

# SOUTH CAROLINA

## 2016-17 Women's Basketball



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### Exhibition Game

**November 6, 2016 • 1:30 p.m. • Columbia, S.C. • Colonial Life Arena**

**South Carolina  
Gamecocks**  
0-0



vs.



**Benedict College  
Lady Tigers**  
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**Ranking:** 4/3 (AP/Coaches)  
**Head Coach:** Dawn Staley  
**Record at South Carolina:** 188-76 (9th)  
**Career Record:** 360-156 (17th)  
**Top Returning Scorer:** A'ja Wilson (16.1)  
**Top Returning Rebounder:** Alaina Coates (10.3)

**Ranking:** 15 (WBCA Division II)  
**Head Coach:** James Rics  
**Record at Benedict:** 61-29 (4th)  
**Career Record:** Same  
**Top Returning Scorer:** Destiny Betts (7.8)  
**Top Returning Rebounder:** Destiny Betts (6.5)

### Schedule/Results

Nov. 7 **Benedict (Exh.)** 7 p.m.  
 Nov. 14 at Ohio State 6 p.m.

#### *Basketball Hall of Fame Women's Challenge*

Nov. 20 **Hampton (SECN+)** 3 p.m.  
 Nov. 21 **Maine (SECN+)** 7 p.m.  
 Nov. 22 **Saint Peter's (SECN+)** 7 p.m.  
 Nov. 27 vs. Louisville (ESPN2) 1 p.m.

#### *SEC/Big 12 Challenge*

Dec. 1 at Texas (ESPN2) 7 p.m.  
 Dec. 4 at Duke 2 p.m.  
 Dec. 11 **Minnesota (SECN)** 3 p.m.  
 Dec. 15 **Clemson (SECN)** 7 p.m.  
 Dec. 18 **UCLA (ESPN2)** 2 p.m.  
 Dec. 21 at Savannah State 6 p.m.  
 Jan. 1 **Alabama\* (ESPN2)** 2 p.m.  
 Jan. 5 at Auburn\* (SECN+) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 8 at Florida\* (ESPN2) Noon  
 Jan. 12 **Georgia\* (SECN)** 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 15 at LSU\* (SECN+) 3 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 **Ole Miss\* (SECN)** 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 23 **Mississippi State\* (ESPN2)** 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 26 at Georgia\* (SECN) 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 30 **Tennessee\* (ESPN2)** 6 p.m.  
 Feb. 2 at Kentucky\* (SECN) 7 p.m.  
 Feb. 5 at Arkansas\* (ESPN2) 2 p.m.  
 Feb. 9 **Auburn\* (SECN+)** 7 p.m.  
 Feb. 13 at UConn (ESPN2) 9 p.m.  
 Feb. 16 **Vanderbilt\* (SECN)** 7 p.m.  
 Feb. 19 at Missouri\* (ESPN2) 3 p.m.  
 Feb. 23 at Texas A&M\* (SECN) 9 p.m.  
 Feb. 26 **Kentucky\* (ESPN2/2)** 2/5 p.m.

#### *SEC Tournament (Greenville, S.C.)*

Mar. 1 First Round (SECN) TBA  
 Mar. 2 Second Round (SECN) TBA  
 Mar. 3 Quarterfinals (SECN) TBA  
 Mar. 4 Semifinals (ESPN2) TBA  
 Mar. 5 Final (ESPN2) TBA

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

### Game Information

**Tickets:** Free Admission  
**Broadcast:** None

**Radio:** None  
**Live Stats:** GamecockStats.com

### South Carolina Notables

#### Rankings Review

South Carolina comes into this season ranked as high as No. 2 and as low as No. 7 in the various preseason polls. The two season-long polls – Associated Press and USA Today Coaches – have the Gamecocks at No. 4 and No. 3, respectively.

The AP's top-five ranking keep South Carolina as one of two programs in the nation to hold a ranking that high every week since the start of the 2014-15 season.

#### Scheduling Conflict

The Gamecocks have a tough schedule ahead this season, facing 12 games against teams ranked in either the AP or USA Today Coaches Preseason Poll. Eight of those games are on the road, including a neutral-site contest against No. 5/8 Louisville. Three of the 12 games – at No. 7/6 Ohio State, vs. No. 5/8 Louisville, at No. 8/6 Texas – come in the first month of the season.

