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# SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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## 2015 NCAA Tournament

### Greensboro Regional • March 27/29

### #15/12 North Carolina • #7/7 Florida State • #9/9 Arizona State



### 2014-15 Schedule

Nov. 15	Southern California (SECN+)	W, 70-61
Nov 20	Clemson (SECN)	W, 99-41
Nov. 23	San Diego State (SECN+)	W, 89-38
<i>Junkanoo Jam (Lucaya Division) • Freeport, Bahamas</i>		
Nov. 27	vs. Wisconsin	W, 67-44
Nov. 28	vs. #22/22 Syracuse	W, 67-63
Dec. 1	NC Central (SECN+)	W, 90-26
Dec. 4	Charlotte (SECN)	W, 82-61
Dec. 7	at #9/8 Duke (ESPN2)	W, 51-50
Dec. 14	Savannah State (SECN+)	W, 111-49
Dec. 17	at Hampton	W, 69-49
<i>Subway Classic • Minneapolis, Minn.</i>		
Dec. 20	vs. Central Michigan	W, 80-45
Dec. 21	vs. Liberty	W, 84-44
Jan. 2	Auburn* (SECN)	W, 77-58
Jan. 4	at LSU* (ESPN2)	W, 75-51
Jan. 8	at Alabama* (SECN+)	W, 102-59
Jan. 11	#10/11 Kentucky* (ESPN2)	W, 68-60
Jan. 15	at Missouri* (SECN)	W, 60-49
Jan. 19	at Florida* (SECN)	W, 77-42
Jan. 26	#12/10 Texas A&M* (ESPN2)	W, 79-61
Jan. 29	Alabama* (SECN+)	W, 85-54
Feb. 1	at Ole Miss* (ESPNU)	W, 77-59
Feb. 5	at #22/21 Georgia* (SECN)	W, 58-35
Feb. 9	at #2/2 Connecticut (ESPN2)	L, 62-87
Feb. 12	LSU* (FSN)	W, 86-62
Feb. 15	Vanderbilt* (ESPNU)	W, 89-59
Feb. 19	at Arkansas* (SECN)	W, 73-56
Feb. 23	#6/6 Tennessee* (ESPN2)	W, 71-66
Feb. 26	#11/13 Mississippi State* (FSN)	W, 69-50
Mar. 1	at #13/15 Kentucky* (ESPN2)	L, 56-67

#### SEC Tournament • North Little Rock, Ark.

Mar. 6	Arkansas (SECN)	W, 58-36
Mar. 7	LSU (ESPNU)	W, 74-54
Mar. 8	Final (ESPN)	W, 62-46

#### NCAA Tournament • Columbia, S.C.

Mar. 20	Savannah State (ESPN2)	W, 81-48
Mar. 22	Syracuse (ESPN)	W, 97-68

#### NCAA Tournament • Greensboro, N.C.

Mar. 27	#15/12 North Carolina (ESPN)	7 p.m.
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\* indicates SEC game

All Times Listed as Eastern and are subject to change



### South Carolina Gamecocks

32-2, 15-1 SEC

Ranking: 3/4 (AP/Coaches)

Head Coach: Dawn Staley

Record at SC: 153-73 (7th)

Career Rec.: 325-153 (15th)

Top Scorer: Mitchell (14.2 ppg)

Top Reb.: Coates (8.0 rpg)

### Regional Information

Site: Greensboro, N.C.

Arena: Greensboro Coliseum (22,000)

Broadcast: ESPN2 (Pam Ward, pxp; Carolyn Peck, analyst; Maria Taylor, sideline)

Radio: 107.5 The Game (Brad Muller)

Live Stats: GamecocksOnline.com

### South Carolina Notables

- South Carolina is in its 41st season of women's basketball. It is the program's 24th season in the SEC and the seventh under head coach Dawn Staley. The back-to-back SEC champion has won at least 25 games in each of the last four seasons and played in the last four NCAA Tournaments, including three trips to the Sweet 16 (2012, 2014, 2015). The Gamecocks have spent 30 straight weeks ranked in the AP top 10, highlighted by 12 weeks at No. 1 this season.
- After repeating as SEC regular-season champions, the Gamecocks claimed their first SEC Tournament title this season in their first appearance in the championship game, defeating then-#5/5 Tennessee.
- Just two of the four Regionals feature four nationally ranked teams, and Greensboro seems to be the toughest with three top-10 teams and North Carolina coming in at No. 15/12. The Oklahoma City Regional is the other behind No. 2/2 Notre Dame, No. 5/6 Baylor, No. 14/17 Stanford and No. 18/15 Iowa.
- South and North Carolina are facing each other in the NCAA Sweet 16 for the second-straight season, making the Tar Heels the Gamecocks' first repeat NCAA Tournament foe in program history.
- South Carolina's offense ranks 20th in the nation with 76.3 points per game and fourth in field goal percentage at .483. Both are the highest numbers of the Staley era, and the Gamecocks have shot 40.0 percent or better 27 times in 34 games this season, including 16 games of at least 50.0 percent accuracy. The Gamecocks have lifted their production even further in postseason action, averaging 89.0 points on 59.5 percent shooting in NCAA Tournament play.
- Consistently one of the top defensive team in the nation, South Carolina is seventh in the country in scoring defense, allowing 52.9 points per game while holding opponents to just 34.4 percent shooting (sixth in the nation). Just four opponents have scored more than 63 points and 15 failed to surpass 50 points. The Gamecocks have limited an opponent to less than 30.0 percent shooting eight times.
- The Gamecock offense is a delicate balance of power. South Carolina is 31-0 when out-scoring opponents in the paint with 16 games of at least half its total points coming in the paint for a 39.5 average. Not a single-strength team, however, the Gamecocks average 4.9 3s per game and lead the SEC with 35.0 percent shooting beyond the arc, which includes 17 games making more than one-third of their attempts.
- South Carolina's bench is among the most productive in the nation, accounting for 48.4 percent of the team's 76.3 points per game (36.9 ppg). The group has out-scored the Gamecocks' starters 18 times this season, including 11 SEC games, and has provided the team's top scorer 16 times and the co-top scorer three other times.
- South Carolina has out-rebounded its opponent 30 times this season with a 29-1 record in those games, including all five postseason contests and 15 SEC regular-season outings (tied at Kentucky, Mar. 1). A Gamecock has reached double-figure rebounds 26 times this season, including a team-high 13 times by sophomore Alaina Coates.
- While all eyes – and scouting reports – are trained on the Gamecocks' four All-SEC selections, a trio of juniors – Asia Dozier, Tina Roy and Khadijah Sessions – have shown the ability to step into the spotlight when needed, especially from outside the arc. Dozier's four 3s, including three in the first 5:00, against Syracuse forced the Orange to cede space in the paint. Roy made 4-of-5 from long range in the second half against LSU to propel the Gamecocks into the SEC Tournament title game. Sessions is more selective but equally effective from outside the arc, shooting 50.0 percent in the postseason and 42.3 percent over the last 15 games.
- Sophomore center Alaina Coates is the Gamecocks' top rebounder (8.0) and third-highest scorer (10.8), rising to the top spot in the latter with 11.4 points per game in postseason action, including 69.4 percent field goal shooting.
- SEC Freshman of the Year A'ja Wilson is tied for the team lead with 27 double-digit scoring games, including four of 20+ points, to average 13.3 points per game on 53.2 percent field goal shooting. She is hitting 71.4 percent (10-of-14) from the field in NCAA Tournament action.
- SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell is the only active SEC player to rank among the league's top 15 in scoring (14.2), assists (2.8) and steals (1.9). A 42.2 percent 3-point shooter, she is hitting 49.9 percent from the field overall.
- SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Aleighsa Welch has posted four double-doubles in the last 12 games. She is averaging 11.2 points and 6.6 rebounds in postseason action. Welch is the program's record holder with 437 career offensive rebounds, ranking third in total rebounds.

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Prior to each season, head coach Dawn Staley chooses a theme for her team to play under. This season's is "one." With such lofty expectations this season, Staley believed it was important for her team to focus on the collective instead of any individual, knowing that to thrive in pressure situations, each student-athlete may have to sacrifice a piece of herself for the sake of the team.

As the logo shows, this season is about "one team, one voice, one family, one goal, one history, one tradition, one drive, one Gamecock Nation."

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# 2014-15 South Carolina Media Roster

<b>0</b>		<p><b>India Farmer</b> 6-0 • So. • Forward • N. Myrtle Beach, S.C.</p> <p>PPG <b>0.3</b> RPG <b>0.5</b> APG <b>0.0</b> FG% <b>.000</b> FT% <b>.667</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 1 min vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> Seen action in 16 games this season, including five SEC and three postseason games ... great team player ... works hard with good attitude.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 3, 2x, vs. Alabama, 1/19/14 Reb: 3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13 Ast: — Stl: 1 at Florida, 1/19/15</p>
<b>1</b>		<p><b>Bianca Cuevas</b> 5-6 • Fr. • Guard • Bronx, N.Y. <i>kway-VAAS</i></p> <p>PPG <b>5.7</b> RPG <b>1.4</b> APG <b>1.8</b> FG% <b>.370</b> FT% <b>.778</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 12 pts, 1 stl, 1 reb vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> Cat-quick, crafty guard learning point guard position ... 5.6 ppg and 2.6 apg in postseason (5 gms) ... 10+ points 8 times ... 5+ assists 5 times, team-high assists 7 times.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 21 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15 Reb: 4, 3x, at Georgia, 2/5/15 A: 5, 5x, vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15 Stl: 4, 2x, vs. Sav. St., 12/14/14</p>
<b>2</b>		<p><b>Olivia Gaines</b> 5-7 • Sr. • Guard • Chester, S.C.</p> <p>PPG <b>1.6</b> RPG <b>1.0</b> APG <b>0.9</b> FG% <b>.385</b> FT% <b>.727</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 6 pts, 1 stl, 1 asst vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> Key defensive stopper ... Scored 3.4 ppg on 52.6% shooting (10-19) last 7 games ... key 2nd-half rally vs. LSU in SEC Tourn. ... drew Senior Day start, scored career-high 9 points.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 9 vs. Mississippi St., 2/26/15 Reb: 5, 2x, vs. Clemson, 11/20/14 Ast: 5 vs. Chas. Sthrn., 11/8/13 Min: 23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14</p>
<b>3</b>		<p><b>Kaydra Duckett</b> 5-8 • Fr. • Guard • Columbia, S.C. <i>KAY-druh DUCK-it</i></p> <p>PPG <b>0.2</b> RPG <b>0.6</b> APG <b>0.2</b> FG% <b>.077</b> FT% <b>.500</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 3 min vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> Has played in 20 games, including nine SEC and 3 postseason ... 1st career points vs. NCCU ... rated 3A South Carolina player of the year ... won two state titles (2012, 2014).</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 2, 2x, vs. Sav. St., 12/14/14 Reb: 4 vs. Savannah St., 12/14/14 Ast: 1, 2x, vs. Sav. St., 12/14/14 Stl: 1, 4x, vs. Sav. St., 3/20/15</p>
<b>5</b>		<p><b>Khadijah Sessions</b> 5-8 • Jr. • Guard • Myrtle Beach, S.C. <i>kuh-DEE-zhub SESH-uns</i></p> <p>PPG <b>4.6</b> RPG <b>2.4</b> APG <b>2.9</b> FG% <b>.406</b> FT% <b>.532</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 2 pts, 2 rebs, 2 assts vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> Setting great defensive tone ... 10th in SEC in assists, 11th in steals (1.8) ... 11 games of 4+ assists ... shooting 50.0% in postseason, 4-of-8 from 3-point range.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 19 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13 Reb: 6 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14 Ast: 8 vs. NC Central, 12/1/14 Stl: 4, 9x, at Arkansas, 2/19/15</p>
<b>15</b>		<p><b>Tiffany Davis</b> 5-7 • So. • Guard • Houston, Texas</p> <p>PPG <b>1.4</b> RPG <b>1.1</b> APG <b>0.4</b> FG% <b>.375</b> FT% <b>.667</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 3 pts in 2 min vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> Played in 16 games ... continues to learn how to run offense efficiently.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14 Reb: 6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14 Ast: 3, 4x, vs. SC State, 12/22/13 Stl: 5 vs. Elon, 11/9/12</p>
<b>22</b>		<p><b>A'ja Wilson</b> 6-5 • Fr. • Guard/Forward • Hopkins, S.C. <i>A-zhub</i></p> <p>PPG <b>13.3</b> RPG <b>6.8</b> BPG <b>1.7</b> FG% <b>.532</b> FT% <b>.651</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GM:</b> 13 pts, 4 rebs, 1 blk vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> SEC Fr. of the Year ... scored 10+ 27 times, 5 double-doubles ... team-high pts 14 times ... Top 11 in SEC in ppg and rpg ... Team-high ppg (14.0) and rpg (6.5) in NCAA Tourn games.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 26 vs. LSU, 2/12/15 Reb: 19 at Kentucky, 3/1/15 Blks: 6 at Kentucky, 3/1/15 Stl: 3, 4x, vs. C. Mich., 12/20/14</p>
<b>23</b>		<p><b>Tina Roy</b> 5-11 • Junior • Guard • Kaplan, La.</p> <p>PPG <b>4.5</b> RPG <b>1.8</b> APG <b>2.3</b> FG% <b>.387</b> FT% <b>.500</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 3 pts, 2 rebs, 1 asst vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> Team-high 43.1 percent from 3 in SEC play ... Team-high 3.7 apg in SEC Tournament ... 8 games of 4+ assists ... Avg. 6.3 points and 3.7 assists per SEC Tournament game.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 15, 2x, last vs. LSU 3/7/15 Reb: 8 at Miss. State, 2/6/14 Ast: 10 vs. Sav. State, 12/14/14 Stl: 3 vs. Southern Cal, 11/15/14</p>
<b>24</b>		<p><b>Aleighsa Welch</b> 6-0 • Sr. • Forward • Goose Creek, S.C. <i>uh-LEE-sub</i></p> <p>PPG <b>9.3</b> RPG <b>6.4</b> BPG <b>1.1</b> FG% <b>.576</b> FT% <b>.429</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GM:</b> 13 pts, 10 rebs, 2 assts vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year ... SEC 15th in rebs, 6th in blocks ... 4 dbl-dbls last 12 gms ... 13th in career points ... SEC Tourn MVP with 10.3 ppg, 7.3 rpg ... 3-time captain.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 23 vs. UNC, 12/18/13 Reb: 17 vs. CoFC, 11/14/13 Ast: 5, 2x, last vs. LSU, 2/12/15 Blk: 5, 2x, at Kentucky, 2/20/14</p>
<b>25</b>		<p><b>Tiffany Mitchell</b> 5-9 • Jr. • Guard • Charlotte, N.C.</p> <p>PPG <b>14.2</b> RPG <b>3.0</b> APG <b>2.8</b> FG% <b>.499</b> FT% <b>.840</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 14 pts, 7 assts, 5 rebs vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> SEC Player of the Year ... SEC top 10 in pts, FG%, FT% ... 10+ pts 27 gms, team-high pts 15 gms ... Staley Finalist, Naismith Finalist, Wooden Final Ballot ... ESPN All-America.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 25 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14 Reb: 11, 5x, at Arkansas, 1/2/14 Ast: 9 at SDSU, 11/23/13 Stl: 7 vs. NC Central, 12/1/14</p>
<b>31</b>		<p><b>Asia Dozier</b> 6-0 • Jr. • Guard/Forward • Columbia, S.C. <i>DOE-zbur</i></p> <p>PPG <b>4.2</b> RPG <b>1.0</b> APG <b>1.8</b> FG% <b>.415</b> FT% <b>.667</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 12 pts, 3 assts, 1 reb vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> 10+ points 4 times ... 4+ assists 6 times ... shooting 61.1% in postseason, 5-of-10 from 3-point range ... tied career high with 4 3s vs. Syracuse ... team captain.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 16, 2x, at SDSU, 11/23/13 Reb: 10 vs. Elon, 11/9/12 Ast: 6, 2x, vs. Georgia, 3/7/14 Stl: 2, 8x, vs. LSU 3/7/15</p>
<b>33</b>		<p><b>Elem Ibiam</b> 6-4 • Sr. • Center • Fayetteville, Ga. <i>ELL-um IB-ee-um</i></p> <p>PPG <b>6.4</b> RPG <b>3.9</b> BPG <b>1.0</b> FG% <b>.561</b> FT% <b>.717</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 5 pts, 2 rebs, 1 asst vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> 2nd in career blocks (163), 14 shy of record ... 13th in SEC in blocks ... 10+ pts in 8 games ... Avg. 2.3 blocks per SEC Tournament games ... two-time team captain.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 21 vs. Sav. St., 12/14/14 Reb: 12, 2x, vs. CMU, 12/20/14 Blk: 7 at Miss. State, 2/6/14 Min: 34 at Texas A&amp;M, 1/16/14</p>
<b>40</b>		<p><b>Jatarie White</b> 6-4 • Fr. • Forward • Charlotte, N.C. <i>juh-TAR-ee</i></p> <p>PPG <b>2.5</b> RPG <b>2.2</b> BPG <b>0.3</b> FG% <b>.408</b> FT% <b>.643</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> 1 reb, 2 stls, 1 asst vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> Missed 12 games due to illness (3) and foot injury (9) ... returned w/ great outing at Georgia ... brings great energy, different look to post play ... WBCA, McDonald's All-America.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 11 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14 Reb: 7 at Georgia, 2/5/15 Blk: 2 at Georgia, 2/5/15 Stl: 2 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15</p>
<b>41</b>		<p><b>Alaina Coates</b> 6-4 • So. • Center • Irmo, S.C. <i>uh-LAY-nuh COATS</i></p> <p>PPG <b>10.8</b> RPG <b>8.0</b> BPG <b>1.5</b> FG% <b>.553</b> FT% <b>.709</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GM:</b> 14 pts, 7 rebs, 1 blk vs. Syracuse <b>NOTABLE:</b> 20th in SEC in pts, 4th in rebs, 4th in blocks ... 11 dbl-dbls ... 10+ pts 20 times ... 10+ rebs 13 times ... top ppg (11.4) and rpg (7.0) in postseason ... SEC All-Tourn. ... 2nd-Tm All-SEC.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 24, 2x, vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14 Reb: 17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14 Blk: 5, 3x, vs. Alabama, 1/29/15 Min: 30 vs. Sthrn. Cal, 11/15/14</p>

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## Quick Facts

### The University

**Location:** Columbia, S.C.  
**Founded:** 1801  
**Enrollment:** 31,964  
**Colors:** Garnet (PMS 202C) and Black  
**Nickname:** Gamecocks  
**Conference:** Southeastern  
**President:** Dr. Harris Pastides  
**Athletics Director:** Ray Tanner  
**Facility:** Colonial Life Arena (18,000)

### Coaching Staff

**Head Coach:** Dawn Staley  
**Alma Mater:** Virginia, 1992  
**Overall Record:** 325-153 (14th season)  
**School Record:** 153-73 (7th season)  
**Assoc. Head Coach (Alma Mater):**  
 Lisa Boyer (Ithaca, 1979)  
**Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater):**  
 Nikki McCray-Penson (Tennessee, 1995)  
 Darius Taylor (Michigan, 2000)

### Team Information

**2013-14 Record:** 29-5  
 Home: 16-0 Away: 10-2 Neutral: 3-3  
**SEC Record (Finish):** 14-2 (1st)  
 Home: 8-0 Away: 6-2  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 10/2  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/0

### Program History

**First Year of Women's Basketball:** 1974-75  
**All-Time Record:** 733-502 (41st season)  
**All-Time SEC Record:** 131-200 (23rd season)  
**NCAA Appearances (Last):** 12 (2015)  
**NCAA Tournament Record:** 14-11  
**2014 NCAA Result:** L, 58-65, North Carolina,  
 Palo Alto, Calif, 3/30/14, Sweet 16  
**WNIT Appearances (Last):** 4 (2011)  
**WNIT Record:** 3-4

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## Current Gamecock Streaks

	Total	Home	Road	Neut.
Overall	W5	W34	L1	W7
SEC	L1	W18	L1	—
Non-Conference	W5	W18	L1	W7
Ranked Teams	W1	W5	L2	W2

## A South Carolina Win Would...

- Put the Gamecocks into the NCAA Elite Eight for the second time in school history (2002).
- Make the Gamecocks 2-1 in NCAA Tournament games played in the state of North Carolina (1-1 in Raleigh in 2002).
- Avenge last season's two losses to North Carolina, including in the Sweet 16 in Palo Alto, Calif.

## By the Numbers

- 2 Games this season in which South Carolina has attempted fewer than 10 free throws (9 vs. Central Michigan, Dec. 20; 9 vs. Tennessee, Mar. 8)
- 2 Games this season in which the Gamecocks have been out-rebounded – both in non-conference action – there has been one tie on the glass (at Kentucky, Mar. 1)
- 3 Teams in the nation to rank among the top 25 in both scoring offense and defense, including South Carolina, which is 20th in offense (76.3 ppg) and seventh in defense (52.9)
- 4 Double-doubles by senior forward Aleighsa Welch in the last 12 games, including two of five postseason outings
- 4.9 Made 3s per game by the Gamecocks this season, the most of the Staley era
- 7 Repeat SEC Players of the Year in league history after Tiffany Mitchell joined the group this season
- 11 Double-doubles by Alaina Coates this season, including five in SEC play
- 12 Statistical categories in which the Gamecocks lead the SEC
- 16 Games in which the Gamecocks have shot at least 50.0 percent from the field, three postseason contests
- 16 Games in which the Gamecocks have scored at least half their points in the paint, including eight of at least 60.0 percent
- 19 Games in which South Carolina's bench has tied or out-scored its starters, including 11 SEC contests
- 24 Games out of the 67 in her career in which Alaina Coates has pulled down double-figure rebounds, during which the Gamecocks are 23-1, including a 13-0 mark this season
- 38 Times this season a Gamecock has played 30 or more minutes in a game, compared to 71 times last season
- 39.5 Points per game in the paint by South Carolina, compared to 21.7 by its opponents (+17.8)
- 42.5 Percent of their own missed shots rebounded by the Gamecocks
- 48.4 Percent of the Gamecocks' scoring that comes from the bench
- 59.3 Percent of Gamecock field goals that have been assisted
- 76.3 Points per game by South Carolina, the highest scoring average of the Staley era and fourth-highest in program history
- 89.0 Points per game scored by South Carolina in NCAA Tournament action this season

## North Carolina Series Notes

The Tar Heels lead the series 11-7 after winning both games against the Gamecocks last season. Last season's Sweet 16 matchup was the first between the programs in postseason action.

In that contest, which North Carolina won 65-58, the Tar Heels took advantage of a sluggish South Carolina offense early and was able to hold off the late-charging Gamecocks, who out-scored UNC in the second period. Alaina Coates was rock solid in the outing with her program freshman-record 10th double-double with 22 points and 22 rebounds to go with four

blocked shots.

The regular-season meeting, a 74-66 North Carolina win, was similar in that the Tar Heels limited the South Carolina offense early and was able to survive a second-half surge.

South Carolina's results vs. North Carolina since the arrival of head coach Dawn Staley:

Date	W/L	Score	Site	Rank (SC/NC)
12/20/09	L	85-93	N	-/9
12/19/10	L	51-75	N	-/10
12/18/11	W	79-48	N	-/18
12/18/13	L	66-74	N	10/14
3/30/14	L	58-65	N	8/12

## Gamecocks in the Rankings

(SEC thru games of 3/22; NCAA thru 3/21)

Team	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Scoring Offense	1	20	76.3
Scoring Defense	1	7	52.9
Scoring Margin	1	3	+23.4
Field Goal Percentage	1	4	.483
Field Goal %age Def.	1	6	.344
3-Point FG %age	1	57	.350
3-Point FG %age Def.	5	24	.279
3-Point FG Made/Gm.	3	195	4.9
Free Throw Percentage	6	221	.678
Rebounding Offense	2	—	41.9
Rebounding Defense	1	—	31.5
Rebounding Margin	1	9	+10.3
Assists	1	14	16.9
Steals	9	85	8.8
Turnover Margin	7	81	+2.2
Turnovers	—	76	14.4
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio	1	21	1.2
Blocked Shots	1	7	6.4
Home Attendance Avg.	1	1	12,293

Alaina Coates	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Scoring	20	—	10.8
Rebounding	T-3	124	8.0
FT Percentage	9	—	.709
Blocks	4	120	1.5
Off. Rebounds	9	—	2.8
Double-Doubles	3	—	11

Elem Ibiam	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Blocks	13	—	1.0

Tiffany Mitchell	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Scoring	8	224	14.2
FG Percentage	3	50	.499
FT Percentage	3	42	.840
3-Pt FG Made	12	—	1.6
Assists	12	—	2.8
Steals	10	163	1.9

Khadijah Sessions	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Assists	10	—	2.9
Steals	11	185	1.8

Aleighsa Welch	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Scoring	30	—	9.3
Rebounding	15	—	6.4
Blocks	6	205	1.1
Off. Rebounds	10	—	2.8

A'ja Wilson	SEC	NCAA	Actual
Scoring	11	—	13.3
Rebounding	9	—	6.8
Blocks	2	77	1.7

## 2014-15 Double-Doubles

### Alaina Coates (11)

11/15	Southern Cal	18 pts/13 rebs
11/20	Clemson	12 pts/10 rebs
12/4	Charlotte	15 pts/13 rebs
12/14	Savannah State	20 pts/10 rebs
12/17	at Hampton	12 pts/13 rebs
12/20	vs. Central Michigan	16 pts/10 rebs
1/2	Auburn	11 pts/14 rebs
1/26	Texas A&M	12 pts/11 rebs
1/29	Alabama	14 pts/10 rebs
2/1	at Ole Miss	10 pts/10 rebs
2/19	at Arkansas	14 pts/11 rebs

### Elem Ibiam (1)

12/20	vs. Central Michigan	10 pts/12 rebs
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### Aleighsa Welch (4)

2/9	at Connecticut	17 pts/11 rebs
2/23	Tennessee	19 pts/14 rebs
3/7	vs. LSU	11 pts/10 rebs
3/22	vs. Syracuse	13 pts/10 rebs

### A'ja Wilson (5)

11/28	vs. Syracuse	15 pts/10 rebs
12/21	vs. Liberty	17 pts/10 rebs
1/2	Auburn	12 pts/10 rebs
1/4	at LSU	21 pts/13 rebs
3/1	at Kentucky	16 pts/19 rebs

## Florida State/Arizona State Series Notes

The Gamecocks are 16-2 all-time against Florida State as the two programs shared time in the Metro Conference in the late 1980s. The last meeting came in South Carolina's final game in the conference as the Seminoles edged out the top-seeded Gamecocks 54-53 in the Metro Tournament championship game on March 6, 1991. It was Florida State's second win in three meetings with South Carolina that season after previously going 0-15 against the Gamecocks.

South Carolina and Arizona State split their only two games against each other, both in early-season tournaments. The Gamecocks won the inaugural meeting 83-71 on Dec. 20, 1995, in the Northern Lights Invitational in Alaska, while the Sun Devils took a 61-56 victory on Dec. 4, 1999, on their home court.

## Five-Second Count

South Carolina continued its constant growth under head coach Dawn Staley, increasing their overall and SEC win totals for the sixth-straight season. The Gamecocks repeated as SEC regular-season champions, sharing the title with Tennessee, then powered past the Lady Vols to win the program's first SEC Tournament title.

Ranked No. 1 in the nation for 12 weeks, South Carolina is one of just three schools to rank among the nation's top 25 in both scoring offense and defense, coming in 20th in offense (76.3 ppg) and seventh in defense (52.9 ppg). The Gamecocks' scoring average is the best of the Staley era and fourth-highest in program history. Their opponent scoring average is the second-lowest in school history, trailing Staley's 2011-12 team's 51.4.

The success has come from a balance inside and outside play as well as from starters and reserves as the

Gamecocks have one of the most productive benches in the nation with the group contributing 48.4 percent of the team's total points.

## NCAA Tournament Tally

South Carolina is in its 12th NCAA Tournament and fourth straight under head coach Dawn Staley, making this season's senior class just the second in program history to play in the NCAA Tournament every season. The last four-year stint came in 1988-91 as part of the Metro Conference.

The Gamecocks are 15-11 overall in the NCAA Tournament with five Sweet 16 appearances, highlighted by a 2002 run to the Elite Eight, which was also the last season in which South Carolina hosted tournament games.

South Carolina earned its second No. 1 seed in as many seasons and will play all of its NCAA Tournament games in the Eastern Time Zone for the first time in the Staley era. In her 15th season as a head coach, Staley has taken a team to the NCAA Tournament nine times. She is 8-9 at the event, including a 7-3 mark at South Carolina.

## Gamecocks Against the Field

South Carolina has faced 10 teams that made this season's NCAA Tournament, including two of the three teams that traveled to Columbia. The Gamecocks went 13-1 against those 10 teams, which includes six SEC foes, prior to the start of the tournament, adding two more wins last weekend. Three of those 10 teams have reached the Sweet 16.

South Carolina topped 11th-seeded LSU three times and went 2-0 against No. 2 seed Tennessee and No. 10 seed Arkansas. The Gamecocks' non-conference scheduled featured four games against teams that were in the tournament field – Connecticut, Duke, Savannah State and Syracuse.

## Ranked Readings

South Carolina has played 10 ranked opponents this season with an 8-2 record against such foes, including a 2-0 mark in neutral-site games. The Gamecocks are 73-218 all-time against ranked teams with a 23-41 record in the Dawn Staley era. Under Staley, South Carolina is 9-16 against ranked opponents at Colonial Life Arena, 9-14 on the road and 5-11 at neutral sites.

## Postseason Powerhouses

A pair of Gamecocks have shown the ability to rise to the challenge in postseason action (SEC and NCAA Tournaments) as Alaina Coates and Aleighsa Welch have lifted their games each of the past two seasons as the Gamecocks played in win-or-go-home games.

Coates has dominated both the postseasons for her career. After closing her SEC Freshman of the Year effort averaging 11.0 rebounds over the team's five postseason games in 2014, compared to her season average of 8.4, she has similarly lifted her scoring average this season from 10.6 in the regular season to 11.4 in the last five games.

Welch has a career reputation of rising playing her best in the most important games of the season. After lifting her rebounding average from 7.6 in the regular season to 8.4 in postseason play, this season, the senior is scoring 11.2 points per postseason game compared to her regular-season average of 8.9.

## Poll Prominence

South Carolina is No. 3 in the final regular-season Associated Press poll, after a 12-week run as the No. 1 team. It was the third-longest stretch at the top by an team in the last five seasons (beginning 2010-11). Only four teams have held the top spot in the AP poll during that time – Baylor (39 weeks), Connecticut (35 weeks) and Stanford (6 weeks).

In the last 10 seasons (beginning 2005-06), eight teams have occupied the AP Poll's No. 1 position. South Carolina's 12 weeks in the spot is the fifth-most among that group – UConn (85), Baylor (39), Tennessee (16) and Duke (14).

The AP's No. 1 ranking on Nov. 24 was a South Carolina program first, besting the No. 2 spot the Gamecocks held for five times in their history – Nov. 17, 2014; Preseason 2014-15; Jan. 2, 1982; Dec. 27, 1981; and Dec. 20, 1981.

## Reading the RPI

With a 31-2 record, including a 16-2 mark outside of Columbia, South Carolina is third in the NCAA RPI released on March 14 behind Notre Dame and Tennessee, respectively. Kentucky rounds out the SEC's top-10 entries at No. 8, and Mississippi State comes in at No. 29.

## SEC Title Talk

In 2013-14, South Carolina became the seventh program to win the SEC regular-season title, and the Gamecocks joined even more elite company by repeating this season. Just four teams have done so, and South Carolina shares the honor with Tennessee (multiple times), Georgia (1996, 1997) and LSU (2005, 2006).

## Rare Company

As just the second sophomore ever to earn SEC Player of the Year honors from the league's coaches last season, junior Tiffany Mitchell became the seventh player to pick up the award twice in her career, joining South Carolina assistant coach Nikki McCray (1994, 1995) among others. Mitchell is the second-straight player to do it after Kentucky's A'adia Mathies completed her double in 2012 and 2013, but the first to earn the award outright in consecutive seasons since LSU Seimone Augustus took home the honor in 2005 and 2006.

## New Name, Same Title

South Carolina became just the second team in league history to earn back-to-back SEC Freshman of the Year awards as A'ja Wilson followed in the footsteps of Alaina Coates. Georgia is the only other team to have captured the award in consecutive seasons – 2001 with Christi Thomas and 2002 with Kara Braxton. Wilson and Coates also share the SEC record, with several others, with five SEC Freshman of the Week honors.

## Books and Boards

Senior Aleighsa Welch became the Gamecocks' first ever SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year this season. The sport and entertainment management major marries her strong GPA with even stronger work on the glass as she is third in school history in total rebounds and holds the career offensive rebounds record.

## Gamecocks in 2014-15 National Polls

Poll	Pre	11/17	11/24	12/1	12/8	12/15	12/22	12/29	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26	2/2	2/9	2/16	2/23	3/2	3/9	3/17	Final
Associated Press	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3
Coaches	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	4	4

## SEC Stories

Head coach Dawn Staley has steadily lifted the Gamecocks' national profile by building the Gamecocks into a consistent SEC contender with back-to-back regular-season titles, shirking decades of difficulty in the nation's best women's basketball conference.

In her seventh season at the helm, Staley boasts a 67-43 (.609) SEC regular-season record and has finished outside the league's top five just twice – an unprecedented achievement for a program that had finished INSIDE the top five only two times in the previous 17 seasons. Staley's 67 wins include now four seasons of double-digit league victories – 10-6 in 2012, 11-5 in 2013, an SEC-best 14-2 in 2014 and this season's 15-1 mark.

Staley's SEC regular-season record includes a 38-18 (.679) mark at home and a 29-25 (.537) slate on the road.

## Conference Climbing

The Gamecocks' 29 regular-season games included 16 in SEC play and 13 non-conference outings, and seven of South Carolina's nine primary contributors showed marked improvement in at least one statistic from non-conference to SEC action.

Two Gamecocks improved their scoring averages – Bianca Cuevas (4.5 to 6.8 ppg) and Khadijah Sessions (4.0 to 4.9 ppg). Those two, along with Tina Roy, have improved field goal percentages to thank for the increase with Cuevas going from 35.9 percent to 6.7, Sessions rising from 31.6 percent to 46.0 and Roy improving from 35.3 percent to 44.3. The latter two made significant leaps from outside the 3-point line – Sessions (23.1 to 33.3%) and Roy (36.1 to 43.1%).

Aleighsa Welch and A'ja Wilson lifted their rebounding averages with Welch going from 5.6 to 6.9 rpg and Wilson rising from 6.5 to 7.4 rpg. Alaina Coates blocked more shots per game – 1.3 to 2.0 bpg. Tiffany Mitchell rounded out the group, lifting her steals per game from 1.9 to 2.0 in SEC action.

## Crunch Time

South Carolina has won all six of its games this season when the margin is under 10 points in the last five minutes, and the Gamecocks have done so with their primary strengths – Tiffany Mitchell, rebounding and defense.

In those six games – Southern Cal, vs. #22/22 Syracuse, at #9/8 Duke, #10/11 Kentucky, at Missouri and vs. #6/6 Tennessee – Staley trusts in Mitchell's competitive spirit, giving her the ball in late-game situations. The junior has answered the bell, averaging 3.4 points per final five minutes of those games – nearly double the next Gamecock on the list. Behind her fearless attacking of the rim, a majority of her points have come at the free throw line, where she has hit 14-of-17 (.824) attempts during those close-game situations.

## Welch Watch

The program's career record holder in offensive rebounds, senior forward Aleighsa Welch looks to mount an attack on other parts of the Gamecock charts before closing out her career.

Here are a few of the career benchmarks she has a chance to catch:

Category	Current	Chasing	To Go
Points	1,429 (13th)	1,454 (12th)	15
FT Made	325 (T-7th)	333 (6th)	8
FT Att.	533 (5th)	604 (4th)	71
Rebs.	931 (3rd)	1026 (2nd)	95
Off. Rebs	437 (1st)	—	—
Def. Rebs.	494 (3rd)	579 (2nd)	85
Dbl-Dbls.	23 (9th)	25 (8th)	2
Blocks	129 (7th)	133 (6th)	4
Games	134 (T-1st)	—	—

In a show of determination, the Gamecocks have also dominated the glass at crunch time, out-rebounding their opponents 6.6 to 4.8 per final five minutes, with Alaina Coates, A'ja Wilson and Aleighsa Welch grabbing the bulk of the boards.

South Carolina's defense has held those opponents to just 27.0 percent shooting and 9.1 percent from outside the arc in that time span.

## Win Any Way

As the Gamecocks' baseball coach a few years ago, South Carolina athletics director Ray Tanner frequently used the phrase "Win Anyway." Women's basketball has put its own twist on the quote. The Gamecocks have lost just twice this season, but the end has not always come by the same means.

Dawn Staley's team has won with both a high-flying offense – posting records of 5-0 when scoring 90+ points, 8-0 when scoring 80-89 points – and a more methodical one, 8-0 when scoring 70-79 points, 10-2 scoring fewer than 70.

The Gamecocks have won both inside – 15-1 when shooting less than 33.3 percent from 3-point range, 14-1 when at least half of points come in the paint – and outside – 17-1 when shooting 33.3 percent or better from 3-point range, 18-1 when less than half of points come in the paint.

South Carolina has seen its top scorer come from both the starting lineup (14-1) and the bench (15-1) – with three games in which a starter and reserve tied for the team high (win vs. Auburn – Welch, Wilson; win vs. Vanderbilt – Mitchell, Wilson; win vs. Syracuse – Mitchell, Wilson).

## Diehard Defenders

While the offense has fluctuated in source and volume, the one standard for the Gamecocks – both this season and throughout head coach Dawn Staley's career – has been their defense. South Carolina is seventh in the nation in scoring defense, allowing 52.9 points per game. That number drops to 50.4 points per game in postseason action. On the season, just four opponents scored more than 63 points (87 by UConn, Feb. 9; 66 by Tennessee, Feb. 23; 67 by Kentucky, Mar. 1; 68 by Syracuse, Mar. 22) and 15 failed to meet the 50-point threshold.

In SEC play, South Carolina yielded a league-best 55.5 points per game and limited some of the conference's highest scoring teams well beneath their averages. Kentucky (2nd in the SEC in scoring) scored 72.3 points per game in their 14 games against other SEC teams but averaged just 63.5 in two against the Gamecocks. The league's fourth-best scoring team, Mississippi State posted 65.7 points per game in their other 14 games compared to 50 against South Carolina. In all, five teams failed to get within eight points of their average against other league schools while playing the Gamecocks – Missouri (59.7 - 49), Florida (57.1 - 42) and Georgia (55.9 - 35).

## Controlled Caroms

The Gamecocks have also built their success on the glass – an aspect of the game that head coach Dawn Staley preaches as a measure of effort as much as talent. South Carolina ranks ninth in the nation in rebounding margin, out-boarding its opponents by 10.3 per game. The Gamecocks have out-paced their opponent by double-digit rebounds 16 times this season, including eight SEC outings. The rebounding margin has been at least 20 four times – Clemson (+22), Savannah State (+35), at Hampton (+27) and Vanderbilt (+20).

Only two teams – #22/22 Syracuse (Nov. 28) and #9/8 Duke (Dec. 7) – have out-rebounded South Carolina this season. Kentucky (Mar. 1) tied the Gamecocks on the boards.

## 2014-15 Awards

### Alaina Coates

All-SEC Second Team (Coaches, AP)  
SEC All-Defensive Team  
SEC All-Tournament Team  
Naismith Trophy Top 50 Watch List  
No. 25 Player in the Nation (espnW)

### Elem Ibiam

SEC Community Service Team

### Tiffany Mitchell

SEC Player of the Year (Coaches, AP)  
All-SEC First Team (Coaches, AP)  
Capital One Academic All-District 4  
Dawn Staley Award Finalist  
All-America (ESPN)  
Wooden Award Final Ballot  
Naismith Trophy Finalist  
Wade Watch List  
Preseason All-America (AP, Sports Illustrated, ESPN)  
No. 4 Player in the Nation (espnW)  
Preseason All-SEC (Coaches, Media)

### Aleighsa Welch

SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year  
All-SEC (Coaches - 1st Team; AP - 2nd Team)  
SEC Tournament MVP  
Naismith Trophy Midseason 30  
Wade Watch List  
Wooden Award Preseason Top 30  
No. 7 Player in the Nation (espnW)  
Preseason All-America Second Team (ESPN)

### A'ja Wilson

SEC Freshman of the Year  
All-SEC First Team (Coaches, AP)  
Wooden Award Final Ballot  
Naismith Trophy Midseason 30  
USBWA National Freshman of the Week (Dec. 1-7)  
5-time SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 24-30;  
Dec. 1-7; Dec. 29-Jan. 4; Jan. 26-Feb. 1; Feb. 9-15)

### Dawn Staley

SEC Coach of the Year (two-time)  
Naismith Coach of the Year Finalist (10)

## Offensive Operation

Head coach Dawn Staley is often thought of as a defensive coach first, but she has helped the Gamecocks increase their offensive production each of the last four seasons. This season's 76.3 scoring average is 20th in the nation and the fourth-highest in program history. If the average remains above 75.0, it would be the first new entry in the program's all-time top five since 1993-94. The increased production has come via the fourth-best field goal percentage in the nation at .483, which would rank among the program's all-time top five as well.

## Bench Marks

While every competitor wants to be a starter, the Gamecocks have shown that the bench can be a just as productive position. The South Carolina bench has tied or out-scored its starting teammates 19 times this season, including 11 SEC contests and three postseason outings. In fact, the unit has out-scored the entire opposing team five times – Clemson (Nov. 20), San Diego State (Nov. 23), NC Central (Dec. 1) and Florida (Jan. 19). In all, the bench has accounted for 48.4 percent of the Gamecocks' points this season, including 50.6 percent of the offense in SEC games.

Of the 121 double-figure games turned in this season, 61 of them have come from the bench – A’ja Wilson (27), Alaina Coates (19), Bianca Cuevas (8), Tina Roy (4), Jatarie White (2) and Asia Dozier (1).

### SWAT Team

After shattering the season record for blocked shots last season with 240, South Carolina’s 216 this season are just behind that mark. The Gamecocks added another record this season with 15 blocks against Arkansas in the SEC Tournament quarterfinals, and the Gamecocks closed the tournament averaging 8.7 blocks against their three opponents.

The Gamecocks lead the SEC and rank seventh in the nation with 6.4 blocked shots per game. South Carolina has swatted double-digit shots six times, including three SEC games – 10 vs. Southern Cal, 10 vs. Kentucky, 10 at Georgia, 11 at Arkansas 12 at Kentucky and 15 against Arkansas.

Four Gamecocks rank among the SEC’s top 15 blockers, led by freshman A’ja Wilson in second at 1.7 per game, followed closely by sophomore Alaina Coates in fourth at 1.5 per game. Seniors Aleighsa Welch and Elem Ibiam are next in line with Welch swatting 1.1 per game for sixth and Ibiam rejecting 1.0 per game for 13th.

### Paint by Number

South Carolina’s inside game is among the most feared in the nation this season as three of the team’s top four scorers play primarily in the paint, and its leading scorer – Tiffany Mitchell – can thrive in the lane as well. The Gamecocks have scored at least half of their points

in the paint 16 times in 34 games this season, including eight games in which more than 60.0 percent of points came from close range. A season-high 77.5 percent of their 80 points against Central Michigan (Dec. 20) came from the paint.

### Zone Buster

While the Gamecocks are highly regarded for their post play, South Carolina’s guards have been effective at capitalizing on what opposing teams are willing to cede in their preferred zone defense – the 3-point shot. The Gamecocks lead the SEC in 3-point field goal percentage, hitting 35.0 percent from outside the arc and have made more than one-third of their outside shots 17 times this season, highlighted by four games of over 50.0 percent shooting. The percentage is just slightly higher than last season’s (.347), but after closing 2013-14 averaging 3.9 made 3s per game, South Carolina is fourth in the SEC with a 4.9 average this season.

Junior Tiffany Mitchell was the primary long-range shooter for most of the season, attempting 3.8 3s per game while shooting 42.2 percent from outside the arc. But junior Tina Roy lifted her long-range production in SEC action, hitting a team-best 43.1 percent in league games. Juniors Khadijah Sessions and Asia Dozier are both shooting 50.0 percent in postseason play.

### Diversified Assets

South Carolina is often lauded for the depth of its talent, and the Gamecocks’ improved offensive numbers certainly bear out those accolades – 20th in the nation at 76.3 points per game and fourth in the nation in field goal percentage (.483).

The embarrassment of riches has not upset South Carolina’s chemistry but, instead, has strengthened it as each Gamecock plays for the good of the team instead of herself – a message head coach Dawn Staley often equates with USA Basketball’s utopian camaraderie and ultimate success.

Two stats that best exemplify the all-for-one mentality of the team are in the assist numbers – 14th in the nation at 16.9 per game – and that only one Gamecock is averaging 10.0 or more shots per game. In fact, on one of the nation’s most efficient offensive teams, which features all four of its top scorers shooting over 50.0 percent, just one Gamecock has made the minimum field goals required for individual ranking in field goal percentage – Tiffany Mitchell, 50th at 49.9.

Here’s how those numbers break down.

Name	FGM/gm	FGA/gm	FG%	PPG
Mitchell	5.0	10.0	.499	14.2
Wilson	4.9	9.1	.532	13.3
Coates	3.7	6.6	.553	10.4
Welch	4.2	7.4	.576	9.3
Ibiam	2.6	4.6	.561	6.2

### Far Reaching

South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley enjoys an embarrassment of riches with four players listed at 6’4” or taller. Even more impressive might be the reach of the Gamecocks’ top contributors, most with wingspans that exceed their height.

Name	Height	Reach	Diff.
Alaina Coates	6’4”	6’8”	+4”
Elem Ibiam	6’4”	6’8”	+4”
Tiffany Mitchell	5’9”	6’0”	+3”
Aleighsa Welch	6’0”	6’3”	+3”
Asia Dozier	6’0”	6’2”	+2”
A’ja Wilson	6’5”	6’6”	+1”

### Two Grand

Junior guard Tiffany Mitchell joined senior Aleighsa Welch in the 1,000-point club against Liberty (Dec. 21), making it the first time a Gamecock team has had multiple 1,000-point scorers since 2001-02 when Shaunzinski Gortman and Jocelyn Penn both reached that plateau. In program history, there have been nine seasons that featured multiple 1,000-point scorers, including three seasons that saw three Gamecocks who surpassed the benchmark.

### Staley Status Update

While leading the Gamecocks to the best season in program history, South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley has continued to carve out her place as one of the top coaches in the game.

With the Gamecocks’ rise to No. 1 in the Associated Press poll this season, Staley joined Baylor’s Kim Mulkey as the only women to have played on and coached a No. 1-ranked team. Staley’s Virginia team was ranked No. 1 for a total of 24 weeks spanning her junior and senior seasons. She has led the Gamecocks to 12 weeks in the top spot in the Associated Press poll so far.

Staley also earned an extension from USA Basketball as she was named to an assistant coach to the U.S. Women’s National Team through the 2016 Olympic Games. Her USA Basketball coaching resume already includes gold medals at the 2014 FIBA U18 Americas Championship (head coach), 2014 FIBA World Championship (assistant coach), 2008 Beijing Olympics (asst. coach) and 2007 FIBA Americas Championship (asst. coach).

