



Joyce Compton

Head Coach

24th Season at South Carolina



Champions are led by leaders, and South Carolina Head Softball Coach Joyce Compton is both. In the history of NCAA softball, Carolina is known for its tradition and success, thanks to the efforts of Coach Compton. Inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame on December 6, 2002, the legendary Compton is in her 24th year at the helm of Gamecock Softball.

After 27 seasons at a Division I school, the two-time Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year has amassed a 1,055-523-3 record. That Division I record puts Compton among the top 10 winningest coaches in NCAA history by victories. Among her SEC peers, Compton is second in career victories and first in victories at their current school. As the longest tenured female coach in Gamecock history, Compton is one of 13 coaches in NCAA history to serve at one school for at least 20 years, and among seven active coaches, ranking sixth. In 33 years of coaching, Compton is 1,148-542-3.

Awards have not just rolled in for Compton, but also for her players during her time in Columbia. Since the inception of SEC softball in 1997, South Carolina has had 15 All-SEC selections, 19 SEC All-Tournament selections, 128 SEC Academic Honor Roll selections, 14 CoSIDA Academic All-District honorees and nine CoSIDA Academic All-America plaques.

The year 2007 served as a return to prominence for the Gamecocks, as they advanced into the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2004. Carolina not only hosted the regional round, but it also upset No. 16-seeded North Carolina State and nationally-ranked Oregon to advance into the program's first Super Regional. There, the Garnet and Black fought valiantly before ultimately falling to Northwestern. Compton surpassed another milestone in her legendary career on March 27, 2007, when she recorded her 1,000th Division I victory over Winthrop.

In 2007, McKenna Hughes set the program career home run record and also picked up SEC All-Tournament accolades. Melissa Hendon and Lindsay Walker also garnered SEC weekly honors during the campaign.

The 2008 team rebounded from a tough early season schedule but could not continue the success, ending the season with a 21-26 record overall. Compton did record her 900th win at Carolina during the campaign. The 2009 team started strong but faded, finishing with a 21-24 record and a 6-21 mark in SEC play.

In 2006, the team finished 28-30, while the 2005 edition went 28-28-1.

In 2004, Compton recorded her 1,000th career win, her 900th NCAA Division I win and her 800th Carolina win. She also led the Gamecocks to a program-record sixth consecutive NCAA appearance.

Carolina Softball celebrated its 30th year in 2003 while Compton was in her 28th year of coaching. She led her team to its fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament, 13th NCAA trip overall and its seventh-straight SEC Tournament. The Gamecocks also recorded their fifth-consecutive 40-plus win season.

Ashley Smith finished her career in style, as she was named the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for softball for the third time while she picked up her third consecutive *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America certificate from the College Sports Information Directors of America.

In 2002, Compton led a talented Gamecock program to an SEC Eastern Division title for the second year in a row, and to the NCAA Tournament for the 10th time during her tenure at Carolina. With a 46-20 overall record, the SEC Co-Coach of the Year posted her fourth consecutive 40-plus win season, 11th overall while coaching at Carolina. Also in 2002, the Gamecocks went 20-10 in the SEC to record their first 20-plus win conference record since 1997, the first year the SEC sponsored softball.

In 2000, Compton and her USC squad rebounded from a sub-par regular season performance and claimed the program's second SEC Tournament title.

Much of Compton's success comes from her fine tuning of the defensive aspect of the game. Compton's coaching philosophy centers around the notion that offense wins games, but defense wins championships. Throughout her career,

Compton has become accustomed to winning championships.

During the glorious 1997 season, USC won a Division I record 38-straight games, the SEC regular season and tournament championships, a fourth-consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament, and the school's third appearance at the Women's College World Series. In 1989, the Gamecocks won the South Regional Championship, earning a trip to the WCWS. Compton earned her first trip to the WCWS in 1983 when she skipped the Missouri Tigers to the Midwest Regional Championship and their first Big Eight title.

For the success she has earned in the coaching ranks, Compton has earned several prestigious awards. In addition to her NFCA 2002 Hall of Fame induction, she has five Region Coach of the Year honors in 1987, 1989, 1994, 1995 and 1997 as well as the inaugural SEC Coach of the Year award in 1997. She earned that honor again in 2002

Compton is the first to admit, however, that her success is a result of the players whom she has coached. That list of players reads like a who's who of collegiate softball players, including 11 different Carolina players who have achieved All-America status a total of 21 times. In 1997, pitcher Trinity Johnson garnered first-team All-America status while Tina Plew was named to the second team. It was the third-consecutive year that Johnson was named an All-American. Johnson also was a Honda Award honoree and was named the 1997 SEC Female Athlete of the Year. In 2003, infielder Danielle Quinones was invited to

the USA National team tryouts, a first for a Carolina player since 1999.

