



# SOUTH CAROLINA VOLLEYBALL

## 2012 GAMECOCK INVITATIONAL OPPONENTS

 <p><b>Temple</b> Fri., Aug. 24, 12:30 PM VCF</p> <p><b>Series History</b> Tied 1-1</p> <p><b>Trend</b> SC won last meeting</p> <p><b>Last Time</b> SC won 3-0 (8/27/11)</p>	 <p><b>Akron</b> Fri., Aug. 24, 8 PM VCF</p> <p><b>Series History</b> Never played</p> <p><b>Trend</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Last Time</b> First meeting</p>	 <p><b>East Tennessee State</b> Sat., Aug. 25, 3 PM VCF</p> <p><b>Series History</b> Tied 3-3</p> <p><b>Trend</b> ETSU won last two</p> <p><b>Last Time</b> ETSU won 3-0 (9/18/1993)</p>	 <p><b>UNC Asheville</b> Sat., Aug. 25, 8 PM VCF</p> <p><b>Series History</b> SC leads 2-0</p> <p><b>Trend</b> SC won last two</p> <p><b>Last Time</b> SC won 3-0 (9/3/11)</p>
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## 2012 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	RESULT/TIME
8/24	Temple%	12:30 PM
8/24	Akron%	8 PM
8/25	East Tennessee State	3 PM
8/25	UNC Asheville	8 PM
8/29	Slovenian Nat'l Team (exh.)	7 PM
9/1	vs. West Virginia #	1 PM
9/1	at George Mason#	7 PM
9/2	vs. Navy#	11 AM
9/2	vs. Niagra#	3 PM
9/7	Clemson&	7 PM
9/8	UAB&	11 AM
9/8	Winthrop&	7:30 PM
9/14	Georgia*	7 PM
9/16	LSU*	1:30 PM
9/21	at Auburn*	8 PM
9/23	at Tennessee*	1 PM
9/28	Florida*	7 PM
9/30	Mississippi*	1:30 PM
10/5	at Texas A&M* (SportSouth)	9:30 PM
10/7	at LSU*	2 PM
10/12	Alabama*	7 PM
10/16	at Coastal Carolina	6 PM
10/19	at Mississippi State*	8 PM
10/21	at Mississippi* (CSS)	2 PM
10/26	Auburn*	7 PM
10/28	Texas A&M*	1:30 PM
11/2	at Missouri*	7:30 PM
11/4	at Kentucky*	1:30 PM
11/9	Mississippi State*	7 PM
11/11	Tennessee*	1:30 PM
11/16	at Alabama*	8 PM
11/18	at Florida*	TBA
11/23	Arkansas*	1:30 PM

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HEAD COACH SCOTT SWANSON (p. 3)

## 2012 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
1	Paige Wheeler	DS	5-7	Jr.	2L	Virginia Beach, Va. (Cape Henry)
2	Lexie Pawlik	S	6-0	So.	1L	Granger, Ind. (Penn)
4	Darian Dozier	MB/OH	6-0	Fr.	HS	Sandy Spring, Md. (St. Johns College)
5	Maddie Frome	OH	5-10	Fr.	HS	Newport Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei)
6	Sarah Blomgren	Opp.	5-10	Fr.	HS	Canyon Country, Calif. (Saugus)
9	Christina Glover	OH	5-10	Sr.	3L	Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Wando)
10	Christina Vereb	MB/Opp.	6-0	RS Fr.	RS	Rock Hill, S.C. (Rock Hill)
11	Cara Howley	MB/Opp.	6-0	RS So.	1L	McKinney, Texas (McKinney Boyd)
12	Juliette Thévenin	OH	6-2	Jr.	2L	Mont-sur-Marchinne, Belgium
13	Jenna Allen	OH	5-10	Fr.	HS	Lewisville, Texas (Hebron)
15	Lindsey Craft	DS	5-7	Jr.	2L	Alpharetta, Ga. (Chattahoochie)
16	Bethanie Thomas	OH	6-1	So.	1L	Madison, Ala. (Bob Jones)
17	Elizabeth Johnbull	MB	5-10	Fr.	HS	Pflugerville, Texas (Connally)
19	Kira Speer	OH	6-1	Fr.	HS	Durham, N.C. (Riverside)
20	Taylor Bruns	S	6-0	Sr.	3L	Normal, Ill. (University)
21	Litsa Darby	S/DS	5-6	Fr.	HS	Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Ashley Hall)
22	Megan Kent	MB/OH	6-1	Jr.	2L	Ijamsville, Md. (Urbana)

