



2009 South Carolina Gamecock Softball

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2009 Schedule

Date	Opponent	W	L	Score (Inn)
2/7	College of Charleston			1 p.m.
2/7	College of Charleston			3 p.m.
2/8	at College of Charleston			2 p.m.
2/13	vs. Kansas#			11 a.m.
2/13	vs. Bradley#			5:30 p.m.
2/14	vs. North Florida#			9 a.m.
2/14	vs. Bowling Green#			11 a.m.
2/15	vs. Texas-Arlington#			9 a.m.
2/18	at Charlotte			3 p.m.
2/20	North Florida%			5 p.m.
2/21	Eastern Illinois%			1 p.m.
2/21	Virginia%			3 p.m.
2/22	Chattanooga%			3 p.m.
2/27	vs. Houston&			11 a.m.
2/27	vs. Illinois State&			1:30 p.m.
2/28	vs. Nebraska&			4 p.m.
2/28	vs. Penn State&			6:30 p.m.
3/1	vs. Northwestern&			10 a.m.
3/4	at North Carolina			5 p.m.
3/7	Florida* (DH)			1 p.m.
3/8	Florida*			1 p.m.
3/11	at Arkansas* (DH)			3 p.m.
3/14	at Tennessee* (DH)			1 p.m.
3/15	at Tennessee*			1 p.m.
3/18	Mississippi* (DH)			5 p.m.
3/21	Georgia* (DH)			1 p.m.
3/22	Georgia*			1 p.m.
3/28	at Auburn (DH)			1 p.m.
3/29	at Auburn*			1 p.m.
4/2	Winthrop			7 p.m.
4/7	Coastal Carolina			5:30 p.m.
4/10	Alabama* (DH)			5 p.m.
4/11	Alabama*			2 p.m.
4/15	USC Upstate			5 p.m.
4/18	at Mississippi State* (DH)			11 a.m.
4/19	at Mississippi State*			1 p.m.
4/22	at Coastal Carolina			6 p.m.
4/25	at LSU* (DH)			1 p.m.
4/26	at LSU*			1 p.m.
5/3	Kentucky* (DH)			1 p.m.
5/4	Kentucky*			1 p.m.
5/7-9	SEC Tournament			Knoxville, Tenn.
5/15-17	NCAA Regionals			Campus Sites
5/22-24	NCAA Super Regionals			Campus Sites
5/28-6/3	Women's College World Series			

Bold indicates home game

* - Southeastern Conference Game

- UCF Early Bird (Orlando, Fla.)

% - Gamecock Invitational (Beckham Field)

& - NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.)

Carolina Gamecocks vs. College of Charleston

Beckham Field ♦ Columbia, S.C.

Sat., Feb. 7

1 p.m. (DH)

Carolina Gamecocks vs. College of Charleston

Patriots Point Stadium ♦ Charleston, S.C.

Sun., Feb. 8

2 p.m.



2009 Softball Season Starts with Split Series Against the College of Charleston

The South Carolina Gamecocks begin the 2009 softball season this weekend with a split series against in-state rival College of Charleston. A Saturday doubleheader lifts the lid on the year at 1 p.m. at Beckham Field, while a single game will take place on Sunday at Patriots Point Stadium in Charleston, S.C.

The Cougars enter the season coming off a 33-33 2008 campaign and a third-place finish in the Southern Conference. The Gamecocks are looking to bounce back from just their second losing season in the last quarter century, going 21-26 in 2008.

Cougars Are No Slouch, Apparently

While many might discount the College of Charleston as just another mid-major, consider this: the Southern Conference coaches picked the Cougars to finish second in the league.

The Gamecocks Have Lots of Youth . . .

Head coach Joyce Compton has never had 10 newcomers to her program in one year until this year. Nine freshman (matching a record from 2005) and one transfer make up one of the youngest teams Compton has ever fielded. The most inexperience will be in the circle, as Krystle Robinson is the only pitcher back. She made 16 starts and 24 appearances overall. Three true freshmen and one transfer will vie to fill those over 220 innings or nearly 70 percent of the innings lost from last season.

. . . But They Also Bring Back Lots of Experience

But this is no green group as a whole. Out of 423 starts in the nine batting spots, over 67 percent of those starts return. The returning catchers started all but two games last season, most of any spot. Three returners started all but four games in left field, which stands second. At shortstop, junior Lindsay Walker started 41 of the 47 games, the third-highest percentage on the team. The position losing the most starts are right field (32), third base (30) and first base (24).