"I have been lucky to have talented players, as well as having fine assistant coaches, to work with," stated Compton. "They are directly responsible for any success which I am able to obtain as a coach."

Compton's collegiate coaching career began in 1975 at Mattatuck Community College in Waterbury, Connecticut. For her efforts, Compton was named Coach of the Year in Mattatuck's conference an unprecedented five times.



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Compton also coached the women's basketball and volleyball teams at Mattatuck.

After seven seasons at Mattatuck, Compton was named head softball coach at the University of Missouri in 1983. Her career at Missouri was highlighted by an overall record of 115-77 and a berth in the Women's College World Series. While at Missouri, Compton became the all-time winningest coach in MU history, a record which stood until the 1991 season.

In 1987, after four straight winning seasons, Compton made the move from one Columbia to another, becoming the Gamecocks' fifth head coach in 13 years.

Immediately, Compton instilled her winning system into the Gamecock program, which has been the basis of Carolina softball and its successful legacy.

Compton is a member of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, and she has served on various NFCA and NCAA Committees.

Before becoming a softball coach, Compton was successful as a player as well. While earning all-star status at Trenton State College, she became a member of the nationally known Raybestos Brakettes amateur team from 1973-1975. While playing first base, Compton led the team to three-consecutive national championships and an international championship as well. Her numbers were almost as impressive as her coaching record, posting an overall batting average of .388 and knocking in 142 runs.

Compton furthered her playing career as a member of the Connecticut Falcons, a professional softball team. She earned all-star honors when she batted .355 during the regular season and .300 in World Series play in 1978. While playing first base for the Falcons, she led the team to four World Series Championships in the Women's Professional Softball League. Compton also accompanied the team to China to perform exhibitions and clinics for the Chinese softball players.

During her playing career, Compton established herself as one of the most dominant offensive performers in the nation. For three-consecutive years, from 1976-78, she was the RBI champion in the Women's Professional League.

The success that Compton has achieved has not gone unnoticed by her coaching peers either.

"Joyce's teams are always well coached and well disciplined," stated Yvette Girouard, head coach at Louisiana State. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for the job she has done at South Carolina."

Coach Compton is a winner. From a small college in Connecticut, to the University of Missouri, to the University of South Carolina, she has left her mark on them all. Three different programs, but one common denominator — success!

The Joyce Compton File

Born: Trenton, New Jersey

High School Education: Allentown High School, 1968

College Education: Trenton State College, 1972, B.S. Physical Education

College Softball: Trenton State College, 1968-72

Amateur Softball: Raybestos Brakettes, 1973-75

Professional Softball: Connecticut Falcons, 1976-79

Four-time World Series champ in the Women's Pro Softball League

Won three consecutive RBI titles; played first base

Coaching Career: 1973-74, Piscataway H.S.

1976-82, Mattatuck Community College - Five-time Coach of the Year

1983-86, University of Missouri - 1983 Midwest Region Coach of the Year

1987-present, University of South Carolina - Five-time Region Coach of the Year

Two-time SEC Coach of the Year (1997, 2002 with Yvette Girouard)

Coaching Highlights: 2002 NFCA Hall of Fame inductee

South Carolina's all-time winningest coach

15 NCAA Regionals (1982, '83, '88, '89, '94, '95, '96, '97, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '07)

One NCAA Super Regional appearance (2007)

Three Women's College World Series (1983 at Missouri; 1989, 1997 at South Carolina)

Four-time SEC Eastern Division Champions (1997, 1999, 2001 and 2002)

Two-time SEC Tournament Champions (1997, 2000)