### More on Muffin

Two-time All-SEC First-Team selection Aleighsa Welch became the program’s first SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year as the league coaches recognized the career

## Team Specialty Stats

South Carolina/Opponent

	Pts. in Paint	Pts. Off TOs	2nd Chance Pts	Fast Break Pts
11/15 USC	32-36	16-22	14-10	4-8
11/20 Clem.	46-16	23-9	31-7	8-2
11/23 SDSU	40-8	3-2	15-9	24-2
11/27 vs. Wisc.	32-10	16-11	10-0	4-4
11/28 vs. Syr.	20-16	11-6	13-17	0-0
12/1 NCCU	58-12	31-7	3-3	34-0
12/4 Char.	46-20	19-15	26-4	10-13
12/7 at Duke	32-24	16-19	11-11	6-4
12/14 Sav. St.	70-26	34-12	24-3	18-6
12/17 at HU	26-14	10-19	17-6	11-4
12/20 vs. CMU	62-28	21-8	21-2	16-0
12/21 vs. LU	40-24	24-8	15-4	12-2
1/2 Aub.	52-24	28-12	16-13	22-8
1/4 at LSU	36-26	14-14	5-13	8-0
1/8 at Ala.	32-24	19-6	17-12	13-0
1/11 Ky.	36-28	9-19	18-4	10-18
1/15 at MU	22-14	10-0	14-4	6-0
1/19 at UF	46-26	20-13	11-12	14-4
1/26 TAMU	44-24	15-15	13-9	14-4
1/29 Ala.	42-22	22-10	20-9	18-4
2/1 at Miss.	36-26	18-11	18-19	8-4
2/5 at Ga.	26-14	10-18	13-8	10-0
2/9 at UC	34-40	7-17	20-10	2-10
2/12 LSU	42-26	29-19	8-16	18-8
2/15 Vandy	50-32	29-18	18-8	21-12
2/19 at Ark.	30-26	13-14	9-13	8-6
2/23 Tenn.	44-30	10-8	21-8	2-5
2/26 MSU	36-16	26-11	12-4	4-2
3/1 at Ky.	24-24	7-19	14-15	0-8
3/6 vs. Ark.	40-6	9-12	14-11	4-2
3/7 vs. LSU	34-16	18-18	11-12	8-0
3/8 vs. Tenn.	34-20	10-9	19-9	6-0
3/20 Sav. St.	56-20	21-13	8-8	16-0
3/22 Syr.	42-18	14-11	14-8	12-8
<i>Averages</i>	<i>39.5-21.7</i>	<i>17.1-12.5</i>	<i>15.1-8.9</i>	<i>10.9-4.4</i>

## Starters vs. Bench Points

	SC Starters	Opp. Starters	SC Bench	Opp. Bench
11/15 USC	55	36	15	25
11/20 Clem.	54	27	45	14
11/23 SDSU	36	17	53	21
11/27 vs. Wisc.	28	37	39	7
11/28 vs. Syr.	37	55	30	8
12/1 NCCU	48	18	42	8
12/4 Char.	41	53	41	8
12/7 at Duke	34	33	17	17
12/14 Sav. St.	51	44	60	5
12/17 at HU	33	48	36	1
12/20 vs. CMU	46	29	34	16
12/21 vs. LU	43	32	41	12
1/2 Aub.	38	20	39	38
1/4 at LSU	28	35	47	16
1/8 at Ala.	47	25	55	34
1/11 Ky.	53	40	15	20
1/15 at MU	37	40	23	9
1/19 at Florida	30	19	47	23
1/26 TAMU	38	53	41	8
1/29 Ala.	37	41	48	13
2/1 at Miss.	34	40	43	19
2/5 at Ga.	25	19	33	16
2/9 at UConn	44	82	18	5
2/12 LSU	37	58	49	4
2/15 Vandy	38	35	51	24
2/19 at Ark.	39	53	34	3
2/23 Tenn.	56	64	15	2
2/26 MSU	40	30	29	20
3/1 at Ky.	28	47	39	20
3/6 vs. Ark.	31	33	27	3
3/7 vs. LSU	28	49	46	4
3/8 vs. Tenn.	53	37	9	17
3/20 Sav. St.	38	38	43	10
3/22 Syr.	46	57	51	11
<i>Averages</i>	<i>39.4</i>	<i>39.5</i>	<i>36.9</i>	<i>14.4</i>

contributions as the heart and soul of the Gamecock program, who now holds the school record for career offensive rebounds (437) and is third in total rebounds (931).

Welch has been locked in on finishing her career with a bang, and her consistent effort has her ranked among the program's career top 10 in eight different categories, including three rebounding top-five entries, while also among the top-15 scorers. Among the Gamecocks' 30 1,000-point scorers, she is just the fourth in program history to also amass at least 900 rebounds as well. Her current career .582 field goal percentage is second in school history behind only Jocelyn Penn's school-record .593.

The expansion of the Gamecocks' frontline has brought her overall rebounding numbers down slightly (6.4 rpg this season vs. 7.2 average previous three seasons), but she has been especially tenacious on the glass against ranked opponents, averaging a team-high 8.6 boards over 10 games against ranked foes (including a flu-ridden two-rebound effort at #13/15 Kentucky to end the season) compared to 5.4 in the Gamecocks' other 24 outings.

Welch also continues to provide consistency on the offensive end, shooting a team-best 57.6 percent from the field and handing out 1.9 assists per game.

### Trademark TM

Two-time SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell remains part of the national player of the year conversation because of her ability to affect the game in myriad ways. She ranks among the SEC's best in scoring (8th, 14.2 ppg), field goal percentage (3rd, .499) and free throw percentage (3rd, .840). Aside from scoring, Mitchell is also among the league's top 15 in assists (12th, 2.8) and steals (10th, 1.9). In fact, only two players rank among the SEC's top 15 in scoring, assists and steals – Mitchell and Georgia's Shacobia Barbee, who missed the second half of the season due to injury.

Mitchell showed similar diversity last season and added outside shooting to this season's resume, hitting 42.2 percent from outside the arc, where she makes 1.6 3s per game. Her heightened accuracy was on full display against San Diego State (Nov. 23) when her 6-of-6 effort from 3 was the best perfect game in program history. She went on to match her career high with six 3s at Hampton as well, those coming on eight attempts.

### Double Trouble

One of sophomore Alaina Coates' goals this season focuses around posting double-doubles, taking to heart her head coach's quip that the 6-foot-4 center is a "walking double-double." Ranking 46th in the nation with 11 this season – 2nd in the SEC – the Irmo, S.C., native has 21 career double-doubles through 66 games, tying her for ninth in school history in the category.

Five of this season's 11 came in SEC action, which is one shy of the program record of six set by Marsha Williams in 1991-92. Her 10 career SEC double-doubles is just one shy of Williams' career record of 11.

### Hometown Hero

SEC Freshman of the Year A'ja Wilson wrapped up her first regular season with a bang as her 19 rebounds at #13/15 Kentucky (Mar. 1) broke the South Carolina

freshman record, previously held by Alaina Coates at 17 against Kentucky on Jan. 9 2014.

With five double-doubles on the season, Wilson is second on the team in scoring, ranking 11th in the SEC in at 13.3 ppg, and rebounding, coming in ninth in the league at 6.8 rpg. She is the only freshman to rank among the SEC's top 20 scorers and rebounders. She has led the team in scoring 14 times, including seven SEC games. Wilson also ranks second in the league in blocked shots average at 1.7.

Wilson was the only freshman on either the Wooden Late-Season Top 20 or the Naismith Midseason Top 30. She earned SEC Freshman of the Week five times, tying the league record, and was the USBWA's first Freshman of the Week (games Dec. 1-7).

### It's Elem-entary

Senior center Elem Ibiam is making a charge at the school record for career blocks this season after setting the single-season mark with 83 in 2013-14. The Fayetteville, Ga., native is currently second with 163 in her career, trailing the Gamecocks' career record of 177 of set by Lakesha Tolliver (2004-07).

### Shooting Sessions

Junior point guard Khadijah Sessions has taken opponents' pack-the-paint defensive strategy personally as she is often the Gamecock most loosely guarded. Following South Carolina's road swing to Missouri and Florida, Sessions was shooting 33.8 percent from the field, including 22.9 percent from 3-point range. With a week between games, the Myrtle Beach, S.C., native logged extra time in the gym and has shot 47.7 percent

(32-of-67) from the field with 42.3 percent (11-of-26) accuracy from outside the arc in the 15 games since.

### Home Grown, Nationally Known

Since her arrival for the 2008-09 season, head coach Dawn Staley has been working to protect her new home state's top prospects. Her efforts have paid huge dividends as eight of the 15 members of this year's team hail from the state. Beginning with Aleighsa Welch, the first South Carolina player to sign an NLI for Staley, the Palmetto State has frequently sent its players of the year to Columbia as Welch (2011), Asia Dozier (2012), Alaina Coates (2013), A'ja Wilson (2014) and Kaydra Duckett (2014) have each earned the title during their high school careers.

## Miscellaneous Stats

Double-Doubles	2014-15	Career	Record
Alaina Coates	11	21	20-1
A'ja Wilson	5	5	4-1
Aleighsa Welch	4	23	20-3
Elem Ibiam	1	2	1-1
Tiffany Mitchell	0	4	4-0

20+ Points	2014-15	Career	Record
Tiffany Mitchell	4	12	12-0
A'ja Wilson	4	4	4-0
Alaina Coates	2	8	7-1
Bianca Cuevas	1	1	1-0
Elem Ibiam	1	1	1-0
Aleighsa Welch	0	5	3-2

10+ Points	2014-15	Career	Record
Tiffany Mitchell	27	72	64-8
A'ja Wilson	27	27	25-2
Alaina Coates	21	44	42-2
Aleighsa Welch	17	78	66-12
Elem Ibiam	8	33	29-4
Bianca Cuevas	8	8	8-0
Asia Dozier	4	13	12-1
Khadijah Sessions	5	20	19-1
Tina Roy	4	11	9-2
Jatarie White	2	2	2-0
Tiffany Davis	0	1	1-0

10+ Rebounds	2014-15	Career	Record
Alaina Coates	13	24	23-1
Aleighsa Welch	7	29	26-3
A'ja Wilson	5	5	4-1
Elem Ibiam	1	4	5-2
Tiffany Mitchell	0	7	6-1
Asia Dozier	0	1	1-0

5+ Assists	2014-15	Career	Record
Bianca Cuevas	5	5	5-0
Khadijah Sessions	4	9	9-0
Tina Roy	3	5	5-0
Tiffany Mitchell	2	9	9-0
Aleighsa Welch	1	2	2-0
Asia Dozier	0	8	8-0
Olivia Gaines	0	1	1-0

5+ Steals	2014-15	Career	Record
Tiffany Mitchell	3	8	8-0
Tiffany Davis	0	1	1-0

5+ Blocks	2014-15	Career	Record
Alaina Coates	1	3	3-0
A'ja Wilson	1	1	0-1
Elem Ibiam	0	7	7-0
Aleighsa Welch	0	2	2-0

## Games Led Team In...

(Tied for team lead in each category included)

Scoring	2014-15	Career	Record
Tiffany Mitchell	15	35	33-2
A'ja Wilson	14	14	13-1
Alaina Coates	4	11	10-1
Aleighsa Welch	3	28	18-10
Bianca Cuevas	2	2	2-0
Asia Dozier	1	2	2-0
Elem Ibiam	0	6	4-2
Khadijah Sessions	0	3	2-1
Tina Roy	0	2	2-0

Rebounding	2014-15	Career	Record
Alaina Coates	15	33	31-2
A'ja Wilson	9	9	8-1
Aleighsa Welch	10	49	41-8
Elem Ibiam	2	13	13-0
Tiffany Mitchell	0	9	8-1

Assists	2014-15	Career	Record
Khadijah Sessions	11	22	20-2
Tiffany Mitchell	10	27	25-2
Tina Roy	8	11	11-0
Bianca Cuevas	7	7	7-0
Asia Dozier	3	13	13-0
Aleighsa Welch	3	13	9-4
Olivia Gaines	1	2	1-1
Alaina Coates	1	1	1-0

## Scoring Differentials

Largest lead in a win.....	by 64 (111-47), 2nd-0:52, Savannah state, 12/12
	by 64 (90-26), 2nd-0:36, NC Central, 12/1
Largest deficit overcome to win.....	by 12 (15-27), 1st-8:41, vs. Syracuse, 11/27
Largest lead given up in a loss.....	by 6 (15-9), 1st-8:35, at Kentucky 3/1
Largest deficit in a loss.....	by 25 (62-87), 2nd-0:37, at UConn, 2/9

## South Carolina's Record When...

	Postseason	SEC	All
Record.....	5-0	15-1	32-2
Playing a ranked opponent.....	1-0	5-1	8-2
Playing at home .....	2-0	8-0	16-0
Playing on the road .....	7-1	9-2	
Playing at neutral site .....	3-0	0-0	7-0
Leading at half .....	4-0	14-0	28-0
Trailing at half .....	1-0	1-1	4-2
Tied at half .....	0-0	0-0	0-0
Playing an overtime game .....	0-0	0-0	0-0
0 players score in double figures .....	0-0	0-0	0-0
1 player scores in double figures .....	0-0	0-0	0-0
2 players score in double figures .....	1-0	4-1	7-1
3 players score in double figures .....	1-0	6-0	8-1
4 players score in double figures .....	2-0	2-0	8-0
5 players score in double figures .....	2-0	6-0	6-0
More than 5 players in double figures.....	1-0	1-0	3-0
Starters out-score opponent's starters .....	1-0	7-0	16-0
Opponent's starters score equal/more .....	4-0	8-1	16-2
Bench out-scores opponent's bench .....	5-0	14-1	29-2
Opponent's bench scores equal/more.....	1-0	3-0	
SC Starters out-score SC Bench.....	2-0	5-0	14-1
SC Bench out-scores/ties SC Starters .....	3-0	10-1	18-1
Shooting 50% or better .....	3-0	7-0	16-0
Shooting between 40-49% .....	2-0	5-0	11-0
Shooting between 30-39% .....	3-1	5-2	
Shooting less than 30% .....	0-0	0-0	0-0
Opponent shoots 50% or better .....	0-0	0-1	0-1
Opponent shoots between 40-49% .....	4-0	5-0	5-0
Opponent shoots between 30-39% .....	4-0	8-1	20-1
Opponent shoots less than 30% .....	1-0	3-0	7-0
Shooting better than opponent.....	5-0	13-1	29-1
Shooting worse than/equal to opponent .....	2-0	3-1	3-1
Having more FTs made than opponent .....	3-0	12-0	23-0
Having equal/less FTs made than opponent .....	2-0	3-1	9-2
Out-rebounding opponent.....	5-0	15-0	30-1
Having equal/less rebounds than opponent .....	0-1	2-1	2-1
Having more TOs than opponent .....	2-0	7-1	11-2
Having equal or less TOs than opponent.....	3-0	8-0	21-0
Attempting more FT than 3FG.....	3-0	14-0	26-1
Attempting equal/less FT than 3FG .....	2-0	1-1	6-1
Making 5 or more 3FGs.....	3-0	6-1	17-2
Making less than 5 3FGs.....	2-0	9-0	15-0
Making no 3 FGs.....	0-0	0-0	0-0
Attempting 15 or more 3FGs.....	2-0	6-1	14-1
Attempting less than 15 3FGs.....	3-0	9-0	18-1

	Postseason	SEC	All
No South Carolina players foul out .....	4-0	13-0	27-1
One or more SC players foul out.....	1-0	2-1	5-1
Having 20 or more assists.....	3-0	3-0	14-0
Having less than 20 assists.....	2-0	12-1	18-2
Scoring more pts. in paint than opponent .....	5-0	15-0	31-0
Scoring equal/less pts. in paint than opp. ....	0-1	1-2	1-2
Scoring more pts. off TOs than opponent .....	3-0	10-0	22-0
Scoring equal/less pts. off TOs than opp. ....	2-0	5-1	10-2
Scoring more 2nd-chance pts. ....	3-0	10-0	22-1
Scoring equal/less 2nd-chance pts.....	2-0	5-1	10-1
Scoring more fast break pts.....	5-0	13-0	26-0
Scoring equal/less fast break pts.....	2-1	6-2	6-2
Wearing white uniforms .....	5-0	6-0	21-0
Wearing black uniforms .....	7-1	9-2	9-2
Wearing pink uniforms .....	2-0	2-0	2-0
Playing in tournaments/classics .....	5-0	9-0	9-0
Playing on live television .....	5-0	13-1	21-2
Playing in November.....	5-0		5-0
Playing in December .....	7-0		7-0
Playing in January .....	8-0		8-0
Playing in February .....	7-0		7-1
Playing in March.....	5-0	0-1	5-1
Playing during the day.....	3-0	4-0	12-0
Playing at night .....	2-0	11-1	20-2
Playing on Sunday.....	2-0	4-1	10-1
Playing on Monday.....	3-0	4-1	4-1
Playing on Tuesday.....	0-0	0-0	0-0
Playing on Wednesday.....	0-0	1-0	1-0
Playing on Thursday.....	7-0	10-0	10-0
Playing on Friday .....	2-0	1-0	4-0
Playing on Saturday.....	1-0	0-0	3-0
Margin is less than 5 pts. ....	0-0	2-0	2-0
Margin is between 5-9.....	2-0	3-0	3-0
Margin is between 10-19.....	1-0	6-1	7-1
Margin is 20 pts. or more.....	4-0	7-0	20-1
Having a 20-pt. scorer.....	5-0	9-0	9-0
Having a 30-pt. scorer.....	0-0	0-0	0-0
Scoring 49 points or less.....	0-0	0-0	0-0
Scoring 50-59 points .....	1-0	1-1	3-1
Scoring 60-69 points.....	1-0	4-0	8-1
Scoring 70-79 points.....	1-0	6-0	8-0
Scoring 80-89 points.....	1-0	5-0	8-0
Scoring 90-99 points.....	1-0	0-0	3-0
Scoring 100 points or more.....	1-0	2-0	2-0



## 2014-15 Team High/Low

South Carolina Highs	South Carolina Lows	Category	Opponent Lows	Opponent Highs
111 vs. Savannah State, 12/14	51 at Duke, 12/7	<b>Points in Game</b>	26, NC Central, 12/1	87, at UConn, 2/9
60 (1st) vs. Savannah State, 12/14	17 (1st) at Duke, 12/7	<b>Points in Half</b>	10 (2nd), NC Central, 12/1	47 (1st) at UConn, 2/9
38 vs. Savannah State, 12/14	20 at Kentucky, 3/1	<b>Field Goals Made</b>	10, NC Central, 12/1	31 at UConn, 2/9/15
38 vs. Clemson, 11/20	20 at Duke, 12/7	<b>Field Goal Attempts</b>	45, NC Central, 12/1	70, vs. LSU, 2/12
72 vs. Central Michigan, 12/20	48 at Arkansas, 2/19	<b>FG Percentage</b>	.193 (11-57) vs Arkansas, 3/6	70, at Florida, 1/19
72 vs. Clemson, 11/20		<b>3-Point FG Made</b>	1, vs. LSU, 2/12	.554 (31-56), at UConn, 2/9
.642 (34-53) vs. Savannah St., 3/20	.323 (20-62) at Kentucky, 3/1	<b>3-Point FG Attempts</b>	1, at Florida, 1/15	8, Syracuse, 3/22
11 at Alabama, 1/8	1 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26	<b>3-Point FG Percentage</b>	1, at LSU, 1/4	8, at UConn, 2/9
	1 vs. Tennessee, 2/23	<b>Free Throws Made</b>	1, Savannah State, 12/14	
	1 vs. Texas A&M, 1/26	<b>Free Throw Attempts</b>	4, Vanderbilt, 2/15	23, vs. Mississippi State, 2/26
28 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14	4 vs. Texas A&M, 1/26	<b>FT Percentage</b>	.067 (1-15), at Florida, 1/19	.727 (8-11), at UConn, 2/9
.583 (7-12) vs. LSU, 2/12	.125 (1-8) vs. Savannah St., 12/14	<b>Rebounds</b>	3, Texas A&M, 1/26	27, at Kentucky, 3/1
34 vs. Savannah State, 12/14	3 vs. Central Michigan, 12/20	<b>Assists</b>	3, at Florida, 1/19	
		<b>Steals</b>	3, Clemson, 11/20	
47 vs. Savannah State, 12/14	9 vs. Tennessee, 3/8	<b>Blocked Shots</b>	4, at Florida, 1/19	35, at Kentucky, 3/1
	9 vs. Central Michigan, 12/20	<b>Turnovers</b>		
.850 (17-20) at Alabama, 1/8	.333 (3-9) vs. Central Mich., 12/20	<b>Fouls</b>		
56 vs. Savannah State, 12/14	30 at Alabama, 1/8			
26 vs. NC Central, 12/1	6 at Missouri, 1/15			
21 vs. NC Central, 12/1	2 at Hampton, 12/17			
15 vs. Arkansas, 3/6	1 at UConn, 2/9			
	1 vs. San Diego St., 11/23			
23 at LSU, 1/4	5 vs. Tennessee, 2/23			
	5 vs. Syracuse, 11/28			
25 at Kentucky, 3/1	7 vs. Central Michigan, 12/20			
	7 vs. San Diego St., 11/23			
	7 vs. Clemson, 11/20			

## 2014-15 Individual Superlatives

Category	South Carolina	Opponent
<b>Points in Game</b>	26 by A'ja Wilson vs. LSU, 2/12	26 by Hasina Muhammad, Auburn, 1/2
<b>Points in Half</b>	15 (1st) by Tiffany Mitchell vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15 15 (1st) by Tiffany Mitchell vs. Syracuse, 11/28	18 (2nd) by Hasina Muhammad, Auburn, 1/2
<b>Field Goals Made</b>	9 by Aleighsa Welch vs. Tennessee, 2/23	9 by Crystal Bradford, Central Michigan, 12/20
<b>Field Goal Attempts</b>	17 by Aleighsa Welch at UConn, 2/9 17 by A'ja Wilson vs. Auburn, 1/2	23 by Alexis Peterson, Syracuse, 3/22
<b>FG Percentage</b>	1.000 (7-7) by Elem Ibiam vs. Charlotte, 12/4	1.000 (5-5) by Drew Edelman, Southern Cal, 11/15
<b>3-Point FG Made</b>	6 by Tiffany Mitchell at Hampton, 12/17 6 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. San Diego State, 11/23	5 by Dashawn Harden, LSU, 3/7 5 by Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, at UConn, 2/9
<b>3-Point FG Attempts</b>	9 by Tina Roy at Kentucky, 3/1 9 by Tina Roy vs. Syracuse, 11/28	10 by Brianna Butler, Syracuse, 11/28
<b>3-Point FG Percentage</b>	1.000 (6-6) by Tiffany Mitchell vs. San Diego State, 11/23	1.000 (3-3) by Calli Berna, at Arkansas, 2/15 1.000 (3-3) by Hillary Sigmon, Charlotte, 12/4
<b>Free Throws Made</b>	11 by A'ja Wilson vs. LSU, 2/12 11 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. Kentucky, 1/11	10 by Hasina Muhammad, Auburn, 1/2
<b>Free Throw Attempts</b>	15 by A'ja Wilson vs. LSU, 2/12	11 by Makayla Epps, at Kentucky, 3/1 11 by Breanna Stewart, at UConn, 2/9 11 by Meoshonti Knight, at Alabama, 1/8 11 by Briana Day, Syracuse, 11/28
<b>FT Percentage</b>	1.000 (7-7) by Tiffany Mitchell at Arkansas, 2/15	1.000 (10-10) by Hasina Muhammad, Auburn, 1/2
<b>Rebounds</b>	19 by A'ja Wilson at Kentucky, 3/1	17 by Briana Day, Syracuse, 11/28
<b>Assists</b>	10 by Tina Roy vs. Savannah State, 12/14	9 by Alexis Peterson, Syracuse, 11/28
<b>Steals</b>	7 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. NC Central, 12/1	5 by Danielle Ballard, LSU, 2/12
<b>Blocked Shots</b>	6 by A'ja Wilson at Kentucky, 3/1	6 by Ashley Rininger, Liberty, 12/21
<b>Turnovers</b>	6 by A'ja Wilson at Georgia, 2/5 6 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. Southern Cal, 11/15	8 by Danielle Ballard, LSU, 2/12

# Staley Era Team Records

*Italics indicates set in 2014-15*

## Scoring

Most	Points
1. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	111
2. at Alabama, 1/8/15	102
3. vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	99
vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	99
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	99

Fewest	Points
1. at Stanford, 11/26/10	32
2. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	34
3. vs. Mississippi State, 3/5/09	39
4. at Georgia, 1/13/13	40
5. at Mississippi State, 2/26/09	41

Fewest Allowed	Points
1. vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	21
2. vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11	24
3. vs. NC Central, 12/11/14	26
vs. SC State, 12/22/13	26
5. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	27

Most Allowed	Points
1. at Clemson, 11/19/09	94
2. vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09	93
3. at Connecticut, 2/9/15	87
4. vs. Xavier, 11/12/10	84
5. at Tennessee, 2/17/11	82
at Florida, 2/22/09	82

## Margin of Outcome

Victory	Score	Margin
1. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	99-29	+70
2. vs. NC Central, 12/11/14	90-26	+64
3. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	111-49	+62
4. vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	99-41	+58
5. vs. NC Central	79-27	+52

Defeat	Score	Margin
1. at Stanford, 11/26/10	32-70	-38
2. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	34-66	-32
3. vs. Stanford, 12/19/08	47-78	-31
4. at Penn State, 11/21/10	48-78	-30
5. vs. Connecticut, 12/28/08	48-77	-29

## Field Goals

Made	FGM
1. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	39
2. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	38
vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	38
4. at Alabama, 1/8/15	37
vs. Central Michigan, 12/20/14	37

Attempts	FGA
1. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	76
2. at Clemson, 11/19/09	74
3. vs. Tennessee, 1/20/11	73
4. vs. Central Michigan, 12/20/14	72
vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	72
vs. Kansas, 3/25/13	72

Highest Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15	34-53	.642
2. at Alabama, 1/8/15	37-58	.638
3. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	39-64	.609
4. vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	31-51	.608
5. vs. NC Central, 12/11/14	35-58	.603

Lowest Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)	FGM-A	Pct
1. at Stanford, 11/26/10	12-55	.218
2. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	12-52	.231
3. at Florida, 1/20/13	15-64	.234
4. at Kentucky, 2/5/09	13-55	.236
5. at Georgia, 1/2/11	13-54	.241

Lowest Percentage Allowed	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	6-48	.125
2. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	8-50	.160
3. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	10-54	.185
4. vs. Arkansas, 3/6/15	11-57	.193
vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	11-57	.193

Highest Percentage Allowed	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. Connecticut, 12/28/08	35-62	.565
vs. Florida, 1/9/11	26-46	.565
3. vs. Xavier, 11/12/10	34-61	.557
4. at Connecticut, 2/9/15	31-56	.554
5. at Kentucky, 1/13/11	30-55	.545

## 3-Point Field Goals

Made	3FGM
1. at Alabama, 1/8/15	11
2. at Hampton, 12/17/14	9
vs. Syracuse, 11/28/14	9
vs. San Diego State, 11/23/14	9
Seven other times	9

Attempts	3FGA
1. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	29
2. vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	28
vs. North Carolina, 12/19/10	28
4. vs. Syracuse, 11/28/14	26
5. vs. Savannah State, 11/15/12	25
at Ole Miss, 1/16/11	25

Percentage (Min. 5 3FGA)	3FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14	4-6	.667
vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	4-6	.667
vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	4-6	.667
vs. Western Carolina, 12/29/12	6-9	.667
at Alabama, 1/10/10	8-12	.667
vs. Charlotte, 12/21/08	8-12	.667

## Free Throws

Made	FTM
1. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	34
vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14	34
3. vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	32
at Mississippi State, 1/6/13	32
5. vs. Georgia, 2/27/14	30
vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	30
vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13	30

Attempts	FTA
1. at Mississippi State, 1/6/13	50
2. vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	48
3. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	47
4. vs. Missouri, 2/2/14	46
5. vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13	44
vs. SC State, 12/21/12	44

Percentage (Min. 10 FTA)	FTM-A	Pct
1. vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	10-11	.909
2. vs. Auburn, 1/2/09	23-26	.885
3. vs. San Diego State, 11/28/09	14-16	.875
4. at Mississippi State, 2/6/14	20-23	.870
5. at Alabama, 1/8/15	17-20	.850
at Kentucky, 2/20/14	17-20	.850

## Rebounding

Total	Rebs
1. vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	62
2. at Florida, 1/20/13	59
3. vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	57
4. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	56
5. vs. Kentucky, 1/11/15	55

Margin	Rebs	Margin
1. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	56-21	+35
2. at Alabama, 2/7/13	53-24	+29
3. vs. Hampton, 12/17/14	48-21	+27
4. vs. SC State, 12/22/13	47-21	+26
vs. Florida Gulf Coast, 11/23/12	46-20	+26

## Assists

Game	Assists
1. vs. NC Central, 12/11/14	26
2. vs. San Diego State, 11/23/14	25
vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	25
vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	25
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	25

## Steals

Game	Steals
1. vs. NC Central, 12/11/14	21
vs. Furman, 12/11/11	21
3. vs. San Diego State, 11/23/14	18
4. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	17
5. vs. NC State, 12/12/10	16
vs. USC Upstate, 12/16/08	16

## Blocked Shots

Game	Blocks
1. vs. Arkansas, 3/6/15	15
2. at Mississippi State, 2/6/14	14
vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14	14
4. at Kentucky, 3/11/15	12
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/14/13	12

## Turnovers

Fewest	TOs
1. at Tennessee, 2/2/12	4
2. vs. Tennessee, 2/23/15	5
vs. Syracuse, 11/28/14	5
at Missouri, 2/28/13	5
vs. Georgia, 3/2/12	5
vs. Ole Miss, 3/3/11	5

Most	TOs
1. at Wake Forest, 12/3/08	32
2. vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	29
vs. Kentucky, 1/15/12	29
4. at Kentucky, 1/13/11	28
5. vs. Jacksonville, 12/30/08	26

## The Last Time...

### Individual

#### Scored 50 Points

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

#### Scored 40 Points

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

#### Scored 30 Points

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

#### Grabbed 20 Rebounds

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

#### Grabbed 15 Rebounds

**South Carolina** 19, A'ja Wilson at Kentucky, 3/1/15  
**Opponent** 17, Briana Day, Syracuse, 11/28/14

#### Two Players with 20 or More Points

**South Carolina** Tiffany Mitchell 20/A'ja Wilson 20 vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15  
**Opponent** Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis 23/Breanna Stewart 22 at UConn, 2/9/15

#### Two Players with 10 or More Rebounds

**South Carolina** Alaina Coates 14/A'ja Wilson 10 vs. Auburn, 1/2/15  
**Opponent** Shela Boykin 12/Danielle Ballard 12, LSU, 2/12/15

#### Had 10 Assists

**South Carolina** 10, Tina Roy vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14  
**Opponent** 11, Marneshia Richard, Mississippi State, 1/21/07

#### Had Five Steals

**South Carolina** 5, Tiffany Mitchell at Arkansas, 2/19/15  
**Opponent** 5, Danielle Ballard, LSU, 2/12/15

#### Had Five Blocked Shots

**South Carolina** 5, Alaina Coates vs. Alabama, 1/29/15  
**Opponent** 5, Breanna Stewart, at UConn, 2/9/15

#### Had a Double-Double

**South Carolina** Aleighsa Welch (13 pts/10 rebs) vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15  
**Opponent** Cierra Burdick (16 pts, 10 rebs), Tennessee, 2/23/15

#### Two Players had a Double-Double

**South Carolina** Alaina Coates (11 pts/14 rebs)/A'ja Wilson (12 pts/10 rebs) vs. Auburn, 1/2/15  
**Opponent** Sheila Boykin (12 pts/12 rebs)/Danielle Ballard (16 pts/12 rebs), LSU, 2/12/15

#### Three Players had a Double-Double

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

#### Had a Triple-Double

**South Carolina** Iva Sliskovic (18 pts, 15 rebs, 10 assts) vs. High Point, 12/20/06  
**Opponent** Never

### Team

#### Scored 100 Points

**South Carolina** 102 vs. North Carolina A&T, 3/21/08  
**Opponent** 103, Clemson, 11/21/03

#### Won by 30 or More Points

**South Carolina** 89-59 (30) vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15  
**Opponent** 66-34 (32), Georgia, 3/4/11

#### Shot 65% or Better from the Field

**South Carolina** .652 (45-69) vs. East Tennessee State, 12/19/00  
**Opponent** Never

#### Shot 60% or Better from the Field

**South Carolina** .642 (34-53) vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15  
**Opponent** .604 (29-48), Vanderbilt, 1/18/01

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

**South Carolina** .552 (32-58) vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15  
**Opponent** .554 (31-56), at UConn, 2/9/15

#### No Players in Double-Figure Points

**South Carolina** at Auburn, 1/19/12  
**Opponent** at Georgia, 2/5/15

#### Five Players in Double-Figure Points

**South Carolina** at Ole Miss, 2/1/15  
**Opponent** Arkansas, 2/14/10

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

**South Carolina** 6 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15  
**Opponent** 6 at Georgia, 2/13/03

#### Faced AP Top-25 Opponent

**Win** 62-46 vs. No. 5 Tennessee, 3/8/15  
**Loss** 56-67 at No. 13 Kentucky, 3/1/15

#### Faced AP Top-10 Opponent

**Win** 62-46 vs. No. 5 Tennessee, 3/8/15  
**Loss** 87-62 at No. 2 UConn, 2/9/15

#### Faced AP Top-5 Opponent

**Win** 62-46 vs. No. 5 Tennessee, 3/8/15  
**Loss** 87-62 at No. 2 UConn, 2/9/15

#### Faced AP No. 1 Team

**Win** Never  
**Loss** 49-53 vs. No. 1 Stanford, 12/19/12

#### Overtime Game

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

#### Double-Overtime Game

**Win** 92-91 at Florida State, 2/4/91  
**Loss** 92-94 at Clemson, 11/19/09

#### South Carolina Was Ranked (AP Poll)

**No. 1** 2/9/15  
**Top 10** No. 3, 3/17/15  
**Top 25** No. 3, 3/17/15

## Career Highs

### Alaina Coates

<b>Pts</b>	24, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
<b>FG</b>	11 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
<b>FGA</b>	16 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
<b>FG %</b>	1.000 (7-7) vs. SC St., 12/22/13
<b>FT</b>	11 at San Diego St., 11/23/13
<b>FTA</b>	15 at San Diego St., 11/23/13
<b>FT %</b>	1.000 (9-9) vs. SC St., 12/22/13
<b>Reb</b>	17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
<b>Off Reb</b>	7 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
<b>Def Reb</b>	13 vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14
<b>Blk</b>	5, 3x, last vs. Alabama, 1/29/15
<b>Stl</b>	3, 2x, last at Florida, 1/19/15
<b>Asst</b>	17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
<b>Min</b>	30 vs. Southern Cal, 11/15/14

### Bianca Cuevas

<b>Pts</b>	21 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15
<b>FG</b>	7 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>FGA</b>	14 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>FG %</b>	.833 (5-6) at Hampton, 12/17/14
<b>3FG</b>	2, 4x, last at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>3FGA</b>	6 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
<b>3FG %</b>	.667 (2-3) at Hampton, 12/17/14
<b>FT</b>	9 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15
<b>FTA</b>	11 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15
<b>FT %</b>	1.000 (5-5) vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>Reb</b>	4, 3x, last at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Off Reb</b>	3 vs. Alabama, 1/29/15
<b>Stl</b>	4, 2x, last vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>Asst</b>	5, 5x, last vs. Savannah State 3/20/15
<b>Min</b>	24 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15

### Tiffany Davis

<b>Pts</b>	11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
<b>FG</b>	3 vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13
<b>FGA</b>	6 vs. SC State, 12/22/13
<b>FG %</b>	1.000 (3-3) vs. Savannah St, 12/28/13
<b>3FG</b>	2, 3x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
<b>3FGA</b>	5 vs. Winthrop, 12/20/13
<b>3FG %</b>	1.000 (2-2), 3x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
<b>FT</b>	5 at Ole Miss, 1/30/14
<b>FTA</b>	4 at Tennessee, 3/2/14
<b>FT %</b>	1.000 (4-4) at Tennessee, 3/2/14
<b>Reb</b>	6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
<b>Off Reb</b>	2 vs. Arkansas, 2/9/14
<b>Stl</b>	5 vs. Elon, 11/9/12
<b>Asst</b>	3, 4x, last vs. SC St., 12/22/13
<b>Min</b>	30 at Arkansas, 1/2/14

### Asia Dozier

<b>Pts</b>	16, 2x, at San Diego St., 11/23/13
<b>FG</b>	6, 2x, last at Alabama, 1/8/15
<b>FGA</b>	13 at San Diego St., 11/23/13
<b>FG %</b>	1.00 (4-4) at Kentucky, 2/14/13
<b>3FG</b>	4, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>3FGA</b>	10 at San Diego St., 11/23/13
<b>3FG %</b>	1.000 (2-2), 2x, last vs. Savannah St, 12/28/13
<b>FT</b>	4, 2x, last vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
<b>FTA</b>	7 vs. Elon, 11/9/12
<b>FT %</b>	1.000 (4-4) vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14
<b>Reb</b>	10 vs. Elon, 11/9/12
<b>Off Reb</b>	4 vs. Elon, 11/9/12
<b>Blk</b>	3 at Kentucky, 3/1/15
<b>Stl</b>	2, 8x, last vs. LSU, 3/7/15
<b>Asst</b>	6, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
<b>Min</b>	40 at Arkansas, 1/2/14

### Kaydra Duckett

<b>Pts</b>	2, 2x, last vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>FGA</b>	3 vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>FT</b>	2 vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>FTA</b>	2 vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>FT %</b>	1.000 (2-2) vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>Reb</b>	4 vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>Stl</b>	1, 4x, last vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15
<b>Asst</b>	1, 3x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>Blk</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Central Michigan, 12/20/14
<b>Min</b>	7 vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14

### India Farmer

<b>Pts</b>	3, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
<b>FG</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
<b>FGA</b>	3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
<b>FG %</b>	.333 (1-3) vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
<b>3FG</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
<b>3FGA</b>	2 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
<b>3FG %</b>	.500 (1-2) vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
<b>FT</b>	2 at Florida, 1/19/15
<b>FTA</b>	2, 2x, last, at Florida, 1/19/15
<b>FT %</b>	1.000 (2-2) at Florida, 1/19/15
<b>Reb</b>	3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
<b>Off Reb</b>	1, 4x, last vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15
<b>Min</b>	11 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13

### Olivia Gaines

<b>Pts</b>	9 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26/15
<b>FG</b>	4 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26/15
<b>FGA</b>	5, 2x, last vs. Mississippi State, 2/26/15
<b>FG %</b>	1.000 (2-2) at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>FT</b>	3 vs. Arkansas, 2/9/14
<b>FTA</b>	3, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>FT %</b>	1.000 (3-3) vs. Arkansas, 2/9/14
<b>Reb</b>	5, 2x, last vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
<b>Off Reb</b>	3, 2x, last vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
<b>Stl</b>	3, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 12/21/14
<b>Asst</b>	5 vs. Charleston Sthrn., 11/8/13
<b>Min</b>	23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14

### Elem Ibiam

<b>Pts</b>	21 vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>FG</b>	8 vs. Alabama, 3/7/13
<b>FGA</b>	14 at Charlotte, 12/8/13
<b>FG %</b>	1.000 (7-7), 2x, last vs. Charlotte, 12/4/14
<b>FT</b>	7 vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>FTA</b>	10 vs. Louisiana Tech, 11/10/13
<b>FT %</b>	1.00 (4-4), 2x, last vs. Mississippi State, 2/26/15
<b>Reb</b>	12, 2x, last vs. Central Michigan, 12/20/14
<b>Off Reb</b>	6, 2x, last vs. Central Michigan, 12/20/14
<b>Def Reb</b>	10 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>Blk</b>	7 at Mississippi State, 2/6/14
<b>Stl</b>	2, 5x, last vs. North Carolina, 12/18/13
<b>Asst</b>	3 vs. South Dakota St., 3/23/13
<b>Min</b>	34 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14

### Tiffany Mitchell

<b>Pts</b>	25 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
<b>FG</b>	8, 5x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15
<b>FGA</b>	17 vs. Tennessee, 1/3/13
<b>FG %</b>	.857 (6-7) vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>3FG</b>	6, 2x, last at Hampton, 12/17/14
<b>3FGA</b>	8, 2x, last at Hampton, 12/17/14
<b>3FG %</b>	1.000 (6-6) vs. San Diego State, 11/23/14
<b>FT</b>	13 vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14
<b>FTA</b>	17 vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14
<b>FT %</b>	1.000 (10-10) vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
<b>Reb</b>	11, 5x, last at Arkansas, 1/2/14
<b>Off Reb</b>	6 at Florida, 1/20/13
<b>Blk</b>	3 at Arkansas, 2/19/15
<b>Stl</b>	7 vs. NC Central, 12/1/14
<b>Asst</b>	9 at San Diego State, 11/23/13
<b>Min</b>	40 vs. Syracuse, 11/28/14

### Tina Roy

<b>Pts</b>	15, 2x, last vs. LSU, 3/7/15
<b>FG</b>	5, 4x, last vs. LSU, 3/7/15
<b>FGA</b>	12 vs. Georgia, 3/2/12
<b>FG %</b>	1.000 (4-4) at Alabama, 1/8/15
<b>3FG</b>	5, 2x, last vs. LSU, 3/7/15
<b>3FGA</b>	10 vs. LSU 3/7/15
<b>3FG %</b>	1.000 (3-3) at Alabama, 1/8/15
<b>FT</b>	4 at Southern Cal, 11/25/13
<b>FTA</b>	4, 4x, last vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
<b>FT %</b>	1.000 (4-4) at Southern Cal, 11/25/13
<b>Reb</b>	8 at Mississippi State, 2/6/14
<b>Off Reb</b>	3, 2x, last vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14
<b>Stl</b>	3 vs. Southern Cal, 11/15/14
<b>Asst</b>	10 vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>Min</b>	31 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14

### Khadijah Sessions

<b>Pts</b>	19 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13
<b>FG</b>	6, 2x, last vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13
<b>FGA</b>	15 at Missouri, 2/28/13
<b>FG %</b>	.833 (5-6) vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>3FG</b>	3, 4x, last vs. LSU, 3/7/15
<b>3FGA</b>	6, 3x, last vs. Kentucky, 1/11/15
<b>3FG %</b>	1.00 (3-3) at Kentucky, 2/20/14
<b>FT</b>	8 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13
<b>FTA</b>	12 vs. Missouri, 2/2/14
<b>FT %</b>	1.00 (5-5) at Kentucky, 2/20/14
<b>Reb</b>	6 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
<b>Off Reb</b>	3 at Missouri, 2/28/13
<b>Stl</b>	4, 9x, last at Arkansas, 2/19/15
<b>Asst</b>	8 vs. NC Central, 12/1/14
<b>Min</b>	37 at Southern Cal, 11/25/13

### Aleighsa Welch

<b>Pts</b>	23 vs. N. Carolina, 12/18/13
<b>FG</b>	10 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
<b>FGA</b>	19 at Tennessee, 3/2/14
<b>FG %</b>	1.000 (6-6), 3x, last vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15
<b>FT</b>	10 at Xavier, 11/30/11
<b>FTA</b>	15 at Xavier, 11/30/11
<b>FT %</b>	1.00 (4-4) at Seton Hall, 12/2/12
<b>Reb</b>	17 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14/13
<b>Off Reb</b>	9, 2x, last vs. Tennessee, 2/23/15
<b>Def Reb</b>	10, 2x, last at Missouri, 1/15/15
<b>Blk</b>	5, 2x, last at Kentucky, 2/20/14
<b>Stl</b>	3, 4x, last at Clemson, 11/20/13
<b>Asst</b>	5, 2x, last vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>Min</b>	43 at Texas A&M, 1/6/14

### Jatarie White

<b>Pts</b>	11 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
<b>FG</b>	5 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
<b>FGA</b>	12 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
<b>FG %</b>	.600 (3-5) vs. San Diego State, 11/23/14
<b>FT</b>	2, 3x, last vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15
<b>FTA</b>	4 at Florida, 1/19/15
<b>FT %</b>	.667 (2-3) vs. Wisconsin, 11/27/14
<b>Reb</b>	7 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Off Reb</b>	3, 2x, last vs. Kentucky, 1/11/15
<b>Def Reb</b>	7 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Blk</b>	2 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Stl</b>	2 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>Asst</b>	2, 2x, last vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>Min</b>	22 vs. San Diego St., 11/23/14

### A'ja Wilson

<b>Pts</b>	26 vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>FG</b>	8, 2x, last vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>FGA</b>	17 vs. Auburn, 1/2/15
<b>FG %</b>	.800 (8-10) vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14
<b>FT</b>	11 vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>FTA</b>	15 vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>FT %</b>	1.00 (5-5) vs. Miss. St., 2/26/15
<b>Reb</b>	19 at Kentucky, 3/1/15
<b>Off Reb</b>	5, 3x, last at Kentucky, 3/1/15
<b>Def Reb</b>	14 at Kentucky, 3/1/15
<b>Blk</b>	6 at Kentucky, 3/1/15
<b>Stl</b>	3, 4x, last vs. Central Michigan, 12/20/14
<b>Asst</b>	3, 4x, last vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15
<b>Min</b>	33 at Kentucky, 3/1/15



**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**South Carolina Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



Overall record: 32-2 Conf: 15-1 Home: 16-0 Away: 9-2 Neutral: 7-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds			avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot									
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	34-34	991	29.1	170-341	.499	54-128	.422	89-106	.840	26	77	103	3.0	57	1	95	73	9	63	483	14.2
22	WILSON, A'ja	34-1	686	20.2	165-310	.532	1-3	.333	121-186	.651	75	155	230	6.8	66	1	34	57	59	31	452	13.3
41	COATES, Alaina	33-5	678	20.5	125-226	.553	0-0	.000	105-148	.709	94	169	263	8.0	56	0	27	46	48	18	355	10.8
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	34-34	882	25.9	144-250	.576	0-1	.000	27-63	.429	95	121	216	6.4	56	2	65	54	37	18	315	9.3
33	IBIAM, Elem	34-34	578	17.0	88-157	.561	0-0	.000	43-60	.717	50	84	134	3.9	72	1	11	42	33	9	219	6.4
01	CUEVAS, Bianca	34-0	503	14.8	68-184	.370	16-69	.232	42-54	.778	13	33	46	1.4	44	1	61	56	5	41	194	5.7
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	34-33	761	22.4	56-138	.406	19-61	.311	25-47	.532	24	59	83	2.4	57	0	100	47	4	62	156	4.6
23	ROY, Tina	33-0	516	15.6	53-137	.387	41-107	.383	2-4	.500	8	52	60	1.8	19	0	76	33	5	7	149	4.5
31	DOZIER, Asia	34-27	560	16.5	54-130	.415	28-84	.333	6-9	.667	2	33	35	1.0	24	0	60	30	6	18	142	4.2
40	WHITE, Jatarie	20-0	184	9.2	20-49	.408	0-0	.000	9-14	.643	16	28	44	2.2	20	0	7	14	5	7	49	2.5
02	GAINES, Olivia	32-2	288	9.0	20-52	.385	2-5	.400	8-11	.727	12	20	32	1.0	32	1	29	14	3	19	50	1.6
15	DAVIS, Tiffany	16-0	84	5.3	6-16	.375	5-13	.385	6-9	.667	5	13	18	1.1	5	0	7	9	0	0	23	1.4
00	FARMER, India	16-0	37	2.3	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	4-6	.667	5	3	8	0.5	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	0.3
03	DUCKETT, Kaydra	20-0	52	2.6	1-13	.077	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	4	7	11	0.6	4	0	3	1	2	4	4	0.2
Team											64	76	140		1		11					
Total.....		34	6800		970-2007	.483	166-474	.350	489-721	.678	493	930	1423	41.9	514	7	575	488	216	298	2595	76.3
Opponents.....		34	6800		665-1931	.344	133-477	.279	335-502	.667	405	667	1072	31.5	673	20	315	564	100	229	1798	52.9

TEAM STATISTICS	SC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	
SCORING	2595	1798	11/15/14	SOUTHERN CAL	w 70-61	10057	
Points per game	76.3	52.9	11/20/14	CLEMSON	w 99-41	11012	
Scoring margin	+23.4	-	11/23/14	SAN DIEGO STATE	w 89-38	10301	
FIELD GOALS-ATT	970-2007	665-1931	@ 11/27/14	vs Wisconsin	w 67-44	167	
Field goal pct	.483	.344	@ 11/28/14	vs #22/22 Syracuse	w 67-63	342	
3 POINT FG-ATT	166-474	133-477	12/01/14	NC CENTRAL	w 90-26	8823	
3-point FG pct	.350	.279	12/04/14	CHARLOTTE	w 82-61	9629	
3-pt FG made per game	4.9	3.9	12/07/14	at #9/8 Duke	w 51-50	6004	
FREE THROWS-ATT	489-721	335-502	12/14/14	SAVANNAH STATE	w 111-49	9605	
Free throw pct	.678	.667	12/17/14	at Hampton	w 69-49	4000	
F-Throws made per game	14.4	9.9	< 12/20/14	vs Central Michigan	w 80-45	2858	
REBOUNDS	1423	1072	< 12/21/14	vs Liberty	w 84-44	2659	
Rebounds per game	41.9	31.5	* 01/02/15	AUBURN	w 77-58	16465	
Rebounding margin	+10.3	-	* 01/04/15	at LSU	w 75-51	3438	
ASSISTS	575	315	* 01/08/15	at Alabama	w 102-59	2454	
Assists per game	16.9	9.3	* 01/11/15	#10/11 KENTUCKY	w 68-60	17156	
TURNOVERS	488	564	* 01/15/15	at Mizzou	w 60-49	1440	
Turnovers per game	14.4	16.6	* 01/19/15	at Florida	w 77-42	1503	
Turnover margin	+2.2	-	* 01/26/15	#12/10 TEXAS A&M	w 79-61	13546	
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.6	* 01/29/15	ALABAMA	w 85-54	11927	
STEALS	298	229	* 02/01/15	at Ole Miss	w 77-59	1935	
Steals per game	8.8	6.7	* 02/05/15	at #22/21 Georgia	w 58-35	4896	
BLOCKS	216	100	* 02/09/15	at #2/2 Connecticut	L 62-87	10167	
Blocks per game	6.4	2.9	* 02/12/15	LSU	w 86-62	12342	
ATTENDANCE	196684	66927	* 02/15/15	VANDERBILT	w 89-59	15255	
Home games-Avg/Game	16-12293	11-4084	* 02/19/15	at Arkansas	w 73-56	1531	
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	7-3143	* 02/23/15	#6/6 TENNESSEE	w 71-66	14390	
			* 02/26/15	#11/13 MISS. STATE	w 69-50	15047	
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals				
South Carolina	1270	1325	2595	* 03/01/15	at #13/15 Kentucky	L 56-67	7560
Opponents	849	949	1798	^ 03/06/15	vs Arkansas	w 58-36	4630
				^ 03/07/15	vs LSU	w 74-54	5524
				^ 03/08/15	vs #5/5 Tennessee	w 62-46	5819
				\$ 3/20/15	SAVANNAH STATE	w 81-48	10644
				\$ 3/22/15	SYRACUSE	w 97-68	10485

\* = SEC game  
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 < = Subway Classic (Minneapolis)  
 ^ = SEC Tournament (N. Little Rock, Ark.)  
 \$ = NCAA Tournament (Columbia, S.C.)



