

# CAROLINA

## GAMECOCKS



**Senior**  
**Bénédicte Toumpsin**



**MEET THE GAMECOCKS**



# Kalen Anderson

Head Coach :: Duke, 2001 :: 3rd year at South Carolina

Kalen Anderson earned her first collegiate head coaching position when South Carolina tabbed her to mentor its program in January 2008. She joined the Gamecocks after two years as an assistant at Duke, where she had an All-American career as a player, and a four-year stint as a professional on the FUTURES Tour.

"We are ecstatic to have someone with Kalen's credentials become our golf coach," South Carolina athletics director Eric Hyman said. "She has been part of a championship program as both a player and coach, and we believe our women's golf program will really take off under her direction."

"I am thrilled to join South Carolina athletics," Anderson said. "I am thoroughly impressed with the leadership of Eric Hyman. He is committed to golf, as well as improving all Gamecock athletic programs and facilities. With South Carolina's golf facilities and athletic, academic, financial, and community support, I truly believe that the sky is the limit for the women's golf program. I look forward to the process of building a championship program and the many great experiences along the way."

In her first season, Anderson guided the Gamecocks into the NCAA Championship for the first time since 2003. Team leader Bénédicte Toumpsin

***"I place a strong emphasis on building individual relationships with players and finding what motivates players on an individual level. I will focus on individual skill development within a competitive, supportive team environment. I will bring intensity to practice and workouts while also creating a structure that allows players to lead a balanced life as a student-athlete."***

— Kalen Anderson

earned third-team All-America status from *Golfweek* and an honorable mention All-America nod from the National Golf Coaches Association, becoming South Carolina's first All-American since Kristy McPherson earned the honor for the third time in her career in 2003.

Anderson joined the staff of Duke's Hall of Fame head coach Dan Brooks in the spring of 2006 and helped the Blue Devils to their second-straight national title. Duke went on to add a third title in 2007. Duke also claimed back-to-back Atlantic Coast Conference championships in her time on staff. Anderson was the designated coach during several tournaments and saw four Blue Devils earn All-America status in 2006, including three first-team selections.

"In coaching, we work on skills and techniques during practice, so when we



## The Anderson File

### Coaching Career

2008-present: Head Coach, University of South Carolina  
2006-07: Assistant Coach, Duke University

### Instructional Background

2001-present: Instructor, Private clients and various clinics

### Playing Career

2001-05: FUTURES Tour, LPGA Qualifying School  
2000: Competed in U.S. Women's Open  
1997-2001: Duke women's golf team

### Playing Accolades

NGCA Second-Team All-American (2000)  
All-Atlantic Coast Conference (1999, 2000, 2001)  
ACC Co-Rookie of the Year (1998)  
Academic All-America (1999, 2000, 2001)  
Liz Murphey Intercollegiate Individual Champion (2001)  
NCAA Team National Champion (1999)  
ACC Team Champion (2001, 2000, 1999, 1998)

### Education

Bachelor of arts in psychology, certificate in markets and management, Duke University, 2001

### Personal

**Given Name:** Kalen Marie Anderson  
**Born:** August 8, 1978 in St. Paul, Minn.  
**High School:** Edina High in Edina, Minn.



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Head Coach Kalen Anderson

get to tournament play, my major role is to help players keep a positive attitude and stay in the right frame of mind to let their hard work and talent shine," Anderson said. "In addition to being a resource to help players make smart decisions during competition, I like to use humor to keep them loose while also pushing them toward productivity."

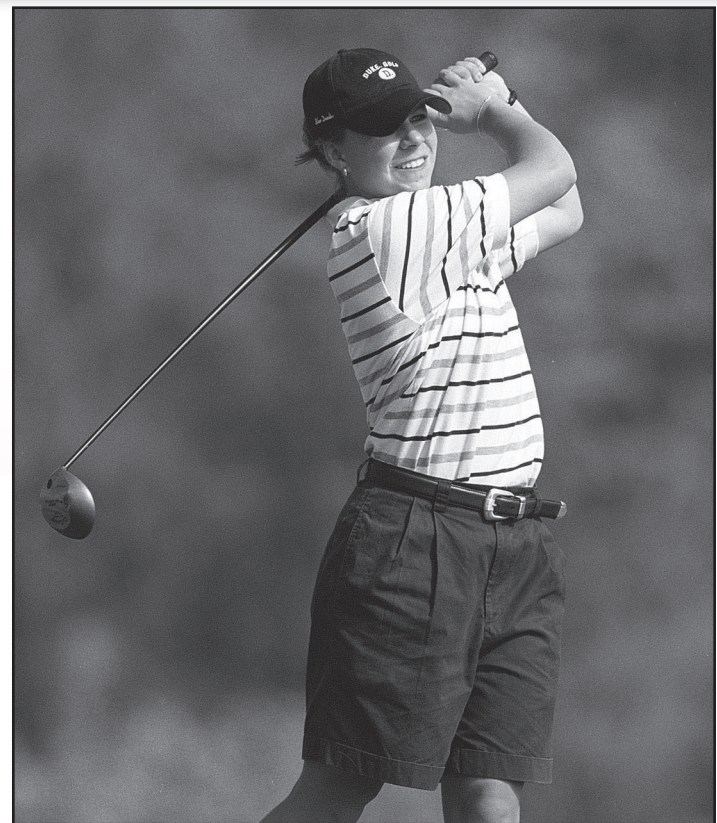
Outside of tournament play, Anderson focused on short game, course management and mental coaching with her players. She helped three-time All-ACC selection Jennifer Pandolfi raise her short game from 431st in the nation in December 2005 to 84th in April 2007, while her chipping stats improved from 341st to 15th over the same period. Additionally, Anderson helped personalize fitness plans for players and actively participated in team workouts.

Off the course, Anderson was just as involved with shaping college players. At Duke, she assisted in arranging community service opportunities and monitored academic progress. She designed practices and skill sets, arranged team travel, ordered and managed equipment and uniforms, and assisted in fundraising projects for the Blue Devils. Anderson also worked hard as a recruiter, evaluating top-ranked prospects on the state, national and international level. Organizing and leading recruiting visits, she helped the Blue Devils land the top golfer in the class of 2008.

"I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to be mentored by Coach Brooks and be part of an elite program both as a player and a coach," Anderson said. "My many experiences at Duke have taught me how to keep players motivated, excited about golf and focused on attaining their goals. I will draw on that experience to help build South Carolina women's golf into a championship program."

Prior to her start in coaching, Anderson played golf professionally from 2001 through 2005. She played a total of 56 events on the FUTURES Tour, recording her best finish at the 2002 Florida Hospital FUTURES Golf Classic in Sebring, Fla., where she tied for fourth. Anderson also participated in four LPGA Qualifying Schools and played in the 2000 U.S. Women's Open. While playing, she also worked to network and generate sponsorships to support her career, raising \$120,000 of capital.

Anderson kicked off her college career by earning Atlantic Coast Conference co-Rookie of the Year honors in 1998. Playing in the NCAA Championship all four years of her career, she helped the Blue Devils to their first national title in 1999, finishing 12th in the individual standings. She captured All-ACC and Academic All-America honors that year, a feat she would repeat over the remaining two years of her career. With the nation's top-rated total short game in 2000, Anderson picked up second-team All-America status. Finishing ninth in the NCAA Regional in 2000,



**As a player at Duke, Anderson was a three-time All-ACC selection. She earned second-team All-America status in 2000 and was part of Duke's first national championship team in 1999.**

she was the Blue Devils' top finisher at the NCAA Championship, claiming 21st place. In all, Anderson collected 16 top-10 finishes in her career, including the individual title in the 2001 Liz Murphey Intercollegiate.

A native of Edina, Minn., Anderson earned her bachelor's degree in psychology with a certificate in markets and management from Duke in 2001.



