% .600</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 1 min vs. Oregon St. NOTABLE: Has played in 23 games ... Hit first career field goal against NC Central ... Ran track for two seasons at Charlotte ... Named 2011 All-Lowcountry Female Athlete of the Year by <i>The Post & Courier</i>.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 3 vs. NC Central 12/2/13 Reb: 2, 2x, vs. Sav. St., 12/28/13 A: 1, 3x, at San Diego St., 11/23/13 S: 1 vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13 Min: 12 vs. NC Central 12/2/13</p>
23		<p>Tina Roy 5-11 • R-Sophomore • Guard • Kaplan, La.</p> <p>PPG 3.6 RPG 2.1 APG 1.4 FG% .301 FT% .609</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 6 min vs. Oregon State NOTABLE: Avg. 6.5 points on 45.5% shooting in SEC Tourn. ... Great all-around game at Miss. St., contributing in every way ... Key to 1st-half run vs. Kentucky, 11 points in opening 20 min ... Fully recovered from knee surgery in Aug. 2012.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 15 vs. Presby, 11/27/11 Reb: 8 at Miss. State, 2/6/14 A: 7 vs. Char. Sthrn., 11/8/13 S: 3 at Charlotte 11/27/11 Min: 31 vs. Vandy, 1/5/14</p>
24		<p>Aleighsa Welch 6-0 • Junior • Forward • Goose Creek, S.C. <i>uh-LEE-sub Welch</i></p> <p>PPG 13.8 RPG 7.6 APG 1.9 FG% .574 FT% .600</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 21 pts, 11 rebs vs. Oregon State NOTABLE: 1st-Team All-SEC, WBCA All-Region ... 2nd in SEC and 14th in nation in FG %age ... 17th in SEC in ppg, 9th in rpg ... 9 dbl-dbls ... 12th SC player with 1,000 pts and 700 rebs ... CoSIDA Acad. All-District ... Team captain.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 23 vs. N. Carolina, 12/18/13 Reb: 17 vs. CoFC, 11/14/13 A: 5 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13 S: 3, 4x, at Charlotte, 12/8/13 Min: 43 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14</p>
25		<p>Tiffany Mitchell 5-9 • Sophomore • Guard • Charlotte, N.C.</p> <p>PPG 15.6 RPG 5.6 APG 3.5 FG% .502 FT% .793</p>	<p>LAST GM: 20 pts, 10 rebs, 4 asst vs. Oregon St NOTABLE: SEC POY, All-Def. Team ... Scored 10+ pts 30 times – 7 20-pt games ... 10th in SEC in ppg, 6th in steals (1.8), 8th in FT%age, 11th in assists ... Wooden Final Ballot and Wade Trophy and Dawn Staley Award Watch Lists.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 25 at USC, 11/25/13 Reb: 11, 5x, at Arkansas, 1/2/14 A: 9 at San Diego St., 11/23/13 S: 6 at Auburn, 1/12/14 Min: 39 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14</p>
31		<p>Asia Dozier 6-0 • Sophomore • Guard/Forward • Columbia, S.C. <i>Asia DOE-zhur</i></p> <p>PPG 6.0 RPG 2.8 APG 2.7 FG% .338 FT% .628</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 9 pts, 1 reb, 2 assts vs. Oregon St. NOTABLE: Scored in double figures 7 times ... Team-high assists 9 times, including 7 SEC games ... Key to 1st half lead at Vandy while three other starters out with foul trouble ... Avg. 3.0 assists in SEC play to rank 13th in league.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 16, 2x, last at SDSU, 11/23/13 Reb: 10 vs. Elon, 11/9/12 A: 6, 2x, vs. Georgia, 3/7/14 S: 2, 5x, at Charlotte, 12/8/13 Min: 40 at Arkansas, 1/2/14</p>
33		<p>Elem Ibiam 6-4 • Junior • Center • Fayetteville, Ga. <i>ELL-um IB-ee-um</i></p> <p>PPG 9.7 RPG 6.2 BPG 2.5 FG% .545 FT% .653</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 5 pts, 5 rebs vs. Oregon State NOTABLE: SEC All-Def. Team ... 2nd in SEC, 22nd in nation in blocks ... 10+ pts 18 times, incl. 3 postseason, and blocked 3+ shots 16 times ... 10+ pts in 9 of last 15 gms ... School season record 83 blocks, 6th in career rank ... Team captain.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 19, 2x, at Charlotte, 12/8/13 Reb: 12 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14 B: 7 at Mississippi State, 2/6/14 S: 2, 4x, vs. UNC, 12/18/13 Min: 34 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14</p>
41		<p>Alaina Coates 6-4 • Freshman • Center • Irmo, S.C. <i>uh-LAY-nub COATS</i></p> <p>PPG 12.0 RPG 8.3 BPG 2.1 FG% .612 FT% .646</p>	<p>LAST GAME: 9 pts, 11 rebs vs. Oregon State NOTABLE: SEC FOY, Co-6th POY, 2nd-Team All-SEC ... 9 double-doubles, 5 20-pt gms ... Only fr. to rank among both SEC's top 25 ppg and 20 rpg ... In SEC, 6th in rpg, 24th in ppg, 3rd in blks ... SEC-record 5x Fr. of Week.</p>	<p>Career Highs Pts: 24, 2x, vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14 Reb: 17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14 B: 5, 2x, vs. Florida, 2/23/14 S: 3 at LSU, 2/16/14 Min: 28 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14</p>

Starter

Reserve

Quick Facts

The University

Location: Columbia, S.C.
Founded: 1801
Enrollment: 31,288
Colors: Garnet (PMS 202C) and Black
Nickname: Gamecocks
Conference: Southeastern
President: Dr. Harris Pastides
Athletics Director: Ray Tanner
Facility: Colonial Life Arena (18,000)

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Dawn Staley
Alma Mater: Virginia, 1992
Overall Record: 293-150 (14th season)
School Record: 121-70 (6th season)
Assoc. Head Coach (Alma Mater):
 Lisa Boyer (Ithaca, 1972)
Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater):
 Nikki McCray (Tennessee, 1995)
 Darius Taylor (Michigan, 2000)

Team Information

2012-13 Record: 25-8
 Home: 13-3 Away: 7-3 Neutral: 5-2
SEC Record (Finish): 11-5 (T-4th)
 Home: 6-2 Away: 5-3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/3
Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Program History

First Year of Women's Basketball: 1974-75
All-Time Record: 701-499 (40th season)
All-Time SEC Record: 116-199 (23rd season)
NCAA Appearances (Last): 11 (2014)
NCAA Tournament Record: 13-10
Last NCAA Result: L, 69-75, Kansas, Boulder, Colo., 3/25/13, Second Round
WNIT Appearances (Last): 4 (2011)
WNIT Record: 3-4

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Current Gamecock Streaks

	Total	Home	Road	Neut.
Overall	W2	W19	L1	W2
SEC	L1	W10	L1	—
Non-Conference	W2	W10	W7	W2
Ranked Teams	L2	W1	L1	L5

A South Carolina Win Would...

- Send the Gamecocks to their second NCAA Elite Eight in school history.
- Be the Gamecocks' 30th of the season, tying the school record for wins in a season, originally set by the 1979-80 team en route to the AIAW Final Four.
- Advance head coach Dawn Staley farther into the NCAA Tournament than ever in her coaching career

By the Numbers

- 5 Different Gamecocks who have been the team's high scorer in a game this season – Alaina Coates, Asia Dozier, Elem Ibiam, Tiffany Mitchell and Aleighsa Welch
- 6 Gamecocks who have posted (or tied for) a team high in assists at least once this season – Mitchell, Dozier, Sessions, Welch, Roy, Gaines
- 8 Different Gamecocks who have scored in double figures at least once this season – Welch, Mitchell, Coates, Ibiam, Sessions, Dozier, Roy, Davis
- 9 Double-doubles by center Alaina Coates this season, tying the Gamecock freshman record for double-doubles in a season (Kelsey Bone in 2008-09)
- 12 Gamecocks all-time to record 1,000 points while also amassing at least 700 rebounds after the newest member, Aleighsa Welch, recorded her 1,000th point in the first 4:00 of the win at Kentucky (Feb. 20) and her 700th rebound against Oregon State (Mar. 25) – she is the seventh to reach the marks in fewer than four seasons
- 13 Weeks this season that South Carolina has been ranked among the AP top 10, including four among the top five
- 16 Individual 20-point games this season by the Gamecocks – seven by Tiffany Mitchell, five by Alaina Coates and four by Aleighsa Welch – Mitchell and Welch each scored 20 against Oregon State for the Gamecocks' first multiple 20-point scorers in a game since Nov. 18, 2011
- 15 Games this season in which sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell has had a hand in at least one-third of the offense (points plus assists) – highlighted by helping to deliver 52.2 percent of the Gamecocks' 69 points against Winthrop (Dec. 20) – during which the Gamecocks are 13-1
- 14 Games in which South Carolina has shot at least 50.0 percent from the field this season – including two games over 60.0 percent (Charleston Southern, Ole Miss) – after reaching the mark just 12 times in the previous five seasons under Staley
- 24 Points needed by Alaina Coates to reach the South Carolina freshman top-five for points in a season
- 50.2 Percent of South Carolina's points this season scored in the paint, highlighted by scoring at least 50.0 percent of points in the paint in 16 games this season, including seven of at least 60.0 percent (Chas. Sthrn., 70.7%; at USC, 60.0%; UK, 61.8%; at Vandy, 75.4%; at UT, 75.4%; vs. UGA, 68.7%, 69.0% vs. UK)
- 57.9 Percent of South Carolina's field goals this season that have been assisted – the highest percentage of the Staley era
- 61.3 Percent field goal shooting by junior center Elem Ibiam in postseason play – best on the team
- 69 Blocked shots by center Alaina Coates this season, setting a new Gamecock freshman record and second in school history
- 83 Blocks by junior center Elem Ibiam this season, resetting the school single-season record previously held by Lakesha Tolliver (60 in 2006-07) – her 129 career blocks rank are sixth (record is 177 by Tolliver)
- 157 Free throws made this season by sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell, who is now tied for the school single-season record

Possible Elite Eight Opponents



Stanford
31-3, 17-1 Pac-12
Head Coach: Tara VanDerveer
Rec. at SU: 773-155 (28th)
Career Rec.: 925-206 (35th)
SU vs. SC: SU leads 5-0



Penn State
24-7, 13-3 Big Ten
Head Coach: Coquese Washington
Rec. at PSU: 142-80 (7th)
Career Rec.: 142-80 (7th)
PSU vs. SC: PSU leads 6-4

Tale of the Tape

SU	SC
31-3	29-4
17-1	14-2
14-0	16-0
11-2	10-2
6-1	3-2
77.3	73.3
59.7	55.5
.471	.478
.351	.344
.367	.348
.304	.291
.694	.673
12.7	18.8
18.0	14.7
+0.4	-1.5
43.2	41.2
+8.3	+9.0
5.8	6.0
3.7	7.1

Tale of the Tape

PSU	SC
24-7	29-4
13-3	14-2
14-4	16-0
8-2	10-2
2-1	3-2
75.7	73.3
66.5	55.5
.421	.478
.378	.344
.317	.348
.317	.291
.775	.673
18.7	18.8
13.1	14.7
+1.0	-1.5
44.3	41.2
+7.5	+9.0
8.5	6.0
4.7	7.1

North Carolina Series Notes

The Tar Heels lead the series 10-7 after the team split their last two meetings. North Carolina avenged a 79-48 loss in the previous meeting (Dec. 18, 2011) with a 74-66 win on Dec. 18, 2013. Both games were in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where the two teams have met in four of the last five seasons.

In this season's North Carolina victory, the Tar Heels took advantage of a sluggish first half for South Carolina then held off the Gamecocks in a second half that saw them get within one possession six times. Neither team lit it up from outside, but it was the Tar Heels' four 3s that made the difference as the Gamecocks hit just 1-of-11 from beyond the arc.

The two Carolinas have not met in the postseason until tonight.

Five-Second Count

For the first time in her tenure at South Carolina, head coach Dawn Staley's Gamecocks look different – on the court and in the box score. After seasons of building around defense, Staley finally has a group that is designed for offensive efficiency. The Gamecocks are scoring more (73.3 ppg, 59th in nation) and more efficiently (.478 FG %age – 1st in SEC, 5th in nation) than at any time in the Staley era. And, after seasons of talented guards generating their own offense, Staley's 2013-14 offense starts with getting the ball inside – three primary post players combine to score 48.4 percent of the team's points – and on ball movement creating the best shots as 57.9 percent of made field goals have been assisted. Defense is still a staple of the program with the Gamecocks ranking second in the SEC and seventh in the nation, allowing just 55.5 points per game.

Talking Top 10

South Carolina is ranked No. 8 in the Associated Press poll this week, making it the 13th weeks this season in the top 10, including the last 11 polls. The mark surpasses the 1981-82 Gamecocks' school record of nine weeks in the top 10. South Carolina's highest ranking this season was No. 4, which it held for two weeks (Feb. 17, 24) and was the highest since the week of Jan. 10, 1982 (also No. 4). The program's highest ever rank was No. 2, which it held for three weeks in the 1981-82 season.

Reading the RPI

With a 29-4 record, including a 10-2 mark on the road, the Gamecocks are sixth in the NCAA RPI released on March 17. South Carolina is second among five SEC schools rated in the top 15 – Tennessee (5), Kentucky (10), Texas A&M (14) and LSU (15). Just one SEC team is outside the top 150 – Ole Miss (157).

Life in the League

South Carolina won the program's first SEC regular-season championship this season, giving the Gamecocks a total of six conference regular-season titles in program history. The other five championships came in 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991 as South Carolina closed out its eight-year tenure in the Metro Conference. Prior to this season, the Gamecocks' highest SEC finish was a tie for second in 2001-02. South Carolina has finished among the SEC's top four teams in each of the last three seasons.

South Carolina is 116-199 (.368) all-time after its 23rd season of SEC regular-season play. The Gamecocks are 73-85 (.462) in SEC games played in Columbia with a 43-114 (.274) on the road. Under head coach Dawn Staley, the Gamecocks have a 52-42 (.553) SEC record, which includes a 2-12 slate in her first season at the helm. She has accounted for 44.8 percent of the program's 116 SEC regular-season victories.

NCAA Tournament Tally

South Carolina is making its 11th NCAA Tournament appearance and its third in as many seasons – the program's longest consecutive stretch since the four-year stint 1988-91. The Gamecocks are 13-10 overall at the event, including 2012's 2-1 mark en route to the Sweet 16. The program's five Sweet 16 appearances include a run to the 2002 Elite Eight – the deepest into the event any South Carolina basketball team (men's or women's) has gone. The Gamecocks have won at least one game in the tournament in each of their last five appearances.

This season's No. 1 seed is the highest in school history. Prior to this season, the best seed the Gamecocks received was the No. 3 seed in the East Region in 2002. The seed afforded South Carolina the opportunity to host the first two rounds at Carolina Coliseum. From there, the Gamecocks reached the Elite Eight, the farthest into the tournament any Gamecock basketball – men's or women's – team has progressed. South Carolina lost to Duke 68-77 in that game (March 25, 2002).

South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley has taken a team to the NCAA Tournament eight times, including three South Carolina teams. She is 6-8 as a head coach at the event.

More on March

In its 40th season of women's basketball, South Carolina is 65-56 (.537) all-time in the month of March, including a 12-11 record (.522) in the sixth season of the Dawn Staley era. After going 0-3 through Staley's first two March campaigns, the Gamecocks have finished each of the last three at or above .500, going 2-2 in 2010-11, 4-2 in 2011-12 and 3-2 in 2012-13. They are 3-2 so far this month.

Record Record

South Carolina's success this season ranks among the best in the program's history. With their win at No. 15/15 Kentucky (Feb. 20), the Gamecocks set the program record for SEC wins in a season (12) while also topping the previous regular-season wins record (24). The 2012-13 team previously held both records with 11 SEC wins and 23 victories prior to postseason play. The 1978-79 team also won 23 games before opening SCAIAW State Championship play en route to the NWIT title. South Carolina's 14 conference wins broke the 1989-90 team's all-time mark of 13 in the Metro Conference. The program record for total wins in a season is 30 set by the 1979-80 team, and the Gamecocks' current total of 29 is the most since then.

Gamecocks in the Rankings

(as of 3/24)

Team	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Scoring Offense	4	59	73.3
Scoring Defense	2	7	55.5
Scoring Margin	1	8	+17.8
Field Goal Percentage	1	5	.478
Field Goal %age Def.	1	5	.344
3-Point FG %age	6	—	.348
3-Point FG %age Def.	3	49	.291
3-Point FG Made/Gm.	11	286	3.9
Free Throw Percentage	11	258	.673
Rebounding Offense	4	—	41.2
Rebounding Defense	1	—	32.1
Rebounding Margin	2	12	+9.0
Assists	7	82	14.7
Steals	14	276	6.0
Turnover Margin	13	248	-1.5
Turnovers	—	83	14.3
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio	3	59	1.0
Blocked Shots	1	2	7.1

Alaina Coates	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Scoring	24	—	12.0
Rebounding	6	139	8.3
Blocks	3	41	2.1

Elem Ibiam	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Blocks	2	22	2.5

Tiffany Mitchell	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Scoring	10	192	15.6
Assists	11	228	3.5
FT Percentage	8	166	.793
Steals	6	145	1.8
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio	14	—	1.2

Khadijah Sessions	SEC	NCAA	Actual
FT Percentage	14	—	.718

Aleighsa Welch	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Scoring	17	—	13.8
Rebounding	9	197	7.6
FG Percentage	2	14	.574
Blocks	8	116	1.4
Off. Rebounds	5	—	3.0

Gamecocks in 2013-14 National Polls

Poll	Pre	11/11	11/18	11/25	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/30	1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/3	3/10	3/17
Associated Press	22	21	19	17	12	10	10	13	13	10	8	10	7	6	5	4	4	5	8	8
Coaches	21	17	14	13	10	10	10	12	12	11	8	11	8	7	6	6	5	7	8	8

Feeling Free

South Carolina sophomore Tiffany Mitchell's 23-of-28 free throw shooting effort so far in the NCAA Tournament is not only the school record for the event, but it also lifted her free throws made this season to 157 to tie the school record originally set by Martha Parker in 1987-88. Mitchell's 13-of-17 performance in the NCAA opener against Cal State Northridge reset the program's NCAA Tournament single-game records, and her near repeat showing of 10-of-11 in the second round against Oregon State gives her the single-tournament and career-tournament records as well.

On the season, Mitchell is shooting 79.3 percent from the free throw line to rank eighth in the SEC. That mark would be the third best in school history

Postseason Powerhouse

The end of the season seems to always bring out the best in South Carolina junior center Elem Ibiam, who has put up her biggest numbers in the SEC and NCAA Tournaments over the last three seasons. After averaging 14.0 points in this season's SEC Tournament, she is third on the team with 11.0 points per postseason contest after finishing out the regular season with a 9.5 scoring average. In all, the 6-foot-4 Ibiam averages 8.5 points on 59.2 percent shooting in her now 13 postseason games, compared to her 5.9 points per game on 49.6 percent shooting in regular-season games over the same time span. She was especially effective in the 2013 postseason, during which she averaged 11.5 points over four games after closing the regular season with a 4.4 scoring average.

Rising to the Challenge

South Carolina has played eight games against nationally ranked opponents this season, and two Gamecocks have lifted their games each time. Junior forward Aleighsa Welch leads the offense in South Carolina's 4-4 record against ranked foes, averaging 17.1 points – 4.6 more than her average against unranked foes – to go with her 9.0 rebounds per contest, which is two higher than her average against unranked teams. Sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell is also contributing beyond her season numbers against the nation's best teams, grabbing 6.6 rebounds per contest (+1.5).

Stat Stuffer

In addition to earning her SEC Player of the Year honors, the transformation of the game of sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell – who has both honed and diversified her skills from last season – has captured national attention as she has earned spots on the Naismith Trophy Midseason 30, the Wooden Award Final Ballot and the Wade Trophy and Dawn Staley Award Watch Lists. The Charlotte, N.C., native is one of two players in the SEC to rank among the conference's top 15 in points (10th, 15.6 ppg), assists (11th, 3.5 apg) and steals (6th, 1.8 spg). In SEC action, Mitchell is the only player to add a top-20 showing in rebounds to that trio of stats.

Clutch Delivery

As ESPN's Michelle Smith noted in her rating of the "10 biggest clutch players in college women's basketball," sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell has proven to deliver late in tight-game situations. She scored five points in the final 20 seconds of regulation at Texas A&M (Jan. 16) to send the game into overtime, and she netted four points in 18 seconds with the Gamecocks tied at Vanderbilt (Jan. 26) with under a minute left to play to help deliver the win. Despite missing all but 2:25 of the first half due to foul trouble and struggling to find rhythm in the second at Mississippi State (Feb. 6), Mitchell still delivered, hitting a pair of free throws to make it an eight-point lead with 18

2013-14 Award Watch

Alaina Coates

SEC Freshman of the Year (Coaches, AP)
SEC Co-6th Player of the Year (Coaches)
All-SEC Second Team (Coaches)
All-SEC Honorable Mention (AP)
SEC All-Freshman Team (Coaches)
SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 11-17; Dec. 30-Jan. 5; Jan. 6-12; Jan. 27-Feb. 2; Feb. 24-Mar. 2)

Elem Ibiam

SEC All-Defensive Team (Coaches)
SEC WBB Community Service Team

Tiffany Mitchell

SEC Player of the Year (Coaches)
All-SEC First Team (Coaches, AP)
SEC All-Defensive Team (Coaches)
WBCA All-Region 3
Wooden Award Final Ballot
Wade Trophy Watch List
Dawn Staley Award Watch List
Naismith Trophy Midseason 30

Aleighsa Welch

All-SEC First Team (Coaches)
All-SEC Second Team (AP)
WBCA All-Region 3
Naismith Trophy Early Season Watch List
CoSIDA Academic All-District 4
SEC Player of the Week (Feb. 3-9)

Dawn Staley

SEC Coach of the Year (Coaches, AP)

The Staley Capsule

Coaching Experience

293-150 (.661) – 14th season

South Carolina, head coach 2008-present

- 120-70 (.632) – five seasons
- SEC Regular-Season Championship, 2014
- Three NCAA Tournament appearances, 2014, 2013, 2012 (Sweet 16)
- One Women's NIT appearance, 2011
- SEC Coach of the Year (Coaches, AP), 2014
- WBCA Region 3 Coach of the Year, 2014
- BCA Female Coach of the Year, 2012
- Temple University, head coach, 2000-08*
- 172-80 (.683) – eight seasons
- Six seasons of 20 or more wins
- Four Atlantic 10 Tournament titles
- Six NCAA Tournament appearances, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- One Women's NIT appearance, 2001
- WBCA Region 1 Coach of the Year, 2005
- Two-time Atlantic 10 Conference Coach of the Year, 2004, 2005

USA Basketball, U18 National Team head coach, 2014

USA Basketball, Select Team court coach, Summer 2010

USA Basketball, Sr. Nat'l. Team asst. coach, 2006-08

- Beijing Olympics gold medal, 2008
- FIBA Americas Championship gold medal, 2007
- FIBA World Championship bronze medal, 2006

Playing Experience

Houston Comets, WNBA, 2005-06

- Two-time All Star, 2005, 2006
- WNBA Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award, 2006

Charlotte Sting, WNBA, 1999-2005

- Three-time All-Star, 2001, 2002, 2003
- WNBA All-Decade Team

WNBA Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, 1999

WNBA Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award, 1999

Richmond/Philadelphia Rage, ABL, 1997-98

Two-time All-Star, 1997, 1998

Various international teams, 1992-94

USA Basketball, 1994-2004

- Three-time Olympic gold medalist, 1996, 2000, 2004
- Two-time USA Basketball Female Athlete of the Year, 1994, 2004
- Flag bearer for the United States in Olympic Games Opening Ceremony, 2004
- Goodwill Games Most Valuable Player, 1994
- University of Virginia, 1989-92*
- Three-time Kodak All-American, 1990, 1991, 1992
- Honda-Broderick Cup Award for Collegiate Female Athlete of the Year, 1991
- *Sports Illustrated* Player of the Year, 1991
- Two-time ACC Player of the Year, 1991, 1992
- NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player, 1991
- ACC Rookie of the Year, 1989
- One of three UVa players to have her jersey retired
- Dobbins Tech, 1985-88*
- *USA Today* Nat'l. High School Player of the Year, 1988

Other Notables

- Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2013
- Order of the Palmetto, 2013
- Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2012
- Named to WNBA's Top 15 as one of most influential players in league history, 2011
- Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2011
- Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2008
- Two-time Wanamaker Award winner, 1997, 2005
- Henry P. Iba Citizenship Award Female recipient, 2007
- NCAA Division I "Top Players of the Past 25 Years" selection by *ESPN.com*
- Institute for International Sport "The 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America" selection

Education

- Bachelor of arts in rhetoric and communication studies, University of Virginia, 1992

seconds to play. In the Gamecocks' NCAA first-round win over Cal State Northridge (Mar. 23), Mitchell hit 6-of-6 from the free throw line in the final 63 seconds to seal the victory. She followed that with an 8-of-8 effort in the final 90 seconds against Oregon State (Mar. 25) to send the Gamecocks into the Sweet 16.

In South Carolina's eight games decided by fewer than 10 points, Mitchell averages 5.9 points in the last five minutes, shooting 63.2 percent (12-of-19) from the field, including 80.0 percent (4-of-5) from 3-point range, and 86.2 percent (25-of-29) from the free throw line.

Join the Club

Junior forward Aleighsa Welch joined some elite company this season, become just the seventh Gamecock to amass 1,000 career points and 700 career rebounds in fewer than four seasons in the Garnet and Black. She joins Gamecock legends Sheila Foster (1979-82), Sharon Gilmore (1983-86), Annie Lester (1997-2000), Katrina Anderson (1978-79), Denise Nanney (1975-77) and Jean Walling (1978-80) with the distinction, but Welch is just the second Gamecock to reach her marks in the SEC era, joining Lester.

Welch became the 29th member of the 1,000-point club with her 21-point performance at No. 15/15 Kentucky (Feb. 20). She is just the 15th to reach the milestone prior in fewer than four seasons. Only 11 1,000-point scorers finished their careers with more rebounds than Welch, who reeled in her 700th career rebound in the NCAA Tournament second-round win over Oregon State (Mar. 25).

Get on the Glass!

As the first Gamecock to pull in at least 100 offensive rebounds in three different seasons, junior forward Aleighsa Welch is now tied with former teammate Ashley Bruner for fourth with 338 career offensive boards. Her 3.0 O-boards per game this season are fifth in the SEC.

Welch's 707 career total rebounds are 14th most in school history. She needs 78 rebounds to reach the program's all-time top 10. Sheila Foster holds the school record for career rebounds at 1,427 – one of just two Gamecocks ever to grab 1,000 boards.

Freshman Phenom

SEC Freshman of the Year and Co-6th Player of the Year selection Alaina Coates has put her stamp on more than just the South Carolina program, becoming the first league Freshman of the Year to also earn another of the SEC's highest honors from the coaches. En route to securing the freshman awards, she tied the SEC record with five freshman of the week selections. The 6-foot-4 center is the league's best freshman rebounder with 8.3 per game overall and was fifth in the league, regardless of class, with 8.5 boards per conference game. Overall, Coates is the only freshman in the SEC to rank among both the top 25 scorers and top 20 rebounders (12.0 ppg, 24th; 8.3 rpg, 6th).

First-Year Firsts

Center Alaina Coates has stamped her name on the Gamecocks' freshman record books several times already this season. Her 69 blocked shots are the new Gamecock freshman record and are second in school history regardless of class – eclipsing the previous school-record 60, which teammate Elem Ibiam also passed this season. Her 117 free throws and 181 free throw attempts are both new freshman records, and her 61.2 field goal percentage is ahead of the current freshman record of 59.5 percent (Demetress Adams, 2005-06). Coates' nine double-doubles tied the Gamecocks' freshman record (Kelsey Bone, 2009-10), and she is one of just six South Carolina freshmen all-time to post at least five 20-point games, only the second to do it in the SEC era. Her 274 rebounds are the third-most by a freshman.

Many of Coates' single-game performances also rank among the program's best for a freshman, highlighted by becoming the first Gamecock freshman to post a perfect shooting night with 7-of-7 field goals and 9-of-9 free throws against SC State (Dec. 22) and the first to post double-doubles in her first two SEC contests (later extended to three games). Coates' 17 rebounds against No. 9/10 Kentucky (Jan. 9) are the most ever by a Gamecock freshman and tied for the most by an SEC player in a league game this season. Her five blocks at Arkansas (Jan. 2) and against Florida (Feb. 23) and her 15 free throw attempts at San Diego State (Nov. 23) tied the South Carolina freshman records.

New Queen of the Block

On the way to earning SEC All-Defensive Team honors, junior center Elem Ibiam blocked seven blocks at Mississippi State (Feb. 6) to not just set a career single-game high, but also to break school records for blocks in an SEC game, blocks in a season and blocks in an SEC regular-season. She broke the overall single-season record in just 23 games, compared to previous record-holder Lakesha Tolliver who needed 33 games to get to her 60 in 2006-07, and the SEC regular-season record in four fewer games than Tolliver in the same season. Ibiam currently has 83 blocks this season, including 44 in SEC action. She is just the ninth Gamecock all-time to record 100 career blocks, currently standing at 130, which is sixth in the record book and trails Ilona Burgrova'a (2005-08) 133 in fifth place. Tolliver (2004-07) holds the school record at 177.

Make It, Take It

South Carolina is exhibiting its most efficient offense of the Dawn Staley era this season, leading the SEC and ranking fifth in the nation with 47.8 percent accuracy from the field. The Gamecocks have shot 50.0 percent or higher 14 times this season – the most in a season under Staley – including six SEC contests. In fact, in the previous five seasons, South Carolina hit at least 50.0 percent of its field goal attempts just 12 times combined. The Gamecocks shot 47.1 percent in SEC action to rank second in the conference.

This year's top shooting effort was 60.9 percent against Charleston Southern (Nov. 8) – a program best under Staley – followed by a 60.8 percent showing against Ole Miss (Jan. 30). The Gamecocks made at least 65.0 percent of their attempts in a half five times this season, including a remarkable 73.9 percent (17-of-23) in the second half against Seton Hall (Nov. 17).

Post Presence

South Carolina's trio of primary post players – Alaina Coates, Elem Ibiam and Aleighsa Welch – has been a big key to the Gamecocks' offensive production so far this season. The trio has accounted for 1,172 of the team's 2,420 points this season – 48.4 percent – and is shooting a combined 57.7 percent from the field. Welch leads the way with 13.8 points per game (17th in SEC) on 57.4 percent shooting (2nd in SEC, 14th in nation). Coates shoots a team-best 61.2 percent from the field for 12.0 points per game (24th in SEC). Ibiam adds 9.7 points per game on 54.5 percent shooting.

The Gamecocks' inside-out offensive approach has delivered as 50.2 percent of their points this season have come in the paint. South Carolina scored at least 50.0 percent of its points in the paint in 16 games this season, including seven games of 60.0 percent or more coming at close range – 69.0% vs. Kentucky (Mar. 8), 68.7% vs. Georgia (Mar. 7), 75.4% at Tennessee (Mar. 2), 75.4% at Vanderbilt (Jan. 26), 70.7% against Charleston Southern (Nov. 8), 61.8% vs. No. 9/10 Kentucky (Jan. 9) and 60.0% at Southern Cal (Nov. 25).

Block Party!

The Gamecocks are a constant shot-blocking threat, beyond their pair of 6-foot-4 centers, leading the SEC and ranking second in the nation with 7.1 per game. This season's 235 blocks is the new school record, surpassing the previous mark of 199 in the regular-season meeting with Georgia (Feb. 27).

2013-14 Double-Doubles

Alaina Coates (9)

11/10	Louisiana Tech	12 pts/10 rebs
11/14	College of Charleston	11 pts/14 rebs
12/28	Savannah State	17 pts/12 rebs
1/2	at Arkansas	11 pts/12 rebs
1/5	Vanderbilt	24 pts/10 rebs
1/9	Kentucky	10 pts/17 rebs
1/30	Ole Miss	24 pts/12 rebs
2/23	Florida	16 pts/12 rebs
3/23	Cal St. Northridge	13 pts/16 rebs

Tiffany Mitchell (2)

1/2	at Arkansas	16 pts/11 rebs
3/25	vs. Oregon State	20 pts/10 rebs

Aleighsa Welch (9)

11/10	Louisiana Tech	14 pts/10 rebs
11/14	College of Charleston	12 pts/17 rebs
11/20	at Clemson	17 pts/10 rebs
1/9	Kentucky	16 pts/14 rebs
1/14	at Texas A&M	20 pts/16 rebs
1/19	Alabama	12 pts/10 rebs
2/6	at Mississippi State	18 pts/11 rebs
2/20	at Kentucky	21 pts/10 rebs
3/25	vs. Oregon State	21 pts/11 rebs

Miscellaneous Stats

Double-Doubles	2013-14	Career	Record
Aleighsa Welch	9	19	17-2
Alaina Coates	9	9	9-0
Tiffany Mitchell	2	4	4-0
Elem Ibiam	0	1	0-1

20+ Points	2013-14	Career	Record
Tiffany Mitchell	7	8	8-0
Alaina Coates	5	5	5-0
Aleighsa Welch	4	5	3-2

10+ Points	2013-14	Career	Record
Tiffany Mitchell	30	44	38-6
Aleighsa Welch	29	60	50-10
Alaina Coates	22	22	21-1
Elem Ibiam	18	25	21-4
Khadijah Sessions	9	15	14-1
Asia Dozier	7	9	8-1
Tina Roy	2	7	6-1
Tiffany Davis	1	1	1-0
Wilka Montout	0	2	2-0

10+ Rebounds	2013-14	Career	Record
Alaina Coates	10	10	10-0
Aleighsa Welch	9	22	20-2
Tiffany Mitchell	2	7	6-1
Elem Ibiam	1	3	1-2
Asia Dozier	0	1	1-0

5+ Assists	2013-14	Career	Record
Asia Dozier	7	8	8-0
Tiffany Mitchell	7	7	7-0
Khadijah Sessions	5	5	5-0
Tina Roy	2	2	2-0
Olivia Gaines	1	1	1-0
Aleighsa Welch	1	1	1-0

5+ Steals	2013-14	Career	Record
Tiffany Mitchell	4	5	5-0
Tiffany Davis	0	1	1-0

5+ Blocks	2013-14	Career	Record
Elem Ibiam	5	7	7-0
Aleighsa Welch	2	2	2-0
Alaina Coates	2	2	2-0

Games Led Team In...

(Tied for team lead in each category included)

Scoring	2013-14	Career	Record
Tiffany Mitchell	13	20	19-1
Aleighsa Welch	10	25	16-9
Alaina Coates	6	6	6-0
Elem Ibiam	4	6	4-2
Asia Dozier	1	1	1-0
Khadijah Sessions	0	3	2-1
Tina Roy	0	2	2-0

Rebounding	2013-14	Career	Record
Alaina Coates	17	17	16-1
Aleighsa Welch	13	39	32-7
Elem Ibiam	6	11	11-0
Tiffany Mitchell	3	9	8-1

Assists	2013-14	Career	Record
Tiffany Mitchell	15	17	16-1
Asia Dozier	9	10	10-0
Khadijah Sessions	8	11	9-2
Aleighsa Welch	6	10	7-3
Tina Roy	2	3	3-0
Olivia Gaines	1	1	0-1

South Carolina swatted away a school-record 14 shots against No. 9/10 Kentucky (Jan. 9) – the most by an SEC team in league play this season – with five different Gamecocks getting into the action. The team repeated the effort at Mississippi State (Feb. 6) with four players accounting for the total. The Gamecocks have recorded double-digit blocks six times this season, including five SEC games.

Junior Elem Ibiam's 2.5 blocks per game are second in the league and 22nd in the nation. She holds the school record with now 83 this season, including a Gamecock-record 44 in SEC action. She broke both records in fewer games played than the previous holder. Ibiam has blocked three or more shots in game 16 times this season, including her career-high seven at Mississippi State (Feb. 6), the first five of which came in the first half and pushed her over the single-season school record. She swatted away six against No. 9/10 Kentucky (Jan. 9) to tie for the fourth most in Colonial Life Arena history.

Freshman Alaina Coates is third in the SEC and 41st in the country with 2.1 per game with 14 games of three or more, including eight SEC games. With a total of 69 this season, she is the new Gamecock freshman record holder and is second in program single-season history, regardless of class. She has twice blocked a South Carolina freshman record five shots in a game – at Arkansas (Jan. 2) and against Florida (Feb. 23).

Junior forward Aleighsa Welch has inserted herself into the race late this season to move into eighth in the SEC with 1.4 per game on the season. She twice swatted away a career-high five shots – vs. Arkansas (Feb. 9) and at #15/15 Kentucky (Feb. 20).

The Gift of Glass

The Gamecocks have been a solid rebounding team throughout head coach Dawn Staley's tenure, but it was a team effort by an undersized roster in the past. This season, South Carolina is out-rebounding its opponents by 9.0 boards per game to rank second in the SEC and 12th in the nation, behind the strength of the trio of Alaina Coates, Elem Ibiam and Aleighsa Welch.