#### Staley Staying Power

South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley enters her ninth season at the helm after guiding the Gamecocks into the postseason six times. That string includes five straight NCAA Tournament appearances, which is the longest consecutive streak in program history. Those five outings include three Sweet 16s and a Final Four berth.

#### Alai-ja Awaits

Over the past two seasons, opponents may be inclined to think of the paint as the Gamecock-owned continent of Alai-ja as senior center Alaina Coates and junior forward A'ja Wilson have firmly planted the flag in the lane on both ends of the court. The duo makes South Carolina one of three

teams in the nation to return multiple Associated Press All-Americans in 2016-17 as Wilson captured a spot on the first team and Coates picked up honorable mention honors.

Wilson grabbed 32 of a possible 33 votes for the AP's Preseason All-America First Team this season, the organization announced last week. ESPN tabbed her the top player in the nation this season as well. Coates has picked up several preseason All-America honors this season and was named the No. 9 player in the nation by ESPN.

#### Four x 1,000

South Carolina boasts four 1,000-point scorers on this season's roster, led by Alaina Coates (1,241) and A'ja Wilson (1,016). Junior transfers Kaela Davis (1,246 at Georgia Tech) and Allisha Gray (1,053 at North Carolina). All four have been first-team all-conference selections in their respective leagues as well.

#### New Faces

Five new Gamecocks join the fold this season with the four freshmen ready to take the court right away. Junior forward Alexis Jennings will sit out this season due to NCAA transfer rules.

Guard Tyasha Harris (Noblesville, Ind.) headlines the freshman class, coming off a summer spent helping the U.S. to its seventh-straight gold medal in the FIBA U18 Americas Championship. Araion Bradshaw (Hyde Park, Mass.) and Victoria Patrick (Orlando, Fla.) join her in the guard spot. Bradshaw is point guard with good court vision, and Patrick comes in as a scorer to help stretch the floor. Forward Mikiah Herbert Harrigan rounds out the class, bringing athleticism, speed and perimeter shooting to the team.



**2015-16 South Carolina Basketball**  
**South Carolina Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 12, 2016)**  
**All games**



Overall record: 33-2 Conf: 16-0 Home: 16-1 Away: 11-0 Neutral: 6-1

##	Player	gp-gs	min	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds			avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot										
22	WILSON, A'ja	33-32	895	27.1	205-386	.531	0-0	.000	120-166	.723	88	199	287	8.7	78	1	47	74	103	27	530	16.1
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	35-34	1068	30.5	168-405	.415	61-180	.339	124-152	.816	33	63	96	2.7	69	0	90	86	6	63	521	14.9
41	COATES, Alaina	35-33	937	26.8	168-261	.644	0-0	.000	89-159	.560	107	253	360	10.3	87	0	33	53	45	43	425	12.1
01	CUEVAS, Bianca	34-1	614	18.1	78-207	.377	20-76	.263	50-66	.758	10	50	60	1.8	43	0	63	64	2	47	226	6.6
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	35-35	896	25.6	69-154	.448	20-53	.377	69-107	.645	24	67	91	2.6	75	1	80	53	3	70	227	6.5
23	ROY, Tina	35-13	708	20.2	72-214	.336	66-184	.359	5-11	.455	10	46	56	1.6	12	0	75	36	1	15	215	6.1
24	IMOVBIOH, Sarah	35-4	497	14.2	62-104	.596	0-0	.000	28-66	.424	81	95	176	5.0	59	0	9	28	7	13	152	4.3
04	CLINEY, Doniyah	20-3	219	11.0	20-47	.426	4-13	.308	18-27	.667	5	11	16	0.8	24	0	14	21	1	10	62	3.1
31	DOZIER, Asia	29-20	529	18.2	28-97	.289	15-64	.234	15-20	.750	4	26	30	1.0	23	0	65	38	2	10	86	3.0
40	WHITE, Jatarie	32-0	406	12.7	30-88	.341	0-3	.000	32-52	.615	26	67	93	2.9	57	0	18	22	13	6	92	2.9
00	COLLEY, Shay	11-0	142	12.9	11-31	.355	3-12	.250	5-8	.625	8	12	20	1.8	18	0	13	16	1	7	30	2.7
03	DUCKETT, Kaydra	8-0	55	6.9	4-9	.444	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	7	8	1.0	8	0	5	4	1	3	9	1.1
44	FARMER, India	10-0	34	3.4	0-5	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	4	5	0.5	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	0.0
Team											58	73	131		1		11					
Total.....		35	7000		915-2008	.456	190-591	.321	555-834	.665	456	973	1429	40.8	557	2	513	508	187	314	2575	73.6
Opponents.....		35	7000		720-2072	.347	155-544	.285	353-507	.696	427	734	1161	33.2	748	25	355	553	109	234	1948	55.7