**In her first event with the team, head coach Kalen Anderson (far left) led the Gamecocks to seventh place at the 2008 Lady Puerto Rico Classic. The group closed the season with a spot in the NCAA Championship for the first time in five years.**



# Puggy Blackmon

Director of Golf :: Carson-Newman, 1973 :: 15th year at South Carolina

After 12 seasons at the helm of the South Carolina men's golf program, Puggy Blackmon was named director of golf in July 2007. Blackmon, who was inducted to the Golf Coaches' Association of America Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame in 2008, is now the unifying presence for

Carolina golf, sharing his wealth of knowledge with both the men's and women's teams. His experience building both successful teams and players will help both teams continue to improve and compete at a national level.

As a head coach, Blackmon steered his teams to 23 straight trips to NCAA postseason, including all 12 seasons he coached the Gamecocks. At South Carolina, eight of his 12 NCAA Regional berths resulted in NCAA Championship appearances. South Carolina golf won nine team tournament titles in Blackmon's tenure, including the 2007 NCAA West Regional. The Gamecocks have spent a considerable amount of time in the national polls, including a No. 3 national ranking in 1999 and fourth in 2000.

Under Blackmon's tutelage, Gamecocks captured 11 individual titles, including five from All-American Kyle Thompson. Six golfers earned 10 All-America honors, and 11 Gamecocks were named to 17 All-Southeastern Conference first or second teams. Blackmon also coached two SEC Freshmen of the Year (Mark Anderson, 2005 and Eric Ecker, 1998) and an SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year (West Streib, 2005).

In Blackmon's final season at the helm of the men's program, the team celebrated with a victory at the 2007 NCAA West Regional, during which the team's total of 820 shattered the school record for a 54-hole tournament by 25 strokes. In arguably the most important event of the season, Blackmon's golfers posted just two scores over par among the 15 rounds played. George Bryan IV led the way en route to PING All-Southeast Region and honorable mention All-America honors at season's end.

Blackmon's players excelled academically as well. The men's golf team posted the highest team grade point average of any of the school's men's programs for three consecutive semesters in the spring of 2005, fall of 2005 and spring of 2006. Former Gamecock Lars Cederqvist was named a 2000 CoSIDA Academic All-American as a senior after maintaining a 4.0 in mechanical engineering throughout his collegiate career. Eight different golfers have earned 10 GCAA All-America Scholar honors while 40 players have been named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

In addition to serving as director of golf at South Carolina, Blackmon serves as swing coach for PGA Tour players David Duval and Kyle Thompson.

Before coming to Carolina on June 5, 1995, Blackmon coached Georgia Tech to five Atlantic Coast Conference Championships, 11-consecutive NCAA Championship appearances and 34 team tournament titles.

During his 12-year tenure at Georgia Tech, Blackmon built the Yellow Jacket program into one of the most successful and dominant in college golf. At that time, only six other college golf programs had matched his program's 11 straight trips to the NCAA Tournament. Blackmon's Tech squad finished runner-up at the 1993 NCAA Championship, and he led the Ramblin' Wreck to five top-seven national finishes. His Georgia Tech teams either won or finished second in the ACC Championship nine times.

A four-time ACC Coach of the Year (1984, 1985, 1992, 1993), three of Blackmon's former golfers finished second at the NCAA Championships, and his players at South Carolina and Georgia Tech combined for 31 individual tournament crowns. Blackmon coached 31 All-Americans at Tech and Carolina and two national players of the year in the 1990s at Tech. Duval, a four-time All-American, was the 1993 National Player of the Year, while Stewart Cink, the 2009 British

Open Champion, was named the 1995 National Player of the Year.

Blackmon has coached 30 All-SEC or All-ACC performers in his tenure, while five of those individuals -- Bob McDonnell (1985), David Duval (1991, 1993), Mikko Rantanen (1994) and Eric Ecker (1998) -- were conference medalists. The Yellow Jackets won the ACC team title in 1985, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994, while Carolina was runner up by one stroke at the 1998 SEC Championship -- USC's best finish ever. In addition, Blackmon coached his teams to 43 tournament titles and finished his coaching career with a streak of 23 straight postseason appearances at Carolina and Georgia Tech.

Blackmon has also proven to be an effective fundraiser, which is a role he has expanded as director of golf. At Carolina, Blackmon has orchestrated and raised funds for the Wardle Golf House, South Carolina's state-of-the-art teaching facility, and a complete renovation of the on-campus short-game facility. His creation of "Cock N' Fire" and "Head Ball Coach" wines have raised over \$250,000 for the purchase of a conversion van and two mini-vans for the team's travel. Blackmon also spearheaded the efforts that raised \$1.2 million for endowment of his team's scholarships at Georgia Tech.

Born William Dempsey Blackmon III on Dec. 9, 1950, in Beaufort, S.C., he is a 1969 graduate of Ridgeland High School. Blackmon played collegiately at Carson-Newman College, where he received his bachelor of arts in business administration in 1973. He was chosen one of the Outstanding College Athletes of America in 1971 and 1973. After receiving his master of science in economics from Clemson in 1977, Blackmon worked for six years in the golf resort operations and development field in Florida.

Blackmon and his wife, Gail, also a Ridgeland native, have three children: a daughter, Ashley, and two sons, Jordan and Tate. Ashley, a South Carolina and Medical School at South Carolina graduate, is a physician in Columbia and is married to Jared Jones; the couple has a daughter, Bailey Gail. Jordan is a USC graduate and pursuing a film career in California, and Tate is a current student at Midlands Tech.



Puggy Blackmon and Benedicte Toumpsin at the 2009 SEC Championship at Cobblestone Park.



# Michael Burcin

Assistant Coach :: 3rd year with women's team :: 6th year at South Carolina

Michael Burcin became an assistant coach for both the men's and women's golf teams for the 2007-08 season after serving on Puggy Blackmon's men's golf staff for the previous three seasons, including two as an assistant coach. In addition to assisting coaches with day-to-day coaching duties, Burcin's primary

role is to implement and coordinate a recruiting program conducive to winning championships. He also monitors the strength and conditioning programs for both sports as well as overseeing the continued development of The Players Club, which is made up of former men's and women's golf letterwinners.

"It is a tremendous opportunity to work with both programs," Burcin said. "Our women's program is in a position to join the men as a national power. I had the pleasure of spending two years learning from Hall of Fame coach Puggy Blackmon, and I absorbed all I could about recruiting and how to work with players. With what I've already learned in recruiting for the men's team, I look forward to working with the women's program and helping to make both programs fixtures on the national scene."

A finalist in each of the last two seasons for the Golf Coaches Association of America's Jan Strickland Assistant Coach of the Year award, given to the top men's golf assistant coach, Burcin helped the men's team to four team victories in 2008-09 - tying the school record - and a berth in the NCAA Championship. He was also instrumental in helping the women's team advance to the 2008 NCAA Championship, the first appearance by the Gamecocks since 2003.

"Michael plays such an important role in our program's success and improvement," women's head coach Kalen Anderson said. "He does a lot for us administratively,

but more importantly, his knowledge of the game is invaluable. Michael is a strong recruiter and brings a great attitude and sense of humor to our team atmosphere."

Burcin joined the Carolina men's golf staff as a volunteer assistant in Fall 2004 and was made a full-time assistant in Spring 2005. His responsibilities included recruiting, managing a club for former Gamecock Lettermen and the day-to-day activities of the program.

