# 2013-14 South Carolina Media Roster 



## 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: 264-146 (14th season)
School Record: 92-66 (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: 672-495 (40th season)
All-Time SEC Record: 102-197(23rd season)
NCAA Appearances (Last): 10 (2013)
NCAA Tournament Record: 11-10
Last NCAA Result: L, 69-16, Kansas, Boulder, Colo., 3/25/13, Second Round
WNIT Appearances (Last): 4 (2011)
WNIT Record: 3-4

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## A South Carolina Win Would...

- Be the fourth in a season opener in head coach Dawn Staley's six-year tenure, but just her second at home as the Gamecocks have opened three of her six seasons on the road.
- Give the Gamecocks a 28-12 all-time record in season openers.
- Bring head coach Dawn Staley to 93 wins at South Carolina, leaving her eight behind Pam Parsons (1978-82) for third all-time in Gamecock women's basketball history.


## By the Numbers

1.4 Average places by which the SEC coaches have under-rated South Carolina in their preseason poll compared to where the Gamecocks actually finished the season in the Dawn Staley era
2 Seasons in the Dawn Staley era in which the Gamecocks have won at least 25 games - a win total that was achieved just three times in the program's first 34 seasons
3 Members of this season's team that earned South Carolina Player of the Year honors in high school
4 Newcomers on this season's Gamecock roster
7 Gamecocks on this season's roster that played high school basketball in the state of South Carolina
21 Entries for the Gamecocks in the last 31 Associated Press Top 25 Polls
48 Points scored by the Gamecocks in each half of last Friday's exhibition game win over North Greenville
50.9 Points per game to which the South Carolina defense has held its opponents in the last two seasons, ranking among the nation's top five in the category both campaigns
60.1 Percent of last season's scoring that returns for 2013-14
61.7 Percent of last season's rebounding that returns for 2013-14

## Charleston Southern Series Notes

South Carolina leads this in-state rivalry 6-0 with five of those contests played in Columbia. The teams have played intermittently over the last three decades, and tonight's will be the second meeting of the Dawn Staley era. The Gamecocks most recently renewed the series in the 2010-11 season with a $75-53$ win over the Buccaneers on Dec. 1, 2010.

## Scouting the Buccaneers

Charleston Southern enters the 2013-14 campaign looking to shake off an injury-plagued 8-20 effort last season. The Buccaneers are young, though, with just four letterwinners returning and five true freshmen on the roster.

A trio of seniors will lead the team, all of which played significant minutes last season. Guard DJ Fowler started all 28 games and posted 10.6 points, 3.9 assists and 2.5 steals per game. Guard Erin Bratcher, also a starter, is the second-best returning scorer for the Buccaneers, netting 10.4 points per game last season behind 33.8 percent (77-of-228) 3-point shooting. Forward Anicia Dotson started 16 of her 27 games last season and is looking to contribute more in her senior season after averaging 5.1 points and 3.5 rebounds last season.

Head coach Fred Applin is in his second season at Charleston Southern with a two-year career head coaching record of 24-47.

## 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 outperformed the predictions of both groups.

| Season | Media | Coaches | Actual |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2009-10$ | 10 | 6 | T-7 |
| $2010-11$ | 7 | 7 | T-5 |
| $2011-12$ | 8 | 7 | T-4 |
| $2012-13$ | 7 | 6 | T-4 |

## On Exhibition

Fans got a preview of the 2013-14 version of the Gamecocks in an exhibition game last Friday against North Greenville. South Carolina scored 96 points in the effort, led by matching 20 -point outings by its two centers - junior Elem Ibiam and freshman Alaina Coates.

As a team, the Gamecocks shot 60.0 percent (42-70) form the field and scored 78 of their points in the paint. Aggressive defense forced the Crusaders into 29 turnovers, which South Carolina turned into 30 points, including 26 on the fast break.

Junior Aleighsa Welch and sophomore Asia Dozier turned in solid, well-rounded efforts in the victory. Welch posted 15 points, nine rebounds and handed out seven assists as she looks to expand her role in the offense outside of the paint. Dozier looked confident in her 21 minutes on the floor, adding six points, five rebounds and six assists to her efficient 3-of-6 shooting. Coates blocked five shots in addition to her offensive output.

