

SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S TENNIS COACHES

ARLO ELKINS

29th Season • 431-290 Overall • 17 Straight NCAA Team Appearances



Few coaches in any sport have made the kind of impact head coach Arlo Elkins has during his 28 seasons at South Carolina, where he has a 431-290 record. The 431 wins rank first among all Gamecock women's tennis head coaches and all active NCAA Division I women's coaches in the state of South Carolina. He is a proven winner, and his winning attitude has made the Gamecocks one of the most consistent programs in the country.

Elkins guided South Carolina to its 17th straight NCAA appearance in 2011. The Gamecocks pushed their streak of second-round NCAA appearances to four while playing 16 of their 23 matches prior to NCAAs against teams that made the postseason. All but one of South Carolina's losses came to teams that made the postseason tournament and three were at the hands of national champion Florida, proving once again the Gamecocks played one of the nation's toughest schedules. Individually, Anya Morgina qualified for the NCAA Singles Championship for the first time in her career and ended the year ranked 45th, and she held a No. 65 rating in doubles with Dominika Kanakova. Dijana Stojic also finished the season ranked in singles and doubles with marks of 102 and 84 with Kanakova. Morgina was a first-team All-SEC selection, while Stojic made the second team for the second year in a row.



Elkins took the Gamecocks to new heights in 2009. Sitting at 8-7 overall and 1-3 in the SEC with a No. 40 national ranking, Elkins' Gamecocks engineered a remarkable run the rest of the season. The team finished with a 6-5 record in SEC play and entered the NCAA Tournament at 14-10 and ranked 22nd. The Gamecocks upset the NCAA Tournament's No. 10 seed Tennessee in the second round in Knoxville, Tenn., to reach the championships in College Station, Texas. South Carolina then shut out Washington in the round of 16 to reach the quarterfinals. Against the national No. 2-seed Georgia Bulldogs in the quarters, the Gamecocks stole the doubles point but came up one victory short in singles to lose an epic 4-3 battle. It tied for the best postseason finish in school history. South Carolina's 17-11 record was good for a No. 17 national ranking in the final ITA poll, an improvement of 16 places from where it began the year to mark the largest jump of any team ranked in the preseason top 50.

Officially beginning his duties as head coach Aug. 15, 1983, Elkins led the Garnet & Black to a 12-17 record in his first season. The following year, however, South Carolina finished 27-10 and won the first of five Metro Conference titles. Elkins and the Gamecocks won the Metro championship the following three years and then once more in 1990, two years before Carolina would compete in the Southeastern Conference.

Elkins made his NCAA Tournament debut in 1988 following South Carolina's fourth consecutive league crown. South Carolina's 17 straight NCAA team appearances currently stands as the 11th-longest active streak in the country. During that time, the Gamecocks have recorded a winning percentage of .500 or better in each season. Additionally, Elkins has taken the Gamecocks to at least the second round of NCAA play in 15 of their 17 straight showings. South Carolina has made a total of 19 NCAA Tournament appearances under Elkins, advanced as far as the round of 16 four times (1990, 1995, 1999, 2009) and made one quarterfinal appearance (2009).

The Gamecocks are no strangers to the NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships as well. Thanks to Elkins, South Carolina has seen an individual compete in the NCAA Championships in 21 of his 28 seasons. In 1994, Helen Crook and Victoria Davies became Elkins' first All-Americans when they reached the semifinal round of the NCAA Doubles Championship. Counting the individual and team tournaments, the Gamecocks have earned representation in some way at the NCAA Championships for 22 straight years.

South Carolina has consistently been among the final rankings since Elkins first stepped foot on campus. In 22 of his 28 years, Carolina has appeared in the final team standings and been in the top 25 a total of 15 times. Elkins' 1995 Gamecocks posted a final national billing of 11th, the highest of his career and third best in school history. For two of the past three seasons, South Carolina has been listed among the top 20 nationally, finishing 17th in 2009 and 19th in 2010.

The Gamecocks have seen at least one singles player or doubles team listed among the season-ending national rankings for 25 of Elkins' 28 seasons as well. In 1987, a school-best four players were ranked in the top 100 in singles and one doubles team made the top 50. Over Elkins' tenure, 21 players from South Carolina have earned a place on the final singles rankings 46 times and 15 doubles tandems have received rankings in 19 instances.

