



# SOUTH CAROLINA MEN'S GOLF

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## 2014-15 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

### August

29-31 The Carmel Cup 6th of 8  
Pebble Beach Golf Links (Pebble Beach, Calif.)

### September

5-7 Carpet Capital Collegiate  
The Farm Golf Club (Rocky Face, Ga.)

19-21 DICK'S Collegiate Challenge Cup  
Golf Club of Tennessee (Kingston Springs, Tenn.)

### October

18-19 Camden Collegiate Invitational  
Camden Country Club (Camden, S.C.)

### February

20-22 Bayou City Collegiate Championships  
Golf Club of Houston (Humble, Texas)

### March

9-10 Palmetto Intercollegiate  
Palmetto Golf Club (Aiken, S.C.)

13-15 Seminole Intercollegiate  
Southwood Golf Club (Tallahassee, Fla.)

23-24 Valspar Collegiate Invitational  
Floridian (Palm City, Fla.)

29-31 Hootie at Bulls Bay Intercollegiate  
Bulls Bay Golf Club (Awendaw, S.C.)

### April

17-19 SEC Championship  
Sea Island Golf Club (St. Simons Island, Ga.)

### May/June

14-16 NCAA Regionals  
TBA (TBA)

29-31 NCAA Championship  
The Concession Golf Club (Bradenton, Fla.)

Home tournament in **bold**

## Carpet Capital Collegiate

Friday, Sept. 5 - Sunday, Sept. 7  
The Farm Golf Club • Rocky Face, Ga.  
Par 72 • 7,012 yards



Live Scoring:

Tee Times:

[www.golfstatresults.com](http://www.golfstatresults.com)

Friday: 8:15 a.m.

--Paired with Auburn, Clemson

Saturday: 7:30 a.m.

--Pairing based on team standing

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.

--Pairing based on team standing

<http://www.thefarmgolfclub.org/indexCCCC.htm>

Website:

### Gamecocks Set for Carpet Capital Collegiate

The South Carolina men's golf team will tee off in its second tournament of the season on Friday at the 26th Carpet Capital Collegiate. The 54-hole event runs through Sunday at the par-72, 7,012-yard The Farm Golf Club in Rocky Face, Ga.

### The Lineup

- **Senior Caleb Sturgeon:** Leads team with 71.00 stroke average...Tied for 10th at The Carmel Cup.
- **Junior Will Starke:** 71.67 stroke average...Tied for 13th at The Carmel Cup.
- **Sophomore Ben Dietrich:** 72.00 stroke average...Tied for 15th at The Carmel Cup.
- **Junior Matt NeSmith:** 72.67 stroke average...Tied for 26th at The Carmel Cup.
- **Senior Will Murphy:** 73.67 stroke average...Tied for 29th at The Carmel Cup.
- **Junior Sean Kelly (individual):** 73.67 stroke average...Tied for 29th at The Carmel Cup.

### History at The Farm

This year marks the 26th playing of the Carpet Capital Collegiate. South Carolina is making its 24th appearance at The Farm, including its ninth straight trip. The Gamecocks turned in their best finish at the event in 2007, finishing tied for first. Two Gamecocks have medaled at the event, as Kyle Thompson won in 2000 and David Seawell took first in 1994.

### Last Time at the Carpet Capital Collegiate - Sept. 6-8, 2013

The Gamecocks finished 10th at last year's Carpet Capital Collegiate with a 54-hole total of 888 (+24). Will Starke led the way, finishing tied for fifth with a total of 214 (-2). Caleb Sturgeon (T-41st), Matt NeSmith (T-45th), Will Murphy (T-48th) and Blaine Woodruff (T-62nd) were also in the lineup last year.

### Breaking Down the Field

This year's 14-team field will again be one of the toughest the Gamecocks face this season. Nine of the teams finished last year ranked in the Golfstat Top 50. Defending national champion Alabama headlines the field and will be joined by SEC foes Auburn, Florida, LSU and Tennessee. The ACC will be represented by rival Clemson, Georgia Tech, North Carolina and Wake Forest. Middle Tennessee State, Kennesaw State, North Florida and Chattanooga round out the field. The Gamecocks had a 17-16 head-to-head record against teams in this field last season.

### 2014-15 Tournament Recaps

#### The Carmel Cup

The South Carolina men's golf team posted a final-round 365 (+5) to finish in sixth place at The Carmel Cup at the Pebble Beach Golf Links.