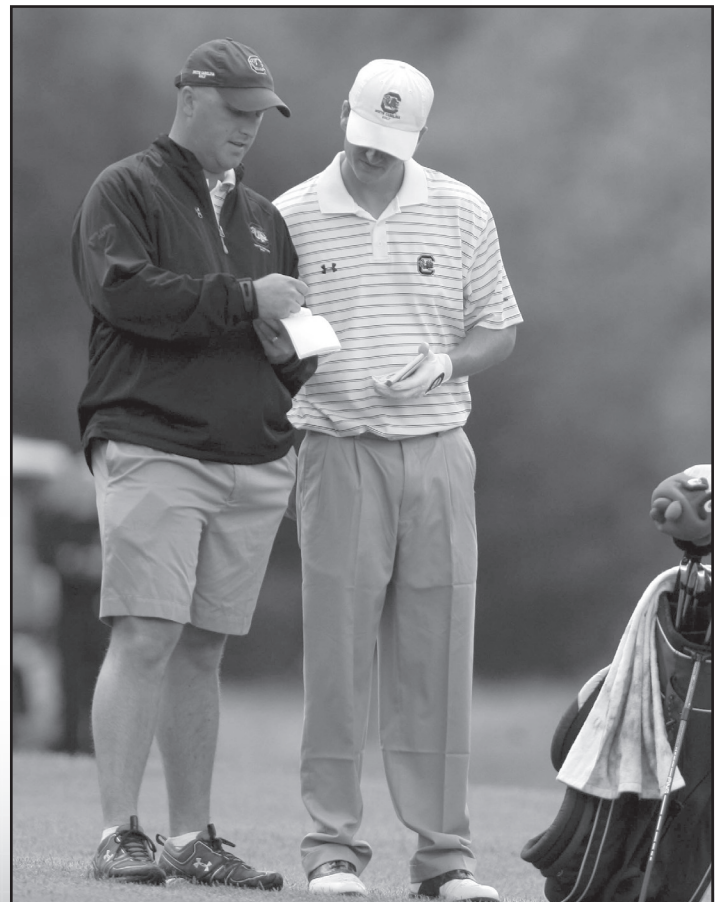
Upon the arrival of men's golf associate head coach Bill McDonald, Burcin assumed the position of director of golf operations for the 2006-07 season. In that role, he coordinated team travel, ordered and monitored the inventory of team equipment and served as the liaison to the strength and conditioning and compliance offices.

Burcin is the men's golf liaison for the academic staff, and the team has achieved at least a 3.3 grade point average in each semester and combined for a new record of 3.543 in the Fall 2006. In addition to coaching, Burcin's other duties included arranging all travel, scheduling and serving as the liaison to the strength and conditioning and compliance offices.

Before coming to South Carolina, Burcin spent seven years as a golf professional in Lancaster, Pa. His last stop in Pennsylvania involved developing an indoor teaching program at a retail golf store in Lancaster. While in Lancaster, Burcin kept an active playing schedule of section and chapter PGA events.

Originally from Salina, Kan, Burcin graduated from Lampeter-Strasburg High School in Lampeter, Pa., where he was a 10-time letterman in three sports.

A member of the Golf Coaches Association of America, Burcin and his wife, Dr. Michelle Burcin, who was a standout swimmer at the University of Cincinnati, reside in Columbia.





# Taylor Barrett

Senior :: York, S.C. :: York Comprehensive

## 2008-09

One of three Gamecocks to compete in all 10 tournaments during the season... finished with a 78.07 average, her best as a collegian... best tournament finish came at The Derby Invitational in Auburn, Ala., when she tied for 23rd place... Closed strong at the Bryan National Collegiate, shooting a 71 (-1) in the final round to finish tied for 32nd and help the Gamecocks to a sixth-place finish... shot 76-76-74=226 to finish at 10-over and tied for 45th at the Cougar Classic, equaling her career-best 54-hole score... advanced to the second round of match play at the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship; was the medalist in the sectional qualifier in Greenville, N.C... named an NGCA All-American Scholar and SEC Academic Honor Roll.

## 2007-08

Played in nine events, including all three postseason tournaments, and posted a 78.60 average... made her NCAA debut with a 74 in the first round of the East Regional, finishing 68th... tied her career best with a 14th-place finish at the SEC Championship, carding a 71 in the final round... shot 73 in the second round of the Lady Puerto Rico Classic, claiming 41st place... finished 61st as an individual at the UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate... made her season debut at the Cougar Classic, opening with matching 77s in the first two rounds.

## 2006-07

Compiled a 78.71 average playing in six events... posted her best showing at the thunderstorm-shortened Auburn Derby Invitational, finishing 14th with a 79-72=151 (+7)... carded a second-round 70 at the LSU Cleveland Classic, her best round of the season... earned a spot on the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll and was an NGCA



### Barrett's Career Totals

| Season        | Tourn.    | Rds.      | Strokes      | Avg.         | Low 18    | Best Finish |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2006-07       | 6         | 17        | 1,338        | 78.71        | 70        | 14th        |
| 2007-08       | 8         | 25        | 1,965        | 78.60        | 71        | 14th        |
| 2008-09       | 10        | 30        | 2,342        | 78.07        | 71        | 23rd        |
| <b>Career</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>72</b> | <b>5,645</b> | <b>78.40</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>14th</b> |

All-American Scholar.

### Prior to South Carolina

Ranked No. 1 in the state of South Carolina... won the 2005 South Carolina Junior Golf Association's Beth Daniel Award as the top player in the state... finished first in 14 junior tournaments, highlighted by titles at the 2004 and 2005 South Carolina Class 4A State Championships, the SCJGA All-Stars Championship, The Players Championship, The Twin States Junior Girls Golf Championship and the Palmetto Preview High School Girls Golf

Tournament in 2004 and 2005... played for the York Comprehensive Boys' Golf Team as well... recognized as the South Carolina Class 3A Player of the Year in 2003 and was the Class 4A State Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005... was the valedictorian of her class... nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman.

### Personal

Taylor Jean Barrett was born Jan. 24, 1988... daughter of Richard and Denise Barrett... member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes... major is marketing and management.



### Barrett's Career Bests

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 18-hole Score:     | 70        |
| 54-hole Score:     | 226 (2x)  |
| Tournament Finish: | 14th (2x) |
| Top 10 Finishes:   | 0         |
| Top 20 Finishes:   | 2         |

## Getting to Know Taylor Barrett

**What's your favorite course that you have played?** Eugene Country Club in Eugene, Ore., at the U.S. Women's Amateur.

**What is your dream foursome?** Myself, Kalen Anderson, Benedicte Toumpsin and Priscilla the Cheetah.

**Your best shot ever?** A hole-in-one at the U.S. Girls' Junior on a 210-yard par 3 (2004, Mira Vista Golf Club, Fort Worth, Texas).

**Your best 18-hole round ever?** I shot 67 at the Upstate Jr. Classic in 2003 at Smithfields GC in Easley, S.C. I don't remember who I was with, but I do remember I won the tournament.

**Who is the most famous person you have ever met?** At the Hootie and the Blowfish "Monday After the Masters" tournament, I have caddied for Steve Spurrier, John Michael Montgomery and Jim McMahon.

**Do you have any superstitions or rituals?** No pre-round rituals but during the round I always mark my ball with an old quarter, preferably before 1970, and mark it tails side up.

**What course on this year's schedule are you most looking forward to playing?** The LPGA International (Legends) Course

**What is your best memory from a South Carolina golf road trip?** In Charleston last year, coach Anderson and Sally Austin rode a mini-tricycle around the upstairs of our house.



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## What's In Taylor's Bag?