Elkins' players have not been bashful in piling up honors for both their athletic and academic achievements. A total of 14 Gamecocks have captured All-Southeastern Conference recognition during his reign, including 1999 first-team member Lynn-



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Yin Tan. In 2007, Gira Schofield became the school's second first-team honoree. Schofield also was just the second Gamecock to earn ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year accolades in 2006 and she became the first to win SEC Freshman of the Year. Ana Marija Zubori made the All-SEC First Team in 2009 to become the third player to earn first-team praise and repeated the achievement in 2010. Morgina was the Gamecocks' fourth first-team member in 2011. Seven South Carolina players have been awarded ITA regional certificates, which in addition to Rookie of the Year include recognition for Senior Player of the Year, Player to Watch and the Leadership and Sportsmanship Award. Morgina was the most recent honoree, taking home Carolina Region Player to Watch accolades in 2011.

In arguably the nation's toughest tennis conference, South Carolina is 119-101 (.541) as a member of the SEC, giving it the fifth highest winning percentage in the league since 1992. The Southeastern Conference has won seven NCAA team championships since South Carolina joined the league in 1992 and been runner-up six times. With Elkins as head coach, the Gamecocks have won at least five SEC regular-season matches in all but two years and finished above .500 in 12 of their 20 years with the conference. In 2007, South Carolina posted an 8-3 record against the conference, second only to the 1996 squad's 9-2 mark. At the SEC Tournament, South Carolina has won its opening-round match 16 times and been to the semifinals three times. In 2002, the Garnet & Black reached the championship match of the event.

Academically, 41 Gamecocks have earned SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition 98 times. In 1994, Helen Crook earned a place on the Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America First Team. Year after year, the South Carolina women's tennis program boasts one of the athletics department's top team grade point averages, frequently at or above 3.4. The women's tennis team led all Gamecock squads for the highest semester GPA in spring 2011 with a 3.576 mark.

Individually, Elkins has received many awards during his tenure in the Palmetto State. In 1988, he was tapped United States Professional Tennis Association Southern Division Coach of the Year while also earning the South Carolina Tennis Association College Coach of the Year and ITA Southeast Region Coach of the Year awards. Seven years later, he became the first head coach at South Carolina in any sport to win SEC Coach of the Year. Elkins was named the 1994 and 1996 ITA Southeast Region Coach of the Year as well, and in December 2003, he was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Association Hall of Fame. Elkins is a member of the Rockford High School Hall of Fame in Rockford, Mich., as well.

Before becoming a coach, Elkins played professionally and competed in the main draw at Wimbledon and the French Open. He also played in more than 50 different countries, and in 1978, Elkins was ranked among the top 200 in the world. Within the state of South Carolina, Elkins has been ranked No. 1 in singles, doubles and mixed doubles in men's open 25- and 35-year-old age groups. Elkins worked as the director of tennis and head professional at Spring Valley Country Club in Columbia prior to taking over the head coaching reigns at South Carolina.

Born April 5, 1949, Elkins graduated from Northwood Institute with a Bachelor of Arts in business in 1971. He was a four-year starter for the Midland, Mich., based school at No. 1 singles.

Elkins and his wife, Tara, have three children: Alyssa, Elliott and Kelsey.