### TOURNAMENT FIELD

Team	2013-14 Final Golfstat Ranking
Alabama	1
Auburn	22
Chattanooga	56
Clemson	34
Florida	72
Georgia Tech	4
Kennesaw State	44
LSU	10
Middle Tennessee State	63
North Carolina	91
North Florida	51
South Carolina	14
Tennessee	47
Wake Forest	43



The Gamecocks wrapped up the weekend with a 54-hole total of 1,079 (-1), with five scores counting all three days. Georgia won with a total of 1,063 (-17), followed by Vanderbilt (1,068), TCU (1,074), Texas Tech (1,075) and Oklahoma (1,075).

Senior Caleb Sturgeon led the way for Carolina, recording his ninth career top-10 finish as he tied for 10th with a total of 213 (-3) after shooting a 74 (+2) on Sunday.

Junior Will Starke carded the lowest round of the day for the Gamecocks as he turned in a 1-under 71 to finish tied for 13th with a total of 215 (-1). Sophomore Ben Dietrich tied for 15th with a total of 216 (E), following a round of 74 (+2) on Sunday. Junior Matt NeSmith carded a final-round 75 (+3) to finish tied for 26th with a total of 218 (+2), while senior Will Murphy and junior Sean Kelly both finished tied for 29th with a total of 221 (+5). Murphy turned in an even-par 72, and Kelly shot a 74 (+2) on Sunday.

Vanderbilt's Hunter Stewart claimed medalist honors with a total of 205 (-11).

**A Top 25 Program**

Under the guidance of head coach Bill McDonald, South Carolina has consistently been ranked in the top 25 of several polls the last two years. The Gamecocks ended last year ranked No. 14 in the final Golfstat Rankings, No. 21 in the final regular-season Golf World/Nike Coaches Poll and No. 20 in the Golfweek Rankings. Carolina was ranked No. 12 in this year's GCAA Preseason Coaches Poll and came in at No. 7 in Golfweek's countdown of the Top 30 Division I programs.

**Climbing the Record Book**

Senior Caleb Sturgeon and junior Matt NeSmith continue to climb up South Carolina's career scoring average list. NeSmith currently ranks second all-time with an average of 72.46, while Sturgeon ranks fourth with an average of 73.00.

**A Look Back at the 2013-14 Season**

The 2013-14 season was a special year for the South Carolina men's golf program. The Gamecocks finished ninth at the NCAA Championship, which is the second-best finish at the national championship in program history. During the regular season, Carolina matched the school record with nine top-five finishes in 12 events, including three tournament wins. At one point during the season, the Gamecocks reeled off a school-record seven straight top-three finishes. Four Gamecocks wrapped up the season with a stroke average below 73, the first time of record that has happened in school history.

**Among the Best in the World**

South Carolina senior Will Murphy and junior Matt NeSmith are ranked in the top 100 in the latest Golfweek/Amateurgolf.com World Player Rankings. Murphy is No. 6 in the world and No. 2 in the U.S., while NeSmith is No. 188 in the world and No. 85 in the U.S.

In the Scratch Players World Amateur Rankings, Murphy is ranked No. 40, and NeSmith is No. 83.

**Roster Breakdown**

South Carolina's roster is made up of 10 golfers, including two true freshmen, one sophomore, four juniors and three seniors. Seven of the 10 golfers are from the Palmetto state, with the other three hailing from Georgia, New York and Pennsylvania. A total of six golfers have NCAA Championship experience.

**Gamecock Accolades in 2013-14**

The Gamecocks received several individual and team accolades last season. Will Murphy earned PING Honorable Mention All-America honors. Matt NeSmith was named to the PING All-Southeast Region Team and was a second-team All-SEC selection. Caleb Sturgeon was named a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar. Ben Dietrich made the SEC Community Service Team. As a team, the Gamecocks earned GCAA All-Academic Team Honors.

