

2007 Gamecock

# VOLLEYBALL



SEASON PREVIEW



## GENERAL OUTLOOK

The South Carolina volleyball program has a new but familiar face leading its program this season. **Ben Somera** officially took over as head coach of the Gamecocks in late June 2007 after his wife, Nancy, decided to step aside to pursue a business venture. After spending six years at Oregon State, the Someras came to Columbia, S.C., in February 2005 with Ben serving as associate head coach during the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

As a first-year head coach, Somera has an advantage in already knowing his players' strengths and weaknesses, as well as being able to continue the development of a system of volleyball installed when he first arrived over two years ago. Still, when one becomes a head coach for the first time there are new roles and responsibilities that must be undertaken, and Somera is quick to recognize that fact.

"The biggest difference from before is that I used to work pretty autonomously in certain aspects, but now I'm responsible for every part of the program and have to delegate responsibilities," Somera said. "I'm excited about the opportunity. Everybody's in a new role, but the personalities and relationships are still intact. The players haven't treated me in a different way, but now I talk to them about different things. We're continuing to build on things that have already been established and then are adding a little more. Really, it's year three for us."

South Carolina's volleyball program is hoping to return to the success it enjoyed from 1995 to 2002. During that timeframe, the Gamecocks made six NCAA Tournament appearances in eight years and reached the second round of the event on four occasions. Carolina compiled a 163-70 (.700) overall record in those eight seasons and went 81-33 (.711) in regular-season SEC contests. Since its last NCAA bid in 2002, South Carolina has been unable to post a winning record.

The Gamecocks made progress in 2006, however, and showed they were capable of competing with any team in the SEC. A statement was made by South Carolina when it defeated then-No. 6 Florida in September, the program's first win over the Gators since 1994. It ended up being Florida's only SEC loss and remains just its fifth regular-season conference loss since 1991.

After hitting some stumbling blocks in October and early November, South Carolina made more in-roads with the SEC by defeating Kentucky and Tennessee. The Gamecocks had not beaten the Wildcats since 2003 prior to their 3-2 victory, and the win versus the Lady Volunteers snapped a seven-match losing streak to UT. Including Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, South Carolina notched four triumphs against teams making the 2006 NCAA Tournament field.

With plenty of bright spots from the prior season, the Gamecocks' goals still begin simple and then become more aggressive. The obvious place to start is by ending a string of four straight losing records.

"We have to have an overall winning record; that's the first step," Somera said. "We have to take care of our preseason record and come into the SEC and aim for a .500 record in league play. The NCAA Tournament is the second step. We want a tradition of making the tournament and eventually contending for the SEC title. With no seniors this year, we could be in a good position for the next two years as well."

In order to achieve any of their goals, the Gamecocks will need to show improvement in not just their ability to play offense and defense but in toughness as well. South Carolina went 4-5 in four-game matches last year and did likewise in five-gamers. After the 2005 campaign, the phrase "get comfortable with the uncomfortable" was a recurring theme throughout spring practice and was emphasized once again this past off-season.

"Toughness as a unit is something we addressed in the off-season," Somera said. "Any time we got in those tight situations, we had trust issues among the players that weren't fully resolved. People had to do too much last year and it affected our confidence. In the spring and winter, we tried to develop trust in a different way by building it player-to-player through doubles. In general, everybody has a little more respect for how people go about their business now."

South Carolina also intensified its strength and conditioning program to push the Gamecocks to the edge of their comfort level. The change is expected to pay dividends this year in long matches with players not becoming fatigued as easily.

The Gamecocks will field a very young team this season and have no seniors and just three juniors. Eight true freshmen are listed on the roster, along with one redshirt freshman and a quartet of sophomores. Given the experience of Carolina's 16-person roster, success will be greatly determined by the performance of its newcomers and the leadership of its upperclassmen.

"The pros of having a young team are everybody comes in wide-eyed and bushy-tailed, and there's a different level of excitement," Somera said. "The cons are obviously that they have not played at the collegiate level, and everything will be new with volleyball in the SEC and traveling. It takes a while to adjust, but I like what we have and our volleyball IQs. It'll be a jump for the freshmen, but I think they'll manage it really well."

A member of the junior class would be an obvious choice for the role of team captain, but it remains to be seen who that person will be. While all three have been leaders in some way, not one appears ready to shoulder all the responsibility. It is possible the Gamecocks may have multiple captains, and they may not all be from the junior class. Somera plans to announce his captain or captains prior to the first week of competition in order to let every member of the team voice her opinion in the decision.

South Carolina certainly faces a challenging schedule once again with its membership in the Southeastern Conference. Nine non-conference matches among three tournaments should push the team and help identify weaknesses that can be corrected in time for the Gamecocks' 20 SEC contests. Last season, the SEC set a record by sending seven of its 11 teams (Vanderbilt does not sponsor volleyball) to the NCAA Tournament, eclipsing the standard of six established the year prior.

A change Somera made this season that should help South Carolina is the elimination of mid-week matches against non-conference teams, which allows for a consistent training schedule. Two contests against Florida are set to happen on a Wednesday, but they are the only ones not scheduled for a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Winning on the road is one of the most consistent features of a good team, and the Gamecocks will have plenty of opportunities early in the conference season. After opening with two home matches, eight of their next 10 SEC contests take place on the opposition's home court. The benefit of how Carolina's schedule sets up is the Gamecocks end their season with six of their final eight matches in Columbia, giving them a great opportunity for a strong finish to impress the NCAA Selection Committee.

## OUTSIDE HITTERS

### LETTERWINNERS & 2006 STATISTICS (2)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	KPG	HP	DPG	BPG
Meredith Moorhead	6-1	So.-1L	1.82	.141	0.94	0.36
Ivana Kujundzic	6-1	So.-1L	0.89	.188	0.60	0.86

### PLAYERS LOST & 2006 STATISTICS (3)

Name	Ht.	Exp.	KPG	HP	DPG	BPG
Shonda Cole	6-1	4L	5.76	.288	2.16	0.75
Marija Milosevic	6-0	2L	2.52	.166	1.13	0.22
Lynae Vanden Hull	6-2	4L	1.92	.192	0.59	0.42

### NEWCOMERS (5)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown
Dani Bedore	5-9	Fr.-HS	Goodland, Kan.
Erin Kennedy	5-11	Fr.-HS	Charleston, S.C.
Hannah Lawing	5-9	Fr.-HS	Marietta, Ga.
Lisa Shelley	5-10	Fr.-HS	Columbia, S.C.
Annie Thomas	6-0	Fr.-HS	Harvard, Ill.