Coates leads the way and ranks sixth in the SEC with 8.3 boards per outing – a number that rose to 8.5 per conference game to rank fifth in the league. Welch comes in ninth in the league with 7.6 per game, while Ibiam rounds out the trio of season leaders at 6.2 per contest. Coates leads the team with 10 games of double-digit rebounds

Scoring Differentials

Largest lead in a win.....	by 70 (99-29), 2nd-0:49 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13
Largest deficit overcome to win.....	by 12 (13-25), 1st-8:31 at Auburn, 1/12/14
Largest lead given up in a loss.....	by 5 (9-4), 1st-13:23 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
Largest deficit in a loss.....	by 19 (15-34), 1st-0:29 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14

Team Specialty Stats

South Carolina/Opponent

		Pts. in Paint	Pts. Off TOs	2nd Chance Pts	Fast Break Pts
11/8	CSU	70/6	40/5	23/6	32/4
11/10	LA Tech	38/18	13/12	19/8	20/8
11/14	CofC	28/18	8/9	23/10	6/5
11/17	SHU	34/30	11/8	9/10	20/6
11/20	at Clemson	40/10	13/10	21/4	12/2
11/23	at SDSU	30/26	33/11	14/1	12/2
11/25	at USC	42/28	20/19	13/6	8/10
12/2	NCCU	40/6	19/3	8/10	22/2
12/8	at Char.	44/30	19/2	14/4	6/5
12/18	vs. UNC	36/44	30/16	13/18	0/2
12/20	Winthrop	28/24	16/25	10/9	4/15
12/22	SC St.	34/12	23/13	18/4	12/8
12/28	Sav. St.	34/18	28/8	9/8	15/4
1/2	at Ark.	30/18	10/27	10/14	4/4
1/5	Vandy	42/30	16/16	8/15	16/8
1/9	Ky.	42/42	10/14	20/11	15/10
1/12	at Auburn	30/28	19/27	11/10	6/6
1/16	at TAMU	24/38	10/23	12/11	7/12
1/19	Alabama	30/20	17/14	8/9	6/4
1/26	at Vandy	46/32	16/20	10/11	6/2
1/30	Ole Miss	50/34	17/13	19/16	12/10
2/2	Mizzou	36/16	29/19	17/10	6/0
2/6	at Miss. St.	32/16	6/12	14/11	6/0
2/9	Arkansas	30/14	11/11	8/6	6/8
2/16	at LSU	32/24	16/12	8/8	2/0
2/20	at Ky.	38/26	13/6	12/4	0/0
2/23	Florida	34/30	3/16	15/2	6/13
2/28	Georgia	34/28	9/14	6/11	10/4
3/2	at Tenn.	46/34	10/6	11/9	2/6
3/7	vs. Ga.	46/24	10/6	9/21	29/14
3/8	vs. UK	40/24	4/16	7/5	0/6
3/23	vs. CSUN	28/18	12/6	20/4	2/4
3/25	vs. OSU	28/20	16/9	8/20	4/0

Starters vs. Bench Points

		SC Starters	Opp. Starters	SC Bench	Opp. Bench
11/8	CSU	58	19	41	10
11/10	LA Tech	47	29	21	16
11/14	CofC	53	26	28	28
11/17	SHU	71	52	17	15
11/20	at Clemson	55	30	13	13
11/23	at SDSU	58	35	30	16
11/25	at USC	51	37	19	13
12/2	NCCU	57	16	32	11
12/8	at Char.	59	40	17	21
12/18	vs. UNC	62	63	4	11
12/20	Winthrop	60	51	7	10
12/22	SC St.	32	14	38	12
12/28	Sav. St.	55	10	27	30
1/2	at Ark.	43	42	12	9
1/5	Vandy	57	47	29	29
1/9	Ky.	42	42	26	17
1/12	at Auburn	41	50	31	16
1/16	at TAMU	40	67	15	0
1/19	Alabama	49	38	28	13
1/26	at Vandy	49	37	12	20
1/30	Ole Miss	55	55	44	15
2/2	Mizzou	65	47	13	15
2/6	at Miss. St.	54	36	17	28
2/9	Arkansas	44	38	23	11
2/16	at LSU	49	45	24	12
2/20	at Ky.	71	28	10	30
2/23	Florida	46	50	23	5
2/28	Georgia	42	33	25	23
3/2	at Tenn.	41	61	20	12
3/7	vs. Ga.	38	34	29	14
3/8	vs. UK	41	37	17	31
3/23	vs. CSUN	55	45	18	13
3/25	vs. OSU	68	26	10	43

this season.

As a team, South Carolina has turned its 401 offensive rebounds into 427 second-chance points. Welch paces the group on the offensive glass with 3.0 per game to rank fifth in the league in the category. Her 338 career offensive boards tie her with former teammate Ashley Bruner's (2010-13) for fourth in school history.

A Little Help from My Friends

Under the tutelage of one of the premier point guards in U.S. women's basketball history in Dawn Staley, the Gamecocks are thriving in the assist category this season unlike any other, handing out 14.7 per game after never averaging more than 11.2 per game in the previous five campaigns. This season's five games of 20 or more assists by the team surpasses the total of the previous five seasons, which was three.

The increase is not simply a product of more made field goals, either. This season, South Carolina has assisted on 57.9 percent of its made field goals, compared to the previous five seasons under Staley, which saw a high of 48.5 percent in 2011-12. The percentage of assisted field goals has been over 60.0 percent in 14 games this season.

South Carolina has twice posted a Staley-era high of 25 assists this season, including Jan. 19 against Alabama on 30 made field goals – 83.3 percent. The Gamecocks also handed out 25 assists against Charleston Southern (Nov. 8) on 39 FGM.

Four Gamecocks average at least 2.0 assists per game with sophomore Tiffany Mitchell leading the way with 3.5 to rank 11th in the SEC.

Home Grown, Nationally Known

Since her arrival for the 2008-09 season, South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley has been working to protect her new home state's best prospects while fielding a team that competes at a national level. Her efforts are paying dividends as this season's roster features seven Gamecocks who played high school basketball in the state of South Carolina, the highest percentage of the roster to be from the state since the 1990-91 squad featured eight South Carolinians on the 11-player roster. Beginning with Aleighsa Welch, the first South Carolina player to sign a National Letter of Intent for Staley, the Palmetto State has sent its players of the year to Columbia as Welch (2011), Asia Dozier (2012) and Alaina Coates (2013) have each earned the title during their high school careers.

Preseason Predictions

South Carolina was picked to finish fifth in the SEC by the league's coaches in preseason voting. The media tabbed the Gamecocks at seventh in their voting. In each of the last four seasons, South Carolina has out-performed the predictions of both groups.

Season	Media	Coaches	Actual
2008-09	11	10	11
2009-10	10	6	T-7
2010-11	7	7	T-5
2011-12	8	7	T-4
2012-13	7	6	T-4
2013-14	7	5	1

Be the Change

South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley has provided an extra challenge for her program with the "Be the Change" theme for this season. Reflecting on her career as she prepared for enshrinement into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and traveling in Africa this summer, she discovered she wanted her team to embrace the importance of focusing on others. In Africa especially, she noted the significant impact even small acts can have on the world around her.

To that end, Staley has challenged her program and everyone who supports it to commit 50,000 random acts of kindness this season. The program has set up Twitter (@SC_WBB_RAoK) and Facebook (SC Women's Basketball Random Acts of Kindness) accounts to help keep track of everyone's contributions. Fans are encouraged to submit their acts to those accounts.

Intro Video Vibe

South Carolina's intro video features voices familiar to the Gamecock faithful as redshirt sophomore Tina Roy and sophomore Khadijah Sessions collaborated for the second-straight year on the song that sets up the Gamecocks' starting lineup. It is the third season that Roy has written a song that reflects the team, the program and its goals. After the first year's song was more just for the team, South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley encouraged Roy to create one to share center stage at home games in 2012-13, which she did with support and "beats" from her first-year teammate Sessions. It was such a hit with fans and spark for the team that the duo did it again this season.

Drive for 5

Inspired by head coach Dawn Staley's jersey number during her Naismith Hall of Fame playing career, the "Drive for 5" campaign launched this season looked to bring at least 5,000 fans to every women's basketball game. Gamecock Nation responded by barreling past the goal to set an average home attendance of 6,371 this season – third in the SEC and 10th in the nation.

With 4,000 season tickets issued for the season – a first in the Staley era – South Carolina surpassed the 5,000-fan mark in 11 of its 16 home games, with the lowest number coming in at 4,347. Fans created five new entries in the program's top-10 attendance at Colonial Life Arena list, including two of the top three spots – 12,458 vs. Georgia (Feb. 27) and 10,547 vs. Florida (Feb. 23).

Future Faces of the Gamecocks

South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley is the process of reeling in what would be one of the most significant recruiting classes in program history. The class currently includes four future Gamecocks, including the No. 7, No. 32 and No. 44 rated players, according to ESPN. The group gives South Carolina the fourth-best signing class in the nation, according to ESPN, trailing just UCLA (five signees), Duke (4) and Connecticut (4).

Bianca Cuevas (5-6/Guard/Bronx, N.Y./Nazareth Regional) – Rated as eighth-best point guard and No. 44 player overall in Class of 2014 by ESPN ... Named McDonald's All-America ... Helped high school team to consecutive state titles ... Earned all-state honors three times ... Averaged 17.1 points, 2.0 assists and 3.8 steals as a junior.

Doniyah Cliney (6-0/Guard/Newark, N.J./Malcolm X Shabazz) – Rated as high as No. 13 guard in Class of 2014 by ProspectNation.com ... Helped high school team to 33-1 record and the Group 2 State Championship as a junior ... Averaged 10.3 points and 1.3 assists last season ... Named honorable mention all-state ... Solid defender.

Kaydra Duckett (5-10/Guard/Columbia, S.C./Dreher) – Ranked No. 32 overall and No. 6 guard in Class of 2014 by ESPN ... Earned five-star status from ESPN ... Named all-state the last two seasons ... Named MVP at 2012 state tournament (sophomore) after guiding team to 3A state title ... Averaged 17.5 points, 2.3 assists and 3.4 steals as a junior.

Jatarie White (6-4/Post/Charlotte, N.C./Providence Day) – Ranked No. 7 overall and No. 1 post in Class of 2014 by ESPN ... Earned five-star status from ESPN and was named McDonald's and WBCA All-America ... Tabbed preseason All-America by The Sporting News this season ... Named Gatorade North Carolina Player of the Year in 2013 and is a three-time all-state selection ... Part of the last three of Providence Day's four straight state championships ... Averaged 19 points, 11 rebounds, three blocks and two steals as a junior ... Helped USA Basketball bring home the gold medal at the 2011 FIBA Americas U16 Championships, averaging 9.8 points and 6.8 rebounds at the event ... Is a former high school teammate of current Gamecock Tiffany Mitchell.

South Carolina's Record When...

	Postseason	SEC Only	All
Record.....	3-1.....	14-2.....	29-4
Playing a ranked opponent.....	0-1.....	4-2.....	4-4
Playing at home	0-0.....	8-0.....	16-0
Playing on the road	0-0.....	6-2.....	10-2
Playing at neutral site	3-1.....	0-0.....	3-2
Leading at half	3-0.....	13-0.....	28-0
Trailing at half	0-1.....	0-2.....	0-4
Tied at half	0-0.....	1-0.....	1-0
Playing an overtime game	0-0.....	0-1.....	0-1
0 players score in double figures	0-0.....	0-0.....	0-0
1 player scores in double figures	0-0.....	0-0.....	1-0
2 players score in double figures	0-0.....	1-1.....	1-1
3 players score in double figures	1-1.....	8-1.....	11-3
4 players score in double figures	2-0.....	3-0.....	11-0
5 players score in double figures	0-0.....	0-0.....	3-0
More than 5 players in double figures.....	0-0.....	2-0.....	2-0
Starters out-score opponent's starters	3-1.....	10-0.....	25-1
Opponent's starters score equal/more	0-0.....	4-2.....	4-3
Bench out-scores opponent's bench	2-0.....	9-2.....	18-2
Opponent's bench scores equal/more.....	1-1.....	5-0.....	11-2
Shooting 50% or better	1-0.....	6-0.....	14-0
Shooting between 40-49%	1-1.....	8-1.....	13-3
Shooting between 30-39%	1-0.....	0-1.....	2-1
Shooting less than 30%	0-0.....	0-0.....	0-0
Opponent shoots 50% or better.....	0-0.....	0-0.....	0-0
Opponent shoots between 40-49%	0-1.....	0-2.....	3-4
Opponent shoots between 30-39%	2-0.....	11-0.....	17-0
Opponent shoots less than 30%	1-0.....	2-0.....	8-0
Shooting better than opponent.....	2-1.....	14-1.....	28-2
Shooting worse than/equal to opponent	1-0.....	0-1.....	1-2
Having more FTs made than opponent	3-0.....	12-0.....	26-1
Having equal/less FTs made than opponent ..	0-1.....	2-2.....	3-3
Out-rebounding opponent.....	2-1.....	12-1.....	25-2
Having equal/less rebounds than opponent ...	1-0.....	2-1.....	4-2
Having more TOs than opponent	1-1.....	13-2.....	16-3
Having equal or less TOs than opponent.....	2-0.....	1-0.....	13-1
Attempting more FT than 3FG.....	3-1.....	13-2.....	27-4
Attempting equal/less FT than 3FG	0-0.....	1-0.....	2-0
Making 5 or more 3FGs.....	0-0.....	6-1.....	12-1
Making less than 5 3FGs.....	3-1.....	8-1.....	17-3
Making no 3 FGs.....	0-0.....	1-0.....	1-0
Attempting 15 or more 3FGs	0-0.....	1-0.....	7-0
Attempting less than 15 3FGs	3-1.....	13-2.....	22-4

	Postseason	SEC Only	All
No South Carolina players foul out	3-1.....	12-2.....	25-4
One or more SC players foul out.....	0-0.....	2-0.....	4-0
Having 10 or more assists.....	3-1.....	13-1.....	28-2
Having less than 10 assists.....	0-0.....	1-1.....	1-2
Scoring more pts. in paint than opponent	3-1.....	13-1.....	28-2
Scoring equal/less pts. in paint than opp.	0-0.....	1-1.....	1-2
Scoring more pts. off TOs than opponent	3-0.....	5-1.....	18-2
Scoring equal/less pts. off TOs than opp.	0-1.....	9-1.....	11-2
Scoring more 2nd-chance pts.	1-0.....	8-2.....	19-2
Scoring equal/less 2nd-chance pts.....	2-1.....	6-0.....	10-2
Scoring more fast break pts.....	2-0.....	9-0.....	21-0
Scoring equal/less fast break pts.....	1-1.....	5-2.....	8-4
Wearing white uniforms	3-1.....	9-0.....	20-1
Wearing black uniforms	0-0.....	5-2.....	9-2
Wearing garnet uniforms.....	0-0.....	0-0.....	0-1
Playing in tournaments/classics	3-1.....	0-0.....	3-2
Playing on live television	3-1.....	7-2.....	16-3
Playing in November.....	0-0.....	0-0.....	7-0
Playing in December	0-0.....	0-0.....	5-1
Playing in January	0-0.....	7-1.....	7-1
Playing in February	0-0.....	7-0.....	7-0
Playing in March.....	3-1.....	0-1.....	3-2
Playing during the day.....	2-1.....	8-1.....	17-2
Playing at night	1-0.....	6-1.....	12-2
Playing on Sunday.....	1-0.....	8-1.....	13-1
Playing on Monday.....	0-0.....	0-0.....	2-0
Playing on Tuesday.....	1-0.....	0-0.....	1-0
Playing on Wednesday.....	0-0.....	0-0.....	1-1
Playing on Thursday.....	0-0.....	6-1.....	7-1
Playing on Friday	1-0.....	0-0.....	3-0
Playing on Saturday.....	0-1.....	0-0.....	2-1
Margin is 5 pts. or less.....	0-0.....	2-1.....	2-1
Margin is between 6-10.....	1-1.....	4-0.....	6-2
Margin is between 11-20.....	2-0.....	5-1.....	9-1
Margin is more than 20.....	0-0.....	3-0.....	12-0
Having a 20-pt. scorer.....	2-0.....	6-1.....	13-2
Having a 30-pt. scorer.....	0-0.....	0-0.....	0-0
Scoring 49 points or less.....	0-0.....	0-0.....	0-0
Scoring 50-59 points	0-1.....	1-0.....	1-1
Scoring 60-69 points.....	1-0.....	5-2.....	9-3
Scoring 70-79 points.....	2-0.....	6-0.....	12-0
Scoring 80-89 points.....	0-0.....	1-0.....	5-0
Scoring 90-99 points.....	0-0.....	1-0.....	2-0

2013-14 Team High / Low

South Carolina Highs	South Carolina Lows	Category	Opponent Lows	Opponent Highs
99 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30	55 at Arkansas, 1/2	Points in Game	25, NC Central, 12/2	74, vs. North Carolina, 12/18
99 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8				
55 (2nd) vs. Ole Miss, 1/30	17 (1st) at Texas A&M, 1/16	Points in Half	12 (1st), SC State, 12/22 12 (2nd), NC Central, 12/2	45 (2nd) vs. Ole Miss, 1/30
39 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8	18 vs. Georgia, 2/27	Field Goals Made	8, NC Central, 12/2	29, at Tennessee, 3/2
66 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14	41 at Auburn, 1/12	Field Goal Attempts	48, at San Diego St., 11/23 48, at Clemson, 11/20	73, Kentucky, 1/9
.609 (39-64) vs. Chas. Sthrn., 11/8	.370 (20-54) vs. Oregon St., 3/25	FG Percentage	.160 (8-50), NC Central, 12/2	.459 (28-61), vs. UNC, 12/18
9 at San Diego St., 11/23	0 at Vanderbilt, 1/26	3-Point FG Made	1, at Vanderbilt, 1/26 1, Kentucky, 1/9 1, NC Central, 12/2 1, at Southern Cal, 11/25 1, at San Diego St., 11/23	10, vs. Oregon State, 3/25
9 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14				
28 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14	2 at Vanderbilt, 1/26	3-Point FG Attempts	4, at Texas A&M, 1/16	30, vs. Oregon St., 3/25
.667 (4-6) vs. Oregon St., 3/25	.000 (0-2) at Vanderbilt, 1/26	3-Point FG Percentage	.071 (1-14), NC Central, 12/2	.571 (4-7), LA Tech, 11/10
.667 (4-6) vs. Savannah St., 12/28				
34 vs. Oregon St., 3/25	7 at Vanderbilt, 1/26	Free Throws Made	0, SC State, 12/22	21, Ole Miss, 1/30
48 vs. Savannah State, 12/28	9 at Vanderbilt, 1/26	Free Throw Attempts	2, SC State, 12/22	31, Ole Miss, 1/30
.909 (10-11) vs. Alabama, 1/19	.364 (8-22) vs. LA Tech, 11/10	FT Percentage	.000 (0-2), SC State, 12/22	.933 (14-15), Vanderbilt, 1/5
62 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14	27 at Auburn, 1/12	Rebounds	19, at Kentucky, 2/20	48, at Tennessee, 3/2
25 vs. Alabama, 1/19	6 vs. North Carolina, 12/18	Assists	4, Seton Hall, 11/17	16, Missouri, 2/2
25 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8				
17 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8	1 vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23 1 vs. Kentucky, 3/8	Steals	3, vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23 3, Missouri, 2/2 3, Ole Miss, 1/30 3, NC Central, 12/2	13, Arkansas, 2/9
14 at Mississippi State, 2/6	2 vs. Oregon State, 3/25	Blocked Shots	0, at Kentucky, 2/20 0, at Vanderbilt, 1/26 0, at Charlotte, 12/8	7, vs. Oregon St., 3/25
14 vs. Kentucky, 1/9				
24 at Vanderbilt, 1/26	7 vs. NC Central, 12/2	Turnovers	5, vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23 5, vs. Kentucky, 3/8 5, at Mississippi State, 2/6	25, at San Diego St., 11/23 25, Charleston Southern, 11/8
24 at Vanderbilt, 1/26	1 vs. SC State, 12/22	Fouls	13, NC Central, 12/2	33, Missouri, 2/2

2013-14 Individual Superlatives

Category	South Carolina	Opponent
Points in Game	25 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. Georgia, 2/27	26 by Janae Sharpe, vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23
Points in Half	20 (2nd) by Tiffany Mitchell vs. Oregon St., 3/25	15 (1st) by Janae Sharpe, vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23 15 (2nd) by Erica Williams, Winthrop, 12/20 15 (1st) by Tabatha Richardson-Smith, Seton Hall, 11/17
Field Goals Made	11 by Alaina Coates vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5	9 by Janae Sharpe, vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23 9 by Isabelle Harrison, at Tennessee, 3/2 9 by Jatterra Bonds, Florida, 2/23 9 by Christina Foggie, at Vanderbilt, 1/26 9 by Stephanie Mavunga, vs. North Carolina, 12/18
Field Goal Attempts	19 by Aleighsa Welch at Tennessee, 3/2 19 by Aleighsa Welch at Texas A&M, 1/16	22 by Ka-Deidre Simmons, Seton Hall, 11/17
FG Percentage	1.000 (7-7) by Alaina Coates vs. SC State, 12/22 1.000 (7-7) by Elem Ibiam vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8	.833 (5-6) by Kylee Smith, Vanderbilt, 1/5
3-Point FG Made	4 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. Winthrop, 12/20 4 by Asia Dozier at San Diego St., 11/23 4 by Asia Dozier vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14	5 by Jamie Weisner, vs. Oregon St., 3/25 5 by Tabatha Richardson-Smith, Seton Hall, 11/17
3-Point FG Attempts	10 by Asia Dozier, at San Diego St., 11/23	12 by Sydney Wiese, vs. Oregon St., 3/25
3-Point FG Percentage	1.000 (3-3) by Khadijah Sessions, at Kentucky, 2/20 1.000 (3-3) by Tiffany Mitchell at LSU, 2/16	.833 (5-6) by Tabatha Richardson-Smith, Seton Hall, 11/17
Free Throws Made	13 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23	9 by Tia Faleru, Ole Miss, 1/30
Free Throw Attempts	17 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23	13 by Tia Faleru, Ole Miss, 1/30
FT Percentage	1.000 (10-10) by Tiffany Mitchell vs. Georgia, 2/27	1.000 (6-6) Jessica Jackson, Arkansas, 2/9
Rebounds	17 by Alaina Coates vs. Kentucky, 1/9 17 by Aleighsa Welch vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14	15 by Isabelle Harrison, at Tennessee, 3/2
Assists	9 by Tiffany Mitchell at San Diego St., 11/23	8 by Dequesha McClanahan, Winthrop, 12/20
Steals	6 by Tiffany Mitchell at Auburn, 1/12	5 by Keira Peak, Arkansas, 2/9
Blocked Shots	7 by Elem Ibiam at Mississippi State, 2/6	4 by Monique Maximilien, Charleston Southern, 11/8
Turnovers	8 by Aleighsa Welch at Vanderbilt, 1/26	7 by Lianna Doty, Missouri, 2/2 7 by Kourtney Williams, SC State, 12/22 7 by Ahjalee Harvey, at San Diego St., 11/23
Minutes Played	43 by Aleighsa Welch at Texas A&M, 1/16	45 by Jordan Jones, at Texas A&M, 1/16

Staley Era Team Records

Italics indicates set in 2013-14

Scoring

Most	Points
1. vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	99
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	99
3. at Clemson, 11/19/09	92
4. at San Diego State, 11/23/13	88
vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13	88

Fewest	Points
1. at Stanford, 11/26/10	32
2. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	34
3. vs. Mississippi State, 3/5/09	39
4. at Georgia, 1/13/13	40
5. at Mississippi State, 2/26/09	41

Fewest Allowed	Points
1. vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	21
2. vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11	24
3. vs. SC State, 12/22/13	26
4. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	27
5. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	29

Most Allowed	Points
1. at Clemson, 11/19/09	94
2. vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09	93
3. vs. Xavier, 11/12/10	84
4. at Tennessee, 2/17/11	82
at Florida, 2/22/09	82

Margin of Outcome

Victory	Score	Margin
1. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	99-29	+70
2. vs. NC Central	79-27	+52
3. vs. SC State, 12/14/11	66-21	+45
4. vs. SC State, 12/22/13	70-26	+44
5. vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	82-40	+42

Defeat	Score	Margin
1. at Stanford, 11/26/10	32-70	-38
2. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	34-66	-32
3. vs. Stanford, 12/19/08	47-78	-31
4. at Penn State, 11/21/10	48-78	-30
5. vs. Connecticut, 12/28/08	48-77	-29

Field Goals

Made	FGM
1. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	39
2. vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09	34
at Clemson, 11/19/09	34
4. vs. North Carolina, 12/18/11	33
5. vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	32

Attempts	FGA
1. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	76
2. at Clemson, 11/19/09	74
3. vs. Tennessee, 1/20/11	73
4. vs. Kansas, 3/25/13	72
5. vs. NC State, 12/13/09	71

Highest Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	39-64	.609
2. vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	31-51	.608
3. at Alabama, 1/10/10	31-52	.596
4. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	31-53	.585
5. vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13	26-45	.578

Lowest Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)	FGM-A	Pct
1. at Stanford, 11/26/10	12-55	.218
2. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	12-52	.231
3. at Florida, 1/20/13	15-64	.234
4. at Kentucky, 2/5/09	13-55	.236
5. at Georgia, 1/2/11	13-54	.241

Lowest Percentage Allowed	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	6-48	.125
2. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	8-50	.160
3. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	10-54	.185
4. vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	11-57	.193
5. vs. Furman, 12/9/12	11-46	.239
vs. Clemson, 11/18/12	11-46	.239

Highest Percentage Allowed	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. Connecticut, 12/28/08	35-62	.565
vs. Florida, 1/9/11	26-46	.565
3. vs. Xavier, 11/12/10	34-61	.557
4. at Kentucky, 1/13/11	30-55	.545
5. vs. Vanderbilt, 2/27/11	27-50	.540

3-Point Field Goals

Made	3FGM
1. at San Diego State, 11/23/13	9
vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	9
vs. Savannah State, 11/15/12	9
at Arkansas, 2/6/11	9
at Ole Miss, 1/16/11	9
vs. North Carolina, 12/18/11	9
vs. Ole Miss, 1/26/12	9

Attempts	3FGA
1. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	29
2. vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	28
vs. North Carolina, 12/19/10	28
4. vs. Savannah State, 11/15/12	25
at Ole Miss, 1/16/11	25

Percentage (Min. 5 3FGA)	3FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14	4-6	.667
vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	4-6	.667
vs. Western Carolina, 12/29/12	6-9	.667
at Alabama, 1/10/10	8-12	.667
vs. Charlotte, 12/21/08	8-12	.667

Free Throws

Made	FTM
1. vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14	34
2. vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	32
at Mississippi State, 1/6/13	32
4. vs. Georgia, 2/27/14	30
vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	30
vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13	30

Attempts	FTA
1. at Mississippi State, 1/6/13	50
2. vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	48
3. vs. Missouri, 2/2/14	46
4. vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13	44
vs. SC State, 12/21/12	44

Percentage (Min. 10 FTA)	FTM-A	Pct
1. vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	10-11	.909
2. at Mississippi State, 2/6/14	20-23	.870
3. vs. Auburn, 1/2/09	23-26	.885
4. vs. San Diego State, 11/28/09	14-16	.875
5. at Kentucky, 2/20/14	17-20	.850

Rebounding

Total	Rebs
1. vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	62
2. at Florida, 1/20/13	59
3. vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	57
4. at Texas A&M, 1/16/14	53
vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14	53
at Alabama, 2/7/13	53
vs. Elon, 11/9/12	53
vs. Brown, 12/29/09	53

Offensive	ORebs
1. vs. Elon, 11/9/12	29
2. vs. College of Charleston, 11/23/11	27
3. vs. Kansas, 3/25/13	26
at Florida, 1/20/13	26
4. vs. Savannah State, 11/15/12	25
vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	25
at Penn State, 11/21/10	25

Defensive	DRebs
1. vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	39
vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	39
3. at Arkansas, 1/2/14	38
4. vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14	37
at Texas A&M, 1/16/14	37

Margin	Rebs	Margin
1. at Alabama, 2/7/13	53-24	+29
2. vs. SC State, 12/22/13	47-21	+26
vs. Florida Gulf Coast, 11/23/12	46-20	+26
4. at Kentucky, 2/20/14	44-19	+25
vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	57-32	+25

Assists

Game	Assists
1. vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	25
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	25
3. at San Diego State, 11/23/13	24
4. vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	22
vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	22

Steals

Game	Steals
1. vs. Furman, 12/11/11	21
2. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	17
3. vs. NC State, 12/12/10	16
vs. USC Upstate, 12/16/08	16
5. vs. Furman, 12/9/12	15
vs. High Point, 12/2/09	15
vs. Davidson, 11/24/08	15

Blocked Shots

Game	Blocks
1. at Mississippi State, 2/6/14	14
vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14	14
3. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/14/13	12
4. vs. Georgia, 2/27/14	11
vs. Florida, 2/23/14	11
at Arkansas, 1/2/14	11
vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	11
vs. Furman, 12/11/11	11

Turnovers

Fewest	TOs
1. at Tennessee, 2/2/12	4
2. at Missouri, 2/28/13	5
vs. Georgia, 3/2/12	5
vs. Ole Miss, 3/3/11	5
5. vs. Stanford, 12/19/12	7
at Louisiana Tech, 11/12/12	7
vs. Tennessee, 3/3/12	7

The Last Time ...

Individual

Scored 50 Points

South Carolina 51, Jocelyn Penn vs. Stetson, 1/4/03
Opponent Never

Scored 40 Points

South Carolina 51, Jocelyn Penn vs. Stetson, 1/4/03
Opponent 46, Cornelia Gayden, LSU, 1/14/95

Scored 30 Points

South Carolina 30, Ieasia Walker vs. Clemson, 11/18/10
Opponent 32, LaQueta Ferguson, Florida International, 11/25/07

Grabbed 20 Rebounds

South Carolina 25, Kelsey Bone vs. Boston University, 12/28/09
Opponent 24, Courtney Paris, Oklahoma, 12/30/07

Grabbed 15 Rebounds

South Carolina 16, Alaina Coates vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14
Opponent 15, Isabelle Harrison, at Tennessee, 3/2/14

Two Players with 20 or More Points

South Carolina Aleighsa Welch 21/Tiffany Mitchell 20 vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14
Opponent Monica Engelmann 27/Angel Goodrich 20, Kansas, 3/25/13

Two Players with 10 or More Rebounds

South Carolina Aleighsa Welch 11/Coates 11/Mitchell 10 vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14
Opponent Quistelle Williams 10/Berna Calli 10, Arkansas, 1/27/13

Had 10 Assists

South Carolina 10, Samone Kennedy at Florida, 2/24/08
Opponent 11, Marneshia Richard, Mississippi State, 1/21/07

Had Five Steals

South Carolina 6, Tiffany Mitchell at Auburn, 1/12/14
Opponent 5, Keira Peak, Arkansas, 2/9/14

Had Five Blocked Shots

South Carolina 5, Elem Ibiam vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
Opponent 7, Isabelle Harrison, Tennessee, 1/3/13

Had a Double-Double

South Carolina Aleighsa Welch (21 pts/11 rebs)/Tiffany Mitchell (20 pts/10 rebs) vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14
Opponent Isabelle Harrison (20 pts/15 rebs), at Tennessee, 3/2/14

Two Players had a Double-Double

South Carolina Aleighsa Welch (21 pts/11 rebs)/Tiffany Mitchell (20 pts/10 rebs) vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14
Opponent Chiney Ogwumike (11 pts/10 rebs)/Nnemkadi Ogwumike (39 pts/10 rebs), Stanford, 3/24/12

Three Players had a Double-Double

South Carolina Ashley Bruner (16 pts/12 rebs)/Aleighsa Welch (16 pts/ 11 rebs)/Elem Ibiam (12 pts/10 rebs) vs. Kansas, 3/25/13
Opponent Merlakia Jones (26 pts/10 rebs)/Takilya Davis (19 pts/13 rebs)/DeLisha Milton (14 pts/15 rebs), at Florida, 2/20/94

Had a Triple-Double

South Carolina Iva Sliskovic (18 pts, 15 rebs, 10 assts) vs. High Point, 12/20/06
Opponent Never

Team

Scored 100 Points

South Carolina 102 vs. North Carolina A&T, 3/21/08
Opponent 103, Clemson, 11/21/03

Won by 30 or More Points

South Carolina 82-40 (42) vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13
Opponent 66-34 (32), Georgia, 3/4/11

Shot 65% or Better from the Field

South Carolina .652 (45-69) vs. East Tennessee State, 12/19/00
Opponent Never

Shot 60% or Better from the Field

South Carolina .608 (31-51) vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Opponent .604 (29-48), Vanderbilt, 1/18/01

Shot 50% or Better from the Field

South Carolina .571 (28-49), vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
Opponent .535 (23-43), Missouri, 2/28/13

No Players in Double-Figure Points

South Carolina at Auburn, 1/19/12
Opponent Arkansas, 2/9/14

Five Players in Double-Figure Points

South Carolina vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
Opponent Arkansas, 2/14/10

More Than Five Players in Double-Figure Points

South Carolina 6 vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
Opponent 6, at Georgia, 2/13/03

Faced AP Top-25 Opponent

Win 81-58 at No. 15 Kentucky, 2/20/14
Loss 58-68 vs. No. 12 Kentucky, 3/8/14

Faced AP Top-10 Opponent

Win 68-59 vs. No. 9 Kentucky, 1/9/14
Loss 61-73 at No. 10 Tennessee, 3/2/14

Faced AP Top-5 Opponent

Win 55-50 vs. No. 5 Kentucky, 1/24/13
Loss 49-53 vs. No. 1 Stanford, 12/19/12

Faced AP No. 1 Team

Win Never
Loss 49-53 vs. No. 1 Stanford, 12/19/12

Overtime Game

Win 58-55 vs. Drexel, 11/28/12
Loss 65-57 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14

Double-Overtime Game

Win 92-91 at Florida State, 2/4/91
Loss 92-94 at Clemson, 11/19/09

South Carolina Was Ranked (AP Poll)

AP No. 1 Never
AP Top 10 No. 8, 3/17/14
AP Top 25 No. 8, 3/17/14



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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	29-4	16-0	10-2	3-2
CONFERENCE	14-2	8-0	6-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	15-2	8-0	4-0	3-2

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg									
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	33-33	1031	31.2	161-321	.502	37-70	.529	157-198	.793	40	146	186	5.6	60	0	116	94	8	60	516	15.6	
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	33-32	1006	30.5	171-298	.574	1-1	1.000	114-190	.600	103	149	252	7.6	57	0	64	63	46	28	457	13.8	
41	COATES, Alaina	33-1	639	19.4	139-227	.612	0-0	.000	117-181	.646	77	197	274	8.3	79	1	11	55	69	17	395	12.0	
33	BIAM, Elem	33-33	776	23.5	127-233	.545	0-0	.000	66-101	.653	59	146	205	6.2	93	3	12	51	83	13	320	9.7	
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	28-25	737	26.3	58-151	.384	18-57	.316	74-103	.718	8	36	44	1.6	58	0	76	44	1	28	208	7.4	
31	DOZIER, Asia	33-31	874	26.5	69-204	.338	33-101	.327	27-43	.628	18	74	92	2.8	60	0	88	66	7	20	198	6.0	
23	ROY, Tina	33-1	544	16.5	43-143	.301	20-84	.238	14-23	.609	12	56	68	2.1	18	0	46	21	9	5	120	3.6	
15	DAVIS, Tiffany	31-7	340	11.0	22-57	.386	11-28	.393	19-26	.731	5	26	31	1.0	28	0	29	39	1	4	74	2.4	
02	GAINES, Olivia	31-1	308	9.9	23-48	.479	1-2	.500	19-26	.731	12	31	43	1.4	32	0	34	14	3	20	66	2.1	
12	MONTOUT, Wilka	30-1	254	8.5	17-48	.354	5-16	.313	6-19	.316	23	24	47	1.6	25	0	5	13	7	1	45	1.5	
21	MORRISON, LeAnna	23-0	68	3.0	4-13	.308	1-8	.125	6-10	.600	6	4	10	0.4	8	0	3	2	0	1	15	0.7	
00	FARMER, India	18-0	48	2.7	2-7	.286	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.3	4	0	0	1	1	0	6	0.3	
Team											36	64	100		1		9						
Total.....		33	6625		836-1750	.478	129-371	.348	619-920	.673	401	957	1358	41.2	523	4	484	472	235	197	2420	73.3	
Opponents.....		33	6625		681-1977	.344	123-423	.291	347-519	.669	404	656	1060	32.1	739	32	332	423	94	203	1832	55.5	

TEAM STATISTICS	SC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	2420	1832	11/08/13	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	w 99-29	5120
Points per game	73.3	55.5	11/10/13	LOUISIANA TECH	w 68-45	5078
Scoring margin	+17.8	-	11/14/13	COLL. OF CHARLESTON	w 81-54	4882
FIELD GOALS-ATT	836-1750	681-1977	11/17/13	SETON HALL	w 88-67	4765
Field goal pct	.478	.344	11/20/13	at Clemson	w 68-43	715
3 POINT FG-ATT	129-371	123-423	11/23/13	at San Diego State	w 88-54	642
3-point FG pct	.348	.291	11/25/13	at USC	w 70-50	897
3-pt FG made per game	3.9	3.7	12/02/13	NC CENTRAL	w 79-27	4347
FREE THROWS-ATT	619-920	347-519	12/08/13	at Charlotte	w 76-61	1357
Free throw pct	.673	.669	12/18/13	vs #14/13 North Carolina	L 66-74	4137
F-Throws made per game	18.8	10.5	12/20/13	WINTHROP	w 69-61	5021
REBOUNDS	1358	1060	12/22/13	SC STATE	w 70-26	5937
Rebounds per game	41.2	32.1	12/28/13	SAVANNAH STATE	w 82-40	4824
Rebounding margin	+9.0	-	* 01/02/14	at Arkansas	w 55-51	2215
ASSISTS	484	332	* 01/05/14	VANDERBILT	w 76-66	4810
Assists per game	14.7	10.1	* 01/09/14	#9/10 KENTUCKY	w 68-59	5689
TURNOVERS	472	423	* 01/12/14	at Auburn	w 72-66	2453
Turnovers per game	14.3	12.8	* 01/16/14	at #25/21 Texas A&M	Lot 65-67	5778
Turnover margin	-1.5	-	* 01/19/14	ALABAMA	w 77-51	7740
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.8	* 01/26/14	at #16/19 Vanderbilt	w 61-57	3554
STEALS	197	203	* 01/30/14	OLE MISS	w 99-70	5344
Steals per game	6.0	6.2	* 02/02/14	MISSOURI	w 78-62	7828
BLOCKS	235	94	* 02/06/14	at Mississippi State	w 71-64	2323
Blocks per game	7.1	2.8	* 02/09/14	ARKANSAS	w 67-49	7545
ATTENDANCE	101935	61982	* 02/16/14	at #19/17 LSU	w 73-57	4275
Home games-Avg/Game	16-6371	12-3687	* 02/20/14	at #15/15 Kentucky	w 81-58	5958
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	5-3549	* 02/23/14	FLORIDA	w 69-55	10547
			* 02/27/14	GEORGIA	w 67-56	12458
			* 03/02/14	at #10/9 Tennessee	L 61-73	14072
			^ 03/07/14	vs Georgia	w 67-48	4271
			^ 03/08/14	vs #12/13 Kentucky	L 58-68	6306
			\$ 03/23/14	vs CSU Northridge	w 73-58	1365
			\$ 03/25/14	vs Oregon State	w 78-69	1664

* = Conference game
^ = SEC Tournament (Duluth, Ga.)
\$ = NCAA Tournament (Seattle)