**QUICK FACTS**

Location..... Columbia, S.C.  
 Enrollment.....31,964  
 Founded.....1801  
 Team Name ..... Gamecocks  
 President ..... Dr. Harris Pastides  
 Faculty Representative..... Dr. Zach Kelehear  
 Athletics Director..... Ray Tanner  
 Colors ..... Garnet (PMS 202C), Black  
 Conference.....Southeastern

**COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach..... Bill McDonald  
 9th Year (8th as head coach) (Ga. Tech, 1989)  
 Assistant Coach..... Alex Hamilton

**PROGRAM HISTORY**

NCAA Champ. Appearances .....18  
 NCAA Regional Appearances.....22

**2013-14 TEAM INFORMATION**

2014 SEC Finish..... 5th/14  
 2014 NCAA Regional Finish ..... 5th/13  
 2014 NCAA Champ. Finish ..... 9th/30  
 Players R/L ..... 7/2  
 Newcomers .....3

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**2014-15 ROSTER**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>High School</b>
Ben Dietrich	SO	Bluffton, S.C.	Heritage Academy
Brendan Gramley	JR	Sharon, Pa.	Shady Side Academy
Alex Handy	FR	Aiken, S.C.	South Aiken
Keenan Huskey	FR	Greenville, S.C.	Greenville
Sean Kelly	RS JR	Staten Island, N.Y.	Saint Stephen's Episcopal
Will Murphy	SR	Columbia, S.C.	A.C. Flora
Matt NeSmith	JR	North Augusta, S.C.	North Augusta
Will Starke	JR	Chapin, S.C.	Chapin
Caleb Sturgeon	SR	Laurens, S.C.	Laurens
Blaine Woodruff	RS SR	Acworth, Ga.	Harrison

**Head Coach:** Bill McDonald - 9th year at South Carolina (8th as head coach) (Georgia Tech, 1989)

**Assistant Coach:** Alex Hamilton - 2nd year at South Carolina



# 2014-15 SOUTH CAROLINA MEN'S GOLF STATISTICS/RESULTS

## TEAM SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Tournament	Team Score	Team Finish	Low Individual	Score	Finish
Aug. 29-31	The Carmel Cup	362-352-365=1079 (-1)	6th/8	Caleb Sturgeon	73-66-74=213 (-3)	T-10th
Sept. 5-7	Carpet Capital Collegiate					
Sept. 19-21	Collegiate Challenge Cup					
Oct. 18-19	Camden Collegiate Invitational					
Feb. 20-22	Bayou City Championships					
March 9-10	Palmetto Intercollegiate					
March 13-15	Seminole Intercollegiate					
March 23-24	Valspar Collegiate Invitational					
March 29-31	Hootie at Bulls Bay					
April 17-19	SEC Championship					
May 14-16	NCAA Regionals					
May 29-June 3	NCAA Championship					

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

### FALL 2013

#### The Carmel Cup (Par 72)

Player	Rounds	Finish
Caleb Sturgeon	73-66-74=213	T10
Will Starke	72-72-71=215	T13
Ben Dietrich	71-71-74=216	T15
Matt NeSmith	73-70-75=218	T26
Will Murphy	73-76-72=221	T29
Sean Kelly	74-73-74=221	T29

#### RECORD vs. OPPONENTS

Arkansas	1-0
Georgia	0-1
Oklahoma	0-1
Oklahoma State	1-0
TCU	0-1
Texas Tech	0-1
<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>2-5</b>



## 2014-15 VARSITY RESULTS/STATISTICS

Name	Tourn.	Rounds	Low 54	Low 18	Par/Better	Top 5	Top 10	Top 20	Strokes	Avg.
Ben Dietrich	1	3	216	71	2	0	0	1	216	72.00
Brendan Gramley	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Alex Handy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Keenan Huskey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sean Kelly	1	3	221	73	0	0	0	0	221	73.67
Will Murphy	1	3	221	72	1	0	0	0	221	73.67
Matt NeSmith	1	3	218	70	1	0	0	0	218	72.67
Will Starke	1	3	215	71	3	0	0	1	215	71.67
Caleb Sturgeon	1	3	213	66	1	0	1	1	213	71.00
Blaine Woodruff	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>359.67</b>

## CAREER VARSITY STROKE PLAY RESULTS/STATISTICS

Name	Tourn.	Rounds	Low 54	Low 18	Par/Better	Top 5	Top 10	Top 20	Strokes	Avg.
Ben Dietrich	11	31	214	68	8	0	2	5	2279	73.52
Brendan Gramley	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Alex Handy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Keenan Huskey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sean Kelly	16	47	218	68	8	2	2	2	3500	74.47
Will Murphy	29	85	205	66	29	3	5	10	6238	73.39
Matt NeSmith	25	74	209	65	34	6	11	16	5362	72.46
Will Starke	19	56	211	64	24	5	7	10	4076	72.79
Caleb Sturgeon	34	101	205	65	35	4	9	15	7373	73.00
Blaine Woodruff	23	66	206	66	11	2	2	4	4941	74.86