South Carolina lost six letterwinners from a year ago, with the most significant being All-SEC First Team and AVCA All-South Region outside hitter Shonda Cole. The Kings Mountain, N.C., native became the first Gamecock to be recognized as AVCA National Player of the Week after turning in consecutive 30-kill performances in wins over Florida and Auburn in 2006. She posted six 30-kill matches on the year, a feat accomplished only once prior in the history of South Carolina's volleyball program. Cole also set career records for kills per game and attacks, as well as season marks for kills, kills per game and attacks.

While Cole accounted for over 38 percent of the team's kills last season, the Gamecocks also lost outside hitters Lynae Vanden Hull and Marija Milosevic, who combined for another 25 percent of the kills. In total, South Carolina has just under 25 percent of its offense returning from last season. Such figures make one think the outside hitting position is a weakness for Carolina, but it may actually be the opposite.

No one player on the 2007 roster is capable of replacing Cole and putting up similar numbers. The advantage in not having a superstar is the Gamecocks will be able to spread out the offense more and have more options. South Carolina's roster is loaded with seven players whose primary position is the outside, and two others may see time at the spot as well. By the end of last season, it became clear that Cole was tiring from taking so many swings each match, and teams were able to shut down much of South Carolina's attacking efforts by focusing on her. That problem will cease to exist this year.

"You don't replace Shonda with one person, so we're looking to become a deeper



team," Somera said. "It leads to a more competitive team. She was always the starting outside hitter, and our players this year won't have that comfort level.

"We're trying to play a better team style of volleyball. We changed the system to make it more balanced and to get everybody more involved. We'd love to have another Shonda in the program at some point, but now we've got the ball control to make the offense quicker."



**Meredith Moorhead**

Sophomore **Meredith Moorhead** is South Carolina's top returning outside hitter from a year ago. Moorhead started slow her rookie year, as she found the transition from high school and club volleyball to collegiate volleyball in the SEC to be difficult. Behind Cole, Moorhead was the Gamecocks' most productive offensive threat in the final eight matches of the year. She averaged 2.73 kills per game and contributed 1.47 digs and 0.73 blocks during the stretch. Against Alabama in the penultimate contest of 2006, Moorhead posted her first career double-double with 15 kills and 12 digs.

"Meredith was one of the more effective hitters we had at the end of last season," Somera said. "She can play the left or right side. Meredith provides good size and is probably the most physical player we have as an outside hitter. She's one of the best blockers we have and possesses good hands and can set a second ball. I'm looking at her being more of a right-side player, but that could change depending on how things look throughout the year."

Classmate **Ivana Kujundzic** joins the outside hitting corps this year after playing middle blocker her freshman season. Kujundzic entered South Carolina having more experience as an outside hitter, but the Gamecocks' lack of depth at middle blocker forced them to slide her into a different role. She went through the non-conference portion of the season virtually unnoticed, but seemed much more acclimated to the college game once SEC play began. The native of Subotica, Serbia, averaged 1.07 blocks per game in conference matches and started over half of South Carolina's 32 matches.

"I've liked Ivana's progression as an outside hitter," Somera said. "The tempo of the sets meets her skills a lot better. As a left-side attacker, she'll probably fill what Marija Milosevic did without a problem."

One of the Gamecocks' five freshmen outside hitters hoping to make an impact is **Annie Thomas** from Harvard, Ill. Thomas is coming off shoulder surgery and hopes to be 100 percent in time for the season-opener Aug. 24 against Binghamton. The 6-foot Thomas was a Junior Olympic All-American during her prep career at Harvard High School and played a high level of club volleyball as well.

"Annie is recovering from shoulder surgery, so we'll have to see where her attacking power is," Somera said. "She was one of the hardest-hitting attackers as a club player. We want her to terminate balls when the opportunity is there and not make mistakes out of frustration. Annie also has good ball control and is a good defender."

**Hannah Lawing** of Marietta, Ga., is among the freshmen class as well. She was an All-State Team member and the Area 1 State 5A Player of the Year while attending Lassiter High School. Lawing snagged All-America honors from PrepVolleyball.com and was one of the Web site's Top 150 Senior Aces. She led the state of Georgia in kills one season by recording 568.

"Hannah was recruited for her competitiveness and ball control," Somera said. "She has great natural passing ability, one of the best I've seen. She plays a lot like my wife did in terms of her ability to pass, dig and hit."

The versatile **Dani Bedore** from Goodland, Kan., could see time as a setter in addition to playing outside hitter. She made the All-State Teams as a freshman, sophomore and senior at Brewster High School and was a first-team All-Area selection those same years as well. Her club volleyball team qualified for the Junior Olympics National Championship Open Division four straight years starting in 2004. Bedore's athletic talents also extended to the basketball court and the track in high school.

"Dani set quite a bit for her high school team but was an attacker for her club team," Somera said. "Her father is a high school coach, so she's been around the game and understands it at a high level. She's a good jumper and hits with a lot of power, which is what a team needs sometimes."

Two South Carolinians also play the outside with Charleston's **Erin Kennedy** and Columbia's **Lisa Shelley**. Kennedy was a standout for West Ashley High School, helping lead the team to a state title in 2005 and a runner-up finish as a senior. She was an All-State Team member in 2005 and 2006 and the Region Player of the Year in those same years as well. Kennedy may also contend for playing time as a middle blocker.

Shelley, who played at local Blythewood High School, was the 2006 3A/4A South Carolina All-State All-Star Team MVP and Area Player of the Year as a senior. She led Blythewood to a region championship with a 24-1 record her senior year and was subsequently tabbed Region MVP for her efforts. Shelley attended Cardinal Newman High School for her freshman and sophomore years.