## For Openers...

In its 40th season of women's basketball, South Carolina is 27-12 in season openers, including a 3-2 mark under head coach Dawn Staley. The Gamecocks have lost just once in 13 season openers at home. Tonight is just the third time South Carolina has opened at home during Staley's six seasons at the helm. South Carolina opened last season with a 77-44 home win over Elon, atoning for an 84-65 loss to then-No. 5 Xavier to open the 2010-11 campaign.

## 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. 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.

## Guess Who's Back

The Gamecocks return six letterwinners from last season's 25 -win team, including starters Aleighsa Welch and Tiffany Mitchell. The other four returners each played in at least 29 of last season's 33 games with two of those - Elem Ibiam and Khadijah Sessions - averaging at least 15 minutes.

Eager to bolster the efforts of the veterans is redshirt sophomore Tina Roy. Fully recovered from her offseason knee surgery, the guard looks to improve on her 4.4 points per game as a freshman. She proved she is capable of delivering more offense toward the end of that season, averaging 8.7 points during the Gamecocks' threegame run to the SEC Tournament semifinals.

## Fresh Look

South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley added four newcomers to this season's roster and will welcome the return of redshirt freshman Tiffany Davis, whose initial campaign was limited to three games by a knee injury.

Local product Alaina Coates (Irmo, S.C.) headlines this season's crop of newcomers as the McDonald's and Parade All-American makes the site of her two high school state championships her college home court. Junior transfer Olivia Gaines was named the Junior/Community College Player of the Year by the WBCA last season after leading Louisburg College to the NJCAA Division II National Championship. Walk-ons India Farmer and LeAnna Morrison will battled for court time as well.

## 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.

## Drive for 5

The Gamecocks launched their "Drive for 5" women's basketball ticket campaign this season. Inspired by head coach Dawn Staley's jersey number during her Naismith Hall of Fame playing career, the campaign looks to bring at least 5,000 fans to every Gamecock women's basketball game. At the end of October, the Gamecocks were well on their way, surpassing 3,000 season tickets issued for the season for the first time in the Staley era.

| AP Top 25 <br> (Preseason) |  |  |  |  |
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|  | SEC Games |  |  | Overall |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\mathbf{W}$ | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| Alabama | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Arkansas | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Auburn | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Florida | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Kentucky | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| LSU | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Ole Miss | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Mississippi St. | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Missouri | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| South Carolina | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Tennessee | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Texas A\&M | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Vanderbilt | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

## Coming Up

## November 8

Sam Houston State at Arkansas, Noon
Bethune-Cookman at Florida, 5:15 p.m.
Missouri at Saint Louis, 5:30 p.m.
Jacksonville State at Ole Miss, 6 p.m.
Mississippi State at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
\#7/8 Kentucky at Marist, 7 p.m.
Alabama at Chattanooga, 7:30 p.m.
Appalachian State at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at \#15/17 LSU, 8 p.m.
\#4/4 Tennessee at Middle Tennessee, 8 p.m.

## November 9

Georgia Southern at Auburn, 7 p.m.

## November 10

\#7/8 Kentucky at Wagner, 1 p.m. North Florida at Florida, 2 p.m. Presbyterian at \#24/22 Georgia, 2 p.m. Central Arkansas at Ole Miss, 3 p.m.
SIU Edwardsville at Missouri, 3 p.m.
Rankings are listed as AP/ESPN Poll All Times Eastern; TV Network in ()

## Individual

| Scored 50 Points |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| South Carolina 51, Jocelyn Penn vs. Stetson, 1/4/03 <br> Opponent Never |  |
|  |  |
| Scored 40 Points |  |

## Had a Triple-Double

South Carolina Iva Sliskovic ( $18 \mathrm{pts}, 15$ 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 77-35 (42) vs. Alabama, 3/7/13
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. Jackson State, 12/7/07
Opponent 604 (29-48), Vanderbilt, 1/18/01