1997 SEC Championship

Compton's Collegiate Record

Year	School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Highlights
1976-82	Mattatuck	93	19	0	.830	Five-time Coach of the Year
1983	Missouri	40	13	0	.755	Women's College World Series
1984	Missouri	21	18	0	.538	
1985	Missouri	29	23	0	.558	
1986	Missouri	25	23	0	.521	Fourth Consec. Winning Season
1987	South Carolina	34	14	0	.708	South Region Coach of the Year
1988	South Carolina	47	14	0	.770	NCAA Regionals
1989	South Carolina	46	12	0	.793	Women's College World Series/Coach of the Year
1990	South Carolina	49	14	0	.778	South Region Top 3
1991	South Carolina	51	13	0	.797	South Region Top 3
1992	South Carolina	54	14	0	.794	Final Rank 15th
1993	South Carolina	36	21	1	.629	Notched her 500th Career Win
1994	South Carolina	52	17	0	.754	NCAA Regional/Region Coach of the Year
1995	South Carolina	53	21	0	.716	NCAA Regional/Region Coach of the Year
1996	South Carolina	38	13	0	.745	NCAA Regional/Final Rank 10th
1997	South Carolina	63	5	0	.926	WCWS/SEC Champions/Final Rank 7th
1998	South Carolina	36	21	0	.632	South Region Top 10
1999	South Carolina	49	21	0	.700	NCAA Regionals/800th Career Win/Final Rank 14th
2000	South Carolina	41	28	0	.594	NCAA Regionals/SEC Tourn. Champs/Final Rank 22nd
2001	South Carolina	40	20	1	.665	NCAA Regionals/SEC East Champs/Final Rank 23rd
2002	South Carolina	46	20	0	.697	NCAA Regionals/SEC East Champs/ 900th Career Win/Final Rank 12th
2003	South Carolina	41	20	0	.672	NCAA Regionals/Final Rank 21st/24th
2004	South Carolina	28	24	0	.538	NCAA Regionals/1,000th Career Win
2005	South Carolina	28	28	1	.500	
2006	South Carolina	28	30	0	.482	
2007	South Carolina	38	26	0	.594	NCAA Super Regionals/1,100th Career Win/ 1,000th Division I Win/Final Rank 21st/24th
2008	South Carolina	21	26	0	.447	900th Carolina Win
2009	South Carolina	21	24	0	.467	
Mattatuck C.C.		93	19	0	.830	
Missouri		115	77	0	.599	Missouri's First Big 8 Title
South Carolina		940	446	3	.678	All-Time Winningest Coach
OVERALL (33 years)		1,148	542	3	.679	13 NCAA Appearances at South Carolina

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NFCA Hall Of Famer



On December 6, 2002, South Carolina Head Coach Joyce Compton was inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Compton became the NFCA's 27th inductee into the Hall of Fame. Also inducted in 2002 alongside Compton were international coaching great Linda Wells, USA Olympic Coach and University of Arizona head coach Mike Candrea and Director of National Fastpitch Coaches College Sharon Drysdale.

Compton Versus All Opponents

Table listing Compton's record against various opponents, including Akron, Alabama, Arizona, etc., with win-loss records.

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All-Americans Under Compton

Table listing All-Americans under Compton from 1983 to 1999, including names like Karen Sweet, Michelle Delloso, Dana Fulmer, etc.





Adrianna Baggetta

Associate Head Coach

Eighth Season at South Carolina

Former Gamecock softball player Adrianna Baggetta is in her eighth season on the coaching staff and 12th season with the Gamecock softball program. Baggetta served as the volunteer coach in 2003 and was promoted to assistant coach in July 2003. After six years on staff full-time, she received another promotion during the past summer to associate head coach. Baggetta assists in all aspects of coaching and works primarily with the outfielders and catchers. She also assists with recruiting.

"It is good for the program to have a former player as a member of our staff," said head coach Joyce Compton. "Her knowledge of the game and of the University as both a player and a coach are valuable to the program."

Since joining the coaching staff, Baggetta has helped tutor players like McKenna Hughes to high honors. A utility player earlier in her career, Hughes played all 64 games behind the plate in 2007. Hughes also flourished at the plate, setting a program record with 12 homers in one season. For her efforts, Hughes picked up SEC All-Tournament Team honors and first-team *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District accolades.

As a player, the Chantilly, Va., native was named to the 2002 All-SEC second team and the 2002 SEC All-Tournament team. Baggetta played infield, outfield and catcher during her career. In 2002, she led the team in hitting with a .353 average, tied for home runs with six and led in slugging percentage with .573. Against Tennessee in 2002, she became the fourth player in Gamecock history to hit two home runs in a single game.