"Erin and Lisa had good high school careers, but it'll be a big jump in the level of play," Somera said. "That doesn't mean they can't play or be starters for us, but there's a learning curve and adjustment to college training with which they'll have to acclimate. They both have the potential to be fine Division I outside hitters."

## MIDDLE BLOCKERS

### LETTERWINNERS & 2006 STATISTICS (2)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	KPG	HP	DPG	BPG
Christine Hauer	6-0	So.-1L	0.50	1.000	0.00	0.00
Belita Salters	6-1	RS Jr.-2L	1.77	.230	0.32	0.91

### PLAYERS LOST & 2006 STATISTICS (1)

Name	Ht.	Exp.	KPG	HP	DPG	BPG
Crystal Johnson	6-0	3L	0.77	.197	0.23	0.85

### NEWCOMERS (3)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown
Channing Cantrell	6-0	Fr.-RS	Pickens, S.C.
Jordan Kennedy	5-11	Fr.-HS	Charleston, S.C.
Megan Laughlin	6-1	Fr.-HS	Cornell, Ill.

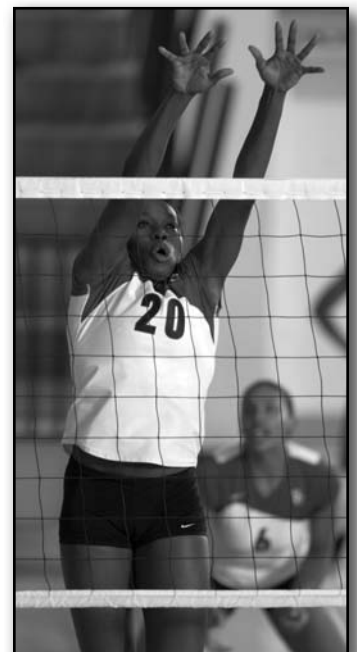
With the loss of Crystal Johnson and Kujundzic's move to outside hitter, the Gamecocks do not possess the same depth at middle blocker they have at outside hitter. Somera will rely on his lone returnee and a key freshman addition to make an immediate impact for South Carolina at the position.

Redshirt junior **Belita Salters** made dramatic strides during her sophomore year, playing in all 32 matches and starting 29 after seeing action in just 13 contests as a freshman. Salters, who is noted for her ability to energize the team, led Carolina in blocks per game with a 0.91 average and also posted 1.77 kills per game while hitting at a 23 percent clip. The most gifted athlete on the team, Salters will have to maintain her intimidation of opponents at the net and continue developing her offense in 2007.

"Belita is the top dog for the middle," Somera said. "She started most of last year, and she's returning with a lot of confidence based on how she played and from the winter and spring. There are not that many athletes who can physically match up with her. She's one of the quickest players in the conference."

"We're trying to expedite our volleyball knowledge to her as much as possible, as quickly as possible. She can now hit a variety of sets, but her bread and butter will still be the slide. Belita can adjust to the quality of passes much better, and her trust in her own skill level will be much different this year."

**Megan Laughlin**, who stands 6 feet 1 inch tall, comes in as one of South Carolina's most highly touted recruits this year. Laughlin was a unanimous first-team All-Conference selection her final three years of high school and made the All-Area First Team as well. She earned the *Pantagraph's* Player of the Year award in 2006 and follow-



**Belita Salters**



ing her senior year was chosen as the newspaper's Female Athlete of the Year. Laughlin earned numerous honors as a basketball player and was an accomplished track and field athlete for Flanagan High School in Cornell, Ill. She qualified for the state meet in the triple jump each year of high school and contributed the most individual points for her school at the 2004 and 2005 meets.

"Megan comes in with a lot of skills," Somera said. "She handles the ball well for a middle blocker and has a lot of athleticism. Defense at the net in college volleyball will be the biggest eye-opener for her.

"People get to play a lot more out-of-system volleyball at the club level, and the teams are in system more in college so the reads have to be a lot better. Megan should have the IQ to pick it up, and if she becomes more physical she should be a very good player."

The other true freshman listed at middle blocker is **Jordan Kennedy**, the twin sister of Erin Kennedy. Jordan's senior year at West Ashley was cut short by a torn ACL, and she is hoping to be completely rehabilitated by the time the season begins. Like her sister, Jordan made the All-State Teams and garnered All-Region Team accolades as well.

Letterwinner **Christine Hauer** returns for her sophomore year, as does **Channing Cantrell** after redshirting her freshman year. Both players will add depth as middle blockers.

## SETTERS

### LETTERWINNERS & 2006 STATISTICS (1)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	APG	DPG	KPG	HP
Petra Lorenzi	5-9	Jr.-2L	3.92	1.29	0.04	-200

### PLAYERS LOST & 2006 STATISTICS (1)

Name	Ht.	Exp.	APG	DPG	KPG	HP
Iris Santos	5-10	4L	11.37	2.05	1.33	.280

### NEWCOMERS (1)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown
Jordan Bradosky	5-9	Fr.-HS	Centerville, Ohio

The setter position is often compared to football's quarterback and for good reason. Setters call the offense and are forced to make split-second decisions when a team is out of system. Unlike quarterbacks, though, setters are often looked for to provide defense by both digging balls and making blocks. It is a position that requires a lot of skill and athleticism, and a team's success is often determined by the quality of play of its setter.

South Carolina lost one of the most complete players in school history to graduation following the 2006 season. After spending her first two years as an outside hitter and libero, Iris Santos became the team's starting setter for much of her junior year and was the clear-cut choice to start as a senior. She ended her career as just the second player in school history to record 500 kills and 2,000 assists. During her junior year, Santos compiled two triple-doubles and etched her name in the Gamecock records book as the only player to finish with at least 200 kills, 200 digs and 500 assists in one season.

Serving as Santos' backup during the past two years was junior **Petra Lorenzi**, who hopes to become the starter this season. Hailing from Crescent City, Calif., Lorenzi gained valuable experience as a freshman and became a contributor for the Gamecocks last year when Santos missed the final nine matches of the year because of a medical condition. Lorenzi had two double-double performances in the nine matches and played setter and back row in two key wins over Kentucky and Tennessee.

"Petra has a lot of experience in the gym and has had time to build relationships," Somera said. "Whether she has a huge advantage remains to be seen. She works hard and is very athletic. Petra needs to show she's the best person to do the job."

