



## 2014-15 GAME NOTES

# SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### Game Information

**Date:** Saturday, November 15, 2014 | 7 p.m.  
**Site:** Columbia, S.C.  
**Arena:** Colonial Life Arena (18,000)  
**Tickets:** \$7 adult, \$4 youth (17 and under)  
**Broadcast:** SEC Network+ (Brad Muller, play-by-play; Debbie Antonelli, analyst)  
**Radio:** 107.5 The Game (Dan Wolfgang)  
**Live Stats:** GamecocksOnline.com

**South Carolina Gamecocks**  
**0-0**



**Southern Cal Trojans**  
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**Ranking:** 2/2 (AP/Coaches)  
**Head Coach:** Dawn Staley  
**Record at SC:** 121-71 (7th)  
**Career Rec.:** 293-151 (15th)

**Ranking:** -/  
**Head Coach:** Cynthia Cooper  
**Record at USC:** 22-13 (2nd)  
**Career Rec.:** 22-13 (2nd)

**Top Scorer:** Mitchell (15.5)  
**Top Rebounder:** Coates (8.4)

**Top Scorer:** Vaiioletama (8.6)  
**Top Rebounder:** Vaiioletama (7.7)

### 2014-15 Schedule

<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Coker (Exh.) (SECN+)</b>	<b>W, 100-25</b>
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Southern California (SECN+)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>Clemson (SECN)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 23</b>	<b>San Diego State (SECN+)</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<i>Junkanoo Jam (Lucaya Division) • Freeport, Bahamas</i>		
<b>Nov. 27</b>	vs. Wisconsin	4:15 p.m.
<b>Nov. 28</b>	vs. East Carolina/Syracuse	8 p.m.
<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>NC Central (SECN+)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Charlotte (SECN)</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	at Duke (ESPN2)	1 p.m.
<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Savannah State (SECN+)</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>Dec. 17</b>	at Hampton	7 p.m.
<i>Gopher Classic • Minneapolis, Minn.</i>		
<b>Dec. 20</b>	vs. Central Michigan	1 p.m.
<b>Dec. 21</b>	vs. Liberty	1 p.m.
<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>Auburn* (SECN)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 4</b>	at LSU* (ESPN2)	3 p.m.
<b>Jan. 8</b>	at Alabama* (SECN+)	7 p.m.
<b>Jan. 11</b>	<b>Kentucky* (ESPN2)</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 15</b>	at Missouri* (SECN)	9 p.m.
<b>Jan. 19</b>	at Florida* (SECN)	7 p.m.
<b>Jan. 26</b>	<b>Texas A&amp;M* (ESPN2)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>Alabama* (SECN+)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 1</b>	at Ole Miss* (ESPNU)	4:30 p.m.
<b>Feb. 5</b>	at Georgia* (SECN)	7 p.m.
<b>Feb. 9</b>	at Connecticut (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>LSU* (FSN)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>Vanderbilt* (ESPNU)</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>Feb. 19</b>	at Arkansas* (SECN)	9 p.m.
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Tennessee* (ESPN2)</b>	<b>9 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>Mississippi State* (FSN)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar. 1</b>	at Kentucky* (ESPNU/2)	2/5 p.m.
<i>SEC Tournament • North Little Rock, Ark.</i>		
<b>Mar. 4</b>	First Round (SECN)	TBA
<b>Mar. 5</b>	Second Round (SECN)	TBA
<b>Mar. 6</b>	Quarterfinals (SECN)	TBA
<b>Mar. 7</b>	Semifinals (ESPNU)	TBA
<b>Mar. 8</b>	Final (ESPN)	TBA

\* indicates SEC game  
 All Times Listed as Eastern and are subject to change

### one.

Prior to each season, head coach Dawn Staley chooses a theme for her team to play under. This season's is "one."

With expectations surrounding this season, Staley believed it was important for her team to focus on the collective instead of any individual, knowing that to thrive in pressure situations, each student-athlete may have to sacrifice a piece of herself to become one team.

### South Carolina Notables















- The Gamecocks launch their 41st season of women's basketball tonight against the Trojans. It is the program's 24th season in the SEC.
- South Carolina enters its seventh season under head coach Dawn Staley, during which the Gamecocks have gone 121-71. South Carolina has played in the last three NCAA Tournaments, including two trips to the Sweet 16.
- South Carolina is 28-12 all-time in season openers with a 13-1 record in openers played at home.
- In a vote of student-athletes and coaches, the Gamecocks have four captains this season – Asia Dozier, Elem Ibiam, Tiffany Mitchell and Aleighsa Welch.
- Staley enters the season with the highest national ranking of her coaching career at No. 2 in both the AP and USA Today Coaches Preseason Polls. Her previous high was No. 4, which the Gamecocks reached last season.
- With the preseason ranking of No. 2, South Carolina has been in the AP top 10 for 12 straight weeks/polls. The Gamecocks ended the 2013-14 season ranked eighth. It is the longest top-10 stretch for the program since a 13-poll stay from Jan. 22, 1980 through Dec. 16, 1980.
- The Gamecocks have won at least 25 games in each of the last three seasons, the first such stint in school history.
- The Gamecocks have won their last 18 home games, including all 16 last season.
- South Carolina returns 10 of the 12 letterwinners from last season's SEC Championship team.
- The Gamecocks were predicted to repeat as SEC Champions by both the league's coaches and the media.
- All five starters from last season's NCAA Sweet 16 squad return for 2014-15 as well as the bench's top scorer and rebounder in Alaina Coates.
- The addition of the SEC Network has allowed for 24 of the Gamecocks' 29 regular-season games to be broadcast nationally this season.