## 2014-15 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

### Ben Dietrich (So., Bluffton, S.C.)

Tourney	Rounds	Finish
The Carmel Cup	71-71-74=216 (E)	T15

### Brendan Gramley (Jr., Sharon, Pa.)

Tourney	Rounds	Finish

### Alex Handy (Fr., Aiken, S.C.)

Tourney	Rounds	Finish

### Keenan Huskey (Fr., Greenville, S.C.)

Tourney	Rounds	Finish

### Sean Kelly (Jr., Staten Island, N.Y.)

Tourney	Rounds	Finish
The Carmel Cup	74-73-74=221 (+5)	T29

### Will Murphy (Sr., Columbia, S.C.)

Tourney	Rounds	Finish
The Carmel Cup	73-76-72=221 (+5)	T29

### Matt NeSmith (Jr., North Augusta, S.C.)

Tourney	Rounds	Finish
The Carmel Cup	73-70-75=218 (+2)	T26

### Will Starke (Jr., Chapin, S.C.)

Tourney	Rounds	Finish
The Carmel Cup	72-72-71=215 (-1)	T13

### Caleb Sturgeon (Sr., Laurens, S.C.)

Tourney	Rounds	Finish
The Carmel Cup	73-66-74=213 (-3)	T10

### Blaine Woodruff (Sr., Acworth, Ga.)

Tournament	Rounds	Finish

\* Competed as an individual, did not count toward team total



# 2014-15 TOURNAMENT-BY-TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**Aug. 29-31**  
**The Carmel Cup**  
**Pebble Beach Golf Links**  
**Pebble Beach, Calif.**  
**Par 72 • 6,828 Yards**  
**362-352-365=1079 • 6th of 8**

## TEAM RESULTS

1. Georgia	352-358-353=1063	-17
2. Vanderbilt	364-353-351=1068	-12
3. TCU	361-350-363=1074	-6
T4. Texas Tech	355-356-364=1075	-5
T4. Oklahoma	359-363-353=1075	-5
<b>6. South Carolina</b>	<b>362-352-365=1079</b>	<b>-1</b>
7. Arkansas	361-359-368=1088	+8
8. Oklahoma State	362-373-366=1101	+21

## TOP INDIVIDUALS/GAMECOCKS

1. Hunter Stewart (Virginia)	67-70-68=205	-11
2. Lee McCoy (Georgia)	67-73-67=207	-9
3. H. Ronneblad (Texas Tech)	71-69-69=209	-7
<b>T10. Caleb Sturgeon (SC)</b>	<b>73-66-74=213</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>T13. Will Starke (SC)</b>	<b>72-72-71=215</b>	<b>-1</b>



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY AND RECORDS

## GOLF WORLD/NIKE

### TOP 25 As of 8/28/14

1. Alabama
2. Oklahoma State
3. Georgia Tech
4. Texas
5. Georgia
6. Illinois
7. Stanford
8. Washington
9. LSU
10. UCLA
11. Oklahoma
- 12. South Carolina**
13. Virginia
14. California
15. Houston
16. Vanderbilt
17. Florida State
18. UCF
19. Texas A&M
20. Auburn
21. Arkansas
22. New Mexico
23. Virginia Tech
24. Southern California
25. Oregon

### GOLFSTAT TOP 25 As of 6/3/14

1. Alabama
2. Oklahoma State
3. Stanford
4. Georgia Tech
5. Georgia
6. UCF
7. Illinois
8. California
9. Houston
10. LSU
11. Washington
12. UCLA
13. Texas
- 14. South Carolina**
15. Oklahoma
16. Virginia
17. Vanderbilt
18. Arkansas
19. UAB
20. SMU
21. Oregon
22. Auburn
23. New Mexico
24. Florida State
25. Virginia Tech

## TEAM

### Season Scoring Average

Year	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.
1. 2013-14	35	10,061	287.46
2. 2009-10	31	8,919	287.70
3. 2007-08	32	9,256	289.25
4. 1997-98	39	11,292	289.54
5. 2008-09	34	9,890	290.88
6. 2000-01	35	10,199	291.40
7. 2012-13	36	10,492	291.44
8. 2003-04	37	10,787	291.54
9. 2011-12	35	10,230	292.29
10. 2006-07	36	10,535	292.64