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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-2	8-0	6-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	14-2	8-0	6-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	16-16	530	33.1	81-159	.509	17-30	.567	75-86	.872	18	85	103	6.4	37	0	54	52	8	28	254	15.9
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	16-16	533	33.3	82-164	.500	1-1	1.000	53-85	.624	49	74	123	7.7	32	0	32	37	31	12	218	13.6
41	COATES, Alaina	16-0	343	21.4	74-121	.612	0-0	.000	55-82	.671	36	100	136	8.5	38	1	6	33	35	10	203	12.7
33	BIAM, Elem	16-16	369	23.1	54-103	.524	0-0	.000	30-43	.698	27	73	100	6.3	51	1	3	30	44	2	138	8.6
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	14-11	353	25.2	26-63	.413	9-24	.375	41-55	.745	3	15	18	1.3	34	0	31	24	1	11	102	7.3
31	DOZIER, Asia	16-15	449	28.1	29-96	.302	14-44	.318	9-17	.529	6	37	43	2.7	32	0	48	37	5	7	81	5.1
23	ROY, Tina	16-0	241	15.1	18-62	.290	8-35	.229	6-13	.462	2	30	32	2.0	10	0	20	11	5	1	50	3.1
15	DAVIS, Tiffany	16-4	172	10.8	10-26	.385	4-11	.364	14-17	.824	2	13	15	0.9	19	0	12	19	0	0	38	2.4
02	GAINES, Olivia	16-1	141	8.8	11-24	.458	1-1	1.000	10-13	.769	3	14	17	1.1	14	0	10	5	1	9	33	2.1
12	MONTOUT, Wilka	13-1	72	5.5	6-12	.500	2-6	.333	3-4	.750	4	7	11	0.8	9	0	1	4	3	0	17	1.3
00	FARMER, India	7-0	10	1.4	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.4
21	MORRISON, LeAnna	8-0	12	1.5	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	0.1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.4
Team											23	31	54		1		6					
Total.....		16	3225		393-834	.471	57-155	.368	297-417	.712	174	479	653	40.8	282	2	217	259	133	80	1140	71.2
Opponents.....		16	3225		353-1008	.350	61-189	.323	194-277	.700	211	311	522	32.6	357	17	172	170	51	109	961	60.1

TEAM STATISTICS	SC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1140	961	* 01/02/14	at Arkansas	w 55-51	2215
Points per game	71.2	60.1	* 01/05/14	VANDERBILT	w 76-66	4810
Scoring margin	+11.2	-	* 01/09/14	#9/10 KENTUCKY	w 68-59	5689
FIELD GOALS-ATT	393-834	353-1008	* 01/12/14	at Auburn	w 72-66	2453
Field goal pct	.471	.350	* 01/16/14	at #25/21 Texas A&M	Lot 65-67	5778
3 POINT FG-ATT	57-155	61-189	* 01/19/14	ALABAMA	w 77-51	7740
3-point FG pct	.368	.323	* 01/26/14	at #16/19 Vanderbilt	w 61-57	3554
3-pt FG made per game	3.6	3.8	* 01/30/14	OLE MISS	w 99-70	5344
FREE THROWS-ATT	297-417	194-277	* 02/02/14	MISSOURI	w 78-62	7828
Free throw pct	.712	.700	* 02/06/14	at Mississippi State	w 71-64	2323
F-Throws made per game	18.6	12.1	* 02/09/14	ARKANSAS	w 67-49	7545
REBOUNDS	653	522	* 02/16/14	at #19/17 LSU	w 73-57	4275
Rebounds per game	40.8	32.6	* 02/20/14	at #15/15 Kentucky	w 81-58	5958
Rebounding margin	+8.2	-	* 02/23/14	FLORIDA	w 69-55	10547
ASSISTS	217	172	* 02/27/14	GEORGIA	w 67-56	12458
Assists per game	13.6	10.8	* 03/02/14	at #10/9 Tennessee	L 61-73	14072
TURNOVERS	259	170				
Turnovers per game	16.2	10.6				
Turnover margin	-5.6	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	1.0				
STEALS	80	109				
Steals per game	5.0	6.8				
BLOCKS	133	51				
Blocks per game	8.3	3.2				
ATTENDANCE	61961	40628				
Home games-Avg/Game	8-7745	8-5078				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

* = Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
South Carolina	552	579	9	1140
Opponents	423	527	11	961



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Opponent	Date	Score	00	02	05	12	15	21	23	24	25	31	33	41												
			FARMER	JIND	GAINES	OLI	SESSIONS	K	MONTGOMERY	W	DAVIS	TJFF	MORRISON	L	ROY	TINA	WELCH	HALEI	MITCHELL	T	DOZIER	RASI	IBIAMELE	M	COATES	SALA
CSU	11/08/13	99-29 w	0-0	4-5	10-2-3	7-4-1	5-2-1	0-1-1	5-3-7	15-8-0	12-1-1	4-3-5	17-6-0	20-7-1												
LATECH	11/10/13	68-45 w	0-0	2-4-3	7-1-5	0-3-0	3-2-1	0-0-0	2-1-2	14-10-3	10-4-3	7-1-0	11-8-1	12-10-0												
COFC	11/14/13	81-54 w	0-0	2-1-0	2-1-4	2-8-0	7-1-3	0-1-1	6-0-2	12-17-2	11-8-1	16-2-3	12-6-0	11-14-0												
SHU	11/17/13	88-67 w	DNP	0-1-1	17-3-5	0-0-1	0-1-0	2-0-0	5-2-1	15-8-4	15-3-4	6-4-2	18-8-0	10-8-1												
at CSU	11/20/13	68-43 w	0-0	DNP	10-3-3	1-4-0	0-0-1	0-0-0	3-3-0	17-10-4	14-6-5	4-9-0	10-6-1	9-6-0												
at SDSU	11/23/13	88-54 w	DNP	1-1-1	12-0-5	2-2-0	0-0-3	0-1-1	6-1-2	8-4-2	17-3-9	16-3-0	5-4-1	21-8-0												
at USC	11/25/13	70-50 w	DNP	DNP	7-1-3	0-2-1	DNP	0-0-0	11-3-0	14-6-1	22-6-4	4-2-2	4-5-1	8-9-0												
NCCU	12/02/13	79-27 w	3-3-0	4-5-4	7-0-6	5-1-1	DNP	3-2-0	2-6-5	13-4-1	19-3-1	6-2-1	2-3-0	15-7-1												
at CHA	12/08/13	76-61 w	DNP	0-1-0	6-2-3	3-2-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	1-2-1	18-6-0	15-3-4	10-5-4	19-9-0	2-4-0												
vs NC	12/18/13	66-74 L	DNP	2-1-2	4-2-1	0-1-0	0-0-0	DNP	2-4-0	23-6-0	18-5-1	3-3-1	14-5-1	0-1-0												
WU	12/20/13	69-61 w	DNP	2-1-1	DNP	2-3-0	3-4-2	DNP	0-0-0	14-8-2	20-1-7	13-2-5	12-9-0	3-3-0												
SCSUW	12/22/13	70-26 w	0-1-0	6-4-2	DNP	2-5-0	6-1-3	0-1-0	7-1-2	8-5-3	5-9-4	4-4-3	9-9-1	23-5-1												
SSU	12/28/13	82-40 w	0-0	7-0-1	DNP	0-0-0	8-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-2	14-3-5	18-7-4	10-1-1	5-9-0	17-12-0												
at AR	01/02/14	55-51 w	DNP	1-1-1	DNP	DNP	3-6-1	DNP	0-2-0	11-7-2	16-11-1	9-2-5	4-4-0	11-12-0												
VANDY	01/05/14	76-66 w	DNP	2-1-2	DNP	DNP	3-1-2	DNP	3-3-3	9-3-3	19-4-4	5-1-5	11-8-0	24-10-0												
UK	01/09/14	68-59 w	DNP	2-0-0	3-1-0	DNP	0-0-1	DNP	11-2-3	16-14-3	17-7-3	0-1-4	9-4-0	10-17-0												
at AU	01/12/14	72-66 w	DNP	1-0-0	9-1-3	0-1-1	0-1-0	DNP	7-1-1	10-5-3	18-2-1	9-5-3	4-3-0	14-6-0												
at TAMU	01/16/14	65-67 L	DNP	5-2-0	2-0-3	1-1-0	0-1-0	DNP	1-1-0	20-16-2	19-8-1	5-3-0	4-12-2	8-5-0												
UA	01/19/14	77-51 w	3-0-0	4-3-3	3-0-3	6-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-2-3	12-10-1	7-6-8	8-3-5	18-7-1	10-9-1												
at VU	01/26/14	61-57 w	DNP	2-1-0	6-3-0	4-1-0	0-1-1	DNP	0-1-1	10-6-3	14-7-3	9-3-2	10-9-0	6-5-0												
UM	01/30/14	99-70 w	0-0	1-1-0	11-2-3	4-2-0	11-2-1	1-0-0	3-1-2	11-4-2	15-3-8	4-1-6	14-8-0	24-12-0												
MU	02/02/14	78-62 w	0-0	0-0-0	13-2-6	0-0-0	0-0-2	0-0-0	0-1-0	11-5-0	20-9-3	11-3-4	10-6-0	13-5-1												
at MS	02/06/14	71-64 w	DNP	0-1-0	14-2-3	0-0-0	4-0-0	DNP	5-8-4	18-11-4	7-2-0	10-3-4	5-5-0	8-5-0												
AR	02/09/14	67-49 w	0-0	5-1-0	3-1-2	0-0-0	3-2-1	2-1-0	3-5-0	16-7-1	15-8-4	0-1-4	10-6-0	10-8-0												
at LSU	02/16/14	73-57 w	0-0	0-0-1	9-2-1	2-2-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	6-3-1	19-6-1	19-7-7	1-1-1	1-7-0	13-8-1												
at UK	02/20/14	81-58 w	DNP	2-3-0	18-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-2-1	21-10-2	12-7-5	4-4-2	16-4-0	8-6-0												
UF	02/23/14	69-55 w	0-0	4-2-2	3-2-2	0-0-0	3-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-1	12-5-1	20-8-2	3-6-3	8-4-0	16-12-1												
UGA	02/27/14	67-56 w	0-0	2-0-0	5-1-2	0-2-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	6-5-3	25-6-2	0-4-0	6-9-0	18-8-0												
at UT	03/02/14	61-73 L	DNP	2-1-1	3-1-3	0-0-0	6-0-1	DNP	2-0-0	16-9-1	11-8-2	3-2-0	8-4-0	10-8-2												
vs UGA	03/07/14	67-48 w	0-1-0	2-0-0	3-2-1	2-1-0	2-0-1	2-1-0	8-2-1	10-9-0	11-4-3	2-1-6	12-3-1	13-8-0												
vs UK-1	03/08/14	58-68 L	0-1-0	0-0-2	2-4-1	2-0-0	2-0-1	2-0-0	5-2-0	12-5-3	11-4-3	0-2-2	16-6-0	6-9-0												
vs CSUN	03/23/14	73-58 w	0-0	0-2-2	6-1-3	0-0-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	5-4-1	11-9-2	24-6-4	3-4-3	11-4-2	13-16-0												
vs OSU	03/25/14	78-69 w	0-0	1-1-0	13-4-2	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	21-11-0	20-10-4	9-1-2	5-5-0	9-11-1												



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Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds	Assist	T/Over	Block	Steal	Fouls
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	52/13	47/16	99-29	+70	39-64/10-54	.609/.185	3-6/4-23	.500/.174	18-28/5-6	.643/.833	46/25	25/6	10/25	12/5	17/5	9/19
LOUISIANA TECH	31/17	37/28	68-45	+23	28-62/18-50	.452/.360	4-18/4-7	.222/.571	8-22/5-14	.364/.357	47/29	18/10	13/17	4/2	6/7	15/22
COLL. OF CHARLESTON	46/34	35/20	81-54	+27	25-66/21-68	.379/.309	9-28/3-13	.321/.231	22-42/9-18	.524/.500	62/38	16/12	12/10	8/2	5/5	15/27
SETON HALL	41/39	47/28	88-67	+21	26-45/26-67	.578/.388	6-12/6-11	.500/.545	30-44/9-18	.682/.500	38/30	19/4	11/8	9/2	6/5	16/28
Clemson	27/15	41/28	68-43	+25	26-57/14-48	.456/.292	4-16/3-7	.250/.429	12-18/12-19	.667/.632	49/27	14/7	12/11	5/2	6/5	13/17
San Diego State	43/32	45/22	88-54	+34	29-55/21-48	.527/.438	9-23/1-8	.391/.125	21-31/8-15	.677/.533	30/31	24/10	8/25	4/1	12/5	18/25
USC	30/24	40/26	70-50	+20	24-48/20-52	.500/.385	2-6/1-11	.333/.091	20-26/9-18	.769/.500	35/30	12/12	19/22	3/4	8/10	18/21
NC CENTRAL	46/15	33/12	79-27	+52	31-53/8-50	.565/.160	6-18/1-14	.333/.071	11-16/10-12	.688/.833	38/28	20/6	7/16	4/1	7/3	11/13
Charlotte	33/32	43/29	76-61	+15	25-53/24-53	.472/.453	1-6/3-13	.167/.231	25-33/10-12	.758/.833	36/29	12/10	15/18	7/0	10/6	13/24
#14/13 North Carolina	27/39	39/35	66-74	(8)	23-56/28-61	.411/.459	1-11/4-16	.091/.250	19-29/14-17	.655/.824	33/43	6/12	14/17	6/3	7/5	18/23
WINTHROP	37/23	32/38	69-61	+8	24-48/24-59	.500/.407	8-19/4-8	.421/.500	13-24/9-10	.542/.900	34/30	17/13	20/13	5/2	4/8	18/21
SC STATE	37/12	33/14	70-26	+44	26-57/12-49	.456/.245	5-12/2-19	.417/.105	13-18/0-2	.722/.000	47/21	19/7	14/16	5/1	7/8	11/14
SAVANNAH STATE	43/25	39/15	82-40	+42	24-47/13-49	.511/.285	4-6/2-19	.667/.200	30-48/12-14	.625/.857	39/27	13/6	10/19	5/3	10/4	17/31
Arkansas	28/16	27/35	55-51	+4	21-52/18-69	.404/.261	1-5/5-19	.200/.263	12-19/10-14	.632/.714	48/38	10/8	21/10	1/6	4/11	19/20
VANDERBILT	41/30	35/36	76-66	+10	25-46/23-61	.543/.377	4-7/6-12	.571/.500	22-27/14-15	.815/.933	32/29	19/14	15/13	8/3	6/4	22/23
#9/10 KENTUCKY	34/24	34/35	68-59	+9	24-60/23-73	.400/.315	2-7/1-8	.286/.125	18-30/12-22	.600/.545	53/43	14/10	16/10	14/5	3/5	17/26
Auburn	39/39	33/27	72-66	+6	22-41/23-58	.537/.397	5-12/4-13	.417/.308	23-34/16-22	.676/.727	27/32	12/15	20/18	3/6	10/8	19/27
#25/21 Texas A&M	17/34	39/22	65-67	(2)	25-61/25-72	.410/.347	5-11/2-4	.455/.500	10-21/15-20	.476/.750	53/41	8/13	20/8	7/3	4/9	21/19
ALABAMA	43/26	34/25	77-51	+26	30-58/19-58	.517/.328	7-12/3-14	.583/.214	10-11/10-15	.909/.667	43/24	25/10	15/10	7/3	2/9	15/14
#16/19 Vanderbilt	31/27	30/30	61-57	+4	27-50/22-59	.540/.373	0-2/1-5	.000/.200	7-9/12-19	.778/.632	38/28	10/11	24/10	8/0	4/7	24/18
OLE MISS	44/25	55/45	99-70	+29	31-51/23-58	.608/.397	5-11/3-14	.455/.214	25-46/11-16	.543/.688	35/33	16/16	11/19	9/2	9/3	20/33
MISSOURI	48/25	30/37	78-62	+16	24-49/21-55	.490/.382	5-13/9-19	.385/.474	20-23/17-22	.870/.773	40/31	15/12	14/5	14/5	2/6	15/19
Mississippi State	34/29	37/35	71-64	+7	23-52/21-63	.442/.333	5-12/5-12	.417/.417	22-26/12-15	.846/.800	42/28	12/6	19/9	8/2	4/13	14/23
ARKANSAS	33/18	34/31	67-49	+18	21-49/17-57	.429/.298	3-13/3-7	.231/.429	21-28/2-4	.750/.500	39/34	13/8	12/9	4/5	6/4	12/20
#19/17 LSU	32/24	41/33	73-57	+16	23-47/25-69	.489/.362	6-14/5-13	.429/.385	17-20/8-9	.850/.889	44/19	10/8	16/9	6/0	3/4	14/18
#15/15 Kentucky	36/28	45/30	81-58	+23	30-57/23-61	.526/.377	4-8/4-14	.500/.286	18-28/13-17	.643/.765	44/29	14/9	18/12	11/4	5/8	15/26
FLORIDA	32/22	37/33	69-55	+14	24-53/19-59	.453/.322	3-15/4-11	.200/.364	30-38/8-16	.789/.500	38/38	7/7	17/13	11/2	6/9	17/27
GEORGIA	30/18	37/38	67-56	+11	18-43/22-67	.419/.328	1-5/4-14	.200/.286	10-16/13-20	.625/.650	39/48	10/14	10/7	5/3	5/6	15/16
#10/9 Tennessee	30/38	31/35	61-73	(12)	25-65/29-69	.385/.420	1-8/2-10	.125/.200	9-21/7-9	.429/.778	35/40	13/11	12/12	9/1	4/4	12/20
Georgia	35/18	32/30	67-48	+19	28-49/18-69	.571/.261	2-10/5-20	.200/.250	10-18/14-25	.556/.560	39/34	12/11	16/5	6/3	1/6	19/18
#12/13 Kentucky	29/37	29/31	58-68	(10)	23-52/25-59	.442/.424	2-10/4-9	.200/.444	27-42/11-15	.643/.733	52/36	17/8	11/5	8/4	1/3	16/28
CSU Northridge	36/26	37/32	73-58	+15	22-50/21-68	.440/.309	2-9/5-15	.222/.333								
Oregon State	34/25	44/44	78-69	+9	20-54/25-65	.370/.385	4-6/10-30	.667/.333	34-43/9-18	.791/.500	45/40	10/15	9/14	2/7	6/5	18/31

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category



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Opponent	Date	Score	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	11/08/13	99-29	20-COATES, Alaina	8-WELCH, Aleighsa	7-ROY, Tina	5-MITCHELL, Tiffany	5-IBIAM, Elem
LOUISIANA TECH	11/10/13	68-45	14-WELCH, Aleighsa	10-WELCH, Aleighsa COATES, Alaina	5-SESSIONS, Khadij	2-SESSIONS, Khadij	3-IBIAM, Elem
COLL. OF CHARLESTON	11/14/13	81-54	16-DOZIER, Asia	17-WELCH, Aleighsa	4-SESSIONS, Khadij	2-WELCH, Aleighsa	3-IBIAM, Elem COATES, Alaina
SETON HALL	11/17/13	88-67	18-IBIAM, Elem	8-IBIAM, Elem WELCH, Aleighsa COATES, Alaina	5-SESSIONS, Khadij	2-DOZIER, Asia	4-COATES, Alaina
at Clemson	11/20/13	68-43	17-WELCH, Aleighsa	10-WELCH, Aleighsa	5-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-COATES, Alaina MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-WELCH, Aleighsa
at San Diego State	11/23/13	88-54	21-COATES, Alaina	8-COATES, Alaina	9-MITCHELL, Tiffany	4-SESSIONS, Khadij	1-COATES, Alaina ROY, Tina WELCH, Aleighsa IBIAM, Elem
at USC	11/25/13	70-50	22-MITCHELL, Tiffany	9-COATES, Alaina	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany	5-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-IBIAM, Elem
NC CENTRAL	12/02/13	79-27	19-MITCHELL, Tiffany	7-COATES, Alaina	6-SESSIONS, Khadij	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-COATES, Alaina
at Charlotte	12/08/13	76-61	19-IBIAM, Elem	9-IBIAM, Elem	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany DOZIER, Asia	3-WELCH, Aleighsa MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-IBIAM, Elem
vs #14/13 North Carolina	12/18/13	66-74	23-WELCH, Aleighsa	6-WELCH, Aleighsa	2-GAINES, Olivia	2-MITCHELL, Tiffany SESSIONS, Khadija IBIAM, Elem	4-IBIAM, Elem
WINTHROP	12/20/13	69-61	20-MITCHELL, Tiffany	9-IBIAM, Elem	7-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-WELCH, Aleighsa	3-IBIAM, Elem
SC STATE	12/22/13	70-26	23-COATES, Alaina	9-MITCHELL, Tiffany IBIAM, Elem	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany	1-DOZIER, Asia GAINES, Olivia ROY, Tina IBIAM, Elem DAVIS, Tiffany WELCH, Aleighsa MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-COATES, Alaina
SAVANNAH STATE	12/28/13	82-40	18-MITCHELL, Tiffany	12-COATES, Alaina	5-WELCH, Aleighsa	5-MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-COATES, Alaina
at Arkansas	01/02/14	55-51	16-MITCHELL, Tiffany	12-COATES, Alaina	5-DOZIER, Asia	1-GAINES, Olivia DOZIER, Asia WELCH, Aleighsa MITCHELL, Tiffany	5-COATES, Alaina
VANDERBILT	01/05/14	76-66	24-COATES, Alaina	10-COATES, Alaina	5-DOZIER, Asia	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-COATES, Alaina
#9/10 KENTUCKY	01/09/14	68-59	17-MITCHELL, Tiffany	17-COATES, Alaina	4-DOZIER, Asia	2-MITCHELL, Tiffany	6-IBIAM, Elem
at Auburn	01/12/14	72-66	18-MITCHELL, Tiffany	6-COATES, Alaina	3-SESSIONS, Khadij DOZIER, Asia WELCH, Aleighsa	6-MITCHELL, Tiffany	1-COATES, Alaina WELCH, Aleighsa IBIAM, Elem
at #25/21 Texas A&M	01/16/14	65-67	20-WELCH, Aleighsa	16-WELCH, Aleighsa	3-SESSIONS, Khadij	1-GAINES, Olivia WELCH, Aleighsa COATES, Alaina SESSIONS, Khadija	4-IBIAM, Elem
ALABAMA	01/19/14	77-51	18-IBIAM, Elem	10-WELCH, Aleighsa	8-MITCHELL, Tiffany	1-GAINES, Olivia MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-MITCHELL, Tiffany IBIAM, Elem COATES, Alaina
at #16/19 Vanderbilt	01/26/14	61-57	14-MITCHELL, Tiffany	9-IBIAM, Elem	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany WELCH, Aleighsa	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany	4-COATES, Alaina
OLE MISS	01/30/14	99-70	24-COATES, Alaina	12-COATES, Alaina	8-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-WELCH, Aleighsa MITCHELL, Tiffany	5-IBIAM, Elem
MISSOURI	02/02/14	78-62	20-MITCHELL, Tiffany	9-MITCHELL, Tiffany	6-SESSIONS, Khadij	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany SESSIONS, Khadija	4-COATES, Alaina
at Mississippi State	02/06/14	71-64	18-WELCH, Aleighsa	11-WELCH, Aleighsa	4-WELCH, Aleighsa ROY, Tina DOZIER, Asia	1-WELCH, Aleighsa DOZIER, Asia	7-IBIAM, Elem



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Opponent	Date	Score	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
					ROY, Tina DOZIER, Asia	DOZIER, Asia	
ARKANSAS	02/09/14	67-49	16-WELCH, Aleighsa	8-MITCHELL, Tiffany COATES, Alaina	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany DOZIER, Asia	2-WELCH, Aleighsa	5-WELCH, Aleighsa
at #19/17 LSU	02/16/14	73-57	19-WELCH, Aleighsa MITCHELL, Tiffany	8-COATES, Alaina	7-MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-COATES, Alaina	2-WELCH, Aleighsa
at #15/15 Kentucky	02/20/14	81-58	21-WELCH, Aleighsa	10-WELCH, Aleighsa	5-MITCHELL, Tiffany	1-IBIAM, Elem SESSIONS, Khadija COATES, Alaina	5-WELCH, Aleighsa
FLORIDA	02/23/14	69-55	20-MITCHELL, Tiffany	12-COATES, Alaina	3-DOZIER, Asia	2-MITCHELL, Tiffany	5-COATES, Alaina
GEORGIA	02/27/14	67-56	25-MITCHELL, Tiffany	9-IBIAM, Elem	3-WELCH, Aleighsa	2-MITCHELL, Tiffany SESSIONS, Khadija	5-IBIAM, Elem
at #10/9 Tennessee	03/02/14	61-73	16-WELCH, Aleighsa	9-WELCH, Aleighsa	3-SESSIONS, Khadij	2-GAINES, Olivia	3-COATES, Alaina
vs Georgia	03/07/14	67-48	13-COATES, Alaina	9-WELCH, Aleighsa	6-DOZIER, Asia	2-WELCH, Aleighsa	4-COATES, Alaina
vs #12/13 Kentucky	03/08/14	58-68	16-IBIAM, Elem	9-COATES, Alaina	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany WELCH, Aleighsa	1-GAINES, Olivia	4-IBIAM, Elem
vs CSU Northridge	03/23/14	73-58	24-MITCHELL, Tiffany	16-COATES, Alaina	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany	1-DOZIER, Asia	4-COATES, Alaina
vs Oregon State	03/25/14	78-69	21-WELCH, Aleighsa	11-WELCH, Aleighsa COATES, Alaina	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-SESSIONS, Khadij	1-WELCH, Aleighsa COATES, Alaina



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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg										
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-2	71	35.5	9-22	.409	3-4	.750	23-28	.821	2	14	16	8.0	4	0	8	3	0	0	44	22.0		
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	2-2	65	32.5	13-22	.591	0-0	.000	6-10	.600	10	10	20	10.0	2	0	2	3	4	0	32	16.0		
41	COATES, Alaina	2-0	43	21.5	5-14	.357	0-0	.000	12-21	.571	6	21	27	13.5	7	0	1	3	5	1	22	11.0		
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	2-2	66	33.0	4-12	.333	1-2	.500	10-12	.833	1	4	5	2.5	7	0	5	2	0	3	19	9.5		
33	IBIAM, Elem	2-2	41	20.5	6-14	.429	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	4	5	9	4.5	5	0	2	4	1	0	16	8.0		
31	DOZIER, Asia	2-2	55	27.5	3-11	.273	1-5	.200	5-6	.833	0	5	5	2.5	5	0	5	3	0	2	12	6.0		
23	ROY, Tina	2-0	28	14.0	2-5	.400	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	3	1	4	2.0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	2.5		
02	GAINES, Olivia	2-0	17	8.5	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	2	3	1.5	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	0.5		
21	MORRISON, LeAnna	2-0	2	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
15	DAVIS, Tiffany	2-0	8	4.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	2.0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0		
12	MONTOUT, Wilka	2-0	2	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
00	FARMER, India	2-0	2	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
Team											3	1	4											
Total.....		2	400		42-104	.404	6-15	.400	61-85	.718	31	66	97	48.5	34	0	27	20	10	7	151	75.5		
Opponents.....		2	400		46-133	.346	15-45	.333	20-33	.606	30	46	76	38.0	59	5	23	19	11	8	127	63.5		

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
§ 03/23/14	vs CSU Northridge	w 73-58	1365
§ 03/25/14	vs Oregon State	w 78-69	1664



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Postseason



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	3-1	0-0	0-0	3-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	0-0	0-0	3-1

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg										
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	4-4	127	31.8	17-44	.386	4-7	.571	28-36	.778	3	21	24	6.0	7	0	14	9	0	0	66	16.5		
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	4-4	124	31.0	21-35	.600	0-0	.000	12-25	.480	13	21	34	8.5	6	0	5	9	5	2	54	13.5		
33	IBIAM, Elem	4-4	88	22.0	19-31	.613	0-0	.000	6-12	.500	5	13	18	4.5	9	0	3	6	8	0	44	11.0		
41	COATES, Alaina	4-0	82	20.5	13-27	.481	0-0	.000	15-26	.577	9	35	44	11.0	12	0	1	6	11	1	41	10.3		
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	4-4	118	29.5	6-18	.333	1-5	.200	11-15	.733	1	10	11	2.8	10	0	7	6	0	3	24	6.0		
23	ROY, Tina	4-0	69	17.3	7-16	.438	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	4	4	8	2.0	1	0	2	3	1	0	18	4.5		
31	DOZIER, Asia	4-4	103	25.8	4-21	.190	1-10	.100	5-6	.833	1	7	8	2.0	9	0	13	4	0	3	14	3.5		
21	MORRISON, LeAnna	4-0	7	1.8	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.0		
12	MONTOUT, Wilka	4-0	13	3.3	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	1.0		
15	DAVIS, Tiffany	4-0	27	6.8	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	1.0	4	0	3	2	0	0	4	1.0		
02	GAINES, Olivia	4-0	37	9.3	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	2	3	0.8	4	0	4	1	0	3	3	0.8		
00	FARMER, India	4-0	5	1.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
Team											5	8	13											
Total.....		4	800		93-205	.454	10-35	.286	80-124	.645	44	127	171	42.8	65	0	52	48	25	12	276	69.0		
Opponents.....		4	800		89-261	.341	24-74	.324	41-67	.612	60	90	150	37.5	97	6	45	36	15	18	243	60.8		

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
^ 03/07/14	vs Georgia	w 67-48	4271
^ 03/08/14	vs #12/13 Kentucky	L 58-68	6306
§ 03/23/14	vs CSU Northridge	w 73-58	1365
§ 03/25/14	vs Oregon State	w 78-69	1664



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
#12/10 South Carolina vs Charlotte
12/08/13 2:00 p.m. at Dale F. Halton Arena (Charlotte, N.C.)



#12/10 South Carolina 76 • 9-0

Box score table for #12/10 South Carolina vs Charlotte, showing player stats for FG, 3-Ptr, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min.

FG % 1st Half: 11-31 35.5% 2nd half: 14-22 63.6% Game: 25-53 47.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd half: 0-1 0.0% Game: 1-6 16.7%
FT % 1st Half: 10-13 76.9% 2nd half: 15-20 75.0% Game: 25-33 75.8%

Charlotte 61 • 4-5

Box score table for Charlotte vs #12/10 South Carolina, showing player stats for FG, 3-Ptr, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min.

FG % 1st Half: 12-24 50.0% 2nd half: 12-29 41.4% Game: 24-53 45.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 3-13 23.1%
FT % 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 10-12 83.3%

Officials: Billy Smith, Carla Fountain, Meadow Overstreet
Technical fouls: #12/10 South Carolina-None. Charlotte-None.
Attendance: 1357

Score by periods table for Charlotte vs #12/10 South Carolina, showing 1st, 2nd, and Total scores.

Last FG - SC 2nd-01:12, CHA 2nd-00:37.
Largest lead - SC by 16 2nd-00:44, CHA by 2 1st-12:32.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
#10/10 South Carolina vs #14/13 N. Carolina
12/18/13 7:00 p.m. at Myrtle Beach (SC) Convention Center



#10/10 South Carolina 66 • 9-1

Box score table for #10/10 South Carolina vs #14/13 N. Carolina, showing player stats for FG, 3-Ptr, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min.

FG % 1st Half: 11-30 36.7% 2nd half: 12-26 46.2% Game: 23-56 41.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 0-4 0.0% 2nd half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 1-11 9.1%
FT % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 14-18 77.8% Game: 19-29 65.5%

#14/13 N. Carolina 74 • 10-2

Box score table for #14/13 N. Carolina vs #10/10 South Carolina, showing player stats for FG, 3-Ptr, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min.

FG % 1st Half: 15-34 44.1% 2nd half: 13-27 48.1% Game: 28-61 45.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 4-16 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 14-17 82.4%

Officials: Mark Zentz, Bryan Esterline, Louis Gonzalez
Technical fouls: #10/10 South Carolina-None. #14/13 N. Carolina-None.
Attendance: 4137

Score by periods table for #14/13 N. Carolina vs #10/10 South Carolina, showing 1st, 2nd, and Total scores.

Last FG - SC 2nd-01:21, NC 2nd-01:41.
Largest lead - SC by 4 1st-15:32, NC by 13 1st-03:22.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Winthrop vs #10/10 South Carolina
12/20/13 12 p.m. at Columbia, S.C./Colonial Life Arena



Winthrop 61 • 6-3

Box score table for Winthrop vs #10/10 South Carolina, showing player stats for FG, 3-Ptr, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min.

FG % 1st Half: 10-30 33.3% 2nd half: 14-29 48.3% Game: 24-59 40.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 1-3 33.3% Game: 4-8 50.0%
FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 9-10 90.0% Game: 9-10 90.0%

#10/10 South Carolina 69 • 10-1

Box score table for #10/10 South Carolina vs Winthrop, showing player stats for FG, 3-Ptr, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min.

FG % 1st Half: 14-28 50.0% 2nd half: 10-20 50.0% Game: 24-48 50.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 8-19 42.1%
FT % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 9-17 52.9% Game: 13-24 54.2%

Officials: Jesse Dickerson, Michael Price, Mike Riggs
Technical fouls: Winthrop-None. #10/10 South Carolina-None.
Attendance: 5021

Score by periods table for #10/10 South Carolina vs Winthrop, showing 1st, 2nd, and Total scores.

Last FG - WU 2nd-01:36, SC 2nd-01:55.
Largest lead - WU None, SC by 19 1st-07:30.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
SC State vs #10/10 South Carolina
12/22/13 1 p.m. at Columbia, S.C./Colonial Life Arena



SC State 26 • 1-8

Box score table for SC State vs #10/10 South Carolina, showing player stats for FG, 3-Ptr, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min.

FG % 1st Half: 6-26 23.1% 2nd half: 6-23 26.1% Game: 12-49 24.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 0-7 0.0% 2nd half: 1-12 16.7% Game: 2-19 10.5%
FT % 1st Half: 0-2 0.0% 2nd half: 0-0 0.0% Game: 0-2 0.0%

#10/10 South Carolina 70 • 11-1

Box score table for #10/10 South Carolina vs SC State, showing player stats for FG, 3-Ptr, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min.

FG % 1st Half: 14-28 50.0% 2nd half: 12-29 41.4% Game: 26-57 45.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 5-12 41.7%
FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 13-18 72.2%

Officials: Beverly Roberts, Kevin Pethel, Eric Baker
Technical fouls: SC State-None. #10/10 South Carolina-None.
Attendance: 5937

Score by periods table for #10/10 South Carolina vs SC State, showing 1st, 2nd, and Total scores.

