



2007 NCAA West Regional Champions

South Carolina finishes 44-under-par to set course record en route to program's first regional title

TEMPE, Ariz. – Behind a record-breaking performance, the South Carolina men's golf team claimed a two-stroke victory over UCLA to win the 2007 NCAA West Regional at Karsten Golf Course (Par 72, 7,057 yards) in Tempe, Ariz. The Gamecocks recorded a three-round score of 820 to finish 44 strokes under par and set a course record.

"The guys were focused all week and nothing fazed them," South Carolina associate head coach Bill McDonald said. "I kept talking about winning the tournament, not so much advancing (to the NCAA finals). I wanted them to taste victory. I felt like we were good enough to win earlier in the season. We had some opportunities and didn't get it done. I am proud of the effort they gave."

South Carolina entered the final round one stroke behind regional leader and No. 4 UCLA. The Gamecocks shot 10-under par (278) as a team Saturday to beat the Bruins, who were seven under (281). No. 10 Southern California and No. 18 Arizona State, the regional host, shared third place with a final score of 824 (-40). Fellow Southeastern Conference team Vanderbilt caught fire on Saturday, finishing the third round at 21 under to surge into fifth place.

It was the first regional title for the Gamecocks, who reached the top 10 in three of the previous four NCAA Regionals. In 1999, South Carolina fell just shy of the East Regional title, finishing second in Barrington, R.I., despite Kyle Thompson's individual victory at the event.

The Gamecocks, who entered the tournament as the No. 11 seed, held a slight lead on UCLA for most of the final day, and freshman George Bryan IV's strong finish secured the win. The last player on the course for South Carolina, Bryan eagled No. 17 and sank a 40-foot putt for birdie on No. 18. The Chapin, S.C., product tied for 10th individually with a three-day total of 68-67-69=204 (-12). His tournament total of 204 tied him for fourth place in school history for a three-round individual score and was the best individual performance ever by a Gamecock in regional play. Bryan's 10th-place finish was the best by a Carolina golfer since Thompson won the 2001 NCAA West Regional in Corvallis, Ore.

Sophomore Florian Fritsch and junior Mark Anderson tied for 16th on the individual leader board after posting three-day totals of 206 (-10), which tied for the eighth-best three-round effort in school history. Anderson closed with a 70 (-2) on the final 18 holes, while Fritsch carded a 71 (-1) Saturday.

Sophomore Mark Silvers III fired a final round 69, and junior Warren Thomas posted a 70 on the final 18 holes. Silvers and Thomas both tied for 43rd with a three-day total score of 211 (-5).

"I noticed early on that both teams (South Carolina and UCLA) seemed tight," McDonald said. "It really helped us that Mark Silvers got off to such a good start. He made a couple of birdies early and



George Bryan IV



Warren Thomas, Mark Silvers III, coach Bill McDonald, Florian Fritsch, Mark Anderson, George Bryan IV, assistant coach Michael Burcin.

Team Top 10 Standings

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| 1. South Carolina | 273-296-278=820 |
| 2. UCLA | 268-273-281=822 |
| 3. Southern Cal | 277-273-274=824 |
| Arizona State | 275-275-274=824 |
| 5. Vanderbilt | 283-276-267=826 |
| 6. Arizona | 282-275-271=828 |
| 7. Stanford | 277-280-274=831 |
| 8. New Mexico | 275-282-276=833 |
| 9. Wake Forest | 285-277-277=839 |
| East Tenn. State | 278-277-284=839 |
| Oregon State | 281-275-283=839 |



made the turn at 32 (four under par). I think when our guys started to see the board and that we had a lead, that really helped. We got a burst of energy on the back nine knowing we had a chance to win.

As a team, South Carolina opened with a round of 273 on Thursday before shooting 269 on Friday. Those scores are among the five lowest rounds in school history. The team victory was the first for South Carolina since capturing the title at the 2005 Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate (Oct. 15-16). In 2007, the Gamecocks' previous best performance was fourth place on three occasions.

"I told the team in a meeting a little while ago that this will mean more to them as the years go by," McDonald said of winning the title. "It will really mean a lot. To me, it gives our program validity. Instead of just talking about what we want to do, we went out and did it. It will really help from a recruiting and coaching standpoint. The more they win, the more they will believe and expect to play this way. That will develop tradition and have a long-lasting effect."