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**South Carolina Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 01, 2015)**  
**Conference games**



<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	15-1	8-0	7-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	15-1	8-0	7-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg									
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	16-16	483	30.2	85-175	.486	17-52	.327	47-55	.855	13	38	51	3.2	26	1	40	31	7	32	234	14.6	
22	WILSON, A'ja	16-0	329	20.6	78-158	.494	1-3	.333	61-93	.656	40	79	119	7.4	35	1	17	33	32	10	218	13.6	
41	COATES, Alaina	15-0	315	21.0	49-94	.521	0-0	.000	57-77	.740	46	74	120	8.0	33	0	11	25	25	12	155	10.3	
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	16-16	408	25.5	57-98	.582	0-0	.000	9-28	.321	43	67	110	6.9	29	1	29	29	18	6	123	7.7	
01	CUEVAS, Bianca	16-0	249	15.6	36-98	.367	8-29	.276	28-35	.800	10	21	31	1.9	21	1	25	31	2	18	108	6.8	
33	IBIAM, Elem	16-16	264	16.5	38-70	.543	0-0	.000	18-19	.947	16	36	52	3.3	39	1	3	18	11	4	94	5.9	
23	ROY, Tina	16-0	237	14.8	27-61	.443	22-51	.431	2-4	.500	2	19	21	1.3	8	0	26	17	2	2	78	4.9	
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	16-16	378	23.6	29-63	.460	9-27	.333	11-25	.440	10	33	43	2.7	30	0	47	30	2	31	78	4.9	
31	DOZIER, Asia	16-15	257	16.1	22-63	.349	12-44	.273	4-5	.800	1	23	24	1.5	14	0	20	17	5	7	60	3.8	
02	GAINES, Olivia	14-1	138	9.9	11-20	.550	2-4	.500	4-6	.667	4	7	11	0.8	15	0	12	6	0	6	28	2.0	
15	DAVIS, Tiffany	6-0	27	4.5	3-5	.600	3-5	.600	3-4	.750	1	7	8	1.3	2	0	2	4	0	0	12	2.0	
40	WHITE, Jatarie	8-0	81	10.1	4-18	.222	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	8	13	21	2.6	10	0	2	9	3	1	12	1.5	
00	FARMER, India	5-0	12	2.4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	0.4	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.4	
03	DUCKETT, Kaydra	9-0	22	2.4	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	1	2	3	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Team											30	29	59				4						
Total.....		16	3200		439-929	.473	74-216	.343	250-363	.689	226	449	675	42.2	264	5	234	254	107	130	1202	75.1	
Opponents.....		16	3200		333-949	.351	58-225	.258	164-247	.664	200	316	516	32.2	338	12	146	255	43	123	888	55.5	

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
SCORING	1202	888	* 01/02/15	AUBURN	w 77-58	16465
Points per game	75.1	55.5	* 01/04/15	at LSU	w 75-51	3438
Scoring margin	+19.6	-	* 01/08/15	at Alabama	w 102-59	2454
FIELD GOALS-ATT	439-929	333-949	* 01/11/15	#10/11 KENTUCKY	w 68-60	17156
Field goal pct	.473	.351	* 01/15/15	at Mizzou	w 60-49	1440
3 POINT FG-ATT	74-216	58-225	* 01/19/15	at Florida	w 77-42	1503
3-point FG pct	.343	.258	* 01/26/15	#12/10 TEXAS A&M	w 79-61	13546
3-pt FG made per game	4.6	3.6	* 01/29/15	ALABAMA	w 85-54	11927
FREE THROWS-ATT	250-363	164-247	* 02/01/15	at Ole Miss	w 77-59	1935
Free throw pct	.689	.664	* 02/05/15	at #22/21 Georgia	w 58-35	4896
F-Throws made per game	15.6	10.3	* 02/12/15	LSU	w 86-62	12342
REBOUNDS	675	516	* 02/15/15	VANDERBILT	w 89-59	15255
Rebounds per game	42.2	32.2	* 02/19/15	at Arkansas	w 73-56	1531
Rebounding margin	+9.9	-	* 02/23/15	#6/6 TENNESSEE	w 71-66	14390
ASSISTS	234	146	* 02/26/15	#11/13 MISS. STATE	w 69-50	15047
Assists per game	14.6	9.1	* 03/01/15	at #13/15 Kentucky	L 56-67	7560
TURNOVERS	254	255				
Turnovers per game	15.9	15.9				
Turnover margin	+0.1	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.6				
STEALS	130	123				
Steals per game	8.1	7.7				
BLOCKS	107	43				
Blocks per game	6.7	2.7				
ATTENDANCE	116128	24757				
Home games-Avg/Game	8-14516	8-3095				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

\* = SEC game  
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<b>Score by Periods</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Totals</b>
South Carolina	591	611	1202
Opponents	403	485	888





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**South Carolina Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



Opponent	Date	Score	00	01	02	03	05	15	22	
			FARMER,IND	CUEVAS,BIA	GAINES,OLI	DUCKETT,KA	SESSIONS,K	DAVIS,TIFF	WILSON,A'J	
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14	70-61	w	DNP	0-1-0	0-0-0	DNP	6-2-2	DNP	4-5-1
CLEMSON	11/20/14	99-41	w	0-1-0	10-3-2	0-5-2	0-0-1	7-6-4	3-1-2	18-5-0
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14	89-38	w	1-0-0	11-3-5	0-2-1	DNP	6-0-3	0-2-1	15-9-3
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14	67-44	w	0-0-0	2-1-1	0-1-3	0-0-0	2-4-2	2-0-0	11-6-1
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14	67-63	w	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	5-1-3	DNP	15-10-0
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14	90-26	w	0-2-0	4-1-5	4-1-0	2-1-0	4-4-8	0-1-1	16-8-1
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14	82-61	w	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-2-4	DNP	17-3-1
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14	51-50	w	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-2-2	DNP	10-5-0
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14	111-49	w	1-2-0	9-1-0	2-4-1	2-4-1	4-2-4	3-1-1	23-6-1
at Hampton	12/17/14	69-49	w	DNP	12-1-1	0-0-0	DNP	2-3-5	0-1-0	12-6-1
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14	80-45	w	0-0-0	2-1-4	2-2-0	0-1-0	2-2-3	0-0-0	12-5-0
vs Liberty	12/21/14	84-44	w	0-0-0	6-1-3	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-1-0	17-10-1
AUBURN	01/02/15	77-58	w	0-1-0	10-0-1	3-1-1	DNP	3-3-4	0-0-0	12-10-1
at LSU	01/04/15	75-51	w	0-0-0	8-1-2	2-0-3	0-0-0	0-3-0	3-3-2	21-13-2
at Alabama	01/08/15	102-59	w	0-1-0	7-3-3	2-1-3	0-1-0	2-1-5	4-1-0	11-5-3
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15	68-60	w	DNP	2-0-0	DNP	DNP	12-5-2	0-0-0	8-9-1
at Mizzou	01/15/15	60-49	w	DNP	5-2-1	0-0-0	DNP	7-5-2	DNP	3-4-0
at Florida	01/19/15	77-42	w	2-0-0	11-2-4	1-2-1	0-0-0	0-3-2	3-2-0	16-9-0
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15	79-61	w	DNP	4-2-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-2-2	2-2-0	18-9-1
ALABAMA	01/29/15	85-54	w	DNP	6-4-5	6-0-0	0-0-0	7-4-4	DNP	17-5-3
at Ole Miss	02/01/15	77-59	w	0-0-0	21-4-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-2-3	DNP	11-6-1
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15	58-35	w	DNP	16-4-2	2-1-1	0-1-0	1-3-2	DNP	4-5-0
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15	62-87	L	DNP	2-0-1	0-1-0	0-1-0	8-1-1	DNP	10-6-2
LSU	02/12/15	86-62	w	DNP	8-2-0	0-0-1	DNP	12-0-2	DNP	26-8-0
VANDERBILT	02/15/15	89-59	w	DNP	4-3-5	0-3-1	0-1-0	3-2-3	DNP	20-5-2
at Arkansas	02/19/15	73-56	w	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	11-5-7	DNP	14-4-1
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15	71-66	w	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	2-2-4	DNP	8-1-0
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15	69-50	w	DNP	2-1-0	9-3-0	DNP	5-2-4	DNP	13-7-1
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15	56-67	L	DNP	4-2-0	3-0-1	0-0-0	2-1-1	DNP	16-19-1
vs Arkansas	03/06/15	58-36	w	DNP	4-0-4	0-1-0	DNP	0-3-3	DNP	8-7-1
vs LSU	03/07/15	74-54	w	DNP	4-0-3	4-2-4	DNP	2-1-3	DNP	7-4-0
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15	62-46	w	0-0-0	0-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	12-2-3	DNP	11-3-0
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15	81-48	w	0-1-0	8-0-5	2-1-2	0-1-0	10-2-0	0-3-0	15-9-3
SYRACUSE	3/22/15	97-68	w	0-0-0	12-1-0	6-0-1	0-0-1	2-2-2	3-0-0	13-4-1

Opponent	Date	Score	23	24	25	31	33	40	41	
			ROY,TINA	WELCH,ALEI	MITCHELL,T	DOZIER,ASI	IBIAM,ELEM	WHITE,JATA	COATES,ALA	
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14	70-61	w	9-2-6	10-7-0	18-2-4	0-0-1	5-6-0	0-2-1	18-13-0
CLEMSON	11/20/14	99-41	w	DNP	17-3-3	15-0-5	3-1-4	3-3-0	11-5-0	12-10-2
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14	89-38	w	5-3-2	6-3-3	20-2-3	5-0-4	4-2-0	6-6-0	10-5-0
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14	67-44	w	7-4-2	4-3-2	7-3-3	7-0-4	8-7-0	10-3-2	7-9-0
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14	67-63	w	12-2-5	11-5-3	21-8-3	3-0-1	0-3-2	0-0-0	0-1-0
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14	90-26	w	0-2-3	11-4-2	14-3-4	14-0-1	10-4-0	2-1-0	9-5-1
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14	82-61	w	9-1-3	10-9-3	9-1-2	0-0-3	16-3-1	DNP	15-13-3
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14	51-50	w	0-1-0	8-8-1	7-3-4	11-0-0	8-5-1	DNP	7-10-0
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14	111-49	w	0-7-10	11-8-0	15-2-2	0-0-2	21-4-0	DNP	20-10-1
at Hampton	12/17/14	69-49	w	0-2-1	4-5-4	20-4-3	3-0-2	4-7-2	DNP	12-13-0
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14	80-45	w	2-2-4	12-3-2	18-4-2	4-1-3	10-12-1	DNP	16-10-2
vs Liberty	12/21/14	84-44	w	5-3-1	15-4-3	14-1-2	3-4-4	11-5-0	DNP	11-6-2
AUBURN	01/02/15	77-58	w	3-1-2	12-6-0	7-1-4	5-0-4	11-2-0	DNP	11-14-0
at LSU	01/04/15	75-51	w	6-1-4	6-5-1	17-4-2	3-0-1	2-4-1	DNP	7-4-0
at Alabama	01/08/15	102-59	w	11-2-1	10-2-1	16-1-3	15-2-2	4-3-0	DNP	20-3-1
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15	68-60	w	2-1-1	9-11-2	19-5-4	5-4-2	8-4-0	0-3-0	3-6-0
at Mizzou	01/15/15	60-49	w	0-1-1	8-14-1	19-6-1	3-3-0	0-3-0	0-2-0	15-7-0
at Florida	01/19/15	77-42	w	5-1-3	6-2-4	18-0-1	2-0-0	4-3-0	3-3-0	6-13-1
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15	79-61	w	5-1-2	12-7-0	16-2-3	0-1-1	6-3-0	DNP	12-11-3
ALABAMA	01/29/15	85-54	w	5-1-1	8-1-1	11-4-2	5-1-3	6-4-0	DNP	14-10-1
at Ole Miss	02/01/15	77-59	w	1-1-1	6-5-2	11-5-1	0-1-2	10-1-1	DNP	10-10-1
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15	58-35	w	6-2-0	2-14-2	14-3-3	0-4-0	8-3-0	5-7-0	DNP
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15	62-87	L	0-0-0	17-11-0	17-4-3	2-1-1	0-3-0	0-0-0	6-3-1
LSU	02/12/15	86-62	w	9-2-2	6-9-5	11-2-4	2-0-1	6-4-0	0-2-2	6-8-1
VANDERBILT	02/15/15	89-59	w	9-2-4	6-9-1	20-3-1	0-0-1	9-4-1	4-4-0	14-3-1
at Arkansas	02/19/15	73-56	w	6-2-2	2-3-3	15-0-2	9-2-1	2-3-0	DNP	14-11-0
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15	71-66	w	0-1-0	19-14-2	16-7-4	7-3-1	12-8-0	DNP	7-6-1
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15	69-50	w	0-0-1	4-6-1	16-4-2	4-1-1	6-1-0	0-0-0	10-7-1
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15	56-67	L	10-2-1	7-2-3	8-4-3	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	6-7-0
vs Arkansas	03/06/15	58-36	w	4-2-4	6-4-2	12-3-1	6-2-1	7-9-0	0-1-0	11-8-0
vs LSU	03/07/15	74-54	w	15-1-4	11-10-3	4-0-2	2-0-1	9-4-0	0-1-1	16-8-0
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15	62-46	w	0-4-3	14-8-1	17-7-2	0-1-1	2-1-0	2-0-0	4-8-1
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15	81-48	w	0-1-1	12-1-2	7-0-3	7-0-4	2-2-0	6-3-0	12-4-3
SYRACUSE	3/22/15	97-68	w	3-2-1	13-10-2	14-5-7	12-1-3	5-2-1	0-1-1	14-7-0





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 South Carolina Team Game-by-Game Comparison (as of Mar 22, 2015)  
 All games



Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds	Assist	T/Over	Block	Steal	Fouls
SOUTHERN CAL	27/24	43/37	70-61	+9	23-50/21-63	.460/.333	5-15/3-10	.333/.300	19-27/16-20	.704/.800	43/34	15/9	19/15	10/2	9/10	18/23
CLEMSON	45/21	54/20	99-41	+58	38-72/17-53	.528/.321	8-15/4-17	.533/.235	15-22/3-6	.682/.500	50/28	25/8	7/18	6/8	9/4	7/19
SAN DIEGO STATE	51/16	38/22	89-38	+51	33-65/14-49	.508/.286	9-19/6-14	.474/.429	14-20/4-8	.700/.500	40/33	25/8	10/29	1/2	18/7	7/19
Wisconsin	31/18	36/26	67-44	+23	28-64/13-46	.438/.283	3-12/4-11	.250/.364	8-14/14-22	.571/.636	41/34	20/10	10/19	7/1	12/1	16/16
#22/22 Syracuse	31/35	36/28	67-63	+4	23-64/22-58	.359/.379	9-28/7-23	.346/.304	12-20/12-18	.600/.667	35/50	17/15	5/16	4/1	4/3	19/21
NC CENTRAL	39/16	51/10	90-26	+64	35-58/10-45	.603/.222	5-13/2-10	.385/.200	15-22/4-10	.682/.400	40/23	26/2	13/28	8/1	21/7	11/22
CHARLOTTE	46/28	36/33	82-61	+21	30-54/24-53	.556/.453	4-13/3-8	.308/.375	18-26/10-13	.692/.769	37/20	21/16	15/18	7/3	7/9	14/23
#9/8 Duke	17/21	34/29	51-50	+1	20-53/18-57	.377/.316	3-12/4-19	.250/.211	8-16/10-13	.500/.769	36/44	8/8	18/22	5/8	12/8	15/16
SAVANNAH STATE	60/22	51/27	111-49	+62	38-65/21-59	.565/.356	1-8/1-14	.125/.071	34-47/6-11	.723/.545	56/21	23/8	12/20	6/2	11/8	12/31
Hampton	37/25	32/24	69-49	+20	25-55/18-52	.455/.346	9-19/5-17	.474/.294	10-16/8-13	.625/.615	48/21	19/8	18/10	7/1	2/5	19/18
Central Michigan	37/24	43/21	80-45	+35	37-72/18-59	.514/.305	3-17/2-12	.176/.167	3-9/7-9	.333/.778	48/36	21/7	16/23	6/1	14/6	7/12
Liberty	44/20	40/24	84-44	+40	31-64/18-55	.484/.327	5-11/2-12	.455/.167	17-26/6-6	.654/1.000	46/30	20/10	8/18	6/9	10/4	12/21
AUBURN	34/17	43/41	77-58	+19	30-62/21-62	.484/.339	3-11/4-14	.273/.286	14-23/12-14	.609/.857	42/34	17/8	18/16	6/6	8/11	16/26
LSU	37/22	38/29	75-51	+24	27-53/22-64	.509/.344	8-21/1-7	.381/.143	13-18/6-16	.722/.375	42/35	18/4	23/18	7/1	8/13	19/20
Alabama	48/30	54/29	102-59	+43	37-58/19-51	.638/.373	11-21/4-15	.524/.267	17-20/17-22	.850/.773	30/26	22/7	7/17	7/1	8/4	15/15
#10/11 KENTUCKY	35/38	33/22	68-60	+8	23-68/22-67	.338/.328	4-16/4-15	.250/.267	18-26/12-14	.692/.857	55/37	12/11	16/11	10/8	3/10	13/22
Mizzou	25/20	35/29	60-49	+11	21-58/16-54	.362/.296	4-17/7-22	.235/.318	14-23/10-15	.609/.667	51/33	6/6	14/14	5/0	5/7	18/24
Florida	40/17	37/25	77-42	+35	32-54/19-70	.593/.271	4-10/1-15	.400/.067	9-14/3-4	.643/.750	42/35	16/6	16/15	5/2	9/4	13/20
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	39/31	40/30	79-61	+18	27-55/24-62	.491/.387	1-4/3-8	.250/.375	24-30/10-16	.800/.625	43/29	13/11	16/16	7/3	9/8	20/22
ALABAMA	38/21	47/33	85-54	+31	33-58/19-53	.569/.358	2-13/6-18	.154/.333	17-25/10-13	.680/.769	37/22	20/10	19/21	6/1	12/9	16/22
Ole Miss	36/29	41/30	77-59	+18	24-51/23-57	.471/.404	4-9/5-20	.444/.250	25-40/8-22	.625/.364	40/36	12/10	10/16	5/0	7/7	17/32
#22/21 Georgia	30/14	28/21	58-35	+23	22-57/12-58	.386/.207	6-16/2-19	.375/.105	8-18/9-15	.444/.600	50/38	10/5	19/17	10/3	4/7	21/19
#2/2 Connecticut	31/47	31/40	62-87	(25)	26-66/31-56	.394/.554	5-9/8-11	.556/.727	5-10/17-23	.500/.739	37/34	9/18	17/11	1/6	6/8	18/11
LSU	48/20	38/42	86-62	+24	31-59/25-70	.525/.357	7-12/1-7	.583/.143	17-22/11-13	.773/.846	39/36	18/13	21/20	6/4	12/12	13/19
VANDERBILT	46/27	43/32	89-59	+30	31-65/25-52	.477/.481	5-13/2-4	.385/.500	22-26/7-13	.846/.538	43/23	20/12	16/22	2/2	14/7	15/23
Arkansas	38/31	35/25	73-56	+17	25-48/22-54	.521/.407	7-17/6-12	.412/.500	16-20/6-12	.800/.500	34/24	16/12	18/15	11/1	9/7	16/18
#6/6 TENNESSEE	36/33	35/33	71-66	+5	30-70/26-60	.429/.433	1-8/3-13	.125/.231	10-14/11-14	.714/.786	46/33	13/10	5/6	3/1	5/2	12/14
#1/1/3 MISS. STATE	39/26	30/24	69-50	+19	26-51/19-55	.510/.345	1-6/7-23	.167/.304	16-24/5-9	.667/.556	36/30	11/14	16/20	5/4	12/6	15/22
#13/15 Kentucky	22/27	34/40	56-67	(11)	20-62/19-60	.323/.317	6-22/2-13	.273/.154	10-20/27-35	.500/.771	45/45	10/7	20/11	12/6	5/9	25/20
Arkansas	31/17	27/19	58-36	+22	24-54/11-57	.444/.193	2-10/4-15	.200/.267	8-12/10-15	.667/.667	44/32	16/9	13/8	15/3	4/5	14/16
LSU	27/31	47/23	74-54	+20	29-54/20-52	.537/.385	5-16/6-12	.313/.500	11-16/8-14	.688/.571	36/25	21/13	17/16	5/1	10/7	11/17
#5/5 Tennessee	29/26	33/20	62-46	+16	25-57/18-54	.439/.333	5-13/4-12	.385/.333	7-9/6-12	.778/.500	38/32	12/8	9/10	6/2	4/3	11/19
SAVANNAH STATE	43/30	38/18	81-48	+33	34-53/17-51	.642/.333	3-11/2-9	.273/.222	10-15/12-19	.667/.632	33/24	23/4	15/15	5/2	10/8	20/17
SYRACUSE	53/25	44/43	97-68	+29	32-58/21-63	.552/.333	8-19/8-26	.421/.308	25-31/18-23	.806/.783	40/35	20/8	12/13	4/4	5/3	19/24

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category



**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Game-by-Game Highs (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



Opponent	Date	Score	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14	70-61	18-MITCHELL, Tiffany COATES, Alaina	13-COATES, Alaina	6-ROY, Tina	3-ROY, Tina	4-WELCH, Aleighsa
CLEMSON	11/20/14	99-41	18-WILSON, A'ja	10-COATES, Alaina	5-MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-COATES, Alaina IBIAM, Elem
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14	89-38	20-MITCHELL, Tiffany	9-WILSON, A'ja	5-CUEVAS, Bianca	4-SESSIONS, Khadij CUEVAS, Bianca	1-WILSON, A'ja
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14	67-44	11-WILSON, A'ja	9-COATES, Alaina	4-DOZIER, Asia	3-WILSON, A'ja	2-WELCH, Aleighsa IBIAM, Elem WILSON, A'ja
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14	67-63	21-MITCHELL, Tiffany	10-WILSON, A'ja	5-ROY, Tina	2-WILSON, A'ja	1-SESSIONS, Khadij IBIAM, Elem WELCH, Aleighsa WILSON, A'ja
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14	90-26	16-WILSON, A'ja	8-WILSON, A'ja	8-SESSIONS, Khadij	7-MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-IBIAM, Elem
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14	82-61	17-WILSON, A'ja	13-COATES, Alaina	4-SESSIONS, Khadij	3-WILSON, A'ja	3-WILSON, A'ja
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14	51-50	11-DOZIER, Asia	10-COATES, Alaina	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-SESSIONS, Khadij	2-WELCH, Aleighsa
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14	111-49	23-WILSON, A'ja	10-COATES, Alaina	10-ROY, Tina	4-SESSIONS, Khadij CUEVAS, Bianca	2-WILSON, A'ja
at Hampton	12/17/14	69-49	20-MITCHELL, Tiffany	13-COATES, Alaina	5-SESSIONS, Khadij	1-WILSON, A'ja CUEVAS, Bianca	3-COATES, Alaina
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14	80-45	18-MITCHELL, Tiffany	12-IBIAM, Elem	4-CUEVAS, Bianca ROY, Tina	5-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-IBIAM, Elem COATES, Alaina
vs Liberty	12/21/14	84-44	17-WILSON, A'ja	10-WILSON, A'ja	4-DOZIER, Asia	3-GAINES, Olivia	3-WILSON, A'ja
AUBURN	01/02/15	77-58	12-WELCH, Aleighsa WILSON, A'ja	14-COATES, Alaina	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany DOZIER, Asia SESSIONS, Khadija	2-MITCHELL, Tiffany SESSIONS, Khadija	2-WILSON, A'ja
at LSU	01/04/15	75-51	21-WILSON, A'ja	13-WILSON, A'ja	4-ROY, Tina	2-CUEVAS, Bianca GAINES, Olivia	3-WILSON, A'ja
at Alabama	01/08/15	102-59	20-COATES, Alaina	5-WILSON, A'ja	5-SESSIONS, Khadij	4-SESSIONS, Khadij	3-WILSON, A'ja COATES, Alaina
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15	68-60	19-MITCHELL, Tiffany	11-WELCH, Aleighsa	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany	1-SESSIONS, Khadij WELCH, Aleighsa COATES, Alaina	3-WILSON, A'ja WELCH, Aleighsa
at Mizzou	01/15/15	60-49	19-MITCHELL, Tiffany	14-WELCH, Aleighsa	2-SESSIONS, Khadij	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-MITCHELL, Tiffany IBIAM, Elem
at Florida	01/19/15	77-42	18-MITCHELL, Tiffany	13-COATES, Alaina	4-WELCH, Aleighsa CUEVAS, Bianca	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-COATES, Alaina
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15	79-61	18-WILSON, A'ja	11-COATES, Alaina	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany COATES, Alaina	4-SESSIONS, Khadij	2-WELCH, Aleighsa WILSON, A'ja
ALABAMA	01/29/15	85-54	17-WILSON, A'ja	10-COATES, Alaina	5-CUEVAS, Bianca	3-SESSIONS, Khadij	5-COATES, Alaina
at Ole Miss	02/01/15	77-59	21-CUEVAS, Bianca	10-COATES, Alaina	3-SESSIONS, Khadij	2-SESSIONS, Khadij WILSON, A'ja	2-COATES, Alaina WELCH, Aleighsa
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15	58-35	16-CUEVAS, Bianca	14-WELCH, Aleighsa	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-CUEVAS, Bianca MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-WELCH, Aleighsa
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15	62-87	17-WELCH, Aleighsa MITCHELL, Tiffany	11-WELCH, Aleighsa	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-MITCHELL, Tiffany	1-COATES, Alaina
LSU	02/12/15	86-62	26-WILSON, A'ja	9-WELCH, Aleighsa	5-WELCH, Aleighsa	3-SESSIONS, Khadij MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-COATES, Alaina WILSON, A'ja
VANDERBILT	02/15/15	89-59	20-MITCHELL, Tiffany WILSON, A'ja	9-WELCH, Aleighsa	5-CUEVAS, Bianca	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany	1-SESSIONS, Khadij COATES, Alaina
at Arkansas	02/19/15	73-56	15-MITCHELL, Tiffany	11-COATES, Alaina	7-SESSIONS, Khadij	5-MITCHELL, Tiffany	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany WILSON, A'ja IBIAM, Elem



**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Game-by-Game Highs (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>Assists</b>	<b>Steals</b>	<b>Blocked shots</b>
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15	71-66	19-WELCH, Aleighsa	14-WELCH, Aleighsa	4-MITCHELL, Tiffany SESSIONS, Khadija	1-CUEVAS, Bianca WELCH, Aleighsa WILSON, A'ja DOZIER, Asia COATES, Alaina	1-COATES, Alaina WILSON, A'ja WELCH, Aleighsa
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15	69-50	16-MITCHELL, Tiffany	7-COATES, Alaina WILSON, A'ja	4-SESSIONS, Khadij	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-WILSON, A'ja
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15	56-67	16-WILSON, A'ja	19-WILSON, A'ja	3-WELCH, Aleighsa MITCHELL, Tiffany	1-WILSON, A'ja CUEVAS, Bianca SESSIONS, Khadija COATES, Alaina GAINES, Olivia	6-WILSON, A'ja
vs Arkansas	03/06/15	58-36	12-MITCHELL, Tiffany	9-IBIAM, Elem	4-CUEVAS, Bianca ROY, Tina	1-CUEVAS, Bianca IBIAM, Elem COATES, Alaina WELCH, Aleighsa	4-WILSON, A'ja IBIAM, Elem
vs LSU	03/07/15	74-54	16-COATES, Alaina	10-WELCH, Aleighsa	4-ROY, Tina GAINES, Olivia	2-WELCH, Aleighsa GAINES, Olivia MITCHELL, Tiffany DOZIER, Asia	2-WILSON, A'ja
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15	62-46	17-MITCHELL, Tiffany	8-COATES, Alaina WELCH, Aleighsa	3-ROY, Tina SESSIONS, Khadija	1-MITCHELL, Tiffany COATES, Alaina DOZIER, Asia WELCH, Aleighsa	3-WILSON, A'ja
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15	81-48	15-WILSON, A'ja	9-WILSON, A'ja	5-CUEVAS, Bianca	3-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-COATES, Alaina
SYRACUSE	3/22/15	97-68	14-MITCHELL, Tiffany COATES, Alaina	10-WELCH, Aleighsa	7-MITCHELL, Tiffany	2-WHITE, Jatarie	1-GAINES, Olivia CUEVAS, Bianca COATES, Alaina WILSON, A'ja





















Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics  
**Savannah State vs #3/4 South Carolina**  
 3/20/15 5 p.m. ET at Columbia, S.C. (Colonial Life Arena)



**Savannah State 48 • 21-11**

##	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
15	BUIE,Shanikwa	f	0-4	0-0	2-4	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	33
44	DAVIS,Tiyonda	c	2-6	0-0	5-6	5	3	8	5	9	0	1	1	2	38
01	DORSEY,Bria	g	3-7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	6	2	3	0	0	27
02	HENDRIX,Kenyata	g	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	23
23	KALU,Ezinne	g	7-15	2-5	5-8	1	4	5	2	21	0	5	0	4	40
04	NORMAN,Jasmine		5-15	0-1	0-0	2	3	5	4	10	2	3	0	0	25
05	FIELDS,Lauryn		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
12	YOUNG,Jada		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
13	THOMAS,Jazmin		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
14	RICHARDSON,Tanease		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Team					5	0	5			2				
	Totals		17-51	2-9	12-19	14	10	24	17	48	4	15	2	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-26 38.5% 2nd half: 7-25 28.0% Game: 17-51 33.3% Deadball Rebounds 2  
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 0-7 0.0% Game: 2-9 22.2%  
 FT % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7% 2nd half: 4-8 50.0% Game: 12-19 63.2%

**#3/4 South Carolina 81 • 31-2**

##	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	f	6-6	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	12	2	2	1	1	20
31	DOZIER, Asia	f	3-5	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	7	4	1	0	0	16
33	IBIAM, Elem	c	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	1	13
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	g	3-4	1-2	3-3	2	0	2	3	10	0	1	0	2	14
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	g	3-7	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	7	3	5	0	3	22
00	FARMER, India		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
01	CUEVAS, Bianca		3-6	0-2	2-4	0	0	0	1	8	5	3	0	2	23
02	GAINES, Olivia		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	5	2	2	0	1	0	16
03	DUCKETT, Kaydra		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
15	DAVIS, Tiffany		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
22	WILSON, A'ja		7-9	0-0	1-3	3	6	9	2	15	3	1	0	0	20
23	ROY, Tina		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	14
40	WHITE, Jatarie		2-2	0-0	2-2	2	1	3	1	6	0	1	1	0	12
41	COATES, Alaina		5-5	0-0	2-3	0	4	4	2	12	3	0	2	0	21
	Team					2	3	5							
	Totals		34-53	3-11	10-15	12	21	33	20	81	23	15	5	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-25 72.0% 2nd half: 16-28 57.1% Game: 34-53 64.2% Deadball Rebounds 2,4  
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 0-7 0.0% Game: 3-11 27.3%  
 FT % 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 10-15 66.7%

Officials: Carla Fountain, Brian Woods, Talisa Green  
 Technical fouls: Savannah State-None. #3/4 South Carolina-None.  
 Attendance: 10644  
 2015 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship First Round

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Savannah State	30	18	48
#3/4 South Carolina	43	38	81

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
SSU	20	13	8	0	10
SC	56	21	8	16	43

Last FG - SU 2nd-03:14, SC 2nd-03:43. Score tied - 2 times.  
 Largest lead - SSU by 1 1st-17:01, SC by 33 2nd-03:43. Lead changed - 2 times.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics  
**Syracuse vs #3/4 South Carolina**  
 3/22/15 7 p.m. ET at Columbia, S.C. (Colonial Life Arena)



**Syracuse 68 • 22-10**

##	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
10	Isabella Slim	f	1-5	1-5	0-0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	1	0	17
50	Briana Day	c	0-1	0-0	3-4	2	5	7	3	3	1	1	1	0	20
01	Alexis Peterson	g	8-23	2-7	5-5	1	4	5	3	23	1	6	0	1	38
11	Cornelia Fondren	g	5-16	0-1	6-8	2	3	5	4	16	4	1	0	1	37
13	Brianna Butler	g	3-10	2-6	4-4	0	2	2	1	12	1	1	0	0	29
04	Maggie Morrison		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	12
21	Danielle Minott		1-2	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	4
22	Taylor Ford		2-4	1-3	0-2	1	4	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	23
44	Amber Witherspoon		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	7
55	Bria Day		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	2	0	0	1	1	1	13
	Team					3	0	3							
	Totals		21-63	8-26	18-23	13	22	35	24	68	8	13	4	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-35 25.7% 2nd half: 12-28 42.9% Game: 21-63 33.3% Deadball Rebounds 3,1  
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-14 21.4% 2nd half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 8-26 30.8%  
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 14-17 82.4% Game: 18-23 78.3%

**#3/4 South Carolina 97 • 32-2**

##	Player	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	f	6-8	0-0	1-1	2	8	10	1	13	2	0	0	0	25
31	DOZIER, Asia	f	4-5	4-5	0-0	0	1	1	0	12	3	0	0	0	22
33	IBIAM, Elem	c	2-3	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	2	5	1	2	0	0	16
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	g	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	0	1	18
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	g	4-11	1-5	5-6	2	3	5	2	14	7	1	0	0	29
00	FARMER, India		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
01	CUEVAS, Bianca		3-7	1-3	5-5	0	1	1	2	12	0	5	1	1	20
02	GAINES, Olivia		2-4	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	2	6	1	0	1	1	15
03	DUCKETT, Kaydra		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
15	DAVIS, Tiffany		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2
22	WILSON, A'ja		3-5	0-0	7-9	1	3	4	2	13	1	0	1	0	13
23	ROY, Tina		1-4	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	13
40	WHITE, Jatarie		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	9
41	COATES, Alaina		5-8	0-0	4-5	2	5	7	3	14	0	3	1	0	14
	Team					0	5	5							
	Totals		32-58	8-19	25-31	9	31	40	19	97	20	12	4	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-29 62.1% 2nd half: 14-29 48.3% Game: 32-58 55.2% Deadball Rebounds 0  
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 8-19 42.1%  
 FT % 1st Half: 13-15 86.7% 2nd half: 12-16 75.0% Game: 25-31 80.6%

Officials: Sue Blauch, Carla Fountain, Angie Lewis  
 Technical fouls: Syracuse-None. #3/4 South Carolina-None.  
 Attendance: 10485  
 2015 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship Second Round

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Syracuse	25	43	68
#3/4 South Carolina	53	44	97

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
SU	18	11	8	8	11
SC	42	14	14	12	51

Last FG - SU 2nd-04:31, SC 2nd-00:40. Score tied - 1 time.  
 Largest lead - SU by 3 1st-19:51, SC by 31 2nd-16:44. Lead changed - 1 time.



# DAWN STALEY

**7th Season at South Carolina  
Virginia, 1992**

When three-time Olympic gold medalist Dawn Staley took the reins of the University of South Carolina women's basketball program on May 10, 2008, the Gamecocks' stature immediately rose not just in the Southeastern Conference but on the national stage as well. Building on a foundation of hard work, defensive effort and a "team first" mentality, South Carolina began to realize those expectations in 2011-12, and the team's four consecutive 25-win seasons since then mark the most successful four-year stretch in program history. Increasing the annual win total each season, the program's steady improvement is highlighted by many program firsts – SEC Tournament title (2015), No. 1 national ranking (12 weeks in 2014-15), SEC regular-season championship (2014, 2015) and No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament (2014). Under Staley, the Gamecocks are playing in four straight NCAA Tournaments for the second time in program history and have two Sweet 16 appearances among the streak. Staley is just the second woman in college basketball history to both play for and coach a No. 1-ranked team, joining Baylor's Kim Mulkey in the elite category. Staley's Virginia team was ranked No. 1 for a total of 24 weeks spanning her junior and senior seasons. She has led the Gamecocks to 12 weeks in the top spot in the Associated Press poll so far.

In her 14 seasons as a head coach, Staley has amassed a 325-153 record, including her 153-73 slate in her seventh season at South Carolina. She has led her teams to 10 20-win seasons, a total of 12 postseason appearances (two WNIT), highlighted by the Gamecocks' pair of Sweet 16 appearances and 32 weeks in the Associated Press top 10, including 23 in the top five. The future continues to brighten as the nation's top recruits make Columbia, S.C., a highly coveted destination. Consistently signing the top players in the state, Staley's 2014 group illustrated the seeds her staff had been sowing since its arrival as the No. 1 recruit in the class joined two other top-35 entries among the five-member class that was ranked No. 2 in the nation.

While her coaching career is blossoming, Staley is still recognized for her body of work as a one of the most decorated participants in United States women's basketball history. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame solidified her legacy with her enshrinement into the Hall as part of the Class of 2013. The Phoenix Club of Philadelphia established the Dawn Staley Award recognizing the nation's top guard in women's Division I basketball in 2013 as well. Staley was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2012 and was one of the final nominees for induction to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame the same year. In the summer of 2011, the WNBA recognized her as one of the league's "Top 15," honoring the most influential players in the league's history.

At the helm of the Gamecocks over the last seven seasons, Staley has been named National Coach of the Year (2014, Basketball Times), Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist (2014), SEC Coach of the Year (2014, Coaches and AP; 2015 Coaches) and BCA Female Coach of the Year (2012). She has coached an All-American, 16 All-SEC selections, six SEC All-Freshman selections, a two-time SEC Player of the Year, an SEC 6th Player of the Year, an SEC Defensive Player of the Year, an SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and three SEC Freshmen of the Year. The Gamecocks have won more SEC games than the season before in each of Staley's last six seasons, and her 67 SEC victories are more than any other Gamecock coach and account for more than half of the program's total 131. She has helped the Gamecocks to four of the program's five top-four finishes in the SEC, including back-to-back regular-season titles in 2014 and 2015.

# HEAD COACH

## Coaching Highlights

### College

- 10 NCAA Tournament Appearances (4 at South Carolina)
- 10 20-Win Seasons (4 at South Carolina)
- 3 Regular-Season Conference Titles (SEC 2014, 2015; A-10 2008)
- 5 Conference Tournament Titles (SEC 2015; A-10 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006)
- Two-time Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist (2014, 2015)
- Basketball Times National Coach of the Year (2014)
- Two-time WBCA Region Coach of the Year (Region 3 2014; Region 1 2005)
- Four-time Conference Coach of the Year (SEC 2014, 2015; A-10 2004, 2005)

### USA Basketball

- Senior National Team Asst. Coach (2006-08, 2014-16) – FIBA World Championship gold medal (2014), Beijing Olympics gold medal (2008), FIBA Americas Championship gold medal (2007), FIBA World Championship bronze medal (2006)
- U18 National Team Head Coach – FIBA U18 Americas Championship gold medal (2014)
- Select Team Court Coach (Summer 2012)

## Playing Highlights

### U.S. Professional – 11 seasons

- Five-time WNBA All-Star (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006)
- Two-time ABL All-Star (1997, 1998)
- WNBA All-Decade Team

### USA Basketball

- Olympic gold medalist (1996, 2000, 2004)
- Flag bearer for U.S. in Olympic Games Opening Ceremony (2004)
- Two-time USA Basketball Female Athlete of the Year (1994, 2004)

### College – Virginia (1989-92)

- Kodak All-America (1990, 1991, 1992)
- Honda-Broderick Cup Award for Collegiate Female Athlete of the Year (1991)
- Two-time ACC Player of the Year (1991, 1992)
- NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player (1991)

## Other Notables

- Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2013
- Order of the Palmetto Recipient (2013)
- Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2012

## Year-by-Year Coaching Record

Year	School	Record	Conf. Rec.	Conf. Finish	Postseason
2000-01	Temple	19-11	11-5	2nd East	WNIT
2001-02	Temple	20-11	12-4	2nd East	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round
2002-03	Temple	14-15	9-7	2nd East	
2003-04	Temple	21-10	14-2	1st East	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round
2004-05	Temple	28-4	16-0	1st East*	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 2nd Round
2005-06	Temple	24-8	12-4	3rd	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round
2006-07	Temple	25-8	13-1	2nd	NCAA 2nd Round
2007-08	Temple	21-13	12-2	T-1st	NCAA 1st Round
2008-09	South Carolina	10-18	2-12	11th	
2009-10	South Carolina	14-15	7-9	T-7th	
2010-11	South Carolina	18-15	8-8	T-5th	WNIT 2nd Round
2011-12	South Carolina	25-10	10-6	T-4th	NCAA Sweet 16
2012-13	South Carolina	25-8	11-5	T-4th	NCAA 2nd Round
2013-14	South Carolina	29-5	14-2	1st	NCAA Sweet 16
2014-15	South Carolina	32-2	15-1	T-1st	SEC Tourn. Champ./
<b>Career</b>	<b>15th season</b>	<b>325-153</b>	<b>166-68</b>		
<b>At SC</b>	<b>7th season</b>	<b>153-73</b>	<b>67-43</b>		



# ALAINA COATES

6-4 • Sophomore • Center • Irmo, S.C. • Dutch Fork

# #41

### Career Highlights

2015 SEC All-Defensive Team	2014 SEC Co-6th Player of the Year (Coaches)
All-SEC 2nd Team (Coaches - 2014, 2015; AP - 2015)	2014 SEC Freshman of the Year (Coaches, AP)
2015 SEC All-Tournament Team	2014 Freshman All-America First Team (Full Court)
No. 25 Player in the Nation, espnW (2014-15)	2014 SEC All-Freshman Team
2015 Naismith Trophy Top 50 Watch List	5-time SEC Freshman of the Week

- Named All-SEC Second Team for second-straight season and All-Defensive Team
- Third in the SEC in double-doubles (11) and rebounds and 20th in scoring ... among top 10 in blocks (4th, 1.5/gm), offensive rebs 9th, 2.8/gm) and FT %age (9th, .709)
- Has scored in double figures 21 times and posted double-digit rebounds 13 times
- Has been the team's top scorer four times – Southern Cal, at Alabama, vs. LSU, Syracuse (NCAA)
- Has led team in rebounds 15 times – Southern Cal, Clemson, Wisconsin, Charlotte, at Duke, Savannah State, at Hampton, Auburn, at Florida, Texas A&M, Alabama, at Ole Miss, at Arkansas, Mississippi St., vs. Tennessee
- Team's top scorer and rebounder in postseason play (SEC and NCAA Tournaments) with 11.4 ppg and 7.0 rpg, shooting 69.4 percent over the five-game stretch
- Scored nine of her team-high 14 points against Syracuse (Mar. 22) in the final 10 minutes of the first half to build 18-point halftime lead ... added seven rebounds to point total in just 14 minutes of play
- Posted personal 7-2 run in two-minute span of first half against Savannah State (Mar. 20) ... tied career high with three assists
- Named to the SEC All-Tournament Team after averaging 10.3 points and 8.0 rebounds over the three-game event
- Came up with the tough rebounds to stifle any second-half run by #5/5 Tennessee (Mar. 8) in the SEC Championship, reeling in five of her eight in the second half
- Hit back-to-back buckets to kick off an 18-4 second-half run that turned a one-point game into a 15-point lead against LSU (Mar. 7) in SEC Tournament semifinals
- Scored six straight points in second half to put #11/13 Mississippi State (Feb. 26) away
- Grabbed three of her six rebounds against #6/6 Tennessee (Feb. 23) in final 2:00 to help seal victory
- Scored on back-to-back possessions after the Razorbacks had pulled within 10 late in the second half at Arkansas (Feb. 19) as part of her 11th double-double of the season
- Needed just nine second-half minutes to score 12 of her total 14 points against Vanderbilt (Feb. 15)
- Owned the glass in second half against LSU (Feb. 12), grabbing seven of her eight boards in the final 20 minutes
- Hit all four free throw attempts on two possessions that sparked a 28-13 run to close the first half at Ole Miss (Feb. 1), turning an eight-point deficit into a seven-point halftime lead
- Matched her career high with five blocked shots against Alabama (Jan. 29)
- Had her best game against a ranked team this season with a double-double against #12/10 Texas A&M (Jan. 26), including nine points and six rebounds in second half to help deliver victory
- Dominated Florida's (Jan. 19) frontline on the glass for her fifth game of 13 or more rebounds
- Hit all six of her free throw attempts in final 2:00 at Missouri (Jan. 15) to seal Gamecocks' win
- Grabbed pair of rebounds during game-changing 5-0 run midway through 2nd half vs. #10/11 Kentucky (Jan. 11)
- Scored eight points in a 13-2 first-half run that broke open the game at Alabama (Jan. 8)
- Reeled in season-high 14 rebounds in SEC opener against Auburn (Jan. 2) with seven in each half en route to seventh double-double of the season
- Posted third-straight double-double against Central Michigan (Dec. 20), including 12 points in the second half
- After just six minutes of first-half play at Hampton (Dec. 17), posted 12 points and nine rebounds to hold off Lady Pirates in the second half en route to second-straight double-double
- Grabbed six of her team-high 10 rebounds at #9/8 Duke (Dec. 7) in the second half, including two defensive in the

	Season	Career
<b>Double-Double</b>	11	21
<b>20+ Points</b>	2	8
<b>10+ Points</b>	21	44
<b>10+ Rebounds</b>	13	24
<b>5+ Blocks</b>	1	3
<b>Tim-High Points</b>	4	11
<b>Tim-High Rebs.</b>	15	33

Miscellaneous

<b>Pts</b> .....	24, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
<b>Rebs</b> .....	17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
<b>Blks</b> .....	5, 3x, last vs. Alabama, 1/29/15
<b>Stls</b> .....	3, 2x, last at Florida, 1/19/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	3, 3x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>Min</b> .....	30 vs. Southern Cal, 11/15/14
<b>FG</b> .....	11 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
<b>FT</b> .....	11 at San Diego St., 11/23/13

Career Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	20, 2x, last at Alabama, 1/8
<b>Rebs</b> .....	14 vs. Auburn, 1/2
<b>Blks</b> .....	5 vs. Alabama, 1/29
<b>Stls</b> .....	3 at Florida, 1/19
<b>Assts</b> .....	3, 3x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20
<b>Min</b> .....	30 vs. Southern Cal, 11/15
<b>FG</b> .....	7, 3x, last at Alabama, 1/8
<b>FT</b> .....	7, 3x, last at Missouri, 1/15

14-15 Season Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	24, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
<b>Rebs</b> .....	17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
<b>Blks</b> .....	5, 3x, last vs. Alabama, 1/29/15
<b>Stls</b> .....	3, 2x, last at Florida, 1/19/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	3 vs. Texas A&M, 1/26/15
<b>Min</b> .....	28 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
<b>FG</b> .....	11 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
<b>FT</b> .....	8, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 2/27/14

SEC Career Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	22 vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
<b>Rebs</b> .....	16 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
<b>Blks</b> .....	4, 2x, last vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
<b>Stls</b> .....	1 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
<b>Assts</b> .....	3 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>Min</b> .....	29 vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
<b>FG</b> .....	9 vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
<b>FT</b> .....	7 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

NCAA Highs

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/14	CS Northridge	24	4-8	0-0	5-13	16	3	0	0	4	0	13	
3/25/14	Oregon St.	19	1-6	0-0	7-8	11	4	1	3	1	1	9	
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	29	9-15	0-0	4-4	11	4	0	2	4	0	22	
3/20/15	Savannah St.	21	5-5	0-0	2-3	4	2	3	0	2	0	12	
3/22/15	Syracuse	14	5-8	0-0	4-5	7	3	0	3	1	0	14	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>24-42</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>22-33</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>70</b>
			<b>21.4</b>	<b>.571</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>					<b>14.0</b>

### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2013-14	34	1	668	19.6	148	242	.612	0	0	—	121	185	.654	82	203	285	8.4	83	1	11	57	73	17	417	12.3
2014-15	33	5	678	20.5	125	226	.553	0	0	—	105	148	.709	94	169	263	7.9	56	0	27	46	48	18	355	10.8
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1346</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>.583</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>.679</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>11.5</b>



**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



**#41 COATES, Alaina**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14	*	30	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	6-6	1.000	4	9	13	13.0	1	0	1	2	0	18	18.0	
CLEMSON	11/20/14	*	20	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	4	6	10	11.5	0	2	0	2	0	12	15.0	
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14		18	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	9.3	1	0	1	0	0	10	13.3	
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14	*	17	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	4	5	9	9.3	0	0	0	1	0	7	11.8	
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14	*	13	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	7.6	2	0	0	0	0	0	9.4	
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14	*	21	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	5	5	7.2	2	1	1	2	0	9	9.3	
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14		23	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	7-10	.700	5	8	13	8.0	0	3	1	2	0	15	10.1	
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14		22	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	3	7	10	8.3	1	0	1	1	2	7	9.8	
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14		17	7-8	.875	0-0	.000	6-9	.667	3	7	10	8.4	0	1	2	1	0	20	10.9	
at Hampton	12/17/14		21	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	3	10	13	8.9	2	0	4	3	0	12	11.0	
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14		21	7-10	.700	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3	7	10	9.0	1	2	1	2	1	16	11.5	
vs Liberty	12/21/14		24	2-10	.200	0-0	.000	7-8	.875	4	2	6	8.8	2	2	1	1	1	11	11.4	
AUBURN	01/02/15		20	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	5-9	.556	5	9	14	9.2	1	0	0	1	1	11	11.4	
at LSU	01/04/15		14	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	3	4	8.8	2	0	3	2	0	7	11.1	
at Alabama	01/08/15		21	7-8	.875	0-0	.000	6-6	1.000	2	1	3	8.4	1	1	0	3	0	20	11.7	
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15		21	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	3	6	8.3	2	0	1	2	1	3	11.1	
at Mizzou	01/15/15		22	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	7-8	.875	4	3	7	8.2	4	0	2	0	0	15	11.4	
at Florida	01/19/15		21	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	11	13	8.4	1	1	3	2	3	6	11.1	
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15		23	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	5	6	11	8.6	3	3	0	1	1	12	11.1	
ALABAMA	01/29/15		25	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	1	9	10	8.7	2	1	3	5	1	14	11.3	
at Ole Miss	02/01/15		24	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	5	5	10	8.7	2	1	2	2	1	10	11.2	
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15		19	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	8.5	3	1	1	1	0	6	11.0	
LSU	02/12/15		19	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	2	6	8	8.4	2	1	4	2	0	6	10.7	
VANDERBILT	02/15/15		17	6-9	.667	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	2	1	3	8.2	4	1	1	1	0	14	10.9	
at Arkansas	02/19/15		27	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	3	8	11	8.3	3	0	3	1	0	14	11.0	
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15		22	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	3	6	8.2	4	1	2	1	1	7	10.8	
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15		21	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	3	4	7	8.2	0	1	0	1	2	10	10.8	
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15		18	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	5	2	7	8.1	2	0	1	1	1	6	10.6	
vs Arkansas	03/06/15		17	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	4	4	8	8.1	1	0	1	2	1	11	10.7	
vs LSU	03/07/15		26	8-11	.727	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	5	8	8.1	1	0	1	0	0	16	10.8	
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15		19	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	6	8	8.1	1	1	2	0	1	4	10.6	
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15		21	5-5	1.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	0	4	4	8.0	2	3	0	2	0	12	10.7	
SYRACUSE	3/22/15		14	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	2	5	7	8.0	3	0	3	1	0	14	10.8	
Totals			5	678	125-226	.553	0-0	.000	105-148	.709	94	169	263	8.0	56	27	46	48	18	355	10.8

Games played: 33  
Minutes/game: 20.5  
Points/game: 10.8  
FG Pct: 55.3  
FT Pct: 70.9

Rebounds/game: 8.0  
Assists/game: 0.8  
Turnovers/game: 1.4  
Assist/turnover ratio: 0.6  
Steals/game: 0.5  
Blocks/game: 1.5



# BIANCA CUEVAS

5-6 • Freshman • Guard • Bronx, N.Y. • Nazareth Regional



### Career Highlights

No. 35 recruit in 2014 class (espnW) | 2014 New York AA co-Player of the Year  
 2014 High School All-America (McDonald's)

- Played in every game this season
- Averaged 6.8 points in SEC play, besting her regular-season non-conference average of 4.5
- Has scored in double figures eight times, including one 20-point game
- Has been the team's top scorer twice - at Ole Miss, at Georgia
- Has led team in assists seven times – San Diego State, vs. Central Michigan, at Florida, Alabama, Vanderbilt, vs. Arkansas, Savannah St.
- Averaging 10.0 points and 2.5 assists in NCAA Tournament play
- Scored 10 of her 12 points against Syracuse (Mar. 22) in the second half
- Tied her career high with five assists against Savannah State (Mar. 20)
- Averaged 2.7 assists in SEC Tournament, up from her 1.8 season average, including seven in just 21 minutes combined in the first two games (Arkansas, LSU)
- Countered tough shooting day against Vanderbilt (Feb. 15) by tying career high with five assists and swiping three steals
- Paced offense for second-straight game with 16 points at #22/21 Georgia (Feb. 5) with nine of those coming during 14-2 run the broke open 7-7 game
- Scored the last six points of the first half at Ole Miss (Feb. 1) in just one minute en route to 21 points, nearly double her previous career high points
- Handed out four of her career-high tying five assists against Alabama (Jan. 29) in the first half, her highest total in SEC action
- Scored seven of her 11 points at Florida (Jan. 19) during a 14-4 second-half run
- Added three free throws to the late-game effort in win at Missouri (Jan. 15)
- Scored six of her 10 points against Auburn (Jan. 2) during 14-4 first-half run and added three during second-half rally after Tigers got within eight points with 12 minutes to play
- Dished out three of her fours assists in just 10 minutes of first-half action against Central Michigan (Dec. 20)
- Scored eight of her 12 points at Hampton (Dec. 17) in the second half, including a pair of 3s during key run late in the game
- Swiped four steals against Savannah State (Dec. 14), including three in a two-minute span midway through the first half to help Gamecocks build an insurmountable lead
- Handed out five assists against NC Central (Dec. 1), her second time this season
- Posted 11 points against San Diego State (Nov. 23) while leading team with five assists and four steals as well
- Strong outing against Clemson (Nov. 20) with no turnovers and a pair of 3s
- Came off the bench to play five minutes against Southern Cal (Nov. 15)

	Season	Career
<b>20+ Points</b>	1	1
<b>10+ Points</b>	8	8
<b>5+ Assists</b>	5	5
<b>5+ Steals</b>	0	0
<b>Tm-High Pts.</b>	2	2
<b>Tm-High Assts.</b>	7	7

Miscellaneous

<b>Pts</b> .....	21 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15
<b>Rebs</b> .....	4, 4x, last at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Stls</b> .....	4, 2x, last vs. Savannah St., 12/14/14
<b>Assts</b> .....	5, 5x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>Blks</b> .....	2 vs. NC Central, 12/1/14
<b>Min</b> .....	24 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15
<b>FG</b> .....	7 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>3FG</b> .....	2, 4x, last at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>FT</b> .....	9 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15

Career Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	21 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15
<b>Rebs</b> .....	4, 3x, last at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Blks</b> .....	1, 2x, last at Kentucky, 3/1/15
<b>Stls</b> .....	3 vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	5, 2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15
<b>Min</b> .....	24 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15
<b>FG</b> .....	7 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>3FG</b> .....	2, 2x, last at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>FT</b> .....	9 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15

SEC Career Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	12 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>Rebs</b> .....	1 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>Blks</b> .....	1 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>Stls</b> .....	2 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	5 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>Min</b> .....	23 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>FG</b> .....	3, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>3FG</b> .....	1 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>FT</b> .....	5 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15

NCAA Highs

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/20/15	Savannah St.		23	3-6	0-2	2-4	0	1	5	3	0	2	8
3/22/15	Syracuse		20	3-7	1-3	5-5	1	2	0	5	1	1	12
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6-13</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>
			<b>21.5</b>	<b>.462</b>	<b>.200</b>	<b>.778</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>					<b>10.0</b>

### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2014-15	34	0	503	14.8	68	184	.370	16	69	.232	42	54	.778	13	33	46	1.4	44	1	61	56	5	41	194	5.7





**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



**#01 CUEVAS, Bianca**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg							
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14		5	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0	1	1	1.0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
CLEMSON	11/20/14		17	4-10	.400	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.0	0	2	0	0	2	10	5.0
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14		17	4-6	.667	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	2.3	1	5	1	0	4	11	7.0
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14		14	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.0	2	1	0	0	0	2	5.8
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14		9	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.6	3	0	0	0	0	0	4.6
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14		20	1-4	.250	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.5	1	5	1	2	3	4	4.5
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14		6	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.4	1	1	1	0	0	0	3.9
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	0	0	2	0	1	0	3.4
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14		18	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	0	1	1	1.2	3	0	3	0	4	9	4.0
at Hampton	12/17/14		19	5-6	.833	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.2	1	1	2	0	1	12	4.8
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14		18	1-7	.143	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.2	0	4	1	0	2	2	4.5
vs Liberty	12/21/14		17	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.2	1	3	1	0	1	6	4.7
AUBURN	01/02/15		20	4-8	.500	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	0	0	0	1.1	2	1	2	1	1	10	5.1
at LSU	01/04/15		18	2-8	.250	1-4	.250	3-3	1.000	0	1	1	1.1	2	2	2	0	2	8	5.3
at Alabama	01/08/15		15	1-5	.200	1-4	.250	4-4	1.000	1	2	3	1.2	0	3	0	0	0	7	5.4
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15		5	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	1	0	1	0	0	2	5.2
at Mizzou	01/15/15		15	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	1	2	1.2	2	1	1	0	1	5	5.2
at Florida	01/19/15		19	4-8	.500	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	1.2	1	4	1	0	0	11	5.5
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15		16	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.3	1	1	3	0	1	4	5.4
ALABAMA	01/29/15		22	3-6	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	3	1	4	1.4	1	5	5	0	2	6	5.5
at Ole Miss	02/01/15		24	5-8	.625	2-4	.500	9-11	.818	1	3	4	1.5	4	0	2	0	1	21	6.2
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15		20	7-14	.500	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	1	3	4	1.6	0	2	2	0	2	16	6.6
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15		22	1-6	.167	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.6	3	1	1	0	0	2	6.4
LSU	02/12/15		21	4-8	.500	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0	2	2	1.6	0	0	4	0	2	8	6.5
VANDERBILT	02/15/15		21	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	4-4	1.000	2	1	3	1.6	0	5	3	0	3	4	6.4
at Arkansas	02/19/15		2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.6	2	0	0	0	0	0	6.2
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15		12	0-6	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.6	0	1	1	0	1	0	5.9
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15		10	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.5	0	0	3	0	1	2	5.8
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15		9	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	1	1	2	1.6	5	0	1	1	1	4	5.7
vs Arkansas	03/06/15		12	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	1.5	1	4	1	0	1	4	5.7
vs LSU	03/07/15		9	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.5	0	3	0	0	0	4	5.6
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15		5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.4	1	1	2	0	0	0	5.4
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15		23	3-6	.500	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	0	0	0	1.4	1	5	3	0	2	8	5.5
SYRACUSE	3/22/15		20	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	5-5	1.000	0	1	1	1.4	2	0	5	1	1	12	5.7
Totals		0	503	68-184	.370	16-69	.232	42-54	.778	13	33	46	1.4	44	61	56	5	41	194	5.7

Games played: 34  
 Minutes/game: 14.8  
 Points/game: 5.7  
 FG Pct: 37.0  
 3FG Pct: 23.2  
 FT Pct: 77.8

Rebounds/game: 1.4  
 Assists/game: 1.8  
 Turnovers/game: 1.6  
 Assist/turnover ratio: 1.1  
 Steals/game: 1.2  
 Blocks/game: 0.1



# TIFFANY DAVIS

5-7 • Sophomore • Guard • Houston, Texas • Westbury Christian

# #15

- Has played in 16 games this season, missing four with injuries
- Played in both NCAA Tournament games in Columbia, adding 1.5 points and 1.5 rebounds per game
- Hit a 3-pointer late against Syracuse (Mar. 22)
- Scored a season-high four points in just four minutes at Alabama (Jan. 8), hitting a 3 for the second time in as many games
- Draining a 3 from the top of the key as the shot clock was winding down to help hold off Lady Tigers' rally late in first half at LSU (Jan. 4)
- Tied season high with three points, all on free throws, against Savannah State (Dec. 14)
- Made her season debut against Clemson (Nov. 20), hitting a second-half 3 and handing out a pair of assists in just eight minutes.

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
10+ Points	0	1	
5+ Assists	0	0	
5+ Steals	0	1	
Tm-High Pts.	0	0	
Tm-High Assts.	0	0	

Career Highs	
Pts	11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Rebs	6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Blks	1 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13
Stls	5 vs. Elon, 11/9/12
Assts	3, 4x, last vs. SC State, 12/22/13
Min	30 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	3 vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13
3FG	2, 3x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
FT	5 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14

14-15 Season Highs	
Pts	4 at Alabama, 1/8
Rebs	3, 2x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20
Blks	
Stls	
Assts	2, 2x, last at LSU, 1/4
Min	11 at LSU, 1/4
FG	1, 6x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22
3FG	1, 5x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22
FT	3 vs. Savannah St., 12/14

SEC Career Highs	
Pts	11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Rebs	6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Blks	2 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Stls	
Assts	2, 4x, last at LSU, 1/4/15
Min	30 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	2, 2x, last at Miss. St., 2/6/14
3FG	2 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
FT	5 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14

NCAA Highs	
Pts	3, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Rebs	3, 2x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
Blks	
Stls	
Assts	1 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Min	16 vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
FG	1, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
3FG	1, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
FT	

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/14	CS Northridge	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/25/14	Oregon St.	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	16	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	
3/20/15	Savannah St.	5	0-2	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/22/15	Syracuse	2	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
			<b>6.2</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>.400</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>					<b>1.2</b>

### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2012-13	3	0	40	13.3	4	8	.500	1	4	.250	3	4	.750	1	3	4	1.3	2	0	4	2	0	5	12	4.0
2013-14	32	7	356	11.1	23	59	.390	12	30	.400	19	26	.731	5	27	32	1.0	29	0	29	40	1	4	77	2.4
2014-15	16	0	84	5.3	6	16	.375	5	13	.385	6	9	.667	5	13	18	1.1	5	0	7	9	0	0	23	1.4
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>.398</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>.383</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>.718</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2.2</b>



**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



**#15 DAVIS, Tiffany**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
CLEMSON	11/20/14		8	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	2	0	0	0	3	3.0	
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14		8	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	2	0	2	1.5	0	1	2	0	0	0	1.5	
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14		6	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1.7	
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14		6	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.3	
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14		10	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	0	1	1	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	3	1.6	
at Hampton	12/17/14		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1.3	
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	
vs Liberty	12/21/14		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	
AUBURN	01/02/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	
at LSU	01/04/15		11	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.0	1	2	3	0	0	3	1.1	
at Alabama	01/08/15		4	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.4	
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.3	
at Florida	01/19/15		6	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1.4	
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15		4	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.4	
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15		5	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.3	
SYRACUSE	3/22/15		2	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.4	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>6-16</b>	<b>.375</b>	<b>5-13</b>	<b>.385</b>	<b>6-9</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1.4</b>

Games played: 16  
 Minutes/game: 5.3  
 Points/game: 1.4  
 FG Pct: 37.5  
 3FG Pct: 38.5  
 FT Pct: 66.7

Rebounds/game: 1.1  
 Assists/game: 0.4  
 Turnovers/game: 0.6  
 Assist/turnover ratio: 0.8



# ASIA DOZIER

6-0 • Junior • Guard/Forward • Columbia, S.C. • Spring Valley

# #31

- Voted team captain
- Has played in every game, joining the starting lineup against Charlotte (Dec. 4)
- Has led team in assists three times – vs. Wisconsin, vs. Liberty, Auburn
- Has led team in scoring one time – at Duke
- Has scored in double figures four times
- Scoring 9.5 points per game on 70.0 percent shooting, including 71.4 percent from 3-point range, in NCAA Tournament play
- Set the tone early with three 3s in the first five minutes against Syracuse (Mar. 22) to force the Orange to stretch their defense outside the paint ... finished with career-high tying four 3-pointers
- Handed out a season-high tying four assists against Savannah State (Mar. 20)
- Drove the lane at the end of the shot clock then hit a tough runner in the lane on back-to-back possessions after #11/13 Mississippi State (Feb. 26) closed within three points midway through the first half, kicking off 12-2 run
- Scored five of team's first eight points in second half against #6/6 Tennessee (Feb. 23) then hit two free throws with :07 left to seal the victory
- Provided critical outside shooting to win at Arkansas (Feb. 19), hitting 3-of-4 from 3-point range
- Buried a clutch 3 from the top of the key after Missouri (Jan. 15) had pulled within two points in the second half
- Hit a 3 from the right corner midway through second half against Kentucky (Jan. 11) to allow Gamecocks to hold the lead
- Single-handedly held off the Crimson Tide for first four minutes at Alabama (Jan. 8), scoring eight of her SEC career-high 15 points to keep the game tied early ... best shooting game of the season, hitting 6-of-8 from the field, including 3-of-5 from 3-point range
- Tied for team-high honors with four assists against Auburn (Jan. 2), improving her career record as team's assist leader to 13-0, and hit early 3 to spark first-half offense
- Played solid all-around game against Liberty (Dec. 21), turning just 17 minutes on the floor into four rebounds, team-high four assists and three points
- Scored all of her team-high 11 points at #9/8 Duke (Dec. 7) in the second half of the comeback victory
- Made her first start of the season against Charlotte (Dec. 4) and struggled shooting the ball, but was solid defensively and handed out three assists
- Hit a 3 from the top of the arc to put the Gamecocks ahead of #22/22 Syracuse (Nov. 28) with under two minutes to play, her only points of the night
- Hit 3-of-5 from the field and handed out four assists in just 15 minutes against Wisconsin (Nov. 27)
- Dished out four assists in just 16 minutes against San Diego State (Nov. 23)
- Handed out four assists against Clemson in just 16 minutes (Nov. 20)

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
10+ Points	4	13	
10+ Rebounds	0	1	
5+ Assists	0	8	
Tm-High Pts.	1	2	
Tm-High Assts.	3	13	

Career Highs	
Pts	.....16, 2x, last at San Diego St., 11/23/13
Rebs	.....10 vs. Elon, 11/9/12
Blks	.....3 at Kentucky, 3/1/15
Stls	.....2, 8x, last vs. LSU, 3/7/15
Assts	.....6, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
Min	.....40 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	.....6, 2x, last at Alabama, 1/8/15
3FG	.....4, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
FT	.....4, 2x, last vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

14-15 Season Highs	
Pts	.....15 at Alabama, 1/8
Rebs	.....4, 3x, last at Georgia, 2/5
Blks	.....3 at Kentucky, 3/1
Stls	.....2, 3x, last vs. LSU, 3/7
Assts	.....4, 6x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20
Min	.....30 at Missouri, 1/15
FG	.....6 at Alabama, 1/8
3FG	.....4 vs. Syracuse, 3/22
FT	.....2, 2x, last vs. Tennessee, 2/23

SEC Career Highs	
Pts	.....15 at Alabama, 1/8/15
Rebs	.....6, 2x, last vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Blks	.....3 at Kentucky, 3/1/15
Stls	.....2 at Alabama, 1/8/15
Assts	.....6, 2x, last vs. Georgia, 3/7/14
Min	.....40 at Arkansas, 1/2/14
FG	.....6 at Alabama, 1/8/15
3FG	.....3, 3x, last at Arkansas, 2/19/15
FT	.....2, 5x, last vs. Tennessee, 2/23/15

NCAA Highs	
Pts	.....9 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Rebs	.....4 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Stls	.....1, 4x, last vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
Assts	.....4, 2x, last vs Savannah St., 3/20/15
Min	.....37, North Carolina, 3/30/14
FG	.....4 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
3FG	.....4 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
FT	.....4 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/13	S. Dakota St.		20	1-4	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	3	0	1	5
3/25/13	Kansas		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/23/14	CS Northridge	*	22	1-4	0-3	1-2	4	3	3	2	0	1	3
3/25/14	Oregon St.	*	33	2-7	1-2	4-4	1	2	2	1	0	1	9
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	*	37	3-7	0-2	1-1	3	3	4	2	0	1	7
3/20/15	Savannah St.	*	16	3-5	1-2	0-0	0	1	4	1	0	0	7
3/22/15	Syracuse	*	22	4-5	4-5	0-0	1	0	3	0	0	0	12
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>14-32</b>	<b>7-16</b>	<b>8-9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>43</b>
			<b>25.0</b>	<b>.438</b>	<b>.438</b>	<b>.888</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>					<b>.667</b>

### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2012-13	31	0	398	12.8	28	134	.209	16	91	.176	11	24	.458	19	42	61	2.0	35	1	25	20	4	8	83	2.7
2013-14	34	32	911	26.8	72	211	.341	33	103	.320	28	44	.636	18	77	95	2.8	63	0	92	68	7	21	205	6.0
2014-15	34	27	560	16.5	54	130	.415	28	84	.333	6	9	.667	2	33	35	1.0	24	0	60	30	6	18	142	4.2
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1869</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>.324</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>.277</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>.584</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>4.3</b>



**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



**#31 DOZIER, Asia**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14		14	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.0	
CLEMSON	11/20/14		16	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	2	4	0	0	0	3	1.5	
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14		16	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	4	1	0	1	5	2.7	
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14		15	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	4	1	0	0	7	3.8	
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14		7	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	1	0	0	0	3	3.6	
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14		16	5-6	.833	3-4	.750	1-1	1.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	1	1	0	2	14	5.3	
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14	*	18	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	3	1	0	1	0	4.6	
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14	*	22	4-7	.571	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.1	1	0	2	0	1	11	5.4	
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14	*	15	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4.8	
at Hampton	12/17/14	*	17	1-5	.200	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	2	1	1	0	3	4.6	
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14	*	22	2-6	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	0	3	1	0	1	4	4.5	
vs Liberty	12/21/14	*	17	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	3	4	0.5	1	4	0	0	1	3	4.4	
AUBURN	01/02/15	*	16	2-6	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	1	4	2	0	1	5	4.5	
at LSU	01/04/15	*	12	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.4	1	1	1	0	0	3	4.4	
at Alabama	01/08/15	*	24	6-8	.750	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.5	2	2	1	0	2	15	5.1	
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15	*	16	2-7	.286	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	4	4	0.8	2	2	2	1	0	5	5.1	
at Mizzou	01/15/15	*	30	1-5	.200	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.9	2	0	1	0	0	3	4.9	
at Florida	01/19/15	*	14	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.8	
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15	*	10	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.8	1	1	3	0	0	0	4.5	
ALABAMA	01/29/15	*	15	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.9	2	3	0	0	1	5	4.6	
at Ole Miss	02/01/15	*	11	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.9	0	2	1	0	0	0	4.3	
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15	*	19	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	1.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4.1	
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15	*	16	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	1	0	0	1	2	4.0	
LSU	02/12/15	*	11	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	0	1	0	0	1	2	4.0	
VANDERBILT	02/15/15	*	13	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.8	
at Arkansas	02/19/15	*	12	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	9	4.0	
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15	*	24	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	1.0	1	1	0	0	1	7	4.1	
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15		15	2-5	.400	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	1	2	0	1	4	4.1	
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15	*	15	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.1	0	0	2	3	0	0	4.0	
vs Arkansas	03/06/15	*	21	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.1	1	1	1	0	0	6	4.0	
vs LSU	03/07/15	*	11	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	2	1	1	0	2	2	4.0	
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15	*	22	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.8	
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15	*	16	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	1	4	1	0	0	7	3.9	
SYRACUSE	3/22/15	*	22	4-5	.800	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	3	0	0	0	12	4.2	
Totals			27	560	54-130	.415	28-84	.333	6-9	.667	2	33	35	1.0	24	60	30	6	18	142	4.2

Games played: 34  
 Minutes/game: 16.5  
 Points/game: 4.2  
 FG Pct: 41.5  
 3FG Pct: 33.3  
 FT Pct: 66.7

Rebounds/game: 1.0  
 Assists/game: 1.8  
 Turnovers/game: 0.9  
 Assist/turnover ratio: 2.0  
 Steals/game: 0.5  
 Blocks/game: 0.2



# KAYDRA DUCKETT

5-8 • Freshman • Guard • Columbia, S.C. • Dreher

# #3

### Career Highlights

No. 32 recruit in 2014 class (espnW) | 2014 3A South Carolina Player of the Year (SCBCA)  
 2014 HS All-America, honorable mention (WBCA)

- Has played in 20 games this season, including 10 SEC games
- Played in both NCAA Tournament games in Columbia
- Made her SEC debut at LSU (Jan. 4)
- Grabbed four rebounds in just seven minutes off the bench against Savannah State (Dec. 14)
- Scored first career points against NC Central (Dec. 1)
- Made her college debut against Clemson (Nov. 20), but was limited to three minutes with an ankle injury

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
10+ Points	0	0	
5+ Assists	0	0	
5+ Steals	0	0	
Tm-High Pts.	0	0	
Tm-High Assts.	0	0	

Career Highs	
Pts	2, 2x, last vs. Sav. St., 12/14/14
Rebs	4 vs. Savannah St., 12/14/14
Blks	1, 2x, last vs. C. Michigan, 12/20/14
Stls	1, 4x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
Assts	1, 3x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/20/15
Min	7 vs. Savannah St., 12/14/14
FG	1 vs. NC Central, 12/1/14
3FG	
FT	2 vs. Savannah St., 12/14/14

SEC Highs	
Pts	
Rebs	1, 3x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15
Blks	
Stls	
Assts	
Min	4, 3x, last at Georgia, 2/5/15
FG	
FT	

NCAA Highs	
Pts	
Rebs	1 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
Blks	
Stls	1 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
Assts	1 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Min	3, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
FG	
3FG	
FT	

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/20/15	Savannah St.	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
3/22/15	Syracuse	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>x-x</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
			<b>3.0</b>	<b>.000</b>	—	—	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>					<b>0.0</b>

### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2014-15	20	0	52	2.6	1	13	.077	0	1	.000	2	4	.500	4	7	11	0.6	4	0	3	1	2	4	4	0.2



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**All games**



**#03 DUCKETT, Kaydra**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg							
CLEMSON	11/20/14		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14		4	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	1	0	1	2	0.7
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14		7	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	1.0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0.8
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.7
vs Liberty	12/21/14		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.6
at LSU	01/04/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
at Alabama	01/08/15		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
at Florida	01/19/15		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
ALABAMA	01/29/15		3	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
at Ole Miss	02/01/15		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	1	1	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15		1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.3
VANDERBILT	02/15/15		3	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15		3	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.2
SYRACUSE	3/22/15		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.2
Totals		0	52	1-13	.077	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	4	7	11	0.6	4	3	1	2	4	4	0.2

Games played: 20  
 Minutes/game: 2.6  
 Points/game: 0.2  
 FG Pct: 7.7  
 3FG Pct: 0.0  
 FT Pct: 50.0

Rebounds/game: 0.6  
 Assists/game: 0.2  
 Turnovers/game: 0.1  
 Assist/turnover ratio: 3.0  
 Steals/game: 0.2  
 Blocks/game: 0.1



# INDIA FARMER

6-0 • Sophomore • Forward • N. Myrtle Beach, S.C. • N. Myrtle Beach



- Has played in 16 games this season, including five SEC games
- Played in both NCAA Tournament games in Columbia
- Added a pair of free throws to win at Florida (Jan. 19)
- Scored first point of the season with a free throw against San Diego State (Nov. 23)
- Made season debut vs. Clemson (Nov. 20)

	Season	Career
10+ Points	0	0
10+ Rebounds	0	0
5+ Blocks	0	0
Tm-High Pts.	0	0
Tm-High Rebs.	0	0

Miscellaneous

Pts	.....3, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
Rebs	..... 3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
Blks	..... 1 vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13
Stls	..... 1 at Florida, 1/19/15
Assts	.....
Min	..... 11 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13
FG	.....1, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
3FG	.....1, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
FT	..... 2 at Florida, 1/19/15

Career Highs

Pts	..... 2 at Florida, 1/19
Rebs	..... 2, 2x, last vs. Sav. St., 12/14
Blks	.....
Stls	..... 1 at Florida, 1/19
Assts	.....
Min	.....4, 5x, last at Florida, 1/19
FG	.....
3FG	.....
FT	..... 2 at Florida, 1/19

14-15 Season Highs

Pts	..... 3 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
Rebs	..... 1, 4x, last at Alabama, 1/8/15
Blks	.....
Stls	..... 1 at Florida, 1/19/15
Assts	.....
Min	..... 4, 2x, last at Florida, 1/19/15
FG	..... 1 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
3FG	.....
FT	..... 2 at Florida, 1/19

SEC Career Highs

Pts	.....
Rebs	..... 1 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
Blks	.....
Stls	.....
Assts	.....
Min	..... 1, 4x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
FG	.....
3FG	.....
FT	.....

NCAA Highs

## Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/14	CS Northridge	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/25/14	Oregon St.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/20/15	Savannah St.	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/22/15	Syracuse	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
			<b>1.0</b>	<b>.000</b>	—	—	<b>0.2</b>		<b>0.0</b>				<b>0.0</b>

## Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2013-14	18	0	48	2.7	2	7	.286	2	4	.500	0	0	—	2	4	6	0.3	4	0	0	1	1	0	6	0.3
2014-15	16	0	37	2.3	0	4	.000	0	2	.000	4	6	.667	5	3	8	0.5	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	0.3
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>.182</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.3</b>





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**#00 FARMER, India**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
CLEMSON	11/20/14		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.5	
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.2	
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14		4	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	
vs Liberty	12/21/14		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	
AUBURN	01/02/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	
at LSU	01/04/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	
at Alabama	01/08/15		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	
at Florida	01/19/15		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.3	
at Ole Miss	02/01/15		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15		1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	
SYRACUSE	3/22/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0-4</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.3</b>

Games played: 16  
Minutes/game: 2.3  
Points/game: 0.3  
FG Pct: 0.0  
3FG Pct: 0.0  
FT Pct: 66.7

Rebounds/game: 0.5  
Turnovers/game: 0.1  
Steals/game: 0.1



# OLIVIA GAINES

5-7 • Senior • Guard • Chester, S.C. • Louisburg College (N.C.)

# #2

### Career Highlights

2013 WBCA JUCO Player of the Year | 2013 NJCAA All-America

- Has played in all but two contests this season, notching a pair of starts (San Diego State, Mississippi State)
- Shooting 45.5 percent and averaging 1.4 assists in postseason action (SEC and NCAA Tournaments)
- Provided a huge boost in second-half comeback of the SEC Tournament semifinal win over LSU (Mar. 7), hitting a jumper right out of halftime, turning a steal into a layup to give Gamecocks their first lead of the game with 16:01 to play and handing out all four of her assists in 10 minutes of play in the final period
- Played great on Senior Night, getting the start to score a career-high nine points and locking down #11/13 Mississippi State's (Feb. 26) top scorer
- Had a perfect shooting night (2-2 FG, 2-2 FT) en route to SEC career-high six points against Alabama (Jan. 29)
- Tied her SEC career high with three assists at Alabama (Jan. 8)
- Saw a season-high 19 minutes at LSU (Jan. 4) dishing out all three of her assists in the first half while Sessions was out with foul trouble
- Was integral to 10-0 second-half run that stopped Auburn (Jan. 2) from coming back after pulling within eight with 12 minutes to play, scoring the first and last points of the spurt in addition to usual defensive pressure
- Matched her career high with three steals against Liberty (Dec. 21), all in the second half, while also handing out three assists in the final 20 minutes of action
- Picked up two steals in just one minute of high-pressure defense at #9/8 Duke (Dec. 7), including the one with 12 seconds left and the Gamecocks down by one, then called a timeout to set up the winning play
- Handed out three assists in just 12 minutes against Wisconsin (Nov. 27)
- Drew her second career start against San Diego State (Nov. 23), picking up a pair of steals
- Came off the bench for one minute of high-pressure defense late in the opener against Southern Cal (Nov. 15)

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
10+ Points	0	0	
10+ Rebounds	0	0	
5+ Assists	0	1	
Tm-High Pts.	0	0	
Tm-High Assts.	1	2	

Career Highs	
Pts	9 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26/15
Rebs	5, 2x, last vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
Blks	1, 6x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Stls	3, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 12/21/14
Assts	5 vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13
Min	23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
FG	4 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26/15
3FG	1, 2x, last vs. Mississippi St., 2/26/15
FT	3 vs. Arkansas, 2/9/14

14-15 Season Highs	
Pts	9 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26
Rebs	5 vs. Clemson, 11/20
Blks	1, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Stls	3 vs. Liberty, 12/21
Assts	4 vs. LSU, 3/7/15
Min	22 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26
FG	4 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26
3FG	1, 2x, last at Kentucky, 3/1
FT	2, 3x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22

SEC Career Highs	
Pts	9 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26/15
Rebs	3, 3x, last vs. Mississippi St., 2/26/15
Blks	1 vs. Florida, 2/23/14
Stls	2, 2x, last at LSU, 1/4/15
Assts	3, 3x, last at Alabama, 1/8/15
Min	23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
FG	4 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26/15
3FG	1, 3x, last at Kentucky, 3/1/15
FT	3 vs. Arkansas, 2/9/14

NCAA Highs	
Pts	6 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Rebs	2 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Blks	1, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Stls	1, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Assts	2, 2x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
Min	16 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
FG	2 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
3FG	
FT	2 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/14	CS Northridge	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
3/25/14	Oregon St.	10	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/20/15	Savannah St.	16	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	5	2	0	1	0	2	6
3/22/15	Syracuse	15	2-4	0-0	2-3	0	2	1	0	1	1	6	2
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3-7</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
			<b>9.8</b>	<b>.429</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>.600</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>					<b>1.8</b>

### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2013-14	32	1	309	9.7	23	48	.479	1	2	.500	19	26	.731	12	31	43	1.3	32	0	34	14	3	20	66	2.1
2014-15	32	2	288	9.0	20	52	.385	2	5	.400	8	11	.727	12	20	32	1.0	32	1	29	14	3	19	50	1.6
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>.430</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.429</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>.730</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1.8</b>



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**All games**



**#02 GAINES, Olivia**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
CLEMSON	11/20/14		10	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	2	5	2.5	1	2	2	0	1	0	0.0	
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14	*	16	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.3	2	1	2	0	2	0	0.0	
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14		12	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.0	3	3	0	0	2	0	0.0	
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14		7	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.5	0	0	1	0	0	4	0.7	
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.5	
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14		15	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	1.4	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.7	
at Hampton	12/17/14		6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14		9	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7	
vs Liberty	12/21/14		14	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.3	2	3	1	0	3	2	0.8	
AUBURN	01/02/15		16	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.3	3	1	1	0	1	3	1.0	
at LSU	01/04/15		19	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.2	2	3	1	0	2	2	1.1	
at Alabama	01/08/15		13	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.2	1	3	0	0	0	2	1.1	
at Mizzou	01/15/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	
at Florida	01/19/15		6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	1.2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1.1	
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15		7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	
ALABAMA	01/29/15		9	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	6	1.3	
at Ole Miss	02/01/15		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2	
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15		10	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.2	
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15		1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2	
LSU	02/12/15		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.1	
VANDERBILT	02/15/15		13	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1.1	
at Arkansas	02/19/15		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15	*	22	4-5	.800	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.1	3	0	1	0	1	9	1.3	
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15		11	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	3	1.4	
vs Arkansas	03/06/15		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.4	
vs LSU	03/07/15		18	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.1	0	4	1	1	2	4	1.4	
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15		2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1.4	
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15		16	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	5	2	0	1	0	2	1.4	
SYRACUSE	3/22/15		15	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	0	0	0	1.0	2	1	0	1	1	6	1.6	
Totals			2	288	20-52	.385	2-5	.400	8-11	.727	12	20	32	1.0	32	29	14	3	19	50	1.6

Games played: 32  
 Minutes/game: 9.0  
 Points/game: 1.6  
 FG Pct: 38.5  
 3FG Pct: 40.0  
 FT Pct: 72.7

Rebounds/game: 1.0  
 Assists/game: 0.9  
 Turnovers/game: 0.4  
 Assist/turnover ratio: 2.1  
 Steals/game: 0.6  
 Blocks/game: 0.1



# ELEM IBIAM

6-4 • Senior • Center • Fayetteville, Ga. • Fayette County

# #33

### Career Highlights

Two-time SEC Women's Basketball Community Service Team (2014, 2015) | 2014 SEC All-Defensive Team

- Voted team captain for second-straight season
- Is second in school history with 163 career blocked shots, trailing only Lakesha Tolliver's record of 177 (2004-07)
- Has started every game this season, not missing a start since career first in the 2013-14 season opener (68 games)
- Is 13th in the SEC in blocked shots per game (1.0)
- Has scored in double figures eight times, including one 20-point game
- Has led the team in rebounds twice – vs. Central Michigan, vs. Arkansas
- Posted a rebound, two points and a steal in the first 2:20 against Savannah State (Mar. 20)
- Averaged 2.3 blocked shots in the SEC Tournament (3 games)
- Blocked a season-high four shots in SEC Tournament quarterfinal against Arkansas (Mar. 6), including three in 12 minutes first-half action as team built 14-point halftime lead
- Dominated the first half against #6/6 Tennessee (Feb. 23), shooting 6-of-7 for all 12 of her points with five of her eight rebounds to build three-point halftime lead
- Tied season high with three blocks at Arkansas (Feb. 19), needing just 12 minutes to do it
- Posted four of team's first six points against LSU (Feb. 12) to help offense get started
- Scored the Gamecocks' first eight points of the second half after Ole Miss (Feb. 1) had cut lead to three
- Tied the Alabama (Jan. 29) game early to launch a 14-0 run that opened up the game in the first eight minutes
- Put back an offensive rebound four minutes into the second half against #10/11 Kentucky (Jan. 11) to give Gamecocks their first lead since early in the 9:00 mark of the first half
- Posted nine of her 11 points against Auburn (Jan. 2) in the second half to help hold off the charging Tigers
- Scored her 11 points against Liberty (Dec. 21) efficiently, hitting 5-of-6 from the field
- Posted her second career double-double – first of this season – against Central Michigan (Dec. 20) in just 18 minutes on the court
- Pulled in four of her seven rebounds at Hampton (Dec. 17) on the offensive end.
- Netted career-high 21 points against Savannah State (Dec. 14), including four points during early run, five during late first-half spurt and first four points of the second half
- Dominated the opening minutes against Charlotte (Dec. 4), scoring six of the Gamecocks' first eight points en route to a perfect 7-of-7 shooting night – the second of her career tied for fourth-best perfect night in Colonial Life Arena history
- Was efficient in 20 minutes against NC Central (Dec. 1), hitting 4-of-5 from the field and blocking a season-high three shots
- Pulled down seven rebounds, including four offensive against Wisconsin (Nov. 27)

	Season	Career
<b>Double-Double</b>	1	2
<b>20+ Points</b>	1	1
<b>10+ Points</b>	8	33
<b>10+ Rebounds</b>	1	4
<b>5+ Blocks</b>	0	7
<b>Tm-High Pts.</b>	0	6
<b>Tm-High Rebs.</b>	2	13

Miscellaneous

<b>Pts</b> .....	21 vs. Savannah St., 12/14/14
<b>Rebs</b> .....	12 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>Blks</b> .....	7 at Miss. State, 2/6/14
<b>Stls</b> .....	2, 5x, last vs. Mississippi St., 2/26/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	3 vs. South Dakota St., 3/23/13
<b>Min</b> .....	34 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>FG</b> .....	8 vs. Alabama, 3/7/13
<b>FT</b> .....	8 vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13

Career Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	21 vs. Savannah St., 12/14
<b>Rebs</b> .....	12 vs. C. Michigan, 12/20
<b>Blks</b> .....	4 vs. Arkansas, 3/6
<b>Stls</b> .....	2 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26
<b>Assts</b> .....	2, 2x, last at Hampton, 12/17
<b>Min</b> .....	25 at Hampton, 12/17
<b>FG</b> .....	7, 2x, last vs. Savannah St., 12/14
<b>FT</b> .....	7 vs. Savannah St., 12/14

14-15 Season Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	18 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
<b>Rebs</b> .....	12 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>Blks</b> .....	7 at Miss. State, 2/6/14
<b>Stls</b> .....	2 vs. Mississippi State, 2/26/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	2 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>Min</b> .....	34 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>FG</b> .....	8 vs. Alabama, 3/7/13
<b>FT</b> .....	5, 2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14

SEC Career Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	13 vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
<b>Rebs</b> .....	10 vs. Kansas, 3/25/13
<b>Blks</b> .....	5 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
<b>Stls</b> .....	1, 2x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	3 vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
<b>Min</b> .....	29 vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
<b>FG</b> .....	5, 2x, last vs. South Dakota State, 3/23/13
<b>FT</b> .....	3, 2x, last vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14

NCAA Highs

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/17/12	Eastern Michigan	12	2-4	0-0	2-2	4	4	2	1	5	0	6	
3/19/12	#13/15 Purdue	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3/24/12	#2/2 Stanford	6	1-1	0-0	2-2	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	
3/23/13	South Dakota St.	29	5-9	0-0	3-4	8	2	3	0	2	1	13	
3/25/13	Kansas	24	5-8	0-0	2-3	10	2	1	1	1	0	12	
3/23/14	CS Northridge	*	19	4-6	0-0	3-4	4	2	2	2	1	0	11
3/25/14	Oregon St.	*	22	2-8	0-0	1-2	5	3	0	2	0	0	5
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	*	18	1-5	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
3/20/15	Savannah St.	*	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	1	2
3/22/15	Syracuse	*	16	2-3	0-0	1-2	2	2	1	2	0	0	5
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>23-45</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>15-20</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>
			<b>16.3</b>	<b>.511</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>3.9</b>				<b>1.0</b>		<b>6.1</b>

### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FIA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2011-12	25	0	197	7.9	26	59	.441	0	1	.000	22	35	.629	34	40	74	3.0	33	0	4	16	17	2	74	3.0
2012-13	30	0	472	15.7	64	131	.489	0	0	—	32	64	.500	52	83	135	4.5	48	1	8	20	30	11	160	5.3
2013-14	34	34	794	23.4	128	238	.538	0	0	—	67	102	.657	59	148	207	6.1	94	3	12	51	83	13	323	9.5
2014-15	34	34	578	17.0	88	157	.561	0	0	—	43	60	.717	50	84	134	3.9	72	1	11	42	33	9	219	6.4
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2041</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>.523</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>.628</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>6.3</b>



**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



**#33 IBIAM, Elem**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14	*	22	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	4	6	6.0	1	0	0	1	1	5	5.0	
CLEMSON	11/20/14	*	18	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	0	3	3	4.5	1	0	2	2	0	3	4.0	
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14	*	14	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	3.7	2	0	0	0	1	4	4.0	
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14	*	17	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4	3	7	4.5	3	0	3	2	1	8	5.0	
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14	*	15	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	4.2	4	2	2	1	0	0	4.0	
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14	*	20	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	2-5	.400	1	3	4	4.2	1	0	0	3	0	10	5.0	
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14	*	19	7-7	1.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	2	3	4.0	2	1	1	0	0	16	6.6	
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14	*	18	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	4.1	3	1	1	1	0	8	6.8	
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14	*	18	7-9	.778	0-0	.000	7-8	.875	2	2	4	4.1	0	0	0	1	0	21	8.3	
at Hampton	12/17/14	*	25	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	4	3	7	4.4	4	2	4	1	0	4	7.9	
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14	*	18	5-12	.417	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	6	6	12	5.1	1	1	0	2	0	10	8.1	
vs Liberty	12/21/14	*	17	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	3	5	5.1	2	0	1	1	0	11	8.3	
AUBURN	01/02/15	*	19	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	0	2	4.8	3	0	1	1	0	11	8.5	
at LSU	01/04/15	*	18	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	4.8	2	1	0	1	1	2	8.1	
at Alabama	01/08/15	*	15	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.7	2	0	1	0	0	4	7.8	
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15	*	16	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	4.6	2	0	0	0	0	8	7.8	
at Mizzou	01/15/15	*	14	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.5	3	0	3	2	0	0	7.4	
at Florida	01/19/15	*	14	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	4.4	2	0	1	1	0	4	7.2	
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15	*	17	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.4	1	0	1	1	0	6	7.1	
ALABAMA	01/29/15	*	22	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	4.4	2	0	0	0	1	6	7.1	
at Ole Miss	02/01/15	*	14	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	4.2	2	1	1	0	0	10	7.2	
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15	*	24	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	4.1	5	0	5	2	0	8	7.2	
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15	*	14	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.1	1	0	2	0	0	0	6.9	
LSU	02/12/15	*	14	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	4.1	2	0	3	0	0	6	6.9	
VANDERBILT	02/15/15	*	17	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1	3	4	4.1	4	1	0	0	0	9	7.0	
at Arkansas	02/19/15	*	12	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	4.0	2	0	0	3	0	2	6.8	
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15	*	18	6-9	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	5	3	8	4.2	2	0	0	0	0	12	7.0	
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15	*	19	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	0	1	1	4.1	4	0	1	0	2	6	6.9	
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15	*	11	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	4.0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6.7	
vs Arkansas	03/06/15	*	21	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	4	5	9	4.2	1	0	2	4	1	7	6.7	
vs LSU	03/07/15	*	14	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	1	3	4	4.2	2	0	2	1	0	9	6.8	
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15	*	15	1-8	.125	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	4.1	1	0	1	2	0	2	6.6	
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15	*	13	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	4.0	2	0	1	0	1	2	6.5	
SYRACUSE	3/22/15	*	16	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	3.9	2	1	2	0	0	5	6.4	
Totals			34	578	88-157	.561	0-0	.000	43-60	.717	50	84	134	3.9	72	11	42	33	9	219	6.4

Games played: 34  
 Minutes/game: 17.0  
 Points/game: 6.4  
 FG Pct: 56.1  
 FT Pct: 71.7

Rebounds/game: 3.9  
 Assists/game: 0.3  
 Turnovers/game: 1.2  
 Assist/turnover ratio: 0.3  
 Steals/game: 0.3  
 Blocks/game: 1.0



# TIFFANY MITCHELL

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# #25

### Career Highlights

Two-time SEC Player of the Year (Coaches – 2014, 2015; AP - 2015)	No. 4 Player in the Nation, espnW (2014-15)
Two-time All-SEC First Team (Coaches – 2014, 2015; AP – 2014, 2015)	2015 Preseason All-America (AP, Sports Illustrated, ESPN)
2015 All-America First Team (ESPN)	2015 FIBA 3x3 World Championships Gold Medal (USA)
2015 Dawn Staley Award Finalist	2014 WBCA All-America
2015 Naismith Finalist	2014 All-America Third Team (AP, Full Court)
2015 Wooden Award Final Ballot	2014 Wooden Award Final Ballot, Wade Trophy Watch List, Dawn Staley Award Watch List
2015 Wade Watch List	2014 WBCA All-Region 3
2015 Capital One Academic All-District 4	2014 SEC All-Defensive Team
2014 Subway All-Classic Team	2013 SEC All-Freshman Team
2014 Junkanoo Jam, Lucaya Division All-Tournament	