### Tale of the Tape

*Stats from 2013-14 Season*

USC	SC	
22-13	Overall Record	29-5
11-7	Conference Record	14-2
8-6	Home Record	16-0
8-5	Away Record	10-2
6-2	Neutral Record	3-3
67.1	Points Per Game	72.9
64.6	Opp. Points Per Game	55.8
.413	Field Goal %age	.474
.389	Opp. Field Goal %age	.346
.342	3-Pt. Field Goal %age	.347
.289	Opp. 3-Pt. Field Goal %age	.291
.671	Free Throw %age	.674
14.2	FTs Made Per Game	18.4
14.5	Assists Per Game	14.6
+0.9	Turnover Margin	-1.5
38.1	Rebounds Per Game	41.0
+0.5	Rebounding Margin	+8.8
8.8	Steals Per Game	5.9
2.8	Blocked Shots Per Game	7.1

# 2014-15 South Carolina Media Roster

<b>0</b>		<p><b>India Farmer</b> 6-0 • So. • Forward • N. Myrtle Beach, S.C.</p> <p>PPG <b>0.3</b> RPG <b>0.3</b> APG <b>0.0</b> FG% <b>.286</b> FT% <b>--</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 1 reb in 5 min vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Great team player ... Works hard with good attitude ... Played in 18 games, including seven SEC contests and four postseason outings.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 3, 2x, vs. Alabama, 1/19/14 Reb: 3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13 Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>1</b>		<p><b>Bianca Cuevas</b> 5-6 • Fr. • Guard • Bronx, N.Y. <i>kway-VAAS</i></p> <p>PPG <b>--</b> RPG <b>--</b> APG <b>--</b> FG% <b>--</b> FT% <b>--</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 7 pts, 3 rebs, 2 stls vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Quick, crafty guard ... Rated No. 35 player in 2014 class, No. 7 point guard ... McDonald's All-America ... NY co-Player of the Year and Brooklyn Player of the Year.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: — Reb: — Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>2</b>		<p><b>Olivia Gaines</b> 5-7 • Sr. • Guard • Chester, S.C.</p> <p>PPG <b>2.1</b> RPG <b>1.3</b> APG <b>1.1</b> FG% <b>.479</b> FT% <b>.731</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 4 assts, 5 rebs in 15 min vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Key defensive stopper last season, bringing great energy off the bench ... Locked up OSU top scorer in second half of NCAA Tournament game.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 7 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13 Reb: 5 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13 Ast: 5 vs. Chas. Sthrn., 11/8/13 Min: 23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14</p>
<b>3</b>		<p><b>Kaydra Duckett</b> 5-8 • Fr. • Guard • Columbia, S.C. <i>KAY-druh DUCK-it</i></p> <p>PPG <b>--</b> RPG <b>--</b> APG <b>--</b> FG% <b>--</b> FT% <b>--</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 4 pts, 4 rebs in 9 min vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Rated No. 32 player in 2014 class ... 3A player of the year ... WBCA All-America honorable mention ... won two state titles (2012, 2014).</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: — Reb: — Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>5</b>		<p><b>Khadijah Sessions</b> 5-8 • Jr. • Guard • Myrtle Beach, S.C. <i>kub-DEE-zhub SESH-uns</i></p> <p>PPG <b>7.2</b> RPG <b>1.6</b> APG <b>2.3</b> FG% <b>.365</b> FT% <b>.718</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 6 pts, 3 assts, 2 stls vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Started 26 games at point guard ... Showed great organization of team on both sides of the ball in NCAA Tournament action last season.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 19 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13 Reb: 5 at Florida, 1/20/13 Ast: 6 vs. Missouri, 2/2/14 Stl: 4, 3x, vs. Missouri, 2/2/14</p>
<b>15</b>		<p><b>Tiffany Davis</b> 5-7 • So. • Guard • Houston, Texas</p> <p>PPG <b>2.1</b> RPG <b>1.3</b> APG <b>1.1</b> FG% <b>.390</b> FT% <b>.731</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 7 pts in 9 min vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Played in 32 games with seven starts last season ... Scored in double digits once (vs. Ole Miss, 1/30) ... Continues to learn how to run offense for Staley.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14 Reb: 6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14 Ast: 3, 4x, vs. SC State, 12/22/13 Stl: 5 vs. Elon, 11/9/12</p>