Also competing for the starting position is freshman **Jordan Bradosky** from Centerville, Ohio. Bradosky made the All-Ohio Division I Teams as a sophomore, junior and senior and did the same with regard to the Greater Western Ohio All-Conference First Team. She set the state record for aces in a match with 23 and is second on the list as well with 18. PrepVolleyball.com picked Bradosky as one of the top 200 seniors in the country, and she was recognized by the Web site as a freshman and sophomore. Bradosky served as the starting setter for her club teams and competed in three Junior Olympic National Championships.

Bradosky and Lorenzi may be used simultaneously depending on how things shape up during preseason practices. After Santos was removed from the lineup in

2006, Lorenzi and Alexcis Thomson were sometimes on the court at the same time since they each offered a different set of skills and strengths. Bedore is a sleeper for setting duties as well.

"Multiple setters offers the opportunity to work on different parts of the game," Somera said. "I hope they develop into leaders for us, which also depends on the rest of the personnel.

"The setter needs to be the quarterback of the team because everybody looks to her in between every rally. That person needs to have a look of presence and confidence to keep the rest of the team in line. All of them are close enough in skill that the sets won't get to the hitters any differently. It'll be who can manage the emotions of the team on the court that determines who the starter will be."

## DEFENSIVE SPECIALISTS & LIBEROS

### LETTERWINNERS & 2006 STATISTICS (2)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	DPG	APG
Sarah Cline	5-7	So.-1L	1.86	0.22
Dinelia Concepcion	5-3	Jr.-2L	2.36	0.22

### PLAYERS LOST & 2006 STATISTICS (1)

Name	Ht.	Exp.	DPG	APG
Alexcis Thomson	5-10	4L	3.13	2.74

### NEWCOMERS (0)

None

Despite the loss of a solid utility player in 2006 senior Alexcis Thomson, the Gamecocks have a pair of talented defensive specialists with junior **Dinelia Concepcion** and sophomore **Sarah Cline**. Which of the two holds down the responsibilities of libero is still uncertain, but regardless of the outcome both players will see time on the court together because of their excellent passing and digging skills.

Concepcion appeared in all 32 matches last year and missed out on just one of Carolina's 123 games. She averaged 2.36 digs per game and started at libero in 10 contests and played in the position 11 times overall. Concepcion hit double figures in digs a dozen times and notched a career-high 28 against Alabama, the most by a Gamecock since 2002. In addition to her defense and passing, Concepcion was the Gamecocks' most accurate server with a 97.8 percent success rate. Additionally, she returned 93.8 percent of the serves that fell her way, and she made only one ball-handling error the entire season.

"Dinelia played libero at the end of last season and played it well," Somera said. "Having played two seasons, she's comfortable taking on the pressure. Players will outwardly show a little more confidence when they get older because they're no longer the little kids in the program. Dinelia has things figured out, and she knows where she's going and what she wants to accomplish in the gym. There is a focus and directness about her play that is allowing her to play to her potential."

Cline saw the most playing time of any Gamecock freshmen in 2006 by appearing in all 32 matches. She made 11 starts and was the starting libero for another four tilts. Cline was fourth on the team in total digs with 214 and averaged 1.86 digs per game, a figure that increased to 2.16 in SEC matches. She reached double figures in digs during eight matches and finished second to Concepcion in serving accuracy with a 95.2 percent clip. The Rock Hill, S.C., native had equal success returning serves with a 94 percent figure.

"Sarah didn't fumble through her freshman year too much," Somera said. "I could see her being a captain because she has the ability to speak up.

"I would love to have both Sarah and Dinelia on the court at the same time; it didn't happen too much last year. No matter who wins the libero position, there's a good chance they will still see each other on the court for three rotations."



**Dinelia Concepcion**

# SCHEDULE



DAY	DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	LOCATION	TIME
<i>Delaware/Asics Invitational</i>				
Friday	Aug. 24	Binghamton	Newark, Del.	4:30 p.m.
Saturday	Aug. 25	Boston College	Newark, Del.	11 a.m.
Saturday	Aug. 25	Delaware	Newark, Del.	7 p.m.
<i>Third Degree Sportswear Invitational</i>				
Friday	Aug. 31	Virginia Commonwealth	Richmond, Va.	7 p.m.
Saturday	Sept. 1	Maryland	Richmond, Va.	11:30 a.m.
Saturday	Sept. 1	George Washington	Richmond, Va.	4:30 p.m.
<b>NIKE GAMECOCK INVITATIONAL</b>				
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPT. 7</b>	<b>RICE</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>10 A.M.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPT. 7</b>	<b>TROY</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPT. 8</b>	<b>APPALACHIAN STATE</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPT. 14</b>	<b>AUBURN*</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPT. 16</b>	<b>GEORGIA*</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>
Friday	Sept. 21	LSU*	Baton Rouge, La.	8 p.m.
Sunday	Sept. 23	Mississippi*	Oxford, Miss.	2:30 p.m.
Friday	Sept. 28	Alabama*	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	8 p.m.
Sunday	Sept. 30	Mississippi State*	Starkville, Miss.	2:30 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCT. 5</b>	<b>TENNESSEE*</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCT. 7</b>	<b>KENTUCKY*</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>1 P.M.</b>
Wednesday	Oct. 10	Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.	7 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 14	Arkansas*	Fayetteville, Ark.	2:30 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 19	Georgia*	Athens, Ga.	7 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 21	Auburn*	Auburn, Ala.	2:30 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCT. 26</b>	<b>MISSISSIPPI*</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCT. 28</b>	<b>LSU*</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OCT. 31</b>	<b>FLORIDA*</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOV. 2</b>	<b>ARKANSAS*</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Friday	Nov. 9	Kentucky*	Lexington, Ky.	7 p.m.
Sunday	Nov. 11	Tennessee*	Knoxville, Tenn.	1:30 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOV. 16</b>	<b>MISSISSIPPI STATE*</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOV. 18</b>	<b>ALABAMA* (SEC RSN)</b>	<b>COLUMBIA, S.C.</b>	<b>1 P.M.</b>
Thursday-Sunday	Nov. 29-Dec. 2	NCAA 1st/2nd Rounds	16 Campus Sites <sup>1</sup>	TBD
Friday-Saturday	Dec. 7-8	NCAA Regionals	4 Campus Sites <sup>2</sup>	TBD
Thursday/Saturday	Dec. 13/15	NCAA Final Four	Sacramento, Calif. <sup>3</sup>	TBD