TEAM STATISTICS	SC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	2575	1948	11/13/15	#6/10 OHIO STATE	w 88-80	16815
Points per game	73.6	55.7	11/15/15	UNCG	w 92-44	13607
Scoring margin	+17.9	-	11/18/15	at Clemson	w 67-41	1030
FIELD GOALS-ATT	915-2008	720-2072	11/22/15	at UCLA	w 68-65	2018
Field goal pct	.456	.347	@ 11/27/15	vs #16/18 Arizona State	w 60-58	2020
3 POINT FG-ATT	190-591	155-544	@ 11/28/15	vs CSU Bakersfield	w 90-71	2152
3-point FG pct	.321	.285	@ 11/29/15	at Hawaii	w 67-51	2073
3-pt FG made per game	5.4	4.4	12/06/15	#14/13 DUKE	w 66-55	16429
FREE THROWS-ATT	555-834	353-507	12/13/15	WINTHROP	w 86-37	13409
Free throw pct	.665	.696	12/16/15	HAMPTON	w 86-48	12117
F-Throws made per game	15.9	10.1	< 12/20/15	vs East Carolina	w 88-57	4103
REBOUNDS	1429	1161	12/22/15	ELON	w 78-63	13670
Rebounds per game	40.8	33.2	* 01/03/16	ARKANSAS	w 85-32	13407
Rebounding margin	+7.7	-	* 01/07/16	at Vanderbilt	w 71-61	2547
ASSISTS	513	355	* 01/10/16	#20/- MISSOURI	w 83-58	15934
Assists per game	14.7	10.1	* 01/14/16	at #9/9 Kentucky	w 73-62	5527
TURNOVERS	508	553	* 01/17/16	#15/11 TEXAS A&M	w 59-58	15406
Turnovers per game	14.5	15.8	* 01/21/16	at Auburn	w 74-58	2419
Turnover margin	+1.3	-	* 01/24/16	at #10/10 Mississippi State	w 57-51	10626
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.6	* 01/28/16	OLE MISS	w 81-62	14313
STEALS	314	234	* 01/31/16	at #10/10 Texas A&M	w 70-63	8511
Steals per game	9.0	6.7	* 02/04/16	#18/18 KENTUCKY	w 78-68	15015
BLOCKS	187	109	02/08/16	#1/1 UCONN	L 54-66	18000
Blocks per game	5.3	3.1	* 02/11/16	#16/19 FLORIDA	w 86-71	13324
ATTENDANCE	244196	78228	* 02/15/16	at #24/- Tennessee	w 62-56	12014
Home games-Avg/Game	17-14364	11-4629	* 02/18/16	GEORGIA	w 61-51	16186
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	7-3902	* 02/22/16	at Alabama	w 66-46	2679
			* 02/25/16	at Ole Miss	w 66-45	1473
			* 02/28/16	LSU	w 75-39	16240
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Totals	
South Carolina	573	647	664	691	2575	
Opponents	448	441	504	555	1948	
						^ 03/04/16 vs Auburn w 57-48 2245
						^ 03/05/16 vs #13/13 Kentucky w 93-63 5632
						^ 03/06/16 vs #16/16 Mississippi State w 66-52 6549
						\$ 03/18/16 JACKSONVILLE w 77-41 10276
						\$ 03/20/16 KANSAS STATE w 73-47 10048
						\$ 03/25/16 vs #14/15 Syracuse L 72-80 4610

\* = Conference game  
 @ = Rainbow Wahine Showdown (Honolulu, Hawaii)  
 < = Carolinas Challenge (Myrtle Beach, S.C.)  
 ^ = SEC Tournament (Jacksonville, Fla.)  
 \$ = NCAA Tournament (Columbia, S.C.; Sioux Falls, S.D.)