<b>22</b>		<p><b>A'ja Wilson</b> 6-5 • Fr. • Guard/Forward • Hopkins, S.C. <i>A-zhub</i></p> <p>PPG <b>--</b> RPG <b>--</b> APG <b>--</b> FG% <b>--</b> FT% <b>--</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GM:</b> 18 pts, 10 rebs, 3 asst, 3 blks vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Learning both guard and forward positions ... WBCA, Naismith and Parade Magazine Player of the Year (2014) ... McDonald's All-America ... three-time state player of the year.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: — Reb: — Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>23</b>		<p><b>Tina Roy</b> 5-11 • Junior • Guard • Kaplan, La.</p> <p>PPG <b>3.6</b> RPG <b>2.0</b> APG <b>1.4</b> FG% <b>.301</b> FT% <b>.609</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 5 assts, 3 rebs vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Always shines late in season (6.5 ppg in 2014 SEC Tournament) ... Looking for quicker start this season ... Becoming more vocal teammate.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 15 vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11 Reb: 8 at Miss. State, 2/6/14 Ast: 7 vs. Chas. Sthrn., 11/8/13 Stl: 2 vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11</p>
<b>24</b>		<p><b>Aleighsa Welch</b> 6-0 • Sr. • Forward • Goose Creek, S.C. <i>uh-LEE-sub</i></p> <p>PPG <b>13.7</b> RPG <b>7.6</b> BPG <b>1.4</b> FG% <b>.574</b> FT% <b>.598</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 8 pts, 4-4 FG in 12 min vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Voted team captain for third time ... Preseason All-SEC selection (media) ... Among program's best offensive rebounders ... Closing in on career rebounds top 10 (70 away).</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 23 vs. UNC, 12/18/13 Reb: 17 vs. CofC, 11/14/13 Ast: 5 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13 Blk: 5, 2x, at Kentucky, 2/20/14</p>
<b>25</b>		<p><b>Tiffany Mitchell</b> 5-9 • Jr. • Guard • Charlotte, N.C.</p> <p>PPG <b>15.5</b> RPG <b>5.6</b> APG <b>3.5</b> FG% <b>.493</b> FT% <b>.793</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 6 pts, 3 assts vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Voted team captain ... Versatile guard ... Preseason SEC Player of the Year and All-SEC choice (media) ... First Gamecock to earn WBCA All-America status.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 25 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14 Reb: 11, 5x, at Arkansas, 1/2/14 Ast: 9 at SDSU, 11/23/13 Stl: 6 at Auburn, 1/12/14</p>
<b>31</b>		<p><b>Asia Dozier</b> 6-0 • Jr. • Guard/Forward • Columbia, S.C. <i>DOE-zbur</i></p> <p>PPG <b>6.0</b> RPG <b>2.8</b> APG <b>2.7</b> FG% <b>.341</b> FT% <b>.636</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 9 pts, 4-4 FG vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Voted team captain ... Started 32 of 34 games last season ... Was best on team at feeding the post, leading team in assists 10 times and averaging 3.0 assists in SEC play.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 16, 2x, at SDSU, 11/23/13 Reb: 10 vs. Elon, 11/9/12 Ast: 6, 2x, vs. Georgia, 3/7/14 Stl: 2, 5x, vs. Clemson, 11/20/13</p>
<b>33</b>		<p><b>Elem Ibiam</b> 6-4 • Sr. • Center • Fayetteville, Ga. <i>ELL-um IB-ee-um</i></p> <p>PPG <b>9.5</b> RPG <b>6.1</b> BPG <b>2.4</b> FG% <b>.538</b> FT% <b>.657</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 12 pts, 2 blks, 2 assts vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Voted team captain ... Set school record for blocks with 83 to rank in nation's top 25 and second in SEC ... SEC All-Defensive Team ... Continues to expand offensive range.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 19, 2x, at Charlotte, 12/8/13 Reb: 12 at Texas A&amp;M, 1/16/15 Blk: 7 at Miss. State, 2/6/14 Min: 34 at Texas A&amp;M, 1/16/15</p>
<b>40</b>		<p><b>Jatarie White</b> 6-4 • Fr. • Forward • Charlotte, N.C. <i>juh-TAR-ee</i></p> <p>PPG <b>--</b> RPG <b>--</b> BPG <b>--</b> FG% <b>--</b> FT% <b>--</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 3 pts, 4 rebs vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Rated No. 7 player overall and top post in 2014 class ... WBCA and McDonald's All-America ... N.C. Ms. Basketball ... helped team to four state titles (two with Tiffany Mitchell)..</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: — Reb: — Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>41</b>		<p><b>Alaina Coates</b> 6-4 • So. • Center • Irmo, S.C. <i>uh-LAY-nuh COATS</i></p> <p>PPG <b>12.3</b> RPG <b>8.4</b> BPG <b>2.1</b> FG% <b>.612</b> FT% <b>.654</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 16 pts, 7 rebs, 4 blks vs. Coker <b>NOTABLE:</b> Team's top rebounder last season ... First SEC Freshman of the Year to also earn another "of the Year" award from the league's coaches as Co-6th Player of the Year.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 24, 2x, vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14 Reb: 17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14 Blk: 5, 2x, vs. Florida, 2/23/14 Min: 29 vs. UNC, 3/30/14</p>