All times are Eastern

\* Denotes Southeastern Conference match

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## NCAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

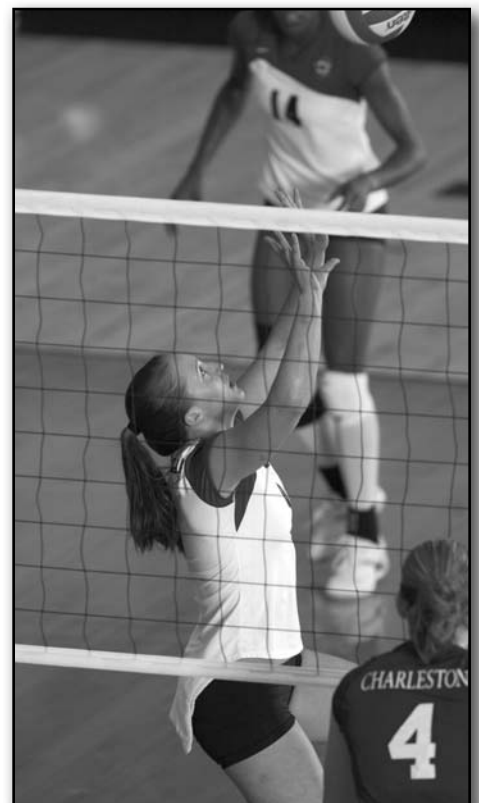
1 – Sites for first- and second-round NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship matches are announced in conjunction with the tournament selection show.

2 – The four schools hosting NCAA Regionals are: Florida (Stephen C. O'Connell Center), Penn State (Rec Hall), Stanford (Maples Pavilion), Wisconsin (Wisconsin Field House).

3 – Sacramento State will serve as the host institution for the NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship, with semifinal matches taking place Thursday, Dec. 13, and the title match Saturday, Dec. 15, at ARCO Arena. Tickets may be purchased by calling (916) 649-8497 or visiting [www.sacsports.com](http://www.sacsports.com).



Sophomore Sarah Cline saw a great deal of playing time as a freshman. In 2007, she will continue to be a defensive presence but may be used as an outside hitter as well.



Junior Petra Lorenzi has served as a back-up setter during her first two years at South Carolina and will look to become the starter this season.



# ROSTER & PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	YEAR	EXPERIENCE	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
1	Ivana Kujundzic	OH	6-1	Sophomore	1L	Subotica, Serbia	Bosa Milicevic
2	Lisa Shelley	OH	5-10	Freshman	HS	Columbia, S.C.	Blythewood H.S.
3	Dani Bedore	OH/S	5-9	Freshman	HS	Goodland, Kan.	Brewster H.S.
4	Sarah Cline	DS/OH	5-7	Sophomore	1L	Rock Hill, S.C.	Northwestern H.S.
5	Jordan Bradosky	S	5-9	Freshman	HS	Centerville, Ohio	Centerville H.S.
6	Hannah Lawing	OH	5-9	Freshman	HS	Marietta, Ga.	Lassiter H.S.
7	Jordan Kennedy	MB/OH	5-11	Freshman	HS	Charleston, S.C.	West Ashley H.S.
8	Dinelia Concepcion	L/DS	5-3	Junior	2L	Deltona, Fla.	Pine Ridge H.S.
9	Petra Lorenzi	S	5-9	Junior	2L	Crescent City, Calif.	Del Norte H.S.
10	Megan Laughlin	MB	6-1	Freshman	HS	Cornell, Ill.	Flanagan H.S.
11	Christine Hauer	MB	6-0	Sophomore	1L	Aiken, S.C.	Aiken H.S.
12	Erin Kennedy	OH/MB	5-11	Freshman	HS	Charleston, S.C.	West Ashley H.S.
13	Meredith Moorhead	OH	6-1	Sophomore	1L	Charlotte, N.C.	Providence Senior H.S.
18	Annie Thomas	OH/MB	6-0	Freshman	HS	Harvard, Ill.	Harvard H.S.
20	Belita Salters	MB	6-1	RS Junior	2L	Scranton, S.C.	Lake City H.S.
22	Channing Cantrell	MB	6-0	RS Freshman	RS	Pickens, S.C.	Pickens H.S.

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	YEAR	EXPERIENCE	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
3	Dani Bedore	OH/S	5-9	Freshman	HS	Goodland, Kan.	Brewster H.S.
5	Jordan Bradosky	S	5-9	Freshman	HS	Centerville, Ohio	Centerville H.S.
22	Channing Cantrell	MB	6-0	RS Freshman	RS	Pickens, S.C.	Pickens H.S.
4	Sarah Cline	DS/OH	5-7	Sophomore	1L	Rock Hill, S.C.	Northwestern H.S.
8	Dinelia Concepcion	L/DS	5-3	Junior	2L	Deltona, Fla.	Pine Ridge H.S.
11	Christine Hauer	MB	6-0	Sophomore	1L	Aiken, S.C.	Aiken H.S.
12	Erin Kennedy	OH/MB	5-11	Freshman	HS	Charleston, S.C.	West Ashley H.S.
7	Jordan Kennedy	MB/OH	5-11	Freshman	HS	Charleston, S.C.	West Ashley H.S.
1	Ivana Kujundzic	OH	6-1	Sophomore	1L	Subotica, Serbia	Bosa Milicevic
10	Megan Laughlin	MB	6-1	Freshman	HS	Cornell, Ill.	Flanagan H.S.
6	Hannah Lawing	OH	5-9	Freshman	HS	Marietta, Ga.	Lassiter H.S.
9	Petra Lorenzi	S	5-9	Junior	2L	Crescent City, Calif.	Del Norte H.S.
13	Meredith Moorhead	OH	6-1	Sophomore	1L	Charlotte, N.C.	Providence Senior H.S.
20	Belita Salters	MB	6-1	RS Junior	2L	Scranton, S.C.	Lake City H.S.
2	Lisa Shelley	OH	5-10	Freshman	HS	Columbia, S.C.	Blythewood H.S.
18	Annie Thomas	OH/MB	6-0	Freshman	HS	Harvard, Ill.	Harvard H.S.

### COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Ben Somera (1st year as head coach, 3rd year at South Carolina) • Alma Mater: Southern California, 1995

**Assistant Coach:** Damian Elder (2nd year as assistant coach, 2nd year at South Carolina) • Alma Mater: Fresno State, 2002

**Assistant Coach:** Shannon Pallardy (1st year as assistant coach, 2nd year at South Carolina) • Alma Mater: USC Upstate, 2006

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Dani <b>BEDORE</b> .....	beh-DOR
Jordan <b>BRADOSKY</b> .....	breaH-DOS-kee
<b>DINELIA CONCEPCION</b> .....	dih-NEEL-yuh con-sep-SEE-ohn
Christine <b>HAUER</b> .....	HOW-er
<b>IVANA KUJUNDZIC</b> .....	ee-VAW-nuh koo-yoon-JEECH
Megan <b>LAUGHLIN</b> .....	LOFF-lin
<b>PETRA LORENZI</b> .....	pay-TRUH lor-EN-zee
Shannon <b>PALLARDY</b> .....	pal-er-DEE
<b>BELITA</b> Salters.....	buh-LEE-tuh
Ben <b>SOMERA</b> .....	suh-MAIR-uh



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**#1**

OH • 6-1  
So.-1L  
Subotica,  
Serbia

**IVANA  
KUJUNDZIC**

Notes:



**#2**

OH • 5-10  
Fr.-HS  
Columbia,  
S.C.

**LISA  
SHELLEY**

Notes:



**#3**

OH/S • 5-9  
Fr.-HS  
Goodland,  
Kan.

**DANI  
BEDORE**

Notes:



**#4**

DS/OH • 5-7  
So.-1L  
Rock Hill,  
S.C.

**SARAH  
CLINE**

Notes:



**#5**

S • 5-9  
Fr.-HS  
Centerville,  
Ohio

**JORDAN  
BRADOSKY**

Notes:



**#6**

OH • 5-9  
Fr.-HS  
Marietta,  
Ga.

**HANNAH  
LAWING**

Notes:



**#7**

MB/OH • 5-11  
Fr.-HS  
Charleston,  
S.C.

**JORDAN  
KENNEDY**

Notes:



**#8**

L/DS • 5-3  
Jr.-2L  
Deltona,  
Fla.

**DINELIA  
CONCEPCION**

Notes:



**#9**

S • 5-9  
Jr.-2L  
Crescent City,  
Calif.

**PETRA  
LORENZI**

Notes:



**#10**

MB • 6-1  
Fr.-HS  
Cornell,  
Ill.

**MEGAN  
LAUGHLIN**

Notes:



**#11**

MB • 6-0  
So.-1L  
Aiken,  
S.C.

**CHRISTINE  
HAUER**

Notes:



**#12**

OH/MB • 5-11  
Fr.-HS  
Charleston,  
S.C.

**ERIN  
KENNEDY**

Notes:



**#13**

OH • 6-1  
So.-1L  
Charlotte,  
N.C.

**MEREDITH  
MOORHEAD**

Notes:



**#18**

OH/MB • 6-0  
Fr.-HS  
Harvard,  
Ill.

**ANNIE  
THOMAS**

Notes:



**#20**

MB • 6-1  
RS Jr.-2L  
Scranton,  
S.C.

**BELITA  
SALTERS**

Notes:



**#22**

MB • 6-0  
RS Fr.-RS  
Pickens,  
S.C.

**CHANNING  
CANTRELL**

Notes:



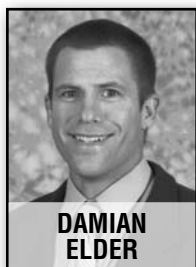
**HEAD  
COACH**

1st Year as  
Head Coach

3rd Year at  
Carolina

**BEN  
SOMERA**

Notes:



**ASSISTANT  
COACH**

2nd Year as  
Asst. Coach

2nd Year at  
Carolina

**DAMIAN  
ELDER**

Notes:



**ASSISTANT  
COACH**

1st Year as  
Asst. Coach

2nd Year at  
Carolina

**SHANNON  
PALLARDY**

Notes:

# OPPONENT INFORMATION



## BINGHAMTON

Delaware/Asics Invitational  
Aug. 24 • Newark, Del. • 4:30 p.m. ET

MATCH  
1

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Vestal, N.Y.  
Founded..... 1946  
Enrollment..... 14,018  
Colors..... Dark Green, Black & White  
Nickname..... Bearcats  
Conference..... America East  
President..... Lois B. DeFleur  
Athletics Director..... Joel Thirer

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Glenn Kiriya  
Record at School (Years)..... 136-113 (8)  
Overall Record (Years)..... Same  
Assistant Coach..... Allison Smerz  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 15-17/9-3 (3rd)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 7/4

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## BOSTON COLLEGE

Delaware/Asics Invitational  
Aug. 25 • Newark, Del. • 11 a.m. ET

MATCH  
2

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Chestnut Hill, Mass.  
Founded..... 1863  
Enrollment..... 14,500  
Colors..... Maroon & Gold  
Nickname..... Eagles  
Conference..... Atlantic Coast  
President..... Rev. William P. Leahy, S.J.  
Athletics Director..... Gene DeFilippo

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Andrea Leonard  
Record at School (Years)..... 58-65 (4)  
Overall Record (Years)..... Same  
Assistant Coaches..... Kristen Shockley & Kin Yun  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 12-19/10-12 (8th)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 7/7

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## DELAWARE

Delaware/Asics Invitational  
Aug. 25 • Newark, Del. • 7 p.m. ET

MATCH  
3

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

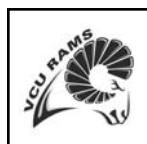
Location..... Newark, Del.  
Founded..... 1743  
Enrollment..... 16,000  
Colors..... Royal Blue & Gold  
Nickname..... Fightin' Blue Hens  
Conference..... Colonial Athletic Association  
President..... Patrick T. Harker  
Athletics Director..... Edgar N. Johnson