### Low 18-Hole Score

Tournament	Rd.	Score
1. Administaff Augusta St. Inv., 4/3/10	2	266
2. Red River Classic, 10/11/99	1	267
3. NCAA Southeast Regional, 5/16/09	3	269
NCAA West Regional, 5/18/07	2	269
5. <i>NCAA Championship, 5/24/14</i>	1	272
Hootie at Bulls Bay, 3/29/10	2	272
Red River Classic, 10/12/99	2	272
Billy Hitchcock Inter., 4/11/99	3	272
9. <i>Seahawk Intercollegiate, 3/16/14</i>	1	273
NCAA West Regional, 5/17/07	1	273

### Low 54-Hole Score

Tournament	Score
1. Red River Classic, 1999	816
2. NCAA West Regional, 2007	820
3. NCAA Southeast Regional, 2009	829
4. Administaff Augusta State Inv., 2010	833
5. <i>SEC Championship, 2014</i>	838
6. Mason Rudolph Championship, 2008	839
7. Mason Rudolph Championship, 2010	844
8. Palmetto Classic, 1997	845
Gator Invitational, 1997	845
10. <i>NCAA Championship, 2014</i>	846
NCAA East Regional, 2010	846
Hootie at Bulls Bay Intercollegiate, 2009	846
South Carolina Intercollegiate, 1984	846

## INDIVIDUAL

### Career Scoring Average (Min. 60 Rounds & Two Years)

1. George Bryan IV (2006-10)	72.37
2. <i>Matt NeSmith (2012-Present)</i>	72.46
3. Kyle Thompson (1997-00)	72.81
4. <i>Caleb Sturgeon (2011-Present)</i>	73.00
5. David Seawell (1993-96)	73.05
6. Eirik Johansen (2002-06)	73.12
7. Mark Silvers III (2005-09)	73.15
8. Wesley Bryan (2008-2012)	73.23
9. Eric Ecker (1996-00)	73.25
10. Martin Rominger (2001-04)	73.30

### Single-Season Scoring Avg. (Min. 18 Rounds)

1. George Bryan IV (2010)	71.35
2. Kyle Thompson (2001)	71.83
3. Webb Heintzelman (1984)	71.97
4. Mark Anderson (2008)	72.00
5. Paul Woodbury (2010)	72.06
6. Wesley Bryan (2010)	72.12
7. Eric Ecker (1998)	72.15
8. <i>Will Starke (2014)</i>	72.20
9. David Seawell (1994)	72.23
10. <i>Matt NeSmith (2014)</i>	72.26

### Low 18-Hole Score

Player/Tournament	Score
1. K. Thompson, '99 NCAA Regional (3)	63
D. Seawell, '96 Gator Invitational (2)	63
3. <i>W. Starke, '14 NCAA Championship (1)</i>	64
<i>W. Starke, '14 Seahawk Intercollegiate (1)</i>	64
W. Bryan, '10 Hootie at Bulls Bay (2)	64
M. Silvers III, '09 NCAA Regional (3)	64
K. Thompson, '99 Red River (1)	64
D. Brunson, '99 Red River (1)	64
9. <i>M. NeSmith, '14 SEC Championship (1)</i>	65
<i>C. Sturgeon, '13 Badger Invitational (1)</i>	65
C. Sturgeon, '13 SEC Championship (1)	65
G. Bryan IV, '10 Augusta State Inv. (2)	65
W. Bryan, '10 Augusta State Inv. (2)	65
G. Bryan IV, '09 Hootie at Bulls Bay (3)	65
G. Bryan IV, '07 Bank of Tennessee (2)	65
(also seven other occasions)	

### Low 54-Hole Score

Player/Tournament	Score
1. J. Bloomfield, '99 Red River	197
2. G. Bryan IV, '09 Hootie at Bulls Bay	201
3. D. Seawell, '96 Gator Invitational	202
4. D. Seawell, '95 Gator Invitational	203
5. G. Bryan IV, '10 SEC Championship	204
G. Bryan IV, '07 NCAA West Regional	204
E. Johansen, '04 Palmetto Inter.	204
J. Kransteuber, '97 Gator Invitational	204
9. <i>W. Murphy, '14 SEC Championship</i>	205
C. Sturgeon, '13 SEC Championship	205
E. Johansen, '03 Augusta State Inv.	205