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Reserve

## Quick Facts

### The University

**Location:** Columbia, S.C.

**Founded:** 1801

**Enrollment:** 31,964

**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:** 293-151 (14th season)

**School Record:** 121-71 (6th season)

**Assoc. Head Coach (Alma Mater):**

Lisa Boyer (Ithaca, 1979)

**Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater):**

Nikki McCray-Penson (Tennessee, 1995)

Darius Taylor (Michigan, 2000)

### Team Information

**2013-14 Record:** 29-5

Home: 16-0 Away: 10-2 Neutral: 3-3

**SEC Record (Finish):** 14-2 (1st)

Home: 8-0 Away: 6-2

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 10/2

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/0

### Program History

**First Year of Women's Basketball:** 1974-75

**All-Time Record:** 701-501 (40th season)

**All-Time SEC Record:** 116-199 (23rd season)

**NCAA Appearances (Last):** 11 (2014)

**NCAA Tournament Record:** 13-11

**Last NCAA Result:** L, 58-65, North Carolina, Palo

Alto, Calif, 3/30/14, Sweet 16

**WNIT Appearances (Last):** 4 (2011)

**WNIT Record:** 3-4

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**Head Coach:** @DawnStaley

### A South Carolina Win Would...

- Be the fifth in a season opener in head coach Dawn Staley's seven-year tenure, but just her third at home as the Gamecocks have opened three of her seven seasons on the road.
- Give the Gamecocks a 29-12 all-time record in season openers.
- Be the Gamecocks' 19th straight at Colonial Life Arena, the longest stretch in facility history.

### By the Numbers

- 4 Gamecocks who earned year-end honors from the SEC coaches last season – Alaina Coates, Elem Ibiam, Tiffany Mitchell and Aleighsa Welch
- 5 Starters returning from last season
- 6 Current Gamecocks who earned high school All-America honors from McDonald's and/or Parade Magazine
- 8 Current Gamecocks who were named state player of the year
- 8 Gamecocks who are at least 6' tall, including four who are 6'4" or taller
- 10 Letterwinners returning from last season
- 72.9 Points per game scored by the Gamecocks last season, a Staley-era high by 8.3 points per game
- 85.3 Percent of games won last season, the highest winning percentage in school history
- 96.0 Percent of last year's rebounding that is back this season, led by Alaina Coates' 8.4 per game last season
- 97.1 Percent of last year's blocked shots that are back this season, led by Elem Ibiam's school-record 83 last season
- 97.6 Percent of last year's scoring that is back this season, led by Tiffany Mitchell's 15.5 per game last season
- 98.4 Percent of last year's assists that are back this season, led by Tiffany Mitchell's 3.5 per game last season
- 240 Blocked shots by the Gamecocks last season, a school record by 41
- 627 Free throws made by the Gamecocks last season, a school record by 142
- 930 Free throws attempted by the Gamecocks last season, a school record by 139

### Southern Cal Series Notes

The Gamecocks and Trojans have squared off twice before tonight, but this is the first meeting in Columbia. The teams first met in the AIAW Satellite Tournament on March 12, 1980, with the Gamecocks advancing with a 70-60 victory. South Carolina again traveled to Los Angeles last season, coming away with a 70-50 win on Nov. 25, 2013, behind 22 points and five steals from Tiffany Mitchell. South Carolina went on to claim their first SEC regular-season championship, while Southern Cal brought home its first Pac-12 Tournament Championship.

### Hall of Fame Hype

Tonight's game pits a pair of Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame players against each other now as head coaches. Both Staley and Southern Cal coach Cynthia Cooper were international standouts for USA Basketball as part of their hall of fame careers as Staley succeeded Cooper as the point guard for the Americans.

### For Openers

In its 41st season of women's basketball, South Carolina is 28-12 in season openers, including a 4-2 mark under head coach Dawn Staley. The Gamecocks have lost just once in 14 season openers at home. Tonight is just the fourth time South Carolina has opened at home during Staley's six seasons at the helm. South Carolina opened last season with a 99-29 win over Charleston Southern.

### Preseason Poll Pop

South Carolina is ranked No. 2 in the Associated Press Preseason Top 25, matching the program's all-time highest ranking and marking the best preseason rank in school history. The 1981-82 team earned the previous best marks with a preseason rank of No. 4 and spending three weeks at No. 2.

The Gamecocks have also been tabbed as the No. 2 team in the nation in the USA Today Coaches Poll, Sports Illustrated and ESPN.