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Bonnie Kenny  
Record at School (Years)..... 75-75 (5)  
Overall Record (Years)..... 415-298 (23)  
Associate Head Coach..... Cindy Gregory  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 21-7/11-7 (5th)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 6/5

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH

Third Degree Sportswear Invitational  
Aug. 31 • Richmond, Va. • 7 p.m. ET

MATCH  
4

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Richmond, Va.  
Founded..... 1838  
Enrollment..... 30,381  
Colors..... Black & Gold  
Nickname..... Rams  
Conference..... Colonial Athletic Association  
President..... Eugene P. Trani  
Athletics Director..... Norwood Teague

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... James Finley  
Record at School (Years)..... 38-30 (2)  
Overall Record (Years)..... 137-37 (6)  
Assoc. Head Coach & Asst. Coach..... Andrea Fischer & Ernest Vasquez  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 16-18/8-10 (6th)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 5/6

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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# OPPONENT INFORMATION



## MARYLAND

Third Degree Sportswear Invitational  
Sept. 1 • Richmond, Va. • 11:30 a.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**5**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**Location**..... College Park, Md.  
**Founded**..... 1856  
**Enrollment**..... 35,102  
**Colors**..... Red, White, Black & Gold  
**Nickname**..... Terrapins  
**Conference**..... Atlantic Coast  
**President**..... C.D. Mote, Jr.  
**Athletics Director**..... Deborah A. Yow

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Head Coach**..... Janice Kruger  
**Record at School (Years)**..... 363-236 (19)  
**Overall Record (Years)**..... 738-341-6 (30)  
**Assistant Coaches**..... Felix Hou & Xiangroung "Sean" Liu  
**2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)**..... 13-18/6-16 (11th)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost**..... 11/2

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## GEORGE WASHINGTON

Third Degree Sportswear Invitational  
Sept. 1 • Richmond, Va. • 4:30 p.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**6**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**Location**..... Washington, D.C.  
**Founded**..... 1821  
**Enrollment**..... 20,280  
**Colors**..... Buff & Blue  
**Nickname**..... Colonials  
**Conference**..... Atlantic 10  
**President**..... Steven Knapp  
**Athletics Director**..... Jack Kvacz

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Head Coach**..... Jojit Coronel  
**Record at School (Years)**..... 106-98 (7)  
**Overall Record (Years)**..... Same  
**Assoc. Head Coach & Asst. Coach**..... Amy Bambenek & Melissa Markowski  
**2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)**..... 14-12/6-7 (T-3rd East)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost**..... 12/4

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## RICE

Nike Gamecock Invitational  
Sept. 7 • Columbia, S.C. • 10 a.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**7**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**Location**..... Houston, Texas  
**Founded**..... 1891  
**Enrollment**..... 5,008  
**Colors**..... Blue & Gray  
**Nickname**..... Owls  
**Conference**..... Conference USA  
**President**..... David W. Leebron  
**Athletics Director**..... Chris Del Conte

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Head Coach**..... Genny Volpe  
**Record at School (Years)**..... 54-36 (3)  
**Overall Record (Years)**..... Same  
**Assistant Coaches**..... Melissa Ferris & Trent Herman  
**2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)**..... 12-19/5-11 (10th)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost**..... 10/4

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## TROY

Nike Gamecock Invitational  
Sept. 7 • Columbia, S.C. • 7:30 p.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**8**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**Location**..... Troy, Ala.  
**Founded**..... 1887  
**Enrollment**..... 27,113  
**Colors**..... Cardinal, Silver & Black  
**Nickname**..... Trojans  
**Conference**..... Sun Belt  
**Chancellor**..... Jack Hawkins, Jr.  
**Athletics Director**..... Steve Dennis

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Head Coach**..... Sonny Kirkpatrick  
**Record at School (Years)**..... 9-24 (2)  
**Overall Record (Years)**..... 248-242 (14)  
**Assistant Coach**..... Jenny Michael  
**2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)**..... 9-24/3-14 (11th)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost**..... 9/0

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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# OPPONENT INFORMATION



## APPALACHIAN STATE

Nike Gamecock Invitational  
Sept. 8 • Columbia, S.C. • 1:30 p.m. ET

MATCH  
9

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Boone, N.C.  
Founded.....1899  
Enrollment.....15,000  
Colors.....Black & Gold  
Nickname.....Mountaineers  
Conference.....Southern  
Chancellor.....Kenneth E. Peacock  
Athletics Director.....Charlie Cobb

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Matt Ginipro  
Record at School (Years).....First Season  
Overall Record (Years).....First Season  
Assistant Coach.....Laura Kuhn  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....23-10/15-3 (T-2nd)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....10/4

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## AUBURN

Southeastern Conference Match  
Sept. 14/Oct. 21 • Columbia, S.C./  
Auburn, Ala. • 7/2:30 p.m. ET

MATCH  
10/21

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Auburn, Ala.  
Founded.....1856  
Enrollment.....23,547  
Colors.....Burnt Orange & Navy Blue  
Nickname.....Tigers  
Conference.....Southeastern  
President.....Edward R. Richardson  
Athletics Director.....Jay Jacobs

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Laura Farina  
Record at School (Years).....43-95 (5)  
Overall Record (Years).....89-144 (7)  
Assistant Coach.....Greg Goral  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....13-18/5-15 (6th West)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....7/6

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## GEORGIA

Southeastern Conference Match  
Sept. 16/Oct. 19 • Columbia, S.C./  
Athens, Ga. • 1:30/7 p.m. ET

MATCH  
11/20

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

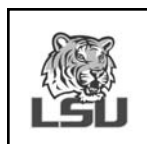
Location.....Athens, Ga.  
Founded.....1785  
Enrollment.....33,959  
Colors.....Red & Black  
Nickname.....Bulldogs  
Conference.....Southeastern  
President.....Michael F. Adams  
Athletics Director.....Damon Evans

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Joel McCartney  
Record at School (Years).....First Season  
Overall Record (Years).....282-100 (10)  
Assistant Coaches.....Chad Callihan & Jennifer Gandolph  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....6-25/2-18 (5th East)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....10/1