**Driver:** Cleveland Launcher  
**Fairway Woods:** Ping G5 4W  
**Hybrids:** Snake Eyes 18° and 21°, TaylorMade 25°  
**Irons:** Titleist 5-PW,  
**Wedges:** Cleveland 52° and 58° wedges,  
**Putter:** Scotty Cameron blade putter.  
**Ball:** Titleist ProV1 with three vertical dots



## Barrett's Career Results

### 2008-09

| Tournament                    | Scores       | Finish |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Cougar Classic                | 76-76-74=226 | T-45th |
| Lady Tar Heel Invitational    | 83-80-80=243 | T-79th |
| Mercedes-Benz Collegiate      | 75-79-79=233 | T-73rd |
| The Derby Invitational        | 76-79-73=228 | T-23rd |
| Central District Invitational | 82-79-82=243 | T-60th |
| LSU Golf Classic              | 75-82-73=230 | T-76th |
| Betsy Rawls Longhorn Inv.     | 86-81-81=248 | 86th   |
| Bryan National Collegiate     | 84-74-71=229 | T-32nd |
| SEC Championship              | 80-78-75=233 | 44th   |
| NCAA East Regional            | 80-72-77=229 | T-67th |

### 2007-08

| Tournament                 | Scores                        | Finish  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Cougar Classic             | 77-77-79=233                  | T-67th  |
| UA-Ann Rhoads Inter.       | 78-79-78=235                  | T-61st* |
| NGCA Match Play            | L, Marisa Miligan (UA) 2 & 1  |         |
| NGCA Match Play            | L, Alexandra Phelps (NM) 1-up |         |
| Lady Puerto Rico Classic   | 76-73-78=227                  | T-41st  |
| LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic | 85-75-78=238                  | T-73rd  |
| Liz Murphey Collegiate     | 81-82-80=243                  | T-77th  |
| SEC Championship           | 76-79-71=226                  | 14th    |
| NCAA East Regional         | 74-80-81=235                  | T-68th  |
| NCAA Championship          | 84-81-82-81=328               | 122nd   |

### 2006-07

| Tournament                 | Scores                      | Finish |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Dick McGuire Invitational  | 79-80-75=234                | T-64th |
| Lady Tar Heel Invitational | 76-85-82=243                | T-77th |
| The Derby Invitational     | 79-72=151                   | T-14th |
| NGCA Match Play            | L, Anna Grzebian (DU) 6 & 4 |        |
| NGCA Match Play            | L, Whitney Myers (UF) 4 & 2 |        |
| "Mo" Morial Invitational   | 83-78-82=243                | T-51st |
| LSU Cleveland Classic      | 84-70-78=232                | T-52nd |
| Liz Murphey Collegiate     | 78-79-78=235                | T-56th |

\* Indicates played at individual





# Katie Burnett

Sophomore :: Brunswick, Ga. :: Brunswick

## 2008-09

Played in all 10 tournaments as a freshman, recording the second-best stroke average on the team (75.27)...ranks as the best scoring average for a freshman in Gamecock women's golf history and ninth all-time among all players...made a big splash in her collegiate debut with an eighth-place finish at the Cougar Classic, shooting a pair of 70s in the first two rounds...her score of 213 (-1) was the best-ever 54-hole score by a Carolina freshman and the seventh-best overall tournament total in Gamecock history... had three more top-20 finishes on the season, including a 17th-place showing at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational, 16th at the LSU Classic (final-round 70) and a tie for 20th at the Bryan National Collegiate...was the low Carolina finisher in three tournaments... advanced to the second round of match play at the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, her first competition in a USGA championship event...Named to SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-American Scholar.

## Prior to South Carolina

Earned four golf letters for coach Bonia Tanner's Pirates, earning team MVP honors all four years...holds school records for lowest nine-hole and 18-hole scores...captured the 2008 Georgia 4A state tournament individual title...won four events in 2008 - the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour Southeast Georgia Open, the David A. Wall Invitational, the Lady Bear Invitational and the University of Florida Junior Championship...was a 2007



## Burnett's Career Totals

| Season        | Tourn.    | Rds.      | Strokes      | Avg.         | Low 18    | Best Finish |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2008-09       | 10        | 30        | 2,258        | 75.27        | 70        | 8th         |
| <b>Career</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>2,258</b> | <b>75.27</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>8th</b>  |



## Burnett's Career Bests

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| 18-hole Score:     | 70  |
| 54-hole Score:     | 213 |
| Tournament Finish: | 8th |
| Top 10 Finishes:   | 1   |
| Top 20 Finishes:   | 4   |

Wendy's Heisman Nominee...named 2006 Georgia PGA Player of the Year, winning the organization's Stroke Average Award that year as well...posted three tournament victories in 2007, winning the Georgia Peach, the Doublegate Junior Classic SJGT and the David A Wall, and was top three at two other AJGA events... helped team to back-to-back third-place finishes in the region tournament (2006, 2007)...also played softball and basketball at Brunswick...holds school records for lowest ERA and highest batting average and pitched in the team's regional championship game in 2005.

## Personal

Katelyn M. Burnett was born on Oct. 16, 1989, in Brunswick, Ga...parents are Rod and Lisa Burnett...has an older brother, Ben...major is sport and entertainment management.

## Getting to Know Katie Burnett

**What is the best part of your game?** The best part of my game is my wedges. If I have a wedge in my hand, I am probably going to make birdie.

**What is your dream foursome?** Myself, Tiger Woods (the best golfer in the world), Adam Scott (because he is the best-looking) and Davis Love III (I just love watching him hit balls).

**Your best shot ever?** On the 7th hole at the 2009 SEC Championship I snap-hooked my drive into the woods and had 190 yards to the green, I couldn't even see the flag. I picked a tree in line with the flag and hit a big draw with my hybrid 4-iron to get it out of the woods. I hit it really solid and ran out of the woods to see where it was going; it hit the flag and went to about 10 feet.

**Your best 18-hole round ever?** I shot 64 at a course called Hard Labor Creek in Madison, Ga., with a friend of mine and my mom. We were getting ready for a tournament there.

**What is your favorite sport outside of golf?** I like all sports but my favorite is softball. I played fastpitch in high school - I was the pitcher - and I sometimes wish I were still playing. My favorite to watch on TV is football.

**Favorite story about Coach Anderson?** I thought it was pretty funny when she was prank-calling the guys on the men's team. She called one of the guys and pretended to be this old woman who got hit by his car at Publix earlier that day; what was so perfect was that he had actually been to Publix that morning.

**Who has had the biggest influence on your golf career?** My parents and grandparents. My grandparents got my brother and I playing when we were little. Even though I hated it growing up, they made us go every day. My parents are extremely supportive of my goals and dreams. They do their best to give me every opportunity to become great; I definitely couldn't have achieved what I have without them.





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## What's In Katie's Bag?

- Driver:** Titleist 909 Comp
- Fairway Woods:** Ping Rapture 3W & 5W
- Hybrids:** Ping Rapture 24°
- Irons:** Ping G5 5-PW
- Wedges:** Titleist 56° & Ping 60°
- Putter:** Ping Redwood blade
- Ball:** Titleist ProV1 with three blue dots under the number



## Burnett's Career Results

2008-09

| <i>Tournament</i>                  | <i>Scores</i> | <i>Finish</i> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cougar Classic.....                | 70-70-73=213  | 8th           |
| Lady Tar Heel Invitational.....    | 76-72-76=224  | T-17th        |
| Mercedes-Benz Collegiate.....      | 75-81-82=238  | T-83rd        |
| The Derby Invitational.....        | 80-73-80=233  | T-40th        |
| Central District Invitational..... | 74-83-76=233  | T-44th        |
| LSU Golf Classic.....              | 73-74-70=217  | T-16th        |
| Betsy Rawls Longhorn Inv.....      | 74-78-73=225  | T-23rd        |
| Bryan National Collegiate.....     | 75-77-75=227  | T-20th        |
| SEC Championship.....              | 74-78-74=226  | T-32nd        |
| NCAA East Regional.....            | 75-72-75=222  | T-34th        |





# Corrine Carr

Senior :: Pinehurst, N.C. :: Furman :: The O'Neal School

### 2008-09

Played in eight of 10 events for the Gamecocks...posted a 78.58 average in her 24 rounds of play...best finish was a tie for 32nd at the SEC Championship...also had her best 18-hole round at the conference tournament, a first-round 73 (+2)...had a steady tournament at the NCAA East Regional, finishing tied for 58th with a 75-76-76=227 (+17)...Qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur...SEC Academic Honor Roll...NCGA All-American Scholar.