### Back in (Garnet and) Black

A huge reason the this season's lofty expectations is the return of all five starters among the 10 returning letterwinners. The Gamecocks return 97.6 percent of their scoring, 96.0 percent of their rebounding, 98.4 percent of their assists and 97.1 percent of their school-record shot blocking from last season's top-10 squad. Nine of the 10 returners played in at least 29 of the team's 34 games last season and contributed at least 2.0 points per game.

### Elite Additions

The Gamecocks added the nation's No. 2 signing class to their core of returning letterwinners. Four of the five signees will take the court for the Gamecocks this season, led by No. 1 A'ja Wilson and No. 7 Jatarie White. Two other top-35 signees (Bianca Cuevas, Kaydra Duckett) round out the group that will contribute this season.

## Current Gamecock Streaks

	Total	Home	Road	Neut.
Overall	L1	W18	L1	L1
SEC	L1	W10	L1	—
Non-Conference	L1	W10	W7	L1
Ranked Teams	L3	W1	L1	L6

## SEC Title Talk

In 2013-14, South Carolina became the seventh program to win the SEC regular-season title and were predicted by the league's coaches and media to the repeat the feat this season. If Staley's group brings that forecast to fruition, it would be just the fourth team to repeat as the regular-season champion, joining Tennessee (multiple times), Georgia (1996, 1997) and LSU (2005, 2006).

## Rare Company

As just the second sophomore ever to earn SEC Player of the Year honors from the league's coaches last season, junior Tiffany Mitchell was tabbed by the SEC coaches and media to claim the award again this season. If that prediction comes true, Mitchell would become just the seventh player to pick up the award twice in her career, joining South Carolina assistant coach Nikki McCray (1994, 1995) among others.

South Carolina's other player of the year candidate last season, Aleighsa Welch also received votes for the award in both preseason polls. If she can dethrone her teammate this season, it would be the first time in league history that the same school had different student-athletes win the award in consecutive seasons.

## Power of Three

Prior to the season, espnW ranked the top 25 college players in the nation, and a trio of Gamecocks made the list. Reigning SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell was tabbed No. 4 in the nation because "[her] greatest strength is that she doesn't really have a weakness. Shooting, penetrating, distributing, rebounding, defending and leading from her point guard spot are all part of Mitchell's resume," according to Charlie Creme. Two-time All-SEC selection Aleighsa Welch came in on the No. 7 spot for her ability to "come up with the big basket or the big rebound when the Gamecocks need it most," per Michelle Smith. 2014 SEC Freshman of the Year Alaina Coates captured the No. 25 position despite "just scratching the surface of her potential...she could be unstoppable inside, even without a large repertoire of moves," per Mechelle Voepel.

## Ticket Boom

After updating the Colonial Life Arena attendance top-10 list five times last season, South Carolina ranked 10th in the nation in average attendance (6,371) last season. The athletics department responded to the demand by expanding the number of reserved-seat sections available to fans. The response was so overwhelming that the sections expanded again in late October. In all, the Gamecocks have sold over 7,200 season tickets, a significant increase from last season's 4,213.

## 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 have paid huge dividends as eight of the 15 members of this year's team hail from South Carolina. Beginning with Aleighsa Welch, the first South Carolina player to sign a National Letter of Intent for Staley, the Palmetto State has frequently sent its players of the year to Columbia as Welch (2011), Asia Dozier (2012), Alaina Coates (2013), A'ja Wilson (2014) and Kaydra Duckett (2014) have each earned the title during their high school careers.

## To Watch SEC Network +

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AP Top 25 (Preseason)		USA Today Coaches Top 25 (Preseason)	
1. Connecticut	0-0	1. Connecticut	0-0
<b>2. South Carolina</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2. South Carolina</b>	<b>0-0</b>
3. Notre Dame	0-0	3. Notre Dame	0-0
4. Tennessee	0-0	4. Tennessee	0-0
5. Texas A&M	0-0	5. Texas A&M	0-0
6. Stanford	0-0	6. Stanford	0-0
7. Duke	0-0	7. Duke	0-0
8. Baylor	0-0	8. Maryland	0-0
9. Texas	0-0	9. Baylor	0-0
10. Maryland	0-0	10. Kentucky	0-0
11. Kentucky	0-0	11. Louisville	0-0
12. Louisville	0-0	12. Texas	0-0
13. North Carolina	0-0	13. North Carolina	0-0
14. Michigan State	0-0	14. California	0-0
15. California	0-0	15. Michigan State	0-0
16. Nebraska	0-0	16. Nebraska	0-0
17. West Virginia	0-0	17. West Virginia	0-0
18. DePaul	0-0	18. DePaul	0-0
19. Iowa	0-0	19. Iowa	0-0
20. Oregon State	0-0	20. Oklahoma State	0-0
21. Oklahoma State	0-0	21. Oregon State	0-0
22. Dayton	0-0	22. Dayton	0-0
23. UCLA	0-0	23. UCLA	0-0
24. Rutgers	0-0	24. LSU	0-0
25. Syracuse	0-0	25. Syracuse	0-0



## Around the SEC

	SEC Games			Overall		
	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 15**  
 Western Illinois at Missouri, 3 p.m. (SECN+)  
 Sam Houston St. at LSU, 4:30 p.m. (SECN+)  
 Texas A&M vs. New Mexico, 5 p.m.