1989 East Regional - 9th of 19
The Long Bay Club
May 25-27 • North Myrtle Beach, S.C.
305-294-300=899

Bruce Bolina	77-74-70=221	T-18th
Rick Williams	74-74-76=224	T-29th
Jeff Hull	77-73-76=226	T-37th
Brett Quigley	77-73-78=228	T-42nd
Jerome Andrews	77-82-83=242	92nd

1991 East Regional - 11th of 23
Yale University Golf Club
May 23-25 • New Haven, Conn.
292-294-302=888

Brett Quigley	70-72-73=215	T-12th
Robert Dargan	70-74-74=218	T-20th
Carl Paulson	77-74-76=227	T-76th
Daniel Seawell	75-76-80=231	T-93rd
Michael Christie	80-74-79=233	T-96th

1992 East Regional - 9th of 22
Seven Oaks Golf Course
May 21-23 • Hamilton, N.Y.
301-301-293=895

Michael Christie	78-70-73=221	T-20th
Carl Paulson	80-73-72=225	T-37th
Morgan Beam	73-78-75=226	T-41st
Daniel Seawell	73-82-73=223	T-56th
Chad Mason	77-80-78=235	T-92nd

1993 East Regional - 14th of 22
Birdwood Golf Course
May 20-22 • Charlottesville, Va.
291-295-303=889

David Seawell	72-72-75=219	T-27th
Brett Pendergast	72-74-74=220	T-37th
Carl Paulson	70-76-78=224	T-60th
Chad Mason	77-76-76=229	T-85th
Joey Denton	77-74-78=229	T-85th

1996 East Regional - 6th of 23
Concord Resort Course
May 16-18 • Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.
305-302-295=902

Jake Kransteuber	77-75-70=222	T-8th
Stewart Ginn	73-78-74=224	T-22nd
David Seawell	76-76-74=226	T-26th
Matt Filipowicz	79-74-77=230	T-48th
Brad McFadden	79-77-79=235	T-72nd

1997 East Regional - 9th of 23
Cascades Course at the Homestead
May 15-17 • Hot Springs, Va.
294-307-291=895

Eric Ecker	70-75-75=220	T-19th
Jake Kransteuber	76-77-69=222	T-24th
Brent Roof	73-78-74=225	T-42nd
Mark Catalano	75-77-73=225	T-42nd
Stewart Ginn	77-79-79=235	T-94th

1998 East Regional - 8th of 23
Melrose Golf Course
May 14-16 • Daufuskie Island, S.C.
286-287-291=864

Jake Kransteuber	71-71-69=210	T-7th
Mark Catalano	73-73-70=216	T-26th
Eric Ecker	71-72-75=218	T-35th
Kyle Thompson	71-71-78=220	T-48th
Brent Roof	77-73-78=228	T-85th

1999 East Regional - 2nd of 23
Rhode Island Country Club
May 20-22 • Barrington, R.I.
286-292-276=854

Kyle Thompson	72-73-63=208	1st
Mark Catalano	72-72-71=215	T-12th
John Bloomfield	72-74-69=215	T-12th
Eric Ecker	70-73-74=217	T-24th
Daniel Brunson	78-76-73=227	T-87th

2000 East Regional - 12th of 27
Glenmaura National Golf Club
May 18-20 • Moosic, Pa.
306-295-297=898

Kyle Thompson	73-72-74=219	T-10th
John Bloomfield	72-73-79=224	T-31st
Scott Feaster	80-76-69=225	T-34rd
Eric Ecker	81-74-75=230	T-66th
Michael Maness	81-84-83=248	106th

2001 West Regional - 5th of 27
Trysting Tree Golf Club
May 17-19 • Corvallis, Ore.
294-298-288=880

Kyle Thompson	71-67-70=208	T-1st
Brent Delahoussaye	72-76-71=219	T-19th
Nash Elliot	75-78-72=225	T-61st
John Bloomfield	76-78-75=229	T-92nd
Ernie Rose	79-77-79=235	T-117th



Kyle Thompson won NCAA Regional individual medalist titles in 1999 and 2001.



**2002 East Regional - 25th of 27
Ansley Golf Club - Settindown Creek
May 16-18 • Roswell, Ga.
301-307-330=938**

Alex Hamilton	72-77-84=233	T-84th
Martin Rominger	76-81-77=234	T-87th
Jonathan Jackson	81-71-83=235	T-93rd
Nash Elliot	75-82-86=243	T-123rd
Matt Robinson	78-78-87=243	T-123rd

**2003 East Regional - T-7th of 30
Auburn University Club
May 15-17 • Auburn, Ala.
296-285-292=873**

Eirik Johansen	74-70-70=214	T-18th
Martin Rominger	69-71-75=215	T-25th
West Streib	77-74-70=221	T-47th
Alex Hamilton	76-70-77=223	T-58th
Nash Elliot	84-76-77=237	T-119th