More Parts Mean More Lineups? Stay Tuned

Last season, the Gamecocks seemingly never ran out the same nine in the same order. Reality was not far from the truth, as head coach Joyce Compton used the same defensive alignment in back-to-back games just three times all season. In all, South Carolina utilized 38 different units around the pitcher. Lineup order was a different matter entirely, as 43 different orders were trotted out in the 47-game season. But even with the larger roster (by three), there is only one more position player on the roster compared to 2008. Four of the additions will take the place of two pitchers, while six freshman position players take over for five departed seniors who played the field last year.

South Carolina Picked to Finish Fourth in SEC East

In what should be familiar to Gamecock fans, the Southeastern Conference coaches selected the squad to finish fourth in the SEC Eastern Division. This is the sixth-consecutive year that South Carolina has ranked fourth in the preseason polling of the league's managers. Florida was chosen to win the East and the overall title, while Tennessee was picked second. Georgia was selected third, while Kentucky came in fifth. Alabama was the coaches' choice to win the SEC West this season.

Carolina in the Month of February Under Joyce Compton

In the 20-plus years of starting the season in the second month of the year, Carolina is 117-56-1 during February. Last year, the Gamecocks went 7-8 during the opening month of the year.

National Rankings - Preseason*USA Today/NFCA*

Rk.	Team	Record	Points	Pre.
1	Florida (14)	70-5	728	3
2	Arizona State (15)	66-5	691	1
3	Alabama	58-8	678	4
4	UCLA	51-9	638	5
5	Texas A&M	57-10	553	2
6	La.-Lafayette (1)	52-15	544	6
7	Arizona	41-19	542	7
8	Michigan	52-8	527	9
9	Northwestern	40-16	511	12
10	Oklahoma	47-14	498	10
11	Stanford	49-15	456	11
12	Tennessee	50-16	302	14
13	Houston	54-11	285	13
14	Fresno State	54-13	280	15
15	DePaul	51-18	279	22
16	Missouri	47-17	270	19
17	California	34-32	255	16
18	North Carolina	50-12-1	222	20
19	LSU	44-18	210	18
20	Virginia Tech	49-19	201	8
21	Washington	30-25-1	193	RV
22	Georgia	46-24	169	17
23	Nevada	44-18	157	21
24	Long Beach State	40-17	108	23
25	San Diego State	44-17	99	24

RV: UMass 68, Mississippi State 46, Iowa 43, USF 42, Hofstra 27, Oklahoma State 19, Brigham Young 17, Hawai'i 15, Notre Dame 12, Nebraska 8, Purdue 8, UCF 8, Creighton 6, Auburn 6, Oregon 4, Oregon State 4, Jacksonville State 4, East Carolina 4, Louisiana Tech 3, Texas 2, Chattanooga 2. Six schools received one point apiece.

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Rk.	Team	Record	Points	Pre.
1.	Florida (18)	70-5	497	3
2.	Alabama	58-8	466	4
3	Arizona State (1)	66-3	432	1
4.	UCLA (1)	51-9	428	5
5	Michigan	52-8	384	9
6	Oklahoma	47-14	378	10
7.	Arizona	41-19	369	7
8.	Louisiana-Lafayette	52-15	364	6
9.	Stanford	49-15	321	13
10.	Texas A&M	57-10	309	2
11.	Northwestern	40-16	295	11
12.	Fresno State	54-13	252	15
13.	Tennessee	50-16	230	17
14.	California	43-27	203	14
15.	Washington	30-25-1	200	RV
16.	Houston	54-11	188	12
17.	LSU	44-18	179	19
18.	DePaul	51-18	166	21
19.	Missouri	47-17	165	16
20.	Long Beach State	42-16	120	22
21.	North Carolina	50-12-1	107	25
22.	Nevada	44-18	95	20
23.	Georgia	46-24	89	18
24.	UMass	42-12	86	23
25.	Virginia Tech	49-19	55	8

RV: Mississippi State 20, San Diego State 19, Iowa 13, USF 12, Hawai'i 10, Purdue 7, Oregon State 5, Kansas 4, Nebraska 4, Notre Dame 4, Texas 4, Creighton 3, Georgia Tech 3, Hofstra 3, Baylor 2, East Carolina 2, Jacksonville State 2, Oklahoma State 2, Oregon 2 and Brigham Young 1.