ARLO ELKINS YEAR-BY-YEAR AT SOUTH CAROLINA

Year	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.	Ranking	Conf. Finish	NCAA Finish	Year-End Ranked Ind.
1983-84	12-17	.414	—	—	—	5th Metro	—	1 Singles
1984-85	27-10	.730	—	—	—	1st Metro	—	—
1985-86	13-16	.448	—	—	—	1st Metro	—	1 Singles
1986-87	24-8	.750	—	—	19th ITCA	1st Metro	—	4 Singles, 1 Doubles
1987-88	15-10	.600	—	—	19th ITCA	1st Metro	NCAA Round of 20	3 Singles, 1 Doubles
1988-89	7-16	.304	—	—	—	2nd Metro	—	—
1989-90	18-6	.750	—	—	14th ITCA	1st Metro	NCAA Round of 16	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
1990-91	9-13	.409	—	—	—	2nd Metro	—	2 Singles
1991-92	13-10	.565	6-5	.545	24th ITA	T-5th SEC	—	2 Singles
1992-93	10-12	.455	5-6	.455	—	7th SEC	—	1 Singles, 1 Doubles
1993-94	19-7	.731	6-5	.545	24th ITA	T-5th SEC	—	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
1994-95	22-7	.759	7-4	.636	11th ITA	4th SEC	NCAA Round of 16	2 Singles
1995-96	17-10	.630	9-2	.818	15th ITA	4th SEC	NCAA Regionals	2 Singles, 2 Doubles
1996-97	15-10	.600	5-6	.455	17th ITA	T-6th SEC	NCAA Regionals	1 Doubles
1997-98	12-12	.500	5-6	.455	33rd ITA	7th SEC	NCAA Regionals	2 Singles
1998-99	18-8	.692	6-5	.545	12th ITA	4th SEC	NCAA Round of 16	3 Singles
1999-00	16-12	.571	6-5	.545	20th ITA	6th SEC	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles
2000-01	15-9	.625	7-4	.636	21st ITA	5th SEC	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles, 2 Doubles
2001-02	17-8	.680	7-4	.636	16th ITA	T-4th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	3 Singles, 2 Doubles
2002-03	14-11	.560	5-6	.455	46th ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	—
2003-04	14-10	.583	5-6	.455	33rd ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles
2004-05	15-9	.625	6-5	.545	23rd ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles
2005-06	12-11	.522	4-7	.364	41st ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 64	1 Singles
2006-07	16-7	.696	8-3	.727	32nd ITA	4th SEC East	NCAA Round of 64	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
2007-08	13-10	.565	5-6	.455	32nd ITA	T-5th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
2008-09	17-11	.607	6-5	.545	17th ITA	5th SEC East	NCAA Quarterfinals	2 Singles, 2 Doubles
2009-10	17-9	.654	7-4	.636	19th ITA	T-4th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	3 Singles, 1 Doubles
2010-11	14-11	.560	4-7	.364	32nd ITA	5th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	2 Singles, 2 Doubles
Total	431-290	.598	119-101	.541	15 Top 25	5 Titles	19 NCAA Appearances	46 Singles, 19 Doubles



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THE ARLO ELKINS TIMELINE

June 24, 1983: Elkins is officially named head coach of the Gamecock women's tennis program.

April 20, 1985: The Gamecocks defeat Tulane 6-0 in Memphis, Tenn., to win the first of five Metro Conference titles under the direction of Elkins.

May 12, 1988: South Carolina plays in its first NCAA Tournament under Elkins and falls by a 5-4 margin to BYU in the first round in Los Angeles.

Jan. 20, 1990: Elkins earns his 100th career victory with a 9-0 sweep at home against N.C. State.

May 10, 1990: USC downs William & Mary 6-0 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Gainesville, Fla., giving Elkins his first Sweet 16 appearance with the Gamecocks.

Feb. 14, 1992: Elkins' Gamecocks post a 6-2 triumph over Vanderbilt to earn their first league victory as members of the Southeastern Conference.

May 17, 1994: Helen Crook and Victoria Davies defeat the doubles team of Alley/Nelson from California to reach the semifinals of the NCAA Doubles Championship in Athens, Ga. Crook and Davies became Elkins' first All-Americans following the event.

April 26, 1995: Elkins is named SEC Coach of the Year, becoming the first head coach in any sport at Carolina to win the award.

March 24, 1996: A 5-4 victory at home against Vanderbilt hands Elkins his 200th career victory.

April 21, 1996: South Carolina's 6-0 victory at Kentucky to end the regular season gives the Gamecocks a 9-2 record in the SEC, which still remains a best for the program.

May 3, 1996: The Gamecocks host Florida State in a first-round NCAA Tournament match, marking the first time Columbia, S.C., served as a host site during the NCAA Women's Tennis Team Championship.

April 20, 2002: South Carolina defeats No. 1-ranked Georgia in Columbia, S.C., to reach its first SEC Tournament championship match.

Jan. 29, 2003: Elkins defeats College of Charleston to pick up his 300th career victory and become the 22nd coach in NCAA Division I women's tennis history to accumulate 300 wins.

Dec. 6, 2003: Elkins is inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame on Hilton Head Island.

March 13, 2005: South Carolina stuns No. 5 Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn., by a 5-2 score. It was the Gamecocks' highest win against a ranked opponent since beating Georgia in the SEC Tournament in 2002.

April 6, 2007: The Gamecocks defeat Kentucky 4-3 in Columbia to complete a perfect 11-0 record at home.