**2004 East Regional - 17th of 30
Yale Golf Course
May 20-22 • New Haven, Conn.
299-293-297=889**

Martin Rominger	74-70-75=219	T-31st
Jake Thompson	80-72-72=224	T-66th
Eirik Johansen	73-74-81=228	T-85th
Alex Hamilton	76-79-74=229	T-90th
Robert Svensson	76-77-76=229	T-90th

**2005 West Regional - T-10th of 27
Stanford Golf Club
May 19-21 • Stanford, Calif.
289-288-287=864**

Alex Hamilton	74-70-68=212	T-12th
Mark Anderson	72-72-73=217	T-39th
Eirik Johansen	70-74-73=217	T-39th
West Streib	73-78-73=224	T-80th
Robert Svensson	80-72-77=229	T-111th

**2006 East Regional - 9th of 27
Lake Nona Golf Club
May 18-20 • Orlando, Fla.
304-293-284=881**

Eirik Johansen	74-73-73=220	T-22nd
Allen Koon	79-72-63=220	T-22nd
Mark Anderson	74-76-72=222	T-36th
Florian Fritsch	77-75-70=222	T-36th
Warren Thomas	79-73-81=233	T-110th

**2007 West Regional - 1st of 27
ASU Karsten Golf Course
May 17-19 • Tempe, Ariz.
273-269-278=820**

George Bryan IV	68-67-69=204	T-10th
Mark Anderson	68-68-70=206	T-18th
Florian Fritsch	68-67-71=206	T-18th
Mark Silvers III	69-73-69=211	T-43rd
Warren Thomas	74-67-70=211	T-43rd

**2008 East Regional - 16th of 27
Council Fire Golf Club
May 15-17 • Chattanooga, Tenn.
288-293-278=859**

Warren Thomas	73-68-68=209	T-17th
Mark Silvers III	71-76-67=214	T-47th
Mark Anderson	69-74-72=215	T-58th
George Bryan IV	77-75-71=223	T-113th
Patrick Cunning	75-77-77=229	133rd

**2009 Southeast Regional - T-2nd of 14
RedTail Golf Club
May 14-16 • Sorrento, Fla.
273-287-269=829 (-23)**

Mark Silvers III	69-74-64=207	T-10th
George Bryan IV	69-72-67=208	T-14th
Wesley Bryan	67-73-68=208	T-14th
Sam Braver	74-68-70=212	T-33rd
Patrick Rada	68-74-73=215	T-44th

**2010 East Regional - 8th of 13
The Course at Yale
May 20-22 • New Haven, Conn.
286-285-275=846**

George Bryan IV	71-70-66=207	T-6th
Wesley Bryan	71-66-70=207	T-6th
Paul Woodbury	71-70-67=208	T-8th
Clint Tolleson	73-81-72=226	T-63rd
Patrick Rada	77-79-86=242	75th

**2012 Southwest Regional - 8th of 14
Jimmie Austin OU Golf Course
May 17-19 • Norman, Okla.
294-302-299=895**

Wesley Bryan	69-75-77=221	T-18th
Caleb Sturgeon	80-72-74=226	T-35th
Will Murphy	79-74-76=229	T-48th
Sean Kelly	73-81-75=229	T-48th
Dykes Harbin	73-83-74=230	T-52nd

**2013 Columbus Regional - T-2nd of 13
Ohio State University Golf Club
May 16-18 • Columbus, Ohio
288-296-288=872**

Matt NeSmith	75-71-68=214	T-2nd
Will Starke	68-73-76=217	T-9th
Caleb Sturgeon	75-75-72=222	T-25th
Dykes Harbin	73-80-72=225	T-43rd
Sean Kelly	72-77-77=226	T-48th

**2014 Eugene Regional - 5th of 13
Eugene Country Club
May 15-17 • Eugene, Ore.
286-293-301=880**

Will Starke	68-72-77=217	T-16th
Caleb Sturgeon	74-74-72=220	T-22nd
Ben Dietrich	72-73-75=220	T-22nd
Matt NeSmith	72-74-77=223	T-36th
Will Murphy	74-74-82=230	58th

**2015 Bremerton Regional - 2nd of 14
Gold Mountain Golf Club
May 14-16 • Bremerton, Wash.
288-283-274=845**

Matt NeSmith	71-72-67=210	T-7th
Will Starke	73-70-69=212	T-10th
Sean Kelly	71-68-75=214	T-20th
Will Murphy	73-75-69=217	T-28th
Caleb Sturgeon	77-73-69=219	T-33rd

**2016 Tuscaloosa Regional - 2nd of 13
Ol' Colony Golf Complex
May 16-18 • Tuscaloosa, Ala.
287-282-283=852**

Matt NeSmith	70-70-68=208	2nd
Keenan Huskey	73-68-73=214	9th
Sean Kelly	71-72-72=215	T-10th
Will Starke	73-72-73=218	20th
Scott Stevens	74-77-70=221	T-30th



After winning the Atlantic Coast Conference title, the 1964 Gamecocks became the first team in school history to play in the NCAA Championship.