Last FG - SCSUW 2nd-00:02, SC 2nd-03:37.
Largest lead - SCSUW by 2 1st-19:49, SC by 52 2nd-03:37.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Ole Miss vs #7/8 South Carolina
01/30/14 7 p.m. at Columbia, S.C./Colonial Life Arena



Ole Miss 70 • 10-12, 1-7 SEC

Box score table for Ole Miss vs #7/8 South Carolina. Columns: #, Player, Total (FG-FGA, FG-FGA, FT-FTA), Rebounds (Off Def Tot), PF, TP, A TO Blk Stl, Min. Totals: 23-58 3-14 21-31 15 12 27 28 70 11 8 2 3 200

FG % 1st Half: 9-33 27.3% 2nd half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 23-58 39.7% 3FG % 1st Half: 0-7 0.0% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 3-14 21.4% FT % 1st Half: 7-12 58.3% 2nd half: 14-19 73.7% Game: 21-31 67.7%

#7/8 South Carolina 99 • 19-2, 7-1 SEC

Box score table for #7/8 South Carolina vs Ole Miss. Columns: #, Player, Total (FG-FGA, FG-FGA, FT-FTA), Rebounds (Off Def Tot), PF, TP, A TO Blk Stl, Min. Totals: 31-51 5-11 32-41 12 26 38 23 99 22 11 7 7 200

FG % 1st Half: 15-25 60.0% 2nd half: 16-26 61.5% Game: 31-51 60.8% 3FG % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 5-11 45.5% FT % 1st Half: 13-15 86.7% 2nd half: 19-26 73.1% Game: 32-41 78.0%

Officials: Eric Brewton, Roy Gulbeyan, Troy Winder
Technical fouls: Ole Miss-Jenkins,Kenyotta; TEAM. #7/8 South Carolina-None.
Attendance: 5344

Score by periods table for Ole Miss vs #7/8 South Carolina. Columns: 1st, 2nd, Total. Ole Miss: 25 45 70. #7/8 South Carolina: 44 55 99

Last FG - UM 2nd-04:51, SC 2nd-02:36.
Largest lead - UM None, SC by 34 2nd-02:36.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 0 times.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Missouri vs #7/8 South Carolina
02/02/14 3 p.m. at Columbia, S.C./Colonial Life Arena



Missouri 62 • 14-8, 3-6 SEC

Box score table for Missouri vs #7/8 South Carolina. Columns: #, Player, Total (FG-FGA, FG-FGA, FT-FTA), Rebounds (Off Def Tot), PF, TP, A TO Blk Stl, Min. Totals: 21-55 9-19 11-16 13 20 33 33 62 16 19 2 3 200

FG % 1st Half: 10-23 43.5% 2nd half: 11-32 34.4% Game: 21-55 38.2% 3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 6-13 46.2% Game: 9-19 47.4% FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 9-14 64.3% Game: 11-16 68.8%

#7/8 South Carolina 78 • 20-2, 8-1 SEC

Box score table for #7/8 South Carolina vs Missouri. Columns: #, Player, Total (FG-FGA, FG-FGA, FT-FTA), Rebounds (Off Def Tot), PF, TP, A TO Blk Stl, Min. Totals: 24-49 5-13 25-46 11 24 35 20 78 16 11 9 9 200

FG % 1st Half: 16-32 50.0% 2nd half: 8-17 47.1% Game: 24-49 49.0% 3FG % 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd half: 3-6 50.0% Game: 5-13 38.5% FT % 1st Half: 14-19 73.7% 2nd half: 11-27 40.7% Game: 25-46 54.3%

Officials: Beverly Roberts, Bill Larence, Brian Garland
Technical fouls: Missouri-None. #7/8 South Carolina-None.
Attendance: 7828

Score by periods table for Missouri vs #7/8 South Carolina. Columns: 1st, 2nd, Total. Missouri: 25 37 62. #7/8 South Carolina: 48 30 78

Last FG - MU 2nd-00:31, SC 2nd-04:45.
Largest lead - MU by 3 1st-19:17, SC by 25 2nd-18:39.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 1 time.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
#6/7 South Carolina vs Mississippi State
02/06/14 7 p.m. at Starkville, Miss. (Humphrey Coliseum)



#6/7 South Carolina 71 • 21-2 (9-1 SEC)

Box score table for #6/7 South Carolina vs Mississippi State. Columns: #, Player, Total (FG-FGA, FG-FGA, FT-FTA), Rebounds (Off Def Tot), PF, TP, A TO Blk Stl, Min. Totals: 23-52 5-12 20-23 14 26 40 15 71 15 14 14 2 200

FG % 1st Half: 14-32 43.8% 2nd half: 9-20 45.0% Game: 23-52 44.2% 3FG % 1st Half: 1-6 16.7% 2nd half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 5-12 41.7% FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 15-17 88.2% Game: 20-23 87.0%

Mississippi State 64 • 16-8 (3-7 SEC)

Box score table for Mississippi State vs #6/7 South Carolina. Columns: #, Player, Total (FG-FGA, FG-FGA, FT-FTA), Rebounds (Off Def Tot), PF, TP, A TO Blk Stl, Min. Totals: 21-63 5-12 17-22 15 16 31 19 64 12 5 5 6 200

FG % 1st Half: 9-32 28.1% 2nd half: 12-31 38.7% Game: 21-63 33.3% 3FG % 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 5-12 41.7% FT % 1st Half: 10-14 71.4% 2nd half: 7-8 87.5% Game: 17-22 77.3%

Officials: Dee Kantner, Michael Price, Brian Hall
Technical fouls: #6/7 South Carolina-None. Mississippi State-None.
Attendance: 2323

Score by periods table for #6/7 South Carolina vs Mississippi State. Columns: 1st, 2nd, Total. #6/7 South Carolina: 34 37 71. Mississippi State: 29 35 64

Last FG - SC 2nd-00:50, MS 2nd-00:11.
Largest lead - SC by 12 1st-01:47, MS by 3 1st-19:10.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 1 time.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Arkansas vs #6/7 South Carolina
02/09/14 2 p.m. at Columbia, S.C./Colonial Life Arena



Arkansas 49 • 16-8, 3-8 SEC

Box score table for Arkansas vs #6/7 South Carolina. Columns: #, Player, Total (FG-FGA, FG-FGA, FT-FTA), Rebounds (Off Def Tot), PF, TP, A TO Blk Stl, Min. Totals: 17-57 3-7 12-15 10 18 28 23 49 6 9 2 13 200

FG % 1st Half: 6-30 20.0% 2nd half: 11-27 40.7% Game: 17-57 29.8% 3FG % 1st Half: 0-3 0.0% 2nd half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 3-7 42.9% FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd half: 6-7 85.7% Game: 12-15 80.0%

#6/7 South Carolina 67 • 22-2, 10-1 SEC

Box score table for #6/7 South Carolina vs Arkansas. Columns: #, Player, Total (FG-FGA, FG-FGA, FT-FTA), Rebounds (Off Def Tot), PF, TP, A TO Blk Stl, Min. Totals: 21-49 3-13 22-26 11 31 42 14 67 12 19 8 4 200

FG % 1st Half: 12-23 52.2% 2nd half: 9-26 34.6% Game: 21-49 42.9% 3FG % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 1-9 11.1% Game: 3-13 23.1% FT % 1st Half: 7-7 100.0 2nd half: 15-19 78.9% Game: 22-26 84.6%

Officials: Sue Blauch, Eric J. Brewton, Frank Santore
Technical fouls: Arkansas-None. #6/7 South Carolina-None.
Attendance: 7545

Score by periods table for Arkansas vs #6/7 South Carolina. Columns: 1st, 2nd, Total. Arkansas: 18 31 49. #6/7 South Carolina: 33 34 67

Last FG - AR 2nd-00:10, SC 2nd-00:22.
Largest lead - AR None, SC by 21 2nd-01:37.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Oregon State vs #8/8 South Carolina
 03/25/14 6:40 p.m. at Seattle, WA - Alaska Airlines Arena



Oregon State 69 • 24-11

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
32	Hunter, Deven	f	3-6	0-1	1-4	2	4	6	4	7	1	3	1	2	17
44	Hamblin, Ruth	c	0-5	0-0	0-0	3	4	7	5	0	0	1	3	0	22
14	Gibson, Ali	g	4-9	1-4	2-4	3	6	9	4	11	5	1	0	1	30
21	Wiese, Sydney	g	3-15	2-12	0-0	0	0	0	4	8	6	4	0	0	40
24	Martin, Alyssa	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	11
02	Toure, Khadidja		1-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	1	2
04	Brown, Breanna		1-2	0-0	0-2	1	2	3	3	2	0	0	1	1	13
05	Siegner, Samantha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	9
11	Hanson, Gabriella		7-13	2-4	0-0	2	1	3	5	16	0	3	0	0	24
15	Weisner, Jamie		6-12	5-9	4-6	4	3	7	5	21	1	1	0	0	32
	Team					1	0	1							
Totals			25-65	10-30	9-18	17	23	40	31	69	15	14	7	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-27 33.3% 2nd half: 16-38 42.1% Game: 25-65 38.5% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-16 31.3% 2nd half: 5-14 35.7% Game: 10-30 33.3% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 7-12 58.3% Game: 9-18 50.0% 3,1

#8/8 South Carolina 78 • 29-4

#	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	f	8-11	0-0	5-8	6	5	11	1	21	0	1	1	0	36
31	DOZIER, Asia	f	2-7	1-2	4-4	0	1	1	2	9	2	1	0	1	33
33	IBIAM, Elem	c	2-8	0-0	1-2	2	3	5	3	5	0	2	0	0	22
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	g	3-9	1-1	6-8	1	3	4	3	13	2	1	0	3	33
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	g	4-11	2-2	10-11	2	8	10	2	20	4	0	0	0	34
00	FARMER, India		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
02	GAINES, Olivia		0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	10
12	MONTOUT, Wilka		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	DAVIS, Tiffany		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
21	MORRISON, LeAnna		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
23	ROY, Tina		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
41	COATES, Alaina		1-6	0-0	7-8	3	8	11	4	9	1	3	1	1	19
	Team					1	0	1							
Totals			20-54	4-6	34-43	16	29	45	18	78	10	9	2	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-30 33.3% 2nd half: 10-24 41.7% Game: 20-54 37.0% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-1 100.0% 2nd half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 4-6 66.7% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 13-16 81.3% 2nd half: 21-27 77.8% Game: 34-43 79.1% 3

Officials: Charles Gonzalez, Brian Enterline, Carla Fountain
 Technical fouls: Oregon State-None. #8/8 South Carolina-None.
 Attendance: 1664
 2014 NCAA Second Round

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Oregon State	25	44	69
#8/8 South Carolina	34	44	78

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
OSU	20	9	20	0	43
SC	28	16	8	4	10

Last FG - OSU 2nd-00:23, SC 2nd-02:08.
 Largest lead - OSU by 1 1st-17:14, SC by 18 2nd-06:22.

Score tied - 1 time.
 Lead changed - 2 times.



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Career Highlights

- 2014 SEC Co-6th Player of the Year (Coaches)
- 2014 SEC Freshman of the Year (Coaches, AP)
- 2014 SEC All-Freshman Team
- 2014 All-SEC Second Team
- 5-time SEC Freshman of the Week

- First SEC Freshman of the Year in league history to also earn another "of the Year" award with selection as Co-6th Player of the Year from the league's coaches ...Named SEC Newcomer of the Year by the Associated Press
- Has played in 33 games, including one start (LA Tech)
- Named SEC Freshman of the Week a league-record tying five times
- Averaging double-double in NCAA Tournament play – 11.0 ppg/13.5 rpg
- Only freshman to rank among SEC's top 25 scorers (24th) and top 20 rebounders (6th) ... Is third in SEC and 41st in nation with 2.1 blocks per game ... In SEC games, averaged 12.7 points (23rd) and 8.5 rebounds (5th)
- Holds Gamecock freshman record with 69 blocked shots and is second in the all-time single-season standings
- Has led the team in scoring six times (Chas. Southern, at San Diego St., SC State, Vandy, Ole Miss, vs. Georgia)
- Has led the team in rebounding 15 times (LA Tech, Seton Hall, at San Diego St., at USC, NC Central, Sav. St., at Ark., Vandy, Kentucky, Auburn, Ole Miss, Ark., at LSU, Fla., vs. CSUN)
- Grabbed second-most rebounds by freshman in school history with 16 against CSUN (Mar. 23) in NCAA Tournament
- Ended Georgia's (Mar. 7) 6-0 run late in first half, scoring six of team's last eight points in the period
- Stretched second-half lead over Georgia (Feb. 27) with personal 7-2 run early in second half after Lady Bulldogs got within nine, with seven more of her total 18 points and seven of her eight rebounds coming in the second half
- Posted eighth double-double of season against Florida (Feb. 23) while tying career high and Gamecock freshman record of five blocked shots
- Scored nine of her 13 points at #19/17 LSU (Feb. 16) in the second half, including six during a 9-0 run after the Lady Tigers has pulled within two midway through the half
- Became first freshman to record at least 20 points in an SEC game since Feb. 4, 2010 (Kelsey Bone at Auburn) with her career-high tying 24 against Ole Miss (Jan. 30), making her one of just six Gamecock freshman all-time to record at least five 20-point games
- Played just 12 minutes at #16/19 Vanderbilt (Jan. 26) due to foul trouble, still blocking four shots, including three in second half to help secure victory
- Scored all 14 of her points at Auburn, (Jan. 12) in first half, including eight during late rally to tie before break

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
Double-Double	9	9	
20+ Points	5	5	
10+ Points	22	22	
10+ Rebounds	10	10	
5+ Blocks	2	2	
Tm-High Pts.	6	6	
Tm-High Rebs.	16	16	

	13-14 Season Highs
Pts	24, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Rebs	17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
Blks	5, 2x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Stls	3 at LSU, 2/16/14
Assts	2 at Tennessee, 3/2/14
Min	28 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FG	11 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FT	11 at San Diego St., 11/23/13

	13-14 Season Highs
Pts	24, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Rebs	17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
Blks	5, 2x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Stls	3 at LSU, 2/16/14
Assts	2 at Tennessee, 3/2/14
Min	28 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FG	11 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FT	11 at San Diego St., 11/23/13

	SEC Highs
Pts	24, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Rebs	17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
Blks	5, 2x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Stls	3 at LSU, 2/16/14
Assts	2 at Tennessee, 3/2/14
Min	28 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FG	11 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FT	8, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 2/27/14

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	17	9-14	0-0	2-2	4-3-7	1	1	2	1	20	
LA Tech	11/10	*	19	6-10	0-0	0-3	5-5-10	0	0	0	0	12
CofC	11/14	13	3-6	0-0	5-9	5-9-14	0	1	3	0	11	
Seton Hall	11/17	19	4-5	0-0	2-6	3-5-8	1	0	4	1	10	
at Clemson	11/20	15	2-5	0-0	5-8	1-5-6	0	1	1	2	9	
at San Diego St.	11/23	22	5-6	0-0	11-15	1-7-8	0	0	1	0	21	
at USC	11/25	17	4-7	0-0	0-1	1-8-9	0	2	0	1	8	
NC Central	12/02	22	7-8	0-0	1-2	2-5-7	1	1	2	1	15	
at Charlotte	12/08	12	0-4	0-0	2-2	2-2-4	0	0	2	0	2	
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	1	1	0	0	
Winthrop	12/20	8	1-2	0-0	1-2	3-0-3	0	4	1	0	3	
SC State	12/22	17	7-7	0-0	9-9	0-5-5	1	3	3	0	23	
Savannah St.	12/28	24	4-5	0-0	9-14	5-7-12	0	2	3	0	17	
at Arkansas*	01/02	26	5-8	0-0	1-2	2-10-12	0	2	5	0	11	
Vanderbilt*	01/05	28	11-16	0-0	2-4	4-6-10	0	3	3	1	24	
Kentucky*	01/09	27	3-9	0-0	4-7	7-10-17	0	3	4	1	10	
at Auburn*	01/12	25	4-5	0-0	6-10	2-4-6	0	1	1	1	14	
at Texas A&M*	01/16	22	3-6	0-0	2-4	2-3-5	0	3	0	1	8	
Alabama*	01/19	21	4-9	0-0	2-2	5-4-9	1	1	2	0	10	
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	12	3-4	0-0	0-1	0-5-5	0	3	4	0	6	
Ole Miss*	01/30	22	8-10	0-0	8-10	3-9-12	0	1	0	1	24	
Missouri*	02/02	16	5-7	0-0	3-9	1-4-5	1	0	4	0	13	
at Miss. State*	02/06	21	3-7	0-0	2-2	1-4-5	0	0	3	0	8	
Arkansas*	02/09	22	3-5	0-0	4-5	1-7-8	0	7	0	0	10	
at LSU*	02/16	17	5-7	0-0	3-4	1-7-8	1	3	0	3	13	
at Kentucky*	02/20	20	3-6	0-0	2-2	1-5-6	0	2	0	1	8	
Florida*	02/23	22	5-5	0-0	6-8	1-11-12	0	0	5	0	16	
Georgia*	02/27	19	5-9	0-0	8-10	3-5-8	0	1	1	1	18	
at Tennessee*	03/02	23	4-8	0-0	2-2	2-6-8	2	3	3	0	10	
vs. Georgia	03/07	20	6-8	0-0	1-1	1-7-8	0	0	4	0	13	
vs. Kentucky	03/08	19	2-5	0-0	2-4	2-7-9	0	3	2	0	6	
vs. CSUN	03/23	24	4-8	0-0	5-13	3-13-16	0	0	4	0	13	
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	19	1-6	0-0	7-8	3-8-11	1	3	1	1	9	

- Set Gamecock freshman record with 17 rebounds against #9/10 Kentucky (Jan. 9) and posted fourth-straight double-double
- Scored 12 of career-high 24 points against Vanderbilt (Jan. 5) during final 10 minutes of first half to help turn two-point deficit into 11-point lead
- Tied program single-game freshman record with five blocks at Arkansas (Jan. 2) while posting second-straight double-double, including five defensive rebounds during crucial seven-minute stretch of second half to keep Razorbacks from putting together complete rally
- Recorded double-double against Savannah State (Dec. 28), doing nearly all of it in the second half – 11 points and nine rebounds in final 20 minutes
- Posted only perfect shooting night by a freshman (minimum five attempts each in program history), hitting 7-of-7 from the field and 9-of-9 free throws against SC State (Dec. 22), with field goal performance tying for fourth in Colonial Life Arena history
- Scored 17 of her career-high 21 points at San Diego State (Nov. 23) in the second half, including a personal 7-0 run late in the game
- Made 11 free throws at San Diego State (Nov. 23), second-most by a Gamecock freshman in school history while her 15 attempts tied the freshman record
- Named SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 18) after averaging a double-double in two games (CofC, Seton Hall)
- Grabbed 14 rebounds against CofC (Nov. 14), 10 in the second half, to tie for third in school history among freshmen, one shy of the freshman school record

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2013-14	33	1	639	19.4	139	227	.612	0	0	—	117	181	.646	77	197	274	8.3	79	1	11	55	69	17	395	12.0



TIFFANY DAVIS

5-7 • R-Freshman • Guard
Houston, Texas • Westbury Christian

- Has played in 31 games, including seven starts
- Hit a pair of 3s en route to a career-high 11 points against Ole Miss (Jan. 30)
- Was solid against pressure from #9/10 Kentucky (Jan. 9), not committing a turnover in 16 minutes on the floor
- Grabbed a career-high six rebounds at Arkansas (Jan. 2)
- Scored a career-high eight in her third start of the season against Savannah State (Dec. 28), including a perfect shooting night highlighted by a pair of 3s
- Posted her most productive start against SC State (Dec. 22), scoring six points and matching career high with three assists
- Drew first career start against Winthrop (Dec. 20), taking over point guard duties from the injured Khadijah Sessions
- Returned to action at Charlotte (Dec. 8) after recovering from shoulder injury, playing a steady eight minutes
- Matched her career high with three assists in just three minutes at San Diego State (Nov. 23) before a first-half shoulder injury ended her game
- Scored a career-high seven points against College of Charleston (Nov. 14), hitting 2-of-4 from the field, including a 3-pointer, while dishing out three assists
- Returned from knee surgery last season to score five points on 2-of-3 shooting in the season opener against Charleston Southern (Nov. 8)

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	16	2-3	0-0	1-3	1-1-2	1	2	1	0	5	
LA Tech	11/10	10	1-4	1-4	0-0	1-1-2	1	2	0	1	3	
CofC	11/14	19	2-4	1-2	2-2	0-1-1	3	2	0	1	7	
Seton Hall	11/17	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	0	
at Clemson	11/20	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	
at San Diego St.	11/23	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	3	0	0	0	0	
at USC	11/25											
NC Central	12/02											
at Charlotte	12/08	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
Winthrop	12/20	* 26	1-5	1-5	0-0	0-4-4	2	6	0	1	3	
SC State	12/22	* 15	2-6	2-2	0-0	0-1-1	3	3	0	1	6	
Savannah St.	12/28	* 22	3-3	2-2	0-2	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	8	
at Arkansas*	01/02	* 30	1-4	0-1	1-2	0-6-6	1	6	0	0	3	
Vanderbilt*	01/05	* 18	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-1-1	2	1	0	0	3	
Kentucky*	01/09	* 16	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	
at Auburn*	01/12	* 3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	2	0	0	0	
at Texas A&M*	01/16	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	0	
Alabama*	01/19	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	1	0	0	0	
Ole Miss*	01/30	16	2-3	2-2	5-6	0-2-2	1	2	0	0	11	
Missouri*	02/02	11	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0-0	2	1	0	0	0	
at Miss. State*	02/06	13	2-4	0-2	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	4	
Arkansas*	02/09	12	1-3	1-1	0-0	2-0-2	1	0	0	0	3	
at LSU*	02/16	5	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	3	
at Kentucky*	02/20	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	
Florida*	02/23	14	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1-1	2	2	0	0	3	
Georgia*	02/27	7	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2	
at Tennessee*	03/02	6	1-1	0-0	4-4	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	6	
vs. Georgia	03/07	16	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-0-0	1	2	0	0	2	
vs. Kentucky	03/08	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	2	
vs. CSUN	03/23	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FIA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2012-13	3	0	40	13.3	4	8	.500	1	4	.250	3	4	.750	1	3	4	1.3	2	0	4	2	0	5	12	4.0
2013-14	31	7	340	11.0	22	57	.386	11	28	.393	19	26	.731	5	26	31	1.0	28	0	29	39	1	4	74	2.4
Career Totals	34	7	380	11.2	26	65	.400	12	32	.375	22	30	.733	6	29	35	1.0	30	0	33	41	1	9	86	2.5

#15

	Season	Career
Double-Double	0	0
10+ Points	1	1
5+ Assists	0	0
5+ Steals	0	1
Tm-High Pts.	0	0
Tm-High Assts.	0	0

Miscellaneous

Pts	11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Rebs	6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Blks	
Stls	5 vs. Elon, 11/9/12
Assts	3, 4x, last vs. SC State, 12/22/13
Min	30 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	3 vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13
3FG	2, 3x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
FT	5 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14

Career Highs

Pts	11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Rebs	6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Blks	2, 3x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Stls	1, 4x, last vs. SC State, 12/22/13
Assts	3, 3x, last vs. SC State, 12/22/13
Min	30 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	3 vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13
3FG	2, 3x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
FT	5 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14

13-14 Season Highs

Pts	11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Rebs	6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Blks	2 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Stls	
Assts	2, 3x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Min	30 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	2, 2x, last at Miss. St., 2/6/14
3FG	2 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
FT	5 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14

SEC Career Highs



ASIA DOZIER

6-0 • Sophomore • Guard/Forward
Columbia, S.C. • Spring Valley

- Has played in every game this season, starting 31
- Has led the team in scoring one time (CofC)
- Had led the team in assists nine times (at Charlotte, at Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Kentucky, at Auburn, at Miss. St., Arkansas, Florida, vs. Georgia)
- Ranked 13th in the SEC with 3.4 assists per conference game with three league games of five assists and was seventh in assist-to-turnover ratio (1:4) in conference games
- Scored career postseason high nine points against Oregon State (Mar. 25), including pair of 3s, in NCAA Tournament
- Tied career high with six assists against Georgia (Mar. 8) in first round of SEC Tournament
- Hit a 3 from the left corner to spark a 14-4 early in second half of win over Florida (Feb. 23)
- Hit clutch 3-pointer during Bulldogs' second-half rally at Mississippi State (Feb. 6) then scored on baseline out-of-bounds play after lead was cut to one, finishing in double-figure points for second-straight game
- Handed out career-high six assists against Ole Miss (Jan. 30)
- Scored all of her nine points at #16/19 Vanderbilt (Jan. 26) in first half, including seven straight to help team stay in front while three other starters sat with foul trouble
- Drained a 3 to bring Gamecocks within a point with under four minutes to play at #25/21 Texas A&M
- Hit a 3 early in second half at Auburn (Jan. 12) to give Gamecocks first lead of the game, added a free throw late in game to hold off Tigers' late rally
- Dished team-high five assists against Vanderbilt (Jan. 5) for second-straight game
- Played solid all-around game at Arkansas (Jan. 2), tying career high with five assists while logging just shy of the full 40 minutes
- Netted three 3s en route to 13 points and handed out five assists in 39 minutes, playing huge role in staving off second-half Winthrop (Dec. 20) rally

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	*	17	1-3	0-0	2-2	2-1-3	5	1	1	2	4
LA Tech	11/10	*	21	3-5	1-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	3	0	0	7
CofC	11/14	*	25	6-12	4-8	0-0	0-2-2	3	1	0	0	16
Seton Hall	11/17	*	27	2-6	2-4	0-0	0-4-4	2	3	0	2	6
at Clemson	11/20	*	30	2-9	0-5	0-1	3-6-9	0	2	0	0	4
at San Diego St.	11/23	*	28	5-13	4-10	2-2	3-0-3	0	2	0	2	16
at USC	11/25	*	25	1-4	0-1	2-2	0-2-2	2	3	0	0	4
NC Central	12/02	*	18	2-3	1-2	1-2	0-2-2	1	0	0	0	6
at Charlotte	12/08	*	32	4-7	0-1	2-3	2-3-5	4	5	1	2	10
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	*	21	1-3	0-2	1-2	1-2-3	1	2	0	0	3
Winthrop	12/20	*	39	4-9	3-7	2-4	0-2-2	5	2	0	0	13
SC State	12/22	*	20	1-5	1-4	1-2	0-0-4	3	1	0	1	4
Savannah St.	12/28	*	19	4-8	2-2	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	1	10
at Arkansas*	01/02	*	40	4-12	1-3	0-0	0-2-2	5	7	0	1	9
Vanderbilt*	01/05	*	29	1-7	1-2	2-2	0-1-1	5	5	0	1	5
Kentucky*	01/09	*	24	0-6	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	4	2	1	0	0
at Auburn*	01/12	*	31	3-4	2-3	1-3	0-5-5	3	5	0	0	9
at Texas A&M*	01/16	*	33	2-9	1-5	0-0	0-3-3	0	4	1	0	5
Alabama*	01/19	*	26	3-4	2-3	0-0	0-3-3	5	1	0	0	8
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	*	29	4-9	0-1	1-2	0-3-3	2	0	0	0	9
Ole Miss*	01/30	*	23	1-4	0-1	2-4	0-1-1	6	2	0	1	4
Missouri*	02/02	*	33	3-6	3-4	2-4	1-2-3	4	0	1	1	11
at Miss. State*	02/06	*	27	4-8	2-3	0-0	1-2-3	4	2	0	1	10
Arkansas*	02/09	*	20	0-4	0-4	0-0	0-0-1	4	3	0	0	0
at LSU*	02/16	*	28	0-5	0-4	1-2	0-1-1	1	2	1	1	1
at Kentucky*	02/20	*	33	2-6	0-1	0-0	1-3-4	2	1	0	0	4
Florida*	02/23	*	30	1-8	1-6	0-0	2-4-6	3	1	1	1	3
Georgia*	02/27	*	14	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-4-4	0	1	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	03/02	*	29	1-3	1-2	0-0	1-1-2	0	1	0	0	3
vs. Georgia	03/07	*	21	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	6	1	0	1	2
vs. Kentucky	03/08	*	27	0-7	0-4	0-0	0-2-2	1	0	0	0	0
vs. CSUN	03/23	*	22	1-4	0-3	1-2	0-4-4	3	2	0	1	3
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	*	33	2-7	1-2	4-4	0-1-1	2	1	0	1	9

- Responded well to coming off the bench at Charlotte (Dec. 8), contributing in every category – 10 points, four assists, five rebounds, two steals in 32 minutes
- Scored all of her career-high 16 points at San Diego State (Nov. 23) in the first half, hitting 3-of-6 3s in her 17 minutes before halftime
- Posted a career-high 16 points against CofC (Nov. 14) to lead team in scoring for first time in her career

Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/13	S. Dakota St.		20	1-4	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	3	0	1	5
3/25/13	Kansas		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/23/14	CS Northridge	*	22	1-4	0-3	1-2	4	3	3	2	0	1	3
3/25/14	Oregon St.	*	33	2-7	1-2	4-4	1	2	2	1	0	1	9
Totals		2	20	4-15	2-7	7-8	5	6	6	6	0	3	17
			16.3	.267	.286	.875	1.25	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.75	4.3

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FIA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2012-13	31	0	398	12.8	28	134	.209	16	91	.176	11	24	.458	19	42	61	2.0	35	1	25	20	4	8	83	2.7
2013-14	33	31	874	26.5	69	204	.338	33	101	.327	27	43	.628	18	74	92	2.8	60	0	88	66	7	20	198	6.0
Career Totals	64	31	1272	19.9	97	338	.287	49	192	.255	38	67	.567	37	116	153	2.4	95	1	113	86	11	28	281	4.4

#31

	Season	Career
Double-Double	0	0
10+ Points	7	9
10+ Rebounds	0	1
5+ Assists	7	8
Tm-High Pts.	1	1
Tm-High Assts.	9	10

Miscellaneous

Pts	..... 16, 2x, last at San Diego St., 11/23/13
Rebs	..... 10 vs. Elon, 11/9/12
Blks	..... 1, 11x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Stls	..... 2, 5x, last at Charlotte, 12/8/13
Assts	..... 6, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
Min	..... 40 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	..... 6 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14/13
3FG	..... 4, 2x, last at San Diego St., 11/23/13
FT	..... 4, 2x, last vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

Career Highs

Pts	..... 16, 2x, last at San Diego St., 11/23/13
Rebs	..... 9 at Clemson, 11/20/13
Blks	..... 1, 7x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Stls	..... 2, 4x, last at Charlotte, 12/8/13
Assts	..... 6, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
Min	..... 40 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	..... 6 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14/13
3FG	..... 4, 2x, last at San Diego St., 11/23/13
FT	..... 4 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

13-14 Season Highs

Pts	..... 11 vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
Rebs	..... 6, 2x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Blks	..... 1, 6x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Stls	..... 1, 8x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Assts	..... 6, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
Min	..... 40 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	..... 4, 4x, last at Miss. St., 2/6/14
3FG	..... 3 vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
FT	..... 2, 3x, last vs. Missouri, 2/2/14

SEC Career Highs

Pts	..... 9 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Rebs	..... 4 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Blks	.....
Stls	..... 1, 3x, last vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Assts	..... 3 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Min	..... 33 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
FG	..... 2 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
3FG	..... 1, 2x, last vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
FT	..... 4 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

NCAA Highs



INDIA FARMER

6-0 • Freshman • Forward
N. Myrtle Beach, S.C. • N. Myrtle Beach

- Has played in 18 games
- Saw action in both SEC Tournament games
- Netted first career SEC points with a late 3 against Alabama (Jan. 19)
- Scored her first career points on a 3-pointer against NC Central (Dec. 2), also snagging three rebounds in her 11 minutes of play

#0

	Season	Career
Double-Double	0	0
10+ Points	0	0
10+ Rebounds	0	0
5+ Blocks	0	0
Tm-High Pts.	0	0
Tm-High Rebs.	0	0

Miscellaneous

Pts	.....3, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
Rebs	..... 3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
Blks	..... 1, vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13
Stls	.....
Assts	.....
Min	..... 11 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
FG	.....1, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
3FG	.....1, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
FT	.....

Career Highs

Pts	.....3, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
Rebs	..... 3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
Blks	..... 1, vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13
Stls	.....
Assts	.....
Min	..... 11 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
FG	.....1, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
3FG	.....1, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
FT	.....

13-14 Season Highs

Pts	..... 3 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
Rebs	..... 1, 2x, last vs. Kentucky, 3/8/14
Blks	.....
Stls	.....
Assts	.....
Min	..... 2, 4x last vs. Kentucky, 3/8/14
FG	..... 1 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
3FG	.....
FT	.....

SEC Career Highs

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA Tech	11/10	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CofC	11/14	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seton Hall	11/17											
at Clemson	11/20	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at San Diego St.	11/23											
at USC	11/25											
NC Central	12/02	11	1-3	1-2	0-0	1-2-3	0	0	0	0	0	3
at Charlotte	12/08											
vs. N. Carolina	12/18											
Winthrop	12/20											
SC State	12/22	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Savannah St.	12/28	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Arkansas*	01/02											
Vanderbilt*	01/05											
Kentucky*	01/09											
at Auburn*	01/12											
at Texas A&M*	01/16											
Alabama*	01/19	1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	3
at Vanderbilt*	01/26											
Ole Miss*	01/30	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri*	02/02	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	02/06											
Arkansas*	02/09	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
at LSU*	02/16	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Kentucky*	02/20											
Florida*	02/23	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia*	02/27	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	03/02											
vs. Georgia	03/07	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Kentucky	03/08	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. CSUN	03/23	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2013-14	18	0	48	2.7	2	7	.286	2	4	.500	0	0	—	2	4	6	0.3	4	0	0	1	1	0	6	0.3



OLIVIA GAINES

5-7 • Junior • Guard
Chester, S.C. • Louisburg College (N.C.)

- Has played in 31 games with one start (vs. Alabama)
- Helped with great defense on Oregon State (Mar. 25) top scorer, especially in second half
- Picked up a steal and converted the resulting layup after Georgia (Feb. 27) got within nine midway through the second half
- Provided great energy off bench at #15/15 Kentucky (Feb. 20), including three defensive rebounds during a key run late in the first half
- Scored an SEC-career high five points against Arkansas (Feb. 9), including a perfect 3-of-3 from the free throw line
- Drew her first career start against Alabama (Jan. 19), putting in balanced effort with four points, three assists and three rebounds
- Played huge role in second-half comeback at #25/21 Texas A&M (Jan. 16), providing great pressure on the point guard defensively and draining 3 at the end of the shot clock to cap a 16-2 run that helped cut the 17-point halftime deficit to one with 9:38 to play then hit a long jumper to stave off an Aggies' run three minutes later
- Continued strong play late in non-conference slate with career-high seven points against Savannah State (Dec. 28), including four points and aggressive defense during key 17-5 run late in first half
- Delivered best game of her season against SC State (Dec. 22) with six points, four rebounds and two assists
- Provided great spark defensively in second half against #14/13 North Carolina (Dec. 18), helping key a 14-3 run that brought team within two points after trailing by 12 at the half
- Was solid in 18 minutes against NC Central (Dec. 2), hitting a pair of field goals, pulling down five rebounds and handing out four assists with just one turnover
- Made a statement in her debut with four points, five assists, four rebounds and three steals in 17 minutes against Charleston Southern (Nov. 8)

#2

Career Highlights

2013 WBCA JUCO Player of the Year
2013 NJCAA All-America

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
Double-Double	0	0	
10+ Points	0	0	
10+ Rebounds	0	0	
5+ Assists	1	1	
Tm-High Pts.	0	0	
Tm-High Assts.	1	1	

	Career Highs	Career Highs
Pts	7 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13	
Rebs	5 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	
Blks	1, 3x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14	
Stls	3 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	
Assts	5 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	
Min	23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	
FG	3 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13	
3FG	1 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14	
FT	3 vs. Arkansas, 2/9/14	

	13-14 Season Highs	13-14 Season Highs
Pts	7 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13	
Rebs	5 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	
Blks	1, 3x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14	
Stls	3 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	
Assts	5 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	
Min	23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	
FG	3 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13	
3FG	1 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14	
FT	3 vs. Arkansas, 2/9/14	

	SEC Career Highs	SEC Career Highs
Pts	5, 2x, last vs. Arkansas, 2/9/14	
Rebs	3 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	
Blks	1 vs. Florida, 2/23/14	
Stls	2 at Tennessee, 3/2/14	
Assts	3 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	
Min	23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	
FG	2, 3x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14	
3FG	1 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14	
FT	3 vs. Arkansas, 2/9/14	

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	17	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-2-4	5	1	1	3	4	
LA Tech	11/10	9	1-2	0-0	0-1	3-1-4	3	1	1	0	2	
CofC	11/14	11	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-1-1	0	1	0	1	2	
Seton Hall	11/17	5	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
at Clemson	11/20			— DNP (Coach's Decision) —								
at San Diego St.	11/23	5	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0-1	1	0	0	1	1	
at USC	11/25			— DNP (Coach's Decision) —								
NC Central	12/02	18	2-3	0-1	0-0	1-4-5	4	1	0	1	4	
at Charlotte	12/08	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	1	0	0	2	
Winthrop	12/20	13	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	2	
SC State	12/22	18	2-2	0-0	2-2	1-3-4	2	1	0	1	6	
Savannah St.	12/28	19	3-5	0-0	1-2	0-0-0	1	2	0	1	7	
at Arkansas*	01/02	12	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1-1	1	0	0	1	1	
Vanderbilt*	01/05	14	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-1-1	2	1	0	1	2	
Kentucky*	01/09	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2	
at Auburn*	01/12	5	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	1	
at Texas A&M*	01/16	9	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-2-2	0	0	0	1	5	
Alabama*	01/19	*	23	2-5	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	3	3	0	1	4
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	15	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	2	
Ole Miss*	01/30	10	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	1	
Missouri*	02/02	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Miss. State*	02/06	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	1	0	0	0	
Arkansas*	02/09	3	1-1	0-0	3-3	0-1-1	0	0	0	1	5	
at LSU*	02/16	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	
at Kentucky*	02/20	9	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-3-3	0	0	0	0	2	
Florida*	02/23	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	2	0	1	1	4	
Georgia*	02/27	12	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	2	
at Tennessee*	03/02	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	2	2	
vs. Georgia	03/07	11	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	2	
vs. Kentucky	03/08	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	1	0	
vs. CSUN	03/23	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	2	1	0	0	0	
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	10	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0-1	0	0	0	1	1	

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2013-14	31	1	308	9.9	23	48	.479	1	2	.500	19	26	.731	12	31	43	1.4	32	0	34	14	3	20	66	2.1



ELEM IBIAM

6-4 • Junior • Center
Fayetteville, Ga. • Fayette County

- Has started all 33 games this season
- Leads SEC and 22nd in the nation with 2.5 blocks per game ... Has 16 games of three or more blocks, including seven SEC contests
- Now holds school record for single-season blocks at 83 and is sixth in career blocks at 130 (three away from tying for fifth)
- Has led the team in scoring four times (Seton Hall, at Charlotte, Alabama, vs. Kentucky)
- Has led the team in rebounding five times (Seton Hall, at Charlotte, SC State, at Vanderbilt, Georgia)
- Continued great postseason play with 11 points in NCAA opener against CSU Northridge (Mar. 25), adding nine second-half points, including a hook shot in final three minutes to stop 8-0 Matador run then followed it with tough defensive rebound in traffic
- Averaged team high 14.0 points on 76.5 percent shooting (13-of-17) in SEC Tournament (two games)
- Led team with 16 points against #12/13 Kentucky (Mar. 8) in SEC Tournament semifinal, including the last six of the first half as Gamecocks tried to rally from 13-point deficit
- Controlled the glass during 11-0 run in first half against Georgia (Feb. 27), pulling down seven of her nine and blocking three of her five shots in the opening period
- Scored six of her 16 points at #15/15 Kentucky in the first four minutes of the second half as Gamecocks stretched lead to 17
- Broke the Gamecock single-season record with five of her seven blocks at Mississippi State (Feb. 6) in the first half, making the most by a Gamecock in an SEC game ... two blocks in second half came with Bulldogs within four in final three minutes
- Became just ninth Gamecock all-time to reach 100 career blocks with her five against Ole Miss (Jan. 30)

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Shrn.	11/08	*	20	7-7	0-0	3-5	1-5-6	0	1	5	2	17
LA Tech	11/10	*	24	3-6	0-0	5-10	2-6-8	1	3	3	1	11
CofC	11/14	*	23	5-8	0-0	2-5	2-4-6	0	0	3	1	12
Seton Hall	11/17	*	29	5-10	0-0	8-9	1-7-8	0	2	3	0	18
at Clemson	11/20	*	25	5-6	0-0	0-0	3-3-6	1	0	1	1	10
at San Diego St.	11/23	*	21	2-3	0-0	1-2	1-3-4	1	1	1	1	5
at USC	11/25	*	19	2-5	0-0	0-0	2-3-5	1	2	2	0	4
NC Central	12/02	*	20	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-3-3	0	1	1	0	2
at Charlotte	12/08	*	30	7-14	0-0	5-7	2-7-9	0	1	3	1	19
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	*	33	7-10	0-0	0-0	3-2-5	1	1	4	2	14
Winthrop	12/20	*	32	6-12	0-0	0-0	2-7-9	0	1	3	0	12
SC State	12/22	*	25	4-10	0-0	1-2	5-4-9	1	2	1	1	9
Savannah St.	12/28	*	18	1-7	0-0	3-4	3-6-9	0	0	1	1	5
at Arkansas*	01/02	*	15	1-4	0-0	2-2	1-3-4	0	1	1	0	4
Vanderbilt*	01/05	*	20	3-4	0-0	5-6	2-6-8	0	2	2	0	11
Kentucky*	01/09	*	16	4-8	0-0	1-1	0-4-4	0	1	6	0	9
at Auburn*	01/12	*	24	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	0	1	1	0	4
at Texas A&M*	01/16	*	34	2-6	0-0	0-2	2-10-12	2	3	4	0	4
Alabama*	01/19	*	21	7-11	0-0	4-4	2-5-7	1	0	2	0	18
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	*	32	4-8	0-0	2-2	1-8-9	0	3	1	0	10
Ole Miss*	01/30	*	18	6-7	0-0	2-2	2-6-8	0	2	5	0	14
Missouri*	02/02	*	24	3-4	0-0	4-6	2-4-6	0	2	3	0	10
at Miss. State*	02/06	*	23	2-4	0-0	1-1	2-3-5	0	1	7	0	5
Arkansas*	02/09	*	25	4-8	0-0	2-2	3-3-6	0	2	2	0	10
at LSU*	02/16	*	21	0-5	0-0	1-2	2-5-7	0	1	1	0	1
at Kentucky*	02/20	*	22	7-9	0-0	2-2	2-2-4	0	5	0	1	16
Florida*	02/23	*	25	3-6	0-0	2-4	2-2-4	0	2	3	0	8
Georgia*	02/27	*	27	2-6	0-0	2-6	2-7-9	0	3	5	0	6
at Tennessee*	03/02	*	22	4-10	0-0	0-1	1-3-4	0	1	1	1	8
vs. Georgia	03/07	*	17	6-7	0-0	0-4	0-3-3	1	1	3	0	12
vs. Kentucky	03/08	*	30	7-10	0-0	2-2	1-5-6	0	1	4	0	16
vs. CSUN	03/23	*	19	4-6	0-0	3-4	2-2-4	2	2	1	0	11
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	*	22	2-8	0-0	1-2	2-3-5	0	2	0	0	5