- First player to earn consecutive outright SEC Player of the Year honors since 2005 and 2006 ... with Welch, first Gamecocks to make multiple appearances on All-SEC First Team since Jocelyn Penn in 2002 and 2003
- Ranks 16th in program history in career points ... is 19th Gamecock to post 1,000 career points with 200 career assists, ranking seventh in scoring among that group
- Started every game the last two seasons, not missing a start since Feb. 28, 2013, game at Missouri (63 games)
- Eighth in SEC in scoring, third in FG %age and FT %age, 10th in steals (1.9) and 12th in assists (2.8) ... only active SEC player to rank among the league's top 15 in scoring, assists and steals
- Has scored in double figures a team-high 27 times, including four games of 20 or more points
- Has been team's top scorer a team-high 15 times – Southern Cal, San Diego St., Syracuse, at Hampton, vs. Central Michigan, Kentucky, at Missouri, at Florida, at UConn, Vanderbilt, at Arkansas, Mississippi State, vs. Arkansas, vs. Tennessee, Syracuse
- Has led team in assists 10 times – Clemson, at Duke, Auburn, Kentucky, Texas A&M, at Georgia, at UConn, Tennessee, at Kentucky, Syracuse
- Averaging 3.0 assists in postseason play (SEC and NCAA Tournaments), including 5.0 in NCAA action
- Tied for team-high honors with 14 points against Syracuse (Mar. 22), including six of team's final 12 first-half points to establish 18-point halftime lead ... handed out a season-high seven assists
- Scored all seven of her points against Savannah State (Mar. 20) during four-minute span late in first half to stymie Tigers' rally attempt
- Averaged a team-best 11.0 points at SEC Tournament, despite just four points in semifinal against LSU
- Shook off tough semifinal outing to lead offense with 17 points in SEC Tournament championship against #5/5 Tennessee (Mar. 8), including a pair of first-half 3s and hitting all three free throws when fouled on another in the second half
- Opened SEC Tournament with seven of team's fist 15 points against Arkansas (Mar. 6) in quarterfinal action
- Swiped two of her three steals and scored seven straight points during 12-2 run that turned three-point lead into 13 late in first half against #11/13 Mississippi State (Feb. 26)
- Hit two free throws after Lady Vols had cut lead to one with :17 left against #6/6 Tennessee (Feb. 23) then forced a turnover on potential game-tying possession
- Shook off tough shooting night at Arkansas (Feb. 19) to still lead team in scoring behind 7-of-7 free throws and swiping five steals

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP	
3/23/13	South Dakota St.	*	24	3-7	1-1	4-5	4	1	0	2	0	0	11	
3/25/13	Kansas	*	32	2-8	1-2	2-2	6	3	0	3	0	3	7	
3/23/14	CS Northridge	*	37	5-11	1-2	13-17	6	2	4	3	0	0	24	
3/25/14	Oregon St.	*	34	4-11	2-2	10-11	10	2	4	0	0	0	20	
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	*	35	4-14	3-4	0-0	4	3	2	3	0	2	11	
3/20/15	Savannah St.	*	22	3-7	1-2	0-0	0	1	3	5	0	3	7	
3/22/15	Syracuse	*	29	4-11	1-5	5-6	5	2	7	1	0	0	14	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>25-69</b>	<b>10-18</b>	<b>34-41</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>94</b>
				<b>30.4</b>	<b>.362</b>	<b>.556</b>	<b>.829</b>	<b>5.0</b>					<b>1.1</b>	<b>13.4</b>

- Scored seven points and swiped two steals in opening three minutes against Vanderbilt (Feb. 15), adding four more points to a 7-2 run that broke a 15-15 tie midway through the first half
- Tied for team-high scoring honors at #2/2 UConn (Feb. 9), including seven of the team's first 18 points

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
Double-Double	0	4	
20+ Points	4	12	
10+ Points	27	72	
10+ Rebounds	0	7	
5+ Assists	2	9	
5+ Steals	3	8	
Tm-High Pts.	15	35	
Tm-High Rebs.	0	9	
Tm-High Assts.	10	27	

	Career Highs
Pts	.....25 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
Rebs	.....11, 5x, last at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Stls	.....7 vs. NC Central, 12/1/14
Assts	.....9 at San Diego State, 11/23/13
Min	.....40 vs. Syracuse, 11/28/14
FG	.....8, 5x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15
3FG	.....6, 2x, last at Hampton, 12/17/14
FT	.....13 vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14

	14-15 Season Highs
Pts	.....21 vs. Syracuse, 11/28
Rebs	.....8, Syracuse, 11/28
Stls	.....7 vs. NC Central, 12/1
Assts	.....7 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Min	.....40 vs. Syracuse, 11/28
FG	.....8, 3x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15
3FG	.....6, 2x, last at Hampton, 12/17
FT	.....11 vs. Kentucky, 1/11

	SEC Career Highs
Pts	.....25 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14
Rebs	.....11, 5x, last at Arkansas, 1/2/14
Stls	.....6 at Auburn, 1/12/14
Assts	.....8, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
Min	.....39 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
FG	.....8, 4x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15
3FG	.....3, 2x, last at LSU, 1/4/15
FT	.....11 vs. Kentucky, 1/11/15

	NCAA Highs
Pts	.....24 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Rebs	.....10 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Stls	.....3, 2x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
Assts	.....7 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Min	.....37 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
FG	.....5 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
3FG	.....3 vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
FT	.....13 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14

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### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2012-13	33	30	927	28.1	107	282	.379	22	60	.367	68	111	.613	60	109	169	5.1	64	1	43	82	4	44	304	9.2
2013-14	34	34	1066	31.4	165	335	.493	40	74	.541	157	198	.793	41	149	190	5.6	63	0	118	97	8	62	527	15.5
2014-15	34	34	991	29.1	170	341	.499	54	128	.422	89	106	.840	26	77	103	3.0	57	1	95	73	9	63	483	14.2
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2984</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>.461</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>.443</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>.757</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>13.0</b>

# TIFFANY MITCHELL (CONTINUED)

- Scored seven points in an 8-0 first-half run at Ole Miss (Feb. 1) that turned the game around as Gamecocks went from a nine-point deficit to a seven-point halftime lead in the final 7:17 of the period
- Hit four straight free throws after #12/10 Texas A&M (Jan. 26) pulled with two in the second half and was involved in both of next two plays that established a 10-point lead team would not yield
- Scored six of her team-high 18 points during an 8-0 run in the second half at Florida (Jan. 19), including back-to-back layups off two of her four steals in the game
- Struggled from field at Missouri (Jan. 15), but delivered in the clutch, hitting a 3 each time Tigers got within three late in second half
- Scored 10 of the team's last 13 points in win over #10/11 Kentucky (Jan. 11), including eight straight free throws to hold the Wildcats at bay
- Missed her first three 3-point attempts at Alabama (Jan. 8), all in the first 10 minutes, but buried her next three en route to 16 points and 60.0 percent shooting, including 50.0 percent from outside
- Scored the first six points of each half at LSU (Jan. 4) to help Gamecocks establish early offense
- Scored 13 of her team-high 18 points against Central Michigan (Dec. 20) in just 16 minutes of first-half action
- Hit 4-of-4 from 3-point range in first half alone at Hampton (Dec. 17) en route to tying career high of 6 3s and her third 20-point game of the season
- Erased a tough shooting day at #9/8 Duke (Dec. 9) with a second-look 3-pointer that brought the Gamecocks within one with 19 seconds to play ... was solid defensively throughout the game as well
- Scored 15 of her 21 points against #22/22 Syracuse (Nov. 28) in the first half to keep Gamecocks within striking distance ... hit free throws late to seal the win over the Orange
- Shot 6-of-6 from 3-point range against San Diego State (Nov. 23), the best perfect long-range shooting night in school history



## 2014-15 South Carolina Basketball #3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015) All games



### #25 MITCHELL, Tiffany

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14	*	38	4-10	.400	0-3	.000	10-12	.833	1	1	2	2.0	3	4	6	0	1	18	18.0	
CLEMSON	11/20/14	*	25	6-8	.750	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	2	5	1	0	3	15	16.5	
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14	*	18	6-8	.750	6-6	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	1.3	0	3	2	0	1	20	17.7	
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14	*	26	2-7	.286	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	1.8	0	3	1	0	2	7	15.0	
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14	*	40	6-13	.462	3-8	.375	6-8	.750	4	4	8	3.0	2	3	1	0	1	21	16.2	
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14	*	24	6-8	.750	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0	3	3	3.0	0	4	1	0	7	14	15.8	
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14	*	28	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	2.7	3	2	4	0	1	9	14.9	
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14	*	31	2-10	.200	1-4	.250	2-3	.667	0	3	3	2.8	1	4	3	0	1	7	13.9	
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14	*	21	6-7	.857	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	2.7	2	2	0	1	1	15	14.0	
at Hampton	12/17/14	*	30	7-10	.700	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	1	3	4	2.8	4	3	1	0	0	20	14.6	
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14	*	24	7-10	.700	3-6	.500	1-2	.500	1	3	4	2.9	1	2	4	0	5	18	14.9	
vs Liberty	12/21/14	*	23	6-11	.545	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.8	0	2	0	0	0	14	14.8	
AUBURN	01/02/15	*	26	1-9	.111	1-4	.250	4-4	1.000	0	1	1	2.6	1	4	2	0	2	7	14.2	
at LSU	01/04/15	*	24	7-12	.583	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.7	2	2	4	0	1	17	14.4	
at Alabama	01/08/15	*	26	6-10	.600	3-6	.500	1-1	1.000	0	1	1	2.6	2	3	0	0	1	16	14.5	
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15	*	33	4-13	.308	0-5	.000	11-12	.917	3	2	5	2.8	2	4	1	0	0	19	14.8	
at Mizzou	01/15/15	*	34	8-14	.571	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	1	5	6	2.9	1	1	2	2	3	19	15.1	
at Florida	01/19/15	*	23	8-10	.800	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0	0	0	2.8	1	1	1	0	4	18	15.2	
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15	*	33	5-12	.417	0-2	.000	6-6	1.000	1	1	2	2.7	0	3	1	0	2	16	15.3	
ALABAMA	01/29/15	*	26	4-10	.400	0-1	.000	3-3	1.000	2	2	4	2.8	2	2	1	0	1	11	15.1	
at Ole Miss	02/01/15	*	33	4-10	.400	2-3	.667	1-3	.333	1	4	5	2.9	3	1	2	0	1	11	14.9	
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15	*	29	5-11	.455	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	2.9	2	3	1	0	2	14	14.8	
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15	*	37	6-12	.500	3-4	.750	2-3	.667	2	2	4	3.0	4	3	3	0	2	17	14.9	
LSU	02/12/15	*	28	5-9	.556	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.9	1	4	4	1	3	11	14.8	
VANDERBILT	02/15/15	*	26	8-12	.667	1-4	.250	3-4	.750	2	1	3	2.9	0	1	4	0	4	20	15.0	
at Arkansas	02/19/15	*	37	4-9	.444	0-4	.000	7-7	1.000	0	0	0	2.8	2	2	4	3	5	15	15.0	
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15	*	38	6-14	.429	0-1	.000	4-5	.800	1	6	7	3.0	1	4	0	0	0	16	15.0	
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15	*	34	7-12	.583	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	0	4	4	3.0	1	2	2	1	3	16	15.0	
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15	*	33	3-8	.375	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	1	3	4	3.0	5	3	2	0	0	8	14.8	
vs Arkansas	03/06/15	*	27	5-12	.417	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	2	1	3	0	0	12	14.7	
vs LSU	03/07/15	*	26	1-6	.167	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	2.9	3	2	5	1	2	4	14.4	
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15	*	39	5-10	.500	2-4	.500	5-5	1.000	1	6	7	3.1	1	2	1	0	1	17	14.4	
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15	*	22	3-7	.429	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.0	1	3	5	0	3	7	14.2	
SYRACUSE	3/22/15	*	29	4-11	.364	1-5	.200	5-6	.833	2	3	5	3.0	2	7	1	0	0	14	14.2	
Totals			34	991	170-341	.499	54-128	.422	89-106	.840	26	77	103	3.0	57	95	73	9	63	483	14.2

Games played: 34  
Minutes/game: 29.1  
Points/game: 14.2  
FG Pct: 49.9  
3FG Pct: 42.2  
FT Pct: 84.0

Rebounds/game: 3.0  
Assists/game: 2.8  
Turnovers/game: 2.1  
Assist/turnover ratio: 1.3  
Steals/game: 1.9  
Blocks/game: 0.3



# TINA ROY

5-11 • Junior • Guard • Kaplan, La. • Kaplan

- Has played in all but one game this season
- Has scored in double figures four times
- Has led the team in assists eight times – Southern Cal, Syracuse, Savannah State, Central Michigan, at LSU, vs. Arkansas, vs. LSU, vs. Tennessee
- Averaged 6.3 points and team-high 3.7 assists in SEC Tournament (3 games)
- Powered Gamecocks into SEC Tournament final with season-high 15 points against LSU (Mar. 7) in the semifinals, hitting 4-of-5 3-pointers in the second period to turn four-point halftime deficit into 20-point victory
- Made back-to-back 3s and grabbed a rebound during 17-3 run late at #13/15 Kentucky (Mar. 1)
- Matched SEC career high with three 3s against Vanderbilt (Feb. 15), including first one as part of 7-2 run that broke open tie midway through first half and second that stopped an 8-2 Vandy run that opened second half
- Buried the first of two 3s at #22/21 Georgia (Feb. 5) to help spark 14-2 run that broke open 7-7 tie midway through the first half
- Hit timely 3-pointer against Texas A&M (Jan. 26) to stop Aggie run and push lead double digits midway through second half
- Scored nine of her 11 points at Alabama (Jan. 8) in the second half as Gamecocks keep the pressure on the Crimson Tide ... was perfect 3-of-3 from outside the arc
- Hit a pair of 3s in the first half at LSU (Jan. 4), the first of which helped hold off a Lady Tigers' rally
- Became first Gamecock to hand out double-digit assists in the Dawn Staley era with 10 against Savannah State (Dec. 14) while also rebounding well with seven boards
- Hit three 3s against Charlotte (Dec. 4), including two during the late first-half run that turned a two-point lead into an 18-point halftime advantage
- Averaged 9.5 points in just 17.0 minutes over two games at the Junkanoo Jam (Nov. 27-28)
- Hit four 3s against #22/22 Syracuse (Nov. 28), including two during the key 18-4 run that rallied the Gamecocks for the win, and dished out five assists as well
- Provided steady point guard play off the bench against Southern Cal (Nov. 15), handing out six assists to get the inside game going and hitting 3-of-5 from behind the arc

# #23

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
10+ Points	4	11	
5+ Assists	3	5	
5+ Steals	0	0	
Tm-High Pts.	0	2	
Tm-High Assts.	8	11	

	Career Highs
Pts	15, 2x, last vs. LSU, 3/7/14
Rebs	8 at Mississippi State, 2/6/14
Stls	3 vs. Southern Cal, 11/15/14
Assts	10 vs. Savannah St., 12/14/14
Min	31 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FG	5, 4x, last, vs. LSU, 3/7/15
3FG	5, 2x, last vs. LSU, 3/7/15
FT	4 at Southern Cal, 11/25/13

	14-15 Season Highs
Pts	15 vs. LSU, 3/7
Rebs	7 vs. Savannah St., 12/14
Stls	3 vs. Southern Cal, 11/15
Assts	10 vs. Savannah St., 12/14
Min	25 vs. Southern Cal, 11/15
FG	5 vs. LSU, 3/7
3FG	5 vs. LSU, 3/7
FT	1, 2x, last at Kentucky, 3/1

	SEC Career Highs
Pts	11, 3x, last at Alabama, 1/8/15
Rebs	8 at Mississippi State, 2/6/14
Stls	1, 7x, last vs. LSU, 2/12/15
Assts	4, 3x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15
Min	31 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/5/14
FG	5 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14
3FG	3, 5x, last at Kentucky, 3/1/15
FT	3 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14

	NCAA Highs
Pts	6 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
Rebs	4 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Stls	1 vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
Assts	2, 2x, last vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
Min	22 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
FG	2, 2x, last vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
3FG	2 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
FT	

## Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/17/12	Eastern Michigan	20	2-9	2-7	0-0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	6
3/19/12	at #13/15 Purdue	8	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
3/24/12	#2/2 Stanford	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/23/14	CS Northridge	22	2-5	1-3	0-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
3/25/14	Oregon St.	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	9	1-3	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	2
3/20/15	Savannah St.	14	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/22/15	Syracuse	13	1-4	1-4	0-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>7-28</b>	<b>5-23</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>
			<b>12.0</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>.217</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>					<b>2.4</b>

## Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
2011-12	34	0	383	11.3	53	181	.293	32	127	.252	10	22	.455	20	29	49	1.4	20	0	10	15	1	9	148	4.4	
2012-13	— Did Not Play (injury) —																									
2013-14	34	1	553	16.3	44	146	.301	20	86	.233	14	23	.609	13	56	69	2.0	19	0	48	23	9	6	122	3.6	
2014-15	33	0	516	15.6	53	137	.387	41	107	.383	2	4	.500	8	52	60	1.8	19	0	76	33	5	7	149	4.5	
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>.323</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>.291</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>.531</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>4.1</b>	





**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



**#23 ROY, Tina**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg							
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14		25	3-6	.500	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	3	6	2	1	3	9	9.0
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14		19	2-7	.286	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	3	3	2.5	0	2	1	0	1	5	7.0
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14		12	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	4	4	3.0	0	2	1	0	0	7	7.0
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14		22	4-10	.400	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	2	0	2	2.8	1	5	0	0	0	12	8.3
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14		13	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.6	0	3	1	0	1	0	6.6
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14		23	3-5	.600	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.3	0	3	1	0	0	9	7.0
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14		7	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.1	2	0	1	0	0	0	6.0
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14		18	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	7	7	2.8	1	10	2	0	0	0	5.3
at Hampton	12/17/14		14	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.7	0	1	1	1	0	0	4.7
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14		15	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.6	0	4	1	0	0	2	4.4
vs Liberty	12/21/14		14	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.6	2	1	0	0	0	5	4.5
AUBURN	01/02/15		11	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.5	0	2	3	0	0	3	4.3
at LSU	01/04/15		21	2-6	.333	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.4	1	4	3	0	0	6	4.5
at Alabama	01/08/15		15	4-4	1.000	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.4	1	1	1	0	0	11	4.9
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15		10	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.3	1	1	2	0	0	2	4.7
at Mizzou	01/15/15		8	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.2	0	1	1	0	0	0	4.4
at Florida	01/19/15		19	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.1	0	3	1	0	0	5	4.5
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15		15	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.1	3	2	1	0	0	5	4.5
ALABAMA	01/29/15		19	2-5	.400	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.0	0	1	1	0	1	5	4.5
at Ole Miss	02/01/15		7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	2.0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4.4
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15		20	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	0	1	0	0	6	4.4
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15		6	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.9	0	0	2	0	0	0	4.2
LSU	02/12/15		15	3-5	.600	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.9	1	2	0	0	1	9	4.4
VANDERBILT	02/15/15		18	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.9	0	4	2	0	0	9	4.6
at Arkansas	02/19/15		24	2-5	.400	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.9	0	2	1	1	0	6	4.7
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15		8	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.5
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.8	0	1	0	0	0	0	4.3
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15		23	3-9	.333	3-9	.333	1-2	.500	0	2	2	1.8	0	1	0	1	0	10	4.5
vs Arkansas	03/06/15		23	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.8	0	4	1	1	0	4	4.5
vs LSU	03/07/15		24	5-11	.455	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.8	1	4	2	0	0	15	4.9
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15		17	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	1.8	0	3	0	0	0	0	4.7
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15		14	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.8	0	1	0	0	0	0	4.6
SYRACUSE	3/22/15		13	1-4	.250	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.8	1	1	0	0	0	3	4.5
Totals		0	516	53-137	.387	41-107	.383	2-4	.500	8	52	60	1.8	19	76	33	5	7	149	4.5

Games played: 33  
Minutes/game: 15.6  
Points/game: 4.5  
FG Pct: 38.7  
3FG Pct: 38.3  
FT Pct: 50.0

Rebounds/game: 1.8  
Assists/game: 2.3  
Turnovers/game: 1.0  
Assist/turnover ratio: 2.3  
Steals/game: 0.2  
Blocks/game: 0.2



# KHADIJAH SESSIONS

5-8 • Junior • Guard • Myrtle Beach, S.C. • Myrtle Beach

# #5

- Has played in every game this season, starting all but the season opener
- Has 10 games with no turnovers this season
- Ranks 10th in the SEC in assists (2.9) and 11th in steals (1.8)
- Has led the team in assists 11 times – NC Central, Charlotte, at Hampton, Auburn, at Alabama, at Missouri, at Ole Miss, at Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi State, vs. Tennessee
- Has picked up three or more steals 10 times this season
- Averaging 5.2 points on 50.0 percent shooting, including 4-of-8 from 3-point range, in postseason play (SEC and NCAA Tournaments)
- Sparked 20-1 run second-half against Savannah State (Mar. 20) with back-to-back steals converted into layups as defense locked down for first time
- Shot 60.0 percent (3-of-5) from 3-point range and committed just two turnovers in SEC Tournament (3 games)
- Tied career high with three 3s in SEC Tournament championship game against #5/5 Tennessee (Mar. 8), including two early in the first half to establish herself as an offensive threat and stretch the defense
- Handed out four assists against #11/13 Mississippi State (Feb. 26), her third-straight game of four or more
- Tied for team-high honors with four assists against #6/6 Tennessee (Feb. 23) without committing a turnover in 33 minutes of action
- Posted five points and three steals in first four minutes at Arkansas (Feb. 19) en route to best all-around game of the season
- Broke a 6-6 tie early against LSU (Feb. 12) with a 3-pointer and a transition layup en route to matching her season high of 12 points
- Hit a pair of 3s en route to eight second-half points at #2/2 UConn (Feb. 9) that looked to start a comeback
- Set the tone defensively against #12/10 Texas A&M (Jan. 26) with two of her career-high tying four steals coming in the opening three minutes of the game
- Tied career high with three 3s against #10/11 Kentucky (Jan. 11), including one off balance at the end of the shot clock to turn a four-point lead into seven midway through the second half
- Swiped four steals at Alabama (Jan. 8), including back-to-back possessions to spark first-half run that broke open game
- Matched career high for third time this season with four steals against Savannah State (Dec. 14)
- Swiped one of her three steals late in the comeback at #9/8 Duke and was part of the double-team that generated Olivia Gaines' steal in the last 20 seconds that set up the game-winning play
- Capped the 11-0 comeback run late against #22/22 Syracuse (Nov. 28) with a transition layup
- Tied her career high with four steals against San Diego State (Nov. 23)
- Was solid on both ends of the floor against Clemson (Nov. 20), handing out four assists with no turnovers while pulling down career-high six rebounds
- Hit a clutch 3-pointer to start a 14-0 run that erased a Southern Cal (Nov. 15) lead with seven minutes left and put the game out of reach

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
10+ Points	5	20	
5+ Assists	4	9	
5+ Steals	0	0	
Tm-High Pts.	0	3	
Tm-High Assts.	11	22	

	Career Highs
Pts	19 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13
Rebs	6 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
Stls	4, 8x, last at Arkansas, 2/19/15
Assts	8 vs. NC Central, 12/1/14
Min	37 at Southern Cal, 11/25/13
FG	6, 2x, last, vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13
3FG	3, 4x, last vs. Tennessee, 3/8/15
FT	8 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13

	14-15 Season Highs
Pts	12, 3x, last vs. Tennessee, 3/8
Rebs	6 vs. Clemson, 11/20
Stls	4, 6x, last at Arkansas, 2/19
Assts	8 vs. NC Central, 12/1
Min	34 at Duke, 12/7
FG	5 vs. LSU, 2/12
3FG	3, 2x, last vs. Tennessee, 3/8
FT	4 vs. Charlotte, 12/4

	SEC Career Highs
Pts	19 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13
Rebs	5, 4x, last at Arkansas, 2/19/15
Stls	4, 5x, last at Arkansas, 2/19/15
Assts	7 at Arkansas, 2/19/15
Min	35 at Missouri, 2/28/13
FG	6 at Missouri, 2/28/13
3FG	3, 3x, last vs. Kentucky, 1/11/15
FT	8 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13

	NCAA Highs
Pts	13 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Rebs	4 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Stls	3 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
Assts	3 vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
Min	33, 2x, last vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
FG	3, 2x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
3FG	1, 2x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
FT	6 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

## Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/23/13	South Dakota St.	20	0-2	0-1	5-6	1	2	2	1	0	5		
3/25/13	Kansas	14	1-3	0-1	2-2	0	0	1	0	0	4		
3/23/14	CS Northridge	* 33	1-3	0-1	4-4	1	4	3	1	0	6		
3/25/14	Oregon St.	* 33	3-9	1-1	6-8	4	3	2	1	0	3	13	
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	* 24	0-8	0-2	0-0	3	2	1	1	0	0		
3/20/15	Savannah St.	* 14	3-4	1-2	3-3	2	3	0	1	0	2	10	
3/22/15	Syracuse	* 18	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	2	2	1	0	1	2	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>9-31</b>	<b>2-9</b>	<b>20-23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40</b>
			<b>22.2</b>	<b>.290</b>	<b>.222</b>	<b>.870</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>				<b>5.7</b>	

## Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2012-13	33	3	570	17.3	53	151	.351	13	54	.241	72	109	.661	22	24	46	1.4	43	0	36	49	3	21	191	5.8
2013-14	29	26	761	26.2	58	159	.365	18	59	.305	74	109	.679	9	38	47	1.6	60	0	77	45	1	28	208	7.2
2014-15	34	33	761	22.4	56	138	.406	19	61	.311	25	47	.532	24	59	83	2.4	57	0	100	47	4	62	156	4.6
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2092</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>.373</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>.287</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>.660</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>5.8</b>



**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



**#05 SESSIONS, Khadijah**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14		19	2-5	.400	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.0	2	2	1	1	1	6	6.0	
CLEMSON	11/20/14	*	18	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	2-3	.667	1	5	6	4.0	0	4	0	0	1	7	6.5	
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14	*	14	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	0	0	0	2.7	0	3	0	0	4	6	6.3	
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14	*	21	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	3.0	2	2	0	0	2	2	5.3	
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14	*	22	2-8	.250	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	0	1	1	2.6	1	3	0	1	1	5	5.2	
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14	*	19	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	2.8	1	8	1	0	4	4	5.0	
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14	*	32	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	4-6	.667	1	1	2	2.7	3	4	2	0	2	6	5.1	
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14	*	34	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.6	1	2	2	0	3	0	4.5	
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14	*	16	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	2	0	2	2.6	0	4	1	0	4	4	4.4	
at Hampton	12/17/14	*	24	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.6	2	5	0	0	0	2	4.2	
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14	*	21	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.5	1	3	4	0	2	2	4.0	
vs Liberty	12/21/14	*	18	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.4	0	1	1	0	2	0	3.7	
AUBURN	01/02/15	*	23	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	0	3	3	2.5	2	4	4	0	2	3	3.6	
at LSU	01/04/15	*	13	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.5	3	0	1	0	1	0	3.4	
at Alabama	01/08/15	*	18	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.4	0	5	0	0	4	2	3.3	
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15	*	29	4-9	.444	3-6	.500	1-4	.250	0	5	5	2.6	1	2	4	0	1	12	3.8	
at Mizzou	01/15/15	*	24	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	1	4	5	2.7	1	2	0	0	1	7	4.0	
at Florida	01/19/15	*	13	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.7	3	2	1	0	0	0	3.8	
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15	*	24	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	2.7	1	2	2	1	4	4	3.8	
ALABAMA	01/29/15	*	21	3-6	.500	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	1	3	4	2.8	1	4	3	0	3	7	4.0	
at Ole Miss	02/01/15	*	31	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	1	1	2	2.7	2	3	1	0	2	7	4.1	
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15	*	22	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	0	3	3	2.7	2	2	1	0	0	1	4.0	
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15	*	25	3-8	.375	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.7	2	1	1	0	1	8	4.1	
LSU	02/12/15	*	27	5-6	.833	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.5	4	2	2	0	3	12	4.5	
VANDERBILT	02/15/15	*	18	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	0-1	.000	0	2	2	2.5	2	3	1	1	3	3	4.4	
at Arkansas	02/19/15	*	33	3-5	.600	2-3	.667	3-4	.750	2	3	5	2.6	2	7	3	0	4	11	4.7	
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15	*	33	1-6	.167	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1	1	2	2.6	3	4	0	0	0	2	4.6	
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15	*	30	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	2	2	2.6	1	4	2	0	2	5	4.6	
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15	*	19	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.5	2	1	5	0	1	2	4.5	
vs Arkansas	03/06/15	*	19	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0	3	3	2.5	3	3	0	0	0	0	4.3	
vs LSU	03/07/15	*	18	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.5	1	3	2	0	1	2	4.3	
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15	*	31	4-7	.571	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	1	1	2	2.5	3	3	0	0	0	12	4.5	
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15	*	14	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	3-3	1.000	2	0	2	2.5	3	0	1	0	2	10	4.7	
SYRACUSE	3/22/15	*	18	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.4	2	2	1	0	1	2	4.6	
Totals			33	761	56-138	.406	19-61	.311	25-47	.532	24	59	83	2.4	57	100	47	4	62	156	4.6

Games played: 34  
 Minutes/game: 22.4  
 Points/game: 4.6  
 FG Pct: 40.6  
 3FG Pct: 31.1  
 FT Pct: 53.2

Rebounds/game: 2.4  
 Assists/game: 2.9  
 Turnovers/game: 1.4  
 Assist/turnover ratio: 2.1  
 Steals/game: 1.8  
 Blocks/game: 0.1



# ALEIGHSA WELCH

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# #24

## Career Highlights

2015 SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year	2015 Preseason All-America Second Team (ESPN)
Two-time All-SEC 1st Team (Coaches – 2014, 2015)	2014 All-America Honorable Mention (AP, WBCA)
Two-time All-SEC 2nd Team (AP – 2014, 2015)	2014 WBCA All-Region 3
2015 SEC Tournament MVP, All-Tournament Team	2013-14 CoSIDA Academic All-District 4
2015 Naismith Trophy Midseason 30, Wade Watch List, Wooden Award Preseason Top 30	2014 Naismith Trophy Early Season Watch List
No. 7 Player in the Nation, espnW (2014-15)	2013 All-SEC Second Team (Coaches)
	2012 SEC All-Freshman Team

- Became program's first SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and voted All-SEC First-Team for second straight season – with Mitchell, the first Gamecocks to make multiple appearances on All-SEC First Team since Jocelyn Penn in 2002 and 2003
- Has started every game this season, not missing a start since Nov. 10, 2013, against Louisiana Tech (66 games)
- Stands 13th in program history with 1,429 career points, ninth in career double-doubles (23)
- Is third in school history with 931 total rebounds and holds the school record in career offensive rebounds
- Is among SEC's top-15 rebounders (15th), offensive rebounders (10th, 2.8) and shot blockers (6th, 1.1) and comes in 30th in scoring
- Has scored in double figures 17 times and grabbed double-digit rebounds seven times
- Led team in rebounding 10 times – Kentucky, at Missouri, at Georgia, at UConn, LSU, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, vs. LSU, vs. Tennessee, Syracuse
- Second on the team in scoring and rebounding in postseason play (SEC and NCAA Tournaments) with 11.2 ppg and 6.6 rpg ... Shooting 85.7 percent from the field in NCAA Tournament games
- Posted 11 points and seven rebounds in first half against Syracuse (Mar. 22) en route to fourth double-double in last 12 games
- Record third perfect 6-of-6 shooting night of her career for 12 points against Savannah State (Mar. 20)
- Named SEC Tournament MVP after averaging 10.3 points and 7.3 rebounds at the event (3 games)
- Scored half of the Gamecocks' points in an 8-0 run to close the first half against #5/5 Tennessee (Mar. 8) in the SEC Tournament championship, turning a five-point deficit into a three-point lead at the break then added six of the first eight points of the second half ... grabbed five of her eight rebounds on the offensive end and defended Cierra Burdick to just six points
- Posted her third double-double in the last 10 games with 11 points and 10 rebounds against LSU (Mar. 7) in SEC Tournament semifinals, including defensive rebounds on three straight Lady Tiger possessions to open the 18-4 second-half run that decided the game
- Sparked 17-3 run late at #13/15 Kentucky (Mar. 1) with back-to-back buckets around a rebound, despite battling stomach flu for the second day
- Grabbed all six of her rebounds against #11/13 Mississippi State (Feb. 26) in the first half
- Scored six points during 12-5 run that built 11-point lead over #6/6 Tennessee (Feb. 23) midway through the second half as part of her double-double that included career-high-tying nine offensive rebounds
- Handed out career-high five assists against LSU (Feb. 12) while also leading team in rebounding

## Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/17/12	Eastern Michigan	10	2-3	0-0	4-5	1	1	0	0	0	2	8	
3/19/12	#13/15 Purdue	24	2-4	0-0	0-3	8	1	0	1	0	1	4	
3/24/12	#2/2 Stanford	22	4-8	0-0	0-0	12	1	0	0	0	0	8	
3/23/13	South Dakota St.	* 21	3-4	0-0	2-2	5	0	0	0	1	0	8	
3/25/13	Kansas	* 34	6-14	0-0	4-8	11	3	1	3	3	1	16	
3/23/14	CS Northridge	* 29	5-11	0-0	1-2	9	1	2	2	3	0	11	
3/25/14	Oregon St.	* 36	8-11	0-0	5-8	11	1	0	1	1	0	21	
3/30/14	#12/13 N. Carolina	* 31	4-7	0-0	2-4	8	4	3	1	1	1	10	
3/20/15	Savannah St.	* 20	6-6	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	2	1	1	12	
3/22/15	Syracuse	* 25	6-8	0-0	1-1	10	1	2	0	0	0	13	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>46-76</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>19-33</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>111</b>
			<b>25.2</b>	<b>.605</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>.575</b>	<b>7.6</b>						<b>11.1</b>

## Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FIA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2011-12	33	2	694	21.0	98	167	.587	0	1	.000	56	98	.571	104	96	200	6.1	41	0	18	40	22	19	252	7.6
2012-13	33	33	981	29.7	134	224	.598	1	1	1.000	126	178	.708	131	124	255	7.7	56	0	34	53	23	26	395	12.0
2013-14	34	33	1037	30.5	175	305	.574	1	1	1.000	116	194	.598	107	153	260	7.6	61	0	67	64	47	29	467	13.7
2014-15	34	34	882	25.9	144	250	.576	0	1	.000	27	63	.429	95	121	216	6.4	56	2	65	54	37	18	315	9.3
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>3594</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>.582</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>.610</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1429</b>	<b>10.7</b>

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
<b>Double-Double</b>	4	23	
<b>20+ Points</b>	0	5	
<b>10+ Points</b>	17	78	
<b>10+ Rebounds</b>	7	29	
<b>5+ Blocks</b>	0	2	
<b>5+ Assists</b>	1	2	
<b>Tm-High Pts.</b>	3	28	
<b>Tm-High Rebs.</b>	10	49	
<b>Tm-High Assts.</b>	3	13	

	Career Highs
<b>Pts</b> .....	23 vs. N. Carolina 12/18/13
<b>Rebs</b> .....	17 vs. C. of Charleston, 11/14/13
<b>Blks</b> .....	5, 2x, last at Kentucky, 2/20/14
<b>Stls</b> .....	3, 4x, last at Charlotte, 12/8/13
<b>Assts</b> .....	5, 2x, last vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>Min</b> .....	43 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>FG</b> .....	10 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
<b>FT</b> .....	10 at Xavier, 11/30/11

	14-15 Season Highs
<b>Pts</b> .....	19 vs. Tennessee, 2/23
<b>Rebs</b> .....	14, 3x, last vs. Tennessee, 2/23
<b>Blks</b> .....	4 vs. Southern Cal, 11/15
<b>Stls</b> .....	2, 2x, last vs. LSU, 3/7
<b>Assts</b> .....	5 vs. LSU, 2/12
<b>Min</b> .....	36, 3x, last vs. Kentucky, 1/11
<b>FG</b> .....	9 vs. Tennessee, 2/23
<b>FT</b> .....	3, 3x, last vs. LSU, 3/7

	SEC Career Highs
<b>Pts</b> .....	21 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
<b>Rebs</b> .....	16 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>Blks</b> .....	5, 2x, last at Kentucky, 2/20/14
<b>Stls</b> .....	3 vs. Florida, 3/31/13
<b>Assts</b> .....	5 vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>Min</b> .....	43 at Texas A&M, 1/16/14
<b>FG</b> .....	10 at Kentucky, 2/20/14
<b>FT</b> .....	8, 2x, last at Miss. St., 2/6/14

	NCAA Highs
<b>Pts</b> .....	21 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
<b>Rebs</b> .....	12 vs. Stanford, 3/24/12
<b>Blks</b> .....	3, 2x, last vs. CS Northridge, 3/23/14
<b>Stls</b> .....	2 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
<b>Assts</b> .....	3 vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14
<b>Min</b> .....	36 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
<b>FG</b> .....	8 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14
<b>FT</b> .....	5 vs. Oregon St., 3/25/14

- Moved into career top 10 with first double-double of the season at #2/2 UConn (Feb. 9), adding six of team's first 13 points, then scoring on back-to-back possessions to cut halftime deficit to 10 points early in the second half
- Owined the glass at #22/21 Georgia (Feb. 23) with season-high 14 boards, including career-high nine offensive

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# ALEIGHSA WELCH (CONTINUED)

- Scored three of the last six points in the first half against #12/10 Texas A&M and recorded one of her two blocks to stop a 2-on-1 break early in the second half
- Posted 10 of her 14 rebounds at Missouri (Jan. 15) in the first half as offense struggled, adding great defense and two free throws late to help seal the win
- Grabbed nine of her 11 rebounds against #10/11 Kentucky (Jan. 11) in the second half, including five in the final 10 minutes, four of which came on the offensive end
- Posted her ninth career perfect shooting game with 12 points (6-of-6) against Auburn (Jan. 2), adding six rebounds in just 19 minutes of action
- Played most productive all-around game of season against Charlotte (Dec. 4), narrowly missing double-double by one rebound, grabbing seven of her nine boards on the offensive end, swatting away two shots and handing out three assists
- Scored nine of her 11 points against #22/22 Syracuse (Nov. 28) in the first half to keep the Orange within striking distance ... blocked a shot late in the game to hold off the Orange and become just the 10th Gamecock to record at least 100 career blocks
- Finished with 10 points against Southern Cal (Nov. 15) despite foul trouble and swatted three of her four blocked shots in the game's first four minutes



## 2014-15 South Carolina Basketball #3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015) All games

### #24 WELCH, Aleighsa

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14	*	27	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3	4	7	7.0	5	0	3	4	1	10	10.0	
CLEMSON	11/20/14	*	24	8-11	.727	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	2	1	3	5.0	1	3	0	1	1	17	13.5	
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14	*	17	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	0	3	4.3	0	3	0	0	0	6	11.0	
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14	*	20	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	4.0	0	2	1	2	1	4	9.3	
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14	*	36	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	3	5	4.2	2	3	1	1	0	11	9.6	
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14	*	24	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1	3	4	4.2	2	2	2	1	1	11	9.8	
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14	*	22	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	7	2	9	4.9	2	3	1	2	0	10	9.9	
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14	*	36	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	6	8	5.3	1	1	2	2	1	8	9.6	
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14	*	20	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	4	4	8	5.6	1	0	3	0	1	11	9.8	
at Hampton	12/17/14	*	24	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3	2	5	5.5	3	4	1	0	0	4	9.2	
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14	*	26	6-10	.600	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	2	1	3	5.3	1	2	2	0	0	12	9.5	
vs Liberty	12/21/14	*	21	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	2	2	4	5.2	1	3	2	1	0	15	9.9	
AUBURN	01/02/15	*	19	6-6	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	3	3	6	5.2	0	0	2	1	0	12	10.1	
at LSU	01/04/15	*	21	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	4	5	5.2	0	1	0	1	0	6	9.8	
at Alabama	01/08/15	*	22	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	5.0	4	1	0	1	0	10	9.8	
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15	*	36	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	4	7	11	5.4	1	2	4	3	1	9	9.8	
at Mizzou	01/15/15	*	34	3-10	.300	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	4	10	14	5.9	2	1	2	1	0	8	9.6	
at Florida	01/19/15	*	21	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	5.7	1	4	2	1	0	6	9.4	
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15	*	24	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	1	6	7	5.7	5	0	1	2	0	12	9.6	
ALABAMA	01/29/15	*	21	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	0	1	5.5	3	1	4	0	1	8	9.5	
at Ole Miss	02/01/15	*	32	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2-8	.250	1	4	5	5.5	2	2	0	2	0	6	9.3	
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15	*	22	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	9	5	14	5.9	2	2	0	3	0	2	9.0	
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15	*	33	8-17	.471	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	7	4	11	6.1	1	0	3	0	1	17	9.3	
LSU	02/12/15	*	25	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	7	9	6.2	0	5	1	1	1	6	9.2	
VANDERBILT	02/15/15	*	22	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	6	3	9	6.3	1	1	4	0	2	6	9.1	
at Arkansas	02/19/15	*	28	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	6.2	2	3	3	0	0	2	8.8	
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15	*	33	9-14	.643	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	9	5	14	6.5	0	2	2	1	1	19	9.2	
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15	*	25	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	5	6	6.5	2	1	3	1	0	4	9.0	
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15	*	23	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1	1	2	6.3	4	3	1	0	0	7	8.9	
vs Arkansas	03/06/15	*	35	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	6.2	3	2	2	3	1	6	8.8	
vs LSU	03/07/15	*	30	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	4	6	10	6.4	0	3	0	0	2	11	8.9	
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15	*	34	7-15	.467	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	5	3	8	6.4	1	1	0	1	1	14	9.1	
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15	*	20	6-6	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	6.2	2	2	2	1	1	12	9.2	
SYRACUSE	3/22/15	*	25	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	2	8	10	6.4	1	2	0	0	0	13	9.3	
Totals			34	882	144-250	.576	0-1	.000	27-63	.429	95	121	216	6.4	56	65	54	37	18	315	9.3

Games played: 34  
Minutes/game: 25.9  
Points/game: 9.3  
FG Pct: 57.6  
3FG Pct: 0.0  
FT Pct: 42.9

Rebounds/game: 6.4  
Assists/game: 1.9  
Turnovers/game: 1.6  
Assist/turnover ratio: 1.2  
Steals/game: 0.5  
Blocks/game: 1.1



# JATARIE WHITE

6-4 • Freshman • Forward • Charlotte, N.C. • Providence Day

# #40

### Career Highlights

No. 7 recruit in 2014 class (espnW) | 2014 High School All-America (WBCA, McDonald's)

- Has played in 20 games, missing nine (Dec. 4 - Jan. 8) with a foot injury and three due to illness (Jan. 26-Feb. 1)
- Has scored in double figures two times
- Played in all five postseason games
- Swiped a career-high two steals in nine minutes against Syracuse (Mar. 22)
- Enjoyed her most offensive productivity since missing games due to illness with six points against Savannah State (Mar. 20)
- Was outstanding in return from three-game absence due to illness with a career-high seven rebounds at #22/21 Georgia, including four to go with her four points in the first half as Gamecocks established a lead
- Made her SEC debut with three offensive rebounds in just five minutes against #10/11 Kentucky (Jan. 11)
- Netted 10 points in just 15 minutes against Wisconsin (Nov. 27)
- Scored double digits for first time her career with 11 points in 17 minutes against Clemson (Nov. 20)
- Made her collegiate debut against Southern Cal (Nov. 15), grabbing two rebounds in three minutes of action.