March 23, 2008: A tightly contested 4-3 triumph at Ole Miss gives the Gamecocks and Elkins 100 regular-season SEC victories since first playing in the league in 1992.

May 15, 2009: South Carolina defeats Washington 4-0 to reach the NCAA quarterfinals and give Elkins his 400th career victory. It marked the best NCAA finish of Elkins' tenure as head coach.

ARLO ELKINS VERSUS OPPONENTS

Alabama.....	13-7	Ole Miss.....	14-13
Appalachian State.....	2-0	Pacific.....	1-0
Arizona.....	1-1	Pennsylvania.....	1-0
Arizona State.....	0-3	Pepperdine.....	1-1
Arkansas.....	18-6	Presbyterian.....	1-0
Auburn.....	24-5	Princeton.....	1-0
Boston College.....	9-0	Purdue.....	2-0
Brown.....	1-0	Rice.....	1-0
BYU.....	9-8	Richmond.....	2-0
California.....	0-2	Rollins.....	2-0
Charleston Southern.....	1-0	San Diego.....	1-0
Charlotte.....	2-0	San Diego State.....	1-3
Chattanooga.....	1-0	SIU-Edwardsville.....	1-0
Cincinnati.....	2-0	SMU.....	0-2
Clemson.....	13-17	South Alabama.....	1-0
Coastal Carolina.....	1-0	South Carolina State.....	2-0
College of Charleston.....	17-0	Southern Illinois.....	1-0
Colorado.....	3-0	Stanford.....	0-1
Davidson.....	7-0	TCU.....	12-3
Duke.....	2-11	Tennessee.....	9-23
East Tennessee State.....	1-0	Texas.....	0-2
Florida.....	0-33	Texas A&M.....	7-1
Florida International.....	1-1	Toledo.....	1-0
Florida State.....	11-2	Trinity.....	2-1
Francis Marion.....	1-0	Troy.....	2-0
Furman.....	21-0	Tulane.....	1-0
Georgia.....	5-36	Tulsa.....	1-0
Georgia Southern.....	2-0	UC Irvine.....	1-0
Georgia Tech.....	4-2	UC Santa Barbara.....	1-0
Hampton.....	1-0	UCLA.....	0-2
Harvard.....	3-1	UNLV.....	2-0
Houston.....	1-1	USC-Aiken.....	1-0
Illinois.....	2-0	USF.....	7-1
Indiana.....	2-8	Utah.....	9-3
Iowa.....	1-0	Utah State.....	1-0
Kansas State.....	1-0	Vanderbilt.....	11-16
Kentucky.....	15-14	VCU.....	3-2
Long Beach State.....	1-0	Virginia.....	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe.....	1-1	Virginia Tech.....	6-0
Louisville.....	1-0	Wake Forest.....	10-9
LSU.....	18-4	Washington.....	1-1
Marquette.....	1-0	Western Michigan.....	1-0
Marshall.....	2-0	Wichita State.....	0-1
Maryland.....	2-1	William & Mary.....	3-3
Miami (Fla.).....	0-2	Winthrop.....	8-0
Miami (Ohio).....	2-0	Wisconsin.....	2-5
Michigan.....	2-3		
Middle Tennessee State.....	3-0		
Minnesota.....	1-0		
Mississippi State.....	22-1		
N.C. State.....	12-1		
Nebraska.....	2-0		
New Mexico.....	1-0		
North Carolina.....	6-5		
North Florida.....	6-0		
Northwestern.....	0-3		
Notre Dame.....	1-3		
Ohio State.....	1-1		
Oklahoma.....	2-0		
Oklahoma State.....	0-4		



GAMECOCK ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH



KATARINA PETROVIC

8th Season • 2009 ITA Southeast Region Assistant Coach of the Year



Katarina M. Petrovic is in her eighth season with the South Carolina women's tennis team. Petrovic joined the Gamecock coaching staff in September 2004 after serving as the sports manager at the Michael-Ann Russell Community Center in North Miami Beach, Fla. After serving as assistant coach her first five seasons with the program, Petrovic was promoted to associate head coach in summer 2009. She is a longtime member of the Gamecock tennis family, being a four-year letterwinner for South Carolina from 1998 to 2002.