### 2007-08 (At Furman)

Qualified for all 11 events and posted a 78.21 average over 34 rounds...led the team with a 10th-place showing at the NCAA East Regional after carding a career-low 69 in the first round...took 10th place at the Southern Conference Championship, her second top-10 finish at the event in as many seasons...earned 23rd place at the Canes & Cardinal Classic, rebounding from a first-round 79 to shoot 72 and 73 over the final two days.

### 2006-07 (At Furman)

Played in eight of the team's 10 events, recording a 78.00 average...capped her freshman season in good form, carding a 224 (75-74-75) at the NCAA East Regional...finished a season-best seventh at the Southern Conference Championship, three shots behind the individual medalist...tied for team-best honors in 45th place at the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic...shot 223 at the Cougar Classic, which would be her low



### Carr's Career Totals

| Season         | Tourn.    | Rds.      | Strokes      | Avg.         | Low 18    | Best Finish |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>2006-07</i> | <i>7</i>  | <i>19</i> | <i>1,492</i> | <i>78.53</i> | <i>73</i> | <i>7th</i>  |
| <i>2007-08</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>30</i> | <i>2,341</i> | <i>78.03</i> | <i>69</i> | <i>10th</i> |
| <i>2008-09</i> | <i>8</i>  | <i>24</i> | <i>1,886</i> | <i>78.58</i> | <i>73</i> | <i>32nd</i> |
| <b>Career</b>  | <b>25</b> | <b>73</b> | <b>5,719</b> | <b>78.34</b> | <b>69</b> | <b>7th</b>  |

*(Years at Furman in italics)*

tournament of the season.

### Prior to College

Helped The O'Neal School boys' golf team to two state championships and three conference titles...named 2004 AJGA HP Scholastic Junior All-American...earned Rolex Junior All-American honorable mention status in 2004 and 2005...picked up tournament titles at the North-South Junior Classic and N.C. Big I State Championship in 2004 and the AJGA Golf Pride Junior Classic and Carolina's Junior Girls Championship in 2005...also played tennis, winning three singles and three doubles conference titles along with two doubles and one singles state championships.

### Personal

Corrine Carolina Carr was born Aug. 15, 1988...daughter of Darcy and Debi Carr...has a younger sister, Darlea...majoring in business.



### Carr's Career Bests

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| 18-hole Score:     | 69  |
| 54-hole Score:     | 220 |
| Tournament Finish: | 7th |
| Top 10 Finishes:   | 3   |
| Top 20 Finishes:   | 3   |

## Getting to Know Corrine Carr

**Which professional golfer's game could you best compare to your own?** Sergio Garcia - I am a good ball-striker but I don't make quite enough putts.

**What is your dream foursome?** Myself, Rory McIlroy, Fuzzy Zoeller and Ernie Els.

**Your best shot ever?** My first eagle in an AJGA tournament at Chateau Elan. I hit a 9-iron in the hole from the fairway.

**Your best 18-hole round ever?** I shot 68 at Foxfire in Pinehurst, N.C. It was in the Big "I" qualifier.

**Any pre-round superstitions or rituals?** I always listen to a song on my iPod before I go out to play. I like to have a song in my head when I'm on the course.

**Favorite story about Coach Anderson?** At my first tournament with Coach, we had to stay in an old home on the golf course. Coach found a little tricycle in one of the rooms and decided to ride it all around the house...even down the stairs!

**Who has had the biggest influence on your golf career?** My dad, because he got me started in the game.

**What's your favorite course that you've played?** Bright's Creek Golf Club in Mill Spring, N.C.

**What course would you most like to play, but never have?** Augusta National Golf Club

**Favorite athlete outside of golf?** Roger Federer



## What's In Corrine's Bag?

**Driver:** Adams  
**Fairway Woods:** Ping G10 3W & 5W  
**Irons:** Cleveland TA7  
**Wedges:** Cleveland 52° & 56°  
**Putter:** Scotty Cameron Red X mallet  
**Ball:** Titleist ProV1 with a line



## Carr's Career Results

### 2008-09

| Tournament                    | Scores       | Finish |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Cougar Classic                | 85-78-76=239 | T-94th |
| Lady Tar Heel Invitational    | 77-78-83=238 | T-65th |
| Mercedes-Benz Collegiate      | 81-77-77=235 | T-77th |
| The Derby Invitational        | 81-76-78=235 | T-53rd |
| Central District Invitational | 86-83-84=253 | 72nd   |
| Bryan National Collegiate     | 80-77-76=233 | T-52nd |
| SEC Championship              | 73-77-76=226 | T-32nd |
| NCAA East Regional            | 75-76-76=227 | T-58th |

### 2007-08 (at Furman)

| Tournament                | Scores       | Finish |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Cougar Classic            | 74-77-76=227 | T-48th |
| Mercedes-Benz Collegiate  | 84-78-78=240 | T-89th |
| Lady Paladin Invitational | 83-83-76=242 | T-73rd |
| Rhoads Intercollegiate    | 79-83-82=244 | T-88th |
| UCF Challenge             | 82-77-83=242 | T-91st |
| Liz Murphey Collegiate    | 81-78-79=238 | T-56th |
| Bryan National Collegiate | 82-77-75=234 | T-37th |
| Canes & Cardinal          | 79-72-73=224 | T-23rd |
| SoCon Championship        | 74-80-76=230 | T-10th |
| NCAA East Regional        | 69-76-75=220 | T-10th |

### 2006-07 (at Furman)

| Tournament                | Scores       | Finish |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Cougar Classic            | 73-74-76=223 | T-27th |
| Lady Paladin Invitational | 81-85-82=248 | T-67th |
| The Derby Invitational    | 81-76=157    | T-47th |
| LSU/Cleveland Classic     | 82-81-75=238 | T-77th |
| Liz Murphey Collegiate    | 74-80-78=232 | T-45th |
| Bryan National Collegiate | 83-80-80=243 | T-77th |
| SoCon Championship        | 77-74=151    | T-7th  |





# Cayci Ruppe

Sophomore :: Gaffney, S.C. :: Gaffney

## 2008-09

Completed in five tournaments, four as part of the starting Gamecock lineup...posted a scoring average of 79.36 over 14 rounds...best finish was a tie for 32nd place at the Bryan National Collegiate when she had three steady rounds in the 70s...also played well at the LSU Classic, shooting 74-79-76=229 to finish tied for 72nd...competed in the SEC Championship as a freshman.

## Prior to South Carolina

Played one season for coach Todd Coggins' boys' golf team as Gaffney does not field a girls' golf team...earned all-state and all-region honors her junior and senior years after finishing second in the state tournament both seasons...finished second in the 4A state championship in 2007 after a second-round 73...won the 2007 Region II-4A tournament with a 67 (-3)...picked up wins at the 2007 Upstate Junior Classic and the 2007 Charles Tilghman...took second at the South Carolina Junior Match Play Championship and the Players Championship...represented South Carolina in S.C. vs. Georgia Match Play.

## Personal

Cayci Brooke Ruppe was born on May 11, 1990, in Spartanburg, S.C...parents are Tim and Tammy Ruppe...major is sports and entertainment management.