**November 16**  
 TCU at Georgia, 1 p.m. (SECN+)  
 Savannah State at Arkansas, 2 p.m. (SECN+)  
 Miss. Valley St. at Ole Miss, 3 p.m. (SECN+)  
 Texas A&M vs. Texas-Pan American, 3 p.m.  
 Duke at Alabama, 8 p.m. (SECN)

*Rankings are listed as AP/ESPN Poll  
 All Times Eastern; TV Network in ()*

## The Last Time...

### Individual

#### Scored 50 Points

**South Carolina** 51, Jocelyn Penn vs. Stetson, 1/4/03  
**Opponent** Never

#### Scored 40 Points

**South Carolina** 51, Jocelyn Penn vs. Stetson, 1/4/03  
**Opponent** 46, Cornelia Gayden, LSU, 1/14/95

#### Scored 30 Points

**South Carolina** 30, Ieasia Walker vs. Clemson, 11/18/10  
**Opponent** 32, LaQueta Ferguson, Florida International, 11/25/07

#### Grabbed 20 Rebounds

**South Carolina** 25, Kelsey Bone vs. Boston University, 12/28/09  
**Opponent** 24, Courtney Paris, Oklahoma, 12/30/07

#### Grabbed 15 Rebounds

**South Carolina** 16, Alaina Coates vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14  
**Opponent** 15, Isabelle Harrison, at Tennessee, 3/2/14

#### Two Players with 20 or More Points

**South Carolina** Aleighsa Welch 21/Tiffany Mitchell 20 vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14  
**Opponent** Monica Engelmann 27/Angel Goodrich 20, Kansas, 3/25/13

#### Two Players with 10 or More Rebounds

**South Carolina** Aleighsa Welch 11/Coates 11/Mitchell 10 vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14  
**Opponent** Quistelle Williams 10/Berna Calli 10, Arkansas, 1/27/13

#### Had 10 Assists

**South Carolina** 10, Samone Kennedy at Florida, 2/24/08  
**Opponent** 11, Marneshia Richard, Mississippi State, 1/21/07

#### Had Five Steals

**South Carolina** 6, Tiffany Mitchell at Auburn, 1/12/14  
**Opponent** 5, Keira Peak, Arkansas, 2/9/14

#### Had Five Blocked Shots

**South Carolina** 5, Elem Ibiam vs. Georgia, 2/27/14  
**Opponent** 7, Isabelle Harrison, Tennessee, 1/3/13

#### Had a Double-Double

**South Carolina** Alaina Coates vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14 (22 pts/11 rebs)  
**Opponent** Isabelle Harrison (20 pts/15 rebs), at Tennessee, 3/2/14

#### Two Players had a Double-Double

**South Carolina** Aleighsa Welch (21 pts/11 rebs)/Tiffany Mitchell (20 pts/10 rebs) vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14  
**Opponent** Chiney Ogumike (11 pts/10 rebs)/Nnemkadi Ogumike (39 pts/10 rebs), Stanford, 3/24/12

#### Three Players had a Double-Double

**South Carolina** Ashley Bruner (16 pts/12 rebs)/Aleighsa Welch (16 pts/ 11 rebs)/Elem Ibiam (12 pts/10 rebs) vs. Kansas, 3/25/13  
**Opponent** Merlakia Jones (26 pts/10 rebs)/Takilya Davis (19 pts/13 rebs)/DeLisha Milton (14 pts/15 rebs), at Florida, 2/20/94

#### Had a Triple-Double

**South Carolina** Iva Sliskovic (18 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** 82-40 (42) vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13  
**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. Ole Miss, 1/30/14  
**Opponent** .604 (29-48), Vanderbilt, 1/18/01

#### Shot 50% or Better from the Field

**South Carolina** .571 (28-49), vs. Georgia, 3/7/14  
**Opponent** .535 (23-43), Missouri, 2/28/13

#### No Players in Double-Figure Points

**South Carolina** at Auburn, 1/19/12  
**Opponent** Arkansas, 2/9/14

#### Five Players in Double-Figure Points

**South Carolina** vs. Missouri, 2/2/14  
**Opponent** Arkansas, 2/14/10

#### More Than Five Players in Double-Figure Points

**South Carolina** 6 vs. Missouri, 2/2/14  
**Opponent** 6, at Georgia, 2/13/03

#### Faced AP Top-25 Opponent

**Win** 81-58 at No. 15 Kentucky, 2/20/14  
**Loss** 65-58 vs. No. 12 North Carolina, 3/30/14

#### Faced AP Top-10 Opponent

**Win** 68-59 vs. No. 9 Kentucky, 1/9/14  
**Loss** 61-73 at No. 10 Tennessee, 3/2/14

#### 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** 58-55 vs. Drexel, 11/28/12  
**Loss** 65-57 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14

