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First Serve

South Carolina won three of its last four regular-season matches, including its SEC finale against Arkansas to move into the SEC Tournament's No. 10 seed. Every Gamecock finished the regular season with a singles win with three putting together multiple victories down the stretch. Senior Thiago Pinheiro and sophomore Andrew Schafer are both riding four-match win streaks into the SEC Tournament, while senior Kyle Koch won his last two matches and seven of his last eight.

Gamecocks in the SEC Tournament

South Carolina is 10-23 in SEC Tournament matches since joining the league in 1992 and advanced to the quarterfinals in each of the last two seasons. The Gamecocks have 10 quarterfinal appearances in all, including six in the last 10 seasons, and reached the semifinals once (1999).

Seeing Doubles

The first point of the match sets the tone for the Gamecocks this season as South Carolina is 13-4 when winning the doubles point and just 0-10 when ceding the point to its opponent. (Doubles was not played in the two matches against SC State.)

The Gamecocks' top doubles team of seniors Kyle Koch and Thiago Pinheiro is ranked 29th in the nation this week, looking to hold or improve that position with an eye on making the NCAA Doubles Championship this season. The duo is 13-7 on the season, including a 10-7 mark in dual matches. They are 4-5 against ranked opponents, highlighted by a win over the then-No. 8 tandem from Texas A&M.

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Kyle Koch has been one of the most active Gamecocks in program history, ranking among the best in matches played, and the senior is closing his career with a bang. His team-high 25 singles wins are a career high, while his 23 doubles victories, with three different partners, leads the team and is his best total since his freshman season (26). The increased numbers have come while Koch has played much higher in the lineup than his previous three seasons, which he spent mostly in the No. 5 spot.

Koch holds program records in career doubles victories (90) and matches played (140); career dual-match doubles wins (64) and matches played (100); career SEC doubles wins (25) and matches played (45); and career SEC combined (singles and doubles) wins (48).

The senior still has one individual goal in front of him as one of the program's most prolific doubles players eyes a spot in his first NCAA Doubles Championship.

2015 Dual Match Results

15-14 overall; 3-9 SEC; Ranking: 45

Date	Opponent (SC/Opp. Rank)	Result
1/17	Elon (27/55)	W, 5-2
1/17	Furman (27/-)	W, 5-2
<i>ITA Kickoff Weekend • Gainesville, Fla.</i>		
1/24	vs. Stanford (29/31)	W, 4-1
1/25	vs. Ole Miss (29/32)	L, 2-4
1/31	Clemson (29/28)	W, 6-1
2/6	Wake Forest (23/18)	L, 2-5
2/8	NC State (23/29)	L, 3-4
2/8	Wofford (23/-)	W, 4-2
2/13	vs. Belmont (23/-)	W, 4-0
2/13	at Middle Tennessee (23/-)	W, 4-1
2/15	vs. Memphis (23/21)	W, 4-1
2/20	at San Diego State (21/-)	L, 0-7
2/22	at San Diego (21/37)	L, 3-4
2/26	at Auburn* (34/28)	L, 2-4
2/28	at Florida* (34/17)	L, 1-4
3/6	LSU* (40/28)	W, 4-1
3/8	Texas A&M* (40/10)	L, 2-4
3/8	Coastal Carolina (40/-)	W, 4-0
3/12	Kentucky* (38/-)	W, 4-1
3/14	at Tennessee* (38/55)	L, 1-4
3/22	at Georgia* (47/5)	L, 0-4
3/29	Vanderbilt* (42/17)	L, 0-4
3/29	The Citadel (42/-)	W, 6-1
4/3	at Alabama* (45/71)	L, 1-4
4/5	at Mississippi State* (45/26)	L, 1-4
4/9	South Carolina State (47/-)	W, 4-0
4/9	Mississippi* (47/14)	L, 2-4
4/11	Arkansas* (47/71)	W, 4-1
4/11	at South Carolina State (47/-)	W, 6-0

2015 Dual Match Stats

vs. Ranked Opponents	6-13	January	4-1
No. 1-5	0-1	February	4-6
No. 6-10	0-1	March	4-4
No. 11-25	1-4	April	3-3
No. 26-50	3-5	Winning Doubles	13-4
No. 51-75	2-2	Losing Doubles	0-10
vs. Unranked Opponents	9-1		

All As

Coming off an All-America season as a junior, Andrew Adams looked to consolidate that title in his senior season. A knee injury derailed his winter training, however, and the Gamecocks' top singles entry spent much of the spring learning how to re-tool his game to better suit his new physical limitations. The new game plan has clicked for him the last few weeks as Adams is playing his best tennis of the season.