	Season	Career
<b>Double-Double</b>	0	0
<b>10+ Points</b>	2	2
<b>5+ Assists</b>	0	0
<b>5+ Steals</b>	0	0
<b>Tm-High Pts.</b>	0	0
<b>Tm-High Assts.</b>	0	0

Miscellaneous

<b>Pts</b> .....	11 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
<b>Blks</b> .....	7 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Stls</b> .....	2 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	2 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>Min</b> .....	2, 2x, vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>FG</b> .....	22 vs. San Diego State, 11/23/14
<b>FT</b> .....	5 vs. Clemson, 11/20/14
	2, 3x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15

Career Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	5 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Rebs</b> .....	7 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Blks</b> .....	2 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Stls</b> .....	2 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	1 vs. Vanderbilt, 2/15/15
<b>Min</b> .....	2 vs. LSU, 2/12/15
<b>FG</b> .....	21 at Georgia, 2/5/15
<b>FT</b> .....	2 at Georgia, 2/5/15
	2 at Vanderbilt, 2/15/15

SEC Highs

<b>Pts</b> .....	6 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>Rebs</b> .....	3 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>Blks</b> .....	1 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>Stls</b> .....	2 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>Assts</b> .....	1 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
<b>Min</b> .....	12 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>FG</b> .....	2 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15
<b>3FG</b> .....	
<b>FT</b> .....	2 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15

NCAA Highs

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/20/15	Savannah St.		12	2-2	0-0	2-2	3	1	0	1	1	0	6
3/22/15	Syracuse		9	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
			<b>10.5</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>					<b>3.0</b>

### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2014-15	20	0	184	9.2	20	49	.408	0	0	—	9	14	.643	16	28	44	2.2	20	0	7	14	5	7	49	2.5



**2014-15 South Carolina Basketball**  
**#3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015)**  
**All games**



**#40 WHITE, Jatarie**

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg							
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
CLEMSON	11/20/14		17	5-12	.417	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	3	2	5	3.5	0	0	0	0	1	11	5.5
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14		22	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	5	6	4.3	1	0	0	0	1	6	5.7
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14		15	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	2	3	4.0	2	2	0	0	1	10	6.8
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14		8	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.4
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14		7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.8	2	0	2	0	0	2	4.8
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15		5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	0	3	2.9	0	0	1	1	0	0	4.1
at Mizzou	01/15/15		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.8	0	0	1	0	0	0	3.6
at Florida	01/19/15		15	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	2	1	3	2.8	1	0	3	0	0	3	3.6
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15		21	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	7	7	3.2	3	0	2	2	0	5	3.7
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.9	0	0	1	0	0	0	3.4
LSU	02/12/15		12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.8	2	2	2	0	0	0	3.1
VANDERBILT	02/15/15		12	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	2.9	2	0	0	0	1	4	3.2
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15		7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.7	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.9
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15		4	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.7
vs Arkansas	03/06/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2.6
vs LSU	03/07/15		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.4	0	1	1	0	1	0	2.4
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15		1	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.4
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15		12	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	1	3	2.3	1	0	1	1	0	6	2.6
SYRACUSE	3/22/15		9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.2	2	1	0	0	2	0	2.5
Totals		0	184	20-49	.408	0-0	.000	9-14	.643	16	28	44	2.2	20	7	14	5	7	49	2.5

Games played: 20  
 Minutes/game: 9.2  
 Points/game: 2.5  
 FG Pct: 40.8  
 FT Pct: 64.3

Rebounds/game: 2.2  
 Assists/game: 0.4  
 Turnovers/game: 0.7  
 Assist/turnover ratio: 0.5  
 Steals/game: 0.4  
 Blocks/game: 0.3



# A'JA WILSON

6-5 • Freshman • Guard/Forward • Hopkins, S.C. • Heathwood Hall

# #22

### Career Highlights

2015 SEC Freshman of the Year (Coaches, AP)	2014 National High School Player of the Year (WBCA, Naismith, Parade)
2015 All-SEC 1st Team (Coaches, AP)	No. 1 recruit in 2014 class (espnW)
2015 Wooden Award Final Ballot	2014 McDonald's All-America
2015 Naismith Semifinalist	Three-time South Carolina Player of the Year (SCISA; 2012, 2013, 2014)
2014 Subway All-Classic Team	2014 FIBA Americas U18 Championship MVP
2014 Junkanoo Jam, Lucaya Division MVP	2014 FIBA Americas U18 Championship (gold)
USBWA National Freshman of the Week (Dec. 1-7)	2013 FIBA U19 World Championship (gold)
5-Time SEC Freshman of the Week (11/24-30; 12/1-7; 12/29-1/4; 1/26-2/1; 2/9-15)	

- Named SEC Freshman of the Year and a First-Team All-SEC selection
- Has played in every game with one start (Southern Cal)
- Ranks 11th in the league in points and ninth in rebounds – only freshman among league's top 20 in both categories – coming in second in blocks (1.7)
- Has recorded five double-doubles
- Has scored in double figures 27 times with four 20-point games
- Has led the team in scoring 14 times – Clemson, vs. Wisconsin, NCCU, Charlotte, Savannah State, vs. Liberty, Auburn, at LSU, Texas A&M, Alabama, LSU, Vanderbilt, at Kentucky, Savannah State
- Has been team's top rebounder nine times – San Diego State, vs. Syracuse, NCCU, vs. Liberty, at LSU, at Alabama, Mississippi State, at Kentucky, Savannah State
- Is team's top scorer and rebounder in NCAA Tournament action with 14.0 ppg and 6.5 rpg
- Was aggressive against Syracuse (Mar. 22), getting to the free throw line during key 10-3 first-half run that built 20-point lead
- Score nine straight points late in the second half against Savannah State (Mar. 20) in NCAA Tournament debut
- Averaged 3.0 blocks in the SEC Tournament (3 games), including four against Arkansas (Mar. 6) in quarterfinals
- Repeatedly turned away #5/5 Tennessee (Mar. 8) in the SEC Tournament championship, scoring the last four points of the first half as Gamecocks rallied for a three-point halftime lead, then scored four straight points after Lady Vols got within three midway through the second half
- Dominated at #13/15 Kentucky (Mar. 1) for fifth double-double of the season – grabbed school freshman-record 19 rebounds and posted six blocks, a Gamecocks freshman record in an SEC game
- Scored six of last eight points in first half against #11/13 Mississippi State (Feb. 26) to build 13-point halftime lead
- Hit 6-of-7 for 12 points in the first half at Arkansas (Feb. 19), including six in 13-8 run that closed the period
- Became first freshman in Gamecock history to post back-to-back 20-point games in SEC play with 20 points against Vanderbilt (Feb. 15), including seven during a 9-0 run that built a double-digit lead late in the first half
- Dominated LSU (Feb. 12) with career-high 26 points in 25 minutes, including eight points of the Gamecocks' 16-4 run that broke open the game midway through the first half
- Picked up fourth SEC Freshman of the Week award after averaging 15.3 points and 6.7 rebounds in wins over Texas A&M, Alabama and Ole Miss
- Grabbed six of her nine rebounds against #12/10 Texas A&M (Jan. 26) in the second half after helping build first-half lead with 11 of her team-high 18 points
- Posted 10 of her 16 points at Florida (Jan. 19) in the first half, including six during a 14-2 first-half run that broke open the game
- Scored half of team's points in 6-0 run to close first half at LSU (Jan. 4) and added 12 in second half to prevent any Lady Tiger comeback
- Recorded a double-double in Gamecocks' final game of the month for the second time with 17 points and 10 boards against Liberty (Dec. 21) with 11 of those points coming in the second half
- Scored six points during Gamecocks' 12-2 first-half run against Central Michigan (Dec. 20) that turned a five-point lead into a 15-point advantage
- Poured 23 points against Savannah State on best shooting night of the season (8-of-10)
- Captured SEC and USBWA National Freshman of the Week honors after leading team to three wins (Dec. 1-7)
- Capped the team's comeback from four points down in the final 42 seconds at #9/8 Duke (Dec. 7) with a game-winning putback with two seconds left ... three of her four made field goals gave team the lead at different points of the second half
- Played good defense against Charlotte (Dec. 4) with career highs in blocks and steals while leading the team with 17 points
  - Grabbed five of her eight rebounds against NC Central (Dec. 1) on the offensive end and scored 16 points in just 17 minutes on the floor thanks to 8-of-9 shooting from the free throw line
  - Earned SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 24-30) and Junkanoo Jam Lucaya Division MVP honors after averaging 13.0 points and a team-high 8.0 rebounds over the two games at the event

	Season	Career	Miscellaneous
Double-Double	5	5	
20+ Points	4	4	
10+ Points	27	27	
10+ Rebs	5	5	
5+ Blocks	1	1	
Tm-High Pts.	14	14	
Tm-High Rebs.	9	9	

	Season	Career	Career Highs
Pts	26 vs. LSU, 2/12/15		
Rebs	19 at Kentucky, 3/1/15		
Blks	6 at Kentucky, 3/1/15		
Stls	3, 4x, last vs. C. Michigan, 12/20/14		
Assts	3, 4x, last vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15		
Min	33 at Kentucky, 3/1/15		
FG	8, 2x, last vs. Sav. St., 12/14/14		
FT	11 vs. LSU, 2/12/15		

	Season	Career	SEC Career Highs
Pts	26 vs. LSU, 2/12/15		
Rebs	19 at Kentucky, 3/1/15		
Blks	6 at Kentucky, 3/1/15		
Stls	2 at Ole Miss, 2/1/15		
Assts	3, 2x, last vs. Alabama, 1/29/15		
Min	33 at Kentucky, 3/1/15		
FG	7, 5x, last at Kentucky, 3/1/15		
FT	11 vs. LSU, 2/12/15		

	Season	Career	NCAA Highs
Pts	15 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15		
Rebs	9 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15		
Blks	1 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15		
Stls			
Assts	3 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15		
Min	20 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15		
FG	7 vs. Savannah St., 3/20/15		
3FG			
FT	7 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15		

### Career NCAA Tournament Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	Reb	PF	A	TO	B	S	TP
3/20/15	Savannah St.	20	7-9	0-0	1-3	9	2	3	1	0	0	15	
3/22/15	Syracuse	13	3-5	0-0	7-9	4	2	1	0	1	0	13	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>
			<b>16.5</b>	<b>.714</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>20</b>				<b>14.0</b>	

### Career Stats at South Carolina

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2014-15	34	1	686	20.2	165	310	.532	1	3	.333	121	186	.651	75	155	230	6.8	66	1	34	57	59	31	452	13.3

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# A'JA WILSON (CONTINUED)

- Recorded first career double-double against No. 22/22 Syracuse (Nov. 28), including critical play in final two minutes after Gamecocks had taken a narrow lead, recording a blocked shot, a putback and a steal
- Came off bench against Clemson (Nov. 20) to lead team with 18 points on 6-of-8 shooting and 6-of-7 free throws



## 2014-15 South Carolina Basketball #3/4 South Carolina Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 22, 2015) All games

### #22 WILSON, A'ja

Opponent	Date	gs	min	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg							
SOUTHERN CAL	11/15/14	*	16	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	4	5	5.0	0	1	3	1	1	4	4.0
CLEMSON	11/20/14		20	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	2	3	5	5.0	0	0	2	1	0	18	11.0
SAN DIEGO STATE	11/23/14		18	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	3	6	9	6.3	0	3	0	1	3	15	12.3
vs Wisconsin	11/27/14		21	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	1	5	6	6.3	2	1	1	2	3	11	12.0
vs #22/22 Syracuse	11/28/14		26	5-13	.385	0-0	.000	5-9	.556	4	6	10	7.0	3	0	1	1	2	15	12.6
NC CENTRAL	12/01/14		17	4-12	.333	0-0	.000	8-9	.889	5	3	8	7.2	2	1	1	0	2	16	13.2
CHARLOTTE	12/04/14		25	8-12	.667	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	0	3	3	6.6	3	1	2	3	3	17	13.7
at #9/8 Duke	12/07/14		26	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	2-5	.400	2	3	5	6.4	4	0	3	1	1	10	13.3
SAVANNAH STATE	12/14/14		21	8-10	.800	0-0	.000	7-10	.700	2	4	6	6.3	2	1	1	2	1	23	14.3
at Hampton	12/17/14		17	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	6.3	3	1	2	1	1	12	14.1
vs Central Michigan	12/20/14		20	6-9	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	5	5	6.2	2	0	1	1	3	12	13.9
vs Liberty	12/21/14		22	6-11	.545	0-0	.000	5-10	.500	3	7	10	6.5	0	1	0	3	1	17	14.2
AUBURN	01/02/15		27	6-17	.353	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	8	10	6.8	3	1	1	2	0	12	14.0
at LSU	01/04/15		26	7-11	.636	0-0	.000	7-9	.778	3	10	13	7.2	3	2	5	3	1	21	14.5
at Alabama	01/08/15		19	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	0	5	5	7.1	1	3	4	3	1	11	14.3
#10/11 KENTUCKY	01/11/15		28	3-13	.231	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	4	5	9	7.2	1	1	0	3	0	8	13.9
at Mizzou	01/15/15		12	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	1	3	4	7.0	2	0	1	0	0	3	13.2
at Florida	01/19/15		21	7-11	.636	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	7	9	7.1	1	0	1	1	1	16	13.4
#12/10 TEXAS A&M	01/26/15		25	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	1	8	9	7.2	4	1	4	2	1	18	13.6
ALABAMA	01/29/15		17	7-9	.778	0-0	.000	3-8	.375	3	2	5	7.1	3	3	1	1	0	17	13.8
at Ole Miss	02/01/15		21	4-12	.333	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	4	2	6	7.0	2	1	1	1	2	11	13.7
at #22/21 Georgia	02/05/15		9	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	2	3	5	7.0	5	0	6	2	0	4	13.2
at #2/2 Connecticut	02/09/15		22	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3	3	6	6.9	2	2	1	0	0	10	13.1
LSU	02/12/15		25	7-12	.583	1-1	1.000	11-15	.733	5	3	8	7.0	1	0	1	2	1	26	13.6
VANDERBILT	02/15/15		20	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	10-11	.909	2	3	5	6.9	0	2	0	0	1	20	13.9
at Arkansas	02/19/15		21	7-10	.700	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	2	2	4	6.8	1	1	1	3	0	14	13.9
#6/6 TENNESSEE	02/23/15		12	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	6.6	1	0	0	1	1	8	13.7
#11/13 MISS. STATE	02/26/15		13	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	5-5	1.000	3	4	7	6.6	3	1	2	2	0	13	13.6
at #13/15 Kentucky	03/01/15		33	7-16	.438	0-1	.000	2-7	.286	5	14	19	7.0	4	1	5	6	1	16	13.7
vs Arkansas	03/06/15		19	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	2	5	7	7.0	1	1	2	4	0	8	13.5
vs LSU	03/07/15		21	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	1	3	4	6.9	1	0	1	2	0	7	13.3
vs #5/5 Tennessee	03/08/15		13	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	3	3	6.8	2	0	2	3	0	11	13.3
SAVANNAH STATE	3/20/15		20	7-9	.778	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	3	6	9	6.8	2	3	1	0	0	15	13.3
SYRACUSE	3/22/15		13	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	7-9	.778	1	3	4	6.8	2	1	0	1	0	13	13.3
Totals		1	686	165-310	.532	1-3	.333	121-186	.651	75	155	230	6.8	66	34	57	59	31	452	13.3

Games played: 34  
Minutes/game: 20.2  
Points/game: 13.3  
FG Pct: 53.2  
3FG Pct: 33.3  
FT Pct: 65.1

Rebounds/game: 6.8  
Assists/game: 1.0  
Turnovers/game: 1.7  
Assist/turnover ratio: 0.6  
Steals/game: 0.9  
Blocks/game: 1.7



## South Carolina's NCAA Tournament History

### 1982 • No. 3 in Midwest Region • Sweet 16 • Head Coach: Terry Kelly • Final record: 23-8 overall

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/14	No. 6 East Carolina	W	79-54	Columbia, S.C.	30-Southers	19-Southers, Foster	14-Denkler	9-Chaney
3/18	vs. No. 2 Kentucky	L	69-73	Ruston, La.	23-Foster	19-Foster	29-Still	13-Still

### 1986 • No. 7 Seed in Mideast Region • First Round • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 19-11 overall; 9-1 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/12	No. 10 Middle Tenn. St.	L	77-78 (OT)	Columbia, S.C.	24-Southers	18-Gilmore	20-Willbanks	11-Willbanks

### 1988 • No. 8 Seed in Midwest Region • Second Round • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 23-11 overall; 10-2 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/16	No. 9 Alabama	W	77-63	Columbia, S.C.	21-Middleton	11-Parker	22-Vaughn	12-Heard
3/20	at No. 1 Texas	L	58-77	Austin, Texas	15-Parker	10-Hawkins	19-Wimbish	9-Conwell

### 1989 • No. 6 Seed in Midwest Region • First Round • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 23-7 overall; 10-2 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/15	No. 11 Tenn. Tech	L	73-77	Columbia, S.C.	31-Hunt	12-Hunt	23-Brown	12-Clayton

### 1990 • No. 5 Seed in Mideast Region • Sweet 16 • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 24-9 overall; 13-1 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/14	No. 12 Bowling Green	W	93-50	Columbia, S.C.	22-Middleton	11-Hunt	15-Thompson	7-Bonner
3/17	at No. 4 Northwestern	W	76-67	Evanston, Ill.	21-Middleton	15-Banner	19-Savage	7-Savage, Kennelly
3/22	vs. No. 1 Washington	L	61-73	Iowa City, Iowa	20-Hunt	10-Hunt	17-Deden	10-Deden

### 1991 • No. 7 Seed in Mideast Region • First Round • Head Coach: Nancy Wilson • Final record: 22-9 overall; 12-2 Metro

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/13	at No. 10 Vanderbilt	L	64-73	Nashville, Tenn.	27-Williams	14-Williams	24-Scholten	16-Scholten

### 2002 • No. 3 Seed in East Region • Elite Eight • Head Coach: Susan Walvius • Final record: 25-7 overall; 10-4 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/16	No. 14 Liberty	W	69-61	Columbia, S.C.	19-Ujhelyi	14-Penn	19-Walker	9-Foreid
3/18	No. 6 Cincinnati	W	75-56	Columbia, S.C.	21-Geter	10-Geter	13-Sharp, King	8-Wilder
3/23	vs. No. 7 Drake	W	79-65	Raleigh, N.C.	19-Penn, Gortman	8-Penn	20-Bennett	8-Anderson
3/25	vs. No. 1 Duke	L	68-77	Raleigh, N.C.	17-Gortman	9-Penn	24-Beard	7-Beard, Tillis

### 2003 • No. 5 Seed in East Region • Second Round • Head Coach: Susan Walvius • Final record: 23-8 overall; 9-5 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/23	vs. No. 12 Chattanooga	W	68-54	University Park, Pa.	18-Ciocan	14-Ujhelyi	18-Warfield	7-Patton
3/25	at No. 4 Penn State	L	67-77	University Park, Pa.	21-Penn	9-Penn	27-Mazzante	4-Joseph, Wright

### 2012 • No. 5 Seed in Fresno Region • Sweet 16 • Head Coach: Dawn Staley • Final record: 25-10 overall; 10-6 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/17	vs. No. 12 E. Michigan	W	80-48	W. Lafayette, Ind.	12-Grant	7-Bruner	14-Redditt	12-Watkins
3/19	at No. 4 Purdue	W	72-61	W. Lafayette, Ind.	21-Grant	8-Welch	15-Houser	13-Ostarello
3/25	vs. No. 1 Stanford	L	60-76	Fresno, Calif.	18-Sutton	12-Welch	39-N. Ogwumike	10-Ogwumike, Ogwumike

### 2013 • No. 4 Seed in Norfolk Region • Second Round • Head Coach: Dawn Staley • Final record: 25-8 overall; 11-5 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/23	vs. No. 13 S. Dakota State	W	74-52	Boulder, Colo.	15-Bruner, Walker	11-Bruner	15-Eide	4-Boever, Dietel, Lingle
3/25	vs. No. 12 Kansas	L	69-75	Boulder, Colo.	16-Bruner, Welch	12-Bruner	27-Engelman	12-Gardner

### 2014 • No. 1 Seed in Stanford Region • Sweet 16 • Head Coach: Dawn Staley • Final record: 29-5 overall; 14-2 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/23	vs. No. 16 CSUN	W	73-58	Seattle, Wash.	24-Mitchell	16-Coates	26-Sharpe	6-Sharpe, Fong
3/25	vs. No. 9 Oregon State	W	78-69	Seattle, Wash.	21-Welch	11-Welch, Coates	21-Weisner	9-Gibson
3/30	vs. No. 4 North Carolina	L	58-65	Palo Alto, Calif.	22-Coates	11-Coates	19-DeShields	9-Mavunga

### 2015 • No. 1 Seed in Greensboro Region

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Site	SC Points	SC Rebs.	Opp. Points	Opp. Rebs.
3/20	vs. No. 16 Savannah State	W	81-48	Columbia, S.C.	15-Wilson	9-Wilson	21-Kalu	8-Davis
3/22	vs. No. 8 Syracuse	W	97-68	Columbia, S.C.	14-Coates, Mitchell	10-Welch	23-Peterson	7-Briana Day

**Tournament Field:** 32 teams 1982, 1984-85; 40 teams 1983, 1986-88; 48 teams 1989-93; 64 teams 1994-present  
Opponents listed with regional seed, not national ranking



## South Carolina NCAA Tournament Records

South Carolina	Individual	Team
Most Points	31 by Beth Hunt vs. Tennessee Tech, 3/15/89	97 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Fewest Points		58 vs. North Carolina, 3/30/14 58 at Texas, 3/20/88
Margin of Victory		43 (93-50) vs. Bowling Green, 3/14/90
Margin of Defeat		19 (58-77) at Texas, 3/20/88
Field Goals Made	13 by Brantley Southers vs. East Carolina, 3/14/82	36 vs. Bowling Green, 3/14/90
Field Goal Attempts	23 by Brantley Southers vs. Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86	72 vs. Kansas, 3/25/13
Field Goal Percentage (Min. 10 FGA)	.800 (8-10) by Jocelyn Penn at Penn State, 3/25/03	.642 (34-53) vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15
3-Point Field Goals Made	5 by Karen Middleton at Northwestern, 3/17/90	8 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	12 by Karen Middleton at Vanderbilt, 3/13/91	28 vs. Chattanooga, 3/23/03
3-Point FG Percentage (Min. 5/10 3FGA)	1.000 (5-5) by Karen Middleton at Northwestern, 3/17/90	.467 (7-15) vs. Drake, 3/23/02
Free Throws Made	13 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14	34 vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14
Free Throw Attempts	17 by Tiffany Mitchell vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14	45 vs. Alabama, 3/16/88
Free Throw Percentage (Min. 10/20 FTA)	.909 (10-11) by Tiffany Mitchell vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14	.806 (25-31) vs. Syracuse, 3/22/15
Rebounds	19 by Sheila Foster vs. Kentucky, 3/18/82 19 by Sheila Foster vs. East Carolina, 3/14/82 19 by Brantley Southers vs. East Carolina, 3/14/82	52 vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14
Offensive Rebounds	8 by Aleighsa Welch vs. Kansas, 3/25/13 8 by Aleighsa Welch vs. Stanford, 3/24/12	21 at Texas, 3/20/88
Assists	9 by Martha Parker vs. Tennessee Tech, 3/15/89	23 vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15 23 vs. Bowling Green, 3/14/90
Blocked Shots	5 by Elem Ibiam vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	11 vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12
Steals	6 by Jocelyn Penn vs. Drake, 3/23/02 6 by Monica Williams vs. Alabama, 3/16/88	16 vs. Drake, 3/23/02
Opponent	Individual	Team
Most Points	29 by Valerie Still, Kentucky, 3/18/82	78 by Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86
Fewest Points		48 by Savannah State, 3/20/15 48 by Eastern Michigan, 3/27/12
Field Goals Made	12 by Valerie Still, Kentucky, 3/18/82 12 by Wendy Scholtens, Vanderbilt, 3/13/91	35 by Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86
Field Goal Attempts	23 by Alexis Peterson, Syracuse, 3/22/15 23 by Angela Brown, Tennessee Tech, 3/15/89 23 by Valerie Still, Kentucky, 3/18/82	79 by Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86
Field Goal Percentage (Min. 10 FGA)	.818 (9-11) Carla Bennett, Drake, 3/23/02	.542 (32-59) by Washington, 3/22/90
3-Point Field Goals Made	5 by Jamie Weisner, Oregon State, 3/25/14	10 by Oregon State, 3/25/14
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	12 by Jamie Weisner, Oregon State, 3/25/14	30 by Oregon State, 3/25/14
3-Point FG Percentage (Min. 5/10 3FGA)	.600 (3-5) by Krista Gingrich, Duke, 3/25/02	.500 (5-10) by Kansas, 3/25/13
Free Throws Made	8 by Stephanie Walker, Liberty, 3/16/02	18 by Syracuse, 3/22/15 18 by Duke, 3/25/02 18 by Vanderbilt, 3/13/91
Free Throw Attempts	10 by Valerie Still, Kentucky, 3/18/82	24 by Duke, 3/25/02 24 by Texas, 3/20/88
Free Throw Percentage (Min. 10/20 FTA)	.917 (11-12) by Nnemkadi Ogumike, Stanford, 3/24/12	.783 (18-23) by Vanderbilt, 3/13/91
Rebounds	16 by Wendy Scholtens, Vanderbilt, 3/13/91	48 by Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86
Assists	8 by Angel Goodrich, Kansas, 3/25/13 8 by Jess Strom, Penn State, 3/25/03	21 by Penn State, 3/25/03
Blocked Shots	4 by Camille Mahlkecht, CSU Northridge, 3/23/14 4 by Michele Matyasovsky, Duke, 3/25/02	9 by Duke, 3/25/02
Steals	5 by Tanisha Wright, Penn State, 3/25/03 5 by Alan Beard, Duke, 3/25/02 5 by Kim Webb, Middle Tennessee State, 3/12/86	14 by Penn State, 3/25/03 14 by Alabama, 3/16/88



# Go Gamecocks

## Big changes welcome big-city freshman Cuevas hopes to adapt to the college game – and the heat

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Pine trees have replaced high-rises, and crickets have replaced bustle.

But the game remains the same.

“Yesterday was my first day practicing together with the team,” Bianca Cuevas says with a soft but unmistakable New York accent. “(Coach Dawn Staley) was teaching me certain things and telling me what to do.”

Cuevas, the latest addition to South Carolina’s basketball team, arrived from the Bronx last week and began classes Monday. She’s getting a crash course in her new life – new city, new state, new team, new coach and definitely new atmosphere.

“It’s different from New York, real different,” she said Thursday. “You got to drive everywhere. Usually in New York, you can walk to any store. And it’s quiet over here, too.

“But it’s too hot. Too hot.”

The third McDonald’s All-American of the recruiting class and the fourth on the roster, Cuevas long ago caught the eye of Dawn Staley. USC’s coach saw so much of herself in the jet-quick dynamo that was tearing through the New York prep leagues – gifted, anxious, ready to prove herself among the best competition.

Cuevas (pronounced kway-VOSS) had heard of Staley, but she hadn’t grown up watching Staley play or seen the highlight films. That didn’t matter to the coach, who began scouting the prospect early in her high-school days.

“I think I started knowing about her maybe in my 10th grade year,” Cuevas said. “Then I used to always think, ‘Who’s sending me all this mail?’ ”

“She has deep 3-point range and can get to the basket at will,” Staley said when Cuevas signed, also labeling her play as “sparky.”

Staley had to have her.

When Cuevas committed, it added to an already impressive recruiting haul. The point guard of the future has started her lessons, despite having to find new words to describe the Columbia summer.

“It’s a lot,” she said. “I have to learn and there’s going to be a lot thrown at me. I have to work hard.”

Rooming with SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell and India Farmer, Cuevas fell into the team’s chemistry right away. The terms “Final Four” and “national championship” have been popular among the team since the curtain closed in California last year. The Gamecocks know 2014-15 brings lofty but realistic expectations.

Cuevas, who chose USC over Ole Miss and Tennessee, knows what her tags bring to those expectations. She’s a McDonald’s All-American, and she’s a Staley point guard. Those carry hefty weights.

With starter Khadijah Sessions returning at the point, Cuevas didn’t bite on a prediction of her minutes per game, but she was confident she’ll play. Her first day of practice Wednesday was picking up two plays, both of which weren’t that hard to learn and were basically the same idea.

Although she knows it will get harder. Much harder.

“I just felt I could fit in perfectly with this team and have a chance to play,” Cuevas said. “It wasn’t really that bad yesterday, because I was just learning. Everybody’s excited for this season to start.”

## Go Gamecocks

# Quest to be the best: Staley, Gamecocks embrace high expectations placed upon them

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Banners commemorating South Carolina's SEC regular-season championship and Sweet 16 appearance last year haven't yet been hung in Colonial Life Arena.

Just as well. The Gamecocks plan on earning a few more this season and would hate to have to re-arrange the old ones.

"If the players are saying it, they believe it, and you've got to go with it," coach Dawn Staley said after her team completed its first practice on Tuesday. "I'm not going to shy away from what the ultimate goal is, and that's to win a national championship."

Staley's seventh team is ranked No. 2 by two preseason publications, and lost one player from a 29-win SEC champ that reached its second Sweet 16 in three years. They brought in the nation's second-ranked recruiting class, highlighted by top national prospect A'ja Wilson. After winning the league and earning a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament, USC is expected to be astoundingly successful this year.

So why not say it?

"Most definitely," senior and first-team All-SEC honoree Aleighsa Welch said. "It's not something we're going to back away from. We know. The biggest thing is just embracing it, embracing the fact that we do have these expectations."

USC, perhaps, wasn't supposed to be as good as it was last year, many thinking that it would take a year to get and then start the Gamecocks on their path. Instead, they're several steps down it.

USC returns every vital piece, including Welch, SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell and SEC Freshman/Co-6th Woman of the Year Alaina Coates. The Gamecocks signed McDonald's All-Americans Wilson, Jatarie White and Bianca Cuevas. Players who have been to three consecutive NCAA tournaments want to take the next step(s) that have eluded them for three years.

"We're not going to sneak up and surprise anybody," Staley said. "I think it's out there that we're one of the top teams in the country, and we have to play to that part. I think we've got all the key ingredients in doing that, and we just can't let the coaches get in the way."

Staley returned from a month-long sojourn with Team USA on Monday and got back in the gym on Tuesday. First day, last day, it didn't matter – she was hollering at times, calmly speaking at others, disgusted here and pleased there.

The energy and enthusiasm were high and Staley had her first experience with another obstacle for this year. With the deepest bench she's had, practice reps for everybody will be hard to come by.

But championship teams manage to overcome these things. Mitchell followed suit with her teammates and coach.

"Our motto is 'One,'" she said, "and at the end of the year, we want to have one national championship."

**Note:** Coates and freshman Kaydra Duckett attended practice but did not participate. Coates is out of practice until Saturday for an offseason violation of team rules, while Duckett hasn't yet passed her mile-run qualifying time and won't practice until she does.



## Tiffany Mitchell leads USC's rise to national prominence

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Perhaps the biggest reason for South Carolina's climb from a strong team in 2012-13, to one of the best teams in the country last year, was the improved play of guard Tiffany Mitchell.

After posting a 25-8 record and earning a No. 4 seed in the NCAA tournament in Mitchell's freshman season, the Gamecocks won the SEC championship last year and were one of four No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tourney.

Mitchell led Carolina in scoring as a sophomore, averaging more than 15 points per game. She chipped in nearly six rebounds per contest and led USC in assists and steals. The Charlotte native contributed in just about every way possible, and did so while shooting 79 percent from the free-throw line, 49 percent from the field and an incredible 54 percent from 3-point range.

Mitchell's numbers improved across the board from her freshman season, and she was named the SEC's Player of the Year, in addition to being honored as a WBCA All-American.

"I think my awards and everything came from just me being efficient and just the improvement I had from one year to the next," Mitchell said.

Now a junior, Mitchell is hoping to take the next step as a player and help South Carolina to its next step as a program, reaching the Final Four.

Expectations are high for Mitchell, as she was named an AP Preseason All-American on Tuesday, but she worked hard this offseason to prove that she is ready to live up to the hype.

"I worked on reading defenses better and just knowing our plays front and back," she said. "Also, being able to help our younger players is important."

The Gamecocks signed one of the top recruiting classes in the country, led by No. 1 overall prospect, 6-foot-5 wing A'Ja Wilson, and Carolina's roster features four players that are 6-4 or taller. Mitchell said the team's height gives her plenty of opportunities to score.

"It's a huge advantage. We have a big post presence and they pay so much attention to our post players it does open up a lot of things for our guards," she said. "It's just knocking down shots because they are probably going to clog the paint with our post players. It opens up a lot of things."



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South Carolina's Tiffany Mitchell dives for a ball in the first half of a first-round game against Cal State Northridge in the NCAA tournament last season. Mitchell was named a first-team preseason All-American on Tuesday.

Mitchell was ranked the No. 46 player in the country out of high school, but went through some struggles as a freshman. She contributed nearly 10 points per game but shot only 39 percent from the floor.

Mitchell said the coaching staff at South Carolina helped shape her into a well-rounded player.

"They trust me. I came here because I wanted to learn. I knew I had certain goals in mind that I wanted to achieve and get to the next level, and I knew coming here was going to put me in the best position to do that," she said. "Just being able to learn and be an open book and take everything in has helped me and my progression."

Mitchell believes that with the progress she has made as a player, and the progress South Carolina has made as a team, the Gamecocks are capable of making a run at a national title.

"We have the pieces right now, so it's just putting everything together and making sure everyone works together well," she said. "Once that happens we'll be in a good place to reach our ultimate goal."

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## Go Gamecocks

# Guard? Forward? Center? A'ja Wilson can do it all

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She's 6-foot-5 and played inside in high school, although she also perfected a deadly jump shot through hours of relentless work during her formative years.

A listing at two-guard during her AAU days prompted the rise to the No. 1 prospect in the country.

So what will A'ja Wilson do at South Carolina? Play on the wing to show off her jumper (last seen draining a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to force overtime in the state championship)? Or in the paint, where the big girls play, showing the left-handed skill that made her automatic five feet from the bucket?

Both.

"Even if she plays the 3, she's going to get some block action, because she creates so much of an advantage for us," USC coach Dawn Staley said as practice began. "It's creating advantages for us on the floor."

Wilson played inside in high school because she was the tallest. She also ran the floor, sometimes brought the ball up and played wing because Heathwood Hall wanted the ball in the hands of its best player.

But as her college career begins, the query is where she fits best. The Gamecocks have the SEC Player of the Year returning at two-guard (Tiffany Mitchell) and the post spots could be filled with first-team All-SEC Aleighsa Welch, senior Elem Ibiam or SEC Freshman of the Year Alaina Coates.

Staley doesn't see a dilemma; she sees an advantage. Wilson can fill any of those spots and give the Gamecocks a level of depth they've never had.

Wilson said in the spring that she wanted no part of playing the block, but she said she had to get her head around the fact that the block wasn't always in the paint. The game has changed to facing up the defense, being able to put the ball down a time or two, and post players are spreading the floor instead of being compacted in the lane.

So when Staley told her she had to learn both, she said OK.

"The block, I was thinking the 5. The 4's not bad. I played 4 with Team USA. I was very comfortable with it," Wilson said. "She's going to put me where I'm best. I trust her."

Wilson might not start right away, as all five starters are returning, but of course she'll play. She's too talented not to. And if Staley can get her and the widest bench she's had at USC in a constant rotation, it will save energy for when the Gamecocks really need it.

Wilson's energy, like everyone's, will be vital in March. Expectations from outside and in expect the Gamecocks to be playing late into that month.

"She equates that to only being on the block, being bumped around and being manhandled," Staley said of Wilson's initial reservations. "But it's not that. So we'll play her inside, (and) we'll play her on the perimeter."

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## Khadijah Sessions the motor that drives No. 1 Gamecocks

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Khadijah Sessions' confidence was shaken, and she had too much time to think about it.

It wasn't her fault that South Carolina lost its Sweet 16 matchup with North Carolina last year – it was everybody's. The anger the Gamecocks used to clinically carve up their opponents through an SEC championship run wasn't there anymore. They were still a great team, but they weren't as ruthless as they had been when they needed to be.

But Sessions felt the loss the worst. She was the point guard. She did OK running the position – one assist, one turnover and three rebounds in 24 minutes – but she was awful shooting the ball. The Tar Heels collapsed on USC's bigs whenever Sessions put the ball in the paint, forcing the Gamecocks to throw the ball back to Sessions on the perimeter. They basically dared her to beat them.

She was 0-for-8 from the field, her only scoreless game of the season. Heading into a long offseason and knowing that Dawn Staley would be as intimidating as ever on the point guard position – and also knowing that Staley had signed two highly regarded guards for this season – Sessions knew the UNC performance couldn't happen again.

"I haven't stopped working since we lost that game," she said in the preseason. "I didn't go home, I stayed here all three summer sessions. I kept thinking every night, 'If I could have knocked down one shot, or that one layup, it could have changed the game.'"

Sessions regained her shot, spending relentless hours in the gym over the summer solidifying her form. And she also kept working on what she knew would keep her on the floor. As good as those two freshmen signees were, she had experience running the show and they didn't.

She knew that the scoring could be overlooked if the ball was being taken care of. So that's what she's done.

Sessions has started the Gamecocks' last five games and is leading the country in assist-to-turnover ratio. She has 22 assists to two turnovers in 113 minutes, which has also keyed the Gamecocks' rise to the country's top spot in the statistic – 128 to 64. Sessions finished last year with 77 assists and 45 turnovers.

Her shooting is also the best it's been since she arrived, but the ball-handling is what's keeping her on the floor. Call it the talent at backup, call it the harsh memory of that rough night in Stanford – Sessions is the motor of the nation's No. 1 team.

"I gained confidence in a lot of areas," Sessions said on Wednesday, a day before Charlotte came to Columbia for an 8 p.m. game. "One of them was assists. Finding my post players, finding the open man at all times. Making smart decisions because I always have the ball in my hands."

Sessions didn't start the opener, Staley trying different rotations, but has been a mainstay since. She's never told Sessions that the job is up for grabs, but she's never told her it's hers to lose. The way Sessions kept working for the role, even as a supposed incumbent, was impressive enough.

"I think it's a great statistic," Staley said. "As a point guard, you want to make sure you're protecting the ball. I'm happy for Khadijah. She's been doing a tremendous job."

Sessions keeps her mind off the glowing stats and concentrates on each possession. She knows how quickly it can spiral if she begins to play too fast.

"We try to stay calm and poised at all times," she said. "Whether me being in the starting lineup or not, I had the same role and the same job – to lead this team."

# Goose Creek's Welch a coach on the floor for top-ranked USC



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COLUMBIA - The ball spun around the rim and off, and despite being fouled, the missed layup left Alaina Coates looking up at the ceiling and rolling her eyes in exasperation. The first person there was Aleighsa Welch, who placed her hands on her teammate's shoulders and delivered a dose of reassurance on the short walk to the free throw line.

It was a small moment early in a tight game that would become a 21-point victory for the top-ranked South Carolina women's basketball team. But those small moments are where Welch excels, every bit as much as she does under the basket. Dawn Staley may be USC's unquestioned leader, with now 300 career victories to her credit, but the senior forward from Goose Creek is the Gamecocks' coach on the floor.

"I don't know what we're going to do when we lose Aleighsa next year," said Staley, USC's head coach. "We're not going to have her in practice, we're not going to have her leading us on and off the floor. ... It's going to be hard shoes to fill, because she's like a coach. She's like a coach on and off the floor. Our young players are improving because she's a constant. She's always talking. She's always talking to them, she's always encouraging them, she's always there for them. And you want that in a senior and in a leader."

It's been that way since well before Welch was a senior. During a loss at Auburn her freshman season, Staley pulled her aside in a time out and delivered a mandate that would alter Welch's role at USC. "I need you to lead this team," she told her. Staley knew that would be asking a lot of a freshman, but she also thought the vocal and energetic Welch had the ability to handle it.

"Ever since then, I've kind of accepted the fact that I knew I was going to be in this position," Welch said, "and tried to prepare myself for it."

That leadership is bolstered by her performance on the court, where Welch is an All-SEC player averaging 9.9 points and 4.9 rebounds entering Sunday's game at No. 9 Duke. But it also manifests itself in other ways, whether it's shouting encouragement from the bench - with such gusto, Welch is bent over in her chair with both hands on the floor - or reassuring the sophomore Coates after a missed layup, or challenging freshman A'ja Wilson to fight through fatigue late in a victory over No. 22 Syracuse in the Bahamas.

"She had to learn each person and how to talk to different people," Wilson said. "Because especially females, we take things differently. You can't talk to one person the same way you talk to another. It is hard sometimes, because when you're in the moment, you want to say, 'Come on, you've got to get that pass,' or something. But she does find a balance to where she knows how to be a leader and not really be a boss."

It's all been building toward this season, as USC (7-0) mixes five returning starters with five heralded freshmen on a team aiming for the Final Four. When she made her official visit, Wilson said Welch quickly became "like my big sister." With so many strong players vying for minutes, lineups and roles are often in flux. For the freshmen, Welch is always there,

whether it's to offer a bit of advice on the court or counsel in the dorm.

"Aleighsa is very open, and she makes you feel comfortable," said freshman Jatarie White. "That's why I've opened up to her more, because when I'm having a down day or something isn't going right, she'll just come to you and say, 'What's going on? What's wrong?' And it's easy for me to open up to her, because I know she understands, and I know she's been through it."

It helps that Welch can adjust her style, understanding which teammates respond best to a supportive tone, and which can handle her getting in their face. To the Goose Creek native, it's all part of maintaining team chemistry, which translates to better play on the court.

"I see it as my biggest accomplishment, yet my toughest challenge. Because we do have so many young players and so many players who are able to contribute. Sometimes, you just have to be that voice of reason for everybody, and that's what I try to be. I try to be somebody who can level out everything to make them see both sides of it," Welch said.

"I think it molds our team chemistry. At the end of the day, when you have a personal relationship with everybody on your team, it shows because you're able to have fun on the court together."

If this all sounds like someone destined to be a coach - well, Welch has heard that before. "She's a natural born leader," Staley said. Welch almost certainly has a future in the WNBA, where some have projected her as a first-round draft pick. But perhaps after her playing days are over?

"I can see it," Wilson said. "I can see her stressed out a little bit being a coach. But I can see it."

As far as Welch is concerned, that can wait. "I think about it, I really do. But right now, my main focus is trying to be another coach to them," she said, referring to her teammates. "Not putting myself on that pedestal, because I'm still their teammate, but I just want to let them know what I see."

# North Philly's Dawn Staley has South Carolina on top

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COLUMBIA, S.C. - Dawn Staley doesn't wear her team's ranking on her face.

Even as her South Carolina Gamecocks built a sustainable lead Thursday against Charlotte, the coach looked annoyed. Holding a stat sheet given to her at the previous timeout, Staley glanced at it, rolled it up, opened it for another glance, and rolled it up again.

So what if she's coaching the top-ranked women's college basketball team in the country? Too many turnovers were staring her in the face.

The most accomplished female athlete in Philadelphia history, the great point guard of her era, a three-time Olympic gold medalist and Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer, now 44, remains on the search for higher ground. The North Philadelphia native long ago made the transition from player to coach, one she always laughed off as a player ("I never want to be one of you all") until offered the Owls job by a former Temple athletic director, Dave O'Brien. "He was almost challenging whether I could or not."

After eight seasons on North Broad, going south to her own mother's native state, "it was only because of the pull on my competitiveness," Staley said of the 2008 move. Now, she has her most talented team, 7-0 going into Sunday's game at Duke. After going 29-5 last season and winning the Southeastern Conference regular-season title, Staley's team is drawing as well as South Carolina's men, averaging 9,964 fans. She's earning \$850,000 a year on a contract that has been extended through 2019.

Locals say Gamecocks football coach Steve Spurrier has a run for his money for most popular coach in town.

## Knowing the game

The trajectory points up. Staley has last season's national high school player of the year, A'ja Wilson, even though Geno Aurieremma at Connecticut and all the other top programs wanted her.

"Feels hella good!" Staley said when asked about winning that recruiting battle. "Because it doesn't happen very often. Geno can say, 'You're going to go to the Final Four, probably every year.' He can say that. What kid wants to turn that down? But then you get some who want to do something different, who really believe in it."

Wilson is 6-foot-5 and has the skills to play all over the court. She comes off Staley's bench to the loudest applause at Colonial Life Arena but logs starter's minutes, averaging 13.7 points after scoring 17 in 25 minutes in Thursday's 82-61 win over Charlotte.

"She kind of accomplished everything that I would like to do in my life," Wilson said of Staley and how that was the deciding factor, although it obviously didn't hurt the Gamecocks that Wilson was a home-state girl, from Hopkins, S.C. "I thought to myself, what better person who could teach me?"

"I know the game," Staley said, sitting in her office, her three Olympic jerseys framed behind her desk. "Or I see the game through different eyes than Pat Summitt and Geno and all those other coaches. I've played it at the highest level. What I see is not what the normal person sees. Probably the most difficult part is being able to speak their vernacular so they can really understand what we see."

She knows what vehicles to use. She's a regular on Twitter, for instance. What do her players hear in person from Staley? Some of it is philosophy: "A disciplined person can do

anything. . . . Trust the process. . . ." But she doesn't try to be John Chaney, who would stop his practices for long lectures. Chaney also used to wander by Staley's practices, and all of a sudden her men's counterpart was putting in a press break, taking half an hour. But Staley treasured the memory and used the press break. Staley tweeted later Friday, "btw we still use the press breaker! He wanted the [point guard] in the worst spot on floor to bait the defenders. Works every time!"

Toward the end of her own practice Friday, it was quick-paced basketball talk: "If you get pushed out here, you're going to be trailing in transition. . . . When in doubt, go back. . . . Yeah, you go, too. Get a rebound."

Does she offer any Philly tales to her players?

"It's probably come up a little bit more because we have someone like A'ja Wilson," Staley said. "A'ja's been in private school pretty much all her life. So she's into the no-touch, be really nice, happy-go-lucky - I told her I was going to drop her off at one of the public schools in Philly so she can learn some of the things she'll need once opponents start taking certain things away from her. A toughness, a different mind-set. And slowly but surely, she's getting it, which is a good thing."

A graduate of Dobbins Tech and the University of Virginia, Staley added: "They know where I'm from. I always tell them, 'I just work here, I'm not from here.' Some of them like that. Some of them don't."

Staley's mother moved to Philadelphia from rural South Carolina when she was 13. She has gone back with her daughter.

"All her siblings are here," Staley said. "But she misses Philly. She misses Philly a lot."

No regrets for Staley, though.

"I thought by coming to a power conference, you'll be able to recruit a little bit different," she said. "You give yourself a chance to be successful at the highest level. It's no mark on Temple. You can't really get those players. A'ja Wilson's not coming to Temple University."

## Calming down

For the first couple of seasons here, Staley did sometimes question whether she had made the right decision, finding it hard to get through to players she hadn't recruited. Never mind improving on her Temple track record, she couldn't equal it. She moved after never getting Temple past the second round of the NCAA tournament, but she did make it six out of eight times. Her first three South Carolina seasons, the Gamecocks went 10-18, 14-15, and 18-12 before getting to the tournament. But, she said, "I had to go through those things as a coach so you can really understand the journey." To date, the high-water mark has been reaching the Sweet 16 in 2012 and again last season.

Senior Aleighsa Welch, another key to this rise, a former South Carolina player of the year who leads the team in rebounding, was asked how Staley is different from when Welch was a freshman.

"I think she's more calm, she's more patient," Welch said. "She still brings that same intensity. She'll admit it, she's kind of changed up her coaching style, how intense she's been."

What was Year 1 like?

"I missed the wrath of it," Welch said, laughing, referring to how she showed up in Staley's fourth year at South Carolina. "She was hard on them. Each year, they like to say she's softened up. I think she's become more understanding of the type of players she's had. It's helped. Every year we've gotten better since I've been here."

"She knows what it's supposed to look like," said South Carolina assistant Lisa Boyer, who coached Staley with the Philadelphia Rage, then joined her Temple staff in 2002. "They're playing for one of the best players who ever played the game. I think Dawn has a really good feel for kids, for people in general. I think she has that gift. Is every day rosy? No. But they know she's going to love them as hard as she's angry at them. I don't know if every coach has that. Dawn doesn't play head games with them."

Staley possesses a historical view. She realizes that only one African American women's coach (Carolyn Peck, Purdue, 1999) has won a Division I title. "Yeah, I asked the question, 'Who are they?' Carolyn Peck, Nolan Richardson, Tubby Smith, Kevin Ollie," Staley said, also referring to African American men who have won NCAA titles. "I think there's one more."

She was right - John Thompson.

"It's not only a black thing," Staley said. "It's more about those programs that aren't UConn, aren't Notre Dame, aren't Stanford, aren't Baylor. It's more about giving them hope that if you're patient enough, if you're lucky enough to get the players, and get the players who believe in your vision, you can put yourself in position to compete against the traditions."

Being on top of the Associated Press ranking right now is great for her program, but that will be gone after two weeks if the Gamecocks lose Sunday at ninth-ranked Duke. Relying on their talent as they've sometimes done, South Carolina's coach said, won't be enough inside Cameron Indoor.

"They've got just as much talent as we do," Staley said, then she asked a question straight out of North Philly. "How do we create our edge?"

## Commentary: Fans make USC feel at home at Duke

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Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium is known as one of the most intimidating environments in the country for visiting teams.

It appeared at times Sunday afternoon that the Blue Devils were the ones intimidated. South Carolina fans invaded Durham, N.C., and took over Cameron during a top-10 showdown between No. 1 USC and No. 8 Duke.

The Gamecocks rallied from four points down with less than 30 seconds left to win 51-50 on a last-second shot by freshman A'Ja Wilson.

Carolina fans made up about three-fourths of the lower section of the arena and also had several hundred fans in the upper deck. Of the 6,004 people that attended the game, it appeared that more than half were South Carolina fans.

"It actually felt like a home game," Gamecocks coach Dawn Staley said. "I can't thank them enough."

South Carolina brought three buses with about 50 fans on each of them, but hundreds of other Gamecock supporters also made the trip. Staley asked South Carolina fans attending the game to wear black and most of them obliged.

"On a short notice we asked everybody to wear black because we wanted to 'black out' Cameron Indoor Stadium and they did that," Staley said. "I'm really happy because their drives home are going to be great and exciting and well worth them coming three and a half hours here and going three and a half hours home."

Staley said she was not only impressed with the number of fans the Gamecocks brought, but also with the seats they acquired. USC fans occupied almost one entire side of the lower level, where the Cameron Crazies normally sit.

"I was surprised that they got prime seating in a place where we could feel their energy and see their energy and continue to play for them," Staley said.

When the Gamecocks came out for warm-ups they were shocked by the thunderous ovation that greeted them. As tipoff got closer, more and more USC fans piled into the arena.



*Ted Richardson/AP*  
 South Carolina's Khadijah Sessions leaps in the air as she and teammates, including Aleighsa Welch, arms raised, celebrate beating Duke 51-50 on Sunday in Durham, N.C.

"We were stretching and saw them come in and they kept coming, and coming and coming," senior forward Aleighsa Welch said. "We didn't realize how many fans would be here, but it gave us extra motivation during our slumps. They kept up the emotion for us."

The Gamecocks struggled to score during several portions of the game, including most of the first half when they shot 21.4 percent. But a tough defense and hostile environment kept Carolina in the game until its offense heated up.

USC went on a 15-4 run to start the second half and Duke players were clearly rattled. The Blue Devils turned the ball over six times in the opening five minutes of the second half as Carolina fans got louder and louder.

During a timeout, Duke tried to make an announcement over the public address system but it was drowned out by a Gamecocks chant. Duke turned up the PA system up until there was interference.

"We felt the energy from what they gave us," Staley said. "They never gave up on us. We always heard them in the background. I truly believe that we don't win the game if we don't hear them and feel the energy that they gave us today."

While Staley was thrilled with South Carolina's turnout, Duke coach Joanne McCallie understandably was disappointed in the crowd percentage.

"South Carolina had great support. They really did. I think that's a tribute to what they've been working on," she said. "It says we had 6,000 today. But we have to grow our fan support. Those 6,000 weren't all of us, that's for sure."

While several teams are struggling to create a home-court advantage during home women's basketball games, it was impressive to see South Carolina do it on the road against a top 10 team.

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# Go Gamecocks

## Dozier's maturity calming

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She had done enough.

Asia Dozier's freshman year was a season-long teaching moment. The four-time state player of the year and South Carolina Miss Basketball quickly found out that college basketball wasn't high school, where she helped establish Spring Valley as a dynasty. Dozier played for the Gamecocks as a rookie, but only 12.8 minutes per game; her confidence simply wasn't there.

But after an aggressive summer hitting the gym twice a day, Dozier became a starter as a sophomore and stayed there for 32 of the Gamecocks' 34 games. Her shooting elevated from 20.9 percent to 34.1, her average from 2.7 to 6.0, and while she wasn't the star many had thought she would be, she was vital to the team – it was always Dozier with the clutch shot, the extra pass and the floor burns from fighting for a loose ball or being knocked down after a rebound.

As a junior, fresh from being elected one of four captains, Dozier knew competition was fierce from the Gamecocks' stellar recruiting class but they were still freshmen. Experience counted for something, right?

Yeah, but only so much. It's why it wasn't stunning when Dawn Staley talked to Dozier a couple of weeks before the season started and told her it was nothing personal, but freshman A'ja Wilson was taking her spot in the starting five.

"By all means, A'ja deserved that starting position," Dozier said. "Coach Staley instilled in me that she didn't have any less confidence in me and what I do. It wasn't a matter of what I wasn't doing, it was a matter of what (Wilson) was doing."

It stung. Dozier had lifted thousands of shots in an empty gym in that summer before her sophomore year, discovering her own Norman Dale moment. Like in "Hoosiers," where the coach has players measure the height to the rim and the dimensions of the court, Dozier figured out she didn't have to tinker with her game. She just had to believe she could play it on the next level.

"You're used to taking all the shots, making all the shots, and getting praise for it on a daily basis, to being part of a scout team and not getting many minutes," Dozier said. "It was humbling, but at the same time, I think I got a lot from it. I'm still the same shooter I was at Spring Valley. Once I realized that, it helped me reflect that in practice."

Yet, after a season as a starter, Dozier sat down and watched Staley experiment with the lineup, playing two bigs at once. At least she had bench experience – she remembered what it was like as a freshman and tried to take the same approach.

"I like to look at everything from a positive aspect," Dozier said. "It gave me a chance to see things from the bench rather than being out there at the start of the game, being able to analyze things, see how teams are playing us. I just tried to come off the bench and be productive, work my way back in the starting lineup."

She was playing well in limited minutes until Charlotte visited on Dec. 4. Staley thought bigs Elem Ibiam and Alaina Coates were getting in each other's way too much as starters, so she went back to the lineup that was a staple of last year's 29-win SEC title season. Ibiam was at center, Aleighsa Welch at forward, Khadijah Sessions at point guard, Tiffany Mitchell at two-guard – and Dozier at wing.