#### 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** No. 2, Preseason  
**AP Top 25** No. 2, Preseason





Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics

**Coker vs #2 South Carolina**

11/02/14 3 p.m. at Columbia, S.C. / Colonial Life Arena



**\*\*Exhibition Game\*\***

**Coker 25**

##	Player		Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	Kelley Godbout	f	3-13	1-6	1-2	2	1	3	3	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	26	
34	Lytic Levester	f	1-5	0-0	1-2	2	2	4	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	22	
15	Tanesha Stenson	g	1-10	0-4	5-6	2	4	6	3	7	3	3	0	0	0	0	30	
22	Hailey Yohn	g	0-4	0-4	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	18		
24	Kim Manning	g	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	19		
00	Shai Pauley		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		
02	Raquel McArthur		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
03	Kiara Shoats		1-5	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	20		
05	Kendra Lambert		0-2	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	18		
10	Aneka Dixon		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
11	Sydney Shull		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7		
14	Priscilla Fenty		1-5	0-2	0-2	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	17		
35	Marie Rothrock		0-5	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	15		
Team						6	2	8						1				
Totals			7-57	2-26	9-14	14	12	26	15	25	6	17	0	2		200		

FG % 1st Half: 4-30 13.3% 2nd half: 3-27 11.1% Game: 7-57 12.3%  
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 1-18 5.6% Game: 2-26 7.7%  
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 9-14 64.3%

Deadball Rebounds 4

**#2 South Carolina 100**

##	Player		Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	f	4-4	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	0	8	1	0	1	0	0	12		
33	IBIAM, Elem	c	6-9	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	2	12	2	0	2	0	0	19		
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	g	3-4	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	1	6	3	0	0	2	1	16		
22	WILSON, A'ja	g	8-13	0-0	2-2	8	2	10	2	18	3	1	3	0	0	17		
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	g	3-7	0-3	0-0	2	0	2	0	6	3	0	0	1	1	17		
00	FARMER, India		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
01	CUEVAS, Bianca		3-7	1-5	0-0	1	2	3	2	7	1	2	0	2	1	17		
02	GAINES, Olivia		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	5	5	1	2	4	0	0	1	1	15		
03	DUCKETT, Kaydra		0-0	0-0	4-4	0	4	4	3	4	2	2	0	1	1	9		
15	DAVIS, Tiffany		2-3	1-1	2-2	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	9		
23	ROY, Tina		1-4	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	0	2	5	0	0	1	1	16		
31	DOZIER, Asia		4-4	1-1	0-0	1	2	3	0	9	1	1	1	1	1	15		
40	WHITE, Jatarie		0-2	0-0	3-4	2	2	4	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	17		
41	COATES, Alaina		7-10	0-0	2-2	1	6	7	3	16	0	0	4	0	0	16		
Team						1	4	5										
Totals			42-71	3-12	13-15	18	37	55	16	100	26	7	11	9		200		

FG % 1st Half: 23-35 65.7% 2nd half: 19-36 52.8% Game: 42-71 59.2%  
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 3-12 25.0%  
 FT % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0 2nd half: 9-11 81.8% Game: 13-15 86.7%

Deadball Rebounds 1

Officials: Roy Gulbeyan, Carla Fountain, Metta Roberts  
 Technical fouls: Coker-None. #2 South Carolina-None.  
 Attendance:

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Coker	13	12	25
#2 South Carolina	51	49	100

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
COKER	8	2	9	0	7
SC	66	28	23	28	50

Last FG - COKER 2nd-03:46, SC 2nd-02:08.  
 Largest lead - COKER None, SC by 75 2nd-04:06.  
 COKER led for 00:00. SC led for 38:42. Game was tied for 00:38.

Score tied - 1 time.  
 Lead changed - 0 times.



**2013-14 South Carolina Basketball**  
**South Carolina Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 01, 2014)**  
**All games**



<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	29-5	16-0	10-2	3-3
CONFERENCE	14-2	8-0	6-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	15-3	8-0	4-0	3-3