## Ruppe's Career Bests

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| 18-hole Score:     | 74       |
| 54-hole Score:     | 229 (2x) |
| Tournament Finish: | 32nd     |
| Top 10 Finishes:   | 0        |
| Top 20 Finishes:   | 0        |



## Ruppe's Career Totals

| Season        | Tourn.   | Rds.      | Strokes      | Avg.         | Low 18    | Best Finish |
|---------------|----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2008-09       | 5        | 14        | 1,111        | 79.36        | 74        | 32nd        |
| <b>Career</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>1,111</b> | <b>79.36</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>32nd</b> |

## Getting to Know Cayci Ruppe

**What is the best part of your game?** The best part of my game would have to be my short game. I have worked on it a lot because I don't hit it quite as far as everyone else. But that's OK because I am pretty good when I get around the green.

**What is your dream foursome?** Myself, Paula Creamer, Pat Summitt and Anthony Kim.

**Favorite course that you've played?** I really liked the course we played at LSU. It was nice and short!

**Who has had the biggest influence on your golf career and why?** Jesus has had the biggest influence on my golf career. Without him giving me the talent to do so, I would not have been able to accomplish all I have.

**What is something people would be surprised to find out about you?** People may not know that I LOVE muffins, and absolutely have to eat them with a fork!

**Favorite story about Coach Anderson?** I have to go with the time we were on the way back from Auburn and we stopped at Sonic. First, Coach backed the van into the spot, imitating the guys parked beside us. Then, while making fun of my country accent and my love for muffins, she asked the lady if Sonic had muffins (she said no). So, coach went on to order everyone's meal and a blueberry muffin, which, of course, they don't sell. When the woman brought out our food, coach asked her if she liked the Gamecocks and she said, "Yes, my best friend Katie goes there." Coach then turned to Katie Burnett in the back and said, "Katie, I didn't know she was your best friend." Everyone was dying laughing at this point.

**Who are your favorite athletes outside of golf?** Jennie Finch, Sidney Rice and LeBron James!

**Who is your favorite golfer of all-time?** David Duval - as a kid I loved his sunglasses!



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## What's In Cayci's Bag?

**Driver:** Ping

**Fairway Woods:** King Cobra

**Irons:** Calloway X-14

**Wedges:** Cleveland

**Putter:** Titleist Scotty Cameron

**Ball:** Titleist ProV1 with a dot above the number



## Ruppe's Career Results

### 2008-09

| <i>Tournament</i>         | <i>Scores</i> | <i>Finish</i> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| The Derby Invitational*   | 84-82-80=246  | 82nd          |
| LSU Golf Classic          | 74-79-76=229  | T-72nd        |
| Betsy Rawls Longhorn Inv. | 83-WD-82      | WD            |
| Bryan National Collegiate | 77-77-75=229  | T-32nd        |
| SEC Championship          | 82-76-84=242  | 57th          |





# Bénédicte Toumpsin

Senior :: Sombrefe, Belgium

## 2008-09

Named Second-Team All-SEC...Led the Gamecocks with a 73.90 stroke average, playing in all 10 tournaments...her junior year ranks as the fourth-best all-time in school history, only .08 strokes behind Kristy McPherson's sophomore campaign... earned her second medalist honor of her Carolina career with a tie for first place at the LSU Golf Classic, shooting 70-71-68=209 (-7) to share the top honor with two other golfers...her score of 209 ties for the second-best 54-hole showing in school history, along with two outings by McPherson in 2002 and 2003...her final-round 68 ranks as the best closing round score in school history...tied for second at the SEC Championship with a 72-69-73=214 (+1)...joined McPherson and Jenna Pearson as the only Gamecocks to break 70 in an SEC Championship round...had four other top-20 finishes on the season, including 11th place at the season-opening Cougar Classic, a tie for 13th at the Bryan National Collegiate, tie for 19th at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate and a tie for 20th at the Central District Invitational...advanced to sectional qualifying for the U.S. Women's Open.

## 2007-08

Became the program's first NGCA All-Region and honorable mention All-America selection since 2003...earned third-team All-America honors from *Golfweek* and was a first-team All-SEC selection...played in all 12 events with a 74.03 average, ranking her 29th in the nation, eighth in the SEC and fourth in school history... collected five top-five finishes on the season and was the team's top finisher in nine tournaments...became the first Gamecock to win an NCAA Regional since 1995, claiming her first collegiate victory by tying her career low of 68 in the first round and carding consecutive birdies to end the final round of the East Regional, tying her career low with a total of 214...was named *Golfweek* Female Golfer of the Week after the regional victory...took third at the SEC Championship with matching rounds of 72 all three days...took fifth at the LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic, shooting 73 in each round...posted a career-low 214 to finish third at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic, posting a career-low 68 in the second round...went 1-0-1 at the NGCA Match Play Championship, topping Mikaela Backstedt of New Mexico 3 & 2 in the second



## Toumpsin's Career Totals

| Season        | Tourn.    | Rds.      | Strokes      | Avg.         | Low 18    | Best Finish |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2006-07       | 10        | 28        | 2,117        | 75.61        | 69        | 2nd         |
| 2007-08       | 11        | 34        | 2,517        | 74.03        | 68        | 1st         |
| 2008-09       | 10        | 30        | 2,217        | 73.90        | 68        | 1st         |
| <b>Career</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>6,851</b> | <b>74.46</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>1st</b>  |

round...carded 75s in all three rounds of the UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate to finish 19th, the third top-20 finish of her career...fired a 70 in the final round of the Mason Rudolph Women's Championship to claim 22nd place...took fourth at the season-opening Cougar Classic after sandwiching a 73 between first- and second-round 71s.

## 2006-07

Ranked second on the team with a 75.61 average...was the team's top performer in three tournaments and posted two top-20 finishes...ranked seventh in the nation in sand-save percentage (.536) and was 13th in total short game percentage (.567)... led the team with a 26th-place showing at the NCAA East Regional with a total of 217, the fourth-lowest postseason 54-hole score in school history...claimed 25th place at the SEC Championship behind a final-round 73...took a spot in the top 20 at 19th place in the highly-competitive Liz Murphey Collegiate, sandwiching a second-round 71 between first and last rounds of 77...shot a 69 in the second round of the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational, her first collegiate event, and went on to finish second...combined with Jenna Pearson's 67 in the same round of the event, it was the first South Carolina duo to shoot rounds in the 60s in the same tournament... member of the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

## Prior to South Carolina

Originally from Sombrefe, Belgium, where she was ranked No. 1 in the Belgian women's rankings...represented Europe in the 2005 Ping Junior Solheim Cup (Europe's top junior players vs. the USA's top junior players)...won numerous major tournaments during her junior career, highlighted by victories in the 2005 Belgian Masters, the International Junior Ladies of Sweden, the Consolation Cup of the Spanish Lady Junior International Championship and the Federal Tour of Belgium... member of the Belgian National Team since she was 13...named Belgian Player of the Year for her age group in 2002 and 2006...won six tournaments in 2005 and 2006 alone...earned the opportunity to compete at the 2006 Sherry Cup, which is the European Team Stroke Play Championship, finishing eighth...also competed at the 2005 Sherry Cup...led the Belgian National Team to victory at the 2005 Nation's Cup.

## Personal

Bénédicte Toumpsin was born July 7, 1988...parents are Christian and Maria-France Toumpsin...majoring in international business.



## Toumpsin's Career Bests

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| 18-hole Score:     | 68 (3x) |
| 54-hole Score:     | 209     |
| Tournament Finish: | 1st     |
| Top 10 Finishes:   | 8       |
| Top 20 Finishes:   | 14      |

## Getting to Know Bénédicte Toumpsin

**What is the best part of your game?** I would say accuracy with my irons and distance off the tee (even if I can still improve a lot).

**What is your favorite place to eat on golf road trips?** Macaroni Grill - I love the lobster ravioli, followed with a tiramisu.

**What is your dream foursome?** Myself, my mentor (Florence Descampe), Will Smith and Annika Sorenstam.

**Favorite athlete outside of golf?** Roger Federer. I think what he is doing right now is so impressive. I love his quiet attitude.