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## LSU

Southeastern Conference Match  
Sept. 21/Oct. 28 • Baton Rouge, La./  
Columbia, S.C. • 8/1:30 p.m. ET

MATCH  
12/23

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Baton Rouge, La.  
Founded.....1860  
Enrollment.....30,564  
Colors.....Purple & Gold  
Nickname.....Tigers  
Conference.....Southeastern  
President.....William L. Jenkins  
Athletics Director.....Skip Bertman

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Fran Flory  
Record at School (Years).....155-115 (9)  
Overall Record (Years).....265-229 (16)  
Assistant Coaches.....Steve Loeswick & Jill Lytle-Wilson  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....26-6/16-4 (1st West)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....8/5

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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# OPPONENT INFORMATION



## MISSISSIPPI

Southeastern Conference Match  
Sept. 23/Oct. 26 • Oxford, Miss./  
Columbia, S.C. • 2:30/7 p.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**13/22**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**Location**..... Oxford, Miss.  
**Founded**..... 1848  
**Enrollment**..... 17,325  
**Colors**..... Cardinal Red & Navy Blue  
**Nickname**..... Lady Rebels  
**Conference**..... Southeastern  
**Chancellor**..... Robert C. Khayat  
**Athletics Director**..... Pete Boone

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Head Coach**..... Joe Getzin  
**Record at School (Years)**..... 54-95 (5)  
**Overall Record (Years)**..... 89-154 (7)  
**Assistant Coaches**..... Molly Alvey & Anastasia Porter  
**2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)**..... 19-13/10-10 (3rd West)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost**..... 11/3

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## ALABAMA

Southeastern Conference Match  
Sept. 28/Nov. 18 • Tuscaloosa, Ala./  
Columbia, S.C. • 8/1 p.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**14/29**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**Location**..... Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
**Founded**..... 1831  
**Enrollment**..... 23,878  
**Colors**..... Crimson & White  
**Nickname**..... Crimson Tide  
**Conference**..... Southeastern  
**President**..... Robert Witt  
**Athletics Director**..... Mal Moore

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Head Coach**..... Judy Green  
**Record at School (Years)**..... 187-165 (10)  
**Overall Record (Years)**..... 583-239 (20)  
**Assistant Coaches**..... Jill Pape-Kramer & Ben Boldt  
**2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)**..... 17-13/12-8 (2nd West)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost**..... 10/4

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## MISSISSIPPI STATE

Southeastern Conference Match  
Sept. 30/Nov. 16 • Starkville, Miss./  
Columbia, S.C. • 2:30/7 p.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**15/28**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**Location**..... Starkville, Miss.  
**Founded**..... 1878  
**Enrollment**..... 16,206  
**Colors**..... Maroon & White  
**Nickname**..... Bulldogs  
**Conference**..... Southeastern  
**President**..... Robert H. Foglesong  
**Athletics Director**..... Larry Templeton

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Head Coach**..... Tina Seals  
**Record at School (Years)**..... 46-41 (4)  
**Overall Record (Years)**..... 444-137 (12)  
**Assistant Coach**..... Chris Cothran  
**2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)**..... 17-13/8-12 (5th West)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost**..... 10/4

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## TENNESSEE

Southeastern Conference Match  
Oct. 5/Nov. 11 • Columbia, S.C./  
Knoxville, Tenn. • 7/1:30 p.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**16/27**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**Location**..... Knoxville, Tenn.  
**Founded**..... 1794  
**Enrollment**..... 25,244  
**Colors**..... Orange & White  
**Nickname**..... Lady Volunteers  
**Conference**..... Southeastern  
**President**..... John Petersen  
**Athletics Director**..... Joan Cronan

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Head Coach**..... Rob Patrick  
**Record at School (Years)**..... 210-107 (10)  
**Overall Record (Years)**..... Same  
**Assistant Coaches**..... Mike Minnis & Katie Noble  
**2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)**..... 19-12/10-10 (3rd East)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost**..... 12/4

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# OPPONENT INFORMATION



## KENTUCKY

Southeastern Conference Match  
Oct. 7/Nov. 9 • Columbia, S.C./  
Lexington, Ky. • 1/7 p.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**17/26**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Lexington, Ky.  
Founded..... 1876  
Enrollment..... 26,439  
Colors..... Blue & White  
Nickname..... Wildcats  
Conference..... Southeastern  
President..... Lee T. Todd, Jr.  
Athletics Director..... Mitch Barnhart

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Craig Skinner  
Record at School (Years)..... 36-24 (2)  
Overall Record (Years)..... Same  
Assistant Coaches..... Robert Pulliza & Lauren Sauer  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 19-12/11-9 (2nd East)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 6/8

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## FLORIDA

Southeastern Conference Match  
Oct. 10/31 • Gainesville, Fla./  
Columbia, S.C. • 7/7 p.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**18/24**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Gainesville, Fla.  
Founded..... 1853  
Enrollment..... 49,000  
Colors..... Orange & Blue  
Nickname..... Gators  
Conference..... Southeastern  
President..... J. Bernard Machen  
Athletics Director..... Jeremy Foley

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Mary Wise  
Record at School (Years)..... 522-54 (16)  
Overall Record (Years)..... 603-117 (20)  
Assoc. Head Coach & Asst. Coach..... Nick Cheronis & Ryan Theis  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 30-3/19-1 (1st East)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 10/3

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## ARKANSAS

Southeastern Conference Match  
Oct. 14/Nov. 2 • Fayetteville, Ark./  
Columbia, S.C. • 2:30/7 p.m. ET

**MATCH**  
**19/25**

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Fayetteville, Ark.  
Founded..... 1871  
Enrollment..... 17,269  
Colors..... Cardinal & White  
Nickname..... Lady Razorbacks  
Conference..... Southeastern  
Chancellor..... John A. White  
Athletics Director..... Bev Lewis

### VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Chris Poole  
Record at School (Years)..... 304-142 (13)  
Overall Record (Years)..... 538-211 (20)  
Associate Head Coach..... Holly Watts  
2006 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 16-12/9-11 (4th West)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 9/4

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