Managers: Brandi Byers, Melissa Kears

All times Eastern

Home matches in bold

% Gamecock Invitational

# The Mason Inn Patriot Invitational (Fairfax, Va.)

& Carolina Clash

\* SEC match

## GAMECOCK STAFF

Head Coach.....	Scott Swanson
Alma Mater.....	Arizona State, 1995
Overall Record (Years).....	64-77 (5)
SC Record (Years).....	14-16 (1)
Assistant Coach.....	Moritz Moritz
Alma Mater.....	Colorado State, 2006
Year at SC.....	2nd
Assistant Coach.....	Julie Darty
Alma Mater.....	Mercer, 2008
Year at SC.....	1st
Volunteer Assistant.....	Drew Burdette
Director of Operations.....	Shane Wilkison
Graduate Assistant.....	Morgan Thomas

## QUICK FACTS

Location ..... Columbia, S.C.  
 Founded ..... 1801  
 Enrollment..... 30,721  
 Colors ..... Garnet (PMS 202C) & Black  
 Nickname..... Gamecocks  
 Affiliation..... NCAA Division I  
 Conference ..... Southeastern (Eastern Division)  
 President ..... Dr. Harris Pastides  
 Athletic Director..... Ray Tanner  
 Home Court..... Volleyball Competition Facility  
 2011 Record..... 14-16  
 2011 Conference Record..... 5-15  
 2011 Conference Finish..... 5th East  
 '11 Starters Returning/Lost +Libero..... 4+1/2  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost ..... 10/4  
 Newcomers ..... 7

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 Lexie PAWLIK.....PAW-lick  
 Christina VEREB.....VER-eb

## ABBREVIATIONS

When needing to abbreviate South Carolina for your scoreboard or broadcast boxes, the preferred shortenings are S. Carolina or SC. Please refrain from using USC or SCAR when referring to the University of South Carolina. Proper logos and wordmarks can be emailed for use by any media outlet upon request. Thanks.

## NOTEWORTHY

### SOUTH CAROLINA OVERVIEW

- South Carolina returns four starters and its starting libero from the 2011 team.
- That 2011 team, the first coached by Scott Swanson, doubled the win total from the previous year.
- The leading attacker by kills, junior outside hitter Juliette Thévenin, is back.
- The top defender by digs, junior libero Paige Wheeler, returns.
- A total of 97 percent of assists are back, along with setters senior Taylor Bruns and sophomore Lexie Pawlik.
- The Gamecocks lost almost 50 percent of the team blocks from last season.
- The next highest total of “lost” stats are kills, where 32.2 percent departed.
- Last season, the Gamecocks led the SEC in digs per set. Only 12.2 percent of those departed.

### HOME MATCHES NOTES

- South Carolina is playing 17 matches plus one exhibition in the Volleyball Competition Facility this fall, the most since moving into the building in 1996.
- It’s one more than the inaugural season in the building, when SC hosted the 1996 SEC Tournament.
- The most home matches ever for South Carolina came in 1990, when the team hosted 21 contests.

### ATTACKING THE RECORD BOOK

- Juliette Thévenin starts 2012 in the top 10 in two categories at South Carolina: kills per set (3rd, 3.65) and digs per set (10th, 2.84).
- Taylor Bruns is 10th in assists (1,905) and eighth in assists per set (6.93).
- Paige Wheeler is fourth on SC’s career charts in digs per set (3.37).

### HISTORICAL RECORDS

- South Carolina is 706-536 (.568) all-time in volleyball.
- In the Volleyball Competition Facility, the team stands at 137-70 (.662).