**1964 - T-34th
Broadmoor
Colorado Springs, Colo.
642**

Complete Results Unavailable

**1978 - 17th of 21
Oregon Country Club
May 20-23 • Eugene, Ore.
301-299-303-298=1201**

Mike Holland	73-71-72-71=287	T-10th
Steve Liebler	79-74-73-76=302	T-78th
Tim Baker	80-73-76-74=303	T-108th
Darrell Welker	70-81-82-77=310	T-144th
Dirk Maust	79-82-82-80=323	T-178th

**1984 - 12th of 21
Bear Creek Golf World
May 20-23 • Houston, Texas
294-296-288-292=1170**

Fred Wadsworth	69-69-72-75=285	T-9th
Webb Heintzelman	74-75-72-75=296	T-60th
Greg Sweatt	76-73-71-74=296	T-60th
Bob Hughes	75-75-73-74=297	T-67th
Greg McBride	80-76-78-74=308	95th

**1988 - T-8th of 30
North Ranch Country Club
May 25-28 • Thousand Oaks, Calif.
298-298-295-296=1186**

Jeff Hull	69-70-79-73=291	13th
Rick Williams	76-76-71-73=296	31st
Brett Quigley	75-77-71-75=298	43rd
Ron Hrubala	77-75-77-75=304	65th
Robert Dargan	77-79-76-75=307	75th

**1989 - T-18th of 29
Oak Tree Country Club - East
June 7-10 • Edmond, Okla.
293-300=593**

Bruce Bulina	74-71=145	MC
Jeff Hull	74-75=149	MC
Rick Williams	70-82=152	MC
Morgan Beam	80-77=157	MC
Jerome Andrews	71-86=157	MC

**1991 - 15th of 30
Poppy Hills Golf Course
May 20-23 • Pebble Beach, Calif.
311-295-298-296=1200**

Robert Dargan	78-70-76-74=298	T-37th
Brett Quigley	80-73-74-72=299	T-40th
Carl Paulson	77-77-72-76=302	T-64th
Daniel Seawell	76-75-76-79=306	T-91st
Michael Christie	80-82-76-74=312	T-127th

**1992 - 28th of 30
UNM Championship Course
May 20-23 • Albuquerque, N.M.
297-298=595**

Michael Christie	74-71=145	MC
Carl Paulson	75-73=148	MC
Daniel Seawell	77-77=154	MC
Morgan Beam	80-77=157	MC
Chad Mason	71-86=157	MC

**1996 - 22nd of 30
The Honors Course
May 29-June 1 • Chattanooga, Tenn.
308-308-618**

Brad McFadden	77-76=153	MC
Jake Kransteuber	76-77=153	MC
David Seawell	78-77=155	MC
Stewart Ginn	77-79=159	MC
Matt Filipowicz	83-78=161	MC

**1997 - 21st of 30
Conway Farms Golf Club
May 28-31 • Lake Forest, Ill.
291-301-592**

Jake Kransteuber	72-72=144	MC
Eric Ecker	70-75=145	MC
Christoffer Ekebergh	75-77=152	MC
Mark Catalano	74-78=152	MC
Brent Roof	76-77=153	MC

**1998 - 11th of 30
UNM Championship Course
May 27-30 • Albuquerque, N.M.
285-281-284-296=1149**

Jake Kransteuber	68-74-71-71=285	T-29th
Mark Catalano	72-68-75-73=288	T-37th
Eric Ecker	74-69-72-75=290	T-40th
Brent Roof	75-75-66-76=292	T-60th
Kyle Thompson	71-70-76-77=294	T-70th

**1999 - 20th of 30
Hazelton National Golf Course
June 2-5 • Chasta, Minn.
308-307=615**

John Bloomfield	74-73-83-82=315	T-74th
Eric Ecker	76-78=154	MC
Mark Catalano	78-78=156	MC
Daniel Brunson	83-75=158	MC
Kyle Thompson	80-81=161	MC