The turnaround began on the Gamecocks' trip to Alabama and Mississippi State at the beginning of April. Adams did not post a result in either match, but he took both his nationally ranked opponents to tiebreaks in each of the three sets they completed. In his next SEC contest, Adams stretched then-No. 16 Nik Scholtz of Ole Miss to three sets after dropping the first 7-5. In all, head coach Josh Goffi's first blue chip signee has won two of his last three outings.

Despite injuries that limited him in two of his four seasons in Columbia, Adams ranks among the program's top 10 in career dual-match singles wins (51) while playing in the top half of the lineup all four years.

Soaring Sophomore

After earning SEC All-Freshman honors last season, Andrew Schafer has dismissed any thoughts of a sophomore slump. His 23 singles wins are second on the team and include a 16-8 mark in dual matches. Schafer has dominated the No. 4 spot in the lineup for the Gamecocks and has a team-best six SEC singles wins on the season.

Schafer has also lifted his production in doubles this season, teaming with Andrew Adams as the Gamecocks' formidable No. 3 tandem. The duo is 8-3 on the season, including a team-best five SEC victories.

Peaking Pinheiro

Another senior critical to the Gamecocks' rally down the stretch this season is Thiago Pinheiro. After a fall that included a dominant run to the round of 16 at the ITA Carolina Regional and a 4-1 showing at the Bulldog Scramble, Pinheiro returned to Brazil for a tournament that earned him the right to represent his country at this summer's World University Games.

Pinheiro opened this spring in the No. 1 spot in the singles lineup, but an injury robbed him of two weeks in the lineup and hampered him long after that. He is an emotional player with a contagious energy, so the Gamecocks go as Pinheiro goes.

Luckily, the Brazilian, like Adams, is peaking again just when the team needs him most. Pinheiro's seven dual-match wins this season include one in each of his last four matches and five in his last six outings. His work with Koch in doubles also has the Gamecocks poised for a strong finish.

Quick Facts

2015 Team

Current Ranking	45
Season-High Ranking.....	21
Overall Record	15-14 (H: 10-5; A: 2-8; N: 3-1)
SEC Record.....	3-9 (H: 3-3; A: 0-6)
Letterwinners Returning.....	5
Letterwinners Lost.....	3
Newcomers	4

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Josh Goffi (Clemson, 2001)
Years at South Carolina	70-69 (5th season)
Years as Head Coach	Same
Assistant Coach.....	Ryan Young (Clemson, 2009)
Years at South Carolina	2nd season

SEC Championship Summary

Overall Record at Event.....	10-23
Final Appearances.....	0
Semifinal Appearances.....	1 (1999)
Quarterfinal Appearances	10 (1998, 99, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2014)

2015 Gamecock Roster

Player	Class	Ht.	Hometown/Last School
Andrew Adams	Sr.	5-9	Laurel, Md./Laurel Springs
Wood Benton	Fr.	6-0	Spartanburg, S.C./Dorman
Gabriel Friedrich	Fr.	5-9	Porte Alegre, Brazil
Kyle Koch	Sr.	6-2	Irmo, S.C./Chapin High
Thomas Mayronne	Fr.	5-11	Monroe, La./Nat'l. Connections Acad.
Harrison O'Keefe	Fr.	6-3	Salem, Va./Laurel Springs
Thiago Pinheiro	Sr.	6-3	Sao Jose dos Campos, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Andrew Schafer	So.	6-1	Hilton Head, S.C./Hilton Head Prep
Sam Swank	So.	6-3	Bedford, N.Y./Fox Lane