## What's In Bénédicte's Bag?

**Driver:** Ping 7.5°

**Fairway Woods:** Ping 3W

**Irons:** Ping 3-PW

**Wedges:** Ping 52° & 58°

**Putter:** Odyssey Tri-Hot #3

**Ball:** Titleist ProV1 with a 6 in front of the number; it's always a good vibe to see a low number



## Toumpsin's Career Results

### 2008-09

| <i>Tournament</i>             | <i>Scores</i> | <i>Finish</i> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cougar Classic                | 70-72-73=215  | 11th          |
| Lady Tar Heel Invitational    | 75-77-76=228  | T-35th        |
| Mercedes-Benz Collegiate      | 72-76-72=220  | T-19th        |
| The Derby Invitational        | 77-78-76=231  | 35th          |
| Central District Invitational | 72-80-75=227  | T-20th        |
| LSU Golf Classic              | 70-71-68=209  | T-1st         |
| Betsy Rawls Longhorn Inv.     | 77-72-77=226  | T-26th        |
| Bryan National Collegiate     | 79-73-74=226  | T-13th        |
| SEC Championship              | 72-69-73=214  | 2nd           |
| NCAA East Regional            | 79-71-71=221  | T-30th        |

### 2007-08

| <i>Tournament</i>          | <i>Scores</i>                   | <i>Finish</i> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Cougar Classic             | 71-73-71=215                    | T-4th         |
| Mason Rudolph Champ.       | 74-76-70=220                    | T-22nd        |
| Tar Heel Invitational      | 77-72-75=224                    | T-31st        |
| UA-Ann Rhoads Inter.       | 75-75-75=225                    | T-19th        |
| NGCA Match Play            | H, Cyndey Clanton (UA)          |               |
| NGCA Match Play            | W, Mikaela Backstedt (NM) 4 & 3 |               |
| Lady Puerto Rico Classic   | 74-68-72=214                    | 3rd           |
| LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic | 73-73-73=219                    | T-5th         |
| Liz Murphey Collegiate     | 82-78-74=234                    | T-37th        |
| Bryan Park National        | 79-79-75=233                    | T-34th        |
| SEC Championship           | 72-72-72=216                    | 3rd           |
| NCAA East Regional         | 68-70-76=214                    | 1st           |
| NCAA Championship          | 76-79-76-72=303                 | T-48th        |

### 2006-07

| <i>Tournament</i>            | <i>Scores</i>                 | <i>Finish</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Dick McGuire Invitational    | 71-69-75=215                  | T-2nd         |
| Lady Tar Heel Invitational   | 77-79-74=230                  | T-33rd        |
| The Derby Invitational       | 81-81=162                     | 79th          |
| NGCA Match Play              | L, Alison Whitaker (DU) 5 & 4 |               |
| NGCA Match Play              | W, Tiffany Chudy (UF) 4 & 3   |               |
| Lady Puerto Rico Classic     | 78-74-76=228                  | T-33rd        |
| The "Mo" Morial Invitational | 80-WD-78                      | WD            |
| LSU Cleveland Classic        | 77-74-75=226                  | T-31st        |
| Liz Murphey Collegiate       | 77-71-77=225                  | T-19th        |
| Bryan National Collegiate    | 76-77-76=229                  | T-24th        |
| SEC Championship             | 75-79-73=227                  | T-25th        |
| NCAA Regional                | 72-73-72=217                  | T-26th        |





# Taylor Weaver

Sophomore :: Spartanburg, S.C. :: Dorman

## 2008-09

Played in one tournament, the LSU Golf Classic...finished tied for 81st with a total score of 232...Qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur by shooting even-par 71 at sectional qualifying at Sapona Country Club in Lexington, N.C., in July.

## Prior to South Carolina

Earned six varsity letters for coach Lewis Terry's Cavaliers...won the individual title at the state tournament in 2007, shooting a state tournament record 145 (70-75)...also set a state tournament single-round record with her first-round 70 (-2)...earned all-region honors her junior and senior years and was a four-time all-state selection...held a 72.3 average as a senior...fired a 69 to win the region tournament her junior year and went on to finish second at the event her senior year...helped the team to back-to-back regional titles (2006, 2007)...twice won the Coca-Cola Spartanburg County Women's Championship (2006, 2007).

## Personal

Taylor Marie Weaver was born Aug. 3, 1990, in Spartanburg, S.C....parents are Kris Weaver and Michelle Troutman...has a younger brother, Chandler, and a younger sister, Addison...father played golf at USC Upstate...major is history.



## Weaver's Career Bests

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| 18-hole Score:     | 76   |
| 54-hole Score:     | 232  |
| Tournament Finish: | 81st |
| Top 10 Finishes:   | 0    |
| Top 20 Finishes:   | 0    |



## Weaver's Career Totals

| Season        | Tourn.   | Rds.     | Strokes    | Avg.         | Low 18    | Best Finish |
|---------------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2008-09       | 1        | 3        | 232        | 77.33        | 76        | 81st        |
| <b>Career</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>232</b> | <b>77.33</b> | <b>76</b> | <b>81st</b> |

## Getting to Know Taylor Weaver

**Who is your favorite golfer of all-time?** My new favorite golfer is Kristy McPherson - I like to see how far she has come from the University of South Carolina. She just keeps climbing and getting better.

**What is your dream foursome?** Myself, Kristy McPherson, my dad and probably Phil Mickelson.

**What is your favorite golf memory?** My favorite memory is when I played a bogey-free round of golf and shot 67. That same round I ran in a 40-foot eagle putt in front of the news camera on the 18th hole.

**What's your favorite course that you've played?** My favorite course is Carmel Country Club in Charlotte, N.C.

**What course would you most like to play, but never have?** I would love to play Pinehurst No. 2 when it is in U.S. Open conditions.

**Who has had the biggest influence on your golf career?** Definitely my dad - he has taught me everything. My mom is my biggest cheerleader, and my grandparents are another big inspiration. My family is my biggest influence, they believe in me in every aspect of the word.

**What is your favorite sport outside of golf?** It would probably be baseball. I like to watch it...even though I am no good at any part of it.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?** I want to go to Ireland. It would be a great graduation present (hint hint, family...).

**What are your career goals (golf and otherwise)?** I want to play golf for a living. I want to be great...I find the greatest satisfaction in winning. I also love to see results when I practice - that is what keeps me going. There is no better feeling in the whole world than winning, and that is what I want to do - win and be great at this game.





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## What's In Taylor's Bag?

- Driver:** Titleist 909 D3
- Fairway Woods:** TaylorMade V-Steel 3W & 5W
- Hybrids:** Ping Rapture 21° & 24°
- Irons:** Titleist ZB 5-PW
- Wedges:** Ping Tour 52° & 56°
- Putter:** Odyssey Tri-Ball
- Ball:** Titleist ProV1 with two dots and a line.