### (RECENT) HOME TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- South Carolina has hosted a home tournament every year since 2000 except for 2001 and 2005.
- The Gamecocks have won four of the last five home non-conference events, only losing in 2010.

### ROSTER NOTES

- Eight freshman, including seven true rookies, are a part of the 17-person roster.
- Three players hail from each South Carolina and Texas, the most on the team.
- A pair of student-athletes both hail from California and Maryland.
- Six other states and another country are represented by the seven remaining athletes.

### ABOUT TEMPLE

- Temple returns four starters and its libero from last year’s 8-20 team, going 4-11 in the Atlantic 10.
- Bakeer Gaines leads the squad for the second year.
- Libero Chelsea Tupuola averaged 4.25 digs per set in 2011.
- Tiffany Connatster is a sophomore setter who averaged 9.55 assists per set as a rookie.
- Junior outside hitters Elyse Burkert and Gabriella Matautia averaged over 3.00 kills a set last season.

### ABOUT AKRON

- Five starters return for the Zips, who posted a 4-25 record last year and a 1-15 mark in the MAC.
- Ron Arenz is in his fifth year leading Akron’s volleyball team.
- Starting setter Morgan Kuhn returns for her senior season after posting 872 assists last year.
- Senior middle blocker Paiton Twitty posted a team-best 85 blocks a year ago.
- Three of the top four diggers return, including senior Chelsea Harvey and junior Jill Paluch.
- The top attacker for the Zips in 2011, Courtney Jarvis (3.33 kps, 2.13 dps), will have to be replaced.

### ABOUT EAST TENNESSEE STATE

- Four starters return for the Bucs and 10th-year head coach Lindsey Devine.
- East Tennessee State went 14-16 last season, including a 7-6 mark in the Atlantic Sun.
- Top attacker Megan Devine returns for her junior season after averaging 4.16 kills per set last year.
- Sophomore Meredith Hardy averaged 0.84 blocks per set, second on the 2011 Buccaneers.
- Setter Jamie Rutledge returns after posting a 9.36 assists average as a junior.
- The Bucs lost libero Kiley Tamblin, who made 4.11 digs per set last year.

### ABOUT UNC ASHEVILLE

- Frederico Santos brings his Bulldogs back to Columbia for the second consecutive year.
- Five starters are back from last year’s 15-14 team, which included a 7-7 mark in Big South play.
- The two departing starters were leading attacker Cindi Miller and starting setter Hallie Morse.
- Anna Moore is back after leading the Bulldogs with 0.81 blocks per set.
- Three attackers (Moore, Holly Shelton, Meredith Foster) that return averaged between 2.57 and 2.24 kills per set.
- Returning libero Alex Stewart averaged 4.35 digs per set as a sophomore.



# SCOTT SWANSON

## Head Coach • Second Year at South Carolina

- Coached seven teams that played in the NCAA Tournament (Arizona State 1999, 2000, Minnesota 2006-10)
- Part of staff for seven All-Americans
- Recruited three top-10 classes to Minnesota

The 11th head coach in Gamecock Volleyball history, Scott Swanson looks to build upon a season where he helped South Carolina double its win total in his first year.

The Gamecocks went 14-16 in Swanson's first year and improved its offensive efficiency and its backline defense under his guidance. The team led the SEC with a 16.78 digs average, the best mark in four years for the Gamecocks, and hit .226, a 45-point improvement from the 2011 season. Three times, South Carolina student-athletes garnered an SEC weekly award, with Juliette Thévenin picking up the first offensive listing and Paige Wheeler twice gaining the defensive certificate.

Swanson's teams also proved themselves in the classroom, earning the program's second Team Academic Award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association in 2011-12. Thirteen Gamecocks were listed on the SEC Academic Honor Rolls for the year as well, and the team claimed the department's Life Skills Team of the Year award, honoring the group for its academic achievements, personal development and work in the community.

Prior to his current head coaching job, Swanson spent five years on the sidelines for the Golden Gophers, helping the team to five-consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and a 125-46 record. Three times, Minnesota finished second in the Big Ten behind perennial power Penn State. The 2009 team advanced to the national semifinals in the NCAA Tournament.