- Dominated first half at Vanderbilt (Jan. 26) helping team to halftime lead while three other starters sat with two fouls, posting eight points and six rebounds in opening period
- Scored nine points in each half against Alabama (Jan. 19) to lead the team in scoring with 18 points in just 21 minutes
- Pulled down a career-high 12 rebounds at Texas A&M (Jan. 16)
- Tied the Gamecock record for blocks in an SEC game and for fourth in Colonial Life Arena history with six against #9/10 Kentucky (Jan. 9), including four in second half,
- Scored seven straight points during Gamecocks 10-minute run in first half against Vanderbilt (Jan. 5) that turned two-point deficit into 11-point halftime lead

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2011-12	25	0	197	7.9	26	59	.441	0	1	.000	22	35	.629	34	40	74	3.0	33	0	4	16	17	2	74	3.0
2012-13	30	0	472	15.7	64	131	.489	0	0	—	32	64	.500	52	83	135	4.5	48	1	8	20	30	11	160	5.3
2013-14	33	33	776	23.5	127	233	.545	0	0	—	66	101	.653	59	146	205	6.2	93	3	12	51	83	13	320	9.7
Career Totals	88	33	1445	16.4	217	423	.513	0	1	.000	120	200	.600	145	269	414	4.7	174	4	24	87	130	26	554	6.3

#33

Career Highlights

2014 SEC All-Defensive Team
2014 SEC Women's Basketball Community Service Team

	Season	Career
Double-Double	0	1
10+ Points	18	25
10+ Rebounds	1	3
5+ Blocks	5	7
Tm-High Pts.	4	6
Tm-High Rebs.	6	11

Miscellaneous

Pts	19, 2x, last at Charlotte, 12/8/13
Rebs	12 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
Blks	7 at Miss. State, 2/6/14
Stls	2, 4x, last vs. North Carolina, 12/18/13
Assts	3 vs. South Dakota St., 3/23/13
Min	34 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
FG	8 vs. Alabama, 3/7/13
3FG	
FT	8 vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13

Career Highs

Pts	19 at Charlotte, 12/8/13
Rebs	12 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
Blks	7 at Miss. State, 2/6/14
Stls	2, 2x, last vs. North Carolina, 12/18/13
Assts	2, 2x, last vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Min	34 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
FG	7, 6x, last vs. Kentucky, 3/8/14
3FG	
FT	8 vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13

13-14 Season Highs

Pts	18 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
Rebs	12 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
Blks	7 at Miss. State, 2/6/14
Stls	1, 4x, last at Tennessee, 3/2/14
Assts	2 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
Min	34 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
FG	8 vs. Alabama, 3/7/13
3FG	
FT	5, 2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14

SEC Career Highs

Pts	13 vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
Rebs	10 vs. Kansas, 3/25/13
Blks	5 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
Stls	1 vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
Assts	3 vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
Min	29 vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
FG	5, 2x, last vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
3FG	
FT	3, 2x, last vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14

NCAA Highs

Elem Ibiam (continued)

- Was great on the glass in second half against Winthrop (Dec. 20), grabbing seven of her team-high nine in the second period to help hold off rally
- Anchored the paint against #14/13 North Carolina (Dec. 18), shooting 7-of-10 from the field and blocking four shot
- Matched her career high with 19 points at Charlotte (Dec. 8), dominating first half with 10 points and six (of her nine total) rebounds
- Scored seven of her 11 points and grabbed six of her eight rebounds against Louisiana Tech (Nov. 10) in the first 10 minutes of the second half
- Tied for fourth-best perfect shooting night in Colonial Life Arena history, going 7-of-7 from the field against Charleston Southern (Nov. 8)
- Matched her career high and third in Colonial Life Arena history with five blocks against Charleston Southern (Nov. 8)

Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/17/12	Eastern Michigan	12		2-4	0-0	2-2	4	4	2	1	5	0	6
3/19/12	#13/15 Purdue	4		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/24/12	#2/2 Stanford	6		1-1	0-0	2-2	2	0	0	0	1	0	4
3/23/13	South Dakota St.	29		5-9	0-0	3-4	8	2	3	0	2	1	13
3/25/13	Kansas	24		5-8	0-0	2-3	10	2	1	1	1	0	12
3/23/14	CS Northridge	*	19	4-6	0-0	3-4	4	2	2	2	1	0	11
3/25/14	Oregon St.	*	22	2-8	0-0	1-2	5	3	0	2	0	0	5
Totals		2	116	19-36	0-0	13-17	33	13	8	6	10	1	51
			16.6	.528	—	.765	4.7				1.4		7.3



TIFFANY MITCHELL

5-9 • Sophomore • Guard
Charlotte, N.C. • Providence Day

#25

Career Highlights

- 2014 SEC Player of the Year (Coaches)
- 2014 All-SEC First Team (Coaches, AP)
- 2014 SEC All-Defensive Team
- 2014 WBCA All-Region 3
- 2014 Wooden Award Final Ballot
- 2014 Wade Trophy Watch List
- 2014 Dawn Staley Award Watch List
- 2013 SEC All-Freshman Team

- Named SEC Player of the Year – just second sophomore to win award all-time – All-SEC First Team and All-Defensive Team by the league's coaches
- Became just the third Gamecock all-time to earn First-Team All-SEC honors from the Associated Press, joining Jocelyn Penn (2003) and Shaunzinski Gortman (2002)
- Ranks 10th in the SEC in scoring, 6th in steals (1.8), 11th in assists (3.5) ... In SEC play, only player to rank in points (9th, 15.9), rebounds (16th, 6.4), assists (11th, 3.4) and steals (7th, 1.8)
- Has led team in scoring 13 times (at USC, NCCU, Winthrop, Savannah St., at Ark., Ky., at Aub., at Vandy, Mizzou, at LSU, Florida, Georgia, vs. CS Northridge)
- Has led the team in assists 16 times (at Clemson, at San Diego St., at USC, at Charlotte, Winthrop, SC State, at TAMU, Ala., at Vandy, Ole Miss, Ark., at LSU, at Ky., vs. Ky., vs. CS Northridge, vs. Oregon St.)
- Averaging 22.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists in NCAA Tournament play
- Scored all 20 of her points against Oregon State (Mar. 25) in the second half
- Broke school record for free throws made (13) and attempted (17) in an NCAA Tournament game with her effort against CSU Northridge, highlighted by hitting 6-of-6 in the final 63 seconds
- Shot program's third-best perfect game from free throw line (10-of-10) as part of her second-straight 20-point game to finish with career-high 25 against Georgia (Feb. 27)
- Recorded fourth 20-point game of season against Florida (Feb. 23), including five of team's final 11 points to slip away from Gators
- Posted all 12 of her points and all seven of her rebounds at #15/15 Kentucky (Feb. 20) in the second half, scoring five straight points after Wildcats got within 11 midway through
- Scored 11 of her 19 points at #19/17 LSU (Feb. 16) in second half, including six in final 4:00 to turn seven-point lead into 17-point edge ... added seven rebounds and seven assists

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
Double-Double	2	4	
20+ Points	7	8	
10+ Points	30	44	
10+ Rebounds	2	7	
5+ Assists	7	7	
5+ Steals	4	5	
Tm-High Pts.	13	20	
Tm-High Rebs.	3	9	
Tm-High Assts.	16	18	

	Career Highs
Pts	25 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
Rebs	11, 5x, last at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Stls	6 at Auburn, 1/12/14
Assts	9 at San Diego State, 11/23/13
Min	39 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
FG	8, 2x, last at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
3FG	4 vs. Winthrop, 12/20/13
FT	13 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14

	13-14 Season Highs
Pts	25 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
Rebs	11 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Stls	6 at Auburn, 1/12/14
Assts	9 at San Diego State, 11/23/13
Min	39 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
FG	8 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
3FG	4 vs. Winthrop, 12/20/13
FT	13 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14

	SEC Career Highs
Pts	25 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
Rebs	11, 5x, last at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Stls	6 at Auburn, 1/12/14
Assts	8, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Min	39 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
FG	8 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
3FG	3 at LSU, 2/16/14
FT	10 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14

	NCAA Highs
Pts	24 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Rebs	10 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Stls	3 vs. Kansas, 3/25/13
Assts	4, 2x, last vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Min	37 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
FG	5 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
3FG	2 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
FT	13 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14

- Had six rebounds in the first half alone against Arkansas (Feb. 9) and tied for team-high honors with four assists.
- Turned in her first career 20-point SEC game against Missouri (Feb. 2), including eight free throws
- Matched career high with eight assists versus Ole Miss (Jan. 30)
- Scored four straight points, including layup off her fourth steal of the game, with under minute to play to key win at #16/19 Vanderbilt (Jan. 26)
- Dished out eight assists against Alabama (Jan. 19), seven of which came in the first half as Gamecocks established significant halftime lead
- Scored five points in final 20 seconds at #25/21 Texas A&M (Jan. 16) to send game to overtime, during

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	*	21	6-10	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	1	0	0	5	12
LA Tech	11/10	*	27	4-9	1-4	1-3	0-4-4	3	2	0	1	10
CofC	11/14	*	26	3-7	2-3	3-7	3-5-8	1	2	0	0	11
Seton Hall	11/17	*	36	5-10	2-3	3-6	1-2-3	4	1	0	1	15
at Clemson	11/20	*	28	6-10	2-4	0-0	2-4-6	5	4	0	2	14
at San Diego St.	11/23	*	26	6-10	1-2	4-5	1-2-3	9	1	0	3	17
at USC	11/25	*	34	6-9	0-1	10-13	3-3-6	4	6	0	5	22
NC Central	12/02	*	14	7-9	2-3	3-4	1-2-3	1	1	0	3	19
at Charlotte	12/08	*	36	4-9	0-2	7-7	1-2-3	4	3	0	3	15
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	*	34	4-13	1-2	9-10	2-3-5	1	3	0	2	18
Winthrop	12/20	*	34	7-9	4-5	2-5	0-1-1	7	6	0	1	20
SC State	12/22	*	31	2-8	1-3	0-0	4-5-9	4	1	0	1	5
Savannah St.	12/28	*	27	3-5	0-1	12-16	0-7-7	4	3	0	5	18
at Arkansas*	01/02	*	35	5-10	0-0	6-8	3-8-11	1	3	0	1	16
Vanderbilt*	01/05	*	36	6-9	2-2	5-6	0-4-4	4	1	1	3	19
Kentucky*	01/09	*	39	5-11	0-1	7-8	0-7-7	3	2	2	2	17
at Auburn*	01/12	*	35	6-13	1-2	5-5	0-2-2	1	7	0	6	18
at Texas A&M*	01/16	*	38	8-11	2-2	1-2	1-7-8	1	4	0	0	19
Alabama*	01/19	*	30	2-8	1-2	2-2	0-6-6	8	1	2	1	7
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	*	36	7-12	0-0	0-0	1-6-7	3	3	1	4	14
Ole Miss*	01/30	*	30	4-9	1-2	6-6	0-3-3	8	0	1	2	15
Missouri*	02/02	*	37	5-10	2-2	8-11	3-6-0	3	5	0	4	20
at Miss. State*	02/06	*	19	1-3	1-1	4-4	1-1-2	0	5	0	0	7
Arkansas*	02/09	*	29	5-9	1-2	4-4	1-7-8	4	0	1	0	15
at LSU*	02/16	*	35	5-7	3-3	6-6	1-6-7	7	4	0	0	19
at Kentucky*	02/20	*	27	3-9	1-2	5-5	2-5-7	5	2	0	0	12
Florida*	02/23	*	31	7-15	1-5	5-7	2-6-8	2	7	0	2	20
Georgia*	02/27	*	37	7-10	1-2	10-10	2-4-6	2	4	0	2	25
at Tennessee*	03/02	*	36	5-13	0-2	1-2	1-7-8	2	4	0	1	11
vs. Georgia	03/07	*	24	4-10	0-1	3-6	1-3-4	3	2	0	0	11
vs. Kentucky	03/08	*	32	4-12	1-2	2-2	0-4-4	3	4	0	0	11
vs. CSUN	03/23	*	37	5-11	1-2	13-17	0-6-6	4	3	0	0	24
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	*	34	4-11	2-2	10-11	2-8-10	4	0	0	0	20

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FIA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2012-13	33	30	927	28.1	107	282	.379	22	60	.367	68	111	.613	60	109	169	5.1	64	1	43	82	4	44	304	9.2
2013-14	33	33	1031	31.2	161	321	.502	37	70	.529	157	198	.793	40	146	186	5.6	60	0	116	94	8	60	516	15.6
Career Totals	66	63	1958	29.7	268	603	.444	59	130	.454	225	309	.728	100	255	355	5.4	124	1	159	176	12	104	820	12.4

Tiffany Mitchell (continued)

- which she added four points in bid for victory
- Swiped career-high six steals at Auburn (Jan. 12) and scored six of her 18 points during an 8-0 run after Tigers cut lead to three with five minutes to play
- Sank 4-of-4 free throws in final two minutes to ice win over Vanderbilt (Jan. 5), finishing with 19 points
- Grabbed two defensive rebounds and hit 4-of-4 free throws in final 30 seconds to secure win at Arkansas (Jan. 2) en route to first double-double of the season
- Netted 12 of her 18 points against Savannah State (Dec. 28) at free throw line, scoring seven points during key 17-5 run late in first half
- Key element in holding off second-half charge from Winthrop (Dec. 20), scoring 12 points in second half en route to her total of 20, which included a career-high four 3s
- Scored 16 of her 18 points against #14/13 North Carolina (Dec. 18) in second half, highlighted by four during a 14-3 run that included a layup after stealing an in-bounds pass under the basket to bring team within two after trailing by 12 at half, and team's lone 3-pointer to pull within four with 4:23 to play
- Recorded 11 of her 15 points at Charlotte (Dec. 8) in the first half to keep Gamecocks just ahead of upset-minded 49ers
- Scored 12 of her 17 points at San Diego State in the second half, while handing out six of her career-high nine assists in the final 20 minutes as well

Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/13	South Dakota St.	*	24	3-7	1-1	4-5	4	1	0	2	0	0	11
3/25/13	Kansas	*	32	2-8	1-2	2-2	6	3	0	3	0	3	7
3/23/14	CS Northridge	*	37	5-11	1-2	13-17	6	2	4	3	0	0	24
3/25/14	Oregon St.	*	34	4-11	2-2	10-11	10	2	4	0	0	0	20
Totals		4	127	14-37	5-7	29-35	26	8	8	8	0	3	62
				.378	.714	.829	6.5						.75 15.5



WILKA MONTOUT

6-3 • Senior • Forward
Cayenne, Fr. Guiana • NE Okla. A&M

- Has played in 30 games, drawing first career start on Senior Day against Georgia
- Saw action in both SEC Tournament games
- Tied career high with two blocks against Georgia (Feb. 27)
- Grabbed offensive rebound and hit baseline jumper to keep Gamecocks in front late in first half at Vanderbilt (Jan. 26) despite three starters on bench with foul trouble
- Posted her career SEC high with six points in just nine minutes against Alabama (Jan. 19)
- Saw a season-high 23 minutes against NC Central (Dec. 2)
- Snagged a career-high eight rebounds against College of Charleston (Nov. 14)
- Opened season with seven points on 2-of-4 shooting, including a 3, and blocked two shots against Charleston Southern (Nov. 8)

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	21	2-4	1-1	2-5	1-3-4	1	1	2	1	7	
LA Tech	11/10	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0-3	0	0	0	0	0	
CofC	11/14	16	1-6	0-2	0-4	5-3-8	0	2	1	0	2	
Seton Hall	11/17	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	1	0	0	0	
at Clemson	11/20	13	0-6	0-0	1-2	2-2-4	0	1	0	0	1	
at San Diego St.	11/23	17	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	0	1	0	0	2	
at USC	11/25	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	1	0	0	0	0	
NC Central	12/02	23	2-6	1-3	0-0	1-0-1	1	1	0	0	5	
at Charlotte	12/08	8	1-2	1-1	0-0	2-0-2	0	0	0	0	3	
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	
Winthrop	12/20	6	1-2	0-1	0-0	2-1-3	0	0	0	0	0	
SC State	12/22	10	1-5	0-0	0-2	3-2-5	0	1	1	0	2	
Savannah St.	12/28	17	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Arkansas*	01/02					— DNP (Coach's Decision) —						
Vanderbilt*	01/05					— DNP (Coach's Decision) —						
Kentucky*	01/09					— DNP (Coach's Decision) —						
at Auburn*	01/12	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	
at Texas A&M*	01/16	4	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0-1	0	1	0	0	1	
Alabama*	01/19	9	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	6	
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	4	1-1	0-0	2-2	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	4	
Ole Miss*	01/30	13	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-0-2	0	0	0	0	4	
Missouri*	02/02	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Miss. State*	02/06	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
Arkansas*	02/09	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
at LSU*	02/16	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	0	0	0	0	2	
at Kentucky*	02/20	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	1	1	0	0	
Florida*	02/23	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
Georgia*	02/27	15	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	0	1	2	0	0	
at Tennessee*	03/02	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Georgia	03/07	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	2	
vs. Kentucky	03/08	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2	
vs. CSUN	03/23	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FIA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2012-13	29	0	293	10.1	26	94	.277	6	32	.188	13	19	.684	27	16	43	1.5	26	0	8	16	7	3	71	2.4
2013-14	30	1	254	8.5	17	48	.354	5	16	.313	6	19	.316	23	24	47	1.6	25	0	5	13	7	1	45	1.5
Career Totals	59	1	547	9.3	43	142	.303	11	48	.229	19	38	.500	50	40	90	1.5	51	0	13	29	14	4	116	2.0

#12

Career Highlights

2012 NJCAA Third-Team All-America

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
Double-Double	0	0	
10+ Points	0	2	
10+ Rebounds	0	0	
5+ Blocks	0	0	
Tm-High Pts.	0	0	
Tm-High Rebs.	0	0	

	Career Highs
Pts	12 vs. Louisiana Tech, 11/12/12
Rebs	8 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14/13
Blks	2, 3x, last vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
Assts	2, 2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 1/10/13
Min	24 vs. Savannah State, 11/15/12
FG	4, 3x, last vs. Furman, 12/9/12
3FG	2 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
FT	3 at LA Tech, 11/12/12

	13-14 Season Highs
Pts	7 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13
Rebs	8 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14/13
Blks	2, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
Assts	1, 5x, last at Auburn, 1/12/14
Min	23 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
FG	2, 4x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
3FG	2 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
FT	2, 2x, last at Vanderbilt, 1/26/14

	SEC Career Highs
Pts	6 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
Rebs	4 at Mississippi State, 1/6/13
Blks	2 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
Assts	2 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/10/13
Min	15, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
FG	2, 3x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
3FG	2 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
FT	2, 2x, last at Vanderbilt, 1/26/14

	NCAA Highs
Pts	
Rebs	
Blks	
Assts	
Min	6 vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
FG	
3FG	
FT	

Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/14	CS Northridge	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/25/14	Oregon St.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/23/13	South Dakota St.	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
3/25/13	Kansas	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		8	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
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LeANNA MORRISON

5-5 • R-Sophomore • Guard
Monck's Corner, S.C. • Charlotte

- Has played in 23 games
- Saw action and scored a field goal in both SEC Tournament games
- Scored her first field goal in an SEC game with a jumper in the second half against Arkansas (Feb. 9)
- Recorded her first SEC point on a free throw against Ole Miss (Jan. 30)
- Got a season-high 12 minutes against NC Central (Dec. 2), hitting her first career field goal – a 3-pointer in the second half
- Scored her first career points in her fourth game in the Garnet and Black, adding a pair of free throws against Seton Hall (Nov. 17)

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
LA Tech	11/10	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CofC	11/14	6	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Seton Hall	11/17	2	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	2	
at Clemson	11/20	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at San Diego St.	11/23	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	11/25	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NC Central	12/02	12	1-3	1-2	0-0	2-0-2	0	0	0	0	3	
at Charlotte	12/08	1	0-0	0-0	2-4	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2	
vs. N. Carolina	12/18					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
Winthrop	12/20					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
SC State	12/22	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Savannah St.	12/28	8	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-2-2	0	1	0	0	1	
at Arkansas*	01/02					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
Vanderbilt*	01/05					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
Kentucky*	01/09					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
at Auburn*	01/12					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
at Texas A&M*	01/16					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
Alabama*	01/19	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	01/26					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
Ole Miss*	01/30	3	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	1	
Missouri*	02/02	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	02/06					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
Arkansas*	02/09	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	2	
at LSU*	02/16	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Kentucky*	02/20	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida*	02/23	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia*	02/27	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	03/02					— DNP (Coach's Decision)						
vs. Georgia	03/07	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	2	
vs. Kentucky	03/08	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2	
vs. CSUN	03/23	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2013-14	23	0	68	3.0	4	13	.308	1	8	.125	6	10	.600	6	4	10	0.4	8	0	3	2	0	1	15	0.7

#21

	Season	Career
Double-Double	0	0
10+ Points	0	0
10+ Rebounds	0	0
5+ Blocks	0	0
Tm-High Pts.	0	0
Tm-High Rebs.	0	0

Miscellaneous

Pts	..... 3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
Rebs	..... 2, 2x, last vs. Sav. St., 12/28/13
Blks	.....
Stls	..... 1 vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13
Assts	..... 1, 3x, last at San Diego St., 11/23/13
Min	..... 12 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
FG	..... 1, 4x, last vs. Kentucky, 3/8/14
3FG	..... 1 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
FT	..... 2, 2x, last at Charlotte, 12/8/13

Career Highs

Pts	..... 3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
Rebs	..... 2, 2x, last vs. Sav. St., 12/28/13
Blks	.....
Stls	..... 1 vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13
Assts	..... 1, 3x, last at San Diego St., 11/23/13
Min	..... 12 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
FG	..... 1, 4x, last vs. Kentucky, 3/8/14
3FG	..... 1 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
FT	..... 2, 2x, last at Charlotte, 12/8/13

13-14 Season Highs

Pts	..... 2, 3x, last vs. Kentucky, 3/8/14
Rebs	..... 1, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
Blks	.....
Stls	.....
Assts	.....
Min	..... 4 vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
FG	..... 1, 3x, last vs. Kentucky, 3/8/14
3FG	.....
FT	..... 1 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14

SEC Career Highs



TINA ROY

**5-11 • R-Sophomore • Guard
Kaplan, La. • Kaplan**

- Has played in 33 games with one start (at Charlotte)
- Grabbed three offensive boards among her four against CSU Northridge (Mar. 23) in NCAA Tournament
- Averaged 6.5 points on 45.5 percent shooting at SEC Tournament (two games)
- Netted five straight points to kick off 13-0 run in SEC Tournament quarterfinal against Georgia (Mar. 7) after Lady Bulldogs had closed to within five midway through first half
- Scored six first-half points at #19/17 LSU (Feb. 16), including a 3 at end of 13-2 run to end the period
- Capped a 10-0 run with a 3-pointer in the first half against Arkansas (Feb. 9)
- Played fantastic all-around game to help Gamecocks to win at Mississippi State (Feb. 6) with career-high eight rebounds including one on defensive end after three Bulldog offensive boards with under four minutes left, then hit a 3 at end of the shot clock to turn tenuous four-point lead into manageable seven-point edge
- Tied her career SEC high with three assists against Alabama (Jan. 19)
- Hit a 3 from the left side to tie game at Auburn (Jan. 12) late in the first half after Gamecocks had trailed by 12 midway through period
- Posted best game of season against #9/10 Kentucky, scoring 11 points – all in her 12 minutes on the court in the first half – including nine during a 21-8 run that turned a one-point deficit at the 10-minute mark into a 10-point halftime lead
- Played a strong all-around game against Vanderbilt (Jan. 5), logging a career-high 31 minutes, including key moments in the second half to handle the Commodores pressure
- Drew her first career start at Charlotte (Dec. 8)
- Made solid contributions against NC Central (Dec. 2) with five assists and a career-high six rebounds
- Found her shooting stroke in two games on the West Coast, including 11 points at USC (Nov. 25) on 3-of-5

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	22	2-6	1-4	0-0	0-3-3	7	0	0	0	0	5
LA Tech	11/10	19	1-9	0-4	0-0	0-1-1	2	0	0	1	2	2
CofC	11/14	16	2-10	2-9	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Seton Hall	11/17	12	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-2-2	1	1	0	0	0	5
at Clemson	11/20	15	1-4	0-3	1-1	2-1-3	0	2	0	0	0	3
at San Diego St.	11/23	19	2-6	2-4	0-0	0-1-1	2	1	1	0	0	6
at USC	11/25	24	3-5	1-2	4-4	0-3-3	0	0	1	0	0	11
NC Central	12/02	25	1-7	0-4	0-0	1-5-6	5	0	0	0	0	2
at Charlotte	12/08	15	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1-2	1	2	1	1	1	1
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	20	1-5	0-3	0-1	2-2-4	0	0	0	0	0	2
Winthrop	12/20	8	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC State	12/22	20	3-6	1-2	0-0	0-1-1	2	0	0	1	7	7
Savannah St.	12/28	19	1-5	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	2	1	0	1	2	2
at Arkansas*	01/02	6	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Vanderbilt*	01/05	31	1-4	1-2	0-0	0-3-3	3	0	1	0	3	3
Kentucky*	01/09	24	5-10	1-3	0-3	0-2-2	3	1	0	0	0	11
at Auburn*	01/12	14	2-4	1-3	2-2	0-1-1	1	1	0	1	7	7
at Texas A&M*	01/16	10	0-4	0-2	1-2	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Alabama*	01/19	20	3-9	0-3	0-0	0-2-2	3	0	1	0	0	6
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Ole Miss*	01/30	15	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1-1	2	2	0	0	0	3
Missouri*	02/02	10	0-3	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	02/06	26	2-4	1-3	0-0	1-7-8	4	0	2	0	5	5
Arkansas*	02/09	25	1-5	1-4	0-0	0-5-5	0	1	0	0	0	3
at LSU*	02/16	18	2-7	2-5	0-2	0-3-3	1	0	0	0	0	6
at Kentucky*	02/20	12	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-2-2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Florida*	02/23	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Georgia*	02/27	4	0-0	0-0	3-4	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	3
at Tennessee*	03/02	6	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Georgia	03/07	25	3-7	2-6	0-0	1-1-2	1	3	1	0	8	8
vs. Kentucky	03/08	16	2-4	1-2	0-0	0-2-2	0	0	0	0	5	5
vs. CSUN	03/23	22	2-5	1-3	0-0	3-1-4	1	0	0	0	5	5
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- accuracy and a pair of 3s at San Diego State (Nov. 23)
- Opened the season with a career-high seven assists against Charleston Southern (Nov. 8)

#23

	Season	Career
Double-Double	0	0
10+ Points	2	7
5+ Assists	2	2
5+ Steals	0	0
Tm-High Pts.	0	2
Tm-High Assts.	2	3

Miscellaneous

Pts	..... 15 vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11
Rebs	..... 8 at Mississippi State, 2/6/14
Stls	..... 2 vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11
Assts	..... 7 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13
Min	..... 31 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FG	..... 5, 3x, last, vs. Kentucky, 1/9/13
3FG	..... 5 vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11
FT	..... 4 at USC, 11/25/13

Career Highs

Pts	..... 11, 2x, last vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
Rebs	..... 8 at Mississippi State, 2/6/14
Stls	..... 1, 5x, last at Auburn, 1/12/14
Assts	..... 7 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13
Min	..... 31 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FG	..... 5 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
3FG	..... 2, 4x, last vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
FT	..... 4 at USC, 11/25/13

13-14 Season Highs

Pts	..... 11, 2x, last vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
Rebs	..... 8 at Mississippi State, 2/6/14
Stls	..... 1, 5x, last at Auburn, 1/12/14
Assts	..... 4 at Mississippi State, 2/6/14
Min	..... 31 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FG	..... 5 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
3FG	..... 3 vs. Florida, 2/12/12
FT	..... 3 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14

SEC Career Highs

Pts	..... 6 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
Rebs	..... 4 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Stls	.....
Assts	..... 2 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
Min	..... 22 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
FG	..... 2, 2x, last vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
3FG	..... 2 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
FT	.....

NCAA Highs

Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/17/12	Eastern Michigan	20	2-9	2-7	0-0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	6
3/19/12	at #13/15 Purdue	8	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
3/24/12	#2/2 Stanford	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/23/14	CS Northridge	22	2-5	1-3	0-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	5
3/25/14	Oregon St.	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		60	5-19	4-15	0-0	5	4	3	2	0	0	0	14
		12.0	.263	.267	—	1.0	0.6						2.8

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
2011-12	34	0	383	11.3	53	181	.293	32	127	.252	10	22	.455	20	29	49	1.4	20	0	10	15	1	9	148	4.4	
2012-13	— Did Not Play —																									
2013-14	33	1	544	16.5	43	143	.301	20	84	.238	14	23	.609	12	56	68	2.1	18	0	46	21	9	5	120	3.6	
Career Totals	67	1	927	13.8	96	324	.296	52	211	.246	24	45	.533	32	85	117	1.8	38	0	56	36	10	14	268	4.0	



KHADIJAH SESSIONS

5-8 • Sophomore • Guard
Myrtle Beach, S.C. • Myrtle Beach

- Has played in 28 games, starting the first 10 games before missing five with an ankle injury ... Returned to starting lineup at Vanderbilt (Jan. 26)
- Ranks 14th in SEC in free throw percentage
- Has led team in assists eight times (LA Tech, CoFC, Seton Hall, NC Central, at Auburn, at Texas A&M, Missouri, at Tenn.)
- Scored in double figures for first time in more than a month and first time in NCAA Tournament with 13 against Oregon State (Mar. 25), hitting 6-of-8 from the free throw line
- Hit 4-of-4 free throws in final 94 seconds to help ice win over CSU Northridge (Mar. 23) in NCAA opener
- Was perfect 3-of-3 from outside the arc for season-high 18 points at #15/15 Kentucky (Feb. 20), including two 3s in second half to hold off Wildcats
- Scored four of her nine points at #19/17 LSU (Feb. 16) from the free throw line on a pair of 1-and-1 opportunities late in the second half to hold off Lady Tigers
- Scored in double figures for third-straight game at Mississippi State (Feb. 6), including pair of free throws in final minute to seal win
- Hit a pair of free throws on a 1-and-1 opportunity to seal win at #16/19 Vanderbilt (Jan. 26)
- Picked up steal after forcing a jump ball with Gamecocks down by three with 15 seconds left at #25/21 Texas A&M (Jan. 16) to set up Tiffany Mitchell's game-tying 3 with six seconds to play
- Logged 28 minutes at Auburn (Jan. 12), the most since returning from injury, hitting a clutch 3 after Tigers had tied game for fourth time with seven minutes to play then iced win with a pair of free throws in final minute
- Returned to the court against #9/10 Kentucky (Jan. 9) for first time since an ankle injury suffered against #14/13 North Carolina (Dec. 18), hitting 3 on her first touch to get the Gamecock offense on track
- Dished out a career-high six assists against NC Central (Dec. 2) in just 20 minutes of action

- Posted her first career five-assist game against LA Tech (Nov. 10)

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	*	17	3-6	1-1	3-5	0-2-2	3	0	0	2	10
LA Tech	11/10	*	27	3-8	1-4	0-0	1-0-1	5	2	0	2	7
CoFC	11/14	*	17	0-4	0-2	2-2	0-1-1	4	1	0	0	2
Seton Hall	11/17	*	30	6-9	1-4	4-6	0-3-3	5	1	0	0	17
at Clemson	11/20	*	32	3-7	2-4	2-3	2-1-3	3	1	0	0	10
at San Diego St.	11/23	*	30	4-9	2-5	2-3	0-0-0	5	1	0	4	12
at USC	11/25	*	37	2-7	1-2	2-4	0-1-1	3	4	0	2	7
NC Central	12/02	*	20	2-4	0-1	3-4	0-0-0	6	1	0	2	7
at Charlotte	12/08	*	29	2-8	0-2	2-2	1-1-2	3	1	0	0	6
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	*	27	1-8	0-3	2-4	0-2-2	1	2	0	2	4
Winthrop	12/20											
SC State	12/22											
Savannah St.	12/28											
at Arkansas*	01/02											
Vanderbilt*	01/05											
Kentucky*	01/09		15	1-3	1-2	0-2	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	3
at Auburn*	01/12		28	2-4	1-3	4-4	1-0-1	3	1	0	0	9
at Texas A&M*	01/16	*	21	0-4	0-0	2-2	0-0-0	3	2	0	1	2
Alabama*	01/19		17	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0-0	3	2	0	0	3
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	*	26	2-3	0-0	2-2	1-2-3	0	3	0	0	6
Ole Miss*	01/30	*	23	3-5	1-2	4-5	0-2-2	3	1	1	1	11
Missouri*	02/02	*	34	3-7	0-3	7-12	0-2-2	6	2	0	4	13
at Miss. State*	02/06	*	26	4-5	1-2	5-7	0-2-2	3	3	0	0	14
Arkansas*	02/09	*	22	0-4	0-2	3-3	0-1-1	2	2	0	1	3
at LSU*	02/16	*	28	2-3	1-2	4-4	0-2-2	1	0	0	1	9
at Kentucky*	02/20	*	33	5-8	3-3	5-5	0-0-0	0	3	0	1	18
Florida*	02/23	*	19	1-7	0-2	1-3	1-1-2	2	2	0	0	3
Georgia*	02/27	*	31	1-4	0-1	3-4	0-1-1	2	2	0	2	5
at Tennessee*	03/02	*	30	1-5	0-1	1-2	0-1-1	3	0	0	0	3
vs. Georgia	03/07	*	24	1-3	0-1	1-3	0-2-2	1	0	0	0	3
vs. Kentucky	03/08	*	28	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-4-4	1	4	0	0	2
vs. CSUN	03/23	*	33	1-3	0-1	4-4	0-1-1	3	1	0	0	6
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	*	33	3-9	1-1	6-8	1-3-4	2	1	0	3	13

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FIA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2012-13	33	3	570	17.3	53	151	.351	13	54	.241	72	109	.661	22	24	46	1.4	43	0	36	49	3	21	191	5.8
2013-14	28	25	737	26.3	58	151	.384	18	57	.316	74	103	.718	8	36	44	1.6	58	0	76	44	1	28	208	7.4
Career Totals	61	28	1307	21.4	111	302	.368	31	111	.279	146	212	.689	30	60	90	1.5	101	0	112	93	4	49	399	6.5

#5

	Season	Career
Double-Double	0	0
10+ Points	9	15
5+ Assists	5	5
5+ Steals	0	0
Tm-High Pts.	0	3
Tm-High Assts.	8	11

Miscellaneous

Pts	..... 19 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13
Rebs	..... 5 at Florida, 1/20/13
Stls	..... 4, 3x, last vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
Assts	..... 6, 2x, last vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
Min	..... 37 at USC, 11/25/13
FG	..... 6, 2x, last, vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13
3FG	..... 3, 2x, last at Kentucky, 2/20/14
FT	..... 8 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13

Career Highs

Pts	..... 18 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
Rebs	..... 4, 2x, last vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Stls	..... 4, 2x, last vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
Assts	..... 6, 2x, last vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
Min	..... 37 at USC, 11/25/13
FG	..... 6, 2x, last, vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13
3FG	..... 3 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
FT	..... 7 vs. Missouri, 2/2/14

13-14 Season Highs

Pts	..... 19 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13
Rebs	..... 5 at Florida, 1/20/13
Stls	..... 4, 2x, last vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
Assts	..... 6 vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
Min	..... 35 at Missouri, 2/28/13
FG	..... 6 at Missouri, 2/28/13
3FG	..... 3, 2x, last at Kentucky, 2/20/14
FT	..... 8 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13

SEC Career Highs

Pts	..... 13 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Rebs	..... 4 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Stls	..... 3 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Assts	..... 3 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Min	..... 33, 2x, last vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
FG	..... 3 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
3FG	..... 1 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
FT	..... 6 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

NCAA Highs

Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/13	South Dakota St.		20	0-2	0-1	5-6	1	2	2	2	1	0	5
3/25/13	Kansas		14	1-3	0-1	2-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
3/23/14	CS Northridge	*	33	1-3	0-1	4-4	1	4	3	1	0	0	6
3/25/14	Oregon St.	*	33	3-9	1-1	6-8	4	3	2	1	0	3	13
Totals		2	100	5-17	1-4	17-20	6	9	8	4	1	3	28
			25.0	.294	.250	.850	1.5	2.0					7.0



ALEIGHSA WELCH

6-0 • Junior • Forward
Goose Creek, S.C. • Goose Creek

- Became 29th Gamecock to reach 1,000 career points, only 12 of whom also have more than 700 rebounds
- Became 15th Gamecock in history to grab at least 700 rebounds in her career, crossing the plateau in NCAA Tournament second-round game against Oregon State (Mar. 25)
- Has shot at least 50.0 percent from field in all but seven games this season (five of which were at least 40.0 percent)
- Is second in SEC and 14th in nation in field goal percentage ... In SEC, ranks 17th in ppg, 9th in rpg, 8th in blocks (1.4) and 5th in offensive rebounds (3.0 Or/gm)
- Has led the team in scoring 10 times (LA Tech, at Clemson, vs. UNC, at Texas A&M, at Miss. St., Arkansas, at LSU, at UK, at Tenn., vs. Oregon St.)
- Has led the team in rebounding 13 times (Chas. Sthrn., LA Tech, CofC, Seton Hall, at Clemson, vs. UNC, at Texas A&M, Ala., at Miss. St., at UK, at Tenn., vs. UGA, vs. Oregon St.)
- Posted fourth 20-point game of season with 21 against Oregon State (Mar. 25), including 12 in first half while Tiffany Mitchell was held scoreless by Beavers, and finished with ninth double-double of the season
- Scored six of her 12 points in SEC semifinal against Kentucky (Mar. 8) late in first half in effort to rally back from 13-point deficit
- Narrowly missed double-double in SEC Tournament quarterfinal against Georgia (Mar. 7) playing just 27 minutes
- Recorded seven of team's first 13 points at #10/9 Tennessee (Mar. 2) en route to team-best 16 to go with nine rebounds, including six in the second half
- Scored four of her 12 points against Florid (Feb. 23) in a 90-second stretch after Gators cut lead to seven with four minutes left in game
- Posted SEC career high with 21 points at #15/15 Kentucky (Feb. 20), including six of team's first nine to set tone