Early Look at Career List Possibilities in 2009

A few Gamecocks are looking to move onto or move up on some career charts as we start 2009. Senior Ashton Payne has already got spots in the top 10 in stolen bases and triples, and she's close to adding hits and batting average to her list. She needs 35 hits in 2009 to tie for 10th all time with Debralee Troesh, while 10 batting average points would push her ahead of Toinette Reed into 10th there. She needs one steal to tie for eighth with Dana Fulmer, and another triple puts her into fourth place alone. Payne would have to break the NCAA single-season record for triples to move any higher on the list, however.

A couple of others are already eyeing positions in different charts. Senior Jacqueline Wetherbee needs three round-trippers to tie Jana Zimmerman and current assistant coach Adrianna Baggetta for ninth all-time on the home-run charts. And sophomore Jill Semento is close to landing on a painful list, as three more hit-by-pitches will put her in a tie for eighth with 10 in her short career.

Gamecocks All-Time vs. College of Charleston

South Carolina has faced the College of Charleston just six times previously, winning all six meetings. The first four meetings all came at Beckham Field in 2004 and 2005, while the last two came down in Charleston in 2007.

Scouting the College of Charleston Cougars

The Cougars enter 2009 with some high aspirations, as they were picked to finish second behind perennial power Chattanooga in the Southern Conference race. The pitching staff from a year ago returns intact and hopes to improve on last year's team 3.31 ERA. Also back are the top eight hitters by average from a year ago, including the speedy Tiffany Harmon. The senior stole 21 bases while leading the team with a .317 average. Another returner is top overall hitter Kristie Shifflett, who hit .311, slugged a team-best .503 and got on base at a squad-best .422 clip as a sophomore. In the circle, Shannon Howard looks to improve upon her 3.16 ERA and 18-13 record last year.

The Last Time - South Carolina vs. College of Charleston - Feb. 22, 2007

Junior pitcher Melissa Hendon threw a perfect game through eight batters, all strikeouts, as she helped guide the South Carolina Gamecocks to a 7-2 victory over the College of Charleston Cougars. In her second complete game of the season, Hendon recorded a career-high 15 strikeouts and pitched a no-hitter through 5.1 innings. The Gamecocks scored four runs in the second inning with two outs. With the bases loaded for Tori Martin, Martin hit a fly ball to centerfield, where it was dropped by Izmena Cabrera to allow the Gamecocks to clear the bases and Martin to advance to third. Payne then singled to drive home Martin and put the Gamecocks up, 4-0.

Numerical Roster

No	Name	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Class	EX	Hometown/Previous School
00	Kristen Stubblefield	OF	5-10	R/R	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif./Corona
1	Adele Voigt	OF	5-6	L/R	Jr.	2L	Dacula, Ga./Dacula
2	P.J. Fulmer	C	5-7	R/R	So.	1L	Blythewood, S.C./Spring Valley
4	Lauren Lackey	OF	5-4	L/R	Fr.	HS	Lake Elsinore, Calif./Temescal Canyon
5	Cagney Davis	OF	5-4	R/R	Sr.	2L	Bostic, N.C./East Rutherford
6	Sarah Conwell	OF	5-5	R/R	So.	1L	Cayce, S.C./Brookland-Cayce
7	Ashton Payne	UT	5-6	L/R	Sr.	3L	Richmond, Va./Godwin
8	Cassie Gogreve	C	5-3	R/R	So.	1L	South Pasadena, Calif./South Pasadena
9	Krystle Robinson	P	5-7	R/R	R-So.	1L	Valdosta, Ga./Lowndes
10	Laura Mendes	UT	5-5	L/L	So.	1L	Loxahatchee, Fla./Palm Beach Gardens
11	Evan Childs	IF	5-9	R/R	Fr.	HS	Conway, S.C./Conway
12	Lindsay Walker	SS	5-5	R/R	Jr.	2L	Fayetteville, Ga./Starrs Mill
15	Jacqueline Wetherbee	1B	5-10	R/R	Sr.	3L	Acworth, Ga./Harrison
16	Sam Arbaugh	IF	5-2	R/R	Fr.	HS	Aiken, S.C./Aiken
20	Kaitlin Westfall	OF	5-7	S/R	Fr.	HS	Macon, Ga./Mount de Sales Academy
21	Kierstyn White	P	5-9	R/R	Fr.	HS	Columbia, S.C./Irmo
33	Ashley Chastain	P	5-6	R/R	So.	TR	Palmetto, Ga./Columbus State
38	Kelsey Goodwin	P	5-8	R/R	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas/Lamar
44	Jill Semento	3B	5-6	R/R	So.	1L	Umatilla, Fla./Umatilla
80	Audrey Broyles	P	5-9	R/R	Fr.	HS	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Pembroke Pines Charter
82	Kandycy Redondo	UT	5-0	L/R	Fr.	HS	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Pembroke Pines Charter