Call it jitters – Dozier had no points and no rebounds against the 49ers, but recorded three assists and one steal. Against Duke, after a steal and a turnover within a second sent her to the bench in the first half, Dozier scored eight points in a five-minute burst to start the second half, wound up leading the team with 11 points and was relied on to help steady the team as the game came down to the last possession.

"Asia, she can handle either situation," Staley said. "What we needed to get back to was being more predictable at the beginning of the game. She brings us a certain calm out there on the floor."

Dozier should start on Sunday when the Gamecocks return from their exam break and, as long as she continues to present a stable presence at games' beginnings, will remain there. Staley knew that while being removed from the lineup would hurt Dozier, the junior could handle it, and it would benefit the team going forward.

"When you're able to walk hand-in-hand with decisions that we make for our team that we think is best, she's one that was willing to sacrifice and she verbally said that," Staley said. "It's hard for young players to really see the big picture. She sees the big picture -- seeing how much a team needs you at any different position."

Dozier approached it as if she was the last player to go into the game. She didn't want to celebrate because she'd seen how quickly it could be reversed.

"Of course it's an honor to be a starter. I'm just trying to bring the same productivity I brought off the bench into the starting lineup, still play that leadership role," she said. "I think I'm just willing. Willing to do whatever it is to help my team win."



# USC's Staley builds top-ranked program with in-state talent



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COLUMBIA – One of Dawn Staley's many strengths as a basketball coach is her ability to get into the home of virtually any top girls high school basketball player in the country while on the recruiting trail.

In recent years, however, most of the University of South Carolina's women's basketball team's talent has been recruited a short jog from Columbia's Colonial Life Arena.

No. 1-ranked USC, which hosts No. 10 Kentucky at 1 p.m. Sunday, features three starters from the Palmetto State. The top two reserves hail from the Columbia area. Eight of the team's 14 players call South Carolina home.

"I think you have to take care of home with any program you have," Staley said. "Fortunately for us, we have some of the best talent right in our back yard."

That is a big change from when Staley arrived in May 2008, when there was not a scholarship player from South Carolina.

That changed four years ago when Goose Creek native Aleighsa Welch, a 6-foot forward and top 100 prospect, became Staley's first Palmetto State signee.

"I wouldn't say it was hard for me," Welch said of her decision to sign with USC. "I did take my time throughout the recruiting process because I wanted to make sure the school I attended was the right school for me."

"Coach Staley laid out a vision as far as where she saw the program going and how she sought to build the program. Then it was up to me trusting that vision and believing in everything she told me."

To say Staley's vision for Welch and the program was accurate would be an understatement.

"If you believe in me, this is what's going to happen," Welch said Staley told her. "It is a matter of a trust thing. It was something where we connected on that level."

"When I was able to really feel like, 'I believe in this, I trust this,' that is when I was comfortable enough to make my decision."

The union has been a plus for both. Welch is a three-time All-Southeastern Conference selection as the Gamecocks have won an SEC regular-season championship and made three consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament, twice reaching the Sweet 16. And perhaps not coincidentally, Welch's decision led to the tidal wave of in-state talent joining Staley's program.

Two more South Carolinians joined the program the following season — Khadijah Sessions, a point guard from Myrtle Beach, and Staley's first Columbia area signee, forward-guard Asia Dozier of Spring Valley High.

Alaina Coates, an Irmo native who attended Dutch Fork High, joined a year later, followed this past year by the nation's No. 1 high school prospect, 6-5 wing A'ja Wilson, a Hopkins resident who played for Heathwood Hall, a private school located right down the street from Williams-Brice Stadium.

"They don't come here unless we've had the success we've had," Staley said. "Also, the fan support, having people in the stands knowing they are going to play in front of and the people we are competing against — the UConns, the Tennessees and the North Carolinas — they make it fun to play in front of so many people."

Coates admits to not giving USC much of a chance until the program began to realize Staley's vision.

"It was a process because they had been looking at me since I was in the eighth grade," Coates said. "Probably around my 10th grade year, I started veering away more to another school."

"As time goes by, you know where your roots are. This is home for me. I just knew this is where I wanted to be."

Coates became a five-time SEC Freshman of the Week selection during the 2013-14 season and later was selected the league's Freshman of the Year and Co-Sixth Player of the Year and a first-team Freshman All-American by the women's basketball website FullCourt.com.

Coates' freshman season also was USC's breakout season. The program won its first SEC regular-season championship, was a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, reached the Sweet 16 and finished with a 29-5 record.

That was enough for Wilson, who spurned offers from longtime powers Connecticut, Tennessee and North Carolina among others to stay at home and play for the Gamecocks.

The perception of the program "changed, crazy," Wilson said, who remembered attending games as a 12- and 13-year old at Heathwood Hall.

"The Colonial Life Arena," she said, "was kind of very spacy, kind of spread people all around."

Fast forward to last year, when Wilson took her official recruiting visit and attended another game.

"They were probably filling up the whole lower level," Wilson said of the fans at Colonial Life Arena. "It is amazing how Coach Staley and these girls have been so far and how they have changed the program with in-state talent."

"That was just great to see — the whole season, whether it was winning, the success, or people coming to the games and stuff. It all just kind of changed, and I really wanted to be a part of it."

But, Wilson admits, she was impressed by more than just Staley, the coaching staff and the players. It was an effort by the entire city.

Her most vivid memory was the day she stopped for gas near Dreher High School. Leaving the station, she noticed a sign in front of a local State Farm Insurance agency office.

The sign read, she said, " 'There is no place like home, A'ja Wilson.' "

"That was crazy," she said. "That was a real eye-opener. ... Just to see that, I was like 'OK, this state really wants me to stay here.' It was a great feeling, and I'm here."

Wilson is second on the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 14.3 points and 7.1 rebounds per game, and first in blocks with 25.

Coates is third in scoring with 11.7 points, first in rebounding with 8.4 and blocks with 25.

Welch is fourth in scoring (9.8 points) and has averaged 5.0 rebounds per game.

Sessions leads the Gamecocks in assists and steals.

"It kind of just tunes in on the talent we have in this state," Welch said. "Just having people who bring different aspects to our team, going from somebody who is a No. 1 recruit to someone like Asia Dozier who is the ultimate role player, somebody who is able to step in and lead by example.

"I think it shows what we have here in the state of South Carolina."

## Sacrifices of others help Gamecocks freshman Wilson find her niche



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COLUMBIA - She presents a big target, with a 6-5 frame and such an ability to elevate that rumors have always circulated about her dunking in practice. Around the rim, she possesses the touch of a natural scorer. But A'ja Wilson also has something else that's helped her emerge as one of the top players on the top-ranked women's basketball team in America.

Teammates who are willing to sacrifice their own statistics as South Carolina pursues the program's first national championship.

Wilson has started just one game this season, and the freshman forward from Hopkins is likely to come off the bench again Sunday, when the unbeaten Gamecocks host No. 10 Kentucky at 1 p.m. But that reserve status belies her role as the team's second-leading scorer behind reigning SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell, with four double-doubles and an average of 14.3 points per game.

"My teammates help me out so much, in everything I do," said Wilson, who has been named SEC Freshman of the Week three times. "They get me the ball, and they just open up things and make things a lot easier. It's been great. I give that to them, honestly, because without them I wouldn't be where I am now."

For a USC team two- or three-deep at every position, managing minutes has proven head coach Dawn Staley's greatest challenge. From the beginning, there was no denying Wilson's talent - in her second college game, Nov. 20 against Clemson, she led all scorers with 18 points - but she also had to fit into a rotation featuring five returning starters from last season's SEC championship team. That meant for Wilson to be on the floor, somebody had to give up their own time.



From the outside, it seemed a recipe for discontent. But in the preseason, Staley had at least one starter approach her and offer to sacrifice minutes if that meant a better chance of reaching the Final Four. So Wilson has carved her niche, perhaps at the expense of some other inside players, but with the overarching goal of cutting down the nets in Tampa, Fla., always in mind.

"A'ja has a pretty good head on her shoulders. She knows why she's successful. Part of the reason is, she's able to grow because of the type of teammates that she has. We put her in a position to be successful, because our other players are sacrificing," Staley said.

"Aleighsa Welch, she wants to win. It's not about the stats for her. She wants to make an impact on the game, and the way she does that is, she still scores, she still rebounds, she puts A'ja and (other freshmen) in a position to do well. Sometimes that's sacrificing her personal statistics."

Welch, a senior forward from Goose Creek, averaged 13.7 points last season, and is scoring 9.8 per contest this year. Sophomore center Alaina Coates has also seen her scoring average drop slightly, from 12.3 per game last season to 11.7 this year. Welch and Coates are both proven players who attract a lot of attention from opposing defenses, opening opportunities for Wilson - whom Staley calls "the biggest mismatch on the floor" because she's often guarded by a smaller defender.

Of course, there are times when roles are reversed - like Thursday night's victory at Alabama, where Coates led all scorers with 20 points while Wilson was limited to 11. But the very presence of so many potent inside players forces opposing defenses to give something up. Wilson has scored in double figures in 14 straight games, though she's sure to face better teams and bigger front lines as the Gamecocks (15-0, 3-0 SEC) get deeper into conference season.

That will likely be the case Sunday against Kentucky (14-2, 3-0), which lost two games to South Carolina last season before upsetting the Gamecocks in the semifinals of the SEC tournament. For now, though, Wilson is flourishing at the college level - thanks in part to both the support and sacrifice of her more veteran teammates.

"I kind of hit that freshman wall like every freshman does, and that kind of shook me a little bit," Wilson said. "But these veteran girls really helped me. They told me, 'It's just a wall, you can break through it, everybody has to get through it.' And day by day, practice by practice, game by game, I really started feeling it come along, and it feels great."

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## Gamecocks grind out SEC road win

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COLUMBIA, Mo. -- South Carolina's Dawn Staley said her team's No. 1 ranking in women's basketball really isn't discussed in-house. Which is the standard refrain from pretty much all coaches in every sport.

Whether it's completely true is another matter. One thing is for sure, though: Even if a team that holds the top spot truly isn't talking about it, everybody else is.

And that will continue, of course, after the Gamecocks' closer-than-it-looked 60-49 victory over Missouri on Thursday. Here in the SEC's other Columbia, the undefeated Gamecocks didn't pull away until the final 5 minutes from a pesky Mizzou team that starts three sophomores and is 11-7 overall.

Considering the Gamecocks also were pushed hard at home last Sunday by a Kentucky team that, while ranked in the top 10, doesn't have South Carolina's depth ... well, yes, there will be buzzing about the "numero uno" topic throughout the women's hoops world.

The Gamecocks likely would respond to that with a collective shrug. They still won that Kentucky game 68-60, didn't they? And even if Missouri trailed by just three points with 4 minutes left, it still ended up a double-digit road victory in the rugged SEC, right?

Indeed. It's not that Staley and the Gamecocks would disagree that they have several things to work on, including finding the right offensive combinations. But they have very solid and experienced on-court leaders, particularly guard Tiffany Mitchell and forward Aleighsa Welch, to deal with whatever comes up.

Mitchell led the Gamecocks in scoring Thursday with 19 points; her 3-pointer with 3:57 left in the game began the door-slamming process for South Carolina. Welch had eight points and 14 rebounds, and was her usual physical, tenacious presence on defense.

"These are the players that have been here the longest, and they understand what we want," Staley said. "They know how to execute in tight situations. They've played here and lost before in this building. They know what SEC play is all about. They set the example for how we want to play."

The Gamecocks fell here at Missouri in 2013, when Welch was a sophomore and Mitchell a freshman. South Carolina still went on to the NCAA tournament that season. But contrasting where the Gamecocks were as a program then to now shows how far they've come in a short time.

However, once you're relocated to the penthouse, folks are watching your every move and dissecting what it all means. The Gamecocks won their first three SEC games this year by 19, 24, and 43 points. They've won the past two by eight and 11 points.

They shot just 36.2 percent from the field Thursday, a sharp contrast to their league-leading 48.9 percent coming into the game.

Standout freshman A'ja Wilson, who was averaging 13.9 points and 7.2 rebounds, had just three points and four boards, taking only three shots. Elem Ibiam was 0-of-3 from the field, and Welch 3-of-10. The only post player whose offense seemed about as efficient as usual was Alaina Coates, who had 15 points on 4-of-7 shooting from the field and 7-of-8 from the line.

In general, the Gamecocks just didn't look like as powerful a force in the paint as we know they are.

"I think the biggest thing is trying to find a rhythm and five [players] on court that really works," Welch said. "In the Kentucky game, we had five during the second half who were just clicking. And coach Staley said sometimes that messes up your substitution patterns, but she's usually going to go with the group that's on a roll.

"The biggest thing is we've been able to grind out SEC wins. A lot of times, it's going to be different people's nights, and you have to kind of run with that."

Speaking of running, that's what Kentucky is known for: racing its opponents up and down the floor as much as possible. Missouri is very different: A team that knows it has to work really hard on defense and then maximize every offensive possession.

To play those two teams back-to-back is a good lesson, particularly for the younger Gamecocks. Staley acknowledged that Thursday's game was one of the rare times this season that Wilson has looked like a rookie. But her teammates' performance kept Wilson from feeling any heat, which is what Staley prefers right now.

Staley doesn't want Wilson to be discouraged about Thursday, because she isn't expected to have it all figured out already.

"Missouri makes you play like that; I think A'ja still has to get used to the physicality of this league," Staley said. "Missouri did a good job of not letting her use all the tools in her toolbox."

However, Mitchell -- who was SEC player of the year last season -- showed herself to be the master craftswoman, to keep the analogy going. She scored South Carolina's first eight points and then made the big shots she had to in the second half. And Welch's work on the boards was critical on a night when the Gamecocks needed -- and got -- a huge advantage in rebounding (51-33).


"We have built a good connection," Welch said of herself and Mitchell. "And the biggest thing is being dependable. Down the stretch in a game, if I kick it to Tiffany, she's going to take that shot. And if she misses it ..."

Mitchell answered, nodding toward Welch, "Then she's going to get the rebound."

The Gamecocks head to Florida on Monday, and then they'll have a week to prepare for Texas A&M visiting South Carolina on Jan. 26. Whether they always "looked" like No. 1 or not Thursday, the Gamecocks' bottom line is still their 17-0 record.

"I like the variations of how we're able to win against different styles of play," Staley said. "I thought our team did a really good job of keeping their composure and just playing through things. Every time we take the floor, we're learning."

# USC's Sessions becoming leader under Staley

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(Photo: Mary Ann Chastain / AP)

COLUMBIA It was a time for soul-searching for Khadijah Sessions.

The University of South Carolina had just dropped a 65-58 decision to the University of North Carolina in the third round of the 2014 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

The Tar Heels played a packed-in zone in an attempt to stop the Gamecocks powerful inside game. Sessions, who was dared to shoot, went 0-8 from the field and blamed herself for the loss.

The Myrtle Beach native remained in Columbia throughout the summer working on her game, determined to make sure that doesn't happen again.

"I didn't go home," Sessions said one day prior to the season. "I stayed here all three summer sessions. I kept thinking every night if I could have knocked down one shot, or that one layup, it could have changed the game."

The work appears to have paid off. Sessions is having a banner season as the Gamecocks starting point guard as they entered Thursday night's Southeastern Conference road game against Missouri with a 16-0 record and ranked number one in the nation.

Sessions still isn't a big scorer -- that's not her job. What USC coach Dawn Staley wants from her, however, is to have the ability to knock down shots when teams employ UNC's tactic.

"She has watched the tape a number of times and she knows the statistics," said Staley. "She has to be able to have defenses play her a little more honest than they have been.

"They're going to continue to play her that way until she proves herself by knocking down some outside shots. Outside shooting was the biggest thing (she worked on during the summer). She has everything else. She's got the intangibles. She is a vocal leader. She works hard all the time. She studies the game. It is that tangible element of hitting outside shots."

Sessions was recently put to the test when the Gamecocks were challenged by then nationally 10th-ranked Kentucky, which dared her to shoot.

This time she was ready, drilling three of six 3-point shots and finishing the game with 12 points in the 68-60 Carolina victory.

"My game plan after we lost the North Carolina game was to be more aggressive on the offensive end, have confidence knocking down the open shot," said Sessions. "I stayed in the gym over the summer. I got better. I gained a lot of confidence. I knew what I had coming in. I knew I had (freshmen) A'ja Wilson and Bianca (Cuevas). I knew (junior 2014 SEC Player of the Year) Tiffany Mitchell was going to be an outstanding scorer.

"I know what I have around me so I know when to turn it up on offense and I know when not to turn it up on offense."

Even bigger than becoming a scorer, Sessions has taken on a bigger role as a team leader. Senior Aleighsa Welch is considered the squad leader. But, on the floor, Sessions runs the show.

Her relationship with Staley, probably the most decorated player and point guard to ever play women's basketball, has had a lot to do with Sessions maturation process.

"Extremely hard, but extremely blessed at the same time," Sessions said of her relationship with Staley. "She has done everything you want to do. She is going to push you to be the best you can be.

"She doesn't take it easy on me. If someone else messes up, it's my fault. I put them in that position. Sometimes you have to say 'OK, you know, she said it was my fault, but it really is my fault because I put them in that position. I should know where my players need the ball and what plays to call.' She wants you to be a floor general, a leader, at all times like she was. She always ran her team and made sure it ran good.

"It is really hard playing under her. It is really hard. Her expectations are really high. But I say I'm extremely blessed."

Staley is pleased with Sessions' progress.

"She is a leader," said Staley. "The position demands for her to be a leader, whether she is a captain or not with the title. Khadijah is one that's energetic. She practices harder than anybody. She is always engaged. She always wants to get better. She watches probably as much film as the coaches.

"She has taken the initiative to want to be better, to want to do more and put herself in a position where her team can count on her."

## Staley achieves what many thought impossible

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First thing you notice approaching Colonial Life Arena is the cars.

Lots and lots of cars all headed to the same place.

After struggling to find a vacant spot in one of the nearby parking garages, you join hundreds of other fans hurriedly scurrying towards the entrances to the 18,000-seat arena.

Once inside, the ceaseless buzz begins. The concession lines are long. The lime green t-shirt wearing USC band belts out the tunes, then the crowd roars as their heroes are introduced during pre-game festivities.

When the game finally tips off shortly after 7 p.m., you finally realize what all the fuss is about.

Yes, the South Carolina women's basketball team is very talented. Relentless too, as they punished No. 10 Texas A&M in the paint (44-24) and near the basket (43-29 rebounding advantage) en route to their 27th straight home victory on Monday, tying Connecticut for the longest active home win streak in the nation.

Columbia is quickly taking notice of Dawn Staley's troops in a big, big way. Home games against Auburn and Kentucky earlier this month drew close to sell-out crowds surpassing 16,000.

Monday night's Top 10 showdown against the Aggies attracted a nice crowd of 13,546, a very good number for an early weeknight, especially since the game was nationally televised by ESPN2.

Afterwards, Staley talked about her team badly wanting to see a sellout, but five years ago even a game of this magnitude this would have drawn no more than 3,000 fans.

The lower bowl was packed with towel-waving Gamecock fans, forcing several thousand patrons into the upper rafters, a rarity for a USC women's basketball home game until this season.

Seeing all the fans in the seats, you easily forget that Dawn Staley's home debut as USC head coach against Clemson in November of 2008 attracted an announced crowd of 2,315 fans to Colonial Life Arena.

In 2008-09, Staley's first season in Columbia, USC averaged 2,793 fans for 15 home dates. A season later, USC averaged 3,442 fans per home game.

Compare those figures to USC's last three home crowds: 16,465 (Auburn), 17,156 (Kentucky) and 13,546 (Texas A&M).



A'ja Wilson is a strong contender for National Freshman of the Year honors.

college basketball relevant. Staley, who left her hometown and her comfort zone of Philadelphia to take on the challenge of becoming USC's head coach seven years ago, deserves much of the credit for USC's renaissance.

"It's amazing, it truly is," Staley said Monday night after USC played its 200th SEC game at Colonial Life. "We're created something that is intimidating and gives our team a home-court advantage. We've come a long way when we're disappointed that we didn't get a sellout and only got 13,000. When I came down here, I just envisioned us winning the national championship. I did not include what it looked like from the fans' standpoint.

"I looked at it only from executing on the floor and getting the talent in here to do that. Our fans have painted an incredible, beautiful picture that I could not have ever imagined it would turn out this way. I'm forever amazed how many people turn out for our program. I'm just glad we're giving them something to cheer loudly for."

Even Texas A&M head coach Gary Blair, as folksy and charmingly funny as they come, lavished praise on Staley and USC in his post-game press conference for making women's college basketball relevant in the Palmetto State.

Blair has coached Texas A&M for 12 seasons - winning the 2011 national championship - and Arkansas before that, and is a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, so he knows a thing or two about what it takes to create a successful women's program at the highest level.

"Great crowd, great atmosphere," Blair gushed. "Aren't you all proud of how far you all have come? Think about it. Think how far you've come. It's a tribute to Dawn and your administration for what you've done to build this thing. I walked around the concourse before the game. You might have the best concessions. I hope you all weren't selling that beer up there. I saw those signs, too. I could use one right now."

USC is winning big with undoubtedly the deepest - and tallest and most athletic - roster in the country. The Gamecocks' bench scored an incredible 41 points on Monday night, outscoring Texas A&M's bench by 33 points. Few teams in the country are able to match USC's tidal wave of talent off the bench.

"One of our keys to always winning a game is bench production," Staley said. "I don't think anybody has what we have coming off the bench. It's not only scoring. They rebound. They block shots. They pressure the basketball. We are almost a different basketball team when we go deep into our bench. It's a beautiful thing to see how this is unfolding. To play 10, 11, 12 players, they have to sacrifice. But it's why I feel we have the best bench in the country."

Staley should capture National Coach of the Year honors merely for convincing the nation's No. 1 recruit (A'ja Wilson) to happily come off the bench and serve as a role player, albeit a very good one, instead of starting.

Very, very few coaches in the country could have pulled off that feat, which is an enormous testament to Staley's communication skills and her power of persuasion.

"A'ja is very mature for her age," Staley said. "We often sell young people short with real talk, real conversation. I just told A'ja that I thought it would benefit her to see the game a little bit at the beginning. Once she had the performances she had after she didn't start, she felt good about it. I just told her that we are better served if she comes off the bench. She said okay. That's what you want."

We'll find out how deep USC is when it matches up with the best program in the country over the past 10 years when it travels to powerful UConn for a much-anticipated (and hyped) Feb. 9 matchup in prime time (8 p.m., ESPN2).

How huge is that game in women's basketball circles? ESPN is already running promos.

Blair likes USC's chances of winning that game based on the impressive depth Staley has at her disposal on a nightly basis.

"We got beat by the No. 1 team in the country," Blair said. "I told Dawn that if she would go inside like she did against us when she plays Connecticut, she has a great chance."



# Tiffany Mitchell: A Player and Her Coach

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In Tiffany Mitchell's short time playing college basketball, the junior guard has developed into a powerful force on the court. She has helped South Carolina reach the top of the national rankings for the first time in school history, while simultaneously becoming the school's first (preseason) All-America selection.

Mitchell credits much of her success to her coach, Hall of Famer Dawn Staley.

"I wouldn't want to play for anyone else," Mitchell says. "That's why I came to South Carolina, and that [she is my coach] makes everything that much better."

The relationship between player and coach began long before Mitchell ever stepped on campus.

Growing up in Charlotte, North Carolina, Mitchell was always full of energy and desire to play basketball. When she was 8 years old, that meant starting out as the only girl on an all-boys team. As a 12-year-old, she joined her first girls AAU team and began to truly love the game.

Mitchell learned about Staley when she began playing basketball, and in the third grade completed a biography project about her life. A few years later, when she turned 13, she asked for only one present: A bright red Dawn Staley jersey she could wear to a Charlotte Sting game.

She got her wish. And she was captivated the first time she saw Mitchell play at the pro level. Mitchell had never seen a player with such tenacity. Sure, Staley could score. But she also did whatever her team needed her to do — a quality that would help her win three Olympic gold medals.

## Hero Worship

As Mitchell entered middle school, she set out to be just like her idol. She hung her Staley jersey on her wall amid family photos and school pictures and went to work on her own game.

But she could never have dreamt what was coming.

In just a few years, medals and newspaper clippings recognizing Mitchell's own achievements joined the Staley jersey on her wall. In high school, she was named the 2012 Gatorade North Carolina Player of the Year and solidified her spot as one of the nation's top recruits. But in her junior year, after only one official visit, she verbally committed to play for Staley at South Carolina.

Assistant coach Nikki McCray, a former Tennessee standout and two-time Olympic gold medalist, says that Staley took the time to get to know Mitchell personally during the recruiting process. She was able to separate the great player she had been from the great coach she could be to Mitchell, which allowed the two to share a vision of the program's future.

"Tiffany allowed Coach to coach her and mentor her," McCray says. "She didn't come in a hot-headed freshman who thought she knew it all. She listened. And her game has gone to a new level because she's believed in the process."

## Growth Potential

During her first season, Mitchell started and earned a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team. But looking back, she admits she got away with a lot because of her athleticism.

Going into her sophomore year, Staley helped Mitchell develop her relentless approach. The focus was more on preparing Mitchell mentally more than physically to succeed at the college level.

"I didn't really know what was going on," Mitchell says. "And Coach Staley knew I didn't know what was going on. But she helped me to actually *think* basketball instead of just play basketball."

The shift in focus worked. Mitchell became more dangerous on the court, able to shoot from the outside, finish strong to the rim, or even deploy her mid-range game. If opposing teams thought they'd catch her resting on defense, they soon discovered they were wrong.

Mitchell finished the season an All-SEC defender and made history by becoming just the second sophomore to be named SEC Player of the Year. And she was recognized as one of the country's top guards when she was named a finalist for — of all honors — the Dawn Staley Award.

## Next Stop: National Championship?

Mitchell's coaches understand she chose them because she wants to do the things they've done, and they agree that through her competitiveness and work ethic, she puts herself in a position to do those things every day. Staley has also carefully placed other top talent around Mitchell, such as [freshman A'ja Wilson](#), who was the number one recruit in the class of 2014.

How Mitchell jells with teammates like Wilson — and competes against great players on other teams — is key to South Carolina reaching its ultimate goal: a national title.

"Our players can only add to what we have and make this team go from good to great," Staley says. "Tiffany will have to be able to play a key role, but also take a step back at times and allow other players to grow and develop like she did will be key."

Mitchell agrees. And she knows she's got a great coach — and mentor — that will help her reach her maximum potential.

"Even with all of her success on so many levels, she's so selfless and cares so much about other people," Mitchell says of her coach. "Since I've been here, she's taught me how to look past myself and helped me realize everything is not about one person."

Mitchell and Staley have this season and the next to win it all. It would be the perfect ending to their story.

# Go Gamecocks

## Swat team: Elem Ibiam closing in on school block record

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### • BLOCKED SHOT RECORDS

*USC senior center Elem Ibiam is second in career blocked shots. Her best game was seven blocks against Mississippi State in 2014, and she has seven games with five or more blocks. USC's top five in blocks:*

Player	Blocks (Years)
1. Lakesha Tolliver	177 (2004-07)
2. Elem Ibiam	151 (2012-15)
3. Michelle Murray	148 (1989-93)
4. Petra Ujhelyi	143 (2000-03)
5. Demetress Adams	140 (2005-09)

She remembers one of the early ones, maybe the first. It was a while ago.

"In middle school, there was one that was really dramatic," South Carolina senior Elem Ibiam said. "Everybody went, 'Ohhhhhhh!' "

Ibiam, already a head taller than the teens in Fayetteville, Ga., planted herself in the paint. The shot went up, Ibiam leaped and swatted the basketball nearly to midcourt.

She didn't have much time to process it. The game was still on.

Her coaches wrote it in their notebooks with underlines and asterisks – "Shot-blocker. Could be special."

"After that, we started working on it," Ibiam said. "I think it just came to me naturally because I was so much taller than everybody in high school."

Midway through her senior year at USC, Ibiam is 26 away from tying the school record for career blocks. Lakesha Tolliver had 177 from 2004-08, and with Ibiam already breaking Tolliver's record for single-season blocks (83, surpassing 60), the Gamecocks' 6-foot-4 center has her eye on another spot in the record book.

Her name is already listed in several places. Ibiam's 151 career blocks are second, her single-season blocks, block average, blocks in SEC play and block average in SEC play first. She and Tolliver are tied for second in single-game blocks with seven. Ibiam also holds the single-game block record in an SEC game (seven against Mississippi State last year) and is tied for second (six, against Kentucky last year).

Ibiam said she was unaware of how close she was to the career record, but knowing it makes her greedy. She's not content to leave as a key piece of the Gamecocks' rise from good program to elite team; she wants her name as an undisputed superior.

"It's something that I think Elle should shoot for," coach Dawn Staley said. "It's only going to help us for her to get those blocked shots. She's someone that buys into playing that second or third line of defense for us, and she's been very, very good at it."

It started like most do – coaches put the tall girl in the middle and let her learn. Ibiam quickly took to it – like fellow USC shot-blockers A'ja Wilson and Alaina Coates, a background in volleyball helped – and when that middle-school shot was rejected through the jump circle, she began refining it.

Ibiam positioned herself on the block with a plastic figurine in front of her. A shooter stood behind the figure, launching jumpers while Ibiam worked on leaping and extending, not lunging.

"If I touched the figurine, it was a foul," she explained. "We did that drill for hours."

Already 6-0 to 6-1 in high school while her competition was 5-8 to 5-9, Ibiam blossomed into a prospect. Staley played her in 25 games as a freshman; other stats didn't leap off the page but Ibiam blocked 17 shots while playing less than eight minutes per night.

The blocks swelled to 30 and 83 when Ibiam became a starter as a junior, and Staley added height around her. This year, the Gamecocks rank 10th in the country with 6.3 blocks per game, with Wilson leading the team with 31 while Coates has 28 and Aleighsa Welch has 24.

Ibiam doesn't mind being fourth on her own team after setting the record last year. "It's actually more fun with them," she said. "This year, we've been blocking shots together. I've never had it where we're both blocking shots together."

Staley's defense is designed to drive opponents into the height. Playing Alabama, a team USC routed 102-59 three weeks ago, seems a grand opportunity for Ibiam to add a few blocks to her total. She had zero last time.

She doesn't go back through her game tape, challenge Wilson, Coates and Welch for theirs to be added to her total or rank the 151 she already has – although the swat she had against two-time SEC Player of the Year A' dia Mathies was special. Knowing she's that close to the No. 1 career spot is fueling the blaze she has to keep the Gamecocks on top of the league.

"Since we are getting close to the postseason, I have to be a little bit more careful and not get into foul trouble," Ibiam said. "I definitely want to go get it."

## WBB: 'Nobody else in America can do that'

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With the game of the year in women's basketball less than a week away, there are a handful of reasons South Carolina thinks it has a chance to dethrone the sport's royalty, UConn. There is Tiffany Mitchell, the reigning SEC Player of the Year, the unyielding defense, and the size and depth the Gamecocks bring off the bench.

Developing that depth means that two of the most talented players in the country, Alaina Coates and A'ja Wilson, come off the bench. That decision wasn't a matter of just throwing players out on the court or carrying over the same starting five from last season. It was part of a deliberate effort during the early part of the season to create lineups that maximize the Gamecocks' talent.

At one point in the Gamecocks' win over Texas A&M, Dawn Staley drew up a play during a timeout. The inbound pass went to Wilson, who was open on the elbow for a 15-foot jumper. She passed up the shot and passed the ball to Coates, who was open for 12-foot jumper in the lane. Coates looked at the shot, but instead passed back to Wilson, who was cutting to the basket for a wide-open layup. The two-man game netted three open looks at the basket on the possession, each better than the last.

Not every possession is as elegant as that one, but it is a perfect illustration of how difficult it is for defenses to guard Coates and Wilson. Their size alone - Coates is a beefy 6-4 while Wilson is a rangy 6-5 - creates matchup problems, but what makes them so dangerous is how they complement each other.

Coates is a classic low post center. She camps out near the basket and seldom strays outside the lane. Wilson thrives in the high post, where she can use her quickness, length, and soft jumper to get open. Few, if any, teams have the size and talent to defend both areas.

"Nobody else in America can do that," said Texas A&M coach Gary Blair. "Including Connecticut."

Staley has made several adjustments over the course of the season in order to get the most out of Coates and Wilson. It also requires commitment from both players to put the good of the team over individual interests.

The biggest move was also the first: bench both players. Wilson started the season opener against Southern Cal and notched just four points and five rebounds. Staley felt like Wilson would be better served by coming off the bench, allowing her to see how the other team is playing before she enters the game.

"I just told A'ja it would benefit her to see the game a little bit at the beginning of the game," Staley said. "Once she had the performances she had after she didn't start, she felt good about it."

Convincing Wilson to come off the bench was easy. It surely helped that the same decision worked wonders for Coates last season.

"A'ja's a young lady that's very mature for her age," Staley said. "We often sell young people short. I told her she is better served by coming off the bench for us and she said okay."

Coates also started the season opener, and lasted a few more games in the starting lineup. Staley said at the time that Coates had "earned the right" to be a starter, and they wanted to reward her hard work. She started five of the first six games. Coates was averaging only 9.3 points and 7.2 rebounds

So back to bench went Coates, and the rotation was set. The pair enters the game, without fail, on the first whistle following the under 16 media timeout. Since the rotation started, Coates and Wilson have combined to average 26 points, 16.4 rebounds, 3.7 blocks, and 2.1 assists per game.

"When you insert Alaina Coates and A'ja Wilson into the game, it's a totally different look," Staley said at the time. "It wears you down."

The numbers have gone up in the last three games. They are combining for more than three assists per contest. Those games came following an off week that allowed the Gamecocks some extra practice time. Ball movement between the two has been better and they have played defense with more energy.

"It was a blessing in disguise when we took them out of the starting lineup," Staley said following the Texas A&M game. "It allows them to play together, practice together, and form some chemistry. They're getting more and more comfortable and they seem to find each other in great spots on the floor."

It hasn't been smooth sailing right from the start, though. There were some times early in the season when Coates was visibly frustrated after she'd get open but Wilson would shoot instead of passing her the ball. Part of the problem stemmed from Wilson learning to trust her teammates after having to do everything in high school, and part if it was just normal growing pains.

Back in mid-January, I asked Staley what Coates and Wilson had to do to play off each other more effectively. She told me then that my assumption was wrong. Not surprisingly, the Hall of Famer knew what she was talking about.

"I think they play well together," Staley said. "That's why we make sure they are on the floor together. They're still fairly young, so they still have to recognize defenses and utilize each other. Our post players do a really good job of passing to each other."

Staley also noted that Coates and Wilson had played together before. They were teammates in AAU with the Palmetto 76ers. While AAU play is hardly the imposing SEC, the experience gave the pair head start when they began working together.

Wilson is currently second on the team in points (13.7), rebounds (7.0), and blocks (1.6), and she was named, along with Tiffany Mitchell, to the Wooden Award Midseason Top 20. She is also the odds-on favorite to win the SEC Freshman of the Year Award, which would give South Carolina back-to-back Freshmen of the Year. Wilson also already has three Freshman of the Week Awards, two away from Coates' five, a conference record.

"It's like being in an elite club, not everybody gets it," Coates said after Wilson won her third award. "If she gets more than five, and she probably will, I'm happy for her."

In addition to being Freshman of the Year, Coates was also named Co-Sixth Player of the Year, split with Kentucky's Jennifer O'Neill. She was the first freshman to ever win another player of the year award. Both Coates and Wilson are strong candidates for the Sixth Player of the Year award this season. It would be fitting if the award were split again this year, but within the same bench.

# No. 1 South Carolina women ready for biggest test from No. 2 Connecticut

By [Isabelle Khurshudyan](#) February 8 at 11:10 PM

The top-ranked men's basketball team was in Columbia, S.C., but ESPN's cameras kept panning to a row of women at Colonial Life Arena. On the court, Kentucky was handling the Gamecocks with ease, but it was the [South Carolina women's basketball team](#) sitting in the stands that flashed across television screens as the network's Dick Vitale sang their praises.

Senior forward Aleighsa Welch, watching at home, was stunned when she saw her teammates. Coach Dawn Staley started receiving tweets from fans about Vitale urging the public to sell out the team's next game.

"Somebody like Dick Vitale, who's one of the best analysts around, has that respect for us and was kind of lobbying for people to come watch us play," Welch said. "I think it's a testament to how far our team has come, and I think it's a testament to the respect we've been able to gain throughout the country. It meant a lot."

The Gamecocks' men's team is in the midst of an 11-11 campaign that is unlikely to result in any tournament bid. So South Carolina fans have embraced the women's team, undefeated and ranked No. 1 for 11 straight weeks.

That ranking will be tested Monday night when the Gamecocks (22-0) face No. 2 [Connecticut \(22-1\)](#) in Storrs, Conn. The late-season, nonconference matchup between the top two teams in the country will be watched by 10,000 fans and an ESPN2 audience.

"I think people take us seriously right now," Staley said. "But I think we would open up a lot of eyes if we were able to perform well and end up beating a team like Connecticut on the road."

The South Carolina women have become the top attraction in Columbia, frequently getting stopped and congratulated at the local Starbucks or grocery store, and the program leads the country in attendance. But nationally, women's basketball headlines are still dominated by traditional powers such as Connecticut, Tennessee and Stanford — teams with history and championships.

With a highly touted recruiting class coming in, including top-rated combo guard and Columbia native A'ja Wilson, Staley and the Gamecocks weren't shy about their goal before the season: a national championship of their own.

The Gamecocks are the female equivalent of Kentucky's men's team, having so much depth that nine players average more than 15 minutes a game. In her freshman season, Wilson comes off the bench and is second in scoring behind junior guard Tiffany Mitchell, a national player of the year candidate who averages 14.8 points .

Wilson picked the Gamecocks over perennial powers Connecticut, Tennessee and North Carolina partly because she wanted to be part of South Carolina's rise to national prominence. The Gamecocks have never advanced past the Elite Eight in an NCAA tournament.

"I think we are kind of still the new kids on the block," Wilson said. "But very soon, I think it's going to change and people are going to start to see it."

South Carolina's ascent has been a gradual build over Staley's tenure. A two-time ACC player of the year at Virginia and a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Staley accepted the Gamecocks' coaching job in 2008. South Carolina's record has improved each season since, and last year the Gamecocks were a No. 1 seed before losing to North Carolina in the Sweet 16.

Staley joked that the Gamecocks wouldn't sneak up on anybody this season. They were ranked second in the Associated Press preseason poll. Once Connecticut lost to Stanford in overtime in November, the Gamecocks ascended to the top spot and stayed there, weathering five ranked opponents. The closest they came to a loss was at Duke in December, when it took a last-second putback by Wilson to give South Carolina a one-point win.

Despite the Gamecocks' unblemished record, Connecticut still received eight first-place votes in the most recent AP poll. South Carolina has its doubters as a challenger to the women's basketball hierarchy, which is rarely turned upside down.

A loss to the Huskies on Monday on the road wouldn't tarnish South Carolina's season. But a win would mean they belong.

"It gives you a test to show the type of team you are," Welch said. "Of course, you go into that game saying, 'This is a game where we get a chance to solidify ourselves.' We get a chance to prove ourselves to people who have a little bit of doubts."

# As Staley builds, the fans are coming

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(Photo: Mary Ann Chastain / AP)

COLUMBIA – Dawn Staley concedes filling up Colonial Life Arena was not on her radar when she took over as coach of the University of South Carolina women's basketball team in 2008.

Yet she is the reason the building may be filled when the No. 2-ranked Gamecocks host No. 6 Tennessee at 9 p.m. Monday in a game that probably will determine the Southeastern Conference regular-season championship.

"I didn't really envision the crowd when I was thinking about turning the program around," Staley said. "It was more about executing and what the game looked like.

"I failed to include what a sold-out Colonial Life Arena would look like, because I was focused on something else. But to be experiencing it is incredible."

USC enters Monday night's game sporting a 25-1 record. Like Tennessee, it is 13-0 in SEC play.

The Gamecocks are defending regular-season champions. They enter Monday's game with a school-record 30 consecutive home victories.

A lot of the credit for the team's home success has to do with a fan base that began meekly but has exploded with USC's rise up the national rankings.

The Gamecocks lead the nation in attendance during the 2014-15 season with an average of 12,177 per game, on pace to end the 11-year run of Tennessee as No. 1; the Lady Vols are averaging 10,771 this season.

USC's figure has much to do with Staley and her magnetic personality.

"I have followed her career," said USC graduate and Gamecocks fan Heather Jones. "I was real excited when she came here to coach. I have been coming to games ever since.

"I remember the very first home game we had with Dawn Staley. We played against Clemson. We lost. After the game I remember her getting on the microphone and getting out in the middle of the court and she said, 'Hold on before you leave. I just want to state one thing: I can promise you, if you stay with me, we won't have many more losing games on this court.'

"I thought that was pretty cool."

The Gamecocks averaged 6,371 fans per home game a year ago, which ranked third in the SEC and 10th nationally following a successful 'Drive for Five' campaign which resulted in the school selling more than 5,000 season tickets.

But within the program's newly found fans are a solid core that have made a habit of following the Gamecocks on the road.

One of the most impressive displays came when the Gamecocks traveled to Durham, North Carolina, to take on then-No. 5 Duke.

What happened that afternoon not only [surprised Staley and the Gamecocks](#) ([/story/sports/college/usc/2014/12/08/behind-staley-fan-base-growing-gamecocks-wbb/201094111](#)), but Blue Devils fans as well.

More than one-third of the 6,004 in attendance were estimated to be USC followers, although the contingent in Cameron Indoor Stadium sounded like more.

"It's great to see the support," Duke coach Joanne P. McCallie said after a one-point, last-second Gamecocks win. "South Carolina had great support. They really did. I think that is a tribute to what they've been working on ... It says we had 6,000 today, but we have to grow our support.

"Those 6,000 weren't all us."

The USC fans in the stands that day had an impact on the team.

"We were on the court stretching before the game," said USC senior forward Aleighsa Welch. "We saw them come in, and they kept coming and coming and coming. We didn't realize how many fans would be here, but it gave us extra motivation during our slumps.

"They kept up the emotion for us."

Jones was among those who made the trek to Durham that day and also traveled to Athens, Georgia, and to Storrs, Connecticut, to watch the Gamecocks play this season.

"I was a little surprised," Jones said of the visiting crowd at Cameron. "I knew we were taking three buses. My husband and I drove separate. But it was exciting to see that many fans on an opposing team's court, cheering our girls on. That was exciting."

Colonial Life Arena is where the fans have made the most impact, however, with Staley working to make sure those in attendance remain involved.

An hour before games, Staley makes rounds, doing live shots with local television stations. She and her coaching staff hold pregame chalk talks, filling in fans about the team and its plan of attack.

Before returning to the locker room, she stops to pose for pictures with fans who wait patiently for their turn. Austin Solheim, one of those fans, said that the visibility is one reason he is a fixture at the games.

"The atmosphere at the games, the interaction with the coaches and the players off the court," Solheim said. "We went to see Dawn Staley at the Russell House (USC's student center) the other day while she was eating lunch, sat down and talked to her for about 50 minutes.

"I really like the personability of the coaches and the players."

That approachability has made an impact with students as well.

"They are very recognizable on campus," USC student Chris Young said. "A'ja Wilson, Lisa Welch, Khadijah Sessions, Tiffany Mitchell — they get as much attention as football and men's basketball players.

"Even though I'm from Chapin, I really did not follow the program until I became a student here. Now, I'm at every game."

Another fan is Carolina football coach Steve Spurrier, who has attended several games each season since Staley took over.

He and his wife even traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee, in 2012 to watch Staley's crew pick up its only ever road win against the Lady Vols.

"She brought that team from nowhere," Spurrier said of Staley. "I used to sit up here in the stands with 200 people. When I saw 17,000-plus for the Kentucky girls game, I said anything is possible.

"We need to expand our goals around here in football. Baseball has won a national championship. Our girls won the SEC Championship for the first time ever last year, and now they're on pace to do that and hope for the national championship."

Sessions, a junior who is the starting point guard, is particularly grateful for the fan explosion. An emotional player, she said she feeds off the energy.

"I think we have the best fans in America," Sessions said. "They keep us going. They keep us pumped. They're always into the games. It is just a great feeling to come out and see a lot of fans out there. You can look up in any direction and see fans and they're all behind us — no matter if we're down, no matter if we're up.

"They're just good people and we love coming out here. We love Gamecocks Nation. Honestly, they pump us up. I'm telling you. The more fans that are here, the hyper we get and the better, I think, we play."

Staley concedes to having tunnel vision when it comes to her program. She's obsessed with leading the Gamecocks to their first national championship.

The growth of the fan base, however, has forced her to take a step back.

"As they get more and more people to the games, it's a beautiful thing to see unfold," Staley said. "A lot of people really didn't think it could get done. I think we're getting closer to selling this place out, and I hope we do it.

"Not very many women's teams are selling out arenas that hold 18,000, let alone 10,000. It is an incredible accomplishment and I tip my hat to all of Gamecocks Nation for making this a wonderful place, creating a home court advantage that allows us to win close basketball games ... I hope we never lose here again."

YEAR ATTENDANCE Games Average SEC/Nation

2015 146,118 (12) 12,177 1st/1<sup>st</sup>

2014 101,935 (16) 6,371 10<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>

2013 63,224 (16) 3,952 5<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>

## **WBB: Sessions' transformation complete**

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Khadijah Sessions is having one of the best seasons of any Gamecock point guard in recent memory, but there are no numbers to prove it. You have to watch her to see the impact.

It's the image that symbolizes the Dawn Staley Gamecocks as much as any. Sessions, in a defensive stance - she even seems to play offense in a defensive stance - dreads flowing, headband pulled low over her eyes, staring down an opponent. No flash. No style. She's out there to turn the game into a back alley brawl. And she's ready for whatever you've got.

Sessions is one of those uniquely collegiate athletes: the player fans try to replace for four years, then lament when they graduate. Just among the four point guards on South Carolina's roster, Sessions is not the best scorer, shooter, passer, or defender. She doesn't stand out in the box score, and is typically relegated to the Notes section of a game recap, if she gets mentioned at all. Yet there she is, game after game, controlling the ebb and flow of the game from the sport's most important position.

Playing point guard for Staley may be the most difficult, imposing task in sports. Not only are you playing for one of the greatest players in the history of your sport, but you are playing for the person who defined how your position is played in modern women's basketball. The award for the nation's best guard is called the Dawn Staley Award for a reason. If that weren't imposing enough, Staley expects perfection from her point guards and isn't afraid to let everyone know it. Her admonishing of players during practice would make Frank Martin blush.

Statistically, Sessions is having a disappointing season. Her scoring average is the lowest of her career, down three points from last season, and aside from steals, she has shown minimal improvement in other areas. But she is playing her best basketball, and she is doing it for the best team in program history.

Sessions did not start the season opener against Southern Cal. It had more to do with Staley experimenting with the "jumbo" lineup than anything involving Sessions, but the move immediately created questions about where Sessions fit into the rotation. If Tiffany Mitchell could slide over and start at point guard, and McDonald's All-American Bianca Cuevas could live up to her billing, where did that leave Sessions.

"Khadijah does great things for us, she is our point guard," Staley said after the game. It was a rare statement of fact from Staley, who loves to motivate through competition.

And Staley meant it. Sessions was back in the starting lineup for the next game against Clemson, and she has stayed there ever since, though it hasn't always been smooth sailing for Sessions.

She reached a low point against Missouri. The Tigers, undermanned and overmatched, threw out a junk defense, playing five on four. No defender even honored Sessions, leaving her completely unguarded and packing the lane. She was confused. Her game plan was useless. And she was the most visible culprit for a lackluster 60-49 win.

Sessions is not a pure shooter - she takes most of her shots on kick outs late in the shot clock - and Missouri keyed on that. Missouri was also counting on Sessions to be a hesitant shooter. When you have Mitchell, Alaina Coates, A'ja Wilson, and Aleighsa Welch at your disposal, you let them do the shooting. At the same time, Sessions is not the offensive liability she was painted as following the game.

"They knew that I have trouble shooting the ball, but I kept my composure and found the open man and it worked out for us," she said after the game. "It's a repetition thing. I'm going to continue to stay in the gym and continue to work on my shot, and continue to take open shots in the game."

That mentality paid off. Sessions didn't score in the next game against Florida, but the offense regained its rhythm, and Cuevas was hot, stealing some of the minutes at point guard. Since then, Sessions has been a beast. She has scored seven or more points five times, and has been aggressive on both ends of the court. In SEC games, Sessions is shooting 51 percent from the floor and 41 percent from three. In the last four games, she is even better, shooting 7-10 from behind the arc.

Staley thinks having the flashy Cuevas coming off the bench both motivates and inspires Sessions. Cuevas is in many ways the polar opposite of Sessions. Sessions is a deliberate floor general, pushing the pace when there is a clear advantage, but much more likely to slow things down to set up one of the Gamecocks' scorers. Cuevas on the other hand, is a one-woman fast break, a player who pushes the pace, numbers be damned. That play gets Cuevas on the highlight reels, but it also gets her on the bench in critical moments.