2013-14 Game-by-Game

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	A	TO	B	S	TP
Chas. Sthrn.	11/08	*	19	5-8	0-0	5-6	3-5-8	0	2	0	1	15
LA Tech	11/10		31	6-8	0-0	2-5	6-4-10	3	0	0	0	14
CofC	11/14	*	23	3-5	0-0	6-11	7-10-17	2	1	1	2	12
Seton Hall	11/17	*	28	3-4	0-0	9-13	2-6-8	4	1	2	1	15
at Clemson	11/20	*	29	7-10	0-0	3-3	4-6-10	4	1	3	1	17
at San Diego St.	11/23	*	25	4-4	0-0	0-2	1-3-4	2	1	1	1	8
at USC	11/25	*	34	6-11	0-0	2-2	2-4-6	1	2	0	0	14
NC Central	12/02	*	17	6-6	0-0	1-2	0-4-4	1	0	1	0	13
at Charlotte	12/08	*	25	7-9	0-0	4-6	2-4-6	0	2	0	3	18
vs. N. Carolina	12/18	*	36	8-13	0-0	7-12	5-1-6	0	4	1	1	23
Winthrop	12/20	*	34	4-7	0-0	6-11	4-4-8	2	1	1	2	14
SC State	12/22	*	25	4-5	0-0	0-1	4-1-5	3	2	0	1	8
Savannah St.	12/28	*	23	5-9	0-0	4-6	1-2-3	5	0	0	1	14
at Arkansas*	01/02	*	36	5-11	0-0	1-3	2-5-7	2	2	4	1	11
Vanderbilt*	01/05	*	24	2-4	0-0	5-6	1-2-3	3	1	1	0	9
Kentucky*	01/09	*	37	5-10	0-0	6-9	6-8-14	3	5	1	0	16
at Auburn*	01/12	*	31	3-7	0-0	4-8	3-2-5	3	2	1	2	10
at Texas A&M*	01/16	*	43	8-19	1-1	3-7	8-8-16	2	2	2	1	20
Alabama*	01/19	*	29	5-7	0-0	2-3	3-7-10	1	5	0	0	12
at Vanderbilt*	01/26	*	30	5-9	0-0	0-0	3-3-6	3	8	2	0	10
Ole Miss*	01/30	*	25	4-5	0-0	3-4	3-1-4	2	1	0	2	11
Missouri*	02/02	*	26	5-9	0-0	1-4	2-3-5	0	0	1	0	11
at Miss. State*	02/06	*	38	5-16	0-0	8-9	6-5-11	4	0	2	1	18
Arkansas*	02/09	*	36	5-9	0-0	6-9	3-4-7	1	3	5	2	16
at LSU*	02/16	*	37	7-11	0-0	5-6	2-4-6	1	1	2	1	19
at Kentucky*	02/20	*	39	10-16	0-0	1-4	3-7-10	2	0	5	0	21
Florida*	02/23	*	36	4-7	0-0	4-6	1-4-5	1	3	1	1	12
Georgia*	02/27	*	31	2-5	0-0	2-2	0-5-5	3	3	3	0	6
at Tennessee*	03/02	*	35	7-19	0-0	2-5	3-6-9	1	1	1	1	16
vs. Georgia	03/07	*	27	4-5	0-0	2-5	1-8-9	0	2	1	2	10
vs. Kentucky	03/08	*	32	4-8	0-0	4-10	2-3-5	3	4	0	0	12
vs. CSUN	03/23	*	29	5-11	0-0	1-2	4-5-9	2	2	3	0	11
vs. Oregon St.	03/25	*	36	8-11	0-0	5-8	6-5-11	0	1	1	0	21

- Hit two field goals and a pair of free throws in the second half at #19/17 LSU (Feb. 16) to turn away the Lady Tigers three times when they came within striking distance
- Blocked a career-high five shots against Arkansas (Feb. 9) while also leading the offense with 16 points
- Powered team to win at Mississippi State (Feb. 6) with seventh double-double of season, while other primary offensive producers struggled
- Scored eight of her 11 points against Ole Miss (Jan. 30) in first half to help establish 19-point halftime lead
- Posted second-straight double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds against Alabama (Jan. 19)

Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2011-12	33	2	694	21.0	98	167	.587	0	1	.000	56	98	.571	104	96	200	6.1	41	0	18	40	22	19	252	7.6
2012-13	33	33	981	29.7	134	224	.598	1	1	1.000	126	178	.708	131	124	255	7.7	56	0	34	53	23	26	395	12.0
2013-14	33	32	1006	30.5	171	298	.574	1	1	1.000	114	190	.600	103	149	252	7.6	57	0	64	63	46	28	457	13.8
Career Totals	99	67	2681	27.1	403	689	.585	2	3	.667	296	466	.635	338	369	707	7.1	154	0	116	156	91	73	1104	11.2

#24

Career Highlights

- 2014 All-SEC First Team (Coaches)
- 2014 All-SEC Second Team (AP)
- 2014 WBCA All-Region 3
- 2013-14 CoSIDA Academic All-District 4
- 2013 All-SEC Second Team (Coaches)
- 2012 SEC All-Freshman Team

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
Double-Double	9	19	
20+ Points	4	5	
10+ Points	29	60	
10+ Rebounds	9	22	
5+ Blocks	2	2	
5+ Assists	1	1	
Tm-High Pts.	10	25	
Tm-High Rebs.	13	39	
Tm-High Assts.	6	10	

	Career Highs
Pts	23 vs. N. Carolina 12/18/13
Rebs	17 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14/13
Blks	5, 2x, last at Kentucky, 2/20/14
Stls	3, 4x, last at Charlotte, 12/8/13
Assts	5 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13
Min	43 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
FG	10 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
FT	10 at Xavier, 11/30/11

	13-14 Season Highs
Pts	23 vs. N. Carolina 12/18/13
Rebs	17 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14/13
Blks	5, 2x, last at Kentucky, 2/20/14
Stls	3 at Charlotte, 12/8/13
Assts	5 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13
Min	43 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
FG	10 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
FT	9 vs. Seton Hall, 11/17

	SEC Highs
Pts	21 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
Rebs	16 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
Blks	5, 2x, last at Kentucky, 2/20/14
Stls	3 vs. Florida, 3/3/13
Assts	4, 2x, last at Miss. St., 2/6/14
Min	43 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
FG	10 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
FT	8, 2x, last at Miss. St., 2/6/14

	NCAA Highs
Pts	21 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Rebs	12 vs. Stanford, 3/24/12
Blks	3, 2x, last vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Stls	2 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
Assts	2 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Min	36 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
FG	8 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
FT	5 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

Aleighsa Welch (continued)

- Tied career high in an SEC game with 20 points at #25/21 Texas A&M (Jan. 16), including six of team's first 10 2nd-half points to launch rally from 17-point halftime deficit
- Had fourth double-double of season against #9/10 Kentucky (Jan. 9), adding 11 points and 10 rebounds in the second half alone to hold off Wildcats' surge
- Hit 5-of-6 from free throw line, grabbed a defensive rebound and blocked a shot in final five minutes of game to hold off Vanderbilt (Jan. 5)
- Tied career high with four blocks at Arkansas (Jan. 2) and hit a tough shot in traffic to end seven-minute scoring drought in second half that let Razorbacks cut deficit in half
- Handed out career high five assists against Savannah State (Dec. 28), still scoring in double figures
- Scored nine of her 14 points against Winthrop (Dec. 20) in the second half to hold off Winthrop rally
- Netted career-high 23 points against #14/13 North Carolina (Dec. 18) while battling for five offensive rebounds
- Scored all 18 of her points at Charlotte (Dec. 8) in the second half, driving team to road win after sitting all but the first six minutes of the first half due to foul trouble
- Hit 4-of-5 from the field for 10 points in the second half at Southern Cal (Nov. 25) to help team pull away from six-point halftime lead
- Grabbed career-high 17 rebounds against College of Charleston (Nov. 14), sixth-most in Colonial Life Arena history, including 12 in the first half

Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/17/12	Eastern Michigan	10	2-3	0-0	4-5	1	1	0	0	0	2	8	
3/19/12	#13/15 Purdue	24	2-4	0-0	0-3	8	1	0	1	0	1	4	
3/24/12	#2/2 Stanford	22	4-8	0-0	0-0	12	1	0	0	0	0	8	
3/23/13	South Dakota St. *	21	3-4	0-0	2-2	5	0	0	0	1	0	8	
3/25/13	Kansas *	34	6-14	0-0	4-8	11	3	1	3	3	1	16	
3/23/14	CS Northridge *	29	5-11	0-0	1-2	9	1	2	2	3	0	11	
3/25/14	Oregon St. *	36	8-11	0-0	5-8	11	1	0	1	1	0	21	
Totals		4	176	30-55	0-0	16-28	57	8	3	7	8	4	76
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South Carolina's NCAA Tournament History

1982 • No. 3 in Midwest Region • Sweet 16 • Head Coach: Terry Kelly • Final record: 23-8 overall

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/14	No. 6 East Carolina	W	79-54	Columbia, S.C.	30-Southers	19-Southers, Foster	14-Denkler	9-Chaney
3/18	vs. No. 2 Kentucky	L	69-73	Ruston, La.	23-Foster	19-Foster	29-Still	13-Still

1986 • No. 7 Seed in Mideast Region • First Round • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 19-11 overall; 9-1 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/12	No. 10 Middle Tenn. St.	L	77-78 (OT)	Columbia, S.C.	24-Southers	18-Gilmore	20-Willbanks	11-Willbanks

1988 • No. 8 Seed in Midwest Region • Second Round • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 23-11 overall; 10-2 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/16	No. 9 Alabama	W	77-63	Columbia, S.C.	21-Middleton	11-Parker	22-Vaughn	12-Heard
3/20	at No. 1 Texas	L	58-77	Austin, Texas	15-Parker	10-Hawkins	19-Wimbish	9-Conwell

1989 • No. 6 Seed in Midwest Region • First Round • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 23-7 overall; 10-2 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/15	No. 11 Tenn. Tech	L	73-77	Columbia, S.C.	31-Hunt	12-Hunt	23-Brown	12-Clayton

1990 • No. 5 Seed in Mideast Region • Sweet 16 • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 24-9 overall; 13-1 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/14	No. 12 Bowling Green	W	93-50	Columbia, S.C.	22-Middleton	11-Hunt	15-Thompson	7-Bonner
3/17	at No. 4 Northwestern	W	76-67	Evanston, Ill.	21-Middleton	15-Banner	19-Savage	7-Savage, Kennelly
3/22	vs. No. 1 Washington	L	61-73	Iowa City, Iowa	20-Hunt	10-Hunt	17-Deden	10-Deden

1991 • No. 7 Seed in Mideast Region • First Round • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 22-9 overall; 12-2 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/13	at No. 10 Vanderbilt	L	64-73	Nashville, Tenn.	27-Williams	14-Williams	24-Scholtns	16-Scholtns

2002 • No. 3 Seed in East Region • Elite Eight • Head Coach: Susan Walvius • Final record: 25-7 overall; 10-4 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/16	No. 14 Liberty	W	69-61	Columbia, S.C.	19-Ujhelyi	14-Penn	19-Walker	9-Foreid
3/18	No. 6 Cincinnati	W	75-56	Columbia, S.C.	21-Geter	10-Geter	13-Sharp, King	8-Wilder
3/23	vs. No. 7 Drake	W	79-65	Raleigh, N.C.	19-Penn, Gortman	8-Penn	20-Bennett	8-Anderson
3/25	vs. No. 1 Duke	L	68-77	Raleigh, N.C.	17-Gortman	9-Penn	24-Beard	7-Beard, Tillis

2003 • No. 5 Seed in East Region • Second Round • Head Coach: Susan Walvius • Final record: 23-8 overall; 9-5 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/23	vs. No. 12 Chattanooga	W	68-54	University Park, Pa.	18-Ciocan	14-Ujhelyi	18-Warfield	7-Patton
3/25	at No. 4 Penn State	L	67-77	University Park, Pa.	21-Penn	9-Penn	27-Mazzante	4-Joseph, Wright

2012 • No. 5 Seed in Fresno Region • Sweet 16 • Head Coach: Dawn Staley • Final record: 25-10 overall; 10-6 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/17	vs. No. 12 E. Michigan	W	80-48	W. Lafayette, Ind.	12-Grant	7-Bruner	14-Redditt	12-Watkins
3/19	at No. 4 Purdue	W	72-61	W. Lafayette, Ind.	21-Grant	8-Welch	15-Houser	13-Ostarello
3/25	vs. No. 1 Stanford	L	60-76	Fresno, Calif.	18-Sutton	12-Welch	39-N. Ogwumike	10-Ogwumike, Ogwumike

2013 • No. 4 Seed in Norfolk Region • Second Round • Head Coach: Dawn Staley • Final record: 25-8 overall; 11-5 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/23	vs. No. 13 S. Dakota State	W	74-52	Boulder, Colo.	15-Bruner, Walker	11-Bruner	15-Eide	4-Boever, Dietel, Lingle
3/25	vs. No. 12 Kansas	L	69-75	Boulder, Colo.	16-Bruner, Welch	12-Bruner	27-Engelman	12-Gardner

2014 • No. 1 Seed in Stanford Region

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/23	vs. No. 16 CSUN	W	73-58	Seattle, Wash.	24-Mitchell	16-Coates	26-Sharpe	6-Sharpe, Fong
3/25	vs. No. 9 Oregon State	W	78-69	Seattle, Wash.	21-Welch	11-Welch, Coates	21-Weisner	9-Gibson

Tournament Field: 32 teams 1982, 1984-85; 40 teams 1983, 1986-88; 48 teams 1989-93; 64 teams 1994-present
Opponents listed with regional seed, not national ranking

South Carolina's NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game NCAA Tournament Line Scores

Date	Team	Site	Result	1st	2nd	OT	Total	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	REBOUNDS					
														Off-Def-Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl
3/14/82	South Carolina	H	W	34	45	-	79	33-57	.579	-	-	13-22	.591	50	21	20	25	8	7
	East Carolina			14	40	-	54	21-75	.280	-	-	12-22	.545	40	23	12	17	0	11
3/18/82	South Carolina	N	L	34	35	-	69	32-67	.478	-	-	5-9	.555	13-37-50	17	18	26	4	6
	Kentucky			38	35	-	73	33-74	.446	-	-	7-16	.438	13-22-35	14	17	12	0	12
3/12/86	South Carolina	H	L (OT)	35	31	11	77	32-70	.457	-	-	13-20	.650	48	18	22	16	3	9
	Middle Tennessee State			28	38	12	78	35-79	.443	-	-	8-17	.471	48	22	20	15	4	8
3/16/88	South Carolina	H	W	34	43	-	77	24-44	.545	1-3	.333	28-45	.622	13-31-44	17	18	22	7	10
	Alabama			22	41	-	63	26-72	.361	2-12	.167	9-21	.429	21-22-43	31	11	19	0	14
3/20/88	South Carolina	A	L	30	28	-	58	25-65	.385	0-4	.000	8-12	.667	21-24-45	19	7	24	2	7
	Texas			34	43	-	77	32-68	.471	0-0	-	13-24	.542	15-21-36	15	11	13	3	13
3/15/89	South Carolina	H	L	49	24	-	73	28-58	.483	3-9	.333	14-17	.824	12-17-29	16	21	16	4	8
	Tennessee Tech			38	39	-	77	34-67	.504	1-3	.333	8-13	.615	16-24-40	15	15	21	1	9
3/14/90	South Carolina	H	W	42	51	-	93	36-60	.600	4-7	.571	17-23	.739	8-35-43	16	23	20	3	13
	Bowling Green			22	28	-	50	19-65	.292	0-7	.000	12-16	.750	11-22-33	16	12	25	0	10
3/17/90	South Carolina	A	W	38	38	-	76	32-67	.478	5-5	1.000	7-12	.583	13-26-39	15	7	13	0	5
	Northwestern			32	35	-	67	28-60	.467	0-2	.000	11-14	.786	9-25-34	17	15	11	0	6
3/22/90	South Carolina	N	L	26	35	-	61	25-66	.378	1-6	.167	10-16	.625	18-16-34	13	8	21	0	10
	Washington			29	44	-	73	32-59	.542	1-3	.333	8-10	.800	11-27-38	17	9	17	3	9
3/13/91	South Carolina	A	L	31	33	-	64	26-64	.406	4-18	.222	8-13	.615	15-25-40	20	13	14	1	4
	Vanderbilt			25	48	-	73	26-62	.419	3-14	.214	18-23	.783	13-29-42	12	16	10	5	6
3/16/02	South Carolina	H	W	41	28	-	69	26-64	.406	4-16	.250	13-23	.565	19-28-47	16	22	19	3	10
	Liberty			29	32	-	61	24-64	.375	2-11	.182	11-15	.733	16-28-44	19	10	19	3	7
3/18/02	South Carolina	H	W	27	48	-	75	29-66	.439	4-12	.333	13-17	.765	14-30-44	13	19	12	5	9
	Cincinnati			24	32	-	56	20-62	.323	8-19	.421	8-9	.889	13-26-39	13	9	18	2	3
3/23/02	South Carolina	N	W	39	40	-	79	31-66	.470	7-15	.467	10-15	.667	20-17-37	14	20	12	1	16
	Drake			23	42	-	65	24-50	.480	6-18	.333	11-14	.786	11-18-29	11	15	21	3	6
3/25/02	South Carolina	N	L	22	46	-	68	30-68	.441	4-10	.400	4-6	.667	11-25-36	20	13	16	1	12
	Duke			35	42	-	77	28-58	.483	3-10	.300	18-24	.750	9-26-35	9	19	14	9	7
3/23/03	South Carolina	N	W	35	33	-	68	24-61	.393	6-28	.214	14-18	.778	18-29-47	17	15	20	3	7
	Chattanooga			32	22	-	54	21-60	.350	4-20	.200	8-13	.615	11-20-31	15	16	17	0	12
3/25/03	South Carolina	A	L	23	44	-	67	23-57	.404	6-18	.333	15-20	.750	13-28-41	19	15	22	3	8
	Penn State			37	40	-	77	30-60	.500	7-18	.389	10-16	.625	7-23-30	19	21	13	2	14
3/17/12	South Carolina	N	W	39	41	-	80	32-60	.533	5-19	.263	11-14	.786	11-27-38	18	22	17	11	11
	Eastern Michigan			23	25	-	48	16-60	.267	0-3	.000	16-22	.727	16-20-36	12	10	17	3	6
3/19/12	South Carolina	A	W	33	39	-	72	28-57	.491	6-16	.375	10-20	.500	10-20-30	15	11	12	2	11
	Purdue			26	35	-	61	22-56	.393	4-10	.400	13-17	.765	16-24-40	21	16	20	5	6
3/24/12	South Carolina	N	L	30	30	-	60	25-68	.368	4-12	.333	6-10	.600	18-20-38	19	10	11	3	7
	Stanford			36	40	-	76	28-53	.528	1-1	1.000	19-25	.760	9-27-36	11	15	11	9	5
3/23/13	South Carolina	N	W	44	30	-	74	25-52	.481	4-11	.364	20-26	.769	8-32-40	13	13	15	5	10
	South Dakota State			26	26	-	52	17-52	.327	3-14	.214	15-18	.833	5-23-28	21	6	16	2	10
3/25/13	South Carolina	N	L	41	28	-	69	27-72	.375	2-8	.250	13-22	.591	26-21-47	15	9	13	4	9
	Kansas			42	33	-	75	29-63	.460	5-10	.500	12-18	.667	17-26-43	17	14	15	6	7
3/23/14	South Carolina	N	W	36	37	-	73	22-50	.440	2-9	.222	27-43	.643	15-37-52	16	17	11	8	1
	Cal St. Northridge			26	32	-	58	21-68	.309	5-15	.333	11-15	.733	13-23-36	28	8	5	4	3
3/25/14	South Carolina	N	W	34	44	-	78	20-54	.370	4-6	.667	34-43	.791	16-29-45	18	10	9	2	6
	Oregon State			25	44	-	69	25-65	.385	10-30	.333	9-18	.500	17-23-40	21	15	14	7	5

South Carolina NCAA Tournament Records

South Carolina	Individual	Team
Most Points	31 by Beth Hunt vs. Tennessee Tech, 3/15/89	93 vs. Bowling Green, 3/14/90
Fewest Points		58 at Texas, 3/20/88
Margin of Victory		43 (93-50) vs. Bowling Green, 3/14/90
Margin of Defeat		19 (58-77) at Texas, 3/20/88
Field Goals Made	13 by Brantley Southers vs. East Carolina, 3/14/82	36 vs. Bowling Green, 3/14/90
Field Goal Attempts	23 by Brantley Southers vs. Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86	72 vs. Kansas, 3/25/13
Field Goal Percentage (Min. 10 FGA)	.800 (8-10) by Jocelyn Penn at Penn State, 3/25/03	.600 (36-60) vs. Bowling Green, 3/14/90
3-Point Field Goals Made	5 by Karen Middleton at Northwestern, 3/17/90	7 vs. Drake, 3/23/02
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	12 by Karen Middleton at Vanderbilt, 3/13/91	28 vs. Chattanooga, 3/23/03
3-Point FG Percentage (Min. 5 3FGA)	1.000 (5-5) by Karen Middleton at Northwestern, 3/17/90	1.000 (5-5) at Northwestern, 3/17/90
Free Throws Made	13 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14	34 vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14
Free Throw Attempts	17 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14	45 vs. Alabama, 3/16/88
Free Throw Percentage (Min. 7 FTA)	.900 (9-10) by Teresa Geter vs. Cincinnati, 3/18/02 .900 (9-10) by Beth Hunt vs. Tennessee Tech, 3/15/89	.824 (14-17) vs. Tennessee Tech, 3/15/89
Rebounds	19 by Sheila Foster vs. Kentucky, 3/18/82 19 by Sheila Foster vs. East Carolina, 3/14/82 19 by Brantley Southers vs. East Carolina, 3/14/82	52 vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14
Assists	9 by Martha Parker vs. Tennessee Tech, 3/15/89	23 vs. Bowling Green, 3/14/90
Blocked Shots	5 by Elem Ibiam vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	11 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
Steals	6 by Jocelyn Penn vs. Drake, 3/23/02 6 by Monica Williams vs. Alabama, 3/16/88	16 vs. Drake, 3/23/02

Opponent	Individual	Team
Most Points	29 by Valerie Still, Kentucky, 3/18/82	78 by Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86
Fewest Points		50 by Bowling Green, 3/14/90
Field Goals Made	12 by Valerie Still, Kentucky, 3/18/82 12 by Wendy Scholtens, Vanderbilt, 3/13/91	35 by Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86
Field Goal Attempts	23 by Angela Brown, Tennessee Tech, 3/15/89 23 by Valerie Still, Kentucky, 3/18/82	79 by Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86
Field Goal Percentage (Min. 10 FGA)	.818 (9-11) Carla Bennett, Drake, 3/23/02	.542 (32-59) by Washington, 3/22/90
3-Point Field Goals Made	5 by Jamie Weisner, Oregon State, 3/25/14	10 by Oregon State, 3/25/14
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	12 by Jamie Weisner, Oregon State, 3/25/14	30 by Oregon State, 3/25/14
3-Point FG Percentage (Min. 5 3FGA)	.600 (3-5) by Krista Gingrich, Duke, 3/25/02	.500 (5-10) by Kansas, 3/25/13
Free Throws Made	8 by Stephanie Walker, Liberty, 3/16/02	18 by Duke, 3/25/02 18 by Vanderbilt, 3/13/91
Free Throw Attempts	10 by Valerie Still, Kentucky, 3/18/82	24 by Duke, 3/25/02 24 by Texas, 3/20/88
Free Throw Percentage (Min. 7 FTA)	.889 (8-9) by Stephanie Walker, Liberty, 3/16/02	.833 (15-18) by South Dakota State, 3/23/13
Rebounds	16 by Wendy Scholtens, Vanderbilt, 3/13/91	48 by Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86
Assists	8 by Jess Strom, Penn State, 3/25/03	21 by Penn State, 3/25/03
Blocked Shots	4 by Camille Mahlknecht, CSU Northridge, 3/23/14 4 by Michele Matyasovsky, Duke, 3/25/02	9 by Duke, 3/25/02
Steals	5 by Tanisha Wright, Penn State, 3/25/03 5 by Alan Beard, Duke, 3/25/02 5 by Kim Webb, Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86	14 by Penn State, 3/25/03 14 by Alabama, 3/16/88

Hall of Famer Staley back to work with Gamecocks

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COLUMBIA — The South Carolina coach Dawn Staley has something new to entice women's basketball players this fall — her Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame trophy.

Staley returned Monday from a weekend of celebrations and ceremonies in Springfield, Mass., where she was inducted along with 11 other basketball greats. She sat next to her trophy at South Carolina's arena, saying it will eventually end up in her office.

"That's where the recruits will see it," she said with a grin.

Staley was humbled by the honor and hopes she's set an example for young women looking to achieve big things in basketball.

"I hope little girls will approach the game like I did," she said. "I didn't cut corners. It was just a process for me where I was living out my passion."

Staley hopes several of those type of teenagers grow up to play college basketball for her Gamecocks, where she'll start her sixth season this fall. South Carolina won 25 games each of the past two years and reached back-to-back NCAA tournaments for the first time since the 2002 and 2003 seasons. The Gamecocks' 11-5 mark in the Southeastern Conference also was the school's best-ever league showing.

Staley's got the bar set even higher down the road — she's turned down coaching overtures from Ohio State and her alma Virginia for their vacancies the past two years — and told her South Carolina players in her hall induction speech Sunday night that if they stuck with her they'd eventually become national champions.

"That's right, I said it," Staley said Monday. "I put it out there."

Then again, reaching high goals are why Staley was inducted into the hall in the first place. She was the national player of the year out of Philadelphia's Dobbins Tech high school. She played her college ball at Virginia, where she played in three Final Fours and was twice the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year.

She went on to star in both the ABL and WNBA. She won gold with the U.S. Olympic women's basketball team in 1996, 2000 and 2004. That final time as a player, Staley was honored as the America flag bearer at the Athens Games' opening ceremonies and keeps a framed photo of the moment in her South Carolina office.

She got her head coaching start in her home town, at Temple, before moving on to South Carolina after the 2007-08 season. Staley has led South Carolina on a steady climb up in the SEC ever since.

Staley went off recruiting soon after returning to her office. She doesn't plan to act differently as a hall member (one of just 15 female players in the hall), but understands the impact it will have.

"It just adds instant credibility," she said.

It's been a busy offseason for Staley. Last month, she toured several African nations alongside President Clinton and daughter Chelsea as part of a delegation put together by the Clinton Foundation. Staley said she was overwhelmed by the grace of African nationals who continually gave of themselves to strangers despite their own need.

Staley says she learned things on the trip that will make her a better coach.

The most difficult thing for Staley about the hall of fame was the 15-minute speech. Staley is never one to dwell on things, positive or negative, and does not like talking about her career. She said the induction ceremony, though, gave her a chance to reflect on what she'd done and all those who helped her get there.

"As athletes, we're confident people. We want to think that we kind of did this thing alone," she said. "But you can't become who you become (alone) in a team sport."

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Five questions facing USC women's basketball

Youth, experience blending for Staley's Gamecocks

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Mostly, it was strange.

Strange to not see leasia Walker or Ashley Bruner. Strange to not see so many pieces of a program that had fought and battled to respectability and then earned it.

South Carolina is not bare because those players, the ones who built it, are gone. Far from it. The Gamecocks should be in the Top 20 when the preseason rankings are released and considered at least a top-six pick in the SEC. A third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance is not only expected, but likely.

But coach Dawn Staley, in her sixth year, knows that nobody will hand her team the postseason.

"We've got a lot to work on, for sure," Staley said Tuesday. "But, definitely, it's a team that works extremely hard. They're driven."

The Gamecocks began practice with a lot of expectations, and a unique situation. USC is a young team by class standing — only Wilka Montout is a senior, and two of the team's four juniors are first-year players after transferring from other schools. But the experience of the returnees more than makes up for any "young" tag.

Because of injuries and a small roster last year, the Gamecocks mostly relied on nine players. All played and all played well, which gave them the experience they needed when the three seniors — Walker, Bruner and Sancheon White — graduated.

USC welcomes back Aleighsa Welch, now a junior and the unquestioned leader of the team, and sophomore Tiffany Mitchell, who averaged 9.2 points per game while starting nearly every game as a freshman. With Khadijah Sessions ready to take over at point guard, top JUCO transfer Olivia Gaines here and the local input of high-star recruit Alaina Coates, the Gamecocks seem poised to keep on keeping on.

It's not that simple, of course. USC often struggled to score last year, getting locked into slumps during many of its eight losses where it couldn't throw a layup into the ocean. The Gamecocks won because of their defense, a unit that has ranked among the national top five in each of the past two years.

The defense took a hit by losing Bruner from the post and Walker, the SEC Defensive Player of the Year. While offense seems to have received an immediate injection, the newcomers haven't yet done it in a game.

A lot to work on. But that's a good thing.

"We're still a work in progress," said Mitchell, a lifelong devotee of Staley as a player who saw her dream come true by signing to play for her.

Staley stressed that the Gamecocks have to put in their defense, getting the youngsters up to snuff, and then will tinker with the offense.

"We're going to spend a lot of time on our offense," she said. "We're going to do some new offenses that will free our players up to kind of take advantage of some things we feel our players have improved on. We're going to open the floor up a bit."

That could come with a new wrinkle of being able to play big. The Gamecocks under Staley have been a guard-based program, but with Coates, Welch and Elem Ibiam, USC has the option to play with a three-guard set or go with three bigs across the lane. Sessions can be a deadly scorer, but Staley will doubtless try to get her to direct traffic before scoring to open opportunities for Welch.

"I need to be able to step out and play the three," Welch said. "Being able to hit the open shot or bring the ball up, whatever it is they need from me."

Staley couldn't classify her team as a replica of the past two, which built USC into one of the best teams in the country. Those teams were built on the backs of players who suffered for periods before feeling the warm glow of success. Much of the current team has only seen the great success. Staley knows that that could be a hurdle, since the intensity to win may not be as great as in some of the scrappers that she's had in the past.

"It's a team in which it's probably very unpredictable," Staley said, "until we figure out how we're going to play."

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Dozier finding her groove during sophomore season with Gamecocks

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There were times when Asia Dozier wondered what she was doing here.

The talent was there. It was Dozier, not more heralded teammate Xylina McDaniel, who was named Gatorade South Carolina Player of the Year and South Carolina Miss Basketball as a senior at Spring Valley High. Having a father and an uncle who each played at South Carolina strengthened the argument.

The effort was there. Dozier played hard every second she was on the court, although as the year progressed, her minutes dwindled from 20 to 6 to 4 to 3.

The mentality was not there.

And it was getting dangerously close to not returning.

"It wasn't easy," the Gamecocks' sophomore guard said in the preseason. "It played a big part, not being able to see it go in. It made me lose my confidence and my focus."

Dozier was mostly the outside shooter during last year's 25-win campaign, asked to pop the 3-pointer when the Gamecocks needed it. The problem was that the 3-pointers weren't going in.

Ninety-one of Dozier's 134 field-goal attempts were from the 3-point line, but 16 went in (17.6 percent). On the rare occasions when she would try to shake herself out of the rut and drive the lane, it mostly didn't work — Dozier shot 28-of-134 from the field (20.9) and ended the season averaging 2.7 points per game.

Dozier struggled to adjust to the speed and defense of the college game and couldn't find a way to break out of the slump. Every game offered a fresh start, every shot attempt did the same, but if the shot missed, Dozier felt the doubt creep back in.

"The first thing was building my confidence," she said. "In order to do that, I had to see the ball go through the net."

She saw plenty of that over the summer, as she got in the gym and lifted shot after shot. Not having the crowd or the pressure helped, as did the coaches' confidence in her. Dawn Staley, who knew exactly what she was getting when she signed Dozier, told her that she would play a big part for the 2013-14 Gamecocks, even though she knew that if Dozier began repeating her 2012-13 performance, she might have to look at other options.

With each side knowing that scenario, Dozier started the season-opener. Even though she scored only four points, each saw what they wanted to see.

Dozier was doing everything else. She had five assists and three rebounds. She stole two balls and blocked a shot. She didn't attempt a 3-pointer but swished both her free throws (Dozier had made 11-of-24 as a freshman). She played 17 minutes, but in a 70-point rout of Charleston Southern, it's not like she was heavily needed.

That was Asia Dozier. Freshman year was a bad memory, nothing more.

"Me and my uncle (Terry Dozier) were just talking about that after the game," Dozier said. "When I didn't score in the last Kentucky game, he was like, 'Seeing you out on the court even without you scoring made my night.' Just to hear that from him and from the coaches, telling me the other things I bring, keeping the other players calm and getting us into sets and being another set of eyes on the court ... I'm just going to keep doing that."

Through 17 games, Dozier has started 16 and is shooting 37.9 percent from the field and 39.3 percent from the 3-point line. She's averaging 7.4 points, has 44 assists, 12 steals and three blocks.

"I think, for the most part, she's been our X-factor," Staley said. "She goes about her business pretty quietly, but she's one that knows the game plan. I think she's been that player that has been just solid throughout."

Heading into a matchup with No. 25 Texas A&M Thursday night, Dozier should continue to start even though the Aggies will be the most formidable team, height-wise, that USC has faced. She brings a veteran presence, and Staley recognizes that.

For Dozier, the struggles of her freshman year are staying in the past.

"My teammates, my coaches have a lot more confidence in me this season, because I'm showing them what I'm capable of doing," Dozier said. "Getting the ball into the post — I try to be one of the most efficient post passers that we have. If I'm not getting the points, I'm trying to get the assists. Rebounding, being a defensive stopper. Just bringing everything I can to the table."

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Mitchell keys better guard play for Gamecocks

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The job's never been particularly easy, but it's been stable. Dawn Staley identifies her point guard early, and that's who plays point throughout the season.

This year was the shakeup.

When the chosen Khadijah Sessions went down with a sprained ankle on Dec. 18 and had to miss five games (plus rehab herself back into basketball shape over the next few games), it threw a wrench into the plan. Backup Tiffany Davis took over, and while she's played well and improved, the production from the spot hasn't been as consistent.

Turnovers and no field goals from either of the two guards in a loss at Texas A&M had Staley thinking. Once No. 10 South Carolina returned to Columbia, the switch was in.

Tiffany Mitchell started at point guard in the Gamecocks' blistering of Alabama on Sunday, with Olivia Gaines making her first career start at two-guard and standby Asia Dozier filling out the guard trio. Staley saw what she wanted, and as long as she keeps seeing it, that may be the plan going forward.

"I'm just going to take it practice by practice, game by game," Staley said. "Obviously, we got to get better contributions from that spot."

Mitchell impressed at the point, recording eight assists to one turnover and blocking two shots with a steal. She also grabbed six rebounds and scored seven points, far off her team-leading average of 15.4, but nothing to fret over when USC won by 26 points. Sessions played 17 minutes with three points, three assists and two turnovers, while Davis only played a minute before re-aggravating a left shoulder injury from November.

Davis didn't return to the game, and while Staley said she feels good saying that Davis should be ready for the Gamecocks' next game (at No. 16 Vanderbilt on Sunday), the point position seems to be Mitchell's to lose.

"So she told me I was going to be running the point," the sophomore shrugged. "I was kind of getting used to it, with the ball in my hand and creating stuff for my teammates."

Mitchell wasn't her usual fearless self but didn't have to be. When the Gamecocks need a takeover player, Mitchell is the choice, but against the Crimson Tide, the inside game was working so well – and early guard drives to the rim backed the Tide inside, freeing a tremendous outside shooting performance – that Mitchell didn't have to take over.

Mitchell helps with the defense at the front as well, which has been sore spot all season, and Gaines has been a boon as well. Gaines' quick-release jumper has been splashing down more and more lately, and that can only help her minutes going forward.

"We inserted Olivia in the starting lineup because she's able to pressure the ball up the floor," Staley said. "Definitely from a defensive standpoint, she does her job, and kind of forces teams to play at our pace and the pace we need to play at from a defensive standpoint. And she doesn't do a bad job knocking down open shots."

The next opponent, Vanderbilt, is led by its guards and hasn't lost since USC beat it on Jan. 5. The Gamecocks won that game by utilizing their height advantage; the Commodores may have figured a way to slow that down this time and get the game back to the guard matchups.

USC has options to counter them. Whether they remain the same at the same spot from game to game is what Staley will continue to develop.

#WBBTweetWk publicizes Gamecock women's basketball

The seventh-ranked Gamecock women's basketball team went on a week-long campaign to get fans involved with the program in coordination with two conference home games against Mississippi and Missouri from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2.

The week was implemented by South Carolina Athletics marketing department as an extension of the "Drive for 5" attendance campaign with a goal of reaching 5,000 Twitter followers for the @GamecockWBB account. The account started the week on Sunday with about 4,100 followers and jumped up to 5,250 followers by 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday morning. By the end of the Missouri game on Sunday, the @GamecockWBB account had gained about 1,600 followers during the week to over 5,700.



"Our goal as an athletics department is to be engaging and create a digital community for our fans. The Gamecock fans are really passionate at events but also really active on social media. The #WBBTweetWk idea came from wanting to engage with a really passionate fanbase," Brittany Lane, assistant director of marketing/digital and social media said. "We also wanted to raise the followers for the women's basketball account. We had the 'Drive for 5' attendance campaign and we decided to match that up with a Twitter push for 5,000 followers on the @GamecockWBB account. We were blown away because we reached the goal in the very first day and it made the rest of the week really fun.

"We want all of our social media accounts to be very involved in conversations with fans and be very responsive. So the more fun things we can do on social media the better. That's the beauty of a tool like social media," Lane added.

The hashtag #WBBTweetWk was used to help publicize the efforts and included "extensive social media coverage, primarily Twitter, of the women's basketball program, including daily unique content (Twitter Q&As, Instagram video messages), behind the scenes photos and videos with the team, coverage of marketing efforts (Greene St appearances, T-Shirt images), contests and giveaways, and a "Tweet Suite" at the game against Missouri on Feb. 2, where 14 lucky Twitter followers enjoyed free snacks and drinks while tweeting about the game," according to a release from South Carolina Athletics Media Relations.

The plans for #WBBTweetWk had to be altered slightly due to snow and ice in the Columbia area during the week, but that did not stop fans from participating.

"A couple of ideas got a little derailed by the ice and snow in Columbia, but we were definitely still able to do it. We had a really good time engaging with fans and they seemed to really enjoy it. The team enjoyed it too; it was something that was really fun and different to promote having two really great home games this week," Lane said.

In a teleconference Staley noted that she thought the weather played a positive role in getting fans to engage during the #WBBTweetWk.

"It worked out in our favor because people were home, responding and suffering from a little cabin fever. So I think it kind of helped break the day up. Our marketing department did an excellent job to come up with timely things for our fans to support. It also is an opportunity for us to give back because I know people want to ask us questions, they want to know more about our players from a personal standpoint and a basketball standpoint. It allows us to give back to the people that really have supported us since I've been here for six years," Staley said.

Participating in the Twitter Q&A sessions throughout the week were Alaina Coates, Aleighsa Welch, Tiffany Mitchell and head coach Dawn Staley. Some questions included the origination of Welch's nickname "Muffin," the student-athlete's goals for the year and if Staley knew when the episode of "Martin" in which she appeared would be on television again.