Head Coach Josh Goffi **Assistant Coach** Ryan Young



South Carolina's SEC Tournament History

Year	Seed	Result(s)
2014	7	W, 4-1 Alabama / L, 1-4 Texas A&M
2013	6	W, 4-3 LSU / L, 0-4 Florida
2012	10	L, 2-4 Auburn
2011	11	L, 0-4 Auburn
2010	12	L, 1-4 Ole Miss
2009	9	L, 2-4 LSU
2008	12	W, 4-3 Alabama / L, 0-4 Florida
2007	11	L, 1-4 Alabama
2006	7	W, 4-3 Tennessee / L, 1-4 Florida
2005	4	Bye / L, 2-4 Tennessee
2004	10	W, 4-3 Vanderbilt / L, 0-4 Florida
2003	7	L, 1-4 Georgia
2002	9	W, 4-2 Arkansas / L, 1-4 Georgia
2001	10	W, 4-1 Auburn / L, 1-4 Tennessee
2000	9	L, 1-4 Auburn
1999	8	W 4-1 Mississippi St. / W, 4-3 Ole Miss / L, 1-4 LSU
1998	6	W, 4-1 Vanderbilt / L, 1-4 Mississippi State
1997	8	L, 0-4 Auburn
1996	10	L, 3-4 Alabama
1995	11	L, 0-4 Tennessee
1994	8	L, 2-4 LSU
1993	10	L, 2-5 Kentucky
1992	9	L, 1-5 Alabama
Total		10-23

South Carolina's Record vs. SEC

Opponent	in SEC Tourn.	Since joining SEC	All-Time
Alabama	2-3	10-19	18-22
Arkansas	1-0	16-9	17-10
Auburn	1-3	9-19	12-21
Florida	0-4	3-25	5-28
Georgia	0-2	3-25	6-35
Kentucky	0-1	7-19	12-25
LSU	1-3	7-21	10-27
Mississippi	1-1	5-24	8-24
Mississippi State	1-1	10-17	10-17
Tennessee	1-3	9-21	18-33
Texas A&M	0-1	0-3	3-6
Vanderbilt	2-0	14-12	15-12

Individual Singles Results – Dual Matches Only

Player (Rank)	Overall (SEC)	S1 (SEC)	S2 (SEC)	S3 (SEC)	S4 (SEC)	S5 (SEC)	S6 (SEC)	vs. Ranked	Streak	Last 5
Andrew Adams	7-15 (1-7)	3-12 (1-5)	2-3 (0-2)	2-0 (0-0)	—	—	—	2-14	W1	2-3
Kyle Koch	16-7 (4-4)	1-2 (0-2)	10-4 (4-2)	4-1 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)	—	—	3-9	W2	4-1
Thomas Mayronne	4-9 (1-7)	—	—	—	—	0-4 (0-4)	4-5 (1-3)	0-2	W1	1-4
Harrison O'Keefe	13-4 (3-1)	—	—	—	6-0 (0-0)	7-4 (3-1)	—	0-1	W2	4-1
Thiago Pinheiro	7-13 (3-6)	0-5 (0-0)	1-1 (0-0)	4-6 (2-5)	2-1 (1-1)	—	—	4-6	W4	4-1
Andrew Schafer	16-8 (6-3)	—	1-2 (0-0)	4-3 (1-1)	11-3 (5-2)	—	—	4-3	W4	4-1
Sam Swank	8-7 (0-3)	—	—	—	—	4-3 (0-1)	4-4 (0-2)	0-2	W1	2-3

Doubles Results – Dual Matches Only

Team	Overall (SEC)	S1 (SEC)	S2 (SEC)	S3 (SEC)	vs. Ranked	Streak	Last Match
Adams/Koch	5-0 (0-0)	—	5-0 (0-0)	—	0-2	W5	vs. Memphis, 2/15
Adams/Schafer	8-3 (5-3)	—	—	8-3 (5-3)	0-2	W2	Arkansas, 4/11
Adams/Swank	1-1 (0-1)	—	1-0 (0-0)	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	W1	The Citadel, 3/29
Koch/Pinheiro (29)	10-7 (4-5)	10-7 (4-5)	—	—	4-3	W2	Arkansas, 4/11
Koch/Swank	0-1 (0-1)	—	0-1 (0-1)	—	0-0	L1	at Florida, 2/28
Mayronne/O'Keefe (65)	12-8 (4-5)	2-2 (0-1)	9-6 (4-4)	1-0 (0-0)	3-2	L2	at Alabama, 4/3
Mayronne/Swank	0-1 (0-1)	—	0-1 (0-1)	—	0-0	L1	at Mississippi State, 4/5
O'Keefe/Schafer	1-0 (0-0)	—	—	1-0 (0-0)	0-0	W1	The Citadel, 3/29
Schafer/Swank	4-2 (0-0)	—	—	4-2 (0-0)	0-1	W1	at San Diego, 2/22