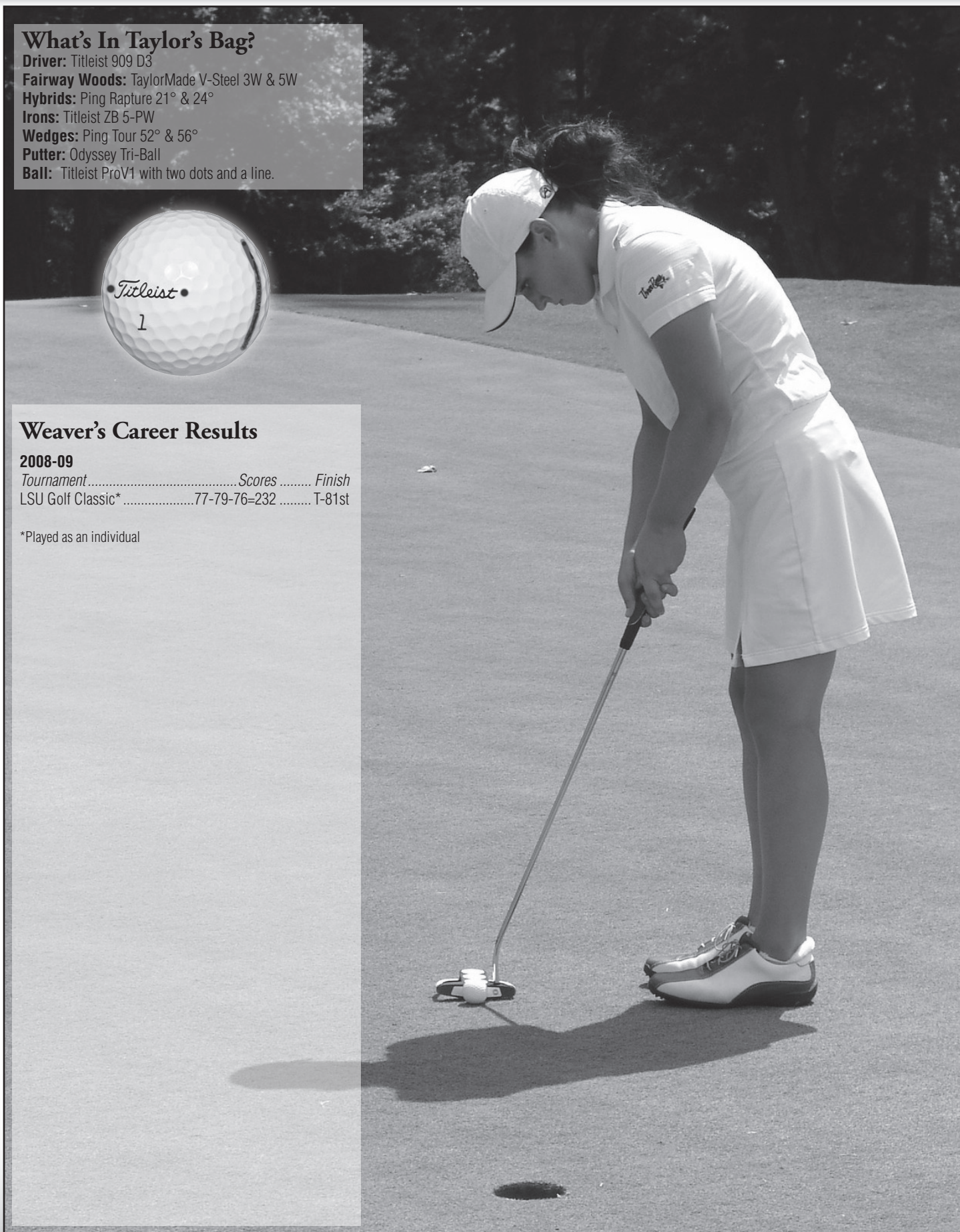


## Weaver's Career Results

### 2008-09

| Tournament        | Scores       | Finish |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| LSU Golf Classic* | 77-79-76=232 | T-81st |

\*Played as an individual





# Amanda Sträng

Freshman :: Jonstorp, Sweden

### Prior to South Carolina

Attended ProCivitas private gymnasium from 2006-09...Ranked fifth among Skandia Tour Elite girls in 2009, second among all 19-year-olds...Played in six STE tournaments, winning two events...Played in a Ladies' European Tour event in 2008... Was ranked at the top of her age division as a 13-year-old and again at age 16... Won a Junior Masters Invitation tournament...Finished third on the Skandia Tour Elite in 2006...Finished fifth in Spanish Open Ladies Amateur Championship in 2009... Helped her team to the gold medal at the European Girls Team Championship in 2008 and fifth place in 2009...Helped her team to gold and silver at the South of Sweden competition for juniors...Won gold at the Nordic Championships and silver at the Junior Swedish Masters.

### Personal

Full name is Amanda Ellen Ingvarsdotter Sträng...Born Feb. 17, 1990 in Jonstorp, Sweden...Parents are Ingvar and Peggy Sträng...Father was a goalkeeper in the highest ice hockey league in Sweden...Chose South Carolina because she felt like part of the team after only two days in Columbia and because of the campus and golf facilities...Has not declared a major.



### Getting to Know Amanda Sträng

**What 14 clubs are in your bag?** Callaway FT 5 driver, FT 3W, FT-i 7W; Titleist AP2 4-PW; Titleist spin mild 50°, 54° and 60° wedges; Ping G5i Tess putter.

**What is your favorite golf memory?** My absolute favorite memory is when I was playing the European girls team championship and we took gold. That was an amazing feeling I could not really explain.

**Best part of your game?** My long game because I am a hard hitter!

**Who are your favorite athletes outside of golf?** One of Sweden's most famous soccer players is Zlatan Ibrahimovitch and I really like him. He played in the best league in Italy and he is like Tiger Woods, he could do the most unexpected things with a soccer ball.

**Which pro golfer's game best compares to yours?** Suzann Pettersen from Norway. She hits the ball long and shows a lot of passion for the sport.

**Any pre-round superstitions or rituals?** When I warm up I always end with the club I am going to use off the first tee.

# Meredith Swanson

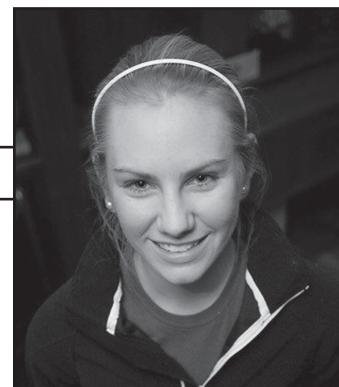
Freshman :: Roanoke, Va. :: Hidden Valley

### Prior to South Carolina

Graduated from Hidden Valley High School in 2009, where she lettered all four years...Was the only player in school history to qualify for the VHSL Boys' State Championship (2007, 2008)...Four-time all-district and all-region selection...Two-time first-team all-state...Team captain in 2007 and 2008...All honors in the boys' division as school did not sponsor a girls' team...Three-time winner of Roanoke Valley Hall of Fame Women's Championship; youngest winner ever at age 13...Holds women's course record at Roanoke Country Club with a 66 at the age of 15...Was No. 2-ranked junior golfer in Virginia...Won the AJGA Stars of Texas Junior in 2008; set AJGA record in winning by 14 strokes...Earned sponsor's exemption into LPGA Michelob Ultra Classic in Williamsburg, Va., in spring of 2009...Ranked 93rd overall junior by *Golfweek*...Named one of *Golfweek's* "Top 25 Upcoming College Freshmen" for the 2009-10 recruiting class.

### Personal

Full name is Meredith J. Swanson...Born January 17, 1991...Parents are Stuart and Leslie Swanson...Plans to major in business/finance.



### Getting to Know Meredith Swanson

**What 14 clubs are in your bag?** I carry a TaylorMade Burner driver, TaylorMade 3W and 5W, TaylorMade 4-6 hybrid, TaylorMade 6-PW, Titleist GW and SW, and a Scotty Cameron putter.

**What is your favorite golf memory?** My favorite golf memory would be the first time I beat my dad. I was 13 years old and he promised me that the day I can beat him from the same tees he would buy me any car of my choice.

**Best part of your game?** Chipping and putting

**Who has had the biggest influence on your golf career?** Definitely my dad - without his help and devotion towards me and golf, I would not be where I am today, or for that matter, the person I am today.

**Any pre-round superstitions or rituals?** I pray before every round.

**Best thing about SC's golf facilities and Cobblestone Park?** The course is really demanding and a good test of where your game is. Also, the course is always wide open and you can play pretty much whenever you want.