Baggetta also closed out her career ranked 10th on Carolina's all-time list for walks with 52. She still stands in the top 10 in Gamecock history in home runs, on-base percentage, slugging percentage and hit-by-pitches. Baggetta graduated from the University of South Carolina in Dec. 2002 with a degree in sport and entertainment management and a minor in business administration.



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Rick Pauly

Assistant Coach

First Season at South Carolina

Rick Pauly joined the South Carolina coaching staff in July to serve as the pitching coach after a successful stint as the head coach at Spartanburg Methodist College.

Pauly led the Pioneers to two straight NJCAA Division I World Series appearances while compiling a record of 110-54-1. The 2008 and 2009 teams under Pauly's direction captured Region X championships while also achieving a top-20 grade point average among the nation's junior colleges. The 2008 squad finished fifth at the NJCAA World Series with the 2009 group coming in ninth. The 2008 and 2009 Region X Coach of the Year had exceptional pupils during his time in Spartanburg, including 2009 freshman Lacey Dinney, who struck out 116 batters while walking just 23 in 67 innings of work. Laura Trout also stood out for SMC, as she earned NJCAA All-America honors twice. In four seasons, 14 of his players were selected to the All Region Team with four players off of last year's squad signing with four-year institutions, three at the NCAA Division I level.

"We are excited that a person with Rick's experience has agreed to join our staff," said South Carolina head coach Joyce Compton. "He brings with him the knowledge and teaching abilities that will help develop our young pitching staff."

In addition to his coaching, Pauly has been a highly successful private pitching instructor. Since moving to South Carolina in 2002, he has had eleven students pitch their high school teams to state championships and were also named as the Player of the Year in their respective high school classification. One of those pupils includes former Gamecock Kate Pouliot.

"I'm really excited about working with the talent level of the women that compete at South Carolina and in the SEC," Pauly said. "I'm also excited about the opportunity of working with a hall of fame coach like Joyce Compton. I look forward to working with our pitching staff to become one of the elite groups in the SEC and nationally once again."

Prior to moving to South Carolina, Pauly was an volunteer assistant coach in the Arizona high school ranks, coaching the pitching staffs at nationally-ranked programs at both Mountain Point and Desert Vista high schools in Phoenix.

In addition to coaching, he also played fastpitch for over 20 years at various levels, including six years with "The Farm" team from Madison, Wis., a nationally-recognized ASA Men's Major Open squad. He earned ASA All-American honors in 1988.

Pauly, a native of Wisconsin, is married to Joan, and the couple has two children, Jesse and Sarah, who serves as the pitching coach at College of Charleston.

The Rick Pauly File

College Education: Wisconsin-Stout, 1972

Playing Career: Over 20 years in men's fastpitch, including six with "The Farm" 1988 ASA All-American in Men's Open

Coaching Career: Head Coach, Spartanburg Methodist College 2006-09; Volunteer Assistant Coach, various Phoenix, Ariz. high schools for five years; ASA Club Softball, various groups for 10 years.



Dennis Hansen

Volunteer Assistant Coach

First Season at South Carolina

Joining the Gamecock staff for 2010 as a volunteer assistant is Dennis Hansen, an accomplished high school coach from Illinois who also has some collegiate coaching experience.

Hansen coached high school softball for 21 years in the Land of Lincoln, compiling a 382-212 record and claiming five conference and six regional crowns during his career. He took Maple Park High School to the state finals in 2000 and was named the Illinois Softball Coaches Association Coach of the Year. A three-time region softball coach of

the year, Hansen also spent nine years as a varsity girls basketball and seven years as a varsity boys coach.

Hansen played six years of men's fastpitch after earning four letters in basketball at NCAA Division III Elmhurst College. After earning his degree in physical education in 1986, he worked as an assistant basketball coach at the University of St. Francis for three seasons.

Dennis Hansen is married to Carrie, and the couple has a "badly-behaved" Irish setter named Dexter.

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Val Sheley

Senior Associate AD/SWA

Val Sheley, who has experience as a former student-athlete, coach, athletics director and several other administrative areas, including compliance, academics and student-athlete development, is in her sixth year as senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator. Her many responsibilities include administration of eight sports and the NCAA compliance office.