## Shot 50\% or Better from the Field

South Carolina .590 (28-55) vs. Alabama, 3/7/13
Opponent $\quad .535$ (23-43), Missouri, 2/28/13
No Players in Double-Figure Points
South Carolina at Auburn, 1/19/12
Opponent $\quad$ SC State, 12/14/11
Five Players in Double-Figure Points
South Carolina at Kentucky, 2/14/13
Opponent Arkansas, 2/14/10

## Faced AP Top-25 Opponent

Win $\quad 55-50$ vs. No. 5 Kentucky, 1/24/13
Loss $\quad 52-61$ vs. No. 19 Texas A\&M, 3/8/13

## Faced AP Top-10 Opponent

| Win | $55-50$ vs. No. 5 Kentucky, 1/24/13 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Loss | $78-74$ at No. 7 Kentucky, 2/14/13 |

## 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 $\quad 58-55$ vs. Drexel, 11/28/12

Loss $\quad 60-74$ vs. Vanderbilt, 2/27/11

## 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 $10 \quad$ No. 10, 2/18/02
AP Top 25 No. 22, 2013-14 Preseason

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
North Greenville vs South Carolina 11/01/13 7 p.m. at Columbia, S.C. / Colonial Life Arena
**Exhibition Game**
North Greenville 35


## South Carolina 96

|  |  | Total 3-Ptr |  |  |  | Rebounds |  |  |  |  |  | A TO |  |  | Min |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#\# | Player |  | FG-FGA | FG-FGA | FT-FTA | Off D | Def T | Tot | PF | TP |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | WELCH, Aleighsa | f | 7-8 | 0-0 | 1-1 |  | 6 | 9 | 2 | 15 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 24 |
| 31 | DOZIER, Asia | f | 3-6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 21 |
| 33 | IBIAM, Elem | c | 9-11 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 25 |
| 05 | SESSIONS, Khadijah | g | 4-8 | 1-2 | 1-4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 26 |
| 25 | MITCHELL, Tiffany | g | 8-15 | 0-1 | 3-3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 29 |
| 00 | FARMER, India |  | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 02 | GAINES, Olivia |  | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| 12 | MONTOUT, Wilka |  | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-1 |  | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 21 | MORRISON, LeAnna |  | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 23 | ROY, Tina |  | 1-5 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 41 | COATES, Alaina |  | 9-13 | 0-0 | 2-2 |  | 5 | 6 | 3 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 18 |
|  | Team |  |  |  |  | 2 | 5 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Totals |  | 42-70 | 1-5 | 11-15 | 153 | 33 | 48 | 15 | 96 | 27 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 200 |


| FG $\%$ 1st Half: | $22-37$ | $59.5 \%$ | 2nd half: | $20-33$ | $60.6 \%$ | Game: | $42-70$ | $60.0 \%$ | Deadball |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3FG \% 1st Half: | $1-1$ | 100.0 | 2nd half: | $0-4$ | $0.0 \%$ | Game: | $1-5$ | $20.0 \%$ | Rebounds |
| FT \% 1st Half: | $3-7$ | $42.9 \%$ | 2nd half: | $8-8$ | 100.0 | Game: | $11-15$ | $73.3 \%$ | 1 |

Officials: Lawson Newton, Brian Hall, Erica Bradley
Technical fouls: North Greenville-None. South Carolina-None.
Attendance:

| Score by periods | 1st | 2nd | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North Greenville | 10 | 25 | $\mathbf{3 5}$ |
| South Carolina | 48 | 48 | $\mathbf{9 6}$ |

Last FG - NGU 2nd-01:15, SC 2nd-00:14.
Largest lead - NGU None, SC by 63 2nd-04:16.

|  | In | Off | 2nd | Fast |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Points | Paint | T/O | Chance | Break | Bench |
| NGU | 17 | 11 | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| SC | 78 | 30 | 18 | 26 | 26 |

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

| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ALL GAMES | $25-8$ | $13-3$ | $7-3$ | $5-2$ |
| CONFERENCE | $11-5$ | $6-2$ | $5-3$ | $0-0$ |
| NON-CONFERENCE | $14-3$ | $7-1$ | $2-0$ | $5-2$ |