**2001 - 20th of 30
Duke University Golf Club
May 30-June 2 • Durham, N.C.
295-298=593**

Ernie Rose	74-72=146	MC
Kyle Thompson	72-74=146	MC
Brent Delahoussaye	75-74=149	MC
John Bloomfield	74-78=152	MC
Nash Elliot	75-79=154	MC

**2003 - 29th of 30
Karsten Creek Golf Club
May 27-30 • Stillwater, Okla.
313-331-311=955**

Eirik Johansen	75-80-74=229	MC
Alex Hamilton	79-80-72=231	MC
Nash Elliot	79-80-72=231	MC
Martin Rominger	76-82-83=241	MC
West Streib	89-89-82=260	MC

**2006 - 22nd of 30
Crosswater Golf Club
May 31-June 2 • Sunriver, Ore.
292-296-298=886**

Florian Fritsch	70-74-72=216	MC
Allen Koon	72-76-75=223	MC
Eirik Johansen	76-72-75=223	MC

**Individual Gamecocks in
NCAA Championships**

**May 28-31, 1980
OSU Golf Course • Columbus, Ohio**
Steve Liebler 77-80-77=234 MC

**June 1-5, 1994
Stonebridge • McKinney, Texas**
David Seawell 75-75=150 MC

**May 31-June 3, 1995
Scarlet Course • Columbus, Ohio**
David Seawell 78-73=151 MC

Mark Anderson 77-74-76=227 MC
Warren Thomas 74-76-81=231 MC

**2007 - T-11th of 30
Golden Horseshoe Golf Club
May 30-June 2 • Williamsburg, Va.
291-278-280-287=1136**

Mark Silvers III	74-66-73-68=281	T-22nd
George Bryan IV	70-72-66-78=286	T-42nd
Warren Thomas	73-69-74-74=290	T-57th
Mark Anderson	74-71-71-74=290	T-57th
Florian Fritsch	76-76-70-71=293	T-68th

**2009 - 16th of 30
Inverness Club
May 26-28 • Toledo, Ohio
305-286-294=885**

Mark Silvers III	74-69-72=215	T-18th
Wesley Bryan	76-70-73=219	T-35th
George Bryan IV	76-72-77=225	T-89th
Patrick Rada	79-77-74=230	T-127th
Sam Braver	84-75-75=234	T-143rd

**2013 - T-27th of 30
Capital City Club Crabapple Course
May 28-30 • Milton, Ga.
286-296-286=868**

Matt NeSmith	70-75-66=211	T-38th
Dykes Harbin	74-71-74=219	T-116th
Will Starke	70-75-74=219	T-116th
Caleb Sturgeon	73-75-72=220	T-128th
Sean Kelly	73-76-74=223	T-144th

**2014 - 9th of 30
Prairie Dunes Country Club
May 23-26 • Hutchinson, Kan.
272-292-282=846**

Will Murphy	70-69-69=208	T-15th
Caleb Sturgeon	66-71-73=210	T-29th
Will Starke	64-78-72=214	T-55th
Ben Dietrich	72-80-68=220	T-109th
Matt NeSmith	77-74-77=228	T-141st

**2015 - 13 of 30
The Concession Golf Club
May 29-June 3 • Bradenton, Fla.
301-298-288-300=1187**

Will Starke	78-71-70-70=289	T-16th
Matt NeSmith	74-72-73-78=297	T-45th
Sean Kelly	71-83-71-73=298	T-49th
Caleb Sturgeon	78-75-74-79=306	T-71st
Will Murphy	83-80-78-79=320	83rd



**2016 - 7 of 30
Eugene Country Club
May 27-30 • Eugene, Ore.
287-285-293-277=1,142**

Stroke Play

Will Starke	67-72-79-66=284	T-13th
Sean Kelly	75-73-72-69=289	T-40th
Matt NeSmith	75-70-71-74=290	T-45th
Keenan Huskey	70-70-76-75=291	T-51st
Scott Stevens	75-78-74-68=295	T-71st

Match Play Quarterfinals

1. Thomas Detry (Illinois) def. Keenan Huskey (SC) 2&1
2. Edoardo Lipparelli (Illinois) def. Matt NeSmith (SC) 1-up
3. Scott Stevens (SC) def. Dylan Meyer (Illinois) 4&3
4. Nick Hardy (Illinois) def. Sean Kelly (SC) 2&1
5. Charlie Danielson (Illinois) def. Will Starke (SC) 1-up*

*Match stopped after 15 holes when Illinois had clinched their third point