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	34-34	1066	31.4	165-335	.493	40-74	.541	157-198	.793	41	149	190	5.6	63	0	118	97	8	62	527	15.5
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	34-33	1037	30.5	175-305	.574	1-1	1.000	116-194	.598	107	153	260	7.6	61	0	67	64	47	29	467	13.7
41	COATES, Alaina	34-1	668	19.6	148-242	.612	0-0	.000	121-185	.654	82	203	285	8.4	83	1	11	57	73	17	417	12.3
33	BIAM, Elem	34-34	794	23.4	128-238	.538	0-0	.000	67-102	.657	59	148	207	6.1	94	3	12	51	83	13	323	9.5
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	29-26	761	26.2	58-159	.365	18-59	.305	74-103	.718	9	38	47	1.6	60	0	77	45	1	28	208	7.2
31	DOZIER, Asia	34-32	911	26.8	72-211	.341	33-103	.320	28-44	.636	18	77	95	2.8	63	0	92	68	7	21	205	6.0
23	ROY, Tina	34-1	553	16.3	44-146	.301	20-86	.233	14-23	.609	13	56	69	2.0	19	0	48	23	9	6	122	3.6
15	DAVIS, Tiffany	32-7	356	11.1	23-59	.390	12-30	.400	19-26	.731	5	27	32	1.0	29	0	29	40	1	4	77	2.4
02	GAINES, Olivia	32-1	309	9.7	23-48	.479	1-2	.500	19-26	.731	12	31	43	1.3	32	0	34	14	3	20	66	2.1
12	MONTOUT, Wilka	30-1	254	8.5	17-48	.354	5-16	.313	6-19	.316	23	24	47	1.6	25	0	5	13	7	1	45	1.5
21	MORRISON, LeAnna	23-0	68	3.0	4-13	.308	1-8	.125	6-10	.600	6	4	10	0.4	8	0	3	2	0	1	15	0.7
00	FARMER, India	18-0	48	2.7	2-7	.286	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.3	4	0	0	1	1	0	6	0.3
Team											37	65	102		1		10					
Total.....		34	6825		859-1811	.474	133-383	.347	627-930	.674	414	979	1393	41.0	542	4	496	485	240	202	2478	72.9
Opponents.....		34	6825		705-2035	.346	127-437	.291	360-537	.670	415	680	1095	32.2	754	32	343	435	98	210	1897	55.8

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>		
SCORING	2478	1897	11/08/13	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	w 99-29	5120		
Points per game	72.9	55.8	11/10/13	LOUISIANA TECH	w 68-45	5078		
Scoring margin	+17.1	-	11/14/13	COLL. OF CHARLESTON	w 81-54	4882		
FIELD GOALS-ATT	859-1811	705-2035	11/17/13	SETON HALL	w 88-67	4765		
Field goal pct	.474	.346	11/20/13	at Clemson	w 68-43	715		
3 POINT FG-ATT	133-383	127-437	11/23/13	at San Diego State	w 88-54	642		
3-point FG pct	.347	.291	11/25/13	at USC	w 70-50	897		
3-pt FG made per game	3.9	3.7	12/02/13	NC CENTRAL	w 79-27	4347		
FREE THROWS-ATT	627-930	360-537	12/08/13	at Charlotte	w 76-61	1357		
Free throw pct	.674	.670	12/18/13	vs #14/13 North Carolina	L 66-74	4137		
F-Throws made per game	18.4	10.6	12/20/13	WINTHROP	w 69-61	5021		
REBOUNDS	1393	1095	12/22/13	SC STATE	w 70-26	5937		
Rebounds per game	41.0	32.2	12/28/13	SAVANNAH STATE	w 82-40	4824		
Rebounding margin	+8.8	-	* 01/02/14	at Arkansas	w 55-51	2215		
ASSISTS	496	343	* 01/05/14	VANDERBILT	w 76-66	4810		
Assists per game	14.6	10.1	* 01/09/14	#9/10 KENTUCKY	w 68-59	5689		
TURNOVERS	485	435	* 01/12/14	at Auburn	w 72-66	2453		
Turnovers per game	14.3	12.8	* 01/16/14	at #25/21 Texas A&M	Lot 65-67	5778		
Turnover margin	-1.5	-	* 01/19/14	ALABAMA	w 77-51	7740		
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.8	* 01/26/14	at #16/19 Vanderbilt	w 61-57	3554		
STEALS	202	210	* 01/30/14	OLE MISS	w 99-70	5344		
Steals per game	5.9	6.2	* 02/02/14	MISSOURI	w 78-62	7828		
BLOCKS	240	98	* 02/06/14	at Mississippi State	w 71-64	2323		
Blocks per game	7.1	2.9	* 02/09/14	ARKANSAS	w 67-49	7545		
ATTENDANCE	101935	68682	* 02/16/14	at #19/17 LSU	w 73-57	4275		
Home games-Avg/Game	16-6371	12-3687	* 02/20/14	at #15/15 Kentucky	w 81-58	5958		
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	6-4074	* 02/23/14	FLORIDA	w 69-55	10547		
			* 02/27/14	GEORGIA	w 67-56	12458		
<b>Score by Periods</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Totals</b>				
South Carolina	1200	1269	9	2478				
Opponents	878	1011	11	1900				
					* 03/02/14	at #10/9 Tennessee	L 61-73	14072
					^ 03/07/14	vs Georgia	w 67-48	4271
					^ 03/08/14	vs #12/13 Kentucky	L 58-68	6306
					\$ 03/23/14	vs CSU Northridge	w 73-58	1365
					\$ 03/25/14	vs Oregon State	w 78-69	1664
					\$ 03/30/14	vs #12/13 North Carolina	L 58-65	6700

\* = Conference game  
^ = SEC Tournament (Duluth, Ga.)  
\$ = NCAA Tournament (Seattle; Stanford, Calif.)