During his tenure in Minneapolis, Swanson helped the Golden Gophers become an elite blocking team. In five years, Minnesota never ranked lower than 35th in NCAA Division I in blocks. The 2007 team set a program record with 3.54 blocks per set. Five Golden Gophers earned All-America accolades during those five years, including 2009 first-team middle blocker and 2012 US National Team pool member Lauren Gibbemeyer.

Swanson also led the Gophers' recruiting efforts, posting three top-10 recruiting classes according to *PrepVolleyball.com*. The 2009 group earned top honors from the outlet.

The summer of 2009, Swanson spent time with USA Volleyball's A-2 Junior National Team, and he coached the USA Red team to a second-place showing in the 2008 USA Adult Open Championships.

Swanson brings in four years of head coaching experience to Columbia after his tenure at the University of Texas-El Paso. With a 50-61 career record, Swanson had the team on the brink of the NCAA Tournament in 2005, when the Miners went 21-10. Three player earned all-conference honors under Swanson's tutelage, including honorable mention All-American Kari Stacy. He also inked a high school All-American and saw his team improve in the classroom to a department-best 3.2 GPA in 2005.

Prior to UTEP, Swanson spent six years at his alma mater, Arizona State. He helped the team to two NCAA Tournament appearances during his time in Tempe and coached one second-team All-American and two Pac-10 All-Freshman Team players. Two of his Sun Devil players garnered Academic All-America certificates as well.

Swanson started his coaching career at Mountain View (Ariz.) High School, working as an assistant with the varsity team and leading his junior varsity group to a 17-1 record. As a head coach with the Arizona East Valley Juniors club, he led a 16-1s team to a national runner-up finish and earned Cactus Region Coach of the Year honors. He also served as head coach at Camelback High School before landing the job with Arizona State, where he also played club volleyball.

A graduate of ASU, Swanson is married to the former Erin Meier. The couple has one daughter, Rylee Sue.

### HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	Finish
2002	UTEP	11	14	.440	6	7	.462	2nd WAC East
2003	UTEP	8	22	.267	2	11	.154	5th WAC East
2004	UTEP	10	15	.400	2	11	.154	4th WAC East
2005	UTEP	21	10	.677	10	6	.625	4th CUSA
2011	South Carolina	14	16	.467	5	15	.250	5th SEC East
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>.454</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>.333</b>	

### ASSISTANT COACHING RECORD

Year	School	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	Finish
1996	Arizona State	9	15	.375	4	14	.222	8th Pac-10
1997	Arizona State	13	16	.448	4	14	.222	8th Pac-10
1998	Arizona State	11	14	.440	8	10	.444	T-5th Pac-10
1999	Arizona State	14	13	.519	10	8	.556	5th Pac-10
2000	Arizona State	18	12	.600	9	9	.500	T-5th Pac-10
2001	Arizona State	10	16	.385	5	13	.278	7th Pac-10
2006	Minnesota	26	8	.765	17	3	.850	T-2nd Big Ten
2007	Minnesota	18	13	.581	11	9	.550	T-3rd Big Ten
2008	Minnesota	27	7	.794	16	4	.800	2nd Big Ten
2009	Minnesota	28	9	.757	15	5	.750	3rd Big Ten
2010	Minnesota	26	8	.765	14	6	.700	2nd Big Ten
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11 Years</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>.604</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>.543</b>	

### THE SWANSON TIMELINE

#### Coaching

2011-present	Head coach, South Carolina
2006-2010	Assistant coach, associate head coach, Minnesota
2009	Assistant coach, USA Volleyball A-2 Women's Team
2002-2005	Head coach, UTEP
1996-2001	Assistant coach, associate head coach, Arizona State
1994-1995	Head coach, Camelback High School
1993-2000	Head coach, Arizona East Valley Juniors
1991-1992	Assistant coach, Mountain View High School

#### Education

1995	B.A., Family studies and human development, Arizona State
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