Staley has said several times that having Cuevas on the bench has helped to push Sessions. Seeing Cuevas' relentless, though sometimes ill-advised, aggression on offense has helped Sessions see how to pick her spots. She now sees how to find her moment without detracting from the team.

"A lot has to do with seeing Bianca do some of the things that she thought maybe she could not do," Staley said shortly before Sessions' hot streak began. "She's seeing where she's having a tremendous impact on the game on the defensive side of the ball but also offensively she's getting into a groove."

Sessions was once like Cuevas. As a freshman, she was a backup point guard who brought sporadic scoring outbursts and inconsistent game management. She wasn't as explosive as Cuevas; a knee injury during Sessions' senior year of high school robbed her of some of her quickness. She wore a bulky knee brace for much of her freshman year, and then an ankle injury hampered her for over a month during her sophomore year. She put up strong numbers and was named a team captain, but was not yet the player Staley needed her to be: a linebacker in sneakers who can organize the team with a single look.

To understand what Staley wants from her point guards, one has to understand what kind of player Staley was. She "only" averaged 16 points in her college career, 8 points in her WNBA career, and just over four points during her illustrious Olympic career. She only scored when she needed to, setting up her teammates and playing tough defense. As a coach, she expects the same. It takes time for players to adapt, and Sessions was no exception.

This season, the transformation is complete. While some fans have been clamoring to put Cuevas and her flashy offense in the starting lineup, Sessions has evolved into shutdown defender.

Staley has often called Olivia Gaines her "one-woman press" because of Gaines' tenacious on-ball defense. Sessions has become Gaines' equal this season. Though Gaines was credited with the steal at the end of the Duke game that set up the game-winning basket, Sessions was right there swiping the ball away. The Texas A&M game was Sessions' most dominant. She notched four steals and a block. The Aggies committed 16 turnovers, and Sessions had a hand in most of them (the four steals is almost a running joke: she has been credited with four steals six times this season, despite numerous games when she appeared to have several more). Even when she didn't create a turnover, Sessions kept the Aggie point guards from being able to initiate the offense until there were 10-15 seconds left on the shot clock.

There has been no let up since then, culminating in the Arkansas game, when Sessions scored or assisted on the Gamecocks' first 12 points. At one point in the first half, the Gamecocks had outscored the Razorbacks 21-6 when Sessions was in the game, and been outscored 11-2 while she was on the bench.

Sessions has adopted Staley's mentality. Both are carefree off the court, but on the court Sessions brings an intensity and flat out meanness that drives the Gamecocks. They are bullies on the court, and it starts out at the top of the key. There is no category for "mean" in the box score, but it wins games.



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Dawn Staley does not recruit student-athletes just to coach them on the court. She is interested in the whole person, which is why when she looks back on this particular senior class it will be about not just what they did on the court for the Gamecocks, but also what they did off the court.

"I like to think of them as people first because to work with them every single day, to see their personalities, to see the growth, to see them progress in the way - not just as basketball players - but as people when you're able to put them with tools they can use for the rest of their lives, that's what I look back on to see and the impression that they made on me, our program, this community," Staley said. "It's hard to see them leave our program because they've been such good pieces for us."



With Senior Day on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Colonial Life Arena what this senior class has been able to accomplish has been nothing short of spectacular.

Both Elem Ibiam and Aleighsa Welch have been a part of the program for the past four years and have been a solid part of the foundation that has seen South Carolina win at least 25 games each of the last four seasons, make two trips to the NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen, win an SEC regular-season championship (with a high possibility of a second in the near future), be a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament last year and be the No. 1 team in the nation for 12 weeks this season.

Olivia Gaines joined the program just last season, but she has been a vital part of the team since her arrival. The WBCA Junior/Community College Player of the Year before coming to South Carolina, Gaines has developed into an incredible defensive stopper for the Gamecocks with her steal in the waning seconds against No. 9 Duke in Durham, N.C. earlier this year allowing the Gamecocks to secure the game-winning basket.

"You look at someone like Olivia Gaines (for all the right reasons), who (has) only been in our program for two years now, but she's really a sweet person," Staley said of the guard averaging a point and an assist per game. "She's a great teammate. She works hard every day."

A three-time captain, Welch is the unquestioned leader of the Gamecocks. So much so, that Staley said she has had not been able to sleep just thinking about Welch not being on the team anymore.

"I've had nightmares about her not suiting up for us next year, but we're going to savor each moment that we have her because she's been incredible for our program," Staley remarked. "Just her development, her ability to lead, her ability to kind of be a coach on the floor and a coach in the dorms. All of those things. When you lose someone as much as she means to our program, it's a pretty big void."

When asked who might replace Welch next year, Staley was quick to point out that you just don't replace someone like her that brings so many intangibles to the table.

"That's too hard of a task to ask of any player because it's exhausting," Staley noted of the senior forward who is averaging 9.2 points and 6.5 rebounds per game this season. "I think she exhausts herself trying to get it right, trying to get our players to get it right. She's had some help, but for the most part she's our vocal leader. She's the one that really has a good pulse on our team and that isn't really something that you can teach somebody. It's something that you have to embrace."

Ibiam is averaging 7.0 points and 4.2 rebounds this season and Staley likened her to a famous business executive in the fact that when she talks, people listen.

"El is like E.F. Hutton," Staley commented. "She doesn't talk a whole lot, but when she does, she's got a really good relationship with everyone of our players. They probably like talking to her more so than anybody else because she does in a way in which is just not probably less formal, but more powerful because she gives you the attention that your mother would give you when you're sick. I think our players really embrace that."

The trio of seniors and South Carolina enter Senior Day as the No. 2 ranked team in the country, owning a 26-1 (11-0 SEC) record overall. A win over No. 11 Mississippi State (25-4, 10-4 SEC) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, will give the Gamecocks at least a share of their second consecutive SEC regular-season crown.

It would be easy for anyone to overlook their opponent with so much going on surrounding the home regular-season finale, but Welch does not believe the Gamecocks will be thinking about anything but beating the Bulldogs and ending their second straight home campaign undefeated.

"At the end of the day, we still have a very important game to our season, so I think it gives us more incentive and I think you're going to see everybody play hard and see a team who wants to win for us (seniors)," Welch said. "We all know the importance of the game."

The South Carolina-Mississippi State game will be televised on FSN. It will also be available on radio on 1320 The Fan and 107.5 The Game.

**\*\*Story and photo by Brian Hand/Left-to-right is Gaines, Welch and Ibiam talking with the media before the Senior Day game with Mississippi State\*\***

## The State

# Morris: Gamecocks' Aleighsa Welch gets an assist from her mom

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ALEIGHSA WELCH does not have to look far at South Carolina women's basketball home games to find the biggest influence in her life. Sharell Welch sits in Section 104 at Colonial Life Arena, usually attired in a custom-made replica USC jersey with her daughter's No. 24 and the name "WELCH" on the back.

Sharell has not missed a home game in her daughter's four-season career, and she will be on the court prior to Thursday's game against Mississippi State as part of the team's annual senior night celebration.

Over the course of that career, Welch has developed into one of the steadiest and most reliable players in program history, ranking in the top 10 all-time in career games played, rebounds, blocked shots and double-doubles. She will finish just outside the top 10 in scoring.

No statistics sheet can begin to fully recognize the contributions Welch has made to the program during her career. Her teammates have elected her a captain each of the past three seasons. She clearly is the team's leader, on and off the court.

Welch soon will become a four-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll. She will graduate in May with a degree in sport and entertainment management. She long ago accepted the role as team spokesperson, addressing the media at every turn with a confidence rarely seen in college athletes.

She owes it all to her mom.

"That is a character, right there," Welch said, punctuating the comment with the same ear-to-ear smile and boisterous laughter her mother shares. "She's a personable person. She loves to be around people, she loves to talk to people."

Then comes the kicker.

"My mother rubbed off on me."

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Aleighsa Welch did not stand a chance. Right out of the womb, mom tagged a nickname on her that has stuck like her defense on SEC opponents.

"That's my little chocolate chip muffin," mom said at birth and repeats often to anyone who will listen.

Dawn Staley, her coaching staff and Welch's teammates have shortened it to "Muffin," and use the moniker in a reverential fashion.

Early in Welch's USC career, mom arrived along with her daughter's fan club of 15 or so, replete with T-shirts that pictured a trio of muffins on the front under the heading "Queen of the Court," and "Team Muffinator" on the back.

Mom has known best for her daughter through a military career that carried her husband, Ernesto, and two children around the world and back. Sharell retired in 2006 after 22 years as a paralegal in the Navy. She has since reentered the workforce in the same capacity.

Aleighsa was born in Florida, then was off to Spain, before heading to Pensacola, Fla., and settling in Charleston. While in Spain, Aleighsa first learned to play the national sport of soccer. Then she picked up basketball with her older brother, Ernesto.

At every stop, mom registered her daughter for recreation basketball on a military base. By the time Aleighsa reached the eighth grade at Marrington Middle School in Goose Creek, it was obvious her talents far exceeded those of a recreation ball player. She was fully developed and almost to her current 6-foot stature. Her brother is 6-3, father is 6-1 and mother 5-8.

Word had spread in the Goose Creek community that Welch was a developing star. Tim Baldwin, the Goose Creek High varsity girls coach, heard the stories and visited Aleighsa's mother. A private tryout for the JV team was arranged, although the team had been selected.

Young Welch wanted no part of it.

Mom had other ideas and sat her down with the following talk: "Let's make a deal. Give it one practice. Just one time. Go, see if you like it. If you don't, I'll sign you up the next day for rec ball."

Mom dropped Aleighsa off at the gym and returned after the tryout.

"I need some work," mom recalls Aleighsa saying, "but I think we'll be OK."

"So, are you going to stay on the team?" mom replied.

Aleighsa played four games on the JV team then moved to varsity where she remained for five seasons, leading Goose Creek to its first girls basketball championship as a junior and earning "South Carolina Miss Basketball" honors as a senior.

With Staley watching, Welch scored 36 points to go with 15 rebounds as Goose Creek defeated Spring

Valley for the 2010 Class 4A state title at Colonial Life Arena. The game was played on a Friday night. The following morning at 10, Staley called Welch with a scholarship offer.

Welch's first scholarship offer came from College of Charleston. She also considered Clemson, Georgetown, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest. Then, Staley and assistant coach Lisa Boyer made an official home visit five months after the scholarship offer.

"The athleticism jumped off the page. Her ability to rebound in traffic jumped off the page," Staley said. "Then, when you meet her mother, oh my goodness. That's who we honed in on. We honed in on the mom. She wasn't going anywhere without the mom's blessing."

Staley and Boyer were served mom's famous – at least in the Welch family – chocolate chip cookies (no muffins), and Staley asked mom what she wanted for her daughter at USC. Staley then made her pitch, believing that Welch could be the first big in-state recruit for her program.

Staley was looking down the road and saw the same kind of top-level talent within the state that Steve Spurrier had tapped in building his football program. Behind Welch were Asia Dozier and Khadijah Sessions the next year, followed by Alaina Coates, then A'ja Wilson.

"I want you to be my first in-state recruit, signee," Welch recalls Staley telling her. "I want to turn this program around from here."

Welch had photos taken with Staley and Boyer, one of which still flanks a wall in her bedroom at home. When the two-hour meeting concluded and the coaches departed, Aleighsa checked with mom to get approval on attending USC.

Staley's talk about the discipline and structure needed to succeed on the court and in the classroom at USC struck a chord. It was most appealing to mom, who was big on discipline in the Welch household, making certain all beds were made before school in the morning, collecting cell phones at 11 each evening, and never allowing sleepovers for her daughter.

"I know what I wanted for me, but I wanted to make sure (mom) was comfortable," Aleighsa said. "It was going to be my home away from home. Anyone who knows me knows my relationship with my mom is thicker than anything. If she wasn't comfortable, that was going to be something I was going to have to re-evaluate. They knew that. They made her comfortable."

Now, four seasons later, Aleighsa Welch will, no doubt, give the proverbial basketball finger-point for the biggest assist of all to her mother during Thursday's Senior Night ceremony.

The ensuing hug will be extra special.

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## Welch lifts Gamecocks to title

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. -- There's really only one time when South Carolina's Elem Ibiam doesn't fully appreciate the megawatt power source that is fellow senior Aleighsa Welch.

"I'm not her roommate, but we're always in each other's rooms," Ibiam said. "And there are some nights when I'm like, 'It's time to go to sleep,' and she wants to talk all night.

"She always has energy -- always. It's not just on the court. It's when she's in her room, when she's driving to the gas station -- it doesn't matter. And when you're having a bad day, you know she will pick you up."

Throughout this SEC tournament, Welch was able to pick the Gamecocks up whenever they needed a lift, but she never had to carry them. No one player did, which was a key to how South Carolina won the program's first SEC tournament title. Still, there was something special, as usual, about what Welch brought to her team.

Welch was named the tournament MVP after a 62-46 victory over Tennessee on Sunday in the league final. She had 14 points and eight rebounds against the Lady Vols, who were trying to win their program's 18th SEC tourney title.

These two teams played one of the most entertaining games of the regular season: a 71-66 Gamecock win Feb. 23 in Columbia, South Carolina. Welch was a show-stopper that night too, with 19 points and 14 rebounds.



Aleighsa Welch was one of four South Carolina players in double figures Sunday.

Sunday on a neutral court, the Lady Vols knew they'd have to do a better job on the boards than they did this past month against South Carolina, when they were outrebounded 46-33. And they did, with South Carolina having just a 38-32 edge Sunday. But it wasn't enough.

Is Tennessee still going to be a difficult opponent to face in the NCAA tournament? Absolutely, as the Lady Vols have proven their mettle, even without injured senior center Isabelle Harrison.

South Carolina, though, prevailed with the waves of talent the Gamecocks can keep sending at opponents. Four Gamecocks scored in double figures, with Tiffany Mitchell (17 points), Khadijah Sessions (12) and A'ja Wilson (11) joining Welch.

"They're blue-collar workhorses," Tennessee's Cierra Burdick said. "Then the fact that they can continue to sub in and out and have a revolving door ... I mean, that hurts. I commend South Carolina. They played a great basketball game."

It was a landmark win for a program that for many years was close to irrelevant in this powerful conference. That started to change with coach Dawn Staley's arrival in the 2008-09 season. Each year, she has increased the Gamecocks' SEC victory total: from two to seven to eight to 10 to 11 to 14 to 15 this season.

Welch, someone Staley knew could be a pillar for the program, was a key recruit along the way.

Welch is from Goose Creek, South Carolina, a town outside Charleston. She is one of eight Palmetto State natives on the roster. She was instrumental in luring another: the freshman Wilson, who was considered the No. 1 recruit in the country.

Wilson is from Hopkins, South Carolina, a town just outside Columbia, and there was a lot of pressure on her to stay home for college. But when she sat down with Welch on her official recruiting visit, that pressure went away.

"We just had a talk, not really about basketball but life," said Wilson, who was big off the bench with 11 points and three rebounds Sunday. "That really stood out to me. It wasn't like she was trying to sell me on anything but that she really cared. What I love about Aleighsa is she's more of a leader than a boss. A boss is someone who tells you what to do, but a leader goes through it with you -- and teaches you, step by step."

Welch knew the steps South Carolina took under Staley before she committed to play for the Gamecocks. She was aware she was joining something still in "construction" mode and that there was still a lot of heavy lifting to do.

But Welch's example in leadership was her mother, Sharell, who spent two decades in the Navy. She understood discipline and commitment and, just naturally, had a buoyant personality.

What Staley told Welch after her sophomore year, though, was there was more to give. She needed to really open herself up to her teammates, to be someone they knew always had their backs. Welch took that to heart. She was crushed last year by the disappointments the Gamecocks had in the postseason: losing in the semifinals to Kentucky at the SEC tournament and then to North Carolina in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

But she knew she had another chance to make a postseason run as a senior. The Gamecocks' regular-season finale loss March 1 at Kentucky was frustrating, but it seemed to galvanize Welch and her teammates all the more.

"It's been a season of breaking down barriers and accomplishing things that I don't know if a lot of people thought we could do until they saw it," Welch said. "But I believed it since this summertime, when we were playing pickup. To be able to accomplish this -- especially in the SEC, where every night is a challenge -- means a lot. We had that slip-up at Kentucky, but the bitter feeling we had last week is overtaken by the joy we have today."

It was definitely a scene of pure joy after Sunday's victory. The Gamecocks relished the entire celebration: getting the pyramid-shaped trophy, cutting down the nets, signing autographs, posing for pictures with fans, hugging each other and anyone else wearing the garnet and black of South Carolina.

In the middle of it all was Welch, the heartbeat of the Gamecocks.

"There is one thing Aleighsa can't do," Sessions said. "She cannot dance. I hope she wouldn't tell you that she could. She tries to, and it's the funniest thing. She has so much energy, but she has no rhythm."

That's OK, though, because Welch and the Gamecocks are about to do some "dancing" of another kind. And they hope it leads them all the way to Tampa.

# With the SEC Tournament title in hand, Gamecocks want more

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COLUMBIA – Dawn Staley entered the Southeastern Conference Tournament concerned.

Despite a dominant 2014-15 campaign, the South Carolina women's basketball team entered the event on a low note. Following a regular season-ending double-digit loss to Kentucky on the road, Staley wondered, could history repeat itself?

The Gamecocks won the 2013-14 SEC regular season championship only to drop their final contest to Tennessee, also on the road. They lost in the semifinals of the tournament to Kentucky by 10 points and eventually were dropped by North Carolina in the round of 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

Staley admitted to her concerns before accompanying the Gamecocks to Little Rock, Arkansas for the 2015 SEC Tournament.

While there were a few anxious moments in the semifinals against LSU, Carolina methodically made its way through the event, winning all three games by double digits.

That ended with a 62-46 win over Tennessee for the Gamecocks first ever tournament title, which came in the program's initial appearance in the finale.

Although USC must wait for a week until discovering the particulars of its fate in the NCAA Tournament, many things are already known.

The team will host the first two games of the tournament in the Colonial Life Arena, a building in which it owns a 32-game winning streak.

The Gamecocks will find out on Monday whether they will be placed in the Greensboro, North Carolina, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma or Spokane, Washington regional. (No. 1-ranked Connecticut is a lock to be placed in the Albany, New York regional).

While USC hopes to remain as close to home as possible, the team proved to itself it is ready to take on any challenge.

That doesn't mean the Gamecocks will eventually win the 2015 national title, but they appear in the right mindset to take advantage of the opportunity if presented.

Staley has confidence she can help the Gamecocks claim their first women's basketball national championship. That hasn't happened, yet, but they are one of the favorites.

The team has so many elite athletes that Staley sends them at opponents in waves which means, sooner or later, they wilt under the pressure.

"They are blue collar workhorses," said Tennessee standout Cierra Burdick who was held to six points in the title game by the Gamecocks. "They continue to sub in and out. They have a revolving door."

Many eyes were raised when Staley opted to make A'ja Wilson – the No. 1 high school player in the nation a year ago – a reserve.

Along with 2014 SEC Freshman of the Year and co-6<sup>th</sup> Player of the Year Alaina Coates, the duo has been devastating to opponents as the Gamecocks' bench has consistently given the team a lift.

Due to the plethora of talented performers, Staley and company proved they have the tools to win in an abundant number of ways.

Pack it inside in an attempt to slow down their "biggs" and Tina Roy, Asia Dozier and Tiffany Mitchell are happy to drill 3-pointers.

Press the Gamecocks all over the floor, then Khadijah Sessions takes over by running through and around the pressure.

Want to play physical against USC? It goes without saying that's not the way to go.

The plan is coming together just like Staley knew it would when she became USC's coach in 2008.

It was a slow process as the Gamecocks were 10-18 overall and 2-12 in SEC play during her first season.

"The team has improved during every campaign; however, as its 30 overall wins this year is one more than it finished with last season and its 15 regular season victories one more than in 2013-14 as well.

"She told me to trust her and her vision," said two-time SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell. "I'm glad I did."

After advancing to the Sweet 16 during the last two seasons, Staley and company are looking for more this year – much more.

Whether or not the ultimate goal is obtained will only be discovered in time.

Buckle your seat belts because it should be an exciting ride.

## Sessions stays motivated daily

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Motivation can come in many ways.

"Oh, they say you can't shoot."

"Make them respect my PG. They say you can't shoot. Show them you can shoot."

These words from junior guard/forward Asia Dozier to Gamecock junior point guard Khadijah Sessions mean a great deal to Sessions.

It's no secret that many have questioned Sessions' ability to knock down the mid-range and long-range shot for the Gamecocks.

Sessions is not tired about answering the question about whether or not she can hit the shots. She uses it as motivation to get better.

"It's just a topic of discussion when you're thinking about the South Carolina Gamecocks. What's the weakness? And they're going to point that out and I take offense to that. It really motivates me," Sessions said.



Sessions has improved this facet of her game exponentially this year, but she knows she can still do better, but no matter what she is going to impact a game and that is what she strives for daily.

"I can take my game to another level than it is, but it's at a level where I'm consistently working hard every day, no matter if I am scoring 12 points, zero points, you're going to get something out of me," the Myrtle Beach High School product commented. "I take a lot of pride in my defense and I have things I have to work on. Obviously, I worked on my shot and I still need to work on my shot. Right now, it's falling and it's more a confidence thing than actually getting in the gym because I get in the gym. It's just a confidence thing and just being able to do my role. If I do my role, we'll be alright."

Before the 2014-15 season commenced one thing that Sessions pointed out was how much time she had put into the film room to get better. That has not stopped and she takes pride in her attention to details.

"I really still watch a lot of film," Sessions said. "That's all I do before every team we play. If we've already played them, I always watch the previous game to see where I can be effective, where others can be effective. Coach Staley always preaches film (watching). She preaches not only go watch yourself, but also go watch the defense, watch what you could have done differently. We always speak about what we could have done differently. Even if we win, we still could have done things differently. It takes you going back and watching that. I just take pride in watching film."

Sessions is currently averaging 4.5 points per game. She has dealt out a team-best 98 assists this season. On the year, Sessions is shooting just under 40 percent at 39.4 percent (52-for-132).

In addition to her teammates motivation and her personal motivation, Sessions also has the opportunity to play for one of the greatest players at her position in history in Dawn Staley.

Sessions is not shy about admitting just how tough that really is, but she embraces the chance.

"It's hard," Sessions noted. "It's probably one of the hardest things ever. She has very high expectations. She not only sees it as a coach, she's done it as a player. Most coaches haven't played the position or they haven't done it, but she's done it. Sometimes you have to just sit back and listen to what she has to say. I had to learn her. My first year, I did not get it. I did not understand what she was asking for, what she was looking for, but now I get it. I get her. She gets me and she gets that I get what she wants and that I get how to run her basketball team. I'm glad I have one more year to play under the direction of her."

Sessions in the end is literally living her dream and she never loses sight of that.

"This is one of my dreams to do this and to be able to say, I've lived my dream, I'm just blessed to be a part of something so special," Sessions said.

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## Wilson right at home with Gamecocks

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The fact that A'ja Wilson didn't have to look far to find her college destination didn't mean that she didn't look hard. She explored different options, and waited until last April to announce her decision.

And when the hometown kid said she was staying with the hometown school, the rest of the country could almost hear the cheers of happiness mixed with relief coming from Columbia, South Carolina.

Some things are meant to be. Like Wilson playing for the Gamecocks. She's from Hopkins, South Carolina, just outside the state capital city, and went to Heathwood Hall in Columbia. As she prepares for her first NCAA tournament for South Carolina, the No. 1 seed in the Greensboro Regional, Wilson knows she's right where she's supposed to be.

"Sometimes, I think, 'Oh, I want to get away for a while, but of course, that's the teenager in me,'" Wilson said, laughing. "But at the same time, looking at the big picture, I don't think I could find a better group of girls than the ones who are here.

"And the fact that it's in my backyard makes it 10 times better, knowing my family and friends can always come support me. I think it was a terrific choice to come here."

Wilson is part of what appears to be a very strong freshman class in NCAA women's basketball, and several of the rookie standouts could play large roles in their first Big Dance. Some, like Wilson, stayed in their home states for college, including Ohio State's Kelsey Mitchell, Duke's Azura Stevens, and Mississippi State's Victoria Vivians.

Others -- such as Louisville's Mariya Moore, who's from California -- opted to go a long way from home. All of them, though, are now poised to experience the NCAA's version of March Madness and see how they can make their mark. They've all done quite a lot already this season.

Wilson has started just one game on a deep South Carolina team, but her role has been to provide instant impact off the bench. Which she has done: Wilson is second on the team in scoring (13.3 PPG) and rebounding (6.8 RPG), and is South Carolina's leading shot blocker (58).

After an SEC tournament victory over Arkansas in which the Gamecocks blocked 15 shots -- four of them by Wilson -- South Carolina forward Aleighsa Welch was asked to rate the team's most gifted swatter.

"I'd say the toughest one to beat is A'ja because she's probably the quickest," said Welch, who has 36 blocks herself this season. "You might get a first step and think you have a wide-open layup, and then there she comes. Then she blocks it, takes it and dribbles up the court. And you're just like, 'Whoa.'"

Wilson is an example of a type of player that is growing in number in women's hoops: The post player with guard skills and agility. The 6-foot-5 Wilson is comfortable all over the court. She can get the fast break going, and she can finish it. Every game, Wilson has at least one moment -- and sometimes several -- when you marvel at her powerful athleticism combined with her grace, and how easy she can make something difficult look.

At the same time, Wilson will be the first to tell you that she's still just starting her basketball education. And she delightfully still has that fresh, breezy, funny enthusiasm of a teen. Wilson adores her pearl necklace and other jewelry, and one of the first things she does after games is don some accessories.

Sometimes even before taking off her uniform.

"If I need to do interviews," Wilson said, "I always ask if I can put my jewelry on first."

Then Wilson cracks up seeing South Carolina media relations director Diana Koval, who is standing nearby and jokingly rolls her eyes at Wilson's jewelry obsession.

"That's always her reaction before we do interviews," Wilson said, laughing. "But I just love it. And when I'm playing and don't have it on, I feel weird."

It will sound corny to say Wilson is the pearl that coach Dawn Staley picked up without having to go anywhere to find it, but she is. From a geographic standpoint, that is. However, it was the six seasons of program-building by Staley and her staff -- getting the Gamecocks to an NCAA No. 1 seed last season during Wilson's senior year of high school -- that made South Carolina a place that the star recruit couldn't pass up.

Wilson knew the expectations were huge for her, but that nothing actually was guaranteed without her working for it.

"There's been times when it's been a struggle and difficult -- those games when you're not 'you,' and have to get a feel for it," Wilson said. "It has been tough in that every day brings something new, but it's also been a lot of fun and a lot of learning.

"I came in with a really open mind to be a sponge and absorb it all. I think I've done a pretty good job of it, although sometimes I kind of get stuck in that freshman stage of, 'OK, I don't know what I'm doing,' and it's kind of shaky. But my teammates, the veterans especially, get me back into it."

In particular, post players such as seniors Welch and Elem Ibiam, who start, and sophomore Alaina Coates, a reserve along with Wilson, have helped the freshman figure out a lot of things. Including how to deal with the physical nature of play at this level.

"It helps me adjust because I know they have my back and they understand what I'm going through," Wilson said. "They've been through it, and they're going to be there for me."



Wilson said that while the competitor in her wants to start -- "like any player does" -- she understands why she has come off the bench and thinks that has been to her benefit.

She watches Welch, in particular, to get cues on how to attack what the opposing defense is doing. As the season has gone along, Wilson has become more confident in reading what's available and how to take advantage of it.

"It's been a cool process to watch, because you've seen the good, the bad and the ugly of the transformation that every freshman goes through," Welch said of Wilson. "From when she stepped up big and got the game-winning shot in the Duke game, to when she kind of struggled in the middle of the SEC season, to games when she just went on a tear for us.

"She brings a different dynamic, and I think she's starting to understand that. She's being aggressive and doing what we need her to do. Over the course of the season, she's growing up before our eyes."

The Duke game Welch referred to was Wilson's first signature moment with South Carolina, as her putback just before the buzzer secured a 51-50 victory in Durham, North Carolina, on Dec. 7. Meanwhile back home at Colonial Life Arena all during this season, whenever Wilson enters the game -- especially for the first time -- you hear the special roar that the crowd provides for her.

Often, though, she's so deep into concentration mode that she doesn't hear it. When she does, it reminds her how fortunate she is to be in this place at this time.

"I don't think it's pressure, it's more a lot of fun," Wilson said of being a local favorite. "It's been what I hoped for and more. God has blessed me to have this opportunity to come to such a great program with such great teammates, and still be 'home.'"

## Gamecocks' ascension began with Goose Creek's Aleighsa Welch



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### USC in NCAA Tournament

WHO: South Carolina (30-2) vs. Savannah State (21-10)

WHAT: First round of Greensboro Regional

WHEN: Friday, 5 p.m.

WHERE: Colonial Life Arena, Columbia

COLUMBIA — It was a moment of perfect timing, in the arena Aleighsa Welch would soon call home.

The South Carolina women's basketball team had been eliminated from the SEC tournament in the first round, so members of the Gamecocks staff were at Colonial Life Arena for the Class AAAA girls' state championship game in 2010 — where the Goose Creek High School junior put on a show. Welch scored 36 points, rallying the Gators from 21 down against Spring Valley, and hit the deciding free throw in a 64-63 victory. Although she didn't know it then, she had secured her college future at the same time.

Welch had been interested in attending USC, where head coach Dawn Staley was in her second season and yet to post a winning record. Other schools like Georgetown, Wake Forest and Florida State had been after Welch. But there was no offer from South Carolina — until those 36 points on the same court where she would one day lead the Gamecocks to SEC championships.

"That next morning, they offered her a scholarship," Goose Creek coach Tim Baldwin remembered. "I think they finally saw the possibility of her as a scorer, and also her drive to win."

There were many landmark moments that led USC to Friday, when the third-ranked Gamecocks (30-2) host the NCAA tournament as the No. 1 seed in the Greensboro Regional. The hiring of Staley prior to the 2008-09 season was certainly the catalyst behind it all. But there was also the signing of Welch, the first girls' state player of the year to attend South Carolina in over a decade, and a cornerstone of a Final Four contender built primarily with players from the Palmetto State.

It seems natural now, that such a successful program would recruit so well in-state. Eight of USC's 14 players are from South Carolina, among them three starters and the first two off the bench. But the season before Welch arrived, Staley had just one player from the Palmetto State on her roster — Imani Sellers from Holly Hill, a walk-on who averaged 3.6 minutes per game. Welch was the first elite in-state player to sign with Staley's program, and the first player of the year to attend USC since Shaunzinski Gortman in 1998.

"She was huge. I think she probably was the example of not only a South Carolina prospect but a national prospect, because she's mature, she's grounded, and she loves basketball," said Staley, whose team opens the NCAA tournament Friday at 5 p.m. against No. 16 seed Savannah State.



"For us, getting her was big not just from a basketball perspective, but from a leadership perspective. She's one of our strongest voices on our team, and she's one that everyone listens to. Hopefully, they'll all end up that way. Hopefully, they'll all do what she hopefully will do, and that's lead us to the Final Four and hopefully a national championship."

## Vision to reality

When Welch committed to South Carolina, the program hadn't been to the NCAA tournament in eight seasons, since a second-round loss under Susan Walvius in 2003. The former Goose Creek star joined the Gamecocks for the 2011-12 season along with fellow freshman Elem Ibiyam from metro Atlanta, and the program hasn't missed the NCAA tournament since.

"With that particular class, we recruited them pretty much just on a wing and a prayer," Staley said. "For them to believe in our vision, when we sat in their homes and talked about what we were trying to create, and there was none of that here. There was something a decade before they got here, but they believed in what we were saying, because we believed in it. And when you have people who believe in

a vision, you're going to be able to accomplish a lot of things."

Coincidentally or not, USC's rise has paralleled Welch's development. The Gamecocks snapped that eight-year NCAA drought her freshman season with a run to the Sweet 16. Her sophomore year they reached the second round, her junior season it was back to the Sweet 16. Now, in a fourth consecutive NCAA trip which ties the longest streak in school history, the goal is reaching the program's first Final Four.

Six years ago, when Welch was a high school junior and Staley was still trying to turn USC around, such aspirations seemed like distant points on the horizon. Gamecocks assistant Nikki McCray-Penson had seen Goose Creek play in person a few times, given that the Gators also featured guard N'Dea Bryant, who would play at North Carolina — which seemed to be stockpiling the best Palmetto State prospects at the time. Welch immediately bonded with the USC coaching staff, and bought in to the vision they shared.

"The biggest thing that swayed me was, I knew (Staley) was turning this program around, and I believed in it, and I wanted to be a part of it," Welch said. "I look back from when I was recruited to where I am now as a senior, and it's just everything I wanted and everything I imagined in this program, it's happening right before my eyes. I can honestly say I made the right decision, and I wouldn't change it for the world."

After years of watching the state's top high school player sign with an out-of-state school, South Carolina finally broke the cycle with Welch. People noticed — including a number of elite Palmetto State prospects, some of whom would eventually sign with USC and comprise a team which spent 12 weeks this season ranked No. 1.

"Even when South Carolina was struggling, they had some quality people in their program. They just didn't have those high-profile players," Baldwin said. "You look at the team now,

coach Staley has snagged just about every big-time player from South Carolina. Once you establish yourself, it's like Connecticut — those guys don't go out hunting too much. Those kids find them."

## Cornering the market

Alaina Coates played high school basketball at Irmo, only a 20-minute car ride from the USC campus. Like a lot of Palmetto State prospects, she initially envisioned herself at North Carolina. Then Welch signed with the Gamecocks, and other elite in-state players like Columbia's Asia Dozier and Myrtle Beach's Khadijah Sessions followed the next year, and everything changed.

"Just growing up, South Carolina was not really on anybody's radar," said Coates, a sophomore forward at USC. "But when Aleighsa committed, it was just kind of like — whoa. Wait a minute. And then you had Khadijah and Asia come, and I remembered all the accolades they'd gotten throughout high school. It just made me think more of, something's going on here, and it's good, and I want to be a part of it."

After not signing a state player of the year in a decade, USC suddenly had two in three seasons — Welch in 2011 and Coates in 2013 — and in between added key pieces from a 2012 class that was one of the more talent-laden in recent memory. In the girls' basketball community, where many elite players developed friendships from playing with or against one another in high school or AAU competition, word spread about what was happening in Columbia.

"I noticed it, because I kept up with the places where I knew I was going to take my (official) visits," said Sessions, a junior guard at USC. "So I kept up with who was coming here, what they did in high school, and how we could mesh together."

Staley knew the potential was there, and that a lot of top players from South Carolina preferred staying close to family. "We just had to tap into that," she said. She worked to win over not just players, but also their parents and coaches. Staley built USC's fan base by forging a personal relationship between herself and Gamecock fans, and she built her roster in much the same way.

"It was a lot of stalking on our coaches' part. We made sure we cornered the market," Staley said. "We made sure we knew every significant person who's in their lives, their AAU coach, their high school coach. We just built relationships. And once you build those relationships, we make it real difficult for them to say no. Because we have a lot different people in our corner, and they believe in what we're doing."

In winning over the Palmetto State she won over more than South Carolina, given that many of her future home-grown players had friendships with standouts from out of state, like Ibiham in Georgia and two-time SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell from Charlotte. Prior to this season, Staley added not just the state's best player, but the nation's top-rated recruit in forward A'ja Wilson of Hopkins. While familiarity wasn't the ultimate difference-maker for Wilson, it certainly didn't hurt.

"Everyone wants to have that college experience of, I want to get away from home," said Wilson, who also considered Connecticut. "But really, I think being here has been great for me, and I live 25 minutes away. And I still feel like I have that college feeling. I still FaceTime my parents, and they're right up the street. And it's great having the home girls kind of stay here."

And it all started with Welch, whose signing opened the door for the Gamecocks to become a powerhouse comprised largely of Palmetto State players. "I knew I was coach Staley's first in-state recruit," she said, "but I didn't know it would turn out the way it did."

Given how Welch has become the heart and soul of USC's basketball team, no one should be surprised. "The kids that decide to come here, they can paint the picture for everybody," Staley said. "And that's sort of what Aleighsa has done."

## Go Gamecocks

# Winning always has been a big part of Tiffany Mitchell's life

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THE PLAN SET OUT for Tiffany Mitchell, the shining light of the South Carolina women's basketball team, prior to every game is simple. It will be the same one Dawn Staley and her staff relay to the two-time reigning SEC Player of the Year when the Gamecocks open play Friday night in the NCAA tournament.

"This is how we can win the game," Staley says. "You've got to do this, this and this." Then, according to Staley, Mitchell will carry out assignments to near perfection.

Staley's message plays to Mitchell's competitive fire, a burning desire to win that can be matched only by her coach. In fact, Staley sees a lot of herself in Mitchell.

"We're cut from the same cloth when it comes to wanting to be the best," Staley says. "We would turn any stone to make sure we're not missing anything."

That thirst to be the best has made Mitchell one of the nation's elite players. Since arriving at USC three seasons ago, Mitchell has elevated her offensive game from being limited to drives to the basket to now being a threat to score off the dribble, with a mid-range shot and from 3-point range.

On the defensive end of the court, Mitchell gets the every-game assignment of matching up against the opponent's top scorer. She can guard the ball on the dribble, fend her way through screens and deny passing lanes.

Mitchell possesses a rare ability to play at an extremely high level on both ends of the floor. She says those skills were developed at an early age playing one-on-one pickup games against her bigger, stronger, older brother, Tory.

"I was the only girl in my family who actually played sports," Mitchell says. "So, most of the time, the boys I played against were bigger and stronger than me. I always lost, and I hated to lose. ... One simple one-on-one (game) when my brother would beat me, and I'd go in the house and cry to Mom. It just started then."

Once Mitchell began playing against girls at age 12, she started to experience winning, a habit that has not stopped since. Her summer AAU teams in Charlotte annually were the best in North Carolina. She played on state championship clubs at Providence Day School her final three seasons of high school.

Her teams at USC have won 25, 29 and 30 games with a pair of SEC regular-season titles, one league tournament crown and a quest for a national title in the works.

"Winning has always been a big part of my life," Mitchell says. "I've never been a great loser. I hate losing. I probably hate losing more than I like winning. Losing has never been part of my life."

She also sought out the perfect role model, a member of the Charlotte Sting's WNBA team at the time by the name of Dawn Staley. Mitchell wrote a biography of Staley for her third-grade class. She requested and received a Staley jersey for her 13th birthday.

So, when Mitchell arrived at USC, she was prepared to outwork everyone on the floor as a way to improve her skill set in every aspect of the game. She was learning from the master.

As a freshman, Mitchell admits to a fear of shooting. She says she averaged about three charges a game just by lowering her shoulder and heading to the basket. When opponents began backing off her, Mitchell adjusted and worked tirelessly on her shot during the offseason before her sophomore year.

"I took it personal how people never played me when I got the ball on the wing," says Mitchell, whose shooting percentage has improved from .379 to .493 to .505 the past three seasons. Her successful 3-point field goals increased from 22 to 40 to 52.

On defense as a freshman, Mitchell watched as senior leasia Walker quarterbacked the club. With Walker gone, Staley says Mitchell voluntarily took the leadership role of the team's defense.

The result is a total package of a player, one that opposing teams have a difficult time preparing for because of her versatility. Cedric Baker's Savannah State club got a first-hand look at Mitchell early this season and have watched extended videotape of her in preparation for Friday night's NCAA tournament opener.

When asked Thursday, Baker gave a scouting report on Mitchell, mentioning her tremendous athleticism and conditioning, her ability to score in many manners, and her "lockdown" skills as a defender. Then he got to the heart of the matter concerning Mitchell.

"At this point of the season, all of these Division I players have a great skill set," Baker said. "But in terms of their work ethic, she's outworked a lot of young ladies on a national level."

To that end, Mitchell gives an assist to her older brother and her college coach.

# Go Gamecocks

## Welch's impact for USC is beyond measure

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Points and rebounds always can be replaced.

There's no replacing everything else.

"There won't be another Aleighsa Welch on this team," two-time SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell said. "We'll try, but there's no one else who can do what she does. There will never be another one to wear a South Carolina jersey and be able to do that."

It's not the standard talk for a senior. It's not coach-speak.

South Carolina's staff and players know the end is near, and they don't want to think about it. They only want to give their most indispensable player a gift that would somehow equal what she has given them for four seasons, so when it does end, it ends in the best way possible – Welch lifting a trophy and her luminescent grin brightening Tampa's Amalie Arena.

The Gamecocks have more talented players, more professional-ready players, more highly recruited players.

They do not have a better player than the senior from Goose Creek, the kid her mother tabbed "my chocolate chip muffin" at birth but has been anything but soft and chunky since.

"I think Aleighsa always knows. She knows that we need her," fellow senior Elem Ibiam said. "When we do need a big basket. What we need to do to help her when she needs to do it. Her drive, to not be denied. She refuses to be denied."

Welch will play her final home game on Sunday evening in a building that she helped fill the past four years. From All-SEC Freshman to All-SEC second team to two-time All-SEC first team to being the knot all the Gamecocks have tied into over a four-year NCAA tournament run, she has been the most integral part of USC's rise.

Dawn Staley said it off the cuff four years ago. "She'll always have a special place in our hearts," Staley said, "because she's our first home-grown recruit."

Welch was the first South Carolinian to sign with Staley, but four years later, the statement weighs so much more. The Gamecocks will return a bevy of talent next year, but there's the uneasy feeling that if USC doesn't reach the Final Four this season, it may squander its best chance.

Why?

No Welch next year.

"I've never been surprised," sophomore Alaina Coates said. "Playing against her in high school, she was doing the same things. I'm just glad I'm playing with her and not against her, because I did not want to deal with this."

The "this" is when she refused to stay down – not the sprained neck she suffered earlier in the year but returned to play the next game, not the bruised back she had later in the year but was out for maybe five minutes. Or when Texas A&M had a two-on-one break against her, passed to the other player as Welch picked one to guard – and Welch still blocked the shot. Or taking over when the Gamecocks stalled against Tennessee, grabbing every loose ball, rebounding every miss and sinking putback after putback.

The Gamecocks need something to happen, and Welch supplies that. It's not coached or taught. It's what she does.

"Being a leader, being a captain, I have to step up in those big moments," Welch said. "Being a leader goes a lot further than what you're able to say. It's what you're able to do, especially in times where the team needs you the most."

If USC wins Sunday, Welch's career will have at most four games remaining. She wants to have every one, and her teammates want them for her. It would be the only fitting moment for a player that's left so much of herself on the court and in the program.

As much talent as Mitchell has, it was Welch that really got her started on the path to All-American.

Welch could have been the 20-point scorer last year, demanding the ball on every possession; instead, she willingly gave up looks in favor of an extra pass to Mitchell, encouraging her to shoot.

"After we lost leasia (Walker) and Ashley (Bruner), some of our main scoring, she told me, 'You're probably going to play a bigger role than last year,' " Mitchell said. "She talked about me embracing it and how to handle it. Those were things I struggled with."

Welch is 6-foot if she stands up very straight. What was she doing coaching the 6-foot-4 Coates?

"Before the season started, we were getting through preseason workouts. I felt like I couldn't make it through," Coates said. "She was there for me, talking me through it. I was in a two-week slump, asking 'Why am I here, how am I going to get through this?' She really made me feel good."

Even when she's taken a hard fall, there wasn't worry. "She was laughing as they were taking her to the hospital," Ibiam said.

But what to do when it's over? When there is no final game, no last chance for a bucket, no rebound waiting to be corralled and cradled as the clock hits zeroes on another victory?

Nobody wants to think about it. Lumps appear in throats and eyes begin to swim.

"I'm trying not to think about Aleighsa leaving yet," Mitchell said. "I'm trying to get the most out of her. What she does, it's not replaceable."

Clint Eastwood made it famous in his epic "Million Dollar Baby" when the Irish term "Mo Chuisle" was stitched on the silks of his fighter. He told her the phrase meant, "My darling, my blood." Especially as the inevitable approaches, every one of Welch's teammates and coaches has expressed the literal meaning to her.

"My pulse."



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## Depth, Dozier lead Gamecocks

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COLUMBIA, S.C. -- South Carolina guard Asia Dozier recalls attending Gamecock women's games when she was in junior high school, and not having any problem getting a good seat. Dozier, a Columbia native whose father and uncle are twins who played basketball at South Carolina in the 1980s, realized she had a chance to help improve the atmosphere at Colonial Life Arena.

"I probably came to my first women's game here in seventh grade," Dozier said. "At halftime, they used to announce to everybody who was in the upper deck to come down and fill in the empty seats close to the court. Now to see the fans rush in when the doors open, it's a complete turnaround. It's an amazing feeling to know we played a role in changing the fan support here."

The Gamecocks have done that by playing great basketball, and Sunday's 97-68 victory over Syracuse in the NCAA tournament second round was a celebration of how much this team has become beloved by the community. And it was also about as complete a game as South Carolina has played all season.

The top-seeded Gamecocks had six players score in double figures and shot 55.2 percent (32 of 58) from the field. They hit from inside and outside, had 20 assists to 12 turnovers, and outrebounded Syracuse 40-35.

And as the crowd of 10,485 roared at game's end to send the Gamecocks happily toward their Sweet 16 appointment Friday in the Greensboro Regional -- about a three-hour drive from here -- it was worth taking time to both reflect and look forward.

This will be third appearance in the Sweet 16 for South Carolina's seniors, including starters Aleighsa Welch and Elem Ibiam. But it's the first regional semifinal that is actually in the Eastern time zone, let alone driving distance for Gamecock fans. South Carolina lost in the Sweet 16 to Stanford in 2012 in Fresno, California, and to North Carolina last year at Stanford, California.

This time at Greensboro Coliseum in North Carolina, the Gamecocks will have an experienced team, support from their fans, and a deep roster that so far has been playing very cohesively in the postseason.

Dozier is a great example of the kind of depth South Carolina has. The 6-foot junior guard-forward came into Sunday's game averaging 3.9 points per game. She's not someone whom the Gamecocks typically need to rely on to hit big shots. But she *can* hit them, as she showed Sunday. Dozier scored 12 points by making 4-of-5 3-pointers.

Three of Dozier's treys came in the first half, after which South Carolina led 53-25 and pretty much made the statement that it was absolutely not going to be stopped on this night.

"We knew if they started making 3's, we'd have a problem," Syracuse coach Quentin Hillsman said. "And we had a problem."

Syracuse, the No. 8 seed, figured that packing in the zone would be the best chance to upset the Gamecocks. At a tournament in the Bahamas in late November, the Orange had almost pulled it off, forcing the Gamecocks to rally for a 67-63 victory.

That was the fifth game of South Carolina's season, and Dozier wasn't in the starting lineup then as coach Dawn Staley was experimenting with the many different combinations she could put on the court.

Dozier had started all but two games her sophomore season, so she might have been rattled by Staley's moves at the beginning of this season. But she wasn't, because she understood why it was happening. Dozier was back in the starting five on Dec. 4 against Charlotte and has stayed there.

"Asia is somebody who does the dirty work, who will take a charge whenever we need her to," Welch said. "She can set the tone for games by doing that. We told her before this game, 'We need you to hit shots.' She did, and then we were able to get 42 points in the paint.

"She's somebody in the big moments who can step up for us, and it may not be in scoring. It may be getting a rebound or making a stop or making the right pass into the post."

With Dozier's family ties to South Carolina and the success the program began to have under Staley, she couldn't pass up staying home for college. Her brother, Perry Jr., will join her at South Carolina next season, as he's a prized recruit for men's basketball coach Frank Martin's Gamecocks.

"As I built a relationship with Coach Staley and the rest of the staff, it hit me that there was nobody else in the country I'd rather play for," Dozier said. "Had she been at any other university ..."

At that point, fellow junior Tiffany Mitchell walked by Dozier and joked, "She came here because of me."

Actually, Dozier said, that was part of it, too, as they became friends during the recruiting process.

"She had committed already," Dozier said of Mitchell, who is from Charlotte, North Carolina, "and that definitely impacted my decision, too."

The tight-knit nature of this team despite the fact that so many talented players are competing for court time is the combination that all coaches want. But it's not that easy to get.

"It was definitely something we talked about coming into the season," Dozier said. "Just the need to have an unselfish attitude, knowing that the minutes were going to be shared by a lot of people. I think we took it as a good thing, knowing that the minutes you earn, you can really exert yourself. Because you know you have reinforcements."

That's what many of the Gamecocks' opponents have had to deal with: getting overwhelmed. South

Carolina has won its five postseason games thus far, including three in the SEC tournament, by an average of 24 points.

"There is a lot of drive and determination to be as sharp as we can be," Dozier said. "We want to be ready for anything. Syracuse tried to throw different looks at us; they even played us a little man-to-man in the second half. But we're a hard team to guard."