Alphabetical Roster

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16	Sam Arbaugh	IF	5-2	R/R	Fr.	HS	Aiken, S.C./Aiken
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33	Ashley Chastain	P	5-6	R/R	So.	TR	Palmetto, Ga./Columbus State
11	Evan Childs	IF	5-9	R/R	Fr.	HS	Conway, S.C./Conway
6	Sarah Conwell	OF	5-5	R/R	So.	1L	Cayce, S.C./Brookland-Cayce
5	Cagney Davis	OF	5-4	R/R	Sr.	2L	Bostic, N.C./East Rutherford
2	P.J. Fulmer	C	5-7	R/R	So.	1L	Blythewood, S.C./Spring Valley
8	Cassie Gogreve	C	5-3	R/R	So.	1L	South Pasadena, Calif./South Pasadena
38	Kelsey Goodwin	P	5-8	R/R	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas/Lamar
4	Lauren Lackey	OF	5-4	L/R	Fr.	HS	Lake Elsinore, Calif./Temescal Canyon
10	Laura Mendes	UT	5-5	L/L	So.	1L	Loxahatchee, Fla./Palm Beach Gardens
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12	Lindsay Walker	SS	5-5	R/R	Jr.	2L	Fayetteville, Ga./Starrs Mill
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15	Jacqueline Wetherbee	1B	5-10	R/R	Sr.	3L	Acworth, Ga./Harrison
21	Kierstyn White	P	5-9	R/R	Fr.	HS	Columbia, S.C./Irmo

Coaching Staff

Head Coach

Joyce Compton (Trenton State, 1972)

Assistant Coach

Angela Thompson (Austin Peay, 1995)

Assistant Coach

Adrianna Baggetta (South Carolina, 2002)

Volunteer Ass't. Coach

Tiff Tootle (South Carolina, 1993)

Pronunciation Guide

Adrianna **BAGGETTA** Bah-**GHET**-ta
KANDYCE Redondo Can-**DIS**
 Jill **SEMENTO** suh-**MEN**-to
ADELE VOIGT Ah-**DELL VOYT**
KIERSTYN White **KIERS**-tun

Roster by Class

Senior (3): Cagney Davis, Ashton Payne, Jacqueline Wetherbee

Junior (2): Adele Voigt, Lindsay Walker

Sophomore (7): Ashley Chastain, Sarah Conwell, P.J. Fulmer, Cassie Gogreve, Laura Mendes, Krystle Robinson, Jill Semento

Freshman (9): Sam Arbaugh, Audrey Broyles, Evan Childs, Kelsey Goodwin, Lauren Lackey, Kandycy Redondo, Kristen Stubblefield, Kaitlin Westfall, Kierstyn White

Roster by Height

5-10 Kristen Stubblefield, Jacqueline Wetherbee

5-9 Audrey Broyles, Evan Childs, Kierstyn White

5-8 Kelsey Goodwin

5-7 P.J. Fulmer, Krystle Robinson, Kaitlin Westfall

5-6 Ashley Chastain, Ashton Payne, Jill Semento, Adele Voigt

5-5 Sarah Conwell, Laura Mendes, Lindsay Walker

5-4 Cagney Davis, Lauren Lackey

5-3 Cassie Gogreve

5-2 Sam Arbaugh

5-0 Kandycy Redondo

Roster by State

Georgia (6): Ashley Chastain, Krystle Robinson, Adele Voigt, Lindsay Walker, Kaitlin Westfall, Jacqueline Wetherbee

South Carolina (5): Sam Arbaugh, Evan Childs, Sarah Conwell, P.J. Fulmer, Kierstyn White

Florida (4): Audrey Broyles, Laura Mendes, Kandycy Redondo, Jill Semento

California (3): Cassie Gogreve, Lauren Lackey, Kristen Stubblefield

North Carolina (1): Cagney Davis

Texas (1): Kelsey Goodwin

Virginia (1): Ashton Payne