Her athletics career started in 1988 when she served as head of men's and women's track and field, then added the responsibilities of assistant athletics director/senior woman administrator at UNC Asheville. From there, she went to the NCAA office working as a legislative assistant for the national organization. Sheley is in her second stint with South Carolina during her college athletics career, having served as an associate athletics director for NCAA compliance at the school from 1995 to 2000. In 2000, she left the Gamecocks to become athletics director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw the school's 13 athletics programs and facility improvements for three years. During 2003-04, Sheley served as the interim associate athletics director for academic support and career development at Maryland before returning to South Carolina. Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State, where she excelled as a track and field athlete. She earned a master's from Houston and is a graduate of the Sports Management Institute. Sheley was a 1984 Olympic qualifier in track and field for Great Britain. Her husband, Mike, was a track and field All-American and NCAA national champion (4x800-meter relay, 1974 indoors) at South Carolina.



Robert Campbell

Academic Advisor

Robert Campbell joined South Carolina's Athletic Department in January of 2007. Campbell serves as the academic advisor for football and softball. A Kentucky native and graduate of the University of Louisville, Campbell previously worked at his alma mater's Olga Peers Academic Center for Student-Athletes and the University of Central Florida. Campbell holds both bachelor's

and master's degrees in sport administration.



Justin Conley

Manager

Justin Conley is in his second year as a manager for the Gamecock softball program. His duties include helping with the video at all contests and working with the bullpen crew. A physical education major, the Columbia, S.C., native is scheduled to graduate in 2011.



Jolie Helton

Marketing Assistant

Jolie Helton joined the Gamecocks as a marketing assistant in July 2009. She works with the Gamecocks' women's soccer, volleyball, women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, track and field, softball and equestrian programs, helping them in all marketing matters. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia in 2008, where she volunteered as a student intern

for the athletic department for two years. Helton then went to Washington and worked as marketing assistant, where she helped with the promotional efforts for Husky football, volleyball, and men's and women's basketball.



Kelly Lewis

Operations & Facilities Manager

Kelly Lewis is in her 16th year with Gamecock athletics, managing event operations for softball as well as several other sports at South Carolina. Lewis was the event coordinator for the 2009 SEC Women's Golf Championship and the 1999 NCAA Women's Golf East Regional and served as the Gamecocks' coordinator for the 1997-2001 SEC women's basketball tournaments. She also

worked as an event coordinator for the 1997 NCAA Women's Basketball East Regional held at the Carolina Coliseum. Lewis earned her master's degree in sports administration at Eastern Kentucky in 1994. A native of Aiken, S.C., Lewis received a Bachelor of Science in physical education in 1982 from USC-Aiken, where she also coached volleyball and basketball.



Deisha Moss

Strength & Conditioning Assistant

Deisha Moss is in her first season as a strength & conditioning assistant, and she works directly with the softball and equestrian teams. Moss graduated from Lander University with a bachelor's in physical education. While in Greenwood, S.C., Moss played softball under legendary coach Doug Spears. Moss has also excelled at team handball, earning a spot on the U.S. women's national team, competing with them internationally. She also was a resident athlete at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y. A Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS), she has worked with high school athletes that have earned scholarships at many Division I institutions as well as professional athletes from Major League Baseball, National Pro Fastpitch and the Women's Professional Soccer League.

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Koby Padgett

Assistant Media Relations Director

Koby Padgett is in his third year at South Carolina and serves as the assistant media relations director for volleyball and softball. Padgett came from Tennessee, where he worked as a graduate assistant in the women's athletic department. While in Knoxville, he worked with the soccer and rowing programs and acted as the media coordinator for the 2007 NCAA Women's Rowing Cham-

pionships. Prior to getting his master's in sports management at UTK, he worked as the media relations assistant at Jacksonville University, where he handled day-to-day tasks for 11 of the Dolphins' 18 sports. Padgett earned his bachelor's at Mississippi State in communication and worked with the Bulldog track and field and cross country programs for two years. The Lexington, Miss., native also served as co-media coordinator at the 2002 SEC Outdoor Track & Field Championships.



John Woolf

Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer

A graduate assistant in the South Carolina sports medicine department, John Woolf works with the volleyball and softball teams. Woolf received his Bachelor of Science in athletic training from Alabama in May 2008. While in Tuscaloosa, Woolf worked with four different Crimson Tide teams as well as working with a local high school and at a physical therapy clinic. Woolf interned

twice with the Carolina Panthers, including in their 2008 NFC South championship season. The Bayonne, N.J., native is working on his master's degree in athletic training at South Carolina.