Staley noted in the teleconference that the support and involvement from the fans was encouraging for the program. 3/13/14 2:23 PM

"It solidifies that we're becoming the program that we envisioned. We create a home-court advantage. People are really seeing the product that we put on the floor and they're enjoying it. They're enjoying it by supporting it, by coming out. You know, sometimes I get tweets about if we're playing on a channel that they don't get in their selection, they're buying it for a month just to see the game," Staley commented. "So when you have that kind of support around your program, it does your heart good because you want more than anything - when I say you I mean us - you want more than anything to bring a national championship to the state of South Carolina, to the city of Columbia and also to our University.

"The way that you do that is you have to have the home court support or else it's not going to work. National champions have a home-court advantage that they create night in and night out and they have people that they take on the road. They pack their support and they're always in the gym supporting them. It always feels like a home-court advantage and we're not there yet, but we've got some faithful that show up on the West Coast, some at Vandy. So we're just looking forward to putting in all the pieces that create a National Champion," Staley continued.

The Gamecocks saw more of that support by having crowds of 5,344 against Mississippi and 7,828 for the Missouri game on Sunday. Both games also featured promotional shirt giveaways, with special long-sleeve shirts for students against Mississippi and neon yellow t-shirts for all fans with a "There's no place like home" message for all fans for the Missouri game.

After the victory over Missouri, Staley was impressed by the atmosphere that Gamecock fans provided for Sunday's game.

"You've got to believe that what happened out there in the Colonial Life Arena - the neon shirts, the crowd at the game, the play by the players, just the total atmosphere - if you're not moved by being in the gym, then you probably don't want to play high-level basketball. I think everybody that witnessed the game today heard from Gamecock Nation today and all the people who came from near and far. I got Twitter messages that people were taking two-hour drives to come see us play knowing that a two-hour drive back, they may miss some of the Super Bowl. So that's a wonderful thing," Staley commented.

Missouri's head coach Robin Pingeton lauded the home-court advantage and Gamecock program after the game and Staley said that it was an honor to be complimented by another coach.

"I think it's wonderful to get compliments by your peers especially where South Carolina has come from. I hope to be one of the model programs that you can look to to see how we built it," Staley commented. "I think we built it by putting a good product on the floor. I think we built it by great marketing opportunities that we've had for the past six years. We can't do it over night.

"I think our program is continuing to move in the right direction. The fact that we can do things like this, we can do a women's basketball tweet week and really see how our program has grown just from people enjoying seeing us play, enjoying hearing from our student-athlete, enjoying hearing the things that you may not hear if you don't come to a basketball game. It's a wonderful feeling but it's one that we have to keep winning in order to hold people's attention. Hopefully this team continues to do what got us here and hopefully we'll see more and more glory days like now," Staley said.

Gamecock comes through with big plays and versatility

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COLUMBIA — Aleighsa Welch has known nothing but success during her basketball career.

A top 100 national recruit out of Goose Creek High School, the 6-foot junior has been an important part of the South Carolina program since coming to campus.

She was named to the Southeastern Conference All-Freshman team two seasons ago and the All-SEC second squad following the 2012-13 campaign.

Prior to the start of the Gamecocks' 2013-14 season Welch was given a challenge: find a way to diversify her game.

With 6-4 freshman Alaina Coates and 6-4 junior Elem Ibiam slated to take over inside, USC coach Dawn Staley's plan was to move Welch to the perimeter.

As the Gamecocks entered last night's league road contest against Mississippi State with a 20-2 record, while sitting on top of the league with an 8-1 standard, the decision appears to be working well.

"I've had to adjust," said Welch. "We have two big bodies (inside) and not only that, the transformation of (sophomore guard) Tiffany Mitchell's game. She has come back and become a go-to scorer.

"It's a good transformation because, with the changes we have in our games this year, it has been successful. It's working. When something is working, you kind of have to pick your spots."

Welch, who averaged 12 points and seven rebounds last season, has improved those totals (13.4 points and 7.5 rebound), while helping the Gamecocks' new inside offense work.

"With any great player you want to stretch yourself out," said Staley. "Lisa Welch has worked on her game throughout the summer because we knew coming into this season we had two bigs that would control the paint.

"She had to work on some of the things she wasn't doing her first two years, which is put the ball on the floor, which is shoot the mid-range shot. She pretty much has improved in all areas of her game."

Welch has improved her medium range shot and even helps with ball handling and feeding the post.

Despite being forced to take more outside shots, Welch has become efficient; she leads the SEC in field goal percentage at .611.

In addition, Staley believes the move will have long-range benefits for Welch.

"It is something that she'll need moving forward and moving outside of college basketball," said Staley. "I think Lisa can have a long, fruitful professional career. But, in order for her to do that, she has to be more versatile with her size and with her athleticism.

"I think she is showing that. She's growing and improving her game, year-in and year-out. That is the mark of a good player."

Welch has also displayed her leadership by being at her best when the team is in need. When the Gamecocks found themselves trailing by double figures against Texas A&M and North Carolina, Welch led her team back into contention.

"As a leader of this team I know that's what I have to do," said Welch. "When my team is in need or when we're struggling, I know, 'OK, time to turn it up a little bit.'

"Every game I try to pick my spots. When we were down in the Texas A&M game and the North Carolina game I knew I had to be a little bit more aggressive, a little bit more vocal – just get everybody up. 'It's time to turn it on.'"

With the team entrenched in the top 10 in the national polls, Staley will continue to count on Welch's leadership.

"In the times we've needed her this year she hasn't failed us yet," said Staley. "That is the mark of a great player that is able to sacrifice when it is necessary. But, also, when it is time to have the ball in her hands she does a pretty good job.

"She comes through for us, making big plays."

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Gamecocks rally around McCray

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COLUMBIA, S.C. -- Dawn Staley and Nikki McCray were in the coaches' lounge at South Carolina on Sunday, watching the closing minutes of Washington's upset victory over Stanford.

Both expressed empathy for what Stanford's players might be facing the next day in practice with a perturbed coach Tara VanDerveer. They recalled one particularly grueling workout when they were playing on the U.S. national team coached by VanDerveer in 1995-96, when she was displeased with the squad.

"Did I have you on my team that day?" Staley asked McCray about a seemingly endless three-on-three drill. McCray answered, "Of course you did. You knew I wouldn't stop running."

Both cracked up at that memory, from when they were still young pros in their 20s, with Olympic gold medals in their future. Now they are colleagues who've worked together building the Gamecocks into the current No. 5 women's hoops team in the country.

And they are dealing with what many women in their 40s have to face: the threat of cancer. This past November, McCray was diagnosed with breast cancer. Supporting her has been a rallying point for the entire South Carolina program.

"It has been really helpful to be busy in our season and get the energy from our team, our staff, our fans," McCray, 42, said. "Beating this starts with getting up every day: being active, watching what I eat, hydrating enough."

"I don't look at this as a negative. This has helped me learn so much and given me a chance to help other people who are facing cancer, too. We're sharing things -- like recipes, stories about how we cope. When they do their chemo treatments I call them, and vice versa."

McCray joined South Carolina as an assistant in 2008, when Staley took over the program. The Gamecocks are 22-2 overall and 10-1 atop the SEC. South Carolina travels to face No. 19 LSU on Sunday (ESPN2/WatchESPN, 3:30 p.m. ET) as part of Play 4Kay, an annual event in memory of legendary NC State women's basketball coach Kay Yow, who died five years ago after a three-decade battle with cancer.

Like so many teams that have direct experience with someone facing cancer, Play 4Kay means something even more to South Carolina.

I have a mentality like I did when played: I'm going to fight this and beat this.

-- *Nikki McCray*

In November, McCray discovered a lump during a self-exam, and the next day told Staley.

"I said, 'You've got to get that checked out,'" Staley said. "This wasn't something to mess around with."

The diagnosis came, and when she initially called Staley with the news, McCray broke down crying. But she quickly pulled herself together.

"From that day on, she's been great," Staley said. "She has taken it head-on. She said, 'I need to say it out loud every now and then, and not be afraid of it.'"

McCray has had incidences of cancer on both her mother's and father's sides of her family, so she had a genetic test done soon after she was diagnosed.

"I don't have the genetic trait," McCray said. "Once you figure out what kind of cancer you have, you can go from there. I knew my diet would have to change a lot. I try to do more natural foods, and more of a plant-based diet. I didn't think I could do that, but I actually feel so much better."

"I always watched my diet as a player, but once I became a coach ... you think of our lifestyle: the traveling, the long hours. You pick up a burger here and there, and you're careless about what you eat. So this has been a huge eye-opener for me. I have to feed my body the things it needs. I have to exercise. I have a mentality like I did when played: I'm going to fight this and beat this."

McCray has had three chemotherapy treatments, the most recent earlier this week. So far, she said, she has been very fortunate in that she tolerates the treatments well and has been able to keep working without extensive fatigue.

"I rest when I need to," McCray said. "Dawn has been great. She said, 'Your No. 1 priority is your health.'"

Eventually, McCray will need surgery, but she was been told that can wait until after the season. She meets with a support group of cancer patients. She has been flooded with good wishes from her former teammates from Tennessee, USA Basketball and the WNBA.

A native of Tennessee, McCray was a standout for the Lady Vols from 1991 through '95, then played in the ABL and the WNBA. After her retirement as a player in 2006, she began her coaching career as an assistant at Western Kentucky.

McCray was a finalist for a head coaching job elsewhere this past offseason, but instead stayed with South Carolina. Staley is especially grateful for that now.

"She has her family, of course, but we're her family, too," Staley said of the South Carolina coaches, players and administrators. "Everybody in our circle can help her."

McCray has her immediate family assisting her at all times: Her husband, Thomas Penson, and his mother, Dorothy Penson, are always there in helping look after McCray and the littlest one in the family, Thomas Jr.

Nikki and Thomas' son was born Feb. 1, 2013. McCray refers to her mother-in-law as "my angel." Dorothy came to stay with Nikki and Thomas when Thomas Jr. was born and continues to help as a caretaker.

PLAY 4KAY

The annual Play 4Kay women's college basketball event helps raise money and awareness in the fight against women's cancers. To donate to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, visit www.kayyow.com.

"Knowing he has been in great hands is such a relief," Nikki said. "I think, 'Oh my goodness, if she wasn't here, how would I do it?' There are some times where he wants all your attention. Typically a few days after treatments, I notice my energy isn't there. And she has allowed me to rest and to be a better mom."

Last Sunday, the Gamecocks had their home Play 4Kay game against Arkansas. When McCray came into the locker room before the contest, she was surprised by the team decked out in pink "Play for Nikki" T-shirts.

"We have been playing for her," South Carolina sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell said. "We've tried to make everything as normal as possible for her. I feel like she's the kind of person to beat this disease. She's a strong individual, and she's helped us so much. She has a great team behind her."

McCray has tried to be all business at work, but she admitted the T-shirts made her emotional.

"I was getting ready to do the [scouting] report, and I burst into tears when I saw those shirts," McCray said. "I had to walk out for a minute. It was so touching to me. I've had great support. We're all in this together."



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South Carolina is NCAA contender

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COLUMBIA, S.C. -- South Carolina's players rolled their eyes and snorted laughter. Their coach Dawn Staley used to be quiet and shy?

"I can't even really imagine that," freshman post player Alaina Coates said.

That's because the Gamecocks never knew Staley when she was a college player like them. They only know the world traveler and Olympic gold medalist who is a successful coach. They will tell you that it was pretty easy for them to be confident in Staley's vision for South Carolina women's basketball.

But Staley gives them, and their parents, more credit than that.

"Some people just couldn't envision us at this point where we are: becoming a top-10 team in the country," Staley said. "The ones who are here, they really believed."

South Carolina (23-2) is No. 4 this week in the Associated Press poll and atop the SEC at 11-1. There is still a gauntlet to run in this challenging league: The Gamecocks finish the regular season with Kentucky, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee. Then there's the free-for-all known as the SEC tournament in Duluth, Ga.

"It's not my role to say who's the best team in the conference; that's going to work itself out," Arkansas coach Tom Collen said after a recent loss to the Gamecocks. "But I would say South Carolina has a good shot to make that statement. I think Dawn has done a terrific job, and she's probably got a Final Four-type team."

Staley made it that far three times while playing for Virginia (1990, '91 and '92). South Carolina has reached the Final Four once -- in the AIAW days in 1980 -- but has not finished higher than tied for second in the SEC. And the Gamecocks have never played in the SEC tournament final, let alone won that title.

What the Gamecocks have done so far this season, though, indicates a program that seems to have arrived as a national contender. It's what Staley pictured when she took over in 2008, following eight seasons and six NCAA tournament appearances at Temple.



Before Dawn Staley took over as coach in 2008, South Carolina hadn't played in the NCAA tournament since back-to-back appearances in 2002 and '03. Now, the Gamecocks are on the verge of their third straight trip.

"Those first two years here were really, really hard," Staley said of her 10-18 and 14-15 records to start her South Carolina tenure. "We would look at each other as a staff sometimes and say, What do we do?"

"But we kept fighting. We knew what we were doing would work. We just had to get the players who could buy into the vision we had."

And they are there now: like juniors Aleighsa Welch and Elem Ibiam, valuable starters who've also been mentors to the gifted rookie Coates. And sophomores Tiffany Mitchell, Khadijah Sessions and Asia Dozier, who form the rest of the starting lineup.

Also redshirt sophomore Tina Roy and redshirt freshman Tiffany Davis, strong guards off the bench who've filled in on a handful of starts. You could really list the whole roster, because it's a team where everyone seems very engaged in what's going on.

There's only one senior, reserve forward Wilka Mountout, so South Carolina is not a peaking group of very experienced players. It is a young squad still on the rise.

"A lot of people didn't necessarily understand why I chose USC," Welch said. "I knew Coach Staley was in the process of turning this team around. My senior year of high school, they made it to the WNIT."

"I kept up a lot with who they were recruiting. I played AAU and high school basketball against El, Tiffany Mitchell, Khadijah and Asia. These were very talented players. I wanted to be on a team that was able to maximize our potential. I think we're on our way to doing that. It feels great to see it all

unfolding the way I saw it when I was in high school."

Local heroes

Welch is from Goose Creek, S.C., just outside Charleston. And six other players on the roster are from South Carolina, including Sessions, Dozier and Coates. Mitchell is from Charlotte, N.C., about 90 miles to the north.

When Staley took the job, she and her staff did not have recruiting ties to the Palmetto State. That became their first priority. They began making connections all over South Carolina: from Chester to Myrtle Beach, from Irmo to Monck's Corner. From the mountains of the northwest, across the Piedmont, to the coasts of the Grand Strand and Lowcountry. To build South Carolina the program, they had to immerse themselves in South Carolina the state.

"It was mainly looking at how Coach [Steve] Spurrier did it with the football team," Staley said of her recruiting philosophy with the Gamecocks. "He started with just the best South Carolina players. So it was really important for us to try to lock down the state. So they would want to stay and win a national championship here, ultimately. We can recruit regionally and get national-level talent."

There has always been



With just one senior on the roster, South Carolina is not a peaking group of very experienced players. It is a young squad still on the rise.

competition for the best players from South Carolina and surrounding region, mostly from other SEC and ACC schools, including in-state Clemson. (Staley's former Virginia teammate Audra Smith is in her first year as coach at Clemson, by the way.)

So for the Gamecocks to become front-runners for that talent, the program had to be seen as high-level winner. And it was far from that when Staley came to Columbia.

South Carolina had 10 postseason appearances from 1978 to 1991, bridging the AIAW and NCAA eras. But for the next 20 seasons, the Gamecocks made it to the NCAA tournament just twice. And that was in back-to-back years, 2002 and '03.

The start of the drop-off coincided with South Carolina's move from the Metro Conference to the SEC for the 1991-92 season. When Staley took over after the 2008 season, the Gamecocks were coming off a five-year stretch in which they finished 12th twice, seventh, eighth and ninth in the SEC. They had become somewhat irrelevant in their conference and were a nonentity, frankly, on the national scene.

"I am learning how to build: It's through patience," Staley said. "It's made me a more patient coach and person to be able to see it through. It hurt to go through it early on. But every year we got better. We had a bright spot."

After losing records those first two seasons, the Gamecocks were 18-15 overall and 8-8 in the SEC in 2011, reaching the WNIT's second round.

Then in 2012, they advanced all the way to the NCAA Sweet 16, after a 25-10 regular season with a 10-6 league mark. Last year, South Carolina was 25-8 and 11-5, making it to the NCAA's second round.

The 5-foot-9 Mitchell is the team's top scorer, averaging 15.3 points. She also leads the Gamecocks in assists (91) and steals (55). Her field goal percentage has risen from 37.9 as a freshman to 53.0 this season. She is a strong candidate for SEC player of the year.

In a way, Staley was inadvertently "recruiting" Mitchell before she was even a college head coach. Mitchell was a fan of the former Charlotte Sting WNBA franchise, for which Staley played.



Seven Gamecocks are from South Carolina, including the team's backbone, junior Aleighsa Welch.

"I looked up to her growing up," Mitchell said of Staley. "We played the same position. My godmother was friends with [former Sting player] Andrea Stinson, and she would take me to games. I saw coach Staley, and I liked her game. I would try to do things she did. Just seeing her play inspired me."

'Village' people

Welch is the backbone of this squad. She recognized leadership was needed with seniors like Ieasia Walker -- a key player in Staley's elevation



Sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell leads South Carolina in scoring at 15.3 ppg.

of the program -- graduating after last season.

So Welch is one of Gamecocks who can now say things like, "We're not giving our full effort today," and even if there are grumbles, other players listen. Welch has also paid close attention to every teammate's personality and how best to communicate with her. And she has taken Coates under her wing.

"When Aleighsa first got here, she played hard and practiced hard, but she wasn't really giving of herself," Staley said. "I think last year, she saw how much time our leaders put in for the betterment of our team. She knew coming into her junior year, she would have to become that leader."

With a mother who spent two decades in the Navy, Welch had a very good example to follow.

"I talked to her a lot about leading this year," Welch said of her mom, Sharell Welch. "She said: 'You're not always going to make the popular decisions. But there is always that person who needs to say the hard things that nobody wants to hear.'"

"My mom has worked in hostile environments, and she learned to stand her ground. She said every leader has to have that respect, but you have to give that respect back to people too."

Staley would be the first to tell a player, Listen to your mama. Sometimes coaches will joke that parents are a "necessary evil" in recruiting players, and they may even prefer to keep moms and dads at a distance.

Staley takes the opposite approach: She recruits the parents as hard as the players.

"We've got some incredible parents that have our backs," Staley said. "I will call them, and vice versa. I am trying to help raise their daughters, but I don't know everything about their child and I'm not going to try to just figure it all out on my own. I have a valuable resource to help me."

"It sounds cliché, but it takes a village. We understand why their kids are here; it's because of the parents. We're not going to take them out of the equation."

The long haul

Even though it wasn't quick enough for Staley, the turnaround at South Carolina has, in fact, been pretty quick by any reasonable standard. And it has lured other programs interested in hiring Staley. However, after last season, she agreed to a contract extension at South Carolina through 2019.

"I didn't want to leave and not see this through," Staley said of that decision. "I'd like to see things develop and blossom into something special. We have everything we need to be successful: the support of administrators and fans, and we have made inroads with all the coaches here in the state of South Carolina."

"We were in the door with the recruiting class we just signed. All the things were lining up to take the next step."

Gamecocks through the years

A year-by-year look at South Carolina's season records since Dawn Staley took over. The Gamecocks reached the NCAA tournament in 2012 and 2013.

Season Record

2008-09 10-18

2009-10 14-15

2010-11 18-15

2011-12 25-10

2012-13 25-8

2013-14 23-2

The Gamecocks have commitments from four incoming players, led by center [Jatarie White](#), a former teammate of Mitchell's from Providence Day School in Charlotte. White is the No. 7 overall prospect by [espnW HoopGurlz](#) in this senior class.

All of that is the promising future. But the here and now is very good for the Gamecocks.

"I don't think there are a lot of teams in the country that have the depth that they do at the low block," said Collen of facing Ibiam and Coates, who are both 6-4, and the 6-foot Welch, who plays taller.

Welch is averaging 13.9 points and 7.6 rebounds. Coates is at 12.1 and 7.8. Ibiam averages 9.5 and 6.6, and leads the team with 66 blocked shots.

"Then there are the guards they run out there; they are very solid from the 3-point line," Collen added. "Dawn's got kids who take good care of the basketball, and they could play at whatever pace they want. She's teaching them to be very deliberate, because I think when you get in to the NCAA [tournament], the team that can play half-court basketball and execute in situations is going to advance."

And whether it's this year or down the road, advancing a long way is South Carolina's mission. Staley didn't win an NCAA title as a player, despite coming agonizingly close with the Cavaliers. But she is constructing a program to give her that chance as a coach.

"It's been a lot of fun," Mitchell said. "That's why I chose South Carolina; I knew they were a growing school and wanted to be a part of it. Watching Coach Staley as a player, I knew what kind of mindset she had. She's done things in her career that I wish to do.

"We're having a good season so far but just want to finish strong. I wasn't sure that it would happen this soon, but we're thankful it is."

Dawn Staley, Gamecocks women's basketball proving doubters wrong during historic season

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COLUMBIA - She saw packed crowds and attendance records. She saw SEC titles and national championships. The Final Four was more than a mythical place. To Dawn Staley, it was South Carolina's destiny.

This was a dreamer's vision. It required a patient touch. When Staley was hired as South Carolina's women's basketball coach six years ago, she kindly admits the program "wasn't very good." Her new team was irrelevant in the college basketball landscape, scraping the bottom of its own league in victories and attendance.



The absent interest and lack of success didn't bother Staley. She left her home in Philadelphia, where she spent eight seasons as Temple's head coach. At South Carolina, she was greeted by empty stands and a promise.

"If you win, people will come," Staley says. "That's the first thing that they said when I interviewed, when I took the job."



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It's not the only thing people said.

There were plenty of doubters in Staley's first years. People told her South Carolina would never reach the stratosphere occupied by Tennessee and Connecticut, women's college basketball royalty. The state belonged to football. There was no room for basketball, the critics said.

It's one of the reasons Staley wanted the job. She needs the doubters, craves to have that "friction" on the path to her goals. Skepticism drove her as a player. As a coach, she took the same approach. South Carolina would be Staley's new proving grounds.

Six years later, Staley has proven plenty.

The Gamecocks host Georgia on Thursday at Colonial Life Arena, and they're poised to meet two major goals in their final home game. A win will clinch the program's first outright SEC championship. South Carolina also is on pace to average more than 5,600 fans for home games, eclipsing its unprecedented "Drive for 5" commitment to average 5,000. Home attendance has more than tripled since Staley arrived.

She thinks back to that first season - the promise, the critics. And the steely coach smiles.

"I'm into beating the odds," Staley says. "I'm a total odds beater. I love when people say it can't get done. That just fuels me to put more energy into proving them wrong."

'Fan that flame'

When Staley brought her passion for women's basketball to South Carolina in the spring of 2008, she had company.

The same year, Eric Nichols left Vanderbilt to be the Gamecocks' associate athletics director for marketing. Together, they talked about how to increase interest. It was Nichols and his team that developed the "Drive for 5" plan in a staff meeting last June. Staley and her team executed it on the court and in the community.

At the college level, the coach and marketer need each other. Staley sets an agenda for her program. Nichols' ideas make sure the agenda is met.

"We provide the resources to take advantage of a flame when you get hot," Nichols explains. "There's no question, when you have a poor-performing program, there's no magic formula to bring people into the stands. However, I think with good behind-the-scenes work, you can fan that flame a little bit hotter, a little bit brighter."

Nichols cut his teeth with one of the better women's basketball programs in the country. At Vanderbilt, 20-win seasons are the standard. The stands are almost full. Public appeal is a puzzle for women's basketball programs across the country, Nichols says. Vanderbilt found the solution as well as almost anybody, with attendance figures often in the top 25.

There are several pieces to the puzzle. Besides winning, Nichols says nothing is more important than a coach who can be used as a "promotional vehicle" to the fan base.

"And Dawn is the best promoter I've ever seen," he says.

Nichols sat in his office last week, attendance figures pulled up on his desk computer. He keeps these numbers close. They show him how far women's basketball has come at South Carolina.

The program barely averaged 1,800 fans per home game one season before Staley was hired, 10th out of 12 SEC teams. Nichols says nobody looked at the past six years ago. With Staley opening a new chapter, everything was fresh.

"It was about Dawn Staley, and how could we leverage this new rock star hire?" Nichols said. "I hear stories of the lines for her autograph as soon as she got here were just out the door. It was just a matter of leveraging her rock star status."

The excitement was justified when Staley became the face of South Carolina women's basketball. One of the best players ever, Staley brought a sparkling pedigree to the program. She's a three-time Olympic gold medalist, and a recent member of the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame. She was a two-time national player of the year at Virginia in the early 1990s, leading the Cavaliers to three Final Fours. Her accomplishments brought pride to a downtrodden program. They're listed throughout her bio page on South Carolina's athletics website.

It's difficult to make a "splash hire" in women's basketball, a sport the public often overlooks. Staley was the rare exception, but she brought more than a resume to the program. The daily tasks away from coaching never end. There are public appearances and fundraisers. Players read to elementary students and visit nursing homes.

Each trip, the goal remains the same: connect with fellow citizens in the community, and make them feel part of the team.

"I think you have to do the groundwork," Staley says. "People want to feel part of the program, even if it's not a winning program. People want to feel that you're a part of their

community. They want to feel a part of our community, which is our team.

"I am a grass-roots person. So for me, it's always in the back of my mind."

'Parade down Main Street'

Staley senses the buzz when she goes to the supermarket. She can't walk down an aisle without fans stopping her. Each handshake shows how far her program has come.

Staley connects to the buzz over Twitter. Her timeline floods with congratulatory tweets from fans after every win. Part of the coach's postgame routine is retweeting messages of support.

"I wish I could reply to all of them," she says.

The signs are everywhere these days. Sometimes, before her team takes the court for games, Staley will linger in the tunnel and gaze into the stands. They are packed with thousands of fans now, proof her gamble paid off. Staley's vision became reality.

"The buzz is incredible," Staley says. "It almost feels like a football Saturday for us. Every day that we have a game is incredible. Women's basketball is becoming a part of this community, and that's what we need it to be in order for us to grow.

"I think about winning national championships for them. I do. I really do. Because that's what they want."

The growth hasn't gone unnoticed.

South Carolina athletics director Ray Tanner sat in the crowd last summer as Staley was inducted into the hall of fame. It was a special night for a special player, a night to remember the past.

Tanner's thoughts were on the future.

"When she was up there for her acceptance speech in Springfield, I was sitting there thinking she'll go in there as a coach as well," Tanner said.

The past three seasons - which includes two NCAA tournament appearances, a Sweet 16 and likely another long postseason run - have mirrored South Carolina's football success. Still, Nichols isn't thinking about the past. Like the summer before Staley's first season, the marketer is planning for a better future.

Asked how big women's basketball can become in South Carolina, Nichols didn't hesitate. He says the team has outgrown its "Drive for 5" campaign. Next up, he wants women's basketball to reach 5,000 season tickets for a season. The program is about 1,000 season tickets away.

Eventually, Nichols thinks women's basketball can become as big as South Carolina baseball, the first major sport to win a national championship in Columbia.

"We've said tongue-in-cheek, 'What are we going to do when another team wins a national championship? Are we going to do another parade?'" Nichols said. "At one point a few years ago, it was kind of like, 'Hmm, I don't know if there's enough interest, depending on the sport.' But the way this community and the state has responded to women's basketball? When we get that national championship, I hope there's a parade down Main Street."

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Women's pregame: Journey to top has been a steady rise for Gamecocks

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As happy and as proud as she was, Dawn Staley made sure to point it out after clinching a share of the SEC regular-season championship on Sunday. It wasn't just for the 2013-14 team, it was for the five that came before it, the foundation-layers and builders who got South Carolina to this point.

While it's magnificent to see what the No. 4 Gamecocks have become, Staley never has forgotten how hard it was to get here.

"The former ones, the ones who got their heads beat in six years ago, starting the building process," Staley said. "It feels great to do what most people thought could never get done here at South Carolina."

It began in that 2008 offseason, when Staley was hired from Temple by Eric Hyman. Vowing to take the Gamecocks to the top, Staley had detractors from the start – some griped that her initial contract was too lucrative for a program that struggled to win as much as it struggled with attendance.

"As much flak as I got for hiring her ... remember that?," Hyman said in November. "I talked to one of the radio guys when she started winning, and said, 'Now you're praising her, but before, you were ripping her.'"

The first year ended with a 10-18 (2-12 SEC) record that probably everybody but Staley expected. There wasn't much left in the cupboard that Susan Walvius had tried to stock after the program slipped from back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances to five consecutive years without one.

Staley was starting to see results, though. The Gamecocks won her first SEC game, against Ole Miss, on Jan. 22, 2009, making USC's record 9-9, 1-4. But leading rebounder and second-leading scorer Demetress Adams left that game with a knee injury that would end her season, forcing most of the scoring burden on senior Brionna Dickerson.

Three days later, Dickerson also suffered a season-ending knee injury. The Gamecocks stumbled to the finish, but Staley saw glimmers of hope. The injuries forced freshman La'Keisha Sutton to grow up, and Staley had mined a diamond on the recruiting trail.

Kelsey Bone, the country's No. 2 recruit, headlined the country's fourth-ranked recruiting class, giving an immediate boost to the reclamation project. The following year finished just short of the postseason with USC dropping five of its final six games to finish 14-15, despite a five-game improvement in SEC wins.

Bone was SEC Newcomer of the Year, leading scorer Valerie Nainima was returning and Sutton had had another strong season. Staley's third season would be the breakthrough.

Fifteen days after being named the best rookie in the league, Bone left the team. Staley's team stood behind her the day it was announced, pledging that they were confident they could carry on without Bone.

Nainima tore her ACL over the summer and the Gamecocks were minus their top two returning scorers. Yet, USC proved that it was not going to give up. Without Bone, without Nainima (she did return, but wasn't the lethal scorer of the previous season), the Gamecocks had to lean on others. Sutton, Ashley Bruner, Markeisha Grant, leasia Walker, Charenee Stephens, et al. – picked the team up.

The third year finished just short of the NCAA tournament, back-to-back overtime losses in February relegating the Gamecocks to a WNIT bid, and USC won one game before bowing out. The specter of Staley leaving briefly loomed, when Virginia parted with longtime coach Debbie Ryan and Staley was seen as a natural candidate, but talks never got beyond the initial phase.

"I don't think that we're going to miss very many years that we're not in the NCAA tournament," Staley said then. "It's a gold mine. I think the foundation's laid, now it's time for us to build a house. A big house."

The fourth year, with Sutton labeling the Gamecocks "The Money Team" and rallying behind her battle cry of "We All We Got, We All We Need," USC stormed to 21 regular-season wins, 10 in the SEC. The Gamecocks played in the SEC tournament semifinals and were awarded an NCAA berth, where they won two games to get to Staley's first Sweet 16. That begat another 25-win season a year later, and another NCAA appearance.

Expectations were high for this season, but USC has increased them as it has continued to win. An NCAA tournament berth is assured, and the Gamecocks can clinch their first undisputed SEC regular-season championship Thursday night.

Staley always said that she thought she would win like this sooner. But she wouldn't trade the journey to get here for anything.

"It's a great day to be a Gamecock, but certainly, we want to continue to take care of what we can take care of," Staley said. "If we can get it done (tonight), I think it would be a wonderful thing.

"We want to win it all."

Focused Ibiham helps development, success of Gamecocks

Gamecock women's basketball junior forward Elem Ibiham will be honored before the South Carolina-Georgia game for hitting a milestone that has been a long time in the making for her.

Before the season Ibiham was chosen to be one of the team's three captains for the 2013-14 campaign and she has started every game this year. Last year, Ibiham did not start a game, but began to make a larger impact for the team late in the season.

She credits being able to be on campus and work with the coaches over the summer for her progression as she has become a force in the paint for the Gamecocks this year averaging 9.4 points, 6.4 rebounds and an SEC-best 2.6 blocked shots per game.

"I think it just came from working this summer - the team stayed June and July this summer and we just got a lot of workouts in with the coaches. It's different from when you just go home and work out than being here with the coaches," Ibiham said. "For me I think that it was really good for me to have that hands-on experience here with the coaches and just working out."

Head coach Dawn Staley said that the coaching staff could see Ibiham's development coming and she felt that the work that Ibiham has put in helped to speed along that development.

"We saw her slowly developing into being a low post presence, something that we hadn't had. I think she saw her being a little different than everybody else because she's long and she's got tremendous footwork," Staley explained. "I think it helped her to be able to sit and see the game a bit differently her first kind of year and a half so to speak. It also lit a fire in her to get her to say 'coach probably should have played me more.'"

"I don't mind that because the bottom line is getting our players to where they can be successful, but El never rests on her laurels. She's always in the gym. She's worked with coach Taylor, she's worked with me, she's worked with any of our coaching staff to get to that point because she does not want to fail and when you have a player that has that mentality, they're going to be successful," Staley continued.

Ibiham's development and experience has not only benefitted herself and the team, but she has also been able to have an impact on freshman Alaina Coates. Staley said that she feels Ibiham has been able to assist Coates - four time SEC Freshman of the Week - in her transition to the college game.

"You can see El all over Alaina. Of course Alaina came in as a great player - she's big, she's agile, she's mobile, she's able to score in the block - but I think that the part that Alaina probably came in missing was the mentality. She came in with a high school mentality and on this level you have to bring it every single day. If Alaina was the only big that we had, her development wouldn't have come as quickly. I think a lot of it has to do with that El is here, she sees El working hard, she plays against El all preseason and all season long to where it's a little easier for her to play against other bigs when we step outside of practices," Staley explained.

Ibiham did not take credit for helping Coates development alone, but she did say that it has been very helpful to the team to have her playing as well as she is this year.

"I think we have all helped her, just mentoring her. She does come to me a lot just asking me questions because obviously we play the same position, but just helping her as she comes along is important because being a freshman is hard ... I just want to help her along so her growth is quick because we need her early," Ibiham said.

The ability to pair two outstanding bigs with Aleighsa Welch has given the Gamecocks one of the strongest frontcourts in the nation. The trio accounts for 48.1 percent of South Carolina's scoring and is shooting a combined 59.2 percent from the field.

"I think we're tremendously versatile when we're able to play the two of them together (Ibiham and Coates). I think we look like no other team in the country just because of their effectiveness and efficiency down there on the blocks and I'm glad they're on our team. I'm glad that we don't have to come up with schemes to figure them out ... I think it's a beautiful thing to have seen the development of both of them," Staley said.

Ibiham echoed Staley saying that she knows the "Twin Towers" - as they have nicknamed one another - give a tremendous advantage to the team.

"It's been a really good thing just to have that post presence to take a little bit of the pressure off our guards. They always know that we're going to be there positing up for them and ready to score, defend or whatever our coaches need us to do," Ibiham said. "I think having that post presence has been really good for us and we play well together."

Ibiham has been a huge help on the defensive end as she will be honored before the Georgia game for setting the program record for blocked shots in a single season at 69 and is currently sixth in career blocks in the Gamecock record books. Ibiham's knack for blocking shots came as somewhat of a pleasant surprise to Staley this season.

"I didn't really see that coming. I think that came up a little bit later just after seeing her play in games. I think a lot of times when we're in practices, I think El doesn't want to hurt anybody, but in games she goes after shots a lot more. At the rate that she's blocking shots she should and I think that she's been very successful in deterring shots, very successful in blocking shots and very successful in just having an intimidation factor in the paint," Staley said.

The accolades and increased playing time have been nice for Ibiham, but she said what means the most is the faith of the coaching staff to stick by her when she may have struggled at first at South Carolina.

"It has meant a lot to me that the coaches saw that in me, saw the leadership and saw that the growth was coming. So it meant a lot to me for them to put me in this position this year," Ibiham said. 3/13/14 2:22 PM

Ibiham now plays a leadership role as one of the team captains and has kept the Gamecocks focused on their goals all season long according to Staley. http://spursandfeathers.com/sports/wbkb/2013-14/releases/ibia...

"It's funny because this team has been even keel. They haven't gotten too high with the highs or too low with the lows," Staley noted. They just take it one game at a time. I wish that I had to beat them over the head to keep them focused, but I haven't had to do that because of our leadership.

"That leadership comes from Lisa Welch, Elem Ibiham and Khadijah Sessions. They're energetic kids on the court and they play hard, but off the court they're more cerebral. They want to win and they don't want anything to detract from us winning basketball games each and every time we step on the floor," Staley expanded.

Ibiham credited that focus she and her teammates have been able to display this year for putting them in the position to win the regular-season SEC title outright with one more victory.

"We don't really think ahead. When we're talking to each other in the room we're thinking about the next team, the next opponent," Ibiham explained. "We're not thinking about the next week; we're thinking about what's in front of us. Just having all of our minds on the one team, the one task, I think that helps a lot."

As far as what happens after the regular season, Ibiham reiterated that the Gamecocks still are not looking ahead or reading their own press.

"We're just trying to focus on the season. We set goals early in the season and we're trying to obtain them. That's our focus," Ibiham said.

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Dawn Staley: 'It seems just so surreal'

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... They are one of four USC teams ranked in the top 5 nationally in the latest poll of their respective sports (Equestrian, 1st; Baseball, 3rd; Women's Basketball, 4th; Football, 4th).

... South Carolina is the only school to be ranked in the top 5 in three of the four "major sports" – football, men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball.

... Coach Dawn Staley was inducted in the fall into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

... Alaina Coates has been named the SEC Freshman of the Week four times, and teammate Aleighsa Welch was named SEC Player of the Week in early February.

... USC is 12th in the nation and third in the SEC, averaging 5,638 fans per home women's basketball game. Attendance at home for USC women's basketball games has increased an average of 1,686 fans per game from last year's 3,952. The average one-year increase is third in the nation.

This wasn't a miracle. A miracle would connote something unexpected. This was something South Carolina wanted, something it needed, and as the season progressed, something it expected.

On Thursday, it was something obtained.

The No. 4 Gamecocks claimed their first SEC regular-season championship with a 67-56 win against Georgia, outlasting one of the SEC's traditional powers to bring home the title for coach Dawn Staley. Her six-year reclamation project has featured several milestones and highlights, but none bigger than this.

"You work so hard to accomplish this and you tend not to think about how you're supposed to act," Staley said. "It seems just so surreal. I think our kids have worked extremely hard and put themselves in a position to be SEC champions. And we took care of business."

USC claimed the No. 1 seed in the SEC tournament and will play the winner of the eighth and ninth seed at noon on March 7. The Gamecocks have one regular-season game to play, at No. 10 Tennessee on Sunday, but the result won't affect USC's standing.

SEC Commissioner Mike Slive and USC athletics director Ray Tanner were on hand to present the trophy to USC, the program's sixth conference championship, but first in the SEC. Sporting garnet championship T-shirts, Staley's 12 players and her staff each took a turn holding and caressing the piece of hardware they fought for all

season. Picked seventh by the media in the preseason poll, the Gamecocks stormed to the title with a 14-1 SEC record.