Match-by-Match Lineups

Opponent (Result)	D1	D2	D3	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
Elon (W, 5-2)	Koch/Pinheiro	—	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Pinheiro	Koch	Adams	<i>Schafer</i>	O'Keefe	Swank
Furman (W, 5-2)	Koch/Pinheiro	—	Adams/Schafer	Pinheiro	Koch	Adams	Schafer	O'Keefe	<i>Mayronne</i>
vs. Stanford & (W, 4-1)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Schafer	Pinheiro	Adams	—	<i>Schafer</i>	O'Keefe	—
vs. Ole Miss & (L, 2-4)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	—	Pinheiro	Adams	Koch	—	O'Keefe	Mayronne
Clemson (W, 6-1)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Schafer	Adams	Pinheiro	Koch	Schafer	O'Keefe	Swank
Wake Forest (L, 2-5)	—	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Swank	Adams	Pinheiro	Schafer	Koch	O'Keefe	Swank
NC State (L, 3-4)	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Koch	—	Adams	Schafer	Koch	O'Keefe	Swank	Mayronne
Wofford (W, 4-2)	—	Adams/Koch	Adams/Swank	Adams	Schafer	Koch	O'Keefe	Swank	—
vs. Belmont (W, 4-0)	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Koch	—	—	—	<i>Schafer</i>	O'Keefe	Swank	—
at Mid. Tenn. (W, 4-1)	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Koch	Adams/Swank	Adams	Koch	Schafer	O'Keefe	—	—
vs. Memphis (W, 4-1)	—	Adams/Koch	Adams/Swank	Adams	<i>Schafer</i>	Koch	O'Keefe	—	—
at San Diego St. (L, 0-7)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Swank	Adams	Koch	Pinheiro	Schafer	O'Keefe	Swank
at San Diego (L, 3-4)	—	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Swank	Pinheiro	Koch	Schafer	O'Keefe	Swank	Mayronne
at Auburn* (L, 2-4)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Schafer	Koch	—	Pinheiro	Schafer	O'Keefe	Mayronne
at Florida* (L, 1-4)	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Koch/Swank	Adams/Schafer	Koch	Adams	Schafer	—	Mayronne	—
LSU* (W, 4-1)	—	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Schafer	Adams	Koch	Pinheiro	Schafer	—	—
Texas A&M* (L, 2-4)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Schafer	Adams	Koch	Pinheiro	Schafer	O'Keefe	—
Coastal Carolina (W, 4-0)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	—	Adams	Koch	—	—	—	Swank
Kentucky* (W, 4-1)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	—	Adams	Koch	—	—	O'Keefe	Mayronne
at Tennessee* (L, 1-4)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Schafer	Adams	—	Pinheiro	Schafer	O'Keefe	—
at Georgia* (L, 0-4)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	Adams/Swank	—	Adams	Pinheiro	Schafer	—	—
Vanderbilt* (L, 0-4)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	—	Adams	—	Pinheiro	—	Mayronne	—
The Citadel (W, 6-1)	Koch/Pinheiro	Adams/Swank	O'Keefe/Schafer	<i>Adams</i>	Koch	Pinheiro	Schafer	Swank	(Forfeit)
at Alabama* (L, 1-4)	Koch/Pinheiro	Mayronne/O'Keefe	—	—	Koch	—	Pinheiro	Mayronne	Swank
at Miss. State* (L, 1-4)	—	Mayronne/Swank	Adams/Schafer	—	—	Schafer	Pinheiro	Mayronne	Swank
SC State (W, 4-0)	—	—	—	—	Koch	Pinheiro	Schafer	<i>Swank</i>	—
Mississippi* (L, 2-4)	Koch/Pinheiro	—	Adams/Schafer	Adams	Koch	—	Schafer	Swank	Mayronne
Arkansas* (W, 4-1)	Koch/Pinheiro	—	Adams/Schafer	—	Koch	<i>Pinheiro</i>	Schafer	—	Mayronne
SC State (W, 6-0)	—	—	—	Koch	Adams	Schafer	Pinheiro	Swank	<i>Mayronne</i>

Bold indicates won the match; **Bold italics** indicates clinched victory