Petrovic has been the catalyst behind South Carolina's influx of talented players during her tenure. A tireless recruiter, Petrovic helped bring All-SEC performers Gira Schofield, Natasa Vuckovic, Ana Marija Zubori, Dijana Stojic and Anya Morgina to the school. Schofield earned all-conference accolades every year she competed at South Carolina, becoming the first player in school history to do so. A year later in 2010, Zubori became the second player to garner All-SEC accolades four straight years while becoming the first Gamecock in school history to achieve first-team All-SEC status more than once. Schofield also reached the NCAA Singles Championship four times and earned a season-ending national ranking four straight years, both school firsts. Zubori then ended her career with a national singles and doubles ranking four consecutive seasons, the first player in school history to achieve the feat. Vuckovic earned All-SEC honors three times from 2006 to 2008, and Stojic received second-team All-SEC accolades in 2010 and 2011. Morgina became South Carolina's fourth first-team All-SEC honoree in 2011 while also picking up Intercollegiate Tennis Association Carolina Region Player to Watch honors, making her just the second player in school history to receive the award.

Last year, Petrovic helped lead South Carolina to its 17th straight NCAA appearance. The Gamecocks pushed their streak of second-round NCAA appearances to four while playing 16 of their 23 matches prior to NCAAs against teams that made the postseason. Individually, Morgina qualified for the NCAA Singles Championship for the first time in her career and ended the year ranked 45th, and she held a No. 65 rating in doubles with then-freshman Dominika Kanakova. Stojic also finished the season ranked in singles and doubles with marks of 102 and 84 with Kanakova. Morgina also posted an 8-3 record in SEC matches playing at No. 1 singles, the most wins at the position during the regular season of any player in the conference.

In 2010, three Gamecocks ended the year with a national singles ranking with Zubori (40), Stojic (85) and Anya Morgina (105). It marked the most South Carolina players in the final singles rankings since 2002. Zubori and Stojic also finished the season ranked 17th in doubles, the highest final ranking for a Gamecock duo in school history. 2010 freshman Adriana Pereira posted a 9-2 record in singles in regular-season SEC matches to tie a school record first set by Vuckovic for league wins in a season. As a team, Petrovic helped in guiding the team to a No. 19 ranking in the final poll, marking the first time South Carolina posted consecutive top-20 finishes since the 1999 and 2000 campaigns.

For the 2009 season, Petrovic and head coach Arlo Elkins helped their Gamecocks engineer an outstanding run to finish the season. Sitting at 8-7 overall and 1-3 in the SEC with a No. 40 national ranking, the team rebounded to end with a 6-5 record in SEC play and entered the NCAA Tournament at 14-10 and ranked 22nd. The Gamecocks upset the NCAA Tournament's No. 10 seed Tennessee in the second round in Knoxville, Tenn., to reach the championships in College Station, Texas. South Carolina then shut out Washington in the round of 16 to reach the quarterfinals.

Against the national No. 2-seed Georgia Bulldogs in the quarters, the Gamecocks stole the doubles point but came up one victory short in singles to lose an epic 4-3 battle. It tied for the best postseason finish in school history. At a luncheon during the championships, Petrovic was honored as the ITA Southeast Region Assistant Coach of the Year for her role in helping South Carolina achieve the success it had last season. Petrovic became the first assistant coach in school history to receive the honor from the ITA.

A native of Valjevo, Serbia, Petrovic came to South Carolina in spring 1999 and made an immediate impact on the Gamecock tennis program. She was voted ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year and earned second-team All-SEC honors the same year. Petrovic began her career by winning nine of her first 10 matches en route to a final national ranking of 33rd. As a sophomore, Petrovic earned team MVP honors, was selected to the NCAA Singles Championship draw and reached an individual ITA national ranking of 13th, the highest-recorded individual ranking in school history. Petrovic's season-ending singles billing of No. 29 made her just the fifth Gamecock to finish among the top 30 in the nation and the first to do so since 1987. She remains the last player in school history to finish among the top 30 as well. Petrovic continued to lead the Gamecocks during her junior and senior seasons. She currently resides in 10th place on the school's all-time list for doubles victories with a 67-34 (.663) record and is 28th in singles wins with a 65-59 (.524) slate. Her combined record of 132-93 (.587) is tied for 18th all-time. While Petrovic enjoyed a great deal of success on the tennis court, she received academic accolades as a two-time selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Petrovic earned her degree in marketing and management from South Carolina in 2002. The former Katarina Markovski is married to Stevan Petrovic and resides in Columbia, S.C.