“It was a beautiful thing to see them rejoice, because we have left this court with our heads down and tears running down our face because we were defeated,” Staley said. “(The fans) painted a beautiful picture for us, because I didn’t know what it would look like to be SEC champions.”

Tiffany Mitchell seemed tired, but exhaustion couldn’t hide her broad grin. The sophomore carried USC to the title, scoring a career-high 25 points on a night during which the Gamecocks’ offense was derailed from the tip.

Their trusted approach of working the ball to bigs Elem Ibiam and Alaina Coates was stagnated when Ibiam couldn’t find the rim and Coates picked up three first-half fouls, but Mitchell’s fearless determination forced the other Gamecocks to keep finding her.

She twisted into the lane for 16 first-half points, then delivered the back-breaker in the second. With Georgia finding its shooting touch after an icy first half, USC was struggling to stay afloat. Free throws, a severe weakness over the past two seasons but a 30-of-38 gem on Thursday, were keeping the Gamecocks in the game. But, the Bulldogs (18-10, 6-9 SEC) would not go away.

Mitchell found herself in the corner with a 10-point lead and 7:34 to play. With the Gamecocks (26-2, 14-1) not having hit a 3-pointer all night, Mitchell rose and swished the first.

“She said when the shot clock got low, if we couldn’t get it inside, just shoot,” Mitchell said. “Khadijah (Sessions) found me and I hit it.”

“Tiffany Mitchell has been a player that every time we needed a basket or a stop, she got it for us,” Staley said. “Second half, she hit a big shot, hit a 3, to keep us up by 13 when Georgia was making a run. She’s done it all season long.”

Coates finished with 18 points, snaring four rebounds and scoring seven points on four consecutive possessions, and USC cruised to the finish. Staley was able to empty the bench to get everybody playing time on a historic night, and sent the 12,458 fans home happy. It was the second-largest crowd to watch a women’s basketball game in Colonial Life Arena history, topping the previous second-largest that was set in the last game.

Staley could reflect while celebrating. It took a long time to get here. The players that came before, the builders, were just as much a part of this as the current team. Even some of her former players at Temple were texting her, telling her they felt like honorary alumni of USC.

“It’s great to have them circle back and feel this moment because it’s something that escaped them,” Staley said. “But they still have a part of our history in helping us get to this point.

“Why not us? It’s something I said six years ago. We made it happen.”

USC women chasing history, could clinch SEC title tonight

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COLUMBIA — Wednesday was a big day for South Carolina women's basketball coach Dawn Staley.

She hopes today will be even better.

Staley, who was announced as coach of the 2014 Team USA Basketball Women's Under-18 team Wednesday, leads the Gamecocks against Georgia tonight at the Colonial Life Arena in a game that could make USC history.

With a win, USC (25-2, 13-1) would earn the school's first Southeastern Conference regular-season championship in the sport. The Gamecocks, ranked No. 5 in the *USA TODAY* Sports coaches poll, enter the game guaranteed a tie for the title but are eager both to earn it outright and complete an undefeated regular season at home.

"I don't think we are too good at sharing, so we would much rather have it to ourselves," sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell said with a smile. "We're really excited and hope to make that happen tonight."

The Gamecocks have won five regular-season conference titles in their history, but never in the SEC.

"Our fans, they will us to wins," Staley said. "That's the most important thing, that home-court advantage that we gain by people being in the stands."

"From the response we're getting on social media and just walking around the city of Columbia, everybody seems like this is going to be the place to be, and hopefully, it is the place to be because I think our players deserve a sellout."

The Gamecocks drew a season-high 10,547 fans Sunday. They are hoping to pack significantly more in the 18,000-seat Colonial Life Arena tonight because Staley understands that the Bulldogs (18-9, 6-8) are a high-caliber program with a rich tradition.

"Georgia is not going to let us walk all over them," Staley said.

A victory by the Gamecocks would earn the program's first undefeated home season since 1978-79, when it played in Carolina Coliseum.

"Just to be a part of that is something I know a lot of people want to be a part of," Mitchell said. "The thought has been in our heads, but we didn't want to look too far ahead on our schedule early on. We just knew that we had to play each game and that would determine the outcome."

Staley believes a win tonight would be a huge benchmark for her program.

"A win means you see the fruits of your labor coming to reality, and it is a beautiful thing," Staley said. "It is not just us. It is the former players. It is being a part of the history of the University of South Carolina. It is fans having the chance to enjoy it."

Go Gamecocks

Perfect Pair: Mitchell, Welch help push USC to the top

Players take turns leading USC to No. 1 in the SEC

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Dawn Staley has the best of both worlds – an SEC Player of the Year and another player who could have been. Both will be around for a while.

“I think they’re that special for our basketball team, and they both have been our players of the year at different times during the season,” Staley said of No. 5 South Carolina’s dynamic duo, sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell and junior forward Aleighsa Welch.

“But they want the best for each other. I know Aleighsa sees how hard Tiffany works in the gym, and I know Tiffany sees how hard Aleighsa works, and we’re just happy that it’s in-house and both of them ended up on first team, because it was most deserving.”

Mitchell was named SEC Player of the Year on Tuesday, the second sophomore in league history to win, the first being Tennessee’s Candace Parker. Mitchell led the Gamecocks with 15.5 points per game, which ranked 10th in the SEC, and was in the league’s top five in free-throw percentage and steals per game, while also ranking 10th in assists per game.

Welch ranked 15th in the SEC with 13.9 points and was ninth in rebounding, eighth in blocks and second in field-goal percentage. She joined Mitchell on the All-SEC first team and also was named to the All-SEC defensive team.

Each saw a piece of the other in their games and each heavily contributed to the Gamecocks’ success this season. If only one could get the award, so be it – each pointed out that no honors could be won without the other.

“I honestly thought Tiffany deserved it,” Welch said. “Especially with the improvement she’s had. ... I was ecstatic for her.”

“I was shocked a little bit,” Mitchell said. “If I could share it, I would.”

The two have played well in tandem all season. Welch was the veteran, Staley’s first in-state recruit who seamlessly blended into a mix of upperclassmen as a freshman and helped spur them to 25 wins and a Sweet 16 berth. A year later, Welch led the Gamecocks in scoring as they again advanced to the NCAA tournament.

Mitchell was there for the second trip. A talented freshman from Charlotte who started all but three games, she was still a background player, taking her turn behind Welch, Ashley Bruner and leasia Walker. Knowing how valuable Mitchell would be, Welch voluntarily took a lesser role in the non-conference season, wanting Mitchell, freshman Alaina Coates and the Gamecocks’ others to get a head start on developing their talents.

“She’s a really intelligent basketball player,” Staley said of Welch.

“She’s athletic, but when you add that element of being smart and being a student of the game, I think it just increases your appreciation for what she does.”

Mitchell was described by high-school coach Josh Springer as the most competitive player he had ever coached, which Mitchell cheerfully backed up. “I hate to lose,” she recently said. “I’ve gotten better at it, but there were times where we’d lose and I wouldn’t talk the rest of the day.”

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Staley, USC women still have plenty to prove

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COLUMBIA — The challenges aren't over for top-seeded South Carolina.

Coach Dawn Staley and the Gamecocks understand that despite their first Southeastern Conference championship and No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament, they've got plenty left to prove.

That was apparent from Monday night's draw. South Carolina's trip starts some 2,800 miles West of campus in Seattle, by far the longest trek of the four top seeds. Connecticut and Tennessee open at home while Notre Dame starts play in Toledo, Ohio.

"I kind of like traveling, honestly," said Tiffany Mitchell, South Carolina's leading scorer voted SEC player of the year by league coaches. "I don't think it's going to be that big of a deal."

OK, but that's not all of it.

Should the Gamecocks (27-4) advance to the round of 16, they'll likely face a team they've already lost to in North Carolina. And then there's the potential matchup for a Final Four berth with Stanford on the Cardinal's home court.

One step at a time, Mitchell said, and that means focusing on 16th-seeded Cal State Northridge (18-14), the Gamecocks' opening-round opponent Sunday.

"I don't know that we're trying to put that much pressure on ourselves" to think past this weekend, Mitchell said. "We're just going to try and execute, stick to the game plan and not think, 'Oh, we're the top team.'"

Staley came to the Gamecocks six years ago with that in mind. But it's been a bumpy ride at times to get there.

South Carolina was just 2-12 in SEC play in Staley's first season of 2008-09 and saw two of her biggest recruiting coups in 6-foot-5 Kelsey Bone and 6-2 Kayla Brewer leave after their first seasons with the Gamecocks.

Still, Staley kept building her program in her image — the fiery Hall-of-Fame point guard led Virginia to three Final Fours — and found players she believes can shrug off those who are convinced South Carolina can't compete with college basketball's very best.

"They'll probably be some naysayers who'll say we didn't deserve" the top seed, Staley said. "You've got to check our record. You've got to check our league. I think we've done a tremendous job with this young basketball team and we just have to continue it."

SEC first-team forward Aleighsa Welch doesn't think the Gamecocks bracket was packed with land mines by selectors looking to derail South Carolina's ground-

breaking season. Still, she knows her team can't flame out early or they'll lose some of the respect gained nationally this year.

"We have to make sure we handle our business," she said. "We have to make sure we prove to everybody who didn't believe that we are deserving of this No. 1 seed that we are worthy of it. We can't have any lapses."

Welch was part of the team two years ago that advanced to the round of 16 and fell to then top-seeded Stanford 76-60 in Fresno, Calif. The Gamecocks were a fourth seed a year ago but lost to 12th-seeded Kansas in the round of 32, far short of where Staley and her team envisioned last season ending up.

Staley expected somewhat of a rebuilding project this year as three starters from last season in forward Sancheon White and guards Ieasia Walker and Ashley Bruner were gone.

The Gamecocks, though, started fast and relied on a strong post presence led by Welch and 6-4 towers Elem Ibiam and Alaina Coates. Ibiam (82) and Coates (64) were second and third in SEC blocked shots this season. Coates was named the league's freshman of the year in the coaches' vote and shared the sixth-man award with Kentucky's Jennifer O'Neill.

Staley said she'll use her memories of reaching the Final Four as a player to keep the players on task.

"As coaches, we'll jolt them back to reality and work on the mental aspect of the game," she said. "I think the stronger you are mentally, the better you're going to play."

More All-SEC honors

Staley was the unanimous choice for the top SEC coaching honor in voting by The Associated Press announced on Tuesday. Coates was voted newcomer of the year. While Mitchell didn't win player of the year, she was the only unanimous selection to the first team. Welch was voted to the second team.

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Michaux: Gamecocks' Dawn Staley finds success at every turn

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Dawn Staley admits she didn't even see the No. 1 next to South Carolina's name when the women's NCAA Tournament seedings were revealed on the televised *Selection Show*.

It was an "unexpected surprise" for the Gamecocks head coach.

"I didn't think we ended our season on a great note," Staley said. "But obviously some people felt that our body of work spoke for itself throughout the season."

The Gamecocks (27-4) won the Southeastern Conference regular season and rose as high as No. 4 in the country before losing to Tennessee in the regular season finale and Kentucky in the SEC Tournament semifinals. They open the NCAA Tournament against Cal State-Northridge today in Seattle.

That South Carolina has done it all with its young roster that includes only one reserve senior is all the more impressive.

"We have players who have on the job training because they're so young," Staley said.

It's Staley who deserves credit as the architect of the Gamecocks' revival. She led Temple to six NCAA Tournament appearances in eight years before accepting the Gamecocks job in 2008. It was not like she was walking into a program with a wealth of history. South Carolina had reached only one Final Four in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women era in 1980. In 27 years from 1991 until she took the reins, the Gamecocks had reached the NCAA Tournament only twice in 2002-03.

Staley's first two teams would follow suit with losing records on 10-18 and 14-15. But she'd done enough homework before arriving to have faith this would turn around – stealing a page from the Steve Spurrier recruiting pagebook by locking up the best local recruits. Seven Gamecocks are South Carolina bred including SEC Freshman of the Year Alaina Coates and starters Aleighsa Welch, Khadijah Sessions and Asia Dozier. SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell hails from 90 minutes up the road in Charlotte.

"From a recruiting standpoint, we did research and found out there was a cluster of young, talented players here in South Carolina," Staley said. "We just had to be patient and wait until they grew up and at the same time kind of keep them away from the vultures that lurk outside of South Carolina. Fortunately for us we've been able to keep the best of the kids at home and built this program on homegrown talent and then be able to recruit outside this area the best kids nationally to come in and mesh with what we already have."

IT WAS ANOTHER SPURRIER who counseled Staley through the growing pains – Jeri. The football coach's wife was a shoulder to lean on through two losing seasons.

"I sat back and watched and talked to Jeri Spurrier a lot," Staley said. "She's invested just as much as coach Spurrier is on his success and the success of South Carolina football. She kept telling me to be patient. We've been exactly where you are."

In 2011, the Gamecocks were 18-15 and reached the second round of the WNIT. The next year they were 25-10 and made it to the NCAA Sweet 16. Last they went 25-8 and lost in the NCAA second round.

This year's No. 1 seed is validation for all the hard work. The future, however, looks even brighter with a young squad that will be augmented by the No. 7 overall recruit in center Jatarie White from Charlotte possibility of landing the top-ranked prep senior – 6-foot-5 A'Ja Wilson – from nearby Hopkins, S.C.

"It just means that when you do things the right way success will come," Staley said. "You do have to have some patience about it but certainly it will come."

Patience has never been Staley's strong suit. She was an instant collegiate success when she arrived at Virginia, leading the Cavaliers to three Final Fours and one national championship game from 1990-92. She went on to win three gold medals in the Olympics and led the Charlotte Sting to one WNBA Finals.

NONE OF HER CURRENT players were born before Staley graduated college and the oldest was 11 when she retired from playing.

"I don't think they have a clue as to the type of player I was," Staley said. "It's a little stretch for them to remember or even go on the Internet to find some footage. But I think they believe in our process and our vision and I do believe they have an inclination to some of the success I had as a player."

Her success is what makes Staley a good coach.

"I'm still very much a player at heart and I coach from being a player," she said. "Players like to stay in rhythm and don't like to come out if they make one mistake or look over their shoulders to see if someone is coming in for them. So I coach from that mentality."

Her Gamecocks can fill the missing item on Staley's résumé.

"I've had so many successes in my career as a player and as a coach, but this is the one," she said of the NCAA title that eluded her as a player. "This is the big void that I've been trying to fill for a very long time. It feels great to be a little bit closer to it. For me it would be a tremendous mountain to have climbed. But I know it's going to take a whole lot of hard work and some luck and our kids being able to stay mentally strong and tough throughout what hopefully will become a deep run in the NCAA Tournament."

Despite its top seed, South Carolina has no easy road to the Final Four.

It starts in Seattle and hopes to advance to Stanford next week, where the No. 2 seed Cardinal get to play host. It hardly seems like a reward.

Beyond that is a Final Four that is likely to include undefeated women's Goliaths Connecticut and Notre Dame.

STALEY HAS THE GAMECOCKS inching towards inclusion into that elite sorority.

"You have to take steps to get there," she said. "I think us getting a No. 1 seed we took a huge step. At this time of season though, I think all the pressure is on UConn and Notre Dame and the high tradition teams who've always been there. For us we're like the new kids on the block. I hope we're able to play loose and play the type of basketball that got us here and you never know."

Staley – who signed a lucrative contract extension through 2019 – believes that the embrace from Gamecocks fans will grow as strong as it has become for baseball when Ray Tanner brought home consecutive College World Series titles.

"South Carolina people want to be a part of winning like everybody else," Staley said. "We're able to draw almost 13,000 fans for our last home game, that says a lot. That says a lot for where this program has come and where it's going to go. I'm really proud of what we've been able to build and have people celebrate with us. If we can somehow bring a national championship to this city it would be tremendous much like what coach Tanner did with the baseball team."

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Journey leads USC's Aleighsa Welch to the cusp of greatness

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COLUMBIA - Word of mouth spread before Aleighsa Welch was old enough for high school. Her reputation grew, extending past the neighborhood basketball courts, where the eighth-grade girl would only compete against boys.

There was a basketball prodigy living in Goose Creek. Tim Baldwin had to see for himself, everyone told him. The Gators girls basketball coach heard Welch's name in the school halls. His players shared her athletic exploits. The school's P.E. teacher confirmed the folklore.



The chatter was too loud to ignore, so Baldwin arranged a meeting with Welch's mother. He asked her to bring Welch by the gym. Baldwin wanted to see if hype met reality.

He didn't even need to see Welch take a shot.

"It probably took me from the baseline to the free-throw line before I figured out she could play," Baldwin said. "She was natural with the basketball."

In Welch, Baldwin saw greatness. She physically imposed players four, five years older. Soon, she would be dominant, the type of player that builds programs. Baldwin invited Welch to play on the varsity. It was a chance to begin her basketball journey a year early, an offer any player would jump at without hesitation. There was only one problem.

When Baldwin posted open tryouts, Welch didn't show. The girl who could beat the boys didn't think she was ready.

"I didn't want to play high school basketball," Welch said. "I knew my size, I knew my skill set, just from playing with my brother or playing in middle school or whatever the case may be. So I kind of knew the type of player I was, but I didn't know if I could maximize my potential just because I was really young."

Baldwin wouldn't take "no" for an answer. He refused to see Welch's talent wasted. The coach sat with Welch in her family's living room, promising basketball could take her a long way. Eventually, she joined the team.

Her launch has been meteoric ever since.

Welch rewarded her coach's persistence, leading Goose Creek to the 2010 state championship. The Post and Courier's three-time All-Lowcountry Player of the Year accepted a scholarship to South Carolina, where she continues to grow her reputation. As a junior this season, Welch is the vocal leader for the greatest women's basketball team in Gamecocks history. As an All-SEC First Team selection, she propelled South Carolina to its first SEC championship and No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

The Gamecocks open their tournament run with a game against No. 16 seed Cal State Northridge at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in Seattle. Back home, Baldwin will watch his former star from across the country. His amazement wore off long ago. Now, he says Welch showed everyone in Goose Creek what it took to be great. All she needed was a little push.

'She's gonna be great'

The journey didn't start on the courts of Goose Creek. Welch began playing the game a world away, as a 5-year-old on a naval base in Rota, Spain.

Welch's family moved a lot when she was young. Her mother, Sharell, was a Chief Petty Officer, retired after 22 years of service in the United State Navy. Welch tried to fit in with Spanish culture. She began playing soccer, the national sport. When it couldn't keep her interest, Welch picked up a basketball. Instantly, she was in love.

As the family moved throughout Welch's childhood, basketball was one of her few constants.

"For military children, it's hard when you have to uproot after three or four years," her mother said. "They make friends, and then you have to tell these friends goodbye and start all over again. Functionally, they just really don't transition that well moving from a familiar place to an unfamiliar place. But the fact that she had basketball, she knew that wherever we went, she was going to play.

"I think just having that comfort knowing wherever we went basketball was going to be an option for her, she transitioned just fine. I think if she did not have that, she probably wouldn't have been able to adapt so easily to the transition."

Welch had a natural gift. Her mother says it was divine. There were no basketball players in the Welch family. The game didn't exactly flow through her bloodlines.

Welch was different. Her development came naturally, blossoming at an early age. Any reservations about joining the Goose Creek varsity - Welch, a left-hander, thought she needed to develop her right hand more - were quickly eased. By the end of her eighth-grade year, Welch was one of the best players - on a team with Division I prospects.

She led Goose Creek in scoring during a playoff loss at Orangeburg-Wilkinson that year. There was disappointment after the game, but Baldwin kept thinking about what the future could hold with his young star. The school bus pulled up to a Wendy's after the game. As they waited in line to order, Baldwin told Welch her potential was endless.

"I told her, 'You know you were our leading scorer tonight,'" Baldwin said. "She was like, 'Yeah, I knew it was a big game, and I had to step up.' And that's from a girl who was in eighth grade. That's when I was like, 'Wow. She's gonna be great.' "

Led with conviction

Nobody gave her daughter a chance. The odds were too great. Goose Creek was an overwhelming underdog entering the 2010 state championship game against Spring Valley. As her daughter packed her gym bag, Sharell Welch knew there were no guarantees.

Sharell Welch grabbed her daughter's hand before leaving the house.

"I looked at her eyeball to eyeball, and I said, 'Whatever God's will is for this game tonight, you have to accept it - good, bad or ugly. You understand?' " she said. "I was holding her hand, and she looked at me with conviction, with determination, and she said, 'Mommy, we are gonna win the state championship.' I remember it just like it was yesterday."

Welch is known for coming up big in clutch moments. There is no greater example than Goose Creek's state title. Welch scored 36 points and 15 rebounds, leading her team to an upset inside Colonial Life Arena. At the time, she couldn't envision how familiar that arena would become.

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley shared Baldwin's initial impression of Welch the first time she saw the 6-foot forward play. It was the way Welch moved on the court - her raw athleticism, her incredible rebounding ability - that attracted her on the recruiting trail.

Ultimately, Welch's basketball smarts won Staley over. Welch has played every position on at least one end of the court this season. She starts South Carolina's press, and distributes on offense. Of course, she also rebounds. Her 7.5 boards per game rank second on the team this season. They go with 13.7 points per game.

Sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell received the postseason accolades this spring. She was the SEC Player of the Year after leading the Gamecocks in scoring. Staley appreciates Mitchell, but she said no player is more important to her team's success than Welch.

"She has an incredible combination of smarts and athleticism, and she's just really a workaholic," Staley said. "She works. She's a workhorse. If you look at our successes and our failures, it probably starts and finishes with her. I know Tiffany Mitchell's had a tremendous year, but when Aleighsa has played well or hasn't played well, it usually reflects a win or loss.

"She's that important to our basketball team. Hopefully she can lead us or will us to have a long stay in the NCAA tournament."

There will be basketball after South Carolina. Staley, a hall of fame player, called Welch "a pro" who can thrive on the next level. Right now, a deep run in the NCAA tournament is the only thing on her mind. She thinks back to her journey, and she knows everything led to this opportunity.

She isn't worried about the future right now. Welch knows she's ready.

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South Carolina point guard gets to learn from one of the best

Gamecocks' Khadijah Sessions learns the points of playing guard from her coach, Dawn Staley

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The white strip of paint separating the sideline from the court was infuriating for Dawn Staley on Sunday. The South Carolina coach could only puff her cheeks and clench her fists as she desperately hoped to make eye contact with her point guard, Khadijah Sessions.

A foul was called, sending Sessions to the line with 1:34 left in the Gamecocks' NCAA tournament first-round victory. That gave Staley her chance to summon the sophomore guard to the sideline.

A rolled-up white piece of paper in Staley's hand cut through the air like a knife. Anyone in Alaska Airlines Arena could tell Sessions botched something, but midway through the discussion Sessions walked off. She had to shoot those free throws.

Unfazed, Sessions made four consecutive free throws to push South Carolina's lead back to double digits en route to a 73-58 victory over Cal State Northridge. That enabled South Carolina, the top seed in the region, to advance to a second-round game

against ninth-seeded Oregon State on Tuesday at 6:40 p.m.

"It doesn't feel good to her," Staley admitted after the victory. "But I'm going to use opportunities to teach her some lessons, especially because we anticipate being in the NCAA tournament for the rest of her career."

It's the bigger picture that created this small moment. Staley, a 5-foot-6 Hall of Fame point guard, led Virginia to three Final Four appearances, including the championship game in 1991.

The Cavaliers didn't win that title game, but Staley was voted the most outstanding player.

Good luck finding that trophy in her office. It's the NCAA championship — the only desired trophy she hasn't won — that eluded Staley.

Through experience, Staley knows in women's basketball that winning starts with the point guard.

Proof comes through a simple stroll through history from Staley and Teresa Edwards in the Olympics to Sue Bird and Lindsay Whalen on the WNBA level and then the modern-day Odyssey Sims and hopefully Sessions in college.

At least that's the plan.

"She's pushing me to be the same person as she was," Sessions said before practice Monday. "Being under her leadership and her direction was one of the best things I've ever decided to do in my life."

Staley and her staff, which includes Olympian Nikki McCray, had their eye on Sessions before

she even entered Myrtle Beach High in her native South Carolina. It was the competitive fire, raw athleticism and silky shot that Sessions displayed.

Sessions also had the showmanship and talent of a Cynthia Cooper.

“I’ve actually had to tone her antics down,” Staley said. “Khadijah really enjoys the spotlight and the moment. Sometimes it works against her. When you give so much attention to antics, you lose sight of the focus of getting your team organized.”

Teammates call Sessions the “Hype Man.” They give her a dance move to perform and she does it to the fullest. They encircle her 5-foot-8 frame on the court before player introductions and Sessions’ head peeps over the top, shouting callbacks to the rafters.

But a lesson on how far to take the show was learned the hard way. Sessions celebrated too soon in a defeat against No. 12 North Carolina in December. A highflying chest bump with junior Aleighsa Welch ended in a high ankle sprain for Sessions. She missed the ensuing five games due to the injury.

As the team spun out of that defeat into a seven-game winning streak, eventually claiming the program’s first Southeastern Conference regular-season title, Sessions spent the rehab time honing another instruction from Staley — learning to love breaking down game film. If Sessions isn’t trying to make the room smile, she’s studying opponents’ moves on an iPad.

Staley estimated Sessions studied more film than the coaching staff on Oregon State.

The Beavers (24-10) are making their first trip to the NCAA tournament since 1996 and Sunday won their first game since 1995, defeating Middle Tennessee State.

Oregon State features its own young point guard in Sydney Wiese, a 6-foot left-handed freshman who sports the same old-school headband positioning as Sessions. Wiese averages team-highs in scoring (14.5 points) and assists (4.0), and shoots 43.7 percent from three-point range.

“It’s a beautiful thing when you’ve got a great point guard,” Staley said she told OSU coach Scott Rueck. “I don’t know if he thought I was talking about our point guard. I was talking about Sydney Wiese.”

Sessions already knows Wiese likes to handle the ball 90 percent of the time, picking apart defenses until she gets the ball in the hole.

It’s the type of defensive assignment Sessions just loves.

Just as Staley would’ve as a player.

And if Sessions is successful, South Carolina (28-4) will continue dancing into the future.

“We’re working on it,” Sessions joked of Staley’s rhythm. “She’s teaching me how to play the game and I’m teaching her how to dance.”

Go Gamecocks

2 SWEET! Gamecocks off to round of 16

USC to face UNC next at 7 pm Sunday

By David Cloninger

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SEATTLE — South Carolina's defense was overshadowed by its offense all season.

The Gamecocks never forgot how to play it.

USC wiped out two of Oregon State's top three scorers in a 78-69 win on Tuesday, propelling the Gamecocks to their second Sweet 16 in three years. Defensively brilliant the past two seasons, USC was solid this year but its offense was why it was winning. As the Beavers found out, the Gamecocks were as good at denying the buckets as they were at filling them.

"They forced us to do things we didn't want to do," guard Jamie Weisner said.

The Gamecocks faced a team that was taller and much more gifted from the 3-point line and barely batted an eye. Even when their own shooting was shackled, they overcame.

"Just really proud of how our team performed today," coach Dawn Staley said. "They had the will to get to the Sweet 16 and weren't going to be denied."

Point guard Sydney Wiese, the head of the snake at 14.5 points per game and the director of a prolific long-range shooting team, had eight points and was 3-of-15 from the field, not scoring until less than two minutes remained. Center Ruth Hamblin, a formidable 6-foot-6, fouled out with 13 minutes to play, holding a goose egg in the points column. As USC did against Cal State Northridge in its tournament-opening win, it was OK with letting one player score – Weisner had 21, including five 3-pointers.

But Weisner needed help, and she couldn't get it. Every passing lane and every inside shot was deflected, tipped, altered or rebounded by the ferociously swarming USC defense.

"Tonight was a total team effort on (Wiese)," Khadijah Sessions said. "I think we did a good job with that. We threw a lot of fresh bodies at her."

"That's been done to Sydney Wiese all year long," a mystified coach Scott Rueck said. "I don't know why that ball didn't go down tonight. She's been everybody's target all year but she managed to play through it."

The Gamecocks (29-4) out-rebounded a taller team 45-40. The physical Beavers (24-11) were forced to back off as the fouls mounted, and that opened the floor even more.

Tiffany Mitchell broke out of a scoreless first half with 20 second-half points, including two 3-pointers. USC shot 4-of-6 from long range, helping neutralize a Beavers team that loved to hoist the 3 but only hit 10-of-30.

The Beavers never went away, keeping the deficit at nine points in the closing minutes, but USC continued to hit free throws. The Gamecocks hit 34-of-43 against Oregon State, the most they've ever made under Staley.

"One thing we emphasized was going right through them," said Aleighsa Welch, who led the Gamecocks with 21 points. "I think it paid off. We got to the free-throw line and we capitalized from the free-throw line."

The Gamecocks will fly directly to Stanford, Calif., for the Sweet 16, and take on a familiar opponent - fourth-seeded North Carolina at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The Tar Heels (26-9) handed the Gamecocks their first loss of the season on Dec. 18 in Myrtle Beach in a game where Sessions sprained her ankle halfway through. Stanford, which eliminated the Gamecocks from the Sweet 16 two seasons ago, and Penn State fill out the four-team regional.

"I think it gives us a lot of motivation because there's a lot more at stake," Welch said of the rematch with the Tar Heels. "We dug ourselves into a hole that game. It's win or go home now."

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Getting to know the Gamecocks: Aleighsa Welch

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No.: 24

Position: Forward

Year: Junior

Height: 6-0

Hometown: Goose Creek

Key stat: Averages 14.1 points, 7.6 rebounds per game

Did you know...

Welch's nickname isn't what you would expect from one of the league's best power forwards.

"It's 'Muffin,' actually short for 'Chocolate Chip Muffin.' It was a nickname I had as a child, and I assumed growing up it would fade away. My mother is still holding on strong to it."

It didn't take long for the nickname to spread.

"If there's one way you can find my mother in the crowd, it's to listen for 'Muffin!' and she'll pop up. When I came to school, I was like, 'I'm getting out the nest now, I'm grown,' and then coach Staley adopted it. Now, I've embraced it."

As fearless as she is on the court, she's a loner off it.

"I'm actually a very shy person. I kind of stay within the team. I look at my teammates as my best friends, so I don't really socialize with a lot of people outside the team, because I've learned to consume myself with basketball. If you see me in the Russell House or around campus, you won't see me with a crowd of people."

She's made the Dean's List twice.

"I take my grades very seriously. I'm a Sport and Entertainment major, and I have a 3.5 GPA."

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Getting to know the Gamecocks: Tina Roy

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No.: 23

Position: Guard

Year: Sophomore

Height: 5-11

Hometown: Kaplan, La.

Key Stat: Has 44 assists, fifth best on the team

Did you know...

Roy has written the team song for the past three years. The past two years, the song and video have been played on the scoreboard before the team is introduced at home games.

"Freshman year, we had a team song, but we didn't make it into a video. Rapping is something I like to do, and I think it's fun to write about the team."

Making her own rap songs is something Roy has done since she was 8 years old.

"The beat, it comes from just listening to instrumentals and seeing which one I like better. The lyrics, I think about what everybody does good and what they bring to the court."

Despite her Louisiana heritage ...

"I can't swim. Lot of lakes and bayous in Louisiana, but in my town, there was a swimming pool. It got shut down when I was 4. I was scared to learn later. I'm not scared to fly, but I don't want to swim."

Go Gamecocks

Getting to know the Gamecocks: Olivia Gaines

February 27, 2014



Position: Guard

Year: Junior

Height: 5-7

Hometown: Chester

Key Stat

Shooting .750 from the free-throw line, second best on team

Did you know?

A native of Chester, Gaines remembers Devan Downey.

"He was a little bit before me, but I always watched him during high-school games. I played with his sister, Mara White."

But she doesn't wear No. 2 because of him.

"This is my own number. It's the number I had in AAU. I wanted to get No. 12, but Wilka Montout had it. Maybe I'll get it next year (Montout is a senior)."

She has her own pre-game routine.

"I love to dance, and I love to laugh all the time. I just do stupid stuff, like imitating dances and stuff, something crazy. I'll just make up some dances."

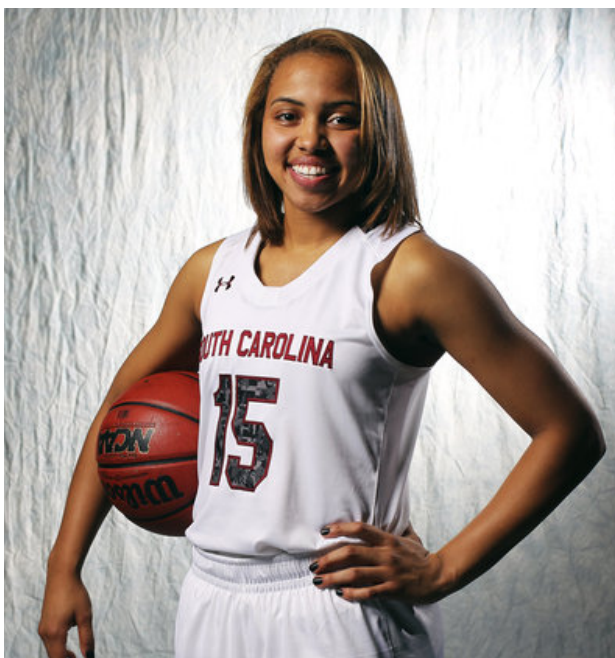
Has that ever gotten her in trouble?

"No. I do it before games, usually in the locker room, sometimes in the weight room. The coaches haven't got me yet."

Go Gamecocks

Getting to know the Gamecocks: Tiffany Davis

February 28, 2014



No.: 15

Position: Guard

Year: Redshirt freshman

Height: 5-7

Hometown: Houston

Key stat: Shooting over 40 percent from 3-point range

Did you know?

She's talented in other ways beside dribbling the ball.

"I played the violin for seven years. ... I pick it up every once in a while when I go home, because it's not here. I started in fifth grade, and I stopped my 12th-grade year because I switched schools and I was focusing a lot more on basketball."

Barbecue in Texas is beef. In South Carolina, it's pork. Was that an adjustment?

"Not that long, because, to be honest, I eat a lot. A lot. It's to where I get happy and dance when I eat."

Smooth and gliding in games doesn't equal it in practice.

"I'm always falling. There's never a practice where I haven't fallen or gotten a bruise or a scratch. I'm bumping into practice players, tripping over lines, something."

Not much confusion with two Tiffanys on the team.

"My dad used to call me 'Slim' because I was really tall when I was smaller. I had long arms that reached down to my knees. Coming in, finding out there's another Tiffany, I told them to just call me 'Slim.' The only person that doesn't is coach (Lisa) Boyer. She calls me 'Tiff.'"

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Getting to know the Gamecocks: Alaina Coates

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No.: 41

Position: Center

Year: Freshman

Height: 6-4

Hometown: Irmo

Key Stat: Has a shooting percentage of over .600 from the field

Did you know?

Some of the genes come from five-time NFL Pro Bowler Ben Coates, her uncle.

"Every time we were at his house, I always wanted to touch his Super Bowl ring because it was huge."

It wasn't always basketball.

"I played soccer and I did gymnastics at first. I wanted to be a cheerleader, too, but I went to one of my friend's basketball games and thought, 'This looks interesting.'"

It took until the first day of high school before she could quit standing at the back of school photos.

"I guess I was 6-1 in middle school. Once I hit high school, I finally had guys my size and was like, 'I'm not alone anymore.'"

When does she remember first beating the boys?

"It was the last time we played pickup in the driveway. I beat my brother and my dad, and it was probably when I was still in middle school. When I won, I said I was done. Haven't played them since."

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Getting to know the Gamecocks: Asia Dozier

March 3, 2014 Updated 15 hours ago



Position: Guard

Year: Sophomore

Height: 6-0

Hometown: Columbia

Key stat: Has hit 31 3-pointers, second-most on the team

Did you know?

All she needs is glasses and a pocket protector.

"My teammates kind of consider me a nerd, a bookworm. I'm always studying."

But for good reason.

"I'm an accounting major. I've always been big on numbers and math. That's always been my subject.. I've always done really well in that area."

Father Perry and uncle Terry also played basketball at USC. Brother P.J. Dozier is one of the top recruits for next year.

"I get it all the time. 'You got to get him to come, you got to keep the tradition going.'"

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Getting to know the Gamecocks: Elem Ibiam

March 4, 2014



No.: 33

Position: Center

Year: Junior

Height: 6-4

Hometown: Fayetteville, Ga.

Key stat: Has blocked 69 shots, a single-season school record

Did you know?

The scowl is strictly for on the court.

"I'm really goofy. People see me, they think I'm really serious. A lot of people tell me they don't want to talk to me. I think the height may have something to do with it."

Big = Sneaky

"I like to hide behind corners and doors and pop out at people. Most of them scream or laugh. Khadijah (Sessions) was shocked, she looked stunned for about five minutes."

Has she gotten Dawn Staley with that?

"Not yet. We just have to save hers for next year. Senior year, me and Aleighsa (Welch) are going to get her."

Ibiam leads the SEC in average blocks per game. She was named to the SEC all-defensive team.

"Just trying to stay out of foul trouble."

Go Gamecocks

Getting to know the Gamecocks: Khadijah Sessions

March 5, 2014



Position: Guard

Year: Sophomore

Height: 5-8

Hometown: Myrtle Beach

Key stat: Has started 19 of 22 games at point guard

Did you know...

She's the grill master.

"I love to cook. I want to own my own restaurant one day. Since I was a little kid, I always stayed in the kitchen watching my grandmama mix ingredients. I've always been interested in how people make different types of food."

Her best dish is burned cow.

"My specialty is probably my secret ingredients with my steak."

And those are?

"It's a secret. Grandma told me to keep that a secret."

She is not related to NBA player Ramon Sessions, despite the same last name and the Myrtle Beach hometown.

"He was way above me. He was a senior when I was the watergirl and the manager for the varsity team. I saw a lot of his games."

Go Gamecocks

Getting to know the Gamecocks: Tiffany Mitchell

March 6, 2014



Position: Guard

Year: Sophomore

Height: 5-9

Hometown: Charlotte

Key stat: Leads the team in scoring and steals

Did you know?

Her high-school coach says he never saw anyone who hated to lose as much as Mitchell.

"That's pretty accurate. I try to make a competition out of pretty much everything. I'll race Tiffany (Davis) in drinking a cup of water."

When did it start?

"I guess it was when I really started taking basketball seriously. I hated losing more than I loved winning. My whole day would just be ruined."

Her trademark is her sequined headbands.

"I had them in high school, but they didn't allow me to wear them. I like a lot of diamonds and sparkles, girly stuff. I have black, pink, red, gold, purple, blue, silver."

Because of uniform restrictions, she can only wear certain ones in certain games.

"I always have a backup if they make me take it off. In practice, I have to either wear silver, black or red, since